



ELEPHANT TALES

Fellow Wells County Republicans,

We are approaching November in a non election year, but as you know, the party has not slowed down one bit. Central committee and the team around us are working hard to make sure we are ready to go next year to support our Republican candidates in the General Election. The other side is working on getting the most liberal opponents while we are trying to govern and make a better community. Let's stay strong and focused and we'll come out on top!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1 Central Committee Meets
- 4 Lunch & Listen for elected officials
- 6 Breakfast
- 6 3rd District Reorganization Meeting
- 18 GOP Women's Thanksmas
- 25 Happy Thanksgiving
- 29 Central Committee Meets

DECEMBER

- 3 GOP Christmas Party
- 4 Breakfast
- 4 Gun & Ammo Raffle
- 11 Parlor City Christmas
- 25 Merry Christmas

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year
- 3 Central Committee Meets
- 8 Breakfast
- 11 3rd District Meeting



Breakfast @ GOP HQ
Nov 6, 8 a.m.
<https://wells.gov/rsvp>

We welcome Pete Seat, Candidate for Indiana State Treasurer, as our speaker.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for Christmas gifts for needy children as a donation for your breakfast.

Wells County GOP Gun & Ammo Raffle, Dec 4, 9:30 a.m. @ HQ



You do not have to be present to win. Buy tickets here: <https://myevent.com/wellsgop-gun-affle>



Save the Date for our Annual GOP Christmas Party!

2021 Club Membership

Join the 2021 Club for only \$20.21
With your membership, you will receive a 2021 Club Membership Card and a special gift.
wells.gov/membership

NEW MEMBERS

- Jan Briner
- Rick Elwell
- Debbie Lagomarsino



WHO ARE WE?
 ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE IDEALS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
 Zach Rodgers, Chair
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Getting to Know Your Elected Officials



Bob Bate Bluffton City Court Judge

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I'm a lifelong resident of Bluffton, graduated from Bluffton High School in 1957, and began working at Franklin Electric. I married my high school sweetheart, Peggy Booth and we were blessed with 4 children, 5

grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. I started working at Reimschisel Ford and eventually became a Sales Manager at Crumback-Simon Chevrolet in New Haven. In 1979 I opened Bob Bate Chevrolet in Ossian and loved leading that dealership for 20 years. We enjoyed servicing our customers from all over Wells and surrounding counties. Over the years, I have enjoyed my involvement with the Lions Club and the Gideons. My personal Christian faith has guided my life, career and community service. The blessing of wonderful friendships has enriched my life deeply.

Why did you choose to run for office? In 1987, I felt the need to do more in my hometown and ran for and was elected to City Council (District 1). I was honored to serve in that capacity for 20 years. In 2007, I was appointed as the City Court Judge for Bluffton. My heart's desire has always been to serve our city in such a way that it would continue to be a safe and special place to live and raise a family. I am honored to serve alongside our law enforcement team to do just that. I hope those who meet me in my chambers experience a judge who is caring and respectful but also fair and consistent with the law.

What do you enjoy most about your elected office? I really enjoy working with the Police Department and helping maintain a safe community. I have met some of the greatest people during my time as your City Court Judge. It brings me great satisfaction to make a positive difference in our great city.

Congratulations to our newest Commissioner, Jeff Stringer! Jeff was elected by caucus to complete Kevin Woodward's term as District 3 Commissioner.

Congressman Banks Honors Kevin Woodward's Commissioner Career

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
KEVIN WOODWARD

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Kevin Woodward of Wells County.

Kevin has been essential to the common welfare of Wells County and its residents for over 30 years.

Most in Wells County know him to be a distinguished public servant. In 1990, Kevin was elected to the Ossian Town Board. In 1994, he was elected to the Wells County Council. Then, in 2000, he was elected commissioner of Wells County, a role in which he would serve for 21 years. As commissioner, Kevin worked diligently and tirelessly to respond to citizen concerns, fulfill state and local requirements, and see that county operations run smoothly.

So outstanding was Kevin's tenure as commissioner that he enjoyed overwhelming popular support and often the backing of both local Republican and Democrat parties. He believed in a "common sense approach to local government," rooted in discerning the concerns of hardworking, tax-paying Hoosiers.

Apart from his public service, Kevin is family man with roots deep in Wells County. Born and raised in Ossian, Kevin has been married for 38 years to Linda, with whom he has two sons and two granddaughters.

This is a testament to Kevin's long and distinguished service to Wells County. As he enters retirement, I wish him Godspeed in this new chapter of life, and to know that the county, and the whole of northeast Indiana, is forever grateful for him.

