



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 intro - a Saturday

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 a good president, but (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



photo provided

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
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

One of the striking themes observed in

Washington, D.C., during the weekend leading up to the inauguration and on the day itself was the overwhelming presence of long lines.

The massive lines began forming with the Trump Victory Rally held the day before the Presidential Inauguration. Throngs of excit-

ed supporters created a serpentine line that snaked through the city streets, stretching over approximately 20 (See "LINES" pg. 8)

Trump's Inauguration: A civilian's perspective

Brandy Todd
 ADVERTISING

Last week, four of my co workers and I

traveled to Washington DC to cover the inauguration of Donald Trump. The excitement was obvious as we arrived to check in to our

hotel, with a "Trump Won" bridge, signs and merchandise lining the street. This being my first time in Washington DC, I was excited

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 between 5,000 and 10,000.

The rally commenced with a spirited procession heading (See "PROTEST" pg. 10)



photo by Ryan Thalls

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



FOLLOW THE 765 ON FACEBOOK

FOR NEWS COVERING HENRY, FAYETTE, FRANKLIN, RUSH, UNION, AND WAYNE COUNTIES

Community Calendar

January
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 Kings 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 at the event.

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 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 Frankentoy's, anti-love potions, decorate cookies, and more! Singles Preferred; Couples Tolerated.

HAVE A COMMUNITY EVENT TO SHARE?

To submit a community event for publication, send an email to info@whitewaterpublications.com

CLASSIFIEDS CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Drivers wanted, class A CDL, clean driving record, experience a plus, hourly pay. Kopp's Turkey Sales, 513-367-4133. (3-tfc)

Whitewater Processing, LLC accepting applications for full and part time positions. Competitive wages, weekly pay and bonuses. Call Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm 513-

367-4133. (3-tfc)

WANTED TO BUY

Buying Antiques & Collectibles or whole collections, about anything old. Advertising, guns, pocketknives, military, old watches are my favorite things. I gladly pick through barns, sheds, etc. No furniture please. . Call or Text Mike Anytime 765-309-8670. I am local. (1-13tp)

Spend more time doing the important things in life... Not worrying about your insurance.

Riverside Insurance
We Specialize in Auto, Home, Life, and Business Insurance.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO UNLOCK VIDEOS AND MORE



BROUGHT TO YOU BY WHITewater PUBLICATIONS



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

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 chemical castration 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.
Co-Authored by: 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. 29.

House Bill 1145
Decriminalization of Marijuana
Authored by: 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 by: Rep. Dave Hall.

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. Provides 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 forests.

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.

Digest
Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment fund. Establishes the pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program to be administered by the Indiana Department of Health. 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 department's website.

The bill will be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 29.

House Bill 1454
Emergency Ambulance Services
Authored by: Rep. Timothy O'Brien.

Digest
Specifies that emergency medical services, 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 county commissioners 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 of emergency ambulance services, or by any other available means.

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

House Bill 1455
Chemical Castration for Certain Sex Offenders
Authored by: 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 chemical castration treatment. Makes it a Level 4 felony if a person who consents to chemical castration treatment knowingly or intentionally stops receiving the chemical castration treatment.

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

House Bill 1476
Funding for Child Trauma Support Programs
Authored by: Rep. Renee Pack.

Digest
Establishes the 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.

Doug Miller, Rep. Steve Bartels.

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

House Bill 1505
Use of SNAP benefits
Authored by: 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: Rep. Lindsay Patterson.

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)

JOIN OUR TEAM!

CUSTOMER SERVICE

PRINTING, ONLINE, ADVERTISING

We are hiring for a customer service position at Whitewater Publications. If you have a high level of customer service experience in any field you should reach out. We will train.

FOR INTEREST IN THESE POSITIONS: PLEASE, TEXT BRIAN NOAH @ (317) 397-5116

Office Space FOR RENT

Office space available for rent in Brookville, IN on Main Street

- Dual or Single Suite
- Single Parking Space

Text Brian at: (317) 397-5116

FOR THE RECORD

RUSHVILLE RECORDER
ESTABLISHED IN 2020

The Rushville Recorder (ISSN 2766-0893) is published weekly for \$70 per year by Third Place News DBA Whitewater Publications, 531 Main St., Brookville, IN 47012. Periodicals postage pending at Brookville, IN, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Rushville Recorder, 531 Main St., P.O. Box 38, Brookville, IN 47012.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

330 N. Main St., Rushville, IN 46173
Main Office: 531 Main Street, P.O. Box 38 • Brookville, IN 47012
Main Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Telephone: 765-647-4221 • Fax: 765-647-4811
E-mail: Send all ads, articles and other email correspondence to info@whitewaterpublications.com

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

- Indiana residents: \$70-1 yr, \$40-6 mo,
 - All other states: \$75-1 yr, \$130 2 yr, \$100-1 yr
 - International: **BEST DEAL: Get full access digital and print for 1 yr. \$80**
- *All subscriptions must be paid in advance.

FOR ADVERTISERS:

For Advertising Department call 765-647-4221. All advertisements and news copy must be submitted before 12 p.m. Friday. When a holiday occurs, the deadline will be moved to the following Monday at 12 p.m. All advertisers should check their ads for accuracy upon first publication. Typographical errors or errors in publication adjustments shall be limited to the portion of the ad where the error occurred. The newspaper will not be held responsible for errors after the first publication. Payment of ad may be made in cash, by check, or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover and AmEx).

WWW.WHITWATERPUB.COM

Bills ■ Continued from Page 2

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 through eight.

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

House Bill 1512 Outdoor recreation

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

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

The Natural Resources Committee will review the bill on Jan. 29.

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 governmental body for any action

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 non-compliance 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 unauthorized 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 school corporation and charter school to report certain student information to the Department of Education.

The bill was reviewed by the Judiciary Committee 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 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 reviewed 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 by: 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 amended 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 year 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)

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. at the Rushville Police Department East door 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 Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room.

ARREST REPORT

Inmate: Jacob Pyles
Booking Date: 01/21
Charges: Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Schedule A:M, Possession of Methamphetamine, Weapon/Instrument of Violence, Altered Gun Identification
Bond: \$1,500
Inmate: Carl Foster
Booking Date: 01/22
Charge: Failure to Appear
Bond: NOB
Inmate: Paul McDowell
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 Battery, Interfering with Public Safety, Disorderly Conduct
Bond: \$750
Inmate: Jaden Allen

Booking Date: 01/23
Charges: Theft/Shoplifting, Minor Possess Alcoholic Beverage
Bond: \$750
Inmate: Zachary Herrmann
Booking Date: 01/24
Charges: Domestic Battery, Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Criminal Mischief, Leaving the Scene of a Crash, Probation Violation
Bond: \$1,000
Inmate: David Morris
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 Violation
Bond: \$1,000
Source: RCSO

SENATOR LEISING CHAIRS RURAL CAUCUS MEETING



photo provided
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.



SPORTS



Lady Lions coming down home stretch

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR



The Batesville Lady Bulldogs were never threatened in a Thursday conference matchup at Rushville's Memorial Gymnasium, defeating the Lady Lions 59-31. The home team didn't reach double digits on the scoreboard until the third quarter, trailing 37-9. Maddie Haskamp led all scorers with 18 points, getting to the rim with regularity to exploit the Lion defense. She added a team-high nine boards. Sophie Gesell scored 13. Lydia Haskamp and Alyson Peters (10 pts.) added to Batesville's strong inside presence on the night. Peters picked up three steals on defense. BHS shot 48% from the field while holding the Lions to just 20%.

A Nora Wiedeman 3 was answered by Gracie Buzzard's layup for a 3-2 BHS lead early on. By the time the Lions scored their next field goal, they were already down 23-3 midway through the second period. Mikayla Herbert and Trisha Morgan obliged with 2-point makes but at halftime the Lions were staring at an unsightly 33-7 disadvantage.

Carly Senour finally put the hosts in the double-figure column when her basket between Gesell buckets made it 37-11. Senour scored twice more and Buzzard once as RCHS dropped behind 46-18 at the end of three. The Lions, behind a series of threes by Herbert, T. Morgan and Charlotte Caviness, went for 13 in the fourth.

T. Morgan and Senour each had 9 points to pace the Lions while Herbert and Buzzard added 5

apiece.

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

Rushville led for much of the first half, T. Morgan launching a long two for a 3-2 Lion lead in a low-scoring start. Senour later hit a pair of free throws, making it 5-2. A physical first quarter resulted in the Lions reaching the 5-foul bonus with 2:09 remaining; T. Morgan hit 1 of 2 for a four-point lead. Ripberger did the same with 40 seconds left. Spartan freshman Kendyl Bottomley then completed a 3-point play as part of her game-best 19 points.

Bottomley followed in her own miss to tie things at seven in the early part of period two. Caviness had a quick response from behind the arc and Senour echoed that to make it 13-7. With just over four minutes left in the half, CHS' Kylie McHenry buried a three to get the Spartans within a couple at 14-12. A steal and conversion by the guests' Ahniyah Bennett produced another tie. Maddie Harrison had a rebound bucket for CHS, but K. Morgan put in a short jumper to even things at the break.

Bennett started feeling it when the teams returned from the locker room, scoring five in a row as part of her 8-point third quarter. Coach Winkler called timeout at the

5:40 mark. In the latter half of the frame, Addie Jones had a nice feed to Bottomley for two and Rushville finally scored with under three minutes to go as K. Morgan got one to fall. Buzzard stepped up for a 2-point jump shot but Bottomley found a wide-open path to the rim as CHS led 28-20 after three.

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-footer, but 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. Melaney Mahan had points and 3 rebounds.

Lions on 5-game skid

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

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 their 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.

RCHS is at South Dearborn Friday for an EIAC matchup and wel-

comes conference rival 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 6 each and Chase Hunt rounded out the scoring with 2.

Gymnasts defeated

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

The RCHS gymnastics team was defeated by New Castle last Wednesday.

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 (6th; 25.5).

Sophomore Lexi Hill

was 6th on bars (4.6). Soph Emmie Tracy was 3rd on bars (6.5), 5th on beam (career-best 7.15), 5th on vault (7.7), 5th on floor (6.95) and a personal-high 28.3 on all-around, good for 4th. Sophomore Audrey Waits had a career best on beam: 6.5 for 8th.

Wrestling sectional is Saturday

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

The Rushville wrestling team ended its regular dual season Thursday with a 41-35 win over Shelbyville.

"It was senior night and that always gets 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 really count."

Eight wins in contested matches put RCHS over the top. Sam Pavey moved to 26-5 with a pin at 190

pounds. Briggs Tackett is 26-4 after winning by forfeit at 106. Blake Hunt improved to 24-5 at 120 with a 17-2 technical fall. Trey Newman won his 21st match against seven losses by getting a 16-0 tech fall at 215. Gabe Buzzard is 19-11 after a pin at 113. Ryder Hatten won a major 11-2 decision at 138 to move to 16-12. Kaleb Amos is 15-14 after getting a forfeit at 285. Gio Norvell won 5-4 at 132 to run his record to 11-12.

Sectional is Saturday at Franklin County.

"This is what we train for all season," said Tush. "Every-

thing until now is just practice for the state tournament. Every wrestler has a goal set for the tournament and knows that a first round loss will end their season. This is the opportunity for our wrestlers to put a spotlight on their accomplishments and gives our seniors a better chance of being noticed by colleges. I believe some kids will make it over the semi-state hump this year to earn a spot at the state championship. It will take hard work and smart wrestling, but I think they are willing and able to step up to that level of wrestling."

Good Luck
LIONS

Moster MORTUARY

Ann C. Moster, Gary Underwood, Jessee Brammer Funeral Directors

"Our family taking care of your family since 1931"

334 North Main Street, Rushville, IN 46173
Telephone: (765) 932-3914
www.mostermortuary.com

Presidential Inauguration named National Special Security Event

Cassie Garret
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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 President John F. Kennedy's in 1961.

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

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 inter-agency presence to ensure the transition of power, continuing a legacy that began in 1789 when their predecessors escorted George Washington to the first inauguration," the Department of Defense wrote in a press release.

While safety remained the foremost priority for law enforcement and the

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 played other roles

in 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 permission at that point,

you 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, everyone 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 Guardsmen mostly about the weather as many were from Florida. The police I spoke with were from Wash-

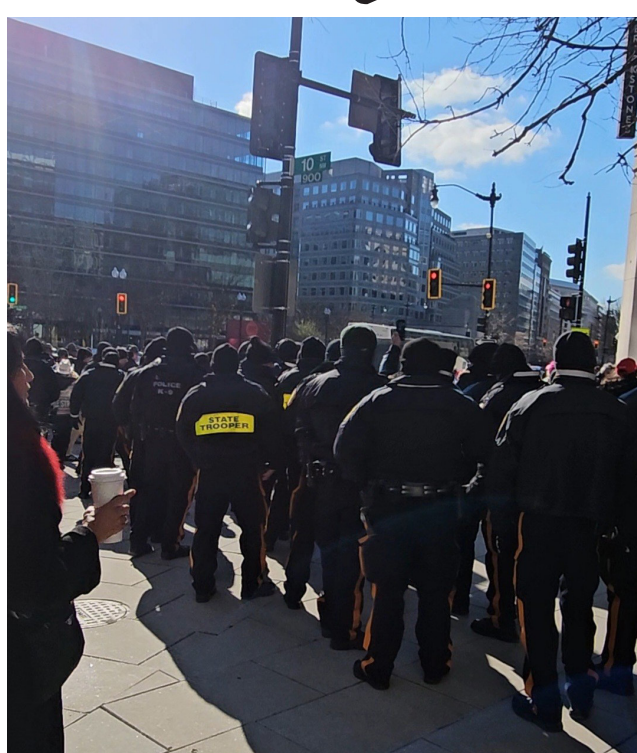


photo provided
Law enforcement could be seen on every block and walking the streets.

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 your 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

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 the President, Donald Trump, and First Lady Melania attended. 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 short-range 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,



photo provided
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.

According to the White House Historical Association, the na-

tion's first inaugural ball was held in 1809 for President James Madison and his wife, Dolly.

Celebrating despite sub-zero temperatures

Cassie Garrett
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The 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 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 bod-

ies surged forward in a rush 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.



photo by Cassie Garrett
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 Ryan Thalls



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

photo by Cassie Garrett



Snow and sleet couldn't keep crowds inside.

photo by Ryan Thalls



National Guard members from Florida securing the street.

photo by Cassie Garrett



After Trump spoke at Capitol One Arena on Inauguration Day.

photo by Ryan Thalls



photo by Army Spc. Joseph Liggio
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.

Street vendors thrive amidst the excitement of Inauguration

There were hundreds of vendors present for 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



photo by Cassie Garrett

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 discussed initiatives 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 developments 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 commitment to Indiana's future. 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 its national presence.

Source: Office of Diego Morales



photo provided

Pictured is Secretary of State Diego Morales and Representative Stutzman.

WHITewater PRINT SOLUTIONS

(765) 647-4811

WE OFFER
A WIDE VARIETY OF
HIGH QUALITY PRINT & MARKETING MATERIALS

POLY FURNITURE 2021

FARM FRESH FREEZER BEEF

TIRE MART

VALLEY HOUSE FLATS

- Full color posters
- Brochures
- Business cards
- Event tickets
- Copies

- Booklets
- Programs
- Forms
- Envelopes
- Specialty printing

- Mailing Services
- Graphic Design
- Signs & Banners
- Flags
- Event tents

531 MAIN ST. • BROOKVILLE, IN
orders@whitewaterprintsolutions.com

SUDOKU

Interested in sponsoring our Sudoku game?

Contact Brandy Todd by calling 765-647-4221 or email brandy.todd@whitewaterpublications.com

9	4		7	5		6		
3	2		4					
	1						3	
	7	5						
								8
			6		2			9
							9	2
			8					
	9				7	4	5	

ANSWERS

8	6	9	3	2	6	9	8	5
7	5	8	4	3	1	4	6	2
1	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	2
2	1	6	5	2	1	7	4	8
6	7	5	1	9	8	4	2	3
9	2	8	7	4	3	6	5	1
5	1	7	8	2	6	9	3	4
3	2	6	4	1	9	5	8	7
8	4	3	7	5	2	6	1	9

ADVERTISE IN THE EXPLORER WITH

BRANDY TODD

AN AFFORDABLE WAY TO ADVERTISE REGIONALLY!

CONTACT BRANDY TODD FOR MORE DETAILS:
BRANDY.TODD@WHITEWATERPUBLICATIONS.COM

What ■ Continued from Page 1

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 four-mile 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

turned out to be about 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 construction;

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.

Lines ■ Continued from Page 1

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, he 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 four long years of American decline, and we begin a brand new day of American strength and prosperity, dignity and pride," Trump continued.

Trump reiterated



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. Before 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 York 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, and we will make 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.



CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13				14	
15				16					17	
18						19	20			
24	25	26		27		28	29	30	31	
32			33			34			35	
36			37			38			39	
43	44	45				46	47	48	49	
50				51	52	53				
54						55			56	
57						58			59	

ACROSS

1. Fitness clubs
5. Dads
8. Step
12. Luxurious
13. Wheel part
14. Ducks in
15. Part of a phone number
17. ___-and-take
18. Hurrah!
19. Dwellings
21. Went in
24. Fore's counterpart
27. Cape _____

DOWN

1. Chunk
2. Contented sound
3. Voyaging
4. Use a razor
5. Paid athlete
6. Help out
7. Smudge
8. Chinese temple
9. Extremely dry jump
10. Sheltered bay
11. Rams' mates
16. Solid
20. Drink
22. ___ good to picture be true
23. Lawn tool
24. What bit Cleopatra
25. "Bedtime ___ Bonzo"
26. Duet number
29. Bear's

56. Head

57. Cobra's comment

58. Low grade

59. Erupt

30. Poetic form

31. Go bad

34. Coffee server

37. Southern damsels

41. Implant

42. Genies' homes

43. Imprint firmly

44. Hawaiian island

45. Shirt protectors

47. Dancer's

48. Gambler's bet

49. Hearty soup

52. Yes

53. Get the

Puzzle Solutions

H	M	S	S	D	E	E	S	P	E	
C	H	E	A	S	E					
T	I	L	B	A	S	E	M	E	N	T
L	E	M	G	A	L	S				
E	L	T	E	R	N	A	L			
P	R	O	B	L	E	R				
A	R	E	R	O	G	A	D	O		
A	L	E	T							
E	N	T	E	R	E	D				
B	R	A	V	O						
B	R	A	C	O	D	E				
L	U	M								
S	P	A	S							

Interested in sponsoring our Crossword? Contact Brandy Todd by calling 765-647-4221 or email brandy.todd@whitewaterpublications.com

Family & Friends

3-DAY FORECAST

FRIDAY
50° F
LOW OF 34

SATURDAY
40° F
LOW OF 35

SUNDAY
48° F
LOW OF 35

Protest ■ Continued from Page 1



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 Americans everywhere 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-

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 lives smaller."

Bills ■ Continued from Page 3

and intentionally does the following: (1) Engages or participates in an adult orientated 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 Committee on Jan. 29.
House Bill 1684
Irretrievable Breakdown of Marriage
Authored by: Rep. Timothy Wesco.
Digest

Provides that if the parties to a petition for dissolution of marriage are the parents of one or more 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 is irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, a court may enter a dissolution decree only if: (1) at least one party to the petition presents a witness at the final hearing on the petition who testifies to affirm the

irretrievable breakdown of the marriage; or (2) the parties can show cause as to why the petition should be granted. Specifies the individuals who may provide testimony as to the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, and

provides that an individual other than a licensed counselor may not have received any 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 PROFILE

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

YOUR HOME, YOUR LIFE, YOUR CHOICE

Autumn Trace

AFFORDABLE PREMIER SENIOR LIVING




CAROL APSLEY HUNTER
DIRECTOR

Call Today to Schedule a Tour : 765-338-2130

3730 Opportunity Drive, Connersville, IN 47331



SCAN QR CODE FOR VIRTUAL TOUR

THIRD PLACE BROOKVILLE IS THE PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS!

734 MAIN ST.
CALL FOR RESERVATIONS
765-207-1110

31 JAN
RANDY PEAK

07 FEB
JIMMY DAVIS BAND

14 FEB
YOUR OL' PAL DON PRUETT

21 FEB
LONE WOLF & FRIENDS

BUFFET 5PM **MUSIC 7PM**

MAKE IT A GREAT NIGHT!
FAMILY FRIENDLY! COME FOR MUSIC & FOOD OR GRAB YOUR CHICKEN AT DAIRY COTTAGE BEFORE THE SHOW & FINISH YOUR NIGHT WITH ICE CREAM FROM THE DAILY SCOOP!

COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES

STAY AT COBBLESTONE INNS & SUITES, AT THE BASE OF BROOKVILLE LAKE DAM!
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 765-647-4434 | TO RECEIVE A **15% DISCOUNT** USE CODE **THIRDP**