

■ TODAY'S VERSE

1 **Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

A used bicycle sale and donation day is set for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon, sponsored by Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. It will take place at Recycled Cycles repair shop at 810 E. Main St. in Westfield. The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ. Around 40 top-condition bikes and high-end 700c wheels and other parts (Campy, Shimano, Sram) will be offered for sale at bargain prices. All bikes have been repaired, adjusted, lubricated and inspected for safe use. Payment by check is preferred (sorry no Venmo, PayPal, credit card, etc. available). Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other bikes. Last year, Recycled Cycles repaired and gave nearly 400 bicycles to deserving families who might not otherwise have afforded new bikes, mostly for Christmas.

■ ADOPT A PET OAK



Oak has a spring in her step and a dream of finding the perfect forever home. This 8-year-old, female Domestic Shorthair has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 11/22/25. This playful girl loves all things toys, from cardboard scratchers to mouse toys, and we believe she would love to discover the joys of puzzle toys! If you think Oak might be the cat for you, please schedule a meet-and-greet with him at [hamiltonhumane.com/adopt](http://hamiltonhumane.com/adopt).



Been to the Farmers Market yet? See you there tomorrow!

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## BOOMER BITS

Tips and Advice from Boomers to Boomers

### Dear Rusty – I Want to do Everything Right With SS



ASK RUSTY  
Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:**

*I will be 62 in two years. I plan on signing up for SS at age 62, but I have heard there are details that are important when signing up. When it comes time, I want to make sure I do everything right. Can you help me understand?*

**Signed: Claiming Soon**

**Dear Claiming Soon:**

Deciding when to claim your Social Security benefit is a decision you should make only after careful consideration of your personal circumstances. And details are, indeed, important. For example, if you claim at age 62 (when you first become eligible), your monthly SS

benefit will be only 70% of the amount you would get by waiting until age 67 to claim. And there are other considerations as well, including:

- If you are still working and claim at 62, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit changes each

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### Rokita: Scammers Racing Around Indy

As race fans try to chase down last-minute bargains on Indy 500 tickets, Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning them to take precautions to avoid spinning right into the path of scammers.

"Con artists are getting more sophisticated by the day," Attorney General Rokita said. "Even veteran track-goers should take time to review some basic safeguards before purchasing tickets, paying for parking, or making online reservations. No one wants the big day to arrive only to get turned away because you got duped by a fraudster."

Tickets are available in both digital and paper formats, with digital tickets the recommended, most secure choice. Official paper tickets are printed on thick card-stock material. Many counterfeit passes and tickets appear to be authentic, but Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) staffers are trained to spot fakes.

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams during this year's race activities:

- Remember that if deals sound too good to be true, they usually are.
- Purchase items directly from IMS

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### AARP Indiana, IHCD A There for Hoosier Seniors

CreatING Livable Communities, a partnership between AARP Indiana and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, will continue to benefit Hoosiers age 50 and over for another year.



In an effort to further the missions of both AARP's Livable Communities program and IHCD's CreatING Places crowdgranting program, CreatING Livable Communities assists Indiana communities in funding projects for aging in place. This year, AARP Indiana has committed an additional \$25,000 to the CreatING Livable Communities program to support CreatING Places projects that benefit older Hoosiers.

"IHCD is proud to continue its partnership with AARP Indiana to again sponsor the CreatING Livable Communities Program as we work together to create a lasting impact for Hoosiers over the age of 50 and Indiana communities", said Samantha L. Spergel, Chief Community Programs and Services Officer at IHCD.

Projects must provide a clear and tangible benefit to Hoosiers 50-plus and satisfy additional requirements around the promotion

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### ■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** A pair of barn owls staying in Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area's nest box has produced eggs. You can watch this couple as they prepare for the hatch at [on.IN.gov/goosepondfwa](http://on.IN.gov/goosepondfwa), then scroll to the middle of the page to the link that says, "view live feed from the Visitors Center." Once the eggs have hatched, a male will bring in small mammals that the female then tears into small pieces to feed their owlets. Because the hatching doesn't happen all at once, the older owlets that hatch first are usually stronger. If there are plenty of resources, all the owlets in a clutch have a good chance of survival, but if resources are scarce, only the stronger, older owlets may survive. DNR does not interfere in these routine natural events. Barn owls are an endangered species in Indiana due to grassland habitat loss. Fewer than 50 nests are found annually in Indiana. Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area is in Greene County.

**2.** Practice for the 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge started this week with qualifying set for this weekend. All track activity on the historic 2.5-mile oval leads into Race Day, Sunday, May 24. Defending champ Alex Palou is back as well as other past winners Helio Castroneves (2001, 2002, 2009, 2021), two-time winners Takuma Sato (2017, 2020) and Josef Newgarden (2023, 2024) and single winners Scott Dixon (2008), Ryan Hunter-Reay (2014), Alexander Rossi (2016), Will Power (2018) and Marcus Ericsson (2022). Live Race Day coverage begins on FOX, FOX Deportes, FOX One and INDYCAR Radio powered by OnlyBulls at 10 a.m. (ET), with the green flag set for 12:45 p.m.

**3.** Governor Mike Braun joined State Rep. Tim O'Brien, Evansville Mayor Stephanie Taylor, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Diana Moers, and family and friends of Susan Haynie this week for a ceremonial signing of House Enrolled Act 1250, a new public safety law inspired by the tragic death of Evansville real estate agent Susan Haynie. HEA 1250, strengthens notification requirements when violent felons are released. The law requires advance notice to local law enforcement, prosecutors, chiefs of police and registered victims when a serious violent felon is set to be released.



Photo courtesy Hamilton County

**A Rendering of the completed building.**

## County Breaks Ground

Hamilton County officials broke ground this week on a long-anticipated expansion of the Hamilton County Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. The project will add 133,000 square feet to the existing facility, including seven new courtrooms, upgraded security, and expanded public space.

County officials, judges, and project partners gathered on the west lawn of the Judicial Center to mark the beginning of construction on the three-story addition, which will consolidate multiple county offices and provide room for future growth. The first floor will eventually house county offices, while the second floor will serve as the new home for additional courtrooms. The third floor will remain unfinished for future buildout as caseloads continue to rise.

"This expansion is really about keeping up with the people we serve," said Superior Court 2 Judge Jon Brown. "Hamilton County's population has exploded, and our court dockets have grown right along with it. We're seeing routine hearings being delayed for months. This new space will help us move cases more efficiently and give our judges, staff, and citizens the resources they deserve."

Built in 1992, the current Judicial Center has been remodeled several times to accommodate new staff and departments, but post-pandemic case filings have pushed the courts well beyond their intended capacity. Once completed, the expansion will also support newly elected judges who take office in 2027.

Hamilton County Commissioners President Christine Altman said the County is continuing to work closely with the City of Noblesville to manage the impact of multiple projects taking place downtown over the next two years.

"Our goal is to make progress with-

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### ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Many people are afraid of the dark, but the real tragedy is those who are afraid of the light."

Plato

### ■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What do you call 1,000 Restrictor plates at the bottom of the ocean?

A Good Start.

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## County Dem Women Meeting May 31

The Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women will hold its third official meeting on Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eller House, 7050 E. 116th St. in Fishers.

The gathering will serve as a comprehensive post-primary debrief, bringing together residents at all levels of civic engagement to review election outcomes and chart a course for the general election.

“Whether you’re just beginning your civic journey or ready to step into a leadership role, this is the meeting to attend,” Raleigh Brown,

Executive Director of Hamilton County Democratic Party, said. “Come ready to learn, get energized, and take action.”

The meeting agenda will cover the full breakdown of primary results and the districts they represent, as well as concrete ways attendees can support Democratic candidates heading into the fall. Organizers will also highlight open seats on local boards and commissions and explain how certain positions can be filled through caucus — opening doors for community members ready to step into leadership.

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# What If Matt Painter Had Gone to IU to Play For Bob Knight?



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Sometime during the 2026-27 college basketball season, Matt Painter will surpass his mentor Gene Keady as the winningest coach in Purdue history.

But had Painter’s teenage wish come true, there’s a possibility he would be pursuing Bob Knight’s victory record at Indiana University instead.

“I hated Purdue,” Painter recalled a few years ago on The Field of 68: After Dark podcast with former Boilermaker Robbie Hummel and Jeff Goodman.

“I grew up a die-hard Indiana fan. My whole family went to Indiana. My dad went in ’76 and ’81 to the Final Four. He took me in ’87 when they beat Syracuse (for Knight’s third national title).

“If Bob Knight would have offered me it would have been over. I would have sat down there at the end of the bench and kept fouls and timeouts during the game.”

Despite a close friendship with Pat Knight, his AAU teammate, as well as having Bob Knight’s eldest son Tim coaching the team, an Indiana offer was not forthcoming.

In Painter’s recruiting class, Bob Knight signed four guards: Greg Graham, Pat Graham, Todd Leary and Chris Reynolds. Perhaps if Painter had played alongside future All-American Eric Montross instead of Leary, that offer might have come as an incentive to lure the 7-footer away from his future destination, North Carolina.

“I wasn’t better than those guards,” said Painter, an Indiana All-Star at Delta High School.

Had Painter signed with Indiana, would he be coaching the Hoosiers today? The timing may not have been right for Painter, who didn’t become a head coach until 2003 at Southern Illinois. That was early in Mike Davis’ tenure after Indiana fired Bob Knight

just before the 2000-01 season.

Davis resigned in 2006 after missing the NCAA tournament in two of his final three seasons. Lean years followed in Bloomington, with Kelvin Sampson’s recruiting violations drawing a three-year NCAA probation and his dismissal in 2008.

Instead of turning to an experienced head coach and former player in Dan Dakich, Indiana went with Tom Crean from Marquette. By 2012-13, Crean had Indiana back at No. 1 in the polls. But that team led by Victor Oladipo, Cody Zeller and Yogi Ferrell was bounced in the Sweet 16. One year after winning the Big Ten regular season title, the Hoosiers finished 10th in the league and Crean was fired following the 2016-17 season.

In another timeline, this would have been Painter’s moment to return to Indiana. Instead, Archie Miller was brought in from Dayton. In four seasons, the Hoosiers did not make the NCAA tournament and finished ninth and tied for 10th twice under Miller.

Meanwhile, Painter was leading Purdue to a 30-win season in 2017-18 and a Big Ten title the following season. The Boilermakers were seconds away from reaching the Final Four in 2019.

While Mike Woodson was floundering as Miller’s replacement, Painter’s Purdue teams were going 29-8, 29-6, 34-5 and 24-12.

Painter’s coaching career was aided by two former Gene Keady assistants at Purdue, the late Tom Reiter at Washington & Jefferson College and Bruce Weber at Southern Illinois. Bob Knight likely would have helped Painter secure a good entry level job, but the Hoosiers fan base probably would not have welcomed Painter over IU legends like Steve Alford and Woodson.

Painter may have hated Purdue as a youth, but his first meeting with Keady made a lasting impression not only on Painter but his father too.

“When coach Keady started recruiting me, I was just floored at how nice he was,” Painter said. “The only thing I saw was him going crazy in games, like losing his mind.”

Here was Keady’s recruiting pitch:

“Let me tell you something. You like Indiana and you want to go to Indiana. I respect that. Bobby Knight wins. Bobby Knight graduates his players. Bobby Knight doesn’t cheat. I got a lot of respect for that.

“Now I want to kick his ass. You can come here and help us do that. He doesn’t want you. I want you. You come here and we’ll go down to Indiana and we’ll kick their ass.”

Painter was conflicted.

“I told my dad I don’t know if I want to go to Purdue but man, I want to play for Gene Keady,” Painter said.

Painter’s father, Mike, agreed.

“My dad has two degrees from Indiana, and he just said -- it was my first lesson in recruiting, and I’ve always used it in recruiting. He just said Purdue has good education, and . . . Purdue always wins more than they should, and they have a great head coach, and he’s got discipline. You’re going to play for someone who has discipline. You’re not going to do what you want to do. You’re going to do what’s best for you.”

Painter wanted to play in the Big Ten and his choices were Purdue, Minnesota and Michigan State.

“I really chose Purdue because of coach Keady,” Painter said. “Back then you didn’t stay in the summers all the time or at all. Everybody else gave me choices. You could do this in the summer, you could do this. Coach Keady didn’t give me any choices. He said you will go to summer school, or if you don’t, you’ll get a job. You need to learn to get up and wake up early in the morning and get to work.



Photo courtesy Purdue Athletics.

**Matt Painter**

“I was like the hell with that. You’re 17, 18 years old. I want to shoot jumpers and eat pizza and have a helluva time. So I walked out of there, and I told my dad, man, I don’t know about that. He said that’s the only person who told you the truth. You need him way more than he needs you. That was a good choice even though I stunk as a player.”

Painter exaggerates slightly. He was never a star, but he did start 50 games and averaged 8.6 points as a senior playing alongside Glenn Robinson in 1992-93.

Keady knew early that Painter was going to be a head coach someday, but even in 1989 there’s no way the Naismith Hall of Famer could have guessed that Painter would replace him at Purdue for the 2005-06 season.

“Ever since he was a player here, Matt has had one of the sharpest basketball minds I’ve ever been around,” Keady said the day it was announced Painter would be his replacement after one season as head coach-in-waiting.

“He eats it, sleeps it and wakes up in the middle of the night thinking about it. . . I’m honored that someone from the program is returning to lead Purdue men’s basketball after next year.”

**Next time: The recruiting class that defined the early Matt Painter era and how it could have been even more star-studded.**

*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.*

## Night in the Stacks Back at Library

The Hamilton East Public Library Foundation invites the community to experience the library like never before at “A Night in the Stacks,” an exclusive 21+ fundraising event supporting library programs, literacy initiatives and the future of Hamilton East Public Library.

Taking place Friday, May 29 from 7–10 p.m. at the Noblesville Library, this vibrant after-hours celebration transforms the library into an immersive evening of entertainment, creativity, and connection — all in support of expanding opportunities for the community through the library.



The event invites guests to explore the library after hours while enjoying a lively, carnival-inspired atmosphere featuring laser tag, arcade and video games, a silent disco, trivia, book speed dating, crafts, board games, and more. Food and drinks will also be available throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$50 and include one complimentary drink. Advance purchase is



required.

The evening also serves as the official kickoff to the library’s Summer Reading Program, celebrating imagination, storytelling, and lifelong learning while raising funds that directly

benefit library services and programming.

“We look forward to welcoming adults 21+ to the library for an after-hours

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**RUSTY**

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year, and for 2026 it is \$24,480. If the annual limit after you claim early is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. And, if your work earnings substantially exceed the annual limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible for early SS benefits (until you either stop working full time or reach your SS full retirement age). FYI, the AET lasts until you reach your FRA (age 67).

- The benefit reduction for claiming SS early is permanent. After you claim, you will only get increases for Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) which occur annually according to inflation. FYI, the average annual COLA adjustment is about 2.5%.
- If you are married, the reduced benefit you get by claiming early will potentially be the basis of your spouse's survivor benefit if you pass first. Surviving spouse benefits are

based on the amount you are receiving at your death, thus waiting longer for a higher personal benefit may also provide your spouse with a larger survivor benefit as your widow.

- If you wait longer than age 62, your monthly benefit will continue to increase (by approximately 6% per year) until you reach your FRA, when you get 100% of the amount you are entitled to from a lifetime of working. FYI, you can even wait longer - up to age 70 - to claim an even higher monthly amount (8% more for each year of delay after FRA). At age 70, your SS benefit would be about 75% more than your age 62 benefit amount.

If you haven't already done so, I suggest setting up your personal online "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) to see what your SS benefits are estimated to be at various ages.

Then, when you are closer to age 62, contact us again to talk about your specific personal circumstances at the time, and we can provide you with everything you need to know about applying for Social Security.

In the end, when claiming your Social Security benefits, you should consider your financial need, your health and life expectancy, your plans for working, and your marital status. We commend you for exploring this well in advance of becoming eligible and we will be here to assist when it is time for you to apply.

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**Tim Longs for Old Days . . . Or Does He?**



TIM TIMMONS  
*Two Cents*

One of my favorite quotes comes to mind every time someone says something about my job being so easy because all I have to do is write a few columns.

Red Smith, one of the greatest sportswriters in the history of journalism used to say: Writing a column is easy. You just sit at your typewriter until little drops of blood appear on your forehead.

Don't get me wrong, I am not saying what I do is hard. Not hard like a real job. All I can say is my Grandpaw worked physically harder on the farm and in a factory in one week than I do in a month . . . OK, longer than a month.

So no, no pity party here. But one of my favorite bands is Chicago and their song Old Days came on. It got me thinking back to the "old days," of my youth in the newspaper world. Heck, my Weejuns weren't even worn out then. And THAT got

me to thinking of the old Mad Magazine (before it cost almost \$20) and how they used to parody songs every now and then. In my defense, I can't help it. I hear a song and the words (not the correct ones, mind you - but very wrong words) just pop in my head. A professor long ago called these Tim's Terribly Twisted Tunes.

So with deep apologies to aforementioned favorite band, here's a different take on the song Old Days.

**Deadlines**  
**Editors I remember**  
**Screaming**  
**Filler with fear and terror**

**Too-long meetings**  
**Red lights take forever**  
**Bathroom calling**  
**Watching time go faster**

**Take me back**  
**To my college days**  
**When a deadline**  
**Just meant stay and play**

**Deadlines**  
**Editors I remember**  
**Screaming**  
**Filler with fear and terror**

**Taping meetings**  
**Full of bluff and bluster**  
**Typing transcripts**  
**Hearing static and white noise**

**What I lack**  
**Is good sleep and pay**  
**Oh what I'd give**  
**For one peaceful day**

**Dead-uh-lines in my mind to terrorize my day**

**Dead-uh-lines, darkened dreams of joy that's gone away**

**Dead-uh-lines, times of stress and panic hitting me**

**Dead-uh-lines, please go away and just let me be**

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com)*

**INDY**

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whenever possible.

- Consider your source. Know the difference between a professional ticket broker (a legitimate and accredited reseller), a ticket scalper (an unregulated and unlicensed ticket seller), and a scammer selling scam tickets.
- Know the refund policy. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.
- Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.
- Call ahead or confirm hotel reservations directly.
- Check the reviews for the hotel or wherever you're staying.
- Look for warning signs, like prices that seem a little too low or website addresses that seem odd.
- Get email confirmations for all reservations and tickets.

- Be mindful of QR codes, which can be placed by scammers to enable them to gain access to electronic devices.
- Be wary of online accounts that do not use multi-factor authentication.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General to report any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint by visiting [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

**AARP**

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of accessibility, as well as connection to existing community efforts, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with AARP Indiana's key priorities.

Over the last two years, fifteen communities were each awarded an additional \$5,000 from AARP Indiana. These funds were in addition to those raised from their successful crowdfunding campaigns and IHCD matching grants, for total community investments exceeding \$603,599.

"We have seen firsthand the difference residents

can make when they invest in their neighborhoods," said AARP Indiana State Director Sarah Waddle. "As Indiana's population continues to age, it is more important than ever to ensure our communities have the support they need. We look forward to seeing more creative and lasting projects across our state."

Eligible projects must have a total development budget of between \$15,000 and \$105,000. Projects must crowdfund between \$5,000 and \$50,000 according to CreatINg Places guide-

lines through Patronicity's crowdfunding platform. Unsuccessful crowdfunding campaigns will not receive grant funding from IHCD or AARP Indiana. CreatINg Places projects have a high crowdfunding success rate thanks to the one-on-one coaching that Patronicity provides, helping communities crowdfund over \$13 million since the program launched in 2015. Project applicants will be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-served, and case-by-case basis until all funds are exhausted.

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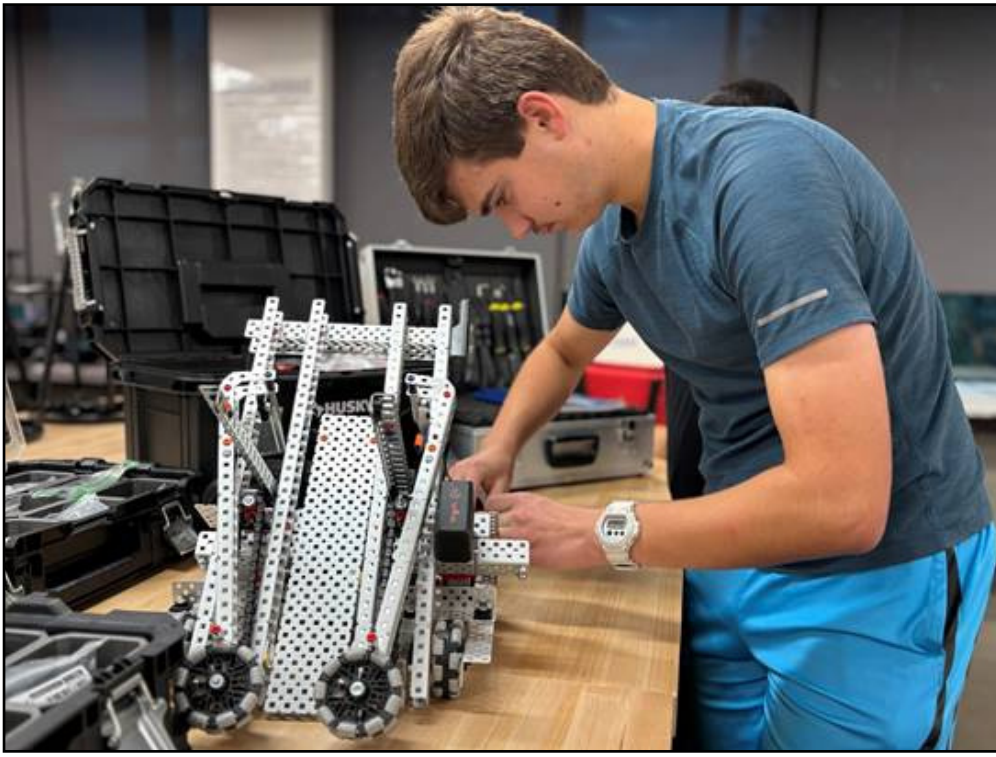
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This is the ninth year that Noblesville has received national recognition.

Noblesville Schools offers 17 different PLTW courses across all grade levels.

# Noblesville Schools Recognized Nationally for STEM For Ninth Consecutive Year

Noblesville Schools have been recognized nationally with honors in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for the ninth consecutive year.

They have been named a 2026 Project Lead the Way Distinguished District for providing broad access to transformative STEM learning opportunities for students and

all ten of the district's schools were also recognized as individual Distinguished Schools.

Noblesville Schools is one of only 88 school districts in the nation to receive the honor, putting them in an elite, top 1 percent group nationally.

In addition to dozens of traditional math and science courses, Noblesville

Schools offers 17 different PLTW courses across all grade levels with students exploring robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity, engineering, construction, energy, weather and much more.

The Distinguished recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW STEM pro-

grams. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the content and ongoing continuation in the programming.



This ranking places Noblesville in an elite, top 1 percent group nationally.



Isaiah Thomas, or Ministerzay, walked the 400-mile Richmond Slave Trail before this cross-country trek.



Andy gets a selfie with Isaiah Thomas.

# Two Philly Boys Out For Walk



ANDY CHANDLER  
Columnist

Isaiah Thomas, a digital creator who goes by the name Ministerzay, passed through Rockville on Sunday during one of the legs of his Philadelphia to California walk to raise money for charity.

Sunday afternoon, my wife messaged me, "hey, that man walking from Philly to Cali is walking into town." I hurried outside and on my way out grabbed one of my many Phillies baseball caps, ran a block over and met him as he passed by the VFW across from the Ritz Theatre in downtown Rockville.

When he saw the ballcap, his eyes lit up, "you're from Philly?"

"Berwyn to be exact."

"Man, you from the rich part of town."

"Yeah, but for all it's worth, the Phillies can't buy a win at this point."

I fell in with him and we walked the next mile together. We discussed home, family and he wondered how on earth I ended up here.

"Marriage."

I asked him about the car that struck him two weeks ago. I mentioned he looked pretty banged up in the hospital when he posted on Twitch. He chuckled, "you should have seen the car. I put the car in traction." We laughed.

Thomas has a real pas-

sion for education in the inner city. A graduate of Lincoln High School in inner-city Philadelphia, he wanted to raise money for charity to help send kids to trade school and hopefully build a school there. "I wanted to show the kids that anything is possible."

I asked how he planned on getting back to Philly. "I'd like to walk back, but this time pick a different route and visit parts of the country I hadn't seen when I used to drive a box truck."

After that? "Maybe go somewhere internationally like South America."

When asked about if he'd done anything like this before he mentioned he'd done the Richmond Slave Trail the year before. He said it was about 400 miles.

As we walked a few well-wishers came by. One of them handed him a cup of water from McDonald's and asked if he needed anything. He politely declined. One starstruck

man drove up. "Man, I've seen you on social media! I can't believe it's you." We stopped so he could get a few photos.

Finally, it came time to part ways, I told him a good place where he and the support team following him could stay and he mentioned a park with grills and picnic tables located about 10 miles down the road. "Oh, the Ernie Pyle Rest Area in Dana," I replied.

"Yes."

One last thing to do before parting: "E-A-G-L-E-S! EAGLES!" was the parting chant. I turned to head back into town a few moments later. Pretty soon, the neon vest disappeared over the hill.

Andy Chandler is a presidential historian and a museum archivist at Candles Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute and the Ernie Pyle WW II Museum in Dana Ind.

## NIGHT

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experience designed just for them," said Lisa Longo, Foundation Director. "Guests will have the opportunity to explore the library as never before, with adventure around every corner. Most importantly, every ticket helps support library programming that benefits our entire community. A Night in the Stacks is truly a party with a purpose."

Established to strengthen and sustain the future of the library, the Hamilton East Public Library Foundation supports initiatives that foster literacy, lifelong learning, community connection, and equitable access to resources across Hamilton

County.

The event is made possible through the generous support of community sponsors, including Nickloy, Albright, Gordon, & Seibe At Law LLC, Taylored Systems, Indiana Members Credit Union, Connico, and Church Church Hittle + Antrim.

With an expected crowd of 300 guests, "A Night in the Stacks" continues to grow as one of the community's most unique and exciting fundraising experiences.

Tickets and additional event information are available through [hamiltoneastpl.org](http://hamiltoneastpl.org).

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From left, County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt, Christine Altman, and Steve Dillinger.



From left, Judges Michael Casati (Superior 1), Richard Campbell (Superior 4), Stephenie Gookins (Superior 6), William Hughes (Superior 3), David Najjar (Superior 5), Jonathan Brown (Superior 2), Circuit Court Judge Andrew Bloch, Darren Murphy (Superior 7)



County Councillors Sue Maki, Tim Griffin and Brad Beaver, Commissioners Christine Altman, Mark Heirbrandt and Steve Dillinger, and Councillors Mark Hall and Ken Alexander.

out getting in the way," Altman said. "We're coordinating closely with the city to align schedules, stage construction trailers

and equipment offsite, and keep as much parking and pedestrian access open as possible. We want to minimize disruption for

businesses and residents."

Completion of the project is expected in late 2028.

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# 46th Annual Deb Castino Golf Outing June 4

A day on the golf course can help create brighter futures for local kids! The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville would love to see you and a lot of others at the Club's **Annual Deb Castino Memorial Golf Outing**, proudly presented by **Darlington Snacks**.

refreshments and snacks from community partners including Patron, Tito's, Arni's Restaurant, Ale Emporium, Grindstone Public House and more. The event wraps up with an awards ceremony and post-round meal.



In its 46th year, the Club's outing will take place at **Pebble Brook Golf Course on Thursday, June 4, with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start**. Registration and range time will open at 8 a.m. with a breakfast from Chick-fil-A of Noblesville. While enjoying a day on the fairways, participants will be treated to

**Every day after school, more than 330 young people come to the Club** for homework help, mentorship, friendships and opportunities that help them build confidence and prepare for their futures. By registering a Golf Outing team, you are helping make these life-changing experiences possible for even more youth.

**Sponsorship opportunities** are also available for businesses looking to further support our kids and align their brand with one of the area's most trusted youth-serving organizations.

You can register for a team and/or sponsorship at <https://bgcni.org/index.php/boys-girls-club-golf-outing-registration>

# HH Concert Band Earns Strong Ratings



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

The Hamilton Heights High School Concert Band delivered an outstanding performance at the ISSMA Organizational Contest hosted at Lafayette Jefferson High School. Competing in Group II, the ensemble earned a Silver Rating, finishing just half a point shy of Gold! "Their achievement is especially notable given the challenge of preparing contest literature in only four rehearsals following a two-week spring break — all while simultaneously gearing up for their upcoming performance at Walt Disney World," said Mark Snelson, Hamilton Heights Band Director. "The band rose to the moment with focus, determination, and professionalism, highlighted by expressive solo features and a powerful finale on the student-favorite 'Urban Dances.'"

# Announcement Party Free to Public



The public is welcome to join in the free celebration May 18 when Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts announces its upcoming 2026-2027 Center Presents performance season. The upcoming schedule is the most expansive since the Center's opening year, with more than 70 performances already booked and more to come. The stellar lineup features legendary names and rising stars from the worlds of pop, rock, classical, jazz, Great American Songbook and international music, as well as comedy, family and holiday events. The 2026 Season Announce Party begins at 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Snacks and beverages will be available, followed by a first look at the artist lineup. Patron Services representatives will be available to assist with subscription orders. Tickets are required, limit four per order. Registration is available at (317) 843-3800 or [TheCenterPresents.org/2627SeasonAnnounce](http://TheCenterPresents.org/2627SeasonAnnounce).

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# April Product Recalls Listed

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to over 60 recalled products during the month of April. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission listed recalled items in multiple areas, with children's toys and outdoor equipment topping the list.

"I know it's inconvenient and nobody wants to replace a product they just bought," said Attorney General Rokita. "But the risk of doing nothing is simply too great. Some of these defective items can cause serious injury or even death. Please take these recalls seriously — check your homes today and keep your loved ones safe."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports the following products were recalled in April:

## Cookware/Drinkware

**E Mishan Recalls Granite Stone Diamond Pro Blue Stainless Sauté Pans Due to Impact and Burn Hazards | CPSC.gov**  
*The metal cap on the screw that connects the sauté pan to the handle can become detached and forcefully eject when heated, posing impact and burn hazards to consumers.*

**Magnetic Drinkware Charms Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Magnet Ingestion; Violate Mandatory Standard for Magnets; Sold on Amazon by Maitys | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled magnetic drinkware charms violate the mandatory standard for magnets because they contain loose magnets posing an ingestion hazard to children. When high-powered magnets are swallowed, the ingested magnets can attract each other, or other metal objects, and become lodged in the digestive system. This can result in perforations, twisting, and/or blockage of the intestines, blood poisoning and death.*

**Vitaquest International Recalls Multiple Iron Supplement Bottles and Packets Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Poisoning to Young Children; Violates Mandatory Standard for Child-Resistant Packaging | CPSC.gov**  
*The dietary supplements contain iron, which must be in child-resistant packaging as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The packaging of the supplements is not child-resistant, posing a risk of serious injury or death from poisoning if the contents are swallowed by young children.*

**Macy's Recalls Arch Studio Tea Kettles Due to Risk of Serious Injury from Burn Hazard | CPSC.gov**  
*The tea kettles' handle can detach during use when heated, posing a risk of serious injury from burn hazard.*

## Children's Toys

**Sam's Club Recalls Member's Mark Children's Pajama Sets Due**

**to Burn Hazard; Violates Mandatory Flammability Standards for Children's Sleepwear | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled pajama sets violate the mandatory standards for flammability of children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injuries to children.*

**Children's Toys Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking Hazard; Violates the Small Ball Ban; Sold on Amazon by Beestech | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled spiral tower toy sets violate the mandatory standard for toys because they contain small balls and are intended for children under three years of age, posing a deadly choking hazard.*

**Silks Recall Children's Loungewear Sets Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Burn Hazard; Violates Mandatory Flammability Standards for Children's Sleepwear | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled children's loungewear violates mandatory flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of serious injuries or deadly burn hazards to children.*

**Fun and Function Recalls Children's Metal Multi-Point Swing Frames Due to Risk of Injury from Fall Hazard | CPSC.gov**  
*The swing frames can crack or break during use, posing a fall hazard, which can result in injury.*  
**Sanlebi Pet Vet Playsets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys; Sold on Amazon by Letokids | CPSC.gov**

**The Pet Vet Playset** violates the mandatory standard for toys because the button cell batteries in the nail grinder and otoscope can be easily accessed by children.  
**JC Sales Recalls Lil' Buddies Pet Laser Toys Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Consumer Products with Button Cell Batteries | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled pet toys violate the mandatory standard for consumer products with button cell and coin batteries because the battery compartment is not secure, making the button cell batteries easily accessible to children, posing a deadly ingestion hazard. In addition, the button batteries provided with the pet toys are not in child-resistant packaging, and the packaging does not have the warnings as required by Reese's Law. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.*

**KMUYSL Big Red Barn Farm Animal Playsets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking; Violates Small Parts Ban; Sold on Amazon by MISSJUNE | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled children's toys violate the small parts ban because the*

*toy is intended for children under three years of age and the fence handles can detach from the toy, posing a deadly choking hazard.*

**Children's Tower Stools Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Death from Entrapment and Fall Hazards; Imported by AMZCMJ DGD | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled tower stools can collapse or tip over while in use and a child's torso can fit through the openings on the tower's sides, posing a risk of serious injury and death due to tip over, fall and entrapment hazards.*

**Lil Pick Up Recalls Youth All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Crash and Burn Hazards; Violates Mandatory Standard for ATVs; One Death Reported | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled youth ATVs fail to comply with the requirements of the federal mandatory ATV safety standard posing a risk of serious injury or death. The youth ATVs fail to meet the maximum speed limitations for ATVs intended for children ages 6 and older, the mechanical suspension fails to comply with safety requirements, and the throttle may get stuck during use, all of which pose a crash hazard. Additionally, the ATVs' footwell surfaces can reach high temperatures posing a risk of severe burns.*

**Children's Tower Stools Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Death from Entrapment and Fall Hazards; Imported by TOETOL HOME | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled tower stools can collapse or tip over while in use and a child's torso can fit through the openings on the tower's sides, posing a risk of serious injury and death due to tip over, fall and entrapment hazards.*  
**Mini Round Toddler Trampolines Recalled Due to Strangulation Hazard; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Manufactured by SEGMART | CPSC.gov**  
*Young children can become entangled in the straps of the hammock, punching bag and hand ring accessories, posing a strangulation hazard, which can result in serious injury or death.*

**Montessori Toy Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking Hazard; Violate Mandatory Standard for Teething Toys; Sold on Amazon by SpringFlower | CPSC.gov**  
*The Montessori toy sets contain an airplane shaped teething toy that has tentacle ends that can pose a choking hazard to young children. The toys also violate the teething toy provision of the mandatory standard for children's toys.*

**Autobrush Recalls Sonic Pro Children's Toothbrush Boxes Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries | CPSC.gov**

*The recalled delivery boxes violate the mandatory standard for consumer products containing button cell and coin batteries because they contain a lithium coin battery that can be easily accessed by children, posing an ingestion hazard. The packaging also does not bear the required warning labels for products containing such batteries as required by Reese's Law. If button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, including internal chemical burns, and death.*

**Cpzzkq Baby Loungers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Suffocation Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Infant Support Cushions; Sold on Amazon by CetoPMax | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled baby loungers violate the mandatory safety standard for infant support cushions because the padding can obstruct an infant's breathing, posing a serious risk of injury or deadly suffocation hazard.*

**ATOYUS Children's Activity Cubes Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking Hazard; Violate Small Parts Ban and Mandatory Standard for Toys; Sold on Amazon by Melofaver US | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled toys violate the small parts ban because the toys are intended for children under three and the toys' xylophone screws and clock hands can detach. In addition, the toys violate the mandatory safety standard for children's toys because the mallets have spherical ends, posing a choking hazard.*

**Wiifo Children's Tower Stools Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Death from Entrapment and Fall Hazards; Imported by Wiifo | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled tower stools can collapse or tip over while in use, and a child's torso can fit through the openings on the tower's sides, posing a risk of serious injury and death due to tip over, fall and entrapment hazards.*

**HappyGira Recalls Sweetie Baby and Style Life Eleven Baby Loungers Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Suffocation and Fall Hazards; Violates Mandatory Standard for Infant Sleep Products | CPSC.gov**  
*The baby loungers violate the mandatory standard for infant sleep products because the sides are shorter than the minimum side height limit to secure the infant and they do not have a stand, posing a fall hazard. Additionally, an infant can fall out of the enclosed opening at the foot of the lounger or become entrapped. Furthermore, the sleeping pad's thickness exceeds the maximum limit, posing a suffocation hazard. These violations create an unsafe sleeping environment for infants, posing a risk of serious injury or death.*

## Decor

**Coluans Christmas Light-Up Rings Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys; Sold on Amazon by BUDI Official | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled light-up rings violate the mandatory safety standard for toys because the battery compartment within the LED light ring contains button cell batteries that can be easily accessed by children. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.*

**Gavoyeat Halloween Light-Up Rings Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys; Sold on Amazon by CSZWE-ICD | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled light-up rings violate the mandatory safety standard for toys because the battery compartment within the LED light ring contains button cell batteries that can be easily accessed by children. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.*

## Bedding

**ELENKER Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation; Violates Mandatory Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Sold on Amazon by Fuzhou Shiahaha Cultural Industry Development | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled bed rails violate the mandatory standard for adult portable bed rails because when the bed rails are attached to a bed, users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress, posing a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation. In addition, the bed rails do not bear the required hazard warning labels.*

**Sangohe Reannounces and Expands Adult Portable Bed Rails Recall Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation; Violates Mandatory Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled bed rails violate the mandatory standard for adult portable bed rails because users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress, posing a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation. In addition, the bed rails do not bear the required warning labels.*

**Samson International Recalls Bellevue and Oaklynn Canopy Bed Frames Due to Impact and Injury Hazards | CPSC.gov**  
*The canopy beams of the bed frames can collapse primarily when the bed is moved, posing impact*

*and injury hazards to consumers.*

**Easymake Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation; Violates Mandatory Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Imported by ZFZG-US | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled bed rails violate the mandatory standard for adult portable bed rails because users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress, posing a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation. In addition, the bed rails do not bear the required hazard warning labels.*

**Casely Reannounces Recall of Wireless Portable Power Banks Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fire and Burn Hazards; One Fatality Reported After 2025 Recall | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled lithium-ion battery in the power banks can overheat and ignite, posing risk of serious injury or death from fire and burn hazards to consumers.*

**Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation; Violates Mandatory Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Sold on Amazon by ZOLIQUEX | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled bed rails violate the mandatory standard for adult portable bed rails because users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress, posing a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation. In addition, the bed rails do not bear the required hazard warning labels.*

## Home products

**Tuymec Minoxidil Hair Growth Spray Bottles Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Child Poisoning; Violates Mandatory Standard for Child-Resistant Packaging; Sold on Amazon by DrHealBeauty | CPSC.gov**  
*The hair serum contains minoxidil, which must be in child-resistant packaging as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The hair serum's packaging is not child-resistant, posing a risk of serious injury or death from poisoning if the contents are swallowed by young children.*

**Muscmm Pool Drain Covers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Drowning Hazards; Violates Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act; Sold on Amazon by SZ Hengxun | CPSC.gov**  
*The recalled drain covers violate the entrapment protection standards of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGBA), posing entrapment and drowning hazards to swimmers and bathers.*

**Yeeluzan Pool Drain**

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## RECALLS

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Covers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Drowning Hazards; Violates Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act; Sold on Amazon by Yeeluzan | CPSC.gov  
The recalled drain covers violate the entrapment protection standards of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGBA), posing entrapment and drowning hazards to swimmers and bathers.

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Kits Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Consumer Products with Button Cell Batteries; Sold on Amazon by Bessly Store | CPSC.gov  
The recalled carving kits violate the mandatory standard for consumer products with button cell and coin batteries because the button cell batteries in the tea lights can be accessed easily by children, posing an ingestion hazard. Additionally, the product and its packaging do not have the warnings required under Reese's Law. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns, and death.

SNOOZ Recalls Electrical Fans Due to Fire Hazard | CPSC.gov  
The power connector inside the fan can corrode and cause the fan to overheat, posing a risk of fire.

BISSELL Recalls Over One Million Steam Shot OmniReach Steam Cleaners Due to Risk of Serious Burn Hazard from Attachments | CPSC.gov  
The recalled steam cleaners' attachments can unexpectedly detach from the steam cleaners and expel hot water or steam onto users during use, posing a serious burn hazard.

Magnetic Stick Figure Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Magnet Ingestion; Violate Mandatory Standard for Toys; Sold on Walmart by BlissfulDestiny | CPSC.gov  
The magnetic stick figures violate the mandatory standard for toys because they contain loose magnets posing an ingestion hazard to children. When high-powered magnets are swallowed, the ingested magnets can attract each other, or other metal objects and become lodged in the digestive system. This can result in perforations, twisting, and/or blockage of the intestines, blood poisoning and death.  
Hair products

TecFlox Hair and Beard Growth Serum Bottles Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Child Poisoning; Violates Mandatory Standard for Child-Resistant Packaging | CPSC.gov  
The hair and beard

growth serum contains minoxidil, which must be in child-resistant packaging, as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The bottles are not child-resistant, posing a risk of serious injury or death from poisoning if the contents are swallowed by young children.

Outdoor equipment

OCUN NA Recalls Condor HMS Triple Carabiners Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fall Hazard | CPSC.gov  
The carabiner's gate can malfunction where the gate does not close automatically and has to be closed manually by hand, posing a risk of serious injury or death due to falling.

Wybotics Recalls Robotic Pool Vacuums Due to Burn and Fire Hazards | CPSC.gov  
The lithium-ion battery in the recalled pool vacuums can overheat, posing burn and fire hazards to consumers.

Le Hao Tool Recalls Pressure Washers Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Shock and Electrocutation Hazards | CPSC.gov  
The recalled pressure washers lack an integral ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI), posing a serious risk of injury or death from shock and electrocution hazards.  
Sweetcrispy Recalls Pressure Washers Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Shock and Electrocutation Hazards | CPSC.gov  
The recalled pressure washers lack an integral ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI), posing a serious risk of injury or death from shock and electrocution hazards.

Pressure Washers Recalled Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Shock and Electrocutation Hazards; Imported by Patoolio Direct | CPSC.gov  
The recalled pressure washers lack an integral ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI), posing a serious risk of injury or death from shock and electrocution hazards.

Pressure Washers Recalled Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Shock and Electrocutation Hazards; Imported by BAYOTAK USA | CPSC.gov  
The recalled pressure washers lack an integral ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI), posing a serious risk of injury or death from shock and electrocution hazards.

Free-Standing Professional Gas Ranges Recalled Due to Risk of Burn Hazard; Manufactured by Fisher & Paykel | CPSC.gov  
The ovens in the ranges can experience a delayed ignition, causing gas to accumulate and the oven door to open from combustion, posing a burn hazard to users.

Agiiman Recalls Pressure Washers Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Shock and Electrocutation Hazards | CPSC.gov  
The recalled pressure washers lack an integral ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI), posing a serious risk of injury or death from shock and electrocution.

Generac Power Systems Recalls Portable Generators Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Burn and Fire Hazards | CPSC.gov  
When first filling the recalled generator with gasoline, fuel can leak from the carburetor, posing a risk of serious injury or death from fire or burn hazard. Consumers with generators that have previously been filled with enough gasoline to move the gauge off "E," or have been used without any gasoline leakage, can continue to be used.

Fengrong Tool Recalls Pressure Washers Due to Serious Risk of Injury or Death from Shock and Electrocutation Hazards | CPSC.gov  
The recalled pressure washers lack an integral ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI), posing a serious risk of injury or death from shock and electrocution hazards.

mGanna Sodium Hydroxide Pellet Bags Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Chemical Burns and Irritation to the Skin and Eyes; Violate Mandatory Standard for Child-Resistant Packaging; Sold on Amazon by Archie Xpress | CPSC.gov  
The recalled products contain sodium hydroxide (lye), which must be in child-resistant packaging as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA). The packaging is not child-resistant, posing a risk of chemical burns and irritation to the skin and eyes. The products also violate the labeling requirements for hazardous substances under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA).  
Electronics

HTRC and Haisito T400 Battery Chargers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Death from Fire Hazard; Manufactured by Huizhou Haitan Technology | CPSC.gov  
The chargers can ignite or cause a connected battery to ignite, posing a fire hazard and risk of serious injury and death.

Prestige Import Group Recalls Supernova and Typhoon Lighters Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fire and Burn Hazards; Violates Mandatory Standard for Cigarette Lighters | CPSC.gov  
The recalled lighters violate the mandatory standard for cigarette lighters because they do not have the required child-resistant mechanism, posing a risk of serious injury or death

from fire and burn hazards.

In addition, the lighters failed to meet the pre-market lighter submission requirement needed to demonstrate that the lighters feature child-resistant mechanisms and ensuring their safety and compliance with U.S. regulations.

LED Lights Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries; Sold on Amazon by Happiness Light | CPSC.gov  
The recalled LED lights violate the mandatory standard for consumer products containing button cell or coin batteries because they contain lithium coin batteries that can be accessed easily by children, posing an ingestion hazard. Additionally, the LED lights do not have the warnings as required by Reese's Law. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.

Seasonal Specialties Recalls Members Mark 7' Pre-Lit Twinkling Bucks Due to Burn Hazard | CPSC.gov  
If the wires are connected incorrectly the current limiting resistor can overheat, posing a burn hazard.

Shenzhen Shijingjie Network Technology Male-to-Male Extension Cords Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Death from Electrocutation and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Hazards; Sold on Walmart | CPSC.gov  
The recalled male-to-male extension cords violate safety requirements because their exposed prongs can become energized when one end is plugged into a generator or other power source, posing a risk of serious injury and death from electrocution. In addition, using the cords to supply power from a generator to a residential electrical system (backfeeding) poses a risk of electrocution and fire. The cords' short length encourages the use of generators close to homes or enclosed spaces, posing a risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

ShymeryDirect LED Lights Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries | CPSC.gov  
The recalled LED lights violate the mandatory standard for consumer products containing button cell or coin batteries because they contain lithium coin batteries that can be accessed easily by children, posing an ingestion hazard. Additionally, the LED lights do not have the warnings required by Reese's Law. If coin batteries are swallowed, they can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.

Shenzhen Baihang Recalls VEEKTOMX Mini Power Banks, Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold on Amazon | CPSC.gov  
The lithium-ion battery in the recalled power banks can overheat and ignite, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers.

ZMC Group Recalls LED Finger Beam Lights Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys | CPSC.gov  
The recalled toys violate the mandatory safety standard for children's toys because the toy contains button cell batteries that can be easily accessed by children. If button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, including internal chemical burns, and death.

Apex Gaming PCs Recalls Manik and Apex-branded ATX Computer Power Supplies Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Electrical Shock and Electrocutation Hazards | CPSC.gov  
The units lack a permanent, on-product warning label identifying potential electrical shock and electrocution hazards, posing a risk of serious injury or death if the unit is opened or disassembled.

Tzumi Electronics Recalls FitRx SmartBell Quick-Select Adjustable Dumbbells Due to Serious Injury from Impact Hazard | CPSC.gov  
Weight plates can dislodge from the handle

during use, posing a risk of serious injury due to impact hazard.

Clothes

Head USA Recalls Ski Boots Due to Risk of Serious Injury from Fall Hazard | CPSC.gov  
The fluorescent yellow materials of the boot shell and sole inserts can deteriorate and break, posing a risk of serious injury from a fall.

SCUBAPRO Recalls Monorail Weight Pockets for Buoyancy Compensator Devices (BCDs) Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Drowning | CPSC.gov  
The D-ring handle that is used to unlock the weight pocket from the Buoyancy Compensator Device (BCD) can detach during use. If this happens, the user will not be able to remove the weight pocket in an emergency in order to rise to the surface, posing a risk of serious injury or death from a drowning hazard.

32 Degrees Recalls Heated Socks Due to Burn Hazard | CPSC.gov  
When worn during high-intensity activities that generate a combination of heat, excessive friction, moisture and pressure, the socks can pose an injury hazard including burns.

nyvue Magic Pocket Staffs Recalled Due to Projectile and Laceration Hazards; Imported by Xingwenfeng | CPSC.gov  
The protective pin mechanism on the Magic Pocket Staffs can fail to prevent unintentional expansion, posing serious projectile and laceration hazards. Even when engaged, the expansion occurs too rapidly for consumers to react, leaving virtually no opportunity for protection.

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.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-11-26-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROHIBITING RECKLESS DRIVING EXHIBITIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County adopts this Ordinance to prohibit Reckless Driving Exhibitions; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions have occurred in Hamilton County; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have caused unsafe traffic conditions and public safety risks; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have prevented the full and peaceful enjoyment of property; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have negatively impacted the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have caused damage to people and property; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions may reduce the value of Public Property and Private Property because Reckless Driving Exhibitions may cause Public Property and Private Property to appear unsightly, undesirable, or of low value; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions may encourage and/or increase criminal activity in Hamilton County; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions may cause or increase pollution; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Hamilton County to prohibit Reckless Driving Exhibitions; and WHEREAS, Hamilton County has an interest in protecting public safety; and WHEREAS, Hamilton County has an interest in protecting property against damage; and WHEREAS, this Ordinance is being adopted to advance these interests; and IT IS THEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County as follows:

SECTION I. APPLICABILITY.

This Ordinance applies to acts and omissions occurring on any Public Property and Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.

- a. "Apparent Owner" means any Person who claims to have an ownership interest in any Private Property and/or any Vehicle.
b. "Burnout" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby the Vehicle is kept stationary, or is in motion, while the wheels are spun, resulting in friction which causes the Vehicle's tires to heat up and emit smoke.
c. "Director" means the Director of the Hamilton County Plan Commission.
d. "Doughnut" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby the front or rear of the Vehicle is rotated around the opposite set of wheels in a continuous motion which may cause a circular skid-mark pattern of rubber on the driving surface and/or the tires to heat up and emit smoke from friction.
e. "Drifting" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby the Vehicle is steered so that it makes a controlled skid sideways through a turn with the front wheels pointed in a direction opposite to that of the turn.
f. "Government Authority" means any federal, local, or state government as well as any political subdivision, agency, department, or Person exercising any function of any federal, local, or state government.
g. "Nuisance" means anything offensive to the sight, smell, or hearing, erected or carried on in or near a public place where people dwell or pass, or have the right to pass, to their annoyance, as well as anything defined as a nuisance under Indiana Code § 32-30-6-6, including, but not limited to, anything (1) injurious to health; (2) indecent; (3) offensive to the senses; or (4) an obstruction to the free use of property; so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, is a nuisance, and the subject of an action.
h. "Officer" means any law enforcement officer elected as Sheriff, employed by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and/or any officer with authority to enforce this Ordinance.
i. "Ordinance" means this ordinance, Ordinance No. 05-11-26-
j. "Ordinance Violation" means any violation of this Ordinance.
k. "Participate" means organizing, facilitating, participating in, or supporting any Reckless Driving Exhibitions. Participate includes, but is not limited to, the following acts and omissions:
(1) Collecting or exchanging money or anything of value in connection with Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
(2) Riding as a passenger in a Vehicle engaging in Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
(3) Causing or encouraging any Vehicle to gather on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town for Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
(4) Causing or encouraging one person or more people to gather on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town for Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
(5) Causing or encouraging, by acts, words, or barriers, any person and/or any Vehicle to impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town for the purpose of Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
(6) Standing or sitting on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town to act as an event official, including, but not limited to, a starter, steward, or announcer, at any Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
(7) Promoting any Reckless Driving Exhibitions, including any advertising, posting, or sharing the location of any Reckless Driving Exhibitions or taking video or photographic images for purpose of promoting or profiting from any Reckless Driving Exhibitions.
l. "Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, professional association, limited partnership, general partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association, trust, bank, trust company, land trust, business trust or other organization, whether the organization is a legal entity or not, and any Governmental Authority.
m. "Private Property" means all real estate in the unincorporated parts of Hamilton County other than Public Property which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town.
n. "Private Property Occupant" means any Person present on Private Property that claims to have a substantial interest in occupying the Private Property for legal purposes.
o. "Private Property Owner" means the owner of Private Property identified on the Private Property's Property Card.
p. "Property Card" means the property card for Private Property available on Hamilton County's website or at Hamilton County's Private Property Department.
q. "Public Property" means property which is part of a public right of way, street, highway, alley, and/or park as well as Private Property owned by a Government Authority and/or any entity acting under a Build-Operate-Transfer agreement with such a Government Authority which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town.
r. "Reckless Driving Exhibitions" means the use of a Vehicle to perform or engage in any Burnouts, Doughnuts, Drifting, Wheelies, or any activity which is likely to cause harm to any Person, Public Property, and/or Private Property.
s. "Vehicle" means any automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, tractor, bus, school bus, recreational vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, watercraft, or motorized bicycle.
t. "Vehicle Owner" means the last known record titleholder of a Vehicle according to the records of the bureau under Indiana Code 9-18, or a bill of sale. If there is no title, bill of sale, or other proof of ownership produced by the person in possession of the real estate, the Vehicle Owner shall be presumed to be the owner of the real estate where the Vehicle is located.
u. "Wheelie" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby a Vehicle is driven for a distance with any wheel or wheels raised off the ground.

SECTION III. PURPOSES OF ORDINANCE.

- a. This Ordinance is hereby adopted to:
1. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which reduce the value of public and private property; and
2. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which encourage and increase criminal activity in Hamilton County; and
3. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which cause and increase pollution; and
4. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which are a Nuisance in Hamilton County; and
5. Promote public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare of Hamilton County's inhabitants and visitors.
b. This Ordinance should be interpreted, applied, and enforced in a manner that will advance the above-stated purposes.

SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

- a. No Person shall engage in Reckless Driving Exhibitions on any Public Property or Private Property.
b. No Person shall Participate in any Reckless Driving Exhibitions on Public Property or Private Property.
c. Any Person who violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of an Ordinance Violation.
d. Any Person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined \$500 for the first Ordinance Violation and be fined \$2,500 for each subsequent Ordinance Violation.
e. Any Vehicle used in any Reckless Driving Exhibitions may be towed to any lot that is owned by a towing company or to any property owned by Hamilton County at the Vehicle owner's expense.
f. The Vehicle Owner shall pay any towing and/or storage fees incurred when the Vehicle Owner's Vehicle is towed and/or stored pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION V. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

Any Person, including an Apparent Owner, Private Property Occupant, Private Property Owner, and/or Vehicle Owner who Participates in Reckless Driving Exhibitions on Public Property or Private Property may be cited for an Ordinance Violation and relief may be sought from such a Person as follows:

- a. An Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may take lawful steps to contact and/or communicate with any Person about an Ordinance Violation.
b. An Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may serve a Notice of Violation as follows:
(1) By sending a copy of the Notice of Violation by registered or certified mail or other public means by which a written acknowledgment of receipt may be requested and obtained to the Private Property Owner's residence, place of business, or place of employment with return receipt requested and returned showing receipt of the Notice of Violation; or
(2) By delivering a copy of the Notice of Violation to an Apparent Owner, Private Property Occupant, and/or Private Property Owner personally; or
(3) By leaving a copy of the Notice of Violation at the Private Property or usual place of abode of the Private Property Owner; and/or
(4) By serving the Private Property Owner's agent as provided by rule, statute, or valid agreement.
If service is made under (3) or (4) above, the Person serving the Notice of Violation shall send by first class mail, a copy of the Notice to the Private Property Owner's last known address.
c. A Notice of Violation shall include the following information:
(1) A description of the property where an Ordinance Violation was identified; and
(2) The date the Notice of Violation was prepared.
d. In any civil action filed in the appropriate Circuit or Superior Court in Hamilton County, Hamilton County, an Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may:
(1) Seek court costs and a fine of up to \$500 for the first violation of this Ordinance;
(2) Seek court costs and up to \$2,500 for any subsequent Ordinance Violation after the first Ordinance Violation;
(3) Seek a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and/or permanent injunction; and/or
(4) Seek any relief available under the Indiana Code and/or any binding precedent.
If permitted by the Court, any civil action concerning a subsequent Ordinance Violation that was identified on Private Property may be filed in the Court where the first civil action concerning an Ordinance Violation on that Private Property was filed.
e. No penalty and/or remedy in this Ordinance is exclusive of any other penalty and/or remedy. Hamilton County may seek all penalties and/or remedies listed above in this Ordinance.
f. Every Notice of Violation issued constitutes a separate violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 1. The portions of this Ordinance which identify any Ordinance Violation shall be in full force and effect on May 11, 2026. However, no fines shall be issued for any Ordinance Violation until 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance. An Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may seek any non-monetary relief available pursuant to this Ordinance at any time after this Ordinance is adopted.
2. The Hamilton County Auditor is directed to have this Ordinance codified in the Hamilton County Code of Ordinances.
3. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. Thus, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County this 11th day of May 2026.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, INDIANA

Christine Altman, President
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ATTEST:
Todd Clevenger, Auditor

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Carmel Rep. Delivers Commencement Address

On Sunday, May 3, State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) delivered the commencement keynote address during the graduation ceremony for Marian University's School of Medicine and graduate programs. President Daniel Elsener also conferred on Lopez an honorary doctorate of public service on behalf of the university.

In his remarks, Lopez challenged students to live out the University's Franciscan values, work collaboratively with others to advance solutions to society's biggest challenges, and embrace their roles as leaders working to strengthen their cities, state, and nation.

"A willingness to find middle ground is not a character flaw, and a life lived as a series of litmus tests isn't noble or patriot-

ic," Lopez said. "It is irresponsible, while openness to reasonable compromise is a sign of maturity, good citizenship, pragmatism toward greater purpose."

Lopez also reflected on the things that make Marian University exceptional, including its emphasis on applied learning, its commitment to making impact off campus, and its mission to prepare leaders ready to live their faith in service of others.

"The true miracle of Marian University is to turn it into an agent of action, an agent of change, so desperately needed in our city," Lopez said. "Marian ignites that change by giving license to leaders to live their faith openly, but it simultaneously demands that we constantly examine our convictions and not hide behind them

to exclude, to tear down or to seek differences."

Following his remarks, Elsener conferred on Lopez an honorary doctorate for his decades of leadership across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and for his sustained impact on Indiana's economic, civic and philanthropic landscape.

"President Elsener and his team at Marian have spent almost three decades redefining what higher education ought to be about, and I am both humbled and honored to be recognized by this incredible institution," Lopez said.

In addition to serving as a state representative in the General Assembly, Lopez leads Vincam, a Carmel-based firm specializing in public, govern-



Photo Courtesy Marian University

State Rep. Danny Lopez delivered the commencement keynote address at Marian's graduation ceremony.

ment and media relations. He previously served as an executive vice president at Pacers Sports & Entertainment and held senior roles

in the administrations of Govs. Eric Holcomb, Mike Pence and Mitch Daniels.

Lopez represents House

District 39, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.



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# Councilor Shares Report on Work Done



## MARK HALL

Guest  
Columnist

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It is to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it is important that you know what is being worked on as transparently as is possible in county government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7:00 PM the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, April work included: watching Board of Commissioners', Cicero Town Council and Noblesville

City Council public meetings. A Council Executive Session, meeting with the Hamilton County Health Department Administrator, Jason LeMaster reviewing his department's annual roadmap plan, meeting with the Commissioners Director of Administration and attending the quarterly Cicero Hamilton County update session.

The in-person April Personnel Committee meeting was canceled and replaced with a poll of committee members. Human Resources requested approval to hire a Benefits Manager at a level above the recommended formula compensation. After analyzing the request, discussing it, and reviewing the candidate's experience as it related to the role, a majority of members voted not to recommend the higher level. That recommendation went to the full council, which approved the lower pay rate, saving several thousand dollars.

The Finance Committee and Insurance Committee did not meet in April. April work included preparing and approving budget instructions for

department heads. With the county's revenue outlook shifting over the next few years—from property tax to local income tax—I am advocating a conservative approach to cost containment. Given the uncertainty, I am inclined to slow the creation of new positions. However, because the state is adding two new courts, we must fund the required staffing. If judicial services designate both as major felony courts, the added staff costs are estimated at \$2.4 million per year. I also expect the legislature to further revise SEA 1 before we develop the 2028 budget so long-term planning is like trying to nail Jello to the wall.

During April I received four constituent service requests and communications. Again, this month families living near the intersection of Pleasant Street and Cherry Tree Road contacted me regarding the speed limit along Cherry Tree Road and its intersection with the new Pleasant Street Parkway. This month the speed limit was lowered to 35 MPH along Cherry Tree Road from 171st street to Pleasant Street. This is a direct result of multiple families reporting concerns, working with local elected officials, a highway department that conducted testing and then recommending to the Board of Commissioners that the speed be reduced and they took action to

do so. Two of the families wrote thank you notes for the change with one family reminding me that road repair remains an outstanding issue. I spoke with the Highway Department Director, Brad Davis, and was encouraged to learn that this stretch of road is on the list of future repairs. Stay tuned.

Another request was concerning down utility lines in Jackson Township. After some research, the constituent was connected to the local authorities with zoning and planning jurisdiction over the area to resolve the issue with the responsibly utility company. A third request arrived from the daughter of an elderly Cicero couple whose yard was left in disarray from a county construction project. After research and speaking with the County Engineer, Joel Thurman, I came to understand that the contractor responsible has had a few similar complaints. These will be addressed specifically in the punchlist of work, prior to the final project release.

The final message I received questioned the need for the Judicial Center expansion. With Hamilton County's low crime rate, why spend \$70 million to expand and renovate the building? It's a fair question. The facility was completed in 1992, when the county's population was about 121,000.

Today we exceed 390,000 residents, and demand for county services has grown accordingly. Current caseloads have each judge handling the workload of more than two judges under typical conditions. Space needs have also increased across our twenty-seven departments, and the 25-year-old building faces the wear and limitations you would expect. The project will add seven courtrooms to help address the thousands of pending cases. While crime rates per 100,000 residents have declined, civil filings have increased—business disputes, family law matters, property and employment cases, and contract litigation. And even with a lower rate, the total number of cases rises as the population grows. In short, it's time. We have people sharing cubicles and working in challenging situations. The county has even had to lease space to accommodate our workforce.

Of special note this month was a review of the Auditors monthly report. Each month I receive a detailed report on the county's general fund financial shape. The information includes all the County General Fund budgeted amounts by account along with year-to-date spending and pro-forma against budget. It's a great tool to review how we are performing against expected revenue and expenses by

department and fund. Happy to report that the fiscal health of the county remains strong and even though as a citizen we can generally feel that things are ok, it's reassuring to have the data, review it and know in your knower that things are ok.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during April 2026. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it is important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it is important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at 317-832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX, Talent Logistix. He writes a monthly column in *The Times* detailing his work as a county councilman.



Dr. Derek Arrowood holds the 2026 Ida Award for his service to children.

## Derek Arrowood presented Ida Award

Dr. Derek Arrowood has been presented the Ida Yaney Overholser Award for his work with the Central Indiana chapter of Teach One to Lead One.

The Ida Award is an annual award given to a person who has worked behind the scenes to help children overcome obstacles and become leaders through T1L1 mentoring. Arrowood is the superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, the first school system in Indiana to host a T1L1 mentoring group. He is also one of the origi-

nal volunteer mentors from 2019 and continues to mentor students each week.

Since its inception, the Central Indiana T1L1 program has grown from one school serving 26 students into seven school districts serving 1,698 students across Central Indiana. The Ida Award recognizes the significance of community partners who have impacted the lives of students.

Ida Yaney Overholser was born in Indiana in 1885. Although she ex-

perienced heartbreaking loss and tragedy during her lifetime, she overcame these obstacles and taught others to do the same. In her 100 years, she served as a caregiver to people in need and a comforter to those who had experienced great loss in life, as she had. The Ida Award honors her legacy to bestow grace and kindness to people in need.

For more information on Teach One to Lead One, go to [www.T1L1.org](http://www.T1L1.org).

## Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance promotes Westfield Man

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is excited to announce that Brett Buhl has been promoted to deputy general counsel. Buhl assumed the role that was previously held by Jessica Philleo, who recently retired after 18 years of service with the company. Buhl began his new role on April 18, 2026.

Buhl joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance in 2016 as associate general counsel and most recently held the position of senior associate general counsel. He also currently leads the company's strategic People Leadership Team, which works to ensure company strategies are implemented effectively and appropriately. Prior to joining Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, he spent 10 years as a litigation attorney at Ogletree Deakins, a national labor and employment law firm. In his new role, Buhl is responsible for the company's legal, compliance, and vendor contracting functions.

"I'm looking forward to partnering with our lead-

ers and business units to navigate an increasingly complex regulatory landscape, while supporting the company's continued growth," said Buhl. "I'm grateful for the support and mentorship that's helped me get here, and I'm excited to lead a talented team."

Buhl is passionate about maintaining and building the trust, accessibility and solution-oriented approach of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance's legal team.

"That includes developing our team, fostering collaboration, and ensuring we're delivering clear, actionable guidance that helps the company operate effectively while managing risk," said Buhl. "I further hope to have an impact by helping the company stay ahead of change to enable continued growth—whether that's evolving regulation, emerging risks or shifts in the insurance market."

A graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Buhl earned a bachelor's degree in busi-



Brett Buhl

ness management. He earned his juris doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law in Dayton, Ohio. He currently serves on the Indiana Legal Foundation board as a representative of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

Buhl is originally from Van Wert, Ohio, and now lives in Westfield, Indiana, with his wife, Ashley, and their three children: Kennedy, Finely and Will. The family is active in Westfield Youth Sports. Additionally, Buhl is an active member at Northview Church and The Club at Chatham Hills.

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## County Traffic Safety Partnership to Increase Seatbelt Patrols

Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is partnering with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to urge Hoosiers to buckle up as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign, a high-visibility enforcement effort focused on increasing seatbelt use.

Beginning now through May 31, 2026, officers will work overtime to ensure drivers and passengers are using their seatbelts and children are properly secured. The overtime patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through ICJI's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP).

"Buckling up is one of the simplest and most effective ways to protect yourself and your loved ones on the road," said Douglas Huntsinger, executive director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. "Seatbelts save lives every day, and every trip should begin with making sure everyone is secured before hitting the

road."

Since 2021, Indiana has seen a steady decline in fatalities among passenger vehicle occupants who are not wearing seatbelts. Seatbelt usage among Hoosiers has also increased, reaching 94.1% in 2025 according to the Annual Seat Belt Usage Survey conducted by Purdue University Center for Road Safety in partnership with ICJI. This rate is above the national average of 91.2% usage in 2024.

"Far too often, we respond to crashes where lives could have been saved by one simple decision, wearing a seatbelt," said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. "Buckling up is more than just following the law. It's about protecting yourself, your family, and everyone counting on you to make it home safely. Taking a few seconds to click your seatbelt can make all the difference." Indiana law requires drivers and all passengers to buckle up. Children under age eight must be properly

restrained in a federally approved child car seat or booster seat. Drivers can be cited for lack of seat belt use, but also for each unbuckled passenger under the age of 16.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make sure children are in the right car seat and that it is used correctly and properly installed. Resources can be found at [www.nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat](http://www.nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat). To schedule an appointment with a certified car seat safety technician at one of Indiana's 100 fitting stations, visit [on.in.gov/SafeKids](http://on.in.gov/SafeKids).

CHIRP is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. For more information about ICJI's traffic safety programs, visit [www.in.gov/cji](http://www.in.gov/cji).

To learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership, please visit: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/502/Traffic-Safety>

## Fishers Company Announces Merger, Expansion

OfficeWorks has announced a strategic merger that brings APG Office Furnishings into their organization.

OfficeWorks will now serve clients across additional markets in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Memphis. This announcement is a reflection of OfficeWorks' continued growth and strategy for expansion outside of Central Indiana.

APG will transition to the OfficeWorks name and brand over time.

"Bringing our strengths and capabilities together creates an even stronger organization," said Larry Martin, President of OfficeWorks. "It supports growth across markets and expands the value we will deliver to clients and partners."

Headquartered in Central Indiana, OfficeWorks has spent more than four decades helping organizations align people, place, and purpose to do their

best work.

OfficeWorks provides design, commercial furniture, and workplace solutions delivered through an integrated approach to process and execution. OfficeWorks is a minority-owned business and a certified MBE.

Through this merger, OfficeWorks welcomes APG into an organization positioned for long-term growth while preserving local leadership and trusted client relationships. Clients can expect continuity in service and engagement, alongside expanded capabilities and expertise across markets.

As Certified MillerKnoll Dealers, OfficeWorks and APG are united by a shared commitment to high-quality service and the collective strength of the MillerKnoll network. Together, they bring deep experience and a focus on creating thoughtful, high-performing environments.

"OfficeWorks and APG represent the kind of MillerKnoll dealers who raise the bar," said John Michael, President, North America at MillerKnoll. "This creates meaningful growth opportunities across markets and expands their impact."


APG, founded in 1969 and headquartered in Cincinnati, has built a strong legacy serving clients across Ohio and Tennessee. APG serves higher education, commercial, healthcare, and government organizations to plan, design, furnish, and deliver commercial interior environments.

This decision reflects pride in what we've built and confidence in the future," said Terry Goins, Chief Operating Officer of APG. "OfficeWorks shares our commitment to client relationships, service, and long-term thinking. This step strengthens what we provide clients, while keeping our people and values at the center."

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