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## WINTER FUN AHEAD OF ARCTIC BLAST

Single-digit lows coming this weekend

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**BEDFORD** — A few rounds of light snow in recent weeks have provided the makings for snowmen, sledding and other seasonal recreation, and local youngsters might not have minded Punxsutawney Phil's Groundhog Day prediction Tuesday morning of six more weeks of winter.

However, Mother Nature is about to undergo a nasty transformation from fun playmate to unwelcome guest.

The National Weather Service in Indianapolis is forecasting a blast of Arctic air to impact the region over the weekend, which will bring dangerously cold temperatures.

Lows Saturday and Sunday nights are expected to be in the single digits, and Sunday's high is only forecast to make it into the teens.



Ben Voigtschild kicks up snow on his snowboard while heading down the slope near Otis Park's 12th green Monday afternoon. (Garet Cobb / Times-Mail)

MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL

## New animal control ordinance passed

7 firefighters to receive \$250 one-time stipend

By Jeff Routh  
Times-Mail

**MITCHELL** — The Mitchell City Council met in regular session Monday night at the Mitchell Community Building with all

members, the mayor and clerk-treasurer present.

The council moved forward with the passage of a new animal control ordinance as had been previously discussed. Attorney Byron Steele combined the changes that had been suggested at previous meetings and

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## Death ruled a homicide after Bloomington fire

The Herald-Times

**BLOOMINGTON** — A woman discovered dead last week when rescuers responded to an apartment fire on Basswood Drive was strangled, and police are conducting a homicide investigation.

The body of 32-year-old Teresa Michael was found when firefighters arrived at 9:38 p.m. Thursday.

An autopsy on Friday in Terre Haute determined that she did not die from injuries from a fire but had been killed.

In a news release, Monroe County Coroner Joani Shields addressed rumors circulating regarding

Michael's death. "The victim's legs were NOT cut off," Shields wrote. "There was a fire in the apartment that caused burn injuries to the victim, however her legs were not severed. This has been falsely reported by individuals not directly involved with the investigation."

Shields ruled Michael's death a homicide by strangulation. She said the investigation is ongoing and that no further information will be released.

Questions or information about the case should be directed to the Bloomington Police Department at 812-339-4477.

## BBB: Don't share your COVID-19 vaccine card on social media

Sarah Brookbank  
USA Today Network

Have you gotten your COVID-19 vaccine? The Better Business Bureau is warning people against sharing pictures of their vaccination cards on social media.

Why? BBB said the information on the card can make people vulnerable to identity theft and can help scammers create phony versions of the cards.

Vaccination cards have full names, birthdate information and information about where the vaccine was given.

"If your social media privacy settings aren't set high, you may be giving valuable information away for anyone to use," the BBB

said. "Sharing your personal information isn't the only issue. Scammers in Great Britain were caught selling fake vaccination cards on eBay and TikTok."

Officials said it's "only a matter of time" before similar cons come to the United States and Canada, using information from pictures people post.

The BBB said there are ways to safely share that you got the vaccination on social media and gave these tips:

- Share your vaccine sticker or use a profile frame instead.

- Review your security settings

- Be wary of answering popular social media prompts.

Some of these "favorite things" prompts are commonly used passwords or security questions.



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### COVID-19 statistics

The Indiana State Department of Health statistics as of noon Tuesday:

8.1%

#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

Total cases: 4,031

**INDIANA**  
Total cases: 629,903

Total deaths: 84

Total tested: 16,292

Total deaths: 9,677

New cases: 11

Total tested: 7,067,175

New deaths: 1

New cases: 1,567

Seven-day positivity rate (all tests): 7.9%

New deaths: 65

Seven-day positivity rate (all tests):

Lawrence County COVID-19 hotline is 812-545-0008.

### Scripture

"I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."

— Psalm 59:16

### Weather

**39** **27**

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### Deaths

**BEDFORD**  
Claude E. Davis Sr., 74  
Michael A. York, 57  
Therese "Terry" (Schadenfroh) Meehan, 84  
William T. "Billy" Shirley, 59

Doris C. (Blackburn) Fountain, 94  
**WILLIAMS**  
Philip Craig, 90  
**ELSEWHERE**  
Gary Sours, 86, Paoli  
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