



ELEPHANT TALES

Fellow Wells County Republicans,

This month, we are taking a moment to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Commissioner Kevin Woodward. After years of dedicated service to our community and our party, Kevin is retiring from his elected position on October 1st. As a party, we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you Kevin for your loyalty and service to all of us

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Central Committee Meets
- 11 Breakfast
- 11 Lincoln Day/Reagan Rally
- 14 3rd District Meeting
- 16 Annual Banks BBQ
- 16 Tusk Force in Ossian
- 18 Ossian Days Parade
- 21-25 Street Fair GOP HQ Open
- 21 Opening Parade
- 23 Industrial Parade
- 25 Adams Co Breakfast
- 27 Central Committee Meets
- 30 Jay County Lincoln Day

OCTOBER

- 2 Breakfast
- 4 Right to Life NE IN Banquet
- 8 Allen Co LD/ Bean Dinner
- 12 3rd District Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 Central Committee Meets
- 4 Lunch & Listen for elected officials
- 6 Breakfast
- 6 Gun & Ammo Auction
- 9 3rd District Meeting
- 29 Central Committee Meets



**Breakfast
GOP HQ
Sept 11, 8 am**

Lana Keesling, Fort Wayne City Clerk and Allen County GOP Vice Chair, will be our guest speaker. She may be making a special announcement soon!

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

**Purchase your tickets
online: [myevent.com/
wellsgop-gun-raffle](https://myevent.com/wellsgop-gun-raffle)**

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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THE WELLS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY INVITES YOU TO ITS
Lincoln Day Dinner + **REAGAN RALLY**
Featuring
Special Guest
Keynote Speaker
**Congressman
Jim Banks**
Saturday, September 11, 2021
at 5:00PM
\$50/person
TAKING PLACE AT
White Rock Barn & Terrace
6642 State Road 1, Ossian, IN 46777
RSVP no later than September 1, 2021
For details and to RSVP, please visit wells.gop/lincoln



Getting to Know Your Elected Officials



Scott Mentzer
Bluffton City Council
District 4

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I grew up in Delaware. I first arrived in Indiana to attend Tri-State University (Trine University) to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. My father was a Tri-State graduate. I graduated in four years

and took my first engineering job in Huntington at Wabash Magnetics where I rose to the position of VP of Engineering. In 1999, I left Wabash to take a job as the Director of Engineering and Operations at CTS in Berne. I would move from Fort Wayne to Bluffton in 2003. I left CTS in 2005 to join two other partners in a start-up manufacturing company, Phoenix America. Today Phoenix America employs close to 50 employees and I am the COO - Chief Operating Officer. I also earned my Master's in Business Administration from the University of St. Francis. My wife Dayle and I have been married for 16 years. We have 7 children and 5 grandchildren. All have moved out of the house and are successful in their careers. We are members of the First Church of Christ. Dayle and I started Wells County Voice in 2008 and since then have broadcasted live high school sporting events for Bluffton, Norwell, and Southern Wells. In total we have streamed over 3000 live events free to our community.

Why did you choose to run for office? I have always believed that government should operate with a business mindset, making decisions that maximize the value for the taxpayers. Leaders should treat tax dollars as if they were their own and spend them on needs, not wants. I believe that decisions should be data-driven, not emotionally driven. I want to bring my success as a small business owner to Council and offer my experiences as my value, not a list of promises to spend money on. I have always expected that from the leaders I have voted for. Running for office allowed me to put this expectation into practice.

What do you enjoy most about your elected office? I have had the opportunity to learn a lot about issues and concerns that otherwise I would not have been exposed to. I enjoy digging into the details and making myself as informed as possible. We have been faced with a lot of challenges and have had to learn a lot very quickly. I enjoy being challenged.



Josh Hunt
Bluffton City Council
District 2

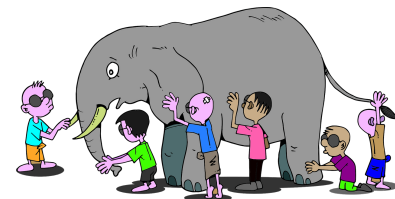
Tell us a little bit about yourself. My name is Josh Hunt. Staci and I have been married for over 20 years and have three teenagers: Abigail, Lukas and Andrew. I have been running our

family business, Craigville Appliance, since 2005. I am a huge fan of the shop local movement that is going on in our community, and across the United States. In my free time I enjoy boating and spending time enjoying nature.

Why did you choose to run for office? Many people asked me to run for office over the last few election cycles. That is the simple answer. I had no ambitions of any political office over the years.

What do you enjoy most about your elected office? My favorite thing about being in office is the vision for our future. The City of Bluffton has a ton of potential in the decades ahead. I am humbled and honored to represent the Second District in the City of Bluffton. Representing our citizens is something that I take very seriously.

Keep an eye out for our



COMMUNITY OUTREACH
 TUSK FORCE!

