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■ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



Couple of more Fridays until the lights turn on over the prep gridirons. Can't wait!

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change. And the most pressing task is to teach people how to learn."

- Peter Drucker

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■ BOOMER BITS RETIREMENT

What is the Formula for Deciding When to Claim?



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Dear Rusty: I am curious about the "formula" to decide when to take Social Security while still working. I am past the Full Retirement Age. How do you best address such? Should we schedule a call?

Signed: Wondering When

Dear Wondering:

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send your questions to us via email at SSadvisor@amac-foundation.org. You don't need to pre-schedule a meeting, as we have multiple advisors answering the phone on most normal business days. If they all happen to be busy when you call, simply leave a voicemail and an Advisor will return your call promptly.

For starters, since you have reached your full retirement age, know that your work earnings will no longer negatively affect your Social Security benefits. You can earn as much as possible, and

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■ BOOMER BITS MONEY

BBB: Here's What to Know About a Free Trial

Free trial offers are an extremely popular marketing tactic, especially for subscription services. BBB has tips for consumers who want to "try before they buy."

What should you know about a free trial or subscription service before you sign up?

From reading the terms and conditions to reviewing your credit and debit card statements, BBB has tips to help you get the most out of subscription services and free trial offers without unwanted charges.

How to take advantage of free trial offers

When you shop online, there is no way to touch, see or experience a product before buying it. That means free trials can be a win-win situation for sellers and buyers. Consumers get to "try before they buy," and sellers get to cultivate interest in their product and hopefully make a sale.

That said, consumers should be aware of a few aspects of free trials if they want to avoid unwanted charges.

What should you know before signing up for a free trial?

- Investigate the offer.

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■ BOOMER BITS HEALTH

Living Longer? Great! Now Stay Healthier, Too

(NAPSI)—Americans are living nearly a decade longer than they were in the 1970s. That's great news—but staying healthy into your 80s and beyond requires extra care and an eye towards prevention. The protection provided by vaccines plays a key role in helping keep you healthy and preventing severe illness and potential long-term complications, especially for older adults and individuals with immunocompromised conditions.

As people age, their immune system naturally weakens—it becomes slower at recognizing

and fighting off viruses. At the same time, lungs become more vulnerable, and chronic conditions such as heart disease or diabetes can make it harder to recover from illnesses such as COVID-19. Similarly, people of all ages with weakened immune systems—whether from certain health conditions or medications—face a higher risk of severe illness because their bodies also struggle to mount a strong defense. In both cases, a reduced ability to fight infectious respiratory disease increases the risk of serious complications and hospitalization.

Vaccines Help Keep You Healthy

That's why staying up to date on vaccines—especially for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory illnesses like flu, measles, pertussis, pneumococcal disease, and RSV—is essential as we head into spring and summer. Vaccination helps boost our body's immune response and provides an added layer of protection when traveling and gathering with friends and family. In fact, according to data from the 2024/2025 season, COVID-19 vaccination was associated with:

- A 45% lower risk of hospitalization from COVID-19 for older adults
- A 40% lower risk of hospitalization from COVID-19 for older adults with weakened immune systems
- A 33% lower risk of emergency department or urgent care visits from COVID-19 among adults 18 and older

Why It Matters Now

COVID-19 isn't just a sea-

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Every state has its own signature dish - think gumbo in South Carolina, key lime pie in Florida, or deep-dish pizza in Illinois. But while most Americans can name their state's year-round food claim to fame, far fewer realize that many states also have their own seasonal summer specialties. Mixbook, rated #1 in photo books, surveyed 3,003 foodies to identify the country's most beloved summer dishes. Hoosiers had three dishes make the list, grilled sweet corn, pork tenderloin sandwiches and tomato and cucumber salad. Maine's blueberry pie with vanilla ice cream topped the list.

2. New data reveals Indianapolis is among the cities with the highest delivery fees in the U.S.

- In Indianapolis, the average DoorDash delivery fee is \$1.24, whereas Grubhub fees average \$4.70 per order.
- Grubhub delivery fees are lowest in Seattle, with customers paying an average of \$3.14 per order.
- DoorDash customers in Fort Worth benefit from the cheapest delivery fees at just \$0.40 per order.

The research from savings experts BravoDeal.com analyzed data from Grubhub and DoorDash across 20 major cities and categories, including breakfast, pizza, fast food, healthy, vegan, and halal, to calculate the average delivery fee per order. DoorDash orders benefit from lower delivery fees than Grubhub, with each city paying an average of \$0.95 per order on DoorDash versus \$4.42 on Grubhub.

3. A new study from tire experts Local Tire Guys has revealed that Indiana has the best roads in the country (which makes you wonder a little about the other states, huh!). The states with the best and worst road conditions across America found that midwestern states dominated the top 10, while northeastern states struggle at the bottom. Using data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' Federal Highway Administration, the total miles of road and the total miles of acceptable road were determined for each state. Indiana was followed by Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming and Vermont.

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

The Noblesville Common Council has two meetings left to discuss the 2026 budget on the following dates. All meetings are open to the public and will be held in room A213 at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street.

Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 4 p.m.

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Did you hear that the boss wrote a book?

It leaves a plot to be desired!

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Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales (speaking) was on his third invite to the White House.

Indiana Secretary of State Attends White House Briefing

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales was invited to The White House recently to take part in a high-level election integrity briefing with federal officials and fellow Secretaries of State. Morales said he was proud to share that the Trump administration is a partner in Indiana's recent efforts and achievements in safeguarding voter registration and ensuring that only eligible citizens are on the voter rolls.

This allows Indiana to verify naturalization numbers submitted as proof of citizenship.

"Indiana continues to be a national leader in election integrity," Morales said. "We are taking meaningful steps to make certain only U.S. citizens are registering and voting in our elections. We are excited to finally have a federal administration taking this issue seriously. Hoosiers expect and deserve to have full confidence in the election process."

At the briefing, Morales highlighted Indiana's initiatives to strengthen proof of citizenship requirements including recently entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to access the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database.

The administration provided updates on potential expansions of the SAVE database. If executed, these changes would allow Indiana to confirm the citizenship status of 99 percent of voters in Indiana.

This was Secretary Morales' third invitation to The White House this year.

RUSTY

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your monthly SS amount will be the same, based on your average lifetime monthly earnings (for your highest 35 years), and based on your age when you claim. Since you have not yet claimed SS, you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which increase your monthly SS amount by .667% for each month you continue to delay. That's 8% for each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA). You should not, however, wait longer than age 70 to claim because that is when you will get your maximum SS benefit amount. For you, that means that your age 70 amount will be 28% more than the amount you would have received at your FRA of 66 years and 6 months (in Oct. 2023), and about 15% more than if you were to claim now.

Note too, that if your more recent income is among the highest of your lifetime, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly SS retirement amount to account for that event. They will check your work earnings each year to see if you are entitled to a larger SS amount because of your recent earnings.

Since (according to your AMAC member record) you are married, you may also wish to consider whether your wife will get a spousal benefit from you when you claim. If your wife's personal SS retirement amount at her FRA is less than the amount you were entitled to at your FRA, then she will get a spousal boost when you claim. With her

spousal boost (if claimed at her FRA), her total SS benefit should be about 50% of your FRA benefit amount (not half of the higher amount you will get because you waited longer to claim). But your wife cannot get a spousal boost until you are collecting your SS.

And here is something else to think about: received SS benefits will become part of your overall income taxed by the IRS when you submit your income tax return. If you file your income tax as "married/jointly" and your combined income from all sources is more than \$32,000 then some of your SS benefits will become taxable income. If your combined income is between \$32,001 and \$44,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. Or, if your combined income from all sources exceeds \$44,000, then about 85% of your received SS benefits will become part of your income taxed by the IRS. Just something to keep in mind, especially since you are still working.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. Russell Gloor is the, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

Westfield Schools Back & Better Than Ever

After a successful Rock the Block event last week, Westfield Schools started another year today.

Westfield Washington Schools kicked off the 2025-26 school year with its largest Rock The Block event to date, held last Friday at Westfield High School. The MPIF and northeast parking lot were transformed into a lively hub of connection, celebration, and school spirit, bringing together more than 120 booths from school programs and community partners.

This annual back-to-school tradition welcomed thousands of students, families, and staff to explore the many resources that make Westfield a place where "All Rocks are Life Ready."

Market District served as this year's Title Sponsor, generously providing free hot dogs and applesauce to every guest, while Coca-Cola Consolidated kept everyone cool with complimentary bottled

water. The 2025 attendance gift was a container of oats, a small but meaningful gesture to emphasize the importance of a healthy breakfast for every student as they begin the year strong.

A Stage Full of Talent and School Spirit

A great event Rocks, especially when local talent takes the stage. Carmel Music Academy delivered an incredible performance lineup, featuring many of their Westfield-based students. Adding to the excitement were high-energy performances by the Westfield High School Drumline, Westfield High School Cheerleaders, and Westfield Middle School Cheerleaders, all of whom brought the crowd to life.

Throughout the event, booths offered engaging games, hands-on activities, and challenges that sparked laughter and learning. Families and students could be found playing together, meeting new friends, and recon-

necting with familiar faces, precisely the type of experience that sets the tone for a positive school year.

Connection Matters: Beyond the Classroom

Rock The Block highlights something deeply important in Westfield Washington Schools: connection is foundational to student success. Building relationships with peers, educators, and the broader community supports a more meaningful and supported educational journey. Across the district, students can find belonging and inspiration through clubs, athletics, academic teams, and extracurricular programs.

Whether it's pursuing academic excellence, growing in well-being, or exploring future career paths, Westfield Washington Schools is committed to ensuring every student has opportunities to thrive. Our collective focus on Academics, Wellness, and Careers continues to

shape the programs and partnerships that serve our students.

Gratitude and Partnership

This event would not have been possible without the incredible volunteers and community partners who helped bring it to life. Special thanks to the Westfield Middle School National Honor Society, National Charity League, the Westfield Education Foundation, and all our partners who shared time, talent, and resources to support students and families.

Sponsors included:

Market District, Coca-Cola Consolidated, Tom Roush Automotive, Elements Financial, Breathe Easy Hamilton County, Westfield Family Network, Westfield Cycle Sports, David Weekley Homes, Republic Services, The Pxl Crate, and Weichert EPG.

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- **Want to subscribe past the free**

trial? Understand how to cancel future shipments or services first. Know the policies for canceling or pausing your subscription. Do you need to respond or cancel by a certain time each month?

How to sign up for and cancel subscription services

Subscription services can be perfect for busy individuals, and can make great holiday gifts (it’s the gift that keeps on giving!) But picking the right option can be hard with so many options and price points.

Video and music streaming services are hugely popular. Meal delivery services provide fresh, pre-measured ingredients and easy-to-follow recipes on a subscription basis. You also can sign up for regular shipments of snacks, clothing, personal grooming products, make-up, vitamins, pet toys, wine and the list goes on.

What should you know about a subscription service before you sign up?

- **Do plenty of research.** Research a company before you sign up for a subscription or trial. Find the company on social media and review their account. Check BBB.org to see if the company has a good business rating, and look online for consumer reviews. Do an online search of the company, including the words “scam” or “complaint,” to reveal any red flags you should be aware of.
- **Understand how auto-renewal works.** Auto-renewals are a convenient way to keep your subscription current if you like the service. The company charges your credit or debit card on the expiration date, and the subscription renews for another period. Remember that companies must send you a renewal notice, a brief reminder that your subscription is about to renew, ahead of time. Always check your bank and credit card statements to ensure the cost is what you expect. If you notice a price jump, it could be that you were signed up for a promotional period that ended.
- **Know how to stop a subscription.** There are three ways you can stop automatic payments from your bank account, according to consumerfinance.gov: Contact the company to revoke payment authorization, call and write your bank or credit union informing them you’ve revoked payment authorization, and/or give your bank a “stop payment order.” Usually, contacting the company to revoke authoriza-

tion is sufficient to cancel a subscription, but monitor your bank statements closely anyway. You may need to take further action if you still see unwanted charges.

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- **Watch out for scams.** Scammers may offer you free trials or deals on subscriptions that seem too good to be true, hoping you’ll sign up and hand over your credit card number. Don’t believe deals that seem outrageously good. In addition, if you receive a “renewal notice” that asks you for your credit card information, think twice before you reply. It’s likely the message is a scam. Renewal notices are reminders from a company that already has your payment information. Always contact the company directly to verify suspicious messages.

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sonal concern—it can surge at any time of the year, including during the spring and summer. Early in the pandemic, spikes were often associated with colder months, but we now know that outbreaks can occur during any season because the virus keeps changing so it can spread more easily from person to person. This makes staying up to date on vaccination even more important. Immunity from previous doses can wane over time, leaving

individuals—especially those 65 and older or with a weakened immune system—more vulnerable to severe illness. If you fall into one of these groups, it’s recommended that you receive another dose of the 2024/2025 COVID-19 vaccine six months after your first dose to help maintain protection.

Talk to your health-care provider to learn whether you should get another dose of the latest COVID-19 vaccine so you can enjoy time

with family, travel, and everything else this season brings.

Learn more at: [CVEEP.org/stayprotected](https://cveep.org/stayprotected).

“#DYK? If you’re 65+ or immunocompromised you’re most at risk for severe COVID-19 infection. Don’t let COVID-19 spoil your summer - protect yourself with another dose of the latest COVID-19 vaccine 6 months after your first dose. Learn more at cveep.org/st”

August Plenty Busy for Noblesville Creates

August, Noblesville Creates will showcase artists Amanda Russo, Debbie Herrmann, JanettMarie Marra, and John Dierdorf, along with the *Changing Landscapes* exhibit at the Judge Stone House. Additionally, Noblesville Creates will present the exhibit *Noticing Noblesville* at Noblesville City Hall. Details on exhibit locations, dates, receptions, and featured artists can be found below.

JUDGE STONE HOUSE: Changing Landscapes

The hustle and bustle of urban life can be very different from the quiet of the countryside. Sometimes they even merge into suburban areas, creating unique spaces that combine the natural world and man-made spaces.

Changing Landscapes features works of all mediums that explore, celebrate, or comment on urban, rural, and in-between spaces.

You can view the full exhibit, *Changing Landscapes*, now through Aug. 30, in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STEPHENSON HOUSE: Amanda Russo

In the quiet space of a small home studio, Amanda Russo finds

inspiration in moments most of us might overlook. A glance, a gesture, or even a handful of wilted dandelions. Her upcoming exhibit, *Fleeting Moments*, invites viewers to pause and appreciate the depth hidden in the everyday.

This exhibit is also a family affair in the most heartfelt sense: it includes two works created by her children. “They are the fleeting moment,” Russo says, reflecting on how quickly time moves and how art helps her hold on just a little longer.

See the full exhibit, *Fleeting Moments*, in the Stephenson House Gallery at the Noblesville Creates campus now through Aug. 30. The full campus is open for exploration Wednesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NOBLESVILLE CITY HALL: Noticing Noblesville

Noticing Noblesville showcases the past, present, and future of Noblesville, Indiana. Artists of all mediums will feature works that recall fond memories, capture everyday moments, and explore what the future of our Hoosier city might look like.

You can view the full exhibit, *Noticing Noblesville*, now through Sept. 26 at Noblesville City Hall. Visitors can stop by the gallery Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



FOUR DAY RAY: Debbie Herrmann and JanettMarie Marra

You can view the full *Let It Flow* exhibit now through Sept. 26 at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Rd. in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. You can meet Debbie and JanettMarie Marra at their free public reception on Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Four Day Ray.

MEYER NAJEM: John Dierdorf

See the full exhibit, *The Flowers Around Us*, now through Sept. 26. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Rd. in Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can meet John during his free public open house reception on Friday, August 8 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This reception will be one of several stops on the Second Friday Gallery Hop, presented by Fishers Arts Council and the City of Fishers.

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Continuing Countdown of Purdue's Greatest . . . BTN



Ken Thompson
Columnist

An underrated aspect of Joe Tiller's coaching prowess was his ability to shift players into positions that not only would help Purdue football win games but also prepare them in some cases for NFL careers.

That trait shows up in this week's countdown of the best Boilermakers by number. Of the five Tiller players on this list, all played in the NFL and two were at different positions than when they came to West Lafayette.

This week's countdown also features one of four Purdue players to have been a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection.

51 Joe Odom

Odom was an athletic middle linebacker who started alongside Gilbert Gardner and Landon Johnson for the 2000 Big Ten champions. All three, incidentally, played in the NFL.

Odom's junior year in 2001 was his best statistically with 78 tackles and three interceptions. He went on to play three seasons with the Chicago Bears, who took Odom as a sixth-round pick in 2003.

52 Jack Calcaterra

Calcaterra didn't play for Tiller but he put the team first before his senior season in 1966, when he agreed to play offensive tackle after starting two seasons at middle guard.

Calcaterra helped shore up an offensive line that protected Bob Griese and opened holes for sophomore fullback Perry Williams and a deep running back corps. The Boilermakers went on to claim the school's first Rose Bowl berth and finished 9-2 under Jack Mollenkopf.

53 Shaun Phillips

Phillips came to Purdue as a tight end, hoping to catch passes from Drew Brees. Instead, he followed the footsteps of two players in this countdown and became one of Tiller's most outstanding defensive ends.

Phillips started 49 consecutive games, capped by a senior season in 2003 that saw him record 14.5 sacks. Phillips earned first-team All-Big Ten and second-team All-America honors. He went to the San Diego Chargers in the fourth round of the 2004 NFL Draft. In 11 seasons, Phillips accumulated 81.5 sacks, seven interceptions, three touchdowns and 10 fumble recoveries.

54 Chike Okeafor

Decades before George Karlaftis, Chike Okeafor was the must-have recruit from West Lafayette High School. And like Karlaftis, Okeafor spurned Michigan, among many other offers, to stay home at Purdue.

Joe Tiller suspended Okeafor for the 1997 season, which in hindsight turned out to be best for both the player and the team. Okeafor moved from linebacker to defensive end for his fifth-year senior season in 1998. The rush tandem of Okeafor and Rosevelt Colvin helped the Boil-

ermakers sack opposing quarterbacks 31 times.

Okeafor was credited with three and a half sacks of Kansas State All-American quarterback Michael Bishop during Purdue's upset of the fourth-ranked Wildcats in the Alamo Bowl. That performance helped Okeafor land in San Francisco as a third-round draft pick of the 49ers. Okeafor played 11 seasons in the NFL and recorded 53 career sacks.

55 Gregg Bingham

Yet another member of the 1969 recruiting class that yielded Otis Armstrong, Darryl Stingley, Dave Butz and four other NFL Draft picks.

Bingham twice was selected first-team All-Big Ten at middle guard and led Purdue with 89 tackles as a senior. Bingham went in the fourth round of the 1973 NFL Draft to the Houston Oilers. In 12 seasons, Bingham started 173 regular season games at linebacker. His career statistics include 21 interceptions and 14 fumble recoveries.

56 Chucky Okobi

Purdue was the only scholarship offer coming out of high school for Okobi, who repaid coach Joe Tiller by becoming a four-year starter at guard and center.

After earning second-team All-Big Ten honors as a sophomore, Okobi moved to center to anchor the 2000 offensive line that would start five future NFL players. Okobi played eight seasons in the NFL, earning a Super Bowl ring with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Ed Flanagan

Flanagan put on 40 pounds between his freshman and sophomore years at Purdue. The future four-time Pro Bowl center for the Detroit Lions built himself into becoming a second-team All-Big Ten performer for the Boilermakers in 1964.

Flanagan would be a starter for 12 NFL seasons, the final two with the San Diego Chargers.

58 Kevin Motts

The second-team All-Big Ten middle linebacker owns one of the oldest records at Purdue, recording 520 tackles from 1976 to 1979.

The next closest Boilermaker to Motts' record was Fred Strickland, who fell 41 tackles shy.

59 Rosevelt Colvin

Speaking of record holders, Colvin set the Purdue standards for single season sacks (15) as a senior in 1998 and career sacks (35).

Colvin was a three-year starter at defensive end and was selected first-team All-Big Ten as a junior and a senior. He would go on to earn two Super Bowl rings with the New England Patriots during a 10-year NFL career that included stops in Chicago and Houston.

60 Chuck Kyle

Kyle was a first-team All-Big Ten middle guard each of his three varsity seasons from 1966-68.

He closed out his collegiate career with a memorable performance against Indiana. Kyle made 27

tackles, 14 of them solo, to wrap up consensus All-America honors.

Next time: A walk-on turned NFL starter and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

A tale of two schedules

Only Maryland has a softer Big Ten football schedule than Indiana in 2025, according to Tom Fornelli of CBSSports.com.

Meanwhile, Purdue once again will have one of the league's most difficult slates, ranking second behind Wisconsin in Fornelli's opinion.

"I'm not optimistic things will be much better in 2025, even with a new coach and a nearly brand-new roster," Fornelli writes of the Boilermakers. "The most 'winnable' conference games are Minnesota and Northwestern, and they're both on the road."

Playing Fornelli's easiest Big Ten schedule a year ago, Indiana went 11-2 and reached the College Football Playoffs. Old Dominion, Kennesaw State and Indiana State "should be snoozefests," according to Fornelli. Unlike 2024, the Hoosiers will be tested early at home against Illinois and trips to Iowa and Oregon, albeit with a bye week in between.

Imagine a few years ago any national writer would state that the home Big Ten slate of Michigan State, UCLA and Wisconsin "seems very manageable," in Fornelli's opinion.

Indiana coach Curt Cignetti is unapologetic about the Hoosiers' 2025 non-conference schedule and the school writing a \$500,000 check to cancel

a future two-game series with Virginia.

The mighty Kennesaw State Owls will replace Virginia on the schedule in 2027, and according to FBSSchedules.com, Austin Peay will be paid \$400,000 to take the 2028 date.

Meanwhile, Purdue keeps its checkbook closed. Wake Forest, Notre Dame and Indiana State are scheduled for 2026. The Fighting Irish remain on the schedule in 2027 and 2028 as well. North Carolina and Miami (Ohio) are on the 2027 slate, and the 2028 schedule includes a trip to Wake Forest and a tentative opening day game against Western Illinois.

"So we figured we would just adopt SEC scheduling philosophy, you know," Cignetti said during Big Ten media days, a not so subtle jab at the SEC playing eight conference games unlike the Big Ten's nine. For example, Alabama welcomes Eastern Illinois to Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa on Nov. 22.

Other notable SEC games that weekend include Mercer at Auburn, Charlotte at Georgia, Western Kentucky at LSU, Coastal Carolina at South Carolina and Samford at Texas A&M.

Purdue and Indiana are enjoying their second bye weeks on Nov. 22 in preparation for the Friday night, Nov. 28 Old Oaken Bucket game at Ross-Ade Stadium.

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Lilly Higgins: A Season of Record-Breaking Runs

If there's one thing Lilly Higgins proved her last season at Hamilton Heights Middle School, it's that records are meant to be broken when she's on the track. The now freshman at Hamilton Heights High School didn't just break personal records and school records; she kept breaking them, week after week in individual events and relays last spring.

From the first meet to the final race, Higgins' season was a masterclass in perseverance, speed, and determination. "Just after she broke her first record, she did it again and then again," said HHMS Girls Track Coach Gwen Perkins. "It seemed as soon as we would update the new record, it was time to update it again!"

Here's a look at her record-breaking streak this past spring at Hamilton Heights Middle School.

1600m (Mile) – 5:09.45
(Previous: 5:16, 5:19.3, 5:22)

2400m (1.5 Miles) – 8:19.32
(Previous: 8:20, 8:22.5, 8:26.10)

800m – 2:27
(Previous: 2:28)

4x800m Relay – 10:25.56
(Maddy Higgins, Lyla Bentley, Annie Sheller, Lilly Higgins)

In addition, Higgins was among nearly 5,000 participants in this

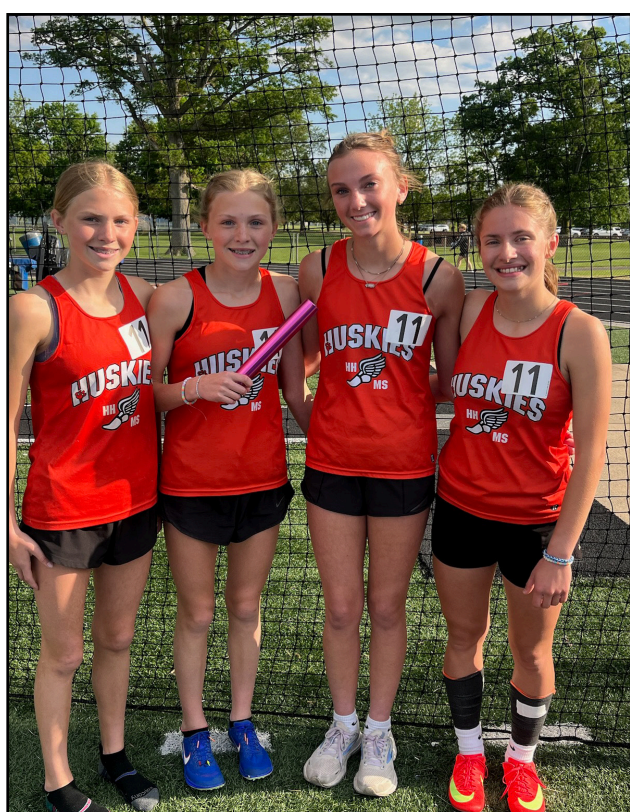


Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Maddy Higgins, Lilly Higgins, Lyla Bentley and Annie Sheller are part of the 4 x 8 relay team who set a new school record in this event with a time of 10:25.56 .

year's Delta Dental 5K in downtown Indianapolis on May 3. She crushed it running away with the non-USA Track & Field women's championship title with a time of 18:26:45.

Higgins' relentless pursuit of excellence wasn't just about personal victories—it was about pushing herself to be the best for her team. "Whether she's training, uplifting her teammates, or leading by example, Lilly embodies the spirit of a true competitor," Perkins said.

Her dedication extends beyond the track bringing the same work ethic to the classroom, proving that success is built on discipline and hard work. While Higgins leaves middle school with her name on the record books, one thing is certain: she's just getting started. With high school ahead, current records may not stand for long—because if history has shown us anything, Lilly Higgins is always chasing the next milestone!

Vision for Carmel Starts With You!

Carmel residents can now share their input on three distinct plans as part of a design competition in support of the City's newest district.

Community members can access the designs and make comments today through Aug. 11 via a public portal or at display stations placed at Carmel City Hall, Carmel Clay Public Library and the Monon Community Center. Details on accessing the designs will be promoted on social media, on the City's website and in Carmel's community newsletter (link to subscribe) beginning later this month.

Three nationally recognized urban design firms are taking part in the CNO District Design Competition, offering their respective visions for the 80-plus acre area east of U.S. 31 and bounded by City Center Drive to the north, Congressional Drive to the east and south and Pennsylvania Street to the

west. The area includes the former CNO Financial Group campus among several other properties.

Browning Day and Ratio Design, Indiana firms, and Yard & Co. of Ohio are taking on the challenge at no cost to the City of Carmel. The design teams were asked to provide concepts that feature exceptional placemaking, advanced sustainability and innovative public infrastructure.

"I'm especially excited that early input from the community will shape the offerings of what will become both another premier gateway to our city, as well as a distinct destination in its own right," said Mayor Sue Finkam.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation is playing a key role in guiding the design work, shaping a district that will devote significant real estate to public spaces, connectivity and engagement. Rivaling Carmel's

popular Midtown Plaza district, features could include greenspace, water features, trails, office space, public gathering space, retail and housing options.

Carmel's plans to redevelop the area come at an opportune time. In April 2024, CNO Financial Group relocated its corporate headquarters to a new location in Carmel, 11299 Illinois St. Additionally, central Indiana has mirrored the nation in experiencing a shrinking demand for certain classes of traditional office space, resulting in a higher-than-average vacancy rate along Carmel's Meridian Corridor that includes the CNO district. At the same time, demand for vibrant, walkable residential areas continues to grow in Carmel, which frequently ranks among the nation's top cities by sources including U.S. News & World Report, Niche and Livability.

Upcoming events at the Fishers AgriPark include:

Fall Festival

October 3–5
A weekend of fall fun with pumpkins, inflatables, a scarecrow trail, food, and more. More info coming soon.

AgriPark Campout

October 10–11
A unique overnight camping experience on the farm. More info coming soon. Learn more at FishersAgriPark.com.

Fishers Cuts Ribbon on New Barn and Playground at AgriPark

City of Fishers leaders recently commemorated the opening of a new multipurpose barn and nature-themed playground at the Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health. The project is part of the City's ongoing efforts to grow and improve this community asset, with support from IU Health as the City's health and wellness partner.

The barn features indoor restrooms, classroom and programming space, and a future market store (opening in 2026) that will feature seasonal produce and goods from local vendors. The playground, constructed with native Indiana black locust wood offers a rustic, farm-inspired play area.

"This park isn't just a place to visit—it's a place to learn, explore, and grow together as a community," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "Because of its popularity, these investments will allow us to be better equipped to deliver year-round education, recreation, and connection to the land."

In addition to these new features, the Fishers AgriPark offers free U-Pick, Strengthened by IU Health where guests can harvest their own produce, walking trails, animal encounters and educational programming in partnership with Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

The City of Fishers has expanded the park's impact beyond Fishers

through a unique partnership with the Indianapolis Zoo. The new farm-to-zoo pilot program supplies freshly harvested vegetables grown at the Fishers AgriPark to feed animals like chimpanzees, giraffes, and more. The weekly produce deliveries provide thousands of pounds of produce annually, supporting animal nutrition and sustainable agriculture.

The Fishers AgriPark is now open year-round, offering expanded access to outdoor amenities and seasonal programming. Summer hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The park is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Photo courtesy City of Fishers

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said the new development will help shape the experience around the Fishers Event Center, creating year-round energy and amenities.

Ground Broken on New Fishers Project

BW Development, the development arm of Build BW, has officially broken ground on its latest project in Fishers—located within The Crossing at Fishers District, just steps from the Fishers Event Center.

At the groundbreaking celebration, BW Development announced a new partnership with Jeremiah Hamman, owner of Prime 47 Carmel. Together, they will open an upscale steakhouse as the anchor tenant of this project.

"Build BW's investment is a key milestone in Fishers' ongoing transformation," said Mayor Scott Fadness. "The restaurant and retail offerings coming to The Crossing will help shape the experience around the Fishers Event Center, creating year-round energy and amenities for our residents, visitors, and event-goers."

This \$30 million investment by BW Development will deliver over 33,000 square feet of leasable restaurant space, fueling continued momentum, economic growth, and expanded dining and entertainment options at Fishers District and the popular Fishers Event Center.

Additional tenant agreements are nearly complete, with more announcements on the way. With new restaurants and entertainment concepts already committed, The Crossing at Fishers District is emerging as one of the Indianapolis Metro's most dynamic and walkable entertainment destinations.

"This project really reflects what we're all about at BW. Thoughtful development, strong community partnerships, and creating spaces where people want to gather," said Brad Battin, Pres-

ident of BW Development. "We're proud to continue building in Fishers and to contribute to a city that's growing with purpose. It's exciting to be part of a community that values smart development and long-term impact."

The groundbreaking ceremony brought together city officials, community leaders, partners, and future tenants to celebrate this milestone.

Build BW is not only driving the development—it's also managing the construction from start to finish.

Build BW specializes in commercial construction, development, and facility management—bringing projects to life from the ground up and staying involved long after the ribbon is cut.

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July List of Recalls Released

Attorney General Todd Rokita is sounding the alarm for Hoosiers to stay safe this summer by checking the latest July product recalls. From faulty appliances to hazardous toys, our office is committed to keeping you and your family out of harm's way. Don't let a defective product turn your summer fun into a safety flop - act now to protect what matters most!

"Hoosiers deserve to enjoy their summer without worrying about having dangerous products in their homes or near their family," Rokita said. "Our office is here to shine a spotlight on July's recalls, so you can steer clear of hazards and stay safe."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in July:

- Leatherman Recalls Charge Plus Multi-Tools Due to Laceration Hazard
- Tegu Recalls Magnetic Floating Stackers Toys Due to Magnet Ingestion Hazard; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toy Magnets
- Dorel Home Furnishings Recalls Cosco 2-Step Kitchen Steppers Due to Fall and Injury Hazards
- IKEA Recalls Garlic Presses Due to Laceration and Ingestion Hazards
- Baby Loren Recalls Morning Children's Loungewear Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Burns; Violation of Federal Flammability Standards for Children's Sleepwear
- Amazon Recalls Amazon Basics Premium Foam Eurotop Mattresses Due to Fire Hazard; Violates Federal Standard for Mattress Flammability; Sold on Amazon
- TTI Consumer Power Tools Recalls RIDGID Framing Nailers Due to Laceration Hazard
- Backyard Kids Recalls KidKraft Farm to Table Play Kitchens Due to Strangulation Hazard; One Death Reported
- LIVACTI Retractable Safety Gates Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment; Violates Mandatory Standard for Gates and Enclosures; Sold on Amazon by Qeyan and Yanyany
- Apollo Recalls Electric Scooters Due to Fall and Injury Hazards
- FENGQS Electric Bikes Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Sold on Amazon
- Aiho Dressers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment; Violates Mandatory Standard; Sold on Walmart.com by Aiho
- Innovative Designs Recalls Minecraft Light-Up Slap Ruler Bracelets Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Button Cell Battery Ingestion Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys
- Creekwood Naturals Recalls 100% Natural Pure Gum Spirits of Turpentine Bottles Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Child Poisoning; Violates Mandatory Standard for Child Resistant Packaging
- LED Gloves Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates the Mandatory Toy Standard and Child Resistant Coin Battery Packaging Standard; Sold on Amazon by Minon-gad
- Diamond G Forest Products Recalls Turpentine Bottles Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Child Poisoning; Violates Mandatory Standard for Child Resistant Packaging
- Transpro US Recalls Electric Scooters with Unauthorized Lithium-Ion Battery UL Certification Labels Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Risk of Serious Injury and Death; \$200,000 in Property Damage Reported
- iMirror Inc. Recalls Electric Bug Zapper Racket, Fly Swatter, and Mosquito Swatter Due to Shock Hazard
- Pura Scents Recalls Detachable Covers of Smart Home Fragrance Diffusers Due to Magnet Ingestion Hazard
- Curtis International Recalls Frigidaire-brand Minifridges Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; More Than \$700,000 Reported in Property Damage
- Winston Products Recalls 5/8-Inch HydroTech Expandable Burst-Proof Hoses Due to Risk of Impact Hazard and Temporarily Impaired Hearing
- Bestway, Intex, and Polygroup Recall Certain Above-Ground Pools 48-Inches and Taller Due to Drowning Hazard; Nine Deaths Reported; Five Million Pools Sold Since 2002
- VIVI E-Bikes Lithium-ion Batteries Sold with VIVI E-Bikes Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Sold by VIVI
- Bexco Enterprises Recalls Kiwi Electronic Recliner and Swivel Gliders with USB Port Due to Overheating Hazard
- iStore Magnetic Wireless Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Imported by Tomauri
- Deale International Recalls CasaClean Handheld Steamers Due to Risk of Serious Burn Injury; Sold on HSN
- Primark Recalls DTR Stitch 4-pack Scented Highlighters Due to Risk of Phthalate Exposure; Violates Federal Phthalates Ban; Sold by Primark
- Tractor Supply Recalls Traveller Aluminum Loading Ramps Due to Fall Hazard
- Dearlolum Retractable Safety Gates Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death to Children from Entrapment Hazard; Violates Federal Standard for Gates and Enclosures; Sold on Amazon by Signbaby
- AUGNORYE Padded Crib Bumpers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Suffocation; Violates Federal Crib Bumper Ban; Sold on Amazon by YIXIA
- Braided Crib Bumpers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Suffocation; Violates Federal Crib Bumper Ban; Sold on Amazon by Haoyunm
- SPPTY Kids Bicycles Recalled Due to Risk of Death or Injury from Lead Poisoning; Violates Federal Lead Content Ban; Sold at Walmart by Shenzhen Yihuachuang Technology
- Giant Bicycle Recalls Momentum Vida E+ E-Bikes Due to Crash Hazard
- WLIVE Fabric Dressers Recalled

Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Violations of Federal Standard for Clothing Storage Units; Sold on Amazon by WLIVE

- Creeklilybear Play Yard Mattresses Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Crib Mattresses; Sold on Amazon by Kbab-yea
- Walmart Recalls Ozark Trail 64 oz Water Bottles Due to Serious Impact and Laceration Hazards
- Trane Recalls Gas/Electric Packaged Units Due to Risk of Gas Leak, Fire Hazard
- Jeriflyer Pool Drain Covers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment Hazard; Violation of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Sold on Amazon by Junjuanshop
- DEWALT Recalls Grinder Flap Discs Due to Laceration and Injury Hazards
- Harbor Freight Tools Recalls Predator 2000-Watt Power Stations Due to Shock Hazard
- SNLN Party Supply Toys Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Federal Toy Standard Violation; Sold Exclusively on Amazon by Yiwu Dixikeji Douxiangongsi
- Positec Recalls Electric Corded Chainsaws and Pole Saws Due to Laceration Hazard
- 509 Recalls Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to July visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

Braun Announces Agreements with Federal Immigration

Indiana Governor Mike Braun announced a series of partnership agreements with federal immigration authorities to assist in deporting individuals unlawfully in the United States. The agencies announcing new cooperation agreements are the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Correction and Indiana National Guard.

In a statement last week, Braun reiterated the state's partnership with federal immigration authorities, as first laid out in his Jan. 28 executive order ensuring full cooperation: "Indiana is not a safe haven for illegal immigration. Indiana will fully partner with federal immigration authorities as they enforce the most fundamental laws of our country."

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has approved a 287(g) agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The 287(g) program authorizes ICE to enhance collaboration with state and local law enforcement partners to protect the homeland through the arrest and removal of aliens who undermine the safety of our nation's communities and the integrity of U.S. immigration laws.

This agreement is under a 'Task Force' model, authorizing designated Indiana Department of Homeland Security officers to perform im-

migration enforcement functions such as arrests, issuing detainers, taking and maintaining custody, and operating as a joint task force with ICE.

The Indiana State Police have entered into a similar agreement to assist and collaborate with federal immigration authorities in their work.

The Indiana Department of Correction has signed a Warrant Service Officer memorandum of agreement, authorizing designated Indiana DOC personnel to assist with immigration enforcement duties in jails and correctional facilities. The department also started an agreement with federal immigration enforcement to identify and deport removable aliens who have been arrested for a crime and booked into Indiana correctional facilities. And it is working with ICE to make available up to 1,000 beds at Miami Correctional Facility.

Braun is also anticipating further partnership between the Indiana National Guard and federal immigration authorities. As previously announced, Camp Atterbury will be available for temporary use by the Department of Homeland Security to house illegal aliens subject to deportation, with safety in mind for staff, detainees, and surrounding communities. This mission will not interfere with the Indiana National Guard's ability to respond or their training readiness.

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