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TAKE NOTE

Council president suffers heart attack

Nashville Town Council President "Buzz" King was taken to IU Health Methodist Hospital last weekend after having a heart attack.



On Nov. 9, town council Vice President Jane Gore said he was doing better; he was strong enough to have stents put in, which restored blood flow.

She wasn't sure how much longer King would be at Methodist. His wife, Linda, was hoping they'd be able to transfer him to Brown County Health & Living for rehabilitation, Gore said.

Gore has been acting as the family's spokesperson; she said anyone is welcome to call her if they need to, not King directly. Anyone who wishes to send a card can mail it to the Kings' home address.

Duke power outage to happen this weekend

Don't forget, Duke Energy is planning to shut the power off this Sunday night, and then the start of school will be delayed Monday morning.

The outage will affect the town of Nashville and residents living near town or on Clay Lick Road. Some South-Central Indiana RE/MC customers also may experience power outages because their lines share a pole with these Duke lines.

The outage is expected to last about seven hours, beginning at about 11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 and ending at 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

About 1,300 customers living in or around Nashville will be affected, including local hotels, and businesses in Salt Creek Plaza.

Traffic lights also will be out in town. Duke Energy will provide traffic control.

Power will be out because the wooden poles that hold a high-voltage power line have been damaged by woodpeckers and need to be replaced. While work is under way, Clay Lick Road will be closed from about 10 p.m. Nov. 18 to 5:30 a.m. Nov. 19.

Affected customers should expect robo-calls to be done a few days before the outage. Letters were to be sent last month to affected customers, too. A map of the affected area was printed in the Oct. 10 paper. With questions, call the project hotline at 800-820-9262.

Maple Leaf group hires executive director

The Maple Leaf Performing Arts Center now has an executive director, Diana Beth Evans, who was hired at the Nov. 7 Maple Leaf Management Group meeting.

Learn more about her in next week's paper.

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GOP SWEEP

DECADES IN THE MAKING



But how important is party allegiance locally? Multiple voices weigh in

By Suea Connor | The Democrat
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Brown County Republican Party Chairman Mark Bowman thought it would be a good night, but he had no idea how good until the final precinct tallies came in.

For the first time he can remember in his 30 years in Brown County, local Republicans swept nearly every partisan office, including the only four that Democrats had been occupying: judge, auditor, clerk and a county council seat.

The only exceptions were two of the three board seats in Washington Township which went to Democrats, and one of them was going to have to go blue anyway because there were only two Republicans on the ballot.

"I had a premonition that if the stars aligned, we could have a win like that, but I never thought that we'd take everything," Bowman said last Thursday.

He had just written an email to his fellow Republicans telling them about the historic nature of this red wave.

Above: Victorious candidates of the Brown County Republican Party gather for a group photo at the end of the mid-term election celebration at The Seasons Conference Center.

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"It's been a very, very long road for Republicans to get to this point, because historically, Brown County has been a Democratic county across the board," he said.

"There was a point in time when the exact same thing happened to Republicans that just happened to Democrats, except for minority races like township advisory board," he said, about the GOP's nearly clean sweep. "But never has

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Incumbent county commissioner Diana Biddle announces victorious Republican nominees, including herself, as the final results arrive for the Nov. 6 mid-term elections.

Incumbent to serve another term

By Suzanne Goss | The Democrat
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Diana Biddle put down a pile of election tape she was rolling up, took a deep breath and leaned back in her seat at Republican headquarters on election night.

"I'm excited for another four years," she said with a smile.

Biddle, a first-term county commissioner, defeated Democrat challenger Kyle Birkmeier, 3,975 votes to his 3,102.

She saw her win as "a referendum on my accomplishments for the last four years."

"I definitely see it as a referendum on Maple Leaf Performing Arts Center. I see it as a referendum on the county highway work we've been doing, the improvements, the capital improvement with the radio tower. I had a lot of people ask me questions about that," she said.

Biddle was a member of an ad

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HOW YOU VOTED

County commissioner

Diana Biddle (R) 3975

Kyle Birkmeier (D) 3102

Voters choose new Brown Circuit Court judge

By Suzanne Goss | The Democrat
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After more than two decades, Brown County has a new circuit court judge. Republican Mary Wertz will succeed Judge Judith Stewart when she retires at the end of this year.

"I'm happy, relieved and thrilled. My husband and I worked very hard to make this happen. I'm just very happy, and happy that the voters placed their confidence in me. It's humbling," Wertz said.

Pictured: Newly elected Judge Mary Wertz, right, speaks with Democrat challenger Kristopher Kritzer after the election. Kritzer came up to the Seasons Conference Center to congratulate Wertz.

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HOW YOU VOTED

Circuit court judge

Mary Wertz (R) 4393

Kristopher Kritzer (D) 2754

Wertz defeated Democrat Kristopher Kritzer by more than 1,600 votes. Wertz received 4,393 votes to Kritzer's 2,754. "I'm disappointed," Kritzer said.

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December 1
6:00 PM

Village of Nashville

New, unwrapped toys will be collected along the route for distribution by the Brown County Salvation Army to Brown County families (no stuffed animals please)

a Rain, Snow or Shine event!

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SENIOR NEWS

Senior center plans games, meals

SPEARSVILLE — Hickory Ridge Civic League and Community Center, 2314 Hickory Ridge Lane, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15: Cards, puzzles or walking track, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; nurse's visit, 10 to 11 a.m.; potluck, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17: Sausage gravy breakfast, 8

to 11 a.m. Menu includes biscuits, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, eggs, sausage links, pancakes and drink, \$6 per adult, \$5 per child 12 and younger.

Thursday, Nov. 22: Church for Thanksgiving.

Monday, Nov. 26: Civic League meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29: Cards, exercise, fitness, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; potluck, 11:30 a.m.

For information, call 812-474-0680.

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