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Indiana won't do mid-cycle redistricting

No December session; GOP leaders in both chambers say they don't have the votes

By TOM DAVIES

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Indiana Senate Republicans said Friday they are rejecting President Donald Trump's push for congressional redistricting – a move immediately blasted by Gov. Mike Braun

and Trump allies.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said in a statement Friday afternoon that the Senate won't take up the issue, as was expected in an unusual December session.

"Over the last several months, Senate Republicans have given very serious and thoughtful consider-



BRAY

ation to the concept of redrawing our state's congressional maps," Bray said in a statement released by his office. "Today, I'm announcing there are not enough votes to move that idea forward, and the Senate will not reconvene in December"

Indiana lawmakers were sched-

uled to meet starting Dec. 1 to consider drawing more Republican-leaning U.S. House districts ahead of next year's midterm elections – following a months-long pressure campaign by Trump's administration and his supporters.

If the decision by Senate Republicans stands, Indiana would



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become the first GOP-led state to outright turn down Trump's wish to squeeze out more Republican-friendly congressional seats ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

Braun had endorsed Trump's push and called for legislators to convene Nov. 3 in a special session to redraw the congressional maps. Legislative leaders had delayed that to Dec. 1.

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COMING SOON: THE OVERLOOK



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Misco employees and Ironworkers Local 22 members Gabe Greve and Tryston Reece work on the new overlook at Dewey Point on Nov. 7 in West Terre Haute.

Riverscape, Vigo County parks, constructing overlook at Dewey Point

By SUE LOUGHLIN

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Wabashiki wetlands enthusiasts will soon have a new overlook at Dewey Point in West Terre Haute.

It's under construction, and the goal is to have it completed by mid-December, said Michael Shaw, vice president of Earl Rodgers and Associates, the project's general contractor.

Shaw also is former president and a current board member of Wabash Valley Riverscape.

The overlook is a joint effort of Riverscape, the Vigo County Parks Department and county government. The Wabash Valley Community Foundation also has been a contributor.

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Michael Shaw, executive vice president at Earl C. Rodgers & Associates, displays the artist's rendering of the new overlook at Dewey Point on Nov. 7 in West Terre Haute.

Vigo School Board OKs 2-year pact with teachers

By SUE LOUGHLIN

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The Vigo County School Board on Friday unanimously approved a two-year collective bargaining agreement with the Vigo County Teachers Association.

The board voted 6-0 in favor; board member Amy Lore was not in attendance.

Under terms of the contract, teachers will receive a \$2,000 pay increase over two years, while qualifying "lost generation" teachers would receive \$4,500.

Teachers who are VCTA



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members ratified the contract by a vote of 402 to 63 on Nov. 4.

The board conducted a public hearing on the

contract Nov. 7.

"It was truly a collaboration and we are very appreciative of the work" by both VCSC and VCTA teams," said Superintendent Chris Himself, after the meeting.

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Betsy and the Bears includes bassist Eliot Crispin (left), guitarist Brent McPike (center), vocalist Betsy Baer (right) and mandolinist Solly Burton (not pictured.) They'll unveil a new album "Rhythm in Paradise" on Nov. 22, the same day they'll perform live at the Paris Center for Fine Arts in Paris, Ill.

Familiar faces of Betsy and The Bears to perform at Paris Center

One musical commonality singer Betsy Baer shares with guitarist Brent "B.G." McPike shouldn't come as a surprise.

Both have a fondness for Beatles music, as well as jazz and bossa nova.

Baer has sung around the globe, from Japan to Los Angeles and London. One of those audiences included Sir Paul McCartney, the Fab Four's bassist-guitarist-singer-songwriter-motivator. That



MARK BENNETT

happened at the Actors' Church in Covent Garden in London during a performance for English actor and author Victor Spinetti. British singer Elaine Page also was in the crowd.

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