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FEELING SMALL IN THE DISTRICT



photo by Will Fehlinger

The Willard Hotel salutes our 47th President. Evidently, this is nicknamed the "residence of presidents" as every U.S. president since Franklin Pierce has either slept in a room or attended an event there.

Will Fehlinger **COPY EDITOR**

The Saturday before Inauguration Day, I turned on SNL in anticipation of guest host Dave Chappelle's monologue. Comics are great sages in big moments, throwing jabs and roundhouse hooks from the sidelines. But toward the end of his 17-minute a good president, but

Night Live record, incidentally – Chappelle took a serious tone.

He gave an anecdote of once being in the Middle East at the same time as former president Jimmy Carter, who walked through Palestine with little security as surrounding crowds cheered him on. Chappelle recalled thinking, "I don't know if that's intro - a Saturday (See "SMALL" pg. 9)

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WEATHER CHANGES



photo by Cassie Garrett

Visiting the house where Lincoln died is a part of the Ford Theatre experience.

Ron Yurcak CONTRIBUTOR

The excitement of the Inauguration in Washington DC was the talk. It was surely going to be cold as the 47th President took the oath, but we planned for the cold. But soon the news arrived as we entered the city

limits that it would be moved indoors. Space went from unlimited to just dignitaries and such. So now it is time to figure out what to do on a Saturday in Washington. We started with a visit to the Ford Theater. This is a must see on your to do list. A short walk just four short blocks to the (See "WHAT" pg. 8)

Lines, Loyalty and a New Era:

The Atmosphere of Trump's Inaugural Weekend



The Trump Victory Rally held the day before the 47th Presidential Inauguration brought thousands to the streets of Washington D.C., as they lined up hoping to secure a spot inside the Capitol One Arena for the rally.

Cassie Garrett

One of the striking

themes observed in

Washington, D.C., durpresence of long lines.

tion. Throngs of excit-

The massive lines be- ed supporters created ing the weekend leading gan forming with the a serpentine line that up to the inauguration Trump Victory Rally snaked through the and on the day itself held the day before the city streets, stretching was the overwhelming Presidential Inaugura- over approximately 20 (See "LINES" pg. 8)

Trump's Inauguration: A civilian's perspective

Brandy Todd ADVERTISING

Last week, four of mv co workers and I

ton DC to cover the in- Won" bridge, signs and auguration of Donald merchandise lining the Trump. The excitement street. This being my was obvious as we ar- first time in Washingrived to check in to our ton DC. I was excited

traveled to Washing- hotel, with a "Trump but a little apprehensive with the amount of people expected to be there. The vibe was mostly positive with a few (See "CIVIL" pg. 9)

Power of the people: A reflection on the People's March against Trump's Inauguration

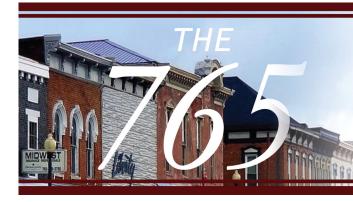
Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Two days prior to Trump's inauguration, on Jan. 18, the People's March took place in Washington, D.C. Organizers anticipated an attendance of around 50,000 participants, though law enforcement on scene estimated the number was be-

tween 5,000 and 10,000. rally commenced with a spirited procession heading (See "PROTEST" pg. 10)



Protesters gathered and marched to the Lincoln Memorial in protest of Trump's Inauguration.



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February

1st - Tox-Away-Day from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Rush County residents can dispose of oil-based paints & stains (NO latex paints), pesticides, insecticides, aerosols, acids, bases, household chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, mercury, refrigerators, freezers, air conditions & electronics for recycling. Due to limited storage space LARGE quantities of household hazardous waste, pesticides & flammable liquids will not be accepted. Bring your unwanted computers, laptops, cell phones and TVs, Used tires are collected at the Rush county Highway garage Monday through Friday.

1st - Chicken Fry from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Kinghts of Columbus, 227 E 3rd St., Rushville. Ticket price is \$17.50. Dinner includes three pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert. All proceeds will go to RCVA Phoenix House. All board members will be selling tickets or you may buy tickets

8th - Galintines Day | Ladies Only Event from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rushville Fairgrounds, Indoor Building. Free will donation admission ticket. Join us at the Galintines Day Event held at Rushville fairgrounds. This is not just just your typical shopping event – it's a time to chill with your girls, get pampered & relax. With over 20+ vendors & service providers, there is something for everyone. From unique hand-made crafts, permanent jewelry, home decor, self-defense items, candles & wax melts, car freshies, cake-pucks, coco bombs, cake pops, cookies, chocolate covered strawberries, personalized cups, freeze dried candy, children's & women's boutiques to nail services, brow services, hair services & massage services, we got you covered. Grab your Girls and put on your boots because this is a great event to come hang out as a community of women. Bring your girl squad, best friend, coworkers, siblings or your daughter. spend time laughing, smiling, relaxing & reconnecting as you shop amazing finds or relax at one of our service providers. But wait, there's more! Who doesn't LOVE raffles, giveaways, door prizes & more. Each lady who purchases a ticket will receive an entry into one of our prizes (Ladies will receive a ticket and you will place it in which bucket you would like) There will also be options to purchase additional tickets. Don't think we forgot about food and drinks! There will be a food and drink vendor to fill your belly and give you a sweet drink shopping experience as well as a goodies table with cupcakes and light refreshments.

14th - R2W Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rush to Work Job Center, 306 N Main St., Rushville. Free. R2W Career Fair Series resumes again this year with events on the second Friday of every month from 10-2. Polish your resume, dress to impress employers and stop in and see what jobs are available. Employers will be offering jobs on the spot for the right candidates. If you need assistance with creating or polishing your resume, call Eastern Indiana Works Talent Specialists and (765) 932-5921!

14th - Teen Anti-Valentine Party from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Rushville Public Library, 130 W 3rd St., Rushville. Our annual Anti-Valentine's Day party is back! Teens are welcome to join us as we make Frankentoys, antilove potions, decorate cookies, and more! Singles Preferred; Couples Tolerated.

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OVERVIEW OF KEY HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE 2025 INDIANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bartels.

Digest

Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR

There have been over 600 House Bills introduced in the 2025 legislative session, encompassing a diverse range of topics, from the implementation of castration chemical for sex offenders and the legalization of recreational and medical cannabis use to the designation of persimmon as the official fruit of Indiana.

During the legislative session, bills are introduced and recorded in a list on the IGA.

To remain active, all bills must meet specific milestones within established deadlines throughout the legislative process. Active bills are indicated in blue on the website, while bills displayed in gray are considered inactive.

Below is an overview of several bills that have been referred to committee for review.

House Bill 1231 Display of the Ten Commandments

Authored by: Rep. J.D. Prescott. by: Co-Authored Rep. Bruce Borders.

Digest

Requires each school corporation to place a durable poster or framed picture representing the text of the Ten Commandments in each school library and classroom.

The bill will be reviewed by the House of Education today, Jan.

House Bill 1145 Decriminalization of Marijuana

Authored Rep. Heath VanNatter. **Digest**

Decriminalizes possession of two ounces or less of marijuana.

The bill will be reviewed by the Committee on Courts and Criminal Code n Wednesday, Jan. 29.

House Bill 1447 State Forest Areas Restricted From Logging

Authored Rep. Dave Hall. Co-Authored by: Rep. Kyle Miller.

Digest

Requires the Department of Natural Resources (department), before Jan. 1, 2026, to designate at least one undivided area comprising at least 10% of each state forest as an

old forest area. Pro- Doug Miller, Rep. Steve vides that, wherever possible, the size of a designated old forest area must be at least 500 acres. Sets forth certain purposes to guide the department in designating the old forest areas. Prohibits the department from conducting or allowing timber management in the old forest areas. Requires the department to produce and keep on file maps and legal descriptions of the designated old forest areas. Provides that the designation of the old forest areas may not affect hunting, fishing, trapping, and other recreational uses of the state forests, the maintenance of access roads in the state forests, or rights of access through the state for-

The bill will be reviewed by the Natural Resources Committee on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1453 Pediatric Cancer Research and **Treatment Grant**

Authored by: Rep. Timothy O'Brien. Co-Authored by: Rep. Ryan Lauer, Rep. Robb Greene.

Digest

Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment fund. Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program to be admin- chemical istered by the Indiana treatment. Makes it a Department of Health. Level 4 felony if a per-Sets forth requirements for an entity to receive a grant. Requires the state department to develop criteria, policies, procedures, and a plan concerning awarding grants. Prioritizes the use of funds on innovative research and treatments with the potential of resulting in novel therapies for pediatric cancer. Requires the state department to submit an annual report to the governor and legislative council concerning the grant program and publish the report on the state depart-

ment's website. The bill will be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1454 **Emergency Ambulance Services**

Rep. Timothy O'Brien. Co-Authored Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep.

Authored

Specifies that emergency medical servic-

es, including emergency ambulance services, are essential services in Indiana. Specifies the provision of emergency medical services is an essential purpose of political subdivisions. Requires the commissioncounty ers of each county to: (1) identify areas that are unserved by emergency ambulance services; and (2) provide emergency ambulance services to the areas by establishing a county emergency ambulance service, contracting with a public, private, or nonprofit provider emergency ambulance services, or by any other available means.

The Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee will review the bil on Jan. 30.

House Bill 1455 Chemical Castration for Certain Sex **Offenders**

Authored Rep. Elizabeth Rowray. **Digest**

Allows a court to order that a sex offender whose victim was under 14 years of age may only be eligible for parole, probation, or community corrections if the sex offender consents to castration son who consents to chemical castration treatment knowingly or intentionally stops receiving the chemical castration treatment. Requires the Department of Correction to administer or contract with a provider to administer chemical castration treatments.

The Courts Criminal Code will review the bill on Jan. 29

House Bill 1476 Funding for Child Trauma Support Programs

Authored Rep. Renee Pack.

Digest

Establishes childhood trauma support fund. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to develop and administer a grant program for certain entities that create support programs for children who have experienced trauma. Makes an appropriation.

and Human Affairs will review the bill on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1505 Use of SNAP benefits

Authored Rep. Lindsay Patterson.

Digest

Prohibits recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from purchasing: (1) energy drinks; (2) sweetened beverages; (3) carbonated beverages; (4) candy; (5) snack chips; and (6) cookies; with SNAP benefits. Requires the office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (office) to provide to an individual, at the time the office approves the individual's application to receive SNAP benefits, specified educational materials regarding the effects of diet on an individual's health. Requires the office to apply for a waiver or authorization to implement the prohibition if a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is required, and allows a delay in implementation until the waiver or authorization is received.

The Family, Children and Human Affairs will review the bill on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1507 Low water crossings

Authored by: Lindsay

Co-Authored Rep. Alex Zimmerman. Rep. Criswell, Rep. Garrett Bascom.

Digest

Authorizes a local county road and bridge board to undertake low-water crossing projects. It requires the commissioner of the Department of Transportation (department) to ensure that the department makes information about funding from federal and private sources that might be available to the counties for low water crossing projects available to county boards of commissioners and county highway departments. Amends the law on the local road and bridge matching grant fund: (1) to allow grants to local units to be used for low water crossing projects; and (2) to provide that funds allocated for grants to local units

(See "BILLS" pg. 3)



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having a population of less than 50,000 can be used to make grants to counties below the population limit as well as to municipalities located in counties that are below the population limit.

The Roads and Transportation Committee passed the bill. It will now go to the House of Representatives for review.

House Bill 1508 -Middle school health curriculum

Authored by: Rep. Lindsay Patterson. Co-Authored by: Rep. Lorissa Sweet.

Digest Provides that each school corporation must include instruction on fetal development as a part of the health education curriculum for students enrolled in grades six

The Education Committee will review the bill on Jan. 29.

through eight.

House Bill 1512 Outdoor recreation

Authored by: Rep. Tonya Pfaff. Co-Authored by:

Rep. Carey Hamilton. **Digest** Establishes the out-

door recreation development program within the Indiana destination development corporation to coordinate tourism development activities with outdoor recreation business opportunities.

Natural Resources Committee will review the bill on Jan.

House Bill 1531 Various immigration matters

Authored by: Rep. J.D. Prescott. Co-Authored by: Rep. Chris Jeter, Rep. Michelle Davis, Rep. Garrett Bascom.

Digest

Clarifies the enforcement of federal immigration laws may be carried out by federal, state, or local law enforcement. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental entities or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. Provides that a governmental body that has the custody of an individual who is the subject of an immigration detainer request shall: (1) provide the judge authorized to grant or deny the individual's release on bail notice that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (2) record in the individual's case file that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (3) comply with the immigration detainer request; and (4) inform the individual that the individual is being held pursuant to an immigration detainer request. Provides immunity to a governmental body or an employee of a governmen-

taken concerning an immigration detainer request. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that a governmental entity has not complied with an immigration detention request, the attorney general may: (1) issue a cease and desist order; (2) bring a court action to enjoin an action or practice constituting a violation of an immigration detention request or compel compliance with the immigration detention request; and (3) impose a civil penalty for noncompliance with an immigration detention request. Provides that if the attorney general determines a governmental body did not comply with an immigration detention order, upon the advice of the attorney general, the governor may order that state funding and grants be withheld to the governmental body. Requires a judge who receives notice that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer request to ensure that the notice of the immigration detainer request is recorded in the court's record. Requires a judge to report to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency an individual who has been convicted in the judge's court of a felony or misdemeanor. Prohibits an employer from recruiting, hiring, or employing an un-

authorized alien. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable causes exists that an employer has recruited, hired, or employed an unauthorized alien, the attorney general may enjoin the action and seek the suspension of the employer's operating authority. Requires a parole sponsor to submit certain information to the state Department of Revenue annually. Provides that the state Department of Revenue shall retain the information submitted by parole sponsors and may share the information with the attorney general. It makes it a Level 6 felony if a parole sponsor knowingly or intentionally submits a false statement or false supporting documentation to the State Department of Revenue. It requires each corporation school and charter school to report certain student information to the Department of Education.

The bill was reviewed by the Judiciary Committe on Jan. 27 and will move to the house with amendments.

House Bill 1548 Motor Vehicle Matters

Authored by: Rep. Jim Lucas. **Digest**

Increases the penalty for operating a motor vehicle without being issued a valid driver's license. Provides that tal body for any action if an unlicensed driver

is at fault for a vehicle accident, the driver or the registered owner of the vehicle used by the individual shall pay the insurance deductibles for any person not at fault. Provides that if an individual operates a motor vehicle without financial responsibility, a valid certificate of registration, and valid driving privileges, their motor vehicle shall be impounded.

The bill is still in review by the Roads and Transportation Committee.

House Bill 1554 **Driving With Suspended Driving Privileges**

Authored by: Rep. Garrett Bascom. Co-Authored by: Rep. Alex Zimmerman.

Digest Provides that a person who operates a

motor vehicle after the person's driving privileges are forfeited for life commits a Level 6 felony. The bill will be re-

viewed by the Courts and Criminal Code Committee on Jan. 29. House Bill 1566 - Bail

Authored by: Rep. Ragen Hatcher.

Digest

Prohibits a court from requiring an arrestee to pay bail as a condition of pretrial release unless: (1) the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the arrestee is a flight risk or danger to the community; (2) the arrestee is charged with murder or treason; (3) the arrestee is on pretrial release not related to the incident that is the basis for the present arrest; or (4) the arrestee is on probation, parole, or other community supervision. Requires that the amount of bail be the lowest amount required, based on the defendant's financial circumstances, to assure the arrestee's appearance at trial and to protect the community.

The Courts and Criminal Code Committee will review the bill on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1611 Exemption from Daylight Saving Time

Authored Rep. Shane Lindauer. Co-Authored by:

Rep. J.D. Prescott.

Digest

Exempts Indiana from Daylight Saving Time. The

bill was reviewed by the Public Policy Committee on Jan. 28.

House Bill 1618 Designation of Persimmon as State Fruit

Authored by: Rep. Shane Lindauer. **Digest**

Designates the persimmon as the official state fruit of Indiana.

The bill was ammended and passed by the Government and Regulatory Reform Committee on Jan. 27.

> House Bill 1630 **Cannabis** legalization Authored by: Rep.

Heath VanNatter.

Co-Authored by: Rep. Justin Moed, Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Jake Teshka.

Digest

Establishes a procedure for the lawful production and sale of cannabis in Indiana. Makes conforming amendments.

The bill will be reviewed by the Courts and Criminal Code Committee on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1635 Medical Cannabis

Authored by: Rep. Jake Teshka.

Co-Authored by: Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Doug Miller.

Digest

Permits the use of medical cannabis by a person with a serious medical condition as determined by the person's physician and establishes a procedure for the production and distribution of medical cannabis. Makes conforming amendments.

The bill was reviewed by the Public Health Committee on Jan. 27.

House Bill 1647 Paid Leave for **Mental Health**

Authored by: Rep. Ragen Hatcher. **Digest**

Entitles an employee to at least 36 hours of paid mental health leave per calendar year. Provides that unused paid mental health leave rolls over to the next calendar and that an employer is not required to pay out unused paid mental health leave upon the termination of an employment relationship. Requires an employee to provide reasonable advance notice when paid mental health leave will be used. Prohibits an employer from discriminating or taking adverse action against an employee who uses paid mental health leave.

The bill will be reviewed by the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1669 **Adult Oriented Performances**

Authored by: Rep. Bruce Borders.

Co-Authored by: Rep. Michelle Davis.

Digest

Defines "adult oriented performance". Provides that a governmental entity may not organize or host an adult oriented performance or fund an adult oriented performance using public funds. Requires an adult oriented performance operator to check identification at the entrance to an adult oriented performance to prevent a minor from attending. Allows the attorney general to issue civil investigative demands or bring an action if certain measures are not taken to prevent a minor from attending the adult oriented performance. Establishes a criminal penalty if an individual knowingly (See "BILLS" pg. 10)

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Rush County **Humane Society**

The Rush County Humane Society will meet Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. and March 19, 2025 at 7 p.m. meeting room.

Rush County Solid Waste Management

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, March 24 @ 8:15 a.m. in the at the Rushville Police Rush County Court-Department East door house Assembly Room.

ARREST REPORT

Inmate: Jacob Pyles Booking Date: 01/21 Charges: Possession Stolen Property, Possession of Sched-

ule A:M, Possession of Methamphetamine, Weapon/Instrument Herrmann Violence, Altered Gun Identification

Bond: \$1,500 Inmate: Carl Foster

Booking Date: 01/22Charge: Failure to Appear

Bond: NOB

Inmate: Paul Mc-Dowell Booking Date: 01/22

Charges: Operating a Vehicle With an ACE of .15 or more, OWI, False Info, Failure to Disclose

Bond: \$1,000

Inmate: Leona Daugherty Booking Date: 01/23

Charges: Domestic Interfering Battery, with Public Safety, **Disorderly Conduct** Bond: \$750

Inmate: Jaden Allen

Booking Date: 01/23 Charges: Theft/ Shoplifting, Minor Possess Alcoholic Bev-

Bond: \$750

erage

Inmate: Zachary

Charges: Domestic Battery, Burglary/ Breaking and Entering, Criminal chief, Leaving Scene of a Crash, Pro-

bation Violation Bond: \$1,000

Inmate: David Mor-

Booking Date: 01/24

Charge: Failure to

Appear Bond: \$500

Inmate: Heather O'Connor

Booking Date: 01/24 Charges: Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, Possession of Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Viola-

> Bond: \$1,000 Source: RCSO

SENATOR LEISING CHAIRS RURAL CAUCUS MEETING

tion



State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) chairs the first meeting of the year for the Rural Caucus on Jan. 22. Indiana State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver spoke at the event, which covered topics such as public health and other issues significant to rural Indiana.





Lady Lions coming down home stretch

Will Fehlinger **SPORTS EDITOR**



Bennett laid in two in transition early in the fourth for a 30-20 advantage. Jones' 3-point combo pushed the lead to 13. Caviness popped a 10-footbut Bottomley scored again to force a Lion timeout. Buzzard followed a Jones field goal with a 3-pointer; Bottomley was true again, however, and Rushville stopped play at 3:16 down 39-25. A Caviness deuce gave the Lions their smallest deficit down the stretch.

The sophomore Caviness came off the bench to lead RCHS in scoring with eight. T. Morgan and Senour put in 6 each and Buzzard chipped in 5. Bennett added 15 for the visitors.

RCHS (7-16, 2-5) wraps up the regular season Thursday at Columbus North.

The JV Lady Lions traveled to Seymour Jan. 18 and were defeated 48-44. Jerrica Taylor led the team with 9 points, 9 rebounds. Charlie Marcum had 6 points and 2 assists. Melaney Mahan had 6 points. Emily Rouse had 4 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Caviness had 4 points. Josie Corn had 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists. Kiara Flannery had 4 points, 2 rebounds. Jasmine Taylor Becca Tabeling each had 3 points and 5 rebounds.

After a loss to Batesville, JV (9-12) defeated Connersville 41-25.

Marcum had 9 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 steals. Jerrica Taylor had 8 points and 8 rebounds. Josie Corn had 6 points,6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block, and 1 steal. Becca Tabeling had 6 points and 5 rebounds.Jasmine Taylor had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Emily Rouse had 3 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 block. Kiara Flannery had 3 points and 2 steals. Melany Mahan had points and 3 rebounds.

Lions on 5-game skid

Rushville boys basketball dropped to 2-12 on the season with a pair of home losses last week, falling 55-33 to Centerville's Bulldogs Wednesday and 56-45 to Madison's Cubs Friday.

Centerville outscored

the Lions in each of the four quarters to grab the 22-point victory. A 27-20 game at halftime, CHS sprinted ahead with a 17-7 third stanza. Senior XxZavien Jenkins scored 12 points to lead the Lion offense with sophomore Owen Zachery contributing nine (three triples) and junior Clayton Chase six (two 3s). Jenkins added eight boards and Zachery four assists. Junior Landyn Keiser led all scorers with 18 for the Bulldogs and soph Bryson Brown added 10.

Despite going well over their season scoring average on Friday, the Lions also gave up second-highest total of the year on defense as the Jefferson County squad finished out the 11-point win. A 21-10 first quarter by the Cubs proved to be a killer for RCHS although the Lions shaved the lead to five by halftime at 29-24. The score was 39-30 with a quarter remaining.

Chase's 14 paced the Lion offense and sophomore Zy Adams added 10. Jenkins and senior Adrian Apodaca scored 6 each. Chase had 7 rebounds and Adams 5. Zachery and Jenkins collected 3 assists apiece.

Dearborn Friday for an rounded out the scoring EIAC matchup and wel-

comes conference rival

Will Fehlinger

SPORTS EDITOR

East Central Saturday night in a snow makeup contest.

The JV squad (4-7) fell to Centerville 46-34. Leading the Lions in scoring was sophomore Benson Crowder with 12 points. Also contributing 8 points apiece were Braydin Pease and Vilho Weckman.

After trailing by two after the first quarter vs Madison, the Lions pulled away to win the game 48-33. Rushville held Madison scoreless in the 4th. Leading the way for the team was Gavin Owen with a game-high 20 points. Crowder and Pease each added 7 points, Weckman and Ryder Flannery finished with RCHS is at South 6 each and Chase Hunt with 2.

day conference matchmorial Gymnasium, defeating the Lady Lions 59-31. The home team didn't reach dou-

quarter, trailing 37-9. Maddie Haskamp led all scorers with 18 points, getting to the rim with regularity to exploit the Lion much of the first half, team-high

The Batesville Lady

Bulldogs were never

threatened in a Thurs-

ble digits on the score-

just 20%.

3 was answered by freshman Kendyl Bot-Gracie Buzzard's la- tomley then completyup for a 3-2 BHS lead ed a 3-point play as early on. By the time the Lions scored their next field goal, they were already down in her own miss to tie 23-3 midway through things at seven in the the second period. Mikayla Herbert and Tri-two. Caviness had a sha Morgan obliged quick response from with 2-point makes behind the arc and but at halftime the Lions were staring at an to make it 13-7. With unsightly 33-7 disad- just over four minvantage.

ly put the hosts in the buried a three to get double-figure column the Spartans within a when her basket between Gesell buckets and conversion by the made it 37-11. Senour scored twice more and nett produced another Buzzard once as RCHS tie. Maddie Harrison dropped behind 46-18 had a rebound bucket at the end of three. for CHS, but K. Mor-The Lions, behind a gan put in a short series of threes by jumper to even things Herbert, T. Morgan and Charlotte Caviness, went for 13 in ing it when the teams the fourth.

Senour each had 9 five in a row as part of points to pace the Li- her 8-point third quarand Buzzard added 5 called timeout at the

apiece.

With rival Connersville coming to Memorial Gym Saturday, the up at Rushville's Me- Lions put up a much better fight but still dropped their ninth consecutive game as the Lady Spartans finished out a 44-31 win. board until the third The game was knotted at 16 at intermission, CHS opening a 10-point spread early in the fourth.

Rushville led for

defense. She added T. Morgan launching nine a long two for a 3-2 boards. Sophie Ge- Lion lead in a lowsell scored 13. Lydia scoring start. Senour Haskamp and Alyson later hit a pair of free Peters (10 pts.) added throws, making it 5-2. to Batesville's strong A physical first quarinside presence on the ter resulted in the night. Peters picked Lions reaching the up three steals on de- 5-foul bonus with 2:09 fense. BHS shot 48% remaining; T. Morgan from the field while hit 1 of 2 for a fourholding the Lions to point lead. Ripberger did the same with 40 A Nora Wiedeman seconds left. Spartan part of her game-best 19 points.

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Bennett started feelreturned from the Morgan and locker room, scoring while Herbert ter. Coach Winkler

Gymnasts defeated

The RCHS gymnastics team was defeated by New Castle last Wednes-

Senior Karma Wilson had a career-high 8.3 on vault to place 3rd and set personal bests on the balance beam (7.05; 6th) and all-around (25.5; 6th). Junior Alexis Bowles set a

new career mark on uneven bars (5th; 4.775) and was 8th in all-around (23.175). Classmate Sophia Tracey had a career best on bars (4.15; 8th) while taking 4th on the floor routine (7.125) and a new best in all-around

Sophomore Lexi Hill on beam: 6.5 for 8th.

Will Fehlinger SPORTS EDITOR

was 6th on bars (4.6). Soph Emme Tracy was 3rd on bars (6.5), 5th personal-high 28.3

Wrestling sectional is Saturday

The Rushville wrestling team ended its regular dual season ning by forfeit at 106. tournament. Thursday with a 41-35 win over Shelbyville.

the team emotional, but the guys were able to focus that emotion into aggression," said coach Jim Tush. "We had a goal of adding a number to the win column and not the loss column, and we achieved that goal ending our season with a record of 18-3. Now is when things

Eight wins in contested matches put ty. RCHS over the top.

really count."

pounds. Briggs Tack- thing until now is just a 16-0 tech fall at 215. Gabe Buzzard is 19-11 after a pin at 113. Ryder Hatten won a mato 11-12.

"This is what we Sam Pavey moved to train for all season," 26-5 with a pin at 190 said Tush. "Every-

on beam (career-best 7.15), 5th on vault (7.7), 5th on floor (6.95) and on all-around, good for 4th. Sophomore Audrey Waits had a career best Will Fehlinger

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ett is 26-4 after win- practice for the state Blake Hunt improved wrestler has a goal to 24-5 at 120 with a set for the tourna-"It was senior night 17-2 technical fall. ment and knows that and that always gets Trey Newman won a first round loss will his 21st match against end their season. This seven losses by getting is the opportunity for our wrestlers to put a spotlight on their accomplishments gives our seniors a jor 11-2 decision at 138 better chance of being to move to 16-12. Kaleb noticed by colleges. Amos is 15-14 after I believe some kids getting a forfeit at 285. will make it over the Gio Norvell won 5-4 at semi-state hump this 132 to run his record year to earn a spot at the state champion-Sectional is Satur- ship. It will take hard day at Franklin Coun- work and smart wrestling, but I think they are willing and able to step up to that level of wrestling."



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Presidential Inauguration named National Special Security Event

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The 47th Presidential Inauguration of Donald Trump was designated as a National Special Security Event (NSSE) by the Department of Homeland Security, putting the Secret Service at the helm of a multi-agency effort to ensure a safe transition of power. The NSSE designation grants federal resources and mandates close collaboration with agencies, including the FBI, Capitol Police, and the Department of Defense. The FBI, for instance, is responsible for thwarting any potential terrorist attacks.

As I strolled through the bustling streets over the weekend and into Monday, I was struck by the palpable sense of unity among law enforcement officers gathered from across the nation to maintain order during the inauguration. An



photo by Army Spc. Joseph Liggio The Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps conducts a pass in review as part of the First Honors Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Jan. 20, 2025. The corps has participated in every inaugural parade since

impressive group of approximately 25,000 law enforcement and military personnel had been deployed throughout the city, creating a formidable presence. This included around 4,000 officers from the D.C. police force, alongside officers from various out-of-state departments, as well as crucial support from the Capitol Police and the National Guard. I caught sight of a group

President John F. Kennedy's in 1961.

of officers proudly wearing hats emblazoned with "NYPD," unmistakably identifying them as members of the New York Police Department. Nearby, I also noticed officers marked with badges from the Milwaukee Police Department, highlighting the diverse range of law enforcement agencies coming together for this significant event.

"Nearly 8,000 Na-



photo by Cassie Garrett

Law enforcement could be seen all over assisting citizens as they navigated the crowd.

tional Guard troops were on duty as part of the sizeable interagency presence to ensure the transition of power, continuing a legacy that began in 1789 when their preescorted decessors Washington to the first inauguration," the Department of Defense wrote in a press release.

safety re-While mained the foremost priority for law enforcement and

National Guard, their demeanor was remarkably approachable. I often observed them engaging with the crowd, patiently answering questions and providing guidance. A common inquiry from attendees was where to line up for the various events. Officers readily offered assistance, creating a reassuring presence amid the hustle and bustle.

The military also other

the inauguration, such as the U.S. Army Band, the U.S. Air Force Band, "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, as well as Honor Guard teams representing all military service branches performing at numerous special events and observances that took place during the days surrounding the inauguration of President Trump, alongside Vice President JD Vance.

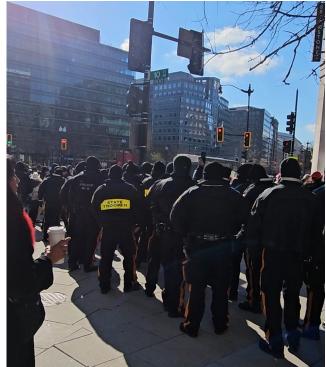
Feeling Safe and Secure at the Presidential Inauguration

Ron Yurcak CONTRIBUTOR

I've had people ask if we felt safe and secure while in town for the inauguration. I must say that never ever did I feel as though it was unsafe. We were never in a place where the police presence was more than a hundred feet away. Every morning, we would wake up to a new traffic pattern. Checkpoints were on every corner for block after block Then the checkpoints were stronger the closer you got to an event. When we arrived on Friday, we could drive straight to our hotel. By Saturday morning you would have to drive through two checkpoints. The first being a National Guard checkpoint, the second a Metro Police checkpoint. If you passed them, you could move freely for two blocks then you were faced with a stronger point. If you did not have peryou and your car were not going through. This point was manned by the Capital Police. That point was pretty much restricted to those with badges. After that point a dump truck was parked across the street being manned by National Guardsmen. On the other side of the dump truck, you would find a tent you had to drive into, evervone out of the car along with all contents of the car. Bomb sniffing dogs would then go through your belongings as Secret Service would crawl under and over top your car. This was one of three points you would have to go through, depending on where you were allowed access to. If you were walking, as I said you were never more than a hundred feet from several police officers. Police with K9 dogs were about 500 feet apart. These dogs walked around every trash can, building, garage entrance or anything else they could smell.

If a crowd for anything gathered, 50 to 100 police were quickly dispatched to that area. This does not include how many undercover police that were in the crowd. I spoke with a lot of police from all over the United States who shared their stories of extremely long hours and not knowing when their shift would end. Kyle from the Arkansas State Police told me he had started his shift at 2 a.m. and had no idea when he would be off duty; that was at noon on Sunday. I must say that our hotel, Embassy Suites, did do all they could for the police. Feeding them breakfast every morning and allowing them to warm up and use a restroom when they needed. At times it was difficult to walk through our lobby, due to the number of police there. I did see two men in a car looking at their phone using a map app trying to get to their destination. They unknowingly drove past

two check points, while not noticing the Capital Police car behind them with lights and sirens trying to stop them. This was rather entertaining as they drove on another block and turned left onto another street. Soon 20 to 25 Capital Police cars, trucks, K9 units and, they got the attention of the black SUVs. I don't know how it ended but I bet they were shocked when they stopped. This also attracted a DC Police helicopter circling overhead. We learned early on when police told you not to go somewhere. we didn't. We got a little more access as we were wearing press badges. But if it was restricted, you were not going into that area. For me this was my story. I thoroughly enjoyed the logistic part of emergency services. I spoke with many National mostly Guardsmen about the weather as many were from Florida. The police I spoke with were from Wash-



Law enforcement could be seen on every block and walking the streets.

ington DC, Indiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, New York City. Delaware, Connecticut, and more. I witnessed but did not talk to about 200 FBI agents unloading near the White House. If you parked on the street, you got a warning siren from a DC Police tow truck before vour car was quickly

swept away to who knows where. So, if you ask if we felt safe, the answer would be never felt safer. Any groups of police moving about were responded to by loud cheers; if you heard cheering, the police were arriving. It was fascinating to watch this all happen.

Honoring Heroes: President Trump Celebrates Military Service Members at the Commander in Chief Inaugural Ball

Cassie Garret REGIONAL DIRECTOR

mission at that point,

America's military service members, dressed in their uniforms, waited in a line stretching down the streets, their breath visible in the air as they waited for their entry into the Commander in Chief Inaugural Ball, which is geared toward military service members. Every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces was represented at the ball.

The Commander in Chief Ball was the first ball of the evening President, Donald Trump, and First Lady Melania attend-Standing before

the cheering crowd, Trump addressed U.S. Military Service Members with gratitude.

"There is nowhere else I would rather be tonight than with some of the greatest American patriots of all, the men and women of the United States Military," Trump began. "Thank you very much. I have had no higher privilege in life than to serve as your Commander in Chief not once but twice. You are incredible, and the people of our country respect you and love you so much."

Trump then took a moment to recognize the sacrifices made by military members, spouses and families. Thanking them wholeheartedly before he shared his vision of the military's future, including implementing an Iron Dome Defense, which is a mobile air defense system developed by Israel to intercept and destroy shortrange threats such as rockets, artillery sales, and mortars.

"We won't be defeated or humiliated," Trump said. "We will measure our success not only by the battles we win but also by the wars we end and, perhaps most importantly, the wars we never get into. It's called peace by strength. We won't have to fight wars if we can do it without fighting. As long as we

have total victory, we do it without fighting. Through our power and might, we will lead the world to peace. Our friends will respect us; our enemies will fear us and the whole world will admire the unrivaled greatness of the United States Military."

The country music band Rascal Flatts and country singer Parker McCollum were the featured performers at the ball. Musician Kid Rock and actor John Voight were also in attendance.

President Trump and First Lady Melania attended two other inaugural presidential balls to celebrate his 2025 inauguration,



tion's first inaugural

U.S. Military Members could be seen braving the cold as they waited in line for the Commander in Chief Ball.

the Liberty Ball and the Starlight Ball.

ball was held in 1809 for President James According to the White House Histori-Madison and his wife. cal Association, the na-

Celebrating despite sub-zero temperatures

Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR

sub-freezing temperatures on Inauguration Day, Monday, Jan. 20, made President Trump's inauguration quite different from what attendees had anticipated. Instead of taking place on the Capitol steps, the swearing-in ceremony was held in the Capitol Rotunda. This marked the first time in 40 years the ceremony was not conducted on the steps of the Capitol, meaning almost everyone visiting Washington missed the chance to witness the event in person. However, following the swearing-in ceremony, President Trump announced he would give a speech at the Capital One Arena, where the parade was scheduled to occur that would be open to the public. So, just hours after the Trump Victory Rally line dissipated, people ies surged forward in a began lining up again for a chance to hear Trump speak at the arena. The line again weaved through the streets, which looked more like a celebration than a line. The streets were filled with noise as Trump signs and flags waved. Strangers in line struck up conversations, making new friends as they waited.

For others, the experience was still about being part of the occasion, albeit from a cozy seat in one of the bustling downtown establishments. We found ourselves among the many hopeful patrons lining up outside "Yard House," eager to catch the ceremony on the numerous televisions dispersed across the restaurant. Arriving at 10:30 a.m., we aimed to secure a prime spot; the restaurant opened its doors at 11 a.m. When they finally swung open, a wave of bodrush to claim the best vantage points. Within moments, the dining area was filled to capacity, and a waitlist was quickly implemented to manage the excited crowd. We were told to expect a brief 15-minute wait, which seemed nothing compared to the festivities ahead, giving us ample time to settle in before the swearing-in ceremony commenced at noon. However, as I stood near the host stand, I overheard the hostess informing incoming customers that the wait had ballooned to an astonishing hour and 45 minutes, a testament to the overwhelming demand for a seat during such a historic event.

Although we were indoors, the atmosphere inside the restaurant was one of as much excitement as if we were standing near the Capitol steps watching the ceremony in person.



Patrons at Yard House watching the Inauguration stood with their hands over their heart while others saluted as Carrie Underwood sang "America the Beautiful."

Sights around D.C. leading up to the Inauguration



Trump supporters waiting in line for the victory rally.



photo by Cassie Garrett

A couple asking law enforcement where the end of the line was for the military



Snow and sleet couldn't keep crowds inside.



photo by Ryan Thalls



photo by Cassie Garrett National Guard members from Florida securing the street.



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Army Pfc. Ezira Schenck, a military police officer assigned to the 222nd Military Police Company, 102nd Military Police Battalion, stands watch at a Metro station in Washington, Jan. 20, 2025.

After Trump spoke at Capitol One Arena on Inauguration Day.

Street vendors thrive amidst the excitement of Inauguration

There were hundreds of vendors presfor Inauguration Day, crowding the streets and sidewalks selling merchandise to commemorate the 60th Presidential Inauguration. Items included blankets, hats, pins, t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, umbrellas, mugs, key chains and more. Some vendor booths were expansive, with tables and racks, while others set up their merchandise directly on the sidewalks. Others held them in their hands and advertised their items by yelling out prices and options while you walked by.

In front of our hotel, a vibrant vendor's "Trump Won" trailer from Michigan has set up shop, offering an array of Trump souvenirs and a photo op. The trailer boasts signs saying, "Make America Great Again, Secure America Borders, Unite Ameri-



photo by Cassie Garrett Hundreds of vendors lined the streets.

ca First, Drain the Swamp, Build the

Wall, "Freedom Over Mandate," etc. The vendor arrived on Friday night and mentioned although the Inauguration Ceremony has been relocated indoors and many attendees have departed from town, their sales were not affected.

Although participating as a vendor during the 2025 Presidential Inauguration offers unique opportunities, it also comes with important tax obligations. Vendors must comply with the following requirements: Apply for special

permit

·An individual, organization, business, or consumer engaging in business in the District of Columbia must collect District of Columbia sales tax from the purchaser on sales of tangible personal property delivered to a customer in



A vendor from Michigan brought a festive back drop for his vendor booth pulled by a vehicle stating "Honk for Trump" on the back and "Trump 2024" on the front.

the District, certain foods and drinks sold at retail, rental or leasing of tangible personal property, and admissions to certain public events that take place in the District.

•Income earned by vendors during the 2025 Presidential Inauguration is subject to DC income tax, as well as federal income tax.



After the Inauguration, representatives get to work

During Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales' visit to Washington, D.C., he participated in a series of productive meetings with members of the U.S. Congress representing Indiana.

As a part of these visits, Secretary Morales initiatives discussed aimed at strengthening election integrity, enhancing business landscape, and ensuring Indiana continues to be a national leader.

Secretary Morales also met with international delegations and counterparts from other states to discuss de- ment to Indiana's fuvelopments in election, corporate ownership reporting, business development, and securi-

ties regulation issues.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with Indiana's congressional delegation to discuss how we can work together to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing our state. The collaboration between state and federal leaders is critical to ensuring that Indiana's businesses, communities, and citizens continue to thrive. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Congressmen Stutzman, Shreve, and Messmer for their time and their committure. I look forward to working alongside our delegation to create more opportunities for

Hoosiers," said Diego Morales, Indiana Secretary of State.

Secretary Morales also thanked Indiana's Congressional leaders for their ongoing support and cooperation to maintain Indiana's position as a leader in economic development and innovation.

Secretary Morales' periodic meetings in Washington, D.C. mark an important step in reinforcing the partnership between state and federal governments, and it underscores Indiana's commitment to both fostering local economic growth and strengthening tional presence.

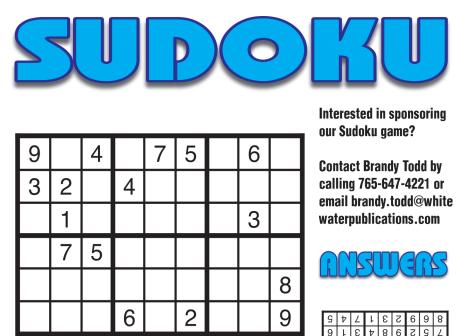
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Pictured is Secretary of State Diego Morales and Representative Stutzman.





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museum. The detail of the museum, theater and house is amazing. We then needed to walk over to the Dirksen Senate Office Building to pick up our press passes. Upon arrival we found that all press passes had been suspended due to the limited room. So the fourmile walk over and four miles back was all for naught. So now what to do? Stop for lunch at the Hard Rock Café, before walking to the other end of town to the Lincoln Memorial for a protest rally. We were told there would be 25 to 50 thousand protesters, and we for a lack of common sense decided we should be in the middle of them. Well 25 to 50 thousand

3,000. Being from a small town in Indiana, this was kind of educational. I learned that protest speakers could say things that would make a trucker blush. Now it was time to pay our respects, starting with Abe at the Lincoln Memorial. Then on to the most amazing place, The Vietnam War Memorial; being a child of the sixties, this is always a place I pay respects to when I come to Washington. Men I knew as a kid are on that wall. Then moving east it was time to enter the Pacific and the Atlantic of the World War Two Memorial. On my last trip to Washington this was still under con-

turned out to be about

struction; it was my first chance to see it completed.

A quick trip past the Washington Monument and on to Pennsylvania Avenue to see the White House. Unfortunately a clear view of the White House was difficult due to everything set up for the welcoming of the new President. It was crazy to see all the changes taking place. Fencing and barriers being removed on one corner to be set up three blocks away. The entire city it seemed was being moved from here to six blocks away. The logistics of the city was my fascination with seeing all the work put into motion on street after street. Meeting people became the best part. Hoosier hospitality is our strongest suit. Talking to people in the elevator was a natural, or stopping to talk to police and National Guard was my entertainment.

With all the changes there was disappointment, but all in all it was very educational. It seems that this city,much like Las Vegas, really doesn't sleep. When you go to your room in the evening, a whole group of workers take to the streets. Like little mice in the night, the forklifts move fencing and concrete. They load it onto trucks to be unloaded just a few blocks away. The overflowing trash cans are

reset with new bags and every coffee cup on the street is picked up. and believe me that is a lot of coffee cups. The ten-foot high fences are taken down, stacked on a fork truck and driven to their next post and reassembled using battery-operated impacts for speed.

Then the last touch is the police are directed to their post for the new day. Roads are closed and as one officer from Arkansas quoted, "I started at 2 a.m. and I don't know how long I have to stay on, that was at noon." It seems every police car moves with flashing lights, Secret Service only going through intersections, and Capital Police tow

trucks sound their siren once as a warning before hooking you up and removing you.

If you pass a police checkpoint without explaining where you are going, you will be very quickly accompanied by many vehicles with lights. I did see this once. You attract trucks and cars from capital police, just before the black SUVs join in. When they show up, you're in for a long day. There is a good chance to see 50 bicycle police riding two by two, or 20 police walking two by two. A bus full of National Guardsmen drive by are unloading.

For me it was a fascinating weekend; for others, it was boring.

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blocks. The rally took place at the Capital One Arena, with gates set to open at 1 p.m. However, eager attendees braved the freezing temperatures and gathered long before, as the event was expected to draw considerable crowds eager for one of the 20,000 available seats. The determination of the first person in line was especially impressive—she arrived at 3 a.m. the night prior.

As those waiting in line stood in the biting cold, a light sleet began to fall, adding to the frigid atmosphere. Yet, the inclement weather did little to dampen the spirits of the attendees, who remained steadfast in their enthusiasm for the Celebration Rally ahead. One attendee hopeful to join the rally lined up at 8:30 a.m. Unfortunately, they could not enter the venue as the arena had already reached its capacity. Although he wasn't able to attend, was unbothered, saying, "It's still a great day for America, and I am going to take it all in and enjoy it."

When Trump took the stage and addressed the crowd, he began by saying, "We won, we won." In response, the crowd roared with applause and began chanting U.S.A.

"Tomorrow at noon, the curtain closes on long four years of decline, American and we begin a brand new day of American strength and prosperity, dignity and pride," Trump continued.

Trump reiterated



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A Trump cut out can be seen crowd surfing down the victory rally line.



some of his top priorities upon taking office that were pivotal in his successful bid for the presidency.

"We are going to stop the invasion of our borders, we are going to reclaim our wealth. we are going to unlock the liquid gold that is right under our feet. We are going to bring back law and order to

our cities, we are going to restore patriotism to our schools, get radical left-woke ideologies the hell out of our military and out of our government, and we are going to make America great again," Trump said. "Tomorrow, I will act with historic speed and strength and fix every single crisis facing our country. We have to do it. We are not going to have a country left. Be-

fore even taking office,

you are already seeing results nobody expected to see."

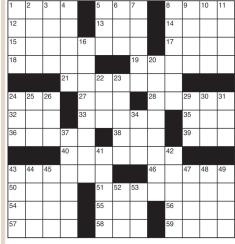
Trump thanked all of his supporters who filled the arena and watched from home, attributing America's past and future successes to the patriots of the nation.

"From New to Los Angeles, from Philadelphia to Phoenix, from Chicago to Miami, and from Houston to right here in Washington, D.C., our country was won and built by generations of patriots who gave everything they had for our rights and freedom. They were farmers and soldiers, cowboys and factory workers, steel workers, coal miners, police officers and pioneers who pushed onward and marched forward and let no obstacle stand, and nothing could get in their way. Together, they laid down the railroad, raised up the skyscrapers, built the great highways, won two world wars, defeated fascism and communism and launched American astronauts to the moon. It was hardworking patriots like you who built this country, and 75 days ago, on Nov. 5, it was hardworking patriots like you who saved our country. You saved

our country."

Trump addressed his supporters for nearly an hour. In closing, he stated, "Now, after all we have been through together, we stand on the verge of the four greatest years in American history. With your help, we will restore America's promise and we will rebuild the nation that we all love so much. We are one people, one family and one glorious nation under God. We will never give in, we will never give up, we will never back down, and we will never ever, ever, ever surrender. We will fight, fight, fight, and we will win, win, win. And together, we will make America powerful again, we will make America wealthy again, we will make America healthy again, we will make America strong again, we will make America proud again, we will make America safe again, we will make and America great again. Thank you very much; what a great victory for everyone. Thank you, America.'

Musicians The Village People and Kid Rock took the stage along with tech-billionaire Elon Musk and actor Jon Voight at the victory rally.



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there is a great man."

The host then segued directly to President Trump with "The presidency is no place for petty people." He added "whether people voted for you or not and whether they like you or not, they are all counting on you. The whole world is counting on you. I mean this when I say this ... good luck."

Chappelle's right, the U.S. president must go beyond pettiness or personal grievances and aspire to more lofty ideals. Some things are just bigger.

I was reminded of this throughout the long weekend.

Despite a reputation of wanton crime on the streets of Washington, the city came together to welcome visitors from across the country intent on witnessing a consequential time

I am sure, that right in U.S. history. From my viewpoint, I saw no acts of violence or carjackings and heard no gunshots. Now, was it just because of intense security that temporarilv turned the metro area into Fort Washington with strategically placed fencing and concrete barriers? Perhaps, but Mayor Muriel Bowser deserves credit for a peaceable weekend and utterly walkable/pedestriandowntown. friendly

> At midday Saturday, I found myself astride the People's Protest – a vocal mass of marchers in unity against the former and future president's administration. At one point, several police officers on bicycles mobilized right in front of me; they were moving to head off any possible confrontation between the marchers and the Jesus people condemnashouting

tions through a sound system on the sidewalks near the Washington Monument. Whether you side with the protesters' slogans or think them repulsive, law enforcement was there to allow both opinions to be expressed. Some things, like our First Amendment, are just bigger.

Sunday, amid an overestimated snowfall, I found my way to St. Matthew's Cathedral for the 1 p.m. Spanish mass. Taking in the majestic apse and mosaics, I was surprised when Ohio Governor Mike DeWine sat down with his wife and several grandchildren in a pew not 10 feet in front of me. As the priest said the mass and sang in a language foreign to me - the Hay-Zeus part I picked up on – I looked around the congregation and wondered to what extent those

Hispanic folks were participating in the robust U.S. economy and where they were getting their "milk and honey." No matter what their station is in life, I'm sure they routinely show up every week and give praise to the higher power. Some things, like faith, are just bigger.

On to Monday and probably the biggest event happening in the world at the time the inauguration of Donald J. Trump. We watched on television like 99.9% of the world. The cameras showed a steady stream of guests entering or seated in the Capitol Rotunda many very antagonistic toward Trump over the years like the Clintons, Bernie Sanders, Bidens, Kamala Harris, Barack Obama, George W. Bush, etc. Even Trump's first vicepresident, Mike Pence,



photo by Will Fehlinger

The James Buchanan Memorial in Meridian Hill Park (informally known as Malcolm X Park).

strolled down the hall into a room where a little over four years ago, people were calling for his execution. They were there because the transition of power is a foundational principle of the republic. Some things are just bigger.

As we left for home Tuesday, the second Trump administration was beginning its first full day. In June, it will be one full decade since the Donald came down the escalator and announced his political aspirations. It's a movement that took root that summer and will continue for another four years. There's no way of knowing how it will turn out but everyone's counting on strong returns.

Some things are just

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have traveled to many places in my lifetime and seen a lot of things, nothing could have prepared me for the people, sights and sounds of inaugural weekend. Driving any-

people protesting. I as streets were bumper to bumper traffic.

The sidewalk was shoulder to shoulder people and the lines to go anywhere were like nothing I had ever seen. Every ten feet or so there were venders sellwhere wasn't an option ing Trump merchan-

dise and even though the inauguration was moved indoors, it did not deter consumers from purchasing the many t-shirts, hats and memorabilia. Excited Trump supporters started lining up around 9 p.m. the night

before to watch the inauguration from the Capitol One Arena and by morning the line was estimated to be around 15 blocks.

The unlucky people who failed to read the rules and regulations were forced to leave their belongings on the security as they were only permitted to have a jacket or coat with nothing in their pockets, a bottle of water and their phone. Military, police and secret service members were helpful and willing to chat. We watched the

street before entering

inauguration with a group of very excited people who cheered and chanted "USA" after Trump's Oath of Office. It was an amazing experience and I'm so grateful to have been a part of this historic event.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMEI

This legal notice was prepared for Timothy R. Smith and Gary Baker. Tax Lien Certificate holders by Newhouse & Newhouse. Attornevs at Law, 301 N. Main Street, Rushville, 46173

Date: December 27, 2024 TAX SALE ID#242400029

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Hamilton, OH 45011 RE: NOTICE OF SALE AND EX-

PIRATION OF REDEMPTION ONE (1) YEAR: COUNTY: FRANKLIN

PARCEL NUMBER: 24-02-31-200-003.000-010 STREET AD-DRESS: FRAZER RD., LAUREL, IN 47024

THIS PARCEL MUST BE RE-DEEMED BY: OCTOBER 31, 2025 Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Indiana code §6-1.1-25-4.5, you are hereby notified that the below described real estate was sold at tax sale for the non-payment of real estate taxes. According to public records, you had a substantial interest in this property on the date of the tax sale. You are hereby notified:

- 1. A Petition for tax deed will be filed on or after October 31st 2025. 2. The petitioner intends to peti-
- tion for a tax deed to be issued on or after October 31st 2025. 3. The key description of the
- tract or item of real property shown on the certificate of sale:

Key Number/Property ID#: 24-02-31-200-003.000-010 Brief Legal Description: Brief

Legal Description: PT SW NE 31-12-12 20A s " SE NE 31-12- 12 20A (Classified Forest & Wildlands 31-12-12 32.49A) 4. The date the tract or item was

sold at a tax sale: October 31, 2024. 5. The name of the purchaser(s) or purchaser's assignee that purchased the certificate of sale on the property under §1.C. 6-1.1-24: Timo-

thy R. Smith and Gary Baker. 6. Any person may redeem the tract or item of real property. 7. The components of the

amount required to redeem the tract or item of real property prescribed by I.C. §6-1.1-25-2 set forth

** Call the County Auditor for these amounts as they can change daily. One hundred ten percent (110%) of the minimum bid\$19,000.00for which the tract or real property was offered at thePLUS 10%time of sale, as required by I.C.§6-1.1-24-5. if the tract\$1,900.00or item of real property is redeemed not more than six OR (6) months after the date of sale:

OR\$19,000.00One hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the minimumPLUS 15%bid for which the tract or real property was offered

at\$2850.00the time of sale, as re-

tract or item of real property is redeemed more than six (6) months but not more

quired by I.C.§6-1.1-24-5, if the

than one (1) year after the date of sale:

(2) PLUS Five percent (5%) per annum on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property: (This amount increases daily until redemption. Call County Auditor for amount.)\$**(3) PLUS All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser after the sale:\$**(4) PLUS Five percent (5%) per annum on (3) those taxes and special assessments:\$**(5) PLUS Attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under I.C.§6-1.1-25-4.5 AND Costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. per I.C.§6-1.1-25-2(e)\$450.00

-Title \$200.00 -Attorney Fees \$350.00(6) PLUS All taxes, special assessments, interest, penalties, and fees on the property that accrued and are delinguent after the sale:\$**(7) PLUS All taxes or special assessments, or both, paid by the county treasurer under the Indiana Code:\$**TOTAL AMOUNT required to redeem the

tract or item of real property: ** If asterisks are shown in box above, then call the County Auditor for amount. Amounts can change daily. CONTACT COUNTY AUDI-TOR for Daily Total.

8. Purchaser(s) or purchaser's successors or assignees are entitled to reimbursement for additional taxes or special assessments on the tract or item of real property that were paid by the purchaser(s) subsequent to the tax sale, lean acquisition, or purchase of the certificate of sale, and before redemption, plus interest.

9. The tract or item of real property has not been redeemed.

10. The purchaser(s) or purchaser's successors or assignees are entitled to receive a deed for the tract or item of real property if it is not redeemed before the expiration of the period of redemption which is set forth in paragraph 12 below.

11. The purchaser(s) or purchaser's successors or assignees are entitled to reimbursement for costs described in I.C.§6-1.1-25-2(e) which includes attorney's fees, the costs of giving notice under I.C.§6-1.1-25-4.5, and the cost of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property incurred by complying with I.C.§6-1.1- 25-4.5 and I.C.§6-1.1-25-4.6. (Component (5) of amount required to redeem above.)

12. The date of expiration of the period of redemption is: October 31, 2025.

13. If the property is not redeemed, the owner of record at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus, if any. Tax sale surplus at tax sale: \$0.00

14. The street address, if any, or a common description of the tract or item of real property is: Frazer Rd. Laurel, IN 47024.

15. The key or parcel number of

the tract or item of real property is: 24-02-31-200-003.000-010.

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF RUN IN THE RUSH SUPERIOR COURT

CAUSE NO. 70D01-2501-EU-000002 IN RE THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF

WILLIAM M. NUCKLES, DE-NOTICE OF ADMINISTRA-

TION

Notice is hereby given that Jennifer Mooney was on the day of January, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of William M. Nuckles, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF RUSHVILLE 5th Street Reconstruction,

West Dead End to Sexton St. The City of Rushville is requesting Bids for the reconstruction of 5th Street. Bids for the reconstruction of the project will be received at the Rushville City Hall located at 330 N. Main St. Suite 200, Rushville, IN 46173, until 4:30 p.m. local time, February 18, 2025. At that time the Bids received will be opened and read at approximately 5:30 pm during the Board of Public

Works Meeting. The project includes the reconstruction of approximately 960' of 5th Street reconstruction from the west dead end to Sexton Street. Existing asphalt pavement, curbing, sidewalk, etc. will be removed and replaced with full depth HMA, concrete curb & gutter, sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, and storm sewer improvements. Watermain along with associated water services, will be included.

Bids shall be received for a single prime contract and on a unit price basis as indicated on the Bid

Prospective Bidders may reuest the Bidding Documents from ne Issuing Office. The Issuing Office of the Bidding Documents is: Fleis & VandenBrink Engineer-

now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, which-

ever is earlier, or the claims will be

forever barred. Dated this January 16, 2025. Clerk, Rush County Courts Attorney: Grant M. Reeves BARADA LAW OFFICES. LLC. 201 North Main Street Rushville, IN 46173 (765) 932-6932 (765) 932-6933 (fax)

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ing, Inc. (F&V), 5750 Castle Creek Parkway North Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46038: via FTP site: bidroom@fveng.com Telephone (317) 843-0022. Bidding Documents will be made available in portable document format (PDF) at no charge; hard copy documents are not avail-Non-biddable documents may be viewed in the on-line Bid

Room at www.fveng.com. The date the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents.

A pre-bid conference will not be

held. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

The City of Rushville reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the City of Rushville.

Michael Pavey Honorable

City of Rushville

Mayor of Rushville 5-1tcR

MECHANICS LIEN The following will be sold for

709 W 1ST STREET RUSH-VILLE On 02/19/2025 @ 10:00 AM 2012 FORD 3FAH-

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

FOR PLACEMENT ON BID-

P0HA7CR380329 \$2,110.00

1999 VOLVO TRUCK 4VG-7DARH6XN771889 \$5,750.00 2016 UTILITY TRAILER MFR 1UYVS2538GG512607 \$6,250.00

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"Duke Energy, Indiana (Duke Energy) (1000 E Main St, Plainfield IN 46168) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (INRA00000) to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with their Circuit 69140 GLT Project located in Section 13 of Township 16 North, Range 9 East,

in Henry County and Section 25 of Township 15 North, Range 8 East in Rush County, Indiana. Runoff from the project site will ultimately discharge to the Big Blue River via unnamed tributaries and roadside ditches or swales. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Dustin. Giesler@duke-energy.com.' 5-1tcR

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DERS LIST Notice is hereby given, that the

City of Rushville, Indiana, herein after referred to as the Owner, is creating a bidder's list for a local home repair program herein after referred to as the Rushville Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program

Homes within the city limits of Rushville, IN will be rehabilitated using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Each home may receive up to \$25,000 for improvements. Each home will be bid individually. The work will mainly consist of roof repair or replacement, HVAC replacement and heater replacement. Ramp and handrails may also be included to assist with accessibility into the threshold of the home. Installation of radon mitigation units is dependent upon testing, which will be already performed by a licensed home inspector.

A meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Rushville City Hall, 330 North Main Street, Rushville, IN 46173 in the City Council Chambers. Any contractor interested in bidding on this program are encouraged to at-

Persons interested in placement on bidder's list must submit their name, company name, phone number, address, email and Federal ID number or Social Security number to Administrative Resources association, Attn: Project Manager, 748 Franklin Street, Columbus, IN 47201 or emailed to projectmanager@aracities.org.

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 entitled Construction Contractors -Affirmative Action Requirements. A copy of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 may be found in the Supplemental General Conditions of the Contract Documents and Specifications. The Bidders attention is also called to the "Minority/Women Owned Business Participation" and "Indiana Veteran Owned Small Business Program" requirements contained in the Project Specifications. The State of Indiana has set a goal of 10% participation for minority and women owned businesses and 3% participation of veteran owned businesses for construction or purchase related contracts for the work. These businesses are encouraged

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) day.

Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549. All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.

Contract procurement is subject to the federal regulations contained in the OMB Circular A-102, Sections B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in

IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12 Contractors must meet all county and state licensing requirements. This also requires proof of adequate liability insurance and workmen's compensation coverage provided. Contractors' liability policies must include coverage for work done by contractor and is required through-out the construction period.

The Contractor must meet guidelines and practices estabished by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and appropriate federal regulations including: 1) Executive Order 11246, 2) Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. 3) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, 4) OMB Circular A-102, 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 6) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 7) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 8) Executive Order 12138, 9) Conflict of Interest Clause, 10) Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records Clause, 11) Contractors and

Any contract(s) awarded under this Advertisement for Bids are expected to be funded in part by grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement for Bids or any resulting contract. Pursuant to Chapter 5, 5-5 of the Labor Standards Administration and Basic Enforcement Handbook 1344.1 Rev 3; "No contract may be awarded to any contractor that is debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal or Federally assisted contracts or programs. Any contract awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor that is found to be ineligible for award must be terminated immediately.' Prior to contract award prime contractors are to be actively registered or seeking registration with SAM.gov to determine eligibility/ debarment status.

Subcontractors Certifications.

If there are any questions regarding the program, please contact Robin Willats at 812-376-9949

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photos by Ryan Thalls

Thousands participated in the People's March starting at the capitol and ending with a rally at the Lincoln Memorial.

toward the iconic Lincoln Memorial. A large stage was set up at the base of the steps, framed against the imposing figure of Abraham Lincoln as if he were watching over the demonstrators. The crowd expanded along both sides of the Reflecting Pool, the serene body of water that stretches from the Lincoln Memorial to the towering Washington Monument.

Across the expanse, a sea of colorful handmade signs rose high into the

air, each one reflecting the passions and demands of the protesters. Slogans such as "Girls just wanna have fundamental rights," "Bans off our bodies," "Day one deport Trump back to Germany," and "We will not go quietly into the night" echoed the urgency of their message. The People's March attendees represented a wide range of progressive causes, from immigration to climate change, abortion rights and the war between Israel

and Gaza.

The People's March Event website provided an overview for individuals eager to participate in the protest against the inauguration of Donald Trump. It included details about the rally's location, schedule, and agenda, as well as guidance on how to join and engage effectively in this significant demonstration. The website states,

"If you believe that decisions about your body should remain yours, that books

belong in libraries, not on bonfires, that healthcare is a right, not a privilege for the wealthy; if you believe in the power of free speech and protest to sustain democracy; or if you want an economy that works for the people who power it—then this march is for you.

The People's March is about one thing: our power. It's a bold demonstration of the resilience of resistance:

We march to unite the people who've been the backbone of resistance for generations and to welcome even more. We march to remind civil servants they answer to us. We march to inspire, energize, and drive change long after the day is done.

This is our moment to remind Washington elites and Amereverywhere where the power truly lives: with the people. Let's make it count."

One of the speakers, Raquel Willis, co-founder of the Gender Liberation Movement spoke to the crowd, reiter- lives smaller."

ating some of the shared values behind the protest.

"We are a collective that believes in bodily autonomy, self-determination, and the pursuit of fulfillment for all," Willis said. "And we know we can get that without the collective. So it's midnight in America, ya'll. Every bogeyman you can think of, from white supremacy to patriarchy to transphobia to ableism and capitalism, is coming together to try and make our

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and intentionally does the following: (1) Engages or participates in an adult orientated Committee on Jan. 29. performance on public property or with public funds. (2) Fails to prevent a minor from attending an adult oriented performance.

The bill will be reviewed by the Courts and Criminal Code

House Bill 1684 Irretrievable Breakdown of Marriage Authored by: Rep. Timothy Wesco.

Digest

Provides that if the parties to a petition for dissolution of minor children for whom the parties have legal and physical custody, and the sole ground for dissolution of the marriage as-

serted in the petition irretrievable break- provides that an indiis irretrievable breakonly if: (1) at least one party to the petition presents a witness at the final hearing on the petition who testifies to affirm the

down of the marriage; be granted. Specifies the individuals who may provide testimony as to the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, and

vidual other than a lidown of the marriage, or (2) the parties can censed counselor may marriage are the par- a court may enter a show cause as to why not have received any ents of one or more dissolution decree the petition should form of compensation for acting as a witness.

The bill was reviewed by the Judiciary Committee and passed with amendments on Jan. 27.

RCHS ALUMNI PROFII

Bachelor's of Science: Nursing, Master's of Science: Nursing, **Sitting for AANP Certification**

Gina Kuhn is a 1991 graduate of RCHS. Gina is a Nurse Practitioner and her job entails assessing, educating, prescribing and treating patients. She was a surgery nurse for 20 years prior to becoming a nurse practitioner.

During her time at RCHS, she was involved in Holcad, Business Professionals of America (BPA), Cheerblock, and SADD. History with Mr. Houser, Holdcad with Mrs. Moster, and Psychology with Mr. Hodge were classes that stood out to her.

Gina's advice to students is the following, "First of all you do not have to go to college to be successful. Success is found in what you are willing to work for. Whatever career you choose, be willing to learn new things. When you stop wanting to learn, then I believe that career path is not for you.



Gina (Jones) Kuhn 1991



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