



ELEPHANT TALES

Fellow Wells County Republicans,

If you have not already heard about our first Annual Gun Raffle....you need to check it out! We are excited to provide an opportunity for folks to win a really nice firearm at a very reasonable price. Please consider supporting this new endeavor so we can continue to grow it into a fun and exciting event each year. Check it out on our party's website; www.wells.gop

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 Breakfast
- 2 Caucus for Commissioner
- 4 Right to Life NE IN Banquet
- 9 Bluffton NOW! Chili Walk
- 8 Allen Co LD/ Bean Dinner
- 12 3rd District Meeting
- 29 Boo in Bluffton

NOVEMBER

- 1 Central Committee Meets
- 4 Lunch & Listen for elected officials
- 6 Breakfast
- 6 Gun & Ammo Raffle
- 9 3rd District Meeting
- TBD GOP Women's Thankmas
- 29 Central Committee Meets

DECEMBER

- 3 GOP Christmas Party
- 4 Breakfast
- 11 Parlor City Christmas



Breakfast @ GOP HQ
Oct. 2, 8 a.m.
<https://wells.gop/rsvp>

We welcome Susie Jaworowski, Candidate for Indiana State Treasurer, as our speaker.

Please bring a bag of candy for Boo in Bluffton instead of donating money for your breakfast.

The caucus to fill the vacancy for 3rd District Wells County Commissioner will begin immediately following breakfast.

Wells County GOP Gun & Ammo Raffle, Nov 6, 9:30 a.m. @ HQ



RIFLES	PISTOLS
S&W M&P-15 5.56	S&W M&P-15 22LR [1]
T/C VENTURE 223	SIG SAUER P365XL [4]
REMINGTON 700 .243	SIG SAUER P365 [2]
MOSSBERG 930 12GA	SIG SAUER M18 [1]

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

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.gop/membership



NEW MEMBERS

- Bruce Baumgarner
- Larry Rodgers
- Lyn Rodgers
- Betty VanWinkle
- Jim VanWinkle

WHO ARE WE?

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE IDEALS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- Zach Rodgers, Chair
- Sandy Garcia, Vice-Chair
- Preston Wright, Secretary
- Colin Andrews, Treasurer

WHERE ARE WE?

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Stop by HQ for a taste of chili!



We will be participating in Boo in Bluffton!

Getting to Know Your Elected Officials



Rick Elwell
Bluffton City Council
At-Large

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I grew up in Blackford County and graduated high school in 1984. I then attended Vincennes University and graduated with a degree in Electronics Technology. I worked for several years as a field engineer for a Fort

Wayne based company. I also worked for several years in broadcast engineering. In 2006 my business partner and I launched Stylus Tehnologies, a Wells County based commercial low voltage systems design/build firm. My wife Patty and I have lived in Bluffton since 1989. We've been married for 32 years and have 3 children.

Why did you choose to run for office? I've always had an interest in government and current events. Also, I've always had a passion for serving others. To me this was a practical way to serve my community. I feel that I have skills and abilities that I can use to serve this great community that has given so much to my family.

What do you enjoy most about your elected office? In my opinion, we live in the greatest nation in the world. I'm proud of my country and very proud of the City of Bluffton. I'm passionate about leaving a positive energy for the current and future residents of Bluffton.

Congratulations to Senator Travis Holdman, recipient of the 2021 Abe Legacy Award, and Laura Roberts, recipient of the 2021 Reagan Volunteer of the Year Award. The presentations were a part of our Lincoln Day/Reagan Rally.



Tami Runyon
City of Bluffton
Clerk Treasurer

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I graduated from Bluffton High School in 1977 and started working for the City of Bluffton a week later. I worked as Police Secretary/Radio Dispatcher/IDACS Coordinator

for seven years before transferring to the Clerk Treasurer's office in 1985. I became Clerk Treasurer in 2008. I have been married to Patrick Runyon since 1978 and we have two daughters, Dr. Karena Schroeder and Audrey McAbee and five active grandsons. My parents are Nancy Hughes and the late Paul F. Hughes.

Why did you choose to run for office? I decided to run in 2007 because I felt I was the most qualified with having over 20 years experience in the office. I was raised to give back to the community and I felt this was the best way for me to serve the citizens. I have been lucky and I am greatly appreciative of the faith and support Bluffton has shown me over the years, letting me run for office unopposed.

What do you enjoy most about your elected office? I enjoy the variety of the job. We do so many things at the Clerk Treasurer's office that it keeps the job from getting boring. We keep minutes but also do payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, bank reconcilements, daily deposits, budgets, annual report to the state, monthly updates and many other items. Legislation is constantly changing which is aggravating but also keeps me on my toes.

Congratulations Laura Roberts and Rina Stuck for being accepted into the 2021-2022 Lugar Series.

