



# ELEPHANT TALES

Fellow Wells County Republicans,

We're excited that the parade season is back in full swing this year! We hope to see all of our fellow Republicans joining forces to walk in the parades even though this is an off election year. We won't have booths to man this year, so we hope we can have an even larger army of red shirts on the parade routes. Please check the schedule and try it to make it to as many parades as you can. Contact Parade Chair Rina Stuck with any questions.

God bless each and every one of you,  
 Zach Rodgers  
 Wells County GOP Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 6 Central Committee Meets
- 10 Breakfast
- 13 3rd District Meeting
- 13-18 4H Fair
- 17 4H Parade
- 26 Community Outreach Project - Brianna's Hope

AUGUST

- 2 Central Committee Meets
- 5 Lunch & Listen for elected officials
- 7 Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Central Committee Meets
- 11 Breakfast
- 11 Lincoln Day/Reagan Rally
- 14 3rd District Meeting
- 18 Ossian Days Parade
- 21 Street Fair Opening Parade
- 23 Street Fair Industrial Parade
- 27 Central Comm Meets



**Breakfast  
 GOP HQ  
 July 10, 8 am**

**Diego Morales,  
 Candidate for IN Sec of  
 State, will be our guest  
 speaker.**

**Wanted: We are looking for  
 walkers for parades...**

**4H Parade - 7/17, 4:30 Line Up, BRMC**  
**Ossian Days Parade - 9/18**  
**Street Fair Opening Parade - 9/21**  
**Street Fair Industrial Parade - 9/23**



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**NEW MEMBERS**

Brandon Harnish  
 Diane Markley  
 Gary Markley  
 Daphne Mygrant  
 Beth Singleton

**WHO ARE WE?**

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE IDEALS OF  
 THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

Zach Rodgers, Chair  
 Sandy Garcia, Vice-Chair  
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**WHERE ARE WE?**

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**Happy 4th of July!**



# Getting to Know Your Elected Officials



**Vicki Andrews**  
**Wells County Council**  
**At-Large**

**Tell us a little bit about yourself.** I am married to Tim Andrews. We have three children and seven grandchildren. I am retired from Southern Wells Community Schools. I was treasurer of the school system . I currently work as a realtor, auction worker, county council and as an interim treasurer at South Adams Community Schools.

**Why did you choose to run for office?** I ran for office because I felt my financial background, previous work in Wells County Government, details to laws, and having a servant heart made it a good fit for me.

**What do you enjoy most about your elected office?** I would say I love working for the citizens of Wells County and trying to make the best financial decisions. I am also amazed at the knowledge and passion of my fellow councilmen. They completely think things through before making big decisions. We have a great county and I love hearing from the citizens.



**Jim Oswalt**  
**Wells County Council**  
**District 1**

**Tell us a little bit about yourself.** I was born in Wells County, graduated from Petroleum High School, graduated from Indiana University with a business degree, served in the National Guard, farmed for 20 years, managed a fertilizer plant for 8 years, did real estate appraising for 47 years and for 25 years ran my own company, Oswalt Realty. I retired in 2018. I have been married to my wife, Judy, for 53 years and we have two daughters, two sons-in-law, and two grandsons.

**Why did you choose to run for office?** I was on numerous committees and boards and I was asked to fill a vacancy on the Wells County Council. I felt I could represent Wells County in that capacity so I accepted. I am a conservation person and take the job of the budget for Wells County seriously. I have run for office ever since and have been on the council for 22 years.

**What do you enjoy most about your elected office?** My passion is that I love Wells County and making sure that I do represent the people of Wells County when it comes to spending the tax payers' money. My door has always been open for any residents to have a meeting with me about any of their concerns.

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**TRIVIA NIGHT was a success! Everyone had so much fun with lots of competition and laughter, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship with fellow Republicans. If you weren't there this year, we hope to see you next year. Thank You Event Sponsors: Josh & Heather Barkley, Rick & Beth Davis, Chandler & Rachel Gerber, and Kelly Herman.**

