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Welcome to the 2022 Wells County Fact Book, compiled by the staff of News-Banner Publications.

This easy-to-use reference book is filled with a lot of information about the community. You can find out how to contact your local elected officials, find out what there is to do in Wells County, look up which agencies and businesses serve the community, and peruse through agricultural and population data.

We've also included a collection of snapshots around the county from 2021 to showcase local events, venues and activities for residents and visitors of all ages.

This is an annual edition, so we welcome suggestions on how to make this resource even more valuable.

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Other Important Phone Numbers:

Adult Abuse Hotline 1-800-992-6978
American Red Cross 800-733-2767
Bluffton Fire Department 824-6050
Bluffton Police Department 824-3320
Bluffton Regional Medical Center ... 824-3210
Bluffton Utilities 824-2500
For other city numbers, see Bluffton listings
Child Abuse Hotline 800-800-5556
Crimestoppers 800-237-7867
F.B.I 317-565-4000
Hospitals (area):
Adams Memorial ..... (260) 724-2145
Bluffton Regional 824-3210
Blackford County ..... (765) 348-0300
Dupont Hospital ..... (260) 416-3000
Huntington Parkview ..... (260) 355-3000
Lutheran Fort Wayne ..... (260) 435-7001
Jay County ..... (260) 726-7131
Parkview Memorial ..... (260) 484-6636
St. Joseph Medical Ctr. ..... (260) 425-3000
Veterans Admin. Med. Ctr ... (260) 426-5431
Immigration/Naturalization 800-375-5283
Indiana Poison Center 1-800-382-9097
Indiana State Police 1-800-552-0976
Markle Marshall 758-2225
Ossian Marshall 622-6162
Ossian Town Hall 622-4251
For other town numbers, see Ossian listings
Road Information 800-261-7623
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Emergency/After Hours 800-552-0985
Travelers Aid 824-3320
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Craigville 565-3606
Bluffton 824-0310
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Markle 758-2218
Ossian 622-4101
Petroleum 346-2140
Poneto 694-6446
Uniondale 543-2255
Yoder 622-7264
Zanesville 638-4876
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Veterans Affairs ... 824-6403 or 844-698-2311
Wells Community Foundation 824-8620
Wells County EMS 824-3320
Wells County Sheriff's Dept 824-3426
Zanesville Marshall 638-4080

Accommodations

MOTELS/LODGINGS MOTELS

America's Best Value Inn & Suites, 100 Charles Deam Court, 824-5553.

Budget Inn, 1090 N. Main St., 824-0820.

Comfort Inn, 1782 N. Main St., 824-4455.

Heritage Place & Suites, 640 Annette Dr., Markle, 758-2000.

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The Washington Street Inn, 220 E. Washington St., 824-9070.

CAMPGROUNDS

Bluffton KOA Campground, 1625 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton, 824-0127

Ouabache State Park, 4930 S. Ind. 201, Bluffton, 824-0926.

RECEPTION HALLS

The Corner Depot Kitchen, 2736 S.W. Center St. in Vera Cruz, 824-4775.

Lighted Gardens, 10794 N. Ind. 1, Ossian, 622-4023.

Timber Ridge Golf Course, 2330E 250N, Bluffton, 452-4572.

Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre, 211 Water St., Bluffton. 824-0510.

Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, 1240 4-H Park Road, 824-1689.

BLUFFTON RESTAURANTS

Arby's, 995 N. Main St., 824-5580.

Billy Ann's, 113 N . Main St., 824-8060.

Bummie's B&K, 1263 S . Main St., 824-3626.

Coco China Buffet, 2020 N. Main St., 827-0838.

Cowboy's Restaurant, 121 N. Main St.

Dairy Queen, 960 N. Main St., 824-4404.

El Camino Real III Mexican Restaurant, 2185 Commerce Drive, 565-3300.

Hardee's Restaurant, 211 N . Main St., 824-2668.

Hoosier House, 1529 S. Harrison Plaza, Bluffton, 824-4775.

Hugh's Bakery & Coffeehouse, 229 W. Market St.,
353-1477

Indiana Pancake House, 919 N. Main St., 353-1414.

KFC, 644 N. Main St., 824-9367.

Little Caesars Pizza, 941 N. Main St., 824-1000.

Mariachi Loco Mexican Grill, 1595 Harrison Plaza, 827-0616.

Millie's, 1070 N. Main St., 827-0755.

McDonald's, 984 N. Main St., 824-0433.

Pizza Hut, 632 N. Main St., 824-5701.

Pizza King, 114 W. Water St., 824-4956.

Richards Restaurant, 608 Charles Deam Court, 824-5884.

Subway, 933 N. Main St., 824-7821.

Taco Bell, 628 N. Main St., 824-1176.

Toppings Ice Cream Parlor, 135 W. Market St., 353-3355.

Tyeger's Pizza, 931 N. Main St., 827-0700.

Wendy's Restaurant, 860 N. Main St., 824-2143.

Wings Etc., 657 N. Main St., 296-1297.

Yergy's State Road BBQ, 1415 S. Main St., 824-4950.

OSSIAN RESTAURANTS

Crimson House Cafe, 304 N. Jefferson St., 622-0167.

East of Chicago Pizza, 1100 Dehner Drive, 622-6699.

China Wok, 1130 Dehner Drive., 622-6613.

Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant, 1140 Dehner Drive., 622-6555.

Nel's Cafe, 101 S. Jefferson St., 622-7345.

The Tipsy Ditch, 710 S. Jefferson St., 622-0283.

Subway, 502 S. Jefferson St., 622-6433.

MARKLE RESTAURANTS

Dairy Queen, Markle, 615 Annette Drive, 758-2196.

Koozie's Pub & Grub, 148 E. Morse St., 758-2300.

Markle's Pancake House, 165 N. Clark St., 758-8106.

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Vinatellis, 615 Annette Drive, 758-9011.

Agriculture

Purdue Extension Service, Wells County Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, Indiana 46714. Phone 824-6412; Fax 824-4891. Home Page: extension.purdue.edu/wells/

Director William Horan, extension educator - agriculture and natural resources and community development; Molly Hoag, extension educator - health and human sciences; Hannah Bridegam, 4-H youth development educator. Linda Bushee and Jenni Hoover, secretaries. Allie Alma, Community Center / 4-H Park marketing director, and Charlie Smiley, 4-H Park Caretaker.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) 117 W. Harvest Road, Bluffton, 824-1930.

County Executive Director Elonda Shirmeyer.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) share office at 115 W. Harvest Road, Bluffton, 824-1930 ext. 3. Sara Day, NRCS District Conservationist. Dave Lefforge, ISDA Resource Specialist. Lynne Huffman, SWCD District Coordinator.

Statistics/Information

Wells County has a population of 28,180 by the official census in 2020, ranking it as the 57th most populous county in the state. The county has 581 farms by the 2017 Census of Agriculture (the most recent year for which statistics are available) which was 46th in the state. The average farm size was listed as 387 acres (18th in the state). Land in farms in Wells totaled 225,047 acres, 14th in Indiana. Cropland was 215,386 acres, 13th in Indiana. Harvested cropland was 212,268 acres, 12th in Indiana. Pastureland of all types was 1,810 acres, which ranks 87th out of 92 counties. Woodland was 4,532 acres, which is 75th in the state.

2019 (the most recent year for which statistics are available) farm cash receipts were $192,368,000 (14th in state), with crop receipts $113,889,000 (17th in state) and livestock receipts $78,479,000 (17th in state).

Government payments came to $11,894,000, 31st among 92 counties. Imputed income/rent received was listed at $17,703,000 which was 15th highest in Indiana.

2019 Total Income for Wells farms was $221,965,000 (13th in state); Less expenses of $177,980,000 (15th in state), leaving a Realized Net Income of $43,985,000 (12th in Indiana)

Agriculture (continued)

2020 Crop Statistics (latest year available):

CORN: 78,400 acres planted, 76,000 acres harvested; yield 188.5 bushels per acre, total production 14,326,000 bushels for 29th place in Indiana.

SOYBEANS: 102,500 acres planted, 102,000 acres harvested; yield 58.2 bushels per acre, total production 5,950,000 bushels for 11th place in Indiana.

WHEAT: 3,700 acres planted, 3,200 acres harvested; yield 70.9 bushels per acre, total production 227,000 bushels for 24th highest ranking in Indiana.

Livestock Statistics:

CATTLE: January 2021 data: All cattle, 7,800 head (36th in Indiana); Beef cows, 400 head (69th); Milk cows, 3,400 head (11th).

HOGS: 2017 data: 180,138 head; 8th in Indiana

SHEEP: 2017 data: 84 head; 87th in Indiana

CHICKENS: 2017 data: No statistics available.

TURKEYS: 2017 data: 170 head; 23rd in Indiana

Historical Wells County Crop Yield bushels per acre (rounded up)

	Corn	Beans	Wheat
2020	189	58	71
2019	177*	54*	64
2018	204	62	76
2017	185	51	73
2016	177*	62	85
2015:	113	42	53
2014:	190	57	86
2013:	180*	57	71
2012:	122	53	70*
2011:	148	46	63
2010:	157	51	60
2009:	179	52	78
2008:	158	43	75
2007:	135	48	57
2006:	154	51	74

***Note:** Wheat in 2012, and corn in 2013, 2016 and 2019, and soybeans in 2019 are yield estimates

(Due to lack of sufficient survey data)

	Corn	SB	WT
Last 5-year averages:	186	57	74
Last 10-year averages:	169	54	71
Last 15-year averages:	165	52	70

Because the agriculture data for the previous year is published after The Fact Book is printed, the latest crop data available by print time was for 2020.

Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service — Compiled by Bill Horan, Purdue Extension Service, Wells County Office.

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Bluffton elects a mayor and five-member Common Council, a clerk-treasurer and a City Court judge. The mayor heads the executive branch and the city council is the legislative branch and makes all appropriations.

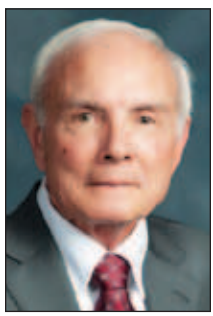
The mayor appoints two persons to serve with him on the Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety, which manages the city utilities, authorizes and contracts for purchases, and approves payment of bills.

The clerk-treasurer is the city's financial officer, issuing checks and serving as secretary for the Common Council and Board of Works.

The City Court judge operates the court, which has jurisdiction on city ordinances and on traffic cases.

The mayor and clerk-treasurer are full-time positions.

ELECTED OFFICIALS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John Whicker (R), Mayor, City Hall, 128 E. Market St., Bluffton, 824-1520. Home address: 510 Channing Way, phone 820-2399. Email: john.whicker@blufftonindiana.gov

Tamara Runyon (R), Clerk-Treasurer, City Hall, 128 E. Market St., Bluffton, 824-0612. Home address: 127 E. Wiley Ave., 824-0053. Email: tami@blufftonindiana.gov

Robert Bate (R), City Court Judge, Police-Fire Building, 200 E. Market St., , 824-3392. Email: court@ blufftonindiana.gov

Roger Thornton (R), 1st District Common Council. Home address: 1335 Hollendale Drive, 574-527-8498. Email: roger.thornton@blufftonindiana.gov

Josh Hunt (R), 2nd District Common Council. Home address: 734 N. Main St., 260-417-1024. Email: josh.hunt@blufftonindiana.gov

Janella Stronczek (R), 3rd District Common Council. Home address: 802 S. Main St., 260-273-1539. Email: janella.stronczek@blufftonindiana.gov

Scott Mentzer (R), 4th District Common Council and Common Council President. Home address: 628 E. South St., 260-615-1566. Email: scott.mentzer@blufftonindiana.gov

Rick Elwell (R), Common Council at-large, 704 W. Dustman Road, 260-827-8216. Email: rick.elwell@ blufftonindiana.gov

All eight Bluffton elected officials are elected for four-year terms at the same time. The last election was in 2019 for terms which expire at the end of 2023. The next municipal election will be in 2023.

Each district council member must reside in that district and is elected by only the voters in that district. The at-large council member and the mayor, clerk-treasurer and City Court judge are elected citywide.

The Bluffton Common Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market Street.

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety, composed of Mayor John Whicker and Common Council members Scott Mentzer and Roger Thornton, meets at 4:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of month in the first floor meeting room at City Hall, 128 E. Market Street.

The mayor's assistant and secretary is Brenda Jackson. Her email address is brenda.jackson@blufftonindiana.gov

The city attorney is Tony Crowell. His email address is tony.crowell@ blufftonindiana.gov

BLUFFTON UTILITIES

The city of Bluffton operates three utilities — electric, water and sewage. Working hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The city also bills for trash and recycling pickup.

Regular office hours at the Utility Office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 824-2500. Emergencies during after hours and weekends should be reported to the Bluffton Police Department by calling 824-3320.

Jon Oman is operations manager of Bluffton Utilities in City Hall, 128 E. Market St. Phone:

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824-2500. Email: jon.oman@blufftonindiana.gov

For new residential service, a deposit of $150 is required. If you have a reference from previous utility service or a good credit report, the deposit is only $25. The deposit is refundable when leaving Bluffton Utilities.

A temporary connection to the electric utility is $50.

For sewer and water tap inquiries and fees, contact the Bluffton Utilities office.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Ted Smith is the city's building commissioner. He has an office at Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., and his phone number is 824- 6068. Email: ted.smith@blufftonindiana.gov

OTHER CITY SERVICES

The Street Department is at 1205 S. Wayne St., phone 824-0714. Tim Simpson is the street commissioner. Email: tim.simpson@blufftonindiana.gov

Working hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Emergencies after hours and weekends should be reported to the Bluffton Police Department by calling 824-3320.

Brush and Limbs Pickup: These are collected by the Street Department the first 10 days of the month, April through November, as conditions allow. Brush and limbs should be placed out on the first day of each month. Items are collected as weather and volume permits.

Leaves will be collected in 2022 according to your trash pickup days. If your trash/recycling day is Monday, your leaves will be picked up the weeks of Oct. 10 and Nov. 7. If your trash/recycling day is Tuesday, your leaves will be picked up the weeks of Oct. 17 and Nov. 14. If your trash/recycling day is Wednesday, your leaves will be picked up the weeks of Oct. 24 and Nov. 21.

Trash and recycling services are provided by Republic Services. The company's toll-free phone number is 800-876-9001. The garbage and recycling fee is $17.25 per month per residence, with that amount covering both garbage and recycling.

Trash is picked up on the following schedule:

- Monday — Homes north of the river.
- Tuesday — Homes south of the river, west of Wayne Street and north of Wiley Avenue.
- Wednesday — Homes south of Wiley Avenue and west of Wayne Street. Also, homes east of Wayne Street.

Recyclables are picked up every other week. The 2022 schedule and map can be found on the City's Website or picked up at City Hall.

If a pickup day falls on or follows a holiday, trash and recyclables will be collected on the following day.

Unlimited bagged trash pickup is scheduled for May 9, 10 and 11; Oct. 3, 4 and 5; and Dec. 27, 28, and 29.

Wells County maintains a drop-off recycling center at 702 W. Wabash St. in Bluffton. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. The center is closed on Monday. You can contact the recycling center at 824-4828.

The Wells County Solid Waste District will have a household hazardous materials collection day. It is usually held on a Saturday morning in June at the parking lot of the Bluffton Middle School.

The Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) provides natural gas service in Bluffton. For 24-hour customer service, call toll-free 800-464-7726. For gas leak emergencies only, call 800-634-3524.

Kyle Randall

Bluffton has telephone service from AdamsWells Telecom, 565-3131, and AT&T, 800-288-2020.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police-Fire Building, 204 E. Market St., phone (non-emergency) 824-3320.

Kyle Randall is the police chief; his email is kyle.randall@blufftonindiana.gov

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Andrew Ellis is the deputy police chief. Other members of the Bluffton Police Department are sergeants Brent Archbold, Jason Baker and Josh Smith; detectives Cliff Thomas and Marijean Heckel; school resource officer Philip Kurut; and officers Greg Steele, Geoff Gilbert, Travis Ford, Jeffrey Belda, Benjamin Griner, Justin Pitman, Amanda Ballard, Ethan Daggett, Bradley Carlson, Trae Jojola, Tyler Lambert, Alex Monce, and Conner Esmond. Dispatchers are Mike Miller (911 director), Christine Bennett, Andrea Garrett, Dan Green, Kim Noble, Devin Smith, Megan Hunter, Courtney Harvey, Tiffany Leas, Melissa Zirkle, Keesha Niblick and Cayla Fuhrman. Jennifer Krinn is the secretary and city court clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Police-Fire Building, 204 E. Market St, phone (non-emergency) 824-6050. Don Craig is the fire chief; his email is don.craig@blufftonindiana.gov Chris Wolf is the deputy fire chief; his email is chris.wolf@blufftonindiana.gov.

Engineers/firefighters are Tim Franklin, Brian Ehrman, Ryan Stahly, Lt. Jim Platt, Dane Zoda, Taylon Elzey, and Adam Hannie. Paid on call firefighters include: Kelly engineers — Kevin Osborn, Mike Moriarity, and Zach Gaskill. Battalion Chief Brandon Mechling. A Shift – Capt. Justin King, Lt. Jordan Ehrman, Firefighters Kyle Morphew, Bryan Speidel, Denny Fiscus, Sean Gehring, and Cody Harris. B Shift — Capt. Ryan Crist, LT. Jeremy Heckel, Firefighters Dennis Gerwig, Shane Bennett, Landon Eads, Cameron Rittmeyer, Caitlin Herndon, and Steve Briede. C Shift — Capt. Mike Harris, Lt. Justin Gerdom, Firefighters Kelly Thompson, Jeremy Wolf, Josh Moriarity, Matt Burkholder, and Nathan Bueter. Part-time firefighters are Trenton Markley, Kadin Gerber, Brianna Howe, Anthony Crossgrove, Evan Duffy, and Faith Leist.

Don Craig

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department office is in City Hall, 128 E. Market St., phone 824-6069.

Brandy Fiechter is the superintendent. Email: parks@blufftonindiana.gov

Members of the Bluffton Parks and Recreation board are Susan Campbell, Rick McEvoy, John Gerber and Christine Zadylak. The board meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month

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at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 128 E. Market St. The board is in charge of operating and maintaining the Bluffton city parks and the Wells Community Swimming Pool.

Bluffton parks are listed beginning on page 38

ANIMAL SHELTER

The Bluffton-Wells County Animal Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., (phone 260-824-6063) is a joint facility of the Bluffton and Wells County governments, which share the costs. Tina Morris, manager/animal control officer; her mail address is her email address is animal@blufftonindiana.gov. Other animal control officers are Kyle Morphew and Megan Bowling.

The hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, by appointment only.

Services offered at the shelter include animal control, adoption and reclaiming.

Care Centers and Retirement Communities

CARE CENTERS/RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

CARE CENTERS

Markle Health and Rehabilitation, 170 N. Tracy St., Markle, IN 46770, phone 260-758-2131; fax 260-758-2138. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Long-term care center providing both skilled and intermediate levels of care, including short-term rehabilitation. Dually certified for both Medicare and Medicaid. Accepts long-term care insurance policies, private pay, Medicaid and Medicaid pending, and most Medicare replacement policies. Hospice services and respite care is available. Inpatient and outpatient therapy services available onsite. There is a limited number of private pay suites. Augustes Cottage is a secured memory care community located within the center which serves those with Alzheimers, dementia, and other diseases affecting memory. Admissions accepted 24/7. The executive director is Vicki Shepherd.

Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46777, phone 260-622-7821; fax 260-622-4370. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Featuring a new assisted living center, new rehabilitation suites, skilled nursing care, therapy services (PT, OT, ST, RT), advanced wound care, long term care, respite care, adult day care services, Memory Care Unit. Medi-

care and Medicaid certified. The executive director is Tomi Cobb, and the director of clinical services is Kaity Ort, RN, BSN. For additional information, contact Jen Kinyo, the admissions coordinator, at 260-205-1180 or admit.ossian@tlcmgmt.com

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Christian Care Retirement Community, 720 E. Dustman Road, phone 260-565-3000; fax 260-565-3009.

Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment; Staff available 24 hours a day.

Independent living including two- and three-bedroom villas and one-bedroom apartments; assisted living in one- and two-bedroom or efficiency apartments; intermediate and skilled (Medicare) nursing care for complete service. Also special care unit for Alzheimer's and dementia residents. The executive director is Leon Gerber.

River Terrace Retirement Community, 400 Caylor Blvd., Bluffton, phone 824-8940; fax 824-8951.

Senior living community offering the full continuum of care – two-bedroom, two-bath cottages with attached garage, one- and two-bedroom independent living apartments; licensed Assisted Living and Memory Support Assisted Living apartments; skilled and intermediate nursing care; rehabilitation services; transportation services; "River's Edge Bistro" open for lunch; "Corner Shoppe" gift shop; walking trail and exercise room. The administrator is Kyle Rebman.

Chamber of Commerce

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce serves all of Wells County and houses the countywide Economic Development and Revitalization. The joint office is at 211 W. Water St., Bluffton; phone 824-0510; fax 824-5871. Email: www.wellscoc.com and www.wellsedc.com

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A T Ferrell, 1440 S. Adams St., Bluffton, 824-3400

ADM/Alliance Nutrition, 1800 W. Western Ave., Bluffton, 824-0079

Almco Steel Products, 0059 N. Oak St. Ext., Bluffton, 824-1118

American Axle & Manufacturing, 131 W. Harvest Road, Bluffton, 824-6810

Berne Apparel, 501E-850N, Ossian, 800-843-7157

Bluffton Rubber Co., 810 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton, 824-4501

Buskirk Engineering, 7224E-900N, Ossian, 622-5550

Croy Machine & Fabrication, 2744 SE Mulberry St.-Vera Cruz, Bluffton, 565-3682

Dedrick Tool & Die, 2929E-Ind. 124, Bluffton, 824-3334

DPL Energy, (generating plant in southern Wells Co.) 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, OH, 937-259-7880

Edge Manufacturing, 1274 S. Adams St., Bluffton, 827-0482

Energy Control, 804 W Mill St., Ossian, 622-7614

FirstFleet Inc., 594 Decker Drive, Bluffton, 824-0246

Gei-Corp Trucking, 5280W-700N-90, Markle, 758-2068

General Manufacturing, 1336 W. Wiley Ave., Bluffton, 824-3440

Haldrup USA, 425 Industrial Pkwy, Ossian, 273-5997

Haven Manufacturing, 6935N-Ind. 1, Ossian, 622-4150

Inteva Products, 1805 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton, no number listed at press time.

J & R Products, 1955 Lancaster St., Bluffton, 353-3600

KK Tool, 50 Countryside Drive, Markle, 758-2940

Linder Oil, 820 Industrial Parkway, Ossian, 622-4680

Matalco, Inc., 1390 S. Adams St., Bluffton, 353-3100

Melching Machine, 1630 Baker Drive, Ossian, 622-4315

Mitchel Enterprises, 712 Lancaster St., Bluffton, 353-1050

Multi-Fiber LLC, 1000 W. Wiley Ave., Bluffton, 353-1510.

Ormsby Trucking, 0702 W Railroad St., Uniondale, 543-2242

Ossian Smoked Meats, 3044E-900N, Ossian, 622-4191

Pena's Mechanical Contractors, 405 Carol Ann Lane, Ossian, 622-1312

Perma-Column, 400 Carol Ann Lane, Ossian, 622-7190

Peyton's Northern, 1111 S. Adams St., Bluffton, 824-0882

Pretzels, Inc., 123 Harvest Road, Bluffton, 824-4838

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Same Day Inc., 3140E-Ind. 124, Bluffton, 824-1999

Snider Fleet Solutions, 1400 W. Wiley Ave., Bluffton, 824-4520

SR Schaefer Trucking, 2383W-Ind. 124, Bluffton, 694-6980

Standard Plastics, 850 Decker Drive, Bluffton, 824-0214

Star Engineering & Machine Co., 1717 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton, 824-4825

Thumbs Up Glove & Safety, 1100 S. Morgan St., Bluffton, 824-9551

TI Automotive, 1200 Baker Drive, Ossian, 622-7900

Trusted Supply Chain Partners, 1625 Baker Drive, Ossian, 622-6000

20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, 785 Decker Drive, Bluffton, 565-2020

Utz Quality Foods, 705 W. Dustman Road, Bluffton, 824-2800

Valero Renewables, 1441 S. Adams St., Bluffton, 846-0011

Wayne Metals, 400 E. Logan St., Markle, 758-3121

WEG Commercial Motors, 410 E. Spring St., Bluffton, 827-2200

Westland, LLC, 1955 Lancaster St., Bluffton, 273-6680

Churches

WELLS COUNTY CHURCHES:

(Name, address, pastor, phone, website)

Apostolic Christian Church, 1970S-800E, Bluffton. Lynn Fiechter, 565-3583

Apostolic Christian Church, (Bluffton-North), 630 E. Dustman Road (PO Box 322), Bluffton. Steve Ringger, 824-2533.

Asbury Chapel United Methodist Church, 8013W-1100S, (Mailing address: 7994W-900S-90, Warren), John McCullough 260-223-2872.

Bethel Church (Reformed Baptist), 4500E-300S, Bluffton. Ron Garner.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School, LCMS, 6514E-750N, Ossian. Rev. Samuel Wirgau, 597-7121

Bluffton Church of God, 327 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. John Roe, 824-8202.

Bluffton Wesleyan Chapel (Independent), 1309 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Rev. Chad Clark, 824-4431.

Boehmer United Methodist Church, 3467S-600W, Liberty Center. 694-6250. Steve Nevius, 260-356-9341.

Calvary Lutheran Church, 1532 N Main St., Bluffton. 824-0177

Chester Center Christian Church, 900S-300W, Poneto. Rev. Wayne Moore, 360-608-4139.

Christian New Light Church, 1011 W. Washington St., Bluffton, (Mailing address: 1225

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Church of Christ, 735 S. Marion St., Bluffton. Harold Driver, 375-4405.

Covenant Chapel, 3550 S. Ind. 1, Bluffton. Don Rentschler, 824-8310.

Dillman United Brethren Church, 8888S1100W-90, Warren. Matt Kennedy, 375-2779. dillmanchurch.org

Epworth United Methodist Church, 1204 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. Marlene Ellis, pastor., 824-5510.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 210 W. Townley, Bluffton. Lenny Stringer, 565-4141.

First Baptist Church, 202 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. Les Cantrell, 824-1558

First Church of Christ, 909 W. Spring St., Bluffton. Brandon Kelley, 824-0332. www.fc-cfamily.com

First Church of the Nazarene, 1515 Clark Ave., Bluffton. Rev. Tim Miller, 824-0460.

First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton. Rev. Lyle Ewing, 824-0767. first-pcbluffton.org

First Reformed Church, 301 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. Dr. Bryson Bell, senior pastor. 824-3161.

First United Methodist Church, 325 W. Washington St., Bluffton, Sherrie Drake, 824-2654.

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Grace Baptist Church, 1621S-350E (Stogdill Road Extended), Bluffton. Douglas McClure, 824-4660.

Harvest Time Bible Church, 11015S-600E-90, Keystone. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 589, Bluffton). Tony Robles, 273-0877.

Hope Missionary Church, 429 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton. Gary Aupperle, 824-1844.

Keystone Church, 10556S-200W, Keystone. Dan Sommer, 694-6912.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2803 N. Main St., Bluffton. Elder G. Rick Reynolds. 824-0051.

Lancaster Chapel United Methodist Church, 4510E-400N, Craigville. Rev. Dewey Miller. 565-3536.

Liberty Center Baptist Church, 3071 W. Cherry St., P.O. Box 206, Liberty Center. Aaron J. Westfall, licensed minister, 694-6622.

Liberty Center United Methodist Church, 2905 S Main St., P.O. Box 226, Liberty Center, Diane Samuels, pastor, 694-6405.

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Markle United Methodist Church, 145 W. Morse St., Markle. Pastor: Dan Hyer, 758-2855

McNatt United Methodist Church, 9271 W 800S90, Mailing Address: PO Box 568, Warren. William VanHaften, 375-2957.

Murray Missionary Church, 1117 N. Washington St. (Ind. 116 in Murray), Bluffton. Mike Gilbert, 824-0113.

New Beginning Church, 2187 W. Ind. 218, Bluffton. Steve Sutton.

New Hope Lutheran Church LCMS, 8824 N. Ind. 1, Ossian. Rev. Daniel Burfriend, 622-7954.

Nottingham Church, 11020 S. Ind. 1-90, Montpelier.

Ossian Church of the Nazarene, 302 N. Metts, Ossian. Travis Tackett, 622-7449.

Ossian First Baptist Church, 1001 Dehner Dr., Ossian. Matthew Gullion, pastor. 622-6900.

Ossian First Presbyterian Church, 123 S. Jefferson St., (P.O. Box 363) Ossian. Rev. Dustin Leimgruber, 622- 4288.

Ossian United Methodist Church, 201 W. Mill St. (P.O. Box 385), Ossian. David Herr, 622-4326.

Park Community Church, 617 S. Bennett St., Bluffton. Pastor Dennis Wood, 824-0887.

Petroleum United Methodist Church, 3625 E. 2nd St., Petroleum. Pastor Stephen M. Bard, 260-223-9075.

Poneto Baptist Church, 5819 S. Grape St. (P.O. Box 52), Poneto. Alan Crull. 726-9887

Poneto United Methodist Church, 36 E. Walnut St. (P.O. Box 121) Poneto. Roy E. Nevil, 694-6600.

River of Hope, 1224 W. Central Ave., P.O. Box 568, Bluffton. Pastor Paul Weaver, 824-1986.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 417 E. Morse St., (PO Box 314) Markle. Pastor Michel Bayson, 863-257-2349.

Six Mile Church, 4790 SE SR 116, Bluffton. Pastor: Steve Studebaker, 824-8521.

Sonlight Wesleyan Church, 2350 S. Ind. 1, Bluffton; Lyle A. Breeding, Lane Sander. 824-0068.

Southern Wells Community Church, 9450S-300W, Poneto. Pastor: Jody Mounsey, 765-728-2154.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton. Father David Violi, 824-1380.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5912 N. Sugar St., P.O. Box 175, Uniondale. Rev. Jarrod Ball, 543-2245.

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Turnpointe Community Church of the Brethren, 500 W. Logan St., Markle. Mike Shroyer, 758-9473.

Uniondale United Methodist Church, 5867 N. Main St., P.O. Box 115, Uniondale. Rev. Karen Ottjes, 543-2256. www.uniondaleumc.com

Uniontown Church of Christ, 11419N-200W, Ossian. Jon Newlon, minister, 705-7703.

Vera Cruz Family Worship Center, 2771 SE Mulberry (Vera Cruz), Bluffton. H.F. Cox, pastor, 565-3678.

Zanesville Community Church of God, 11984 N. Marzane Road (P.O. Box 26), Zanesville. Steve Whetstone, 638-4239.

Zanesville United Brethren in Christ Church, 3092 W. Broadway, Zanesville. (Mailing address: PO Box 386, Zanesville) Ray Seilhamer, 638-4220.

Clubs and Organizations

Agriculture & Natural Resources & Economic Community Development, Bill Horan, County Extension director, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Wells County, 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton, 260-824-6412, Fax 260-824-4891. Home Page: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

Alcoholics Anonymous, First Reform Church, 301 West Cherry, Bluffton, 9 a.m. Mondays. More information at 260-824-3161. (Free WOW bus service to meetings available.)

Alcoholics Anonymous, Epworth United Methodist Church, 1204 West Cherry, Bluffton. **Narcotics Anonymous** 7 p.m. Tuesdays; Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays. More information at 260-824-5510

American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

American Heart Association, 6500 Technoledgy Center Dr., Suite 100, Indianapolis, In 46278, 317-732-4700, Fax 317-732-4710

American Legion, Post 111, 111 West Washington St., 260-824-3815. Ron Marshall, commander

American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana, 1212 East California Rd., Fort Wayne, 46825; 1-800-733-2767 or 260-484-9336; Class information at 1-800-RED-CROSS; www.redcross.org

Bi-County Services Inc., 425 East Harrison Rd., Bluffton, 260-824-1253, Tim Ramsey, president

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Northeast Indiana, 1005 West Rudisill, Fort Wayne 46807, 888-456-1600, Josette Rider, executive director.

Bird Count, information from Kathy Fuller about the annual bird count, 260-824-4525

Bluffton Lions Club, Mollie Forbes, president, 260-820-0544; Jerry Ziegler, District 25B Governor, Sandy Ziegler, Vice District Governor, 260-437-8183

Bluffton Lodge #145, F. & A. M. Masons, 211 West Cherry St., 260-824-2524

Bluffton Rotary Club, Garrett Bucher, president, 260-273-8833

Bluffton Street Fair Association Inc., PO Box 2, Bluffton, IN 46714, 260-824-4351 (Sept. 20-24, 2022), office@blufftonstreetfair.com

Boy Scouts of America, Anthony Wayne Area Council, 8315 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, 46804, 800-272-2922, District Director Steve Higgins, 260-432-9593, www.awac.org

Boys & Girls Club, Wells Community Boys & Girls Club Inc., 1410 South Wayne St., Bluffton, 260-824-5070, Vicki Bell, executive director

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc.,6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, 46825, 260-484-9560 or 866-484-9560 (toll free), or www.cancer-services.org

Citizens Against Drug Abuse of Wells County Inc., 102 West Market St., Suite 205, Bluffton, Adam Carroll, president; Molly Hoag, vice president; Angie Dial coordinator; 260-824-8574, E-mail: CADAofwellscounty@yahoo.com

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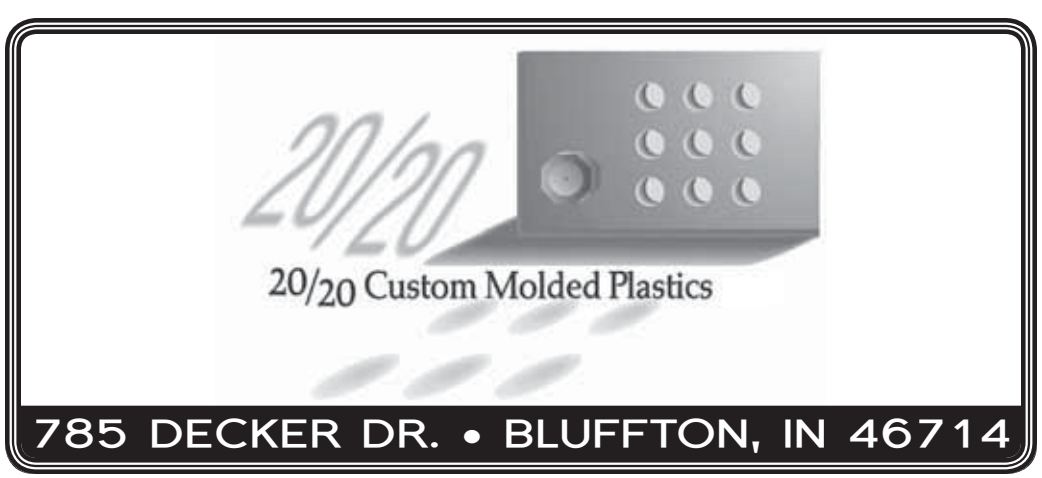

Clubs and Organizations (cont'd); Counseling

Grace & Mercy Women's Transitional Housing 260-353-1006; Change-Up Thrift Store 260-307-2550; Yehoshua, Inc. 116 South Johnson St., Bluffton 260-307-2205 (emergency assistance)

Community & Family Services, 1169 North Main St., Suite 12, Bluffton, 260-824-4836

Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E.#796. 213 South Main St., Bluffton, 260-824-2824

Extension Homemakers: Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service-Wells County, 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton, 260-824-6412, Molly Hoag, advisor

FCS (Family Centered Services), 1515 North Sutton Circle Dr., Bluffton, 260-824-8574; Fax 260-824-2790, www.fcs-inc.net

Food Bank, 1254 South Main St., P. O. Box 186, Bluffton, 260--827-0053 or 260-565-3493, Connie Kaehr and Amy Moser.

Friends of the Library, more information at 260-824-1612, Tonya Caylor, president

Friends of Ouabache State Park (FOOSP); Al Arnold, president; Quinn Curry, treasurer; information at park office 260-824-0926

4-H, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service-Wells County Hannah Bridegam, educator; 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton; 260-824-6412, Fax 260-824-4891. Home Page: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells (4-H Fair July 16-21. 2022)

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana, 1008 DuPont Circle Dr. East, Fort Wayne, IN 46825, 260-422-3417, Fax 855-422-0084

Habitat for Humanity, 2020 East Washington Blvd, Suite 500, For Wayne, IN 46803, 260-422-4828

Head Start Center, Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School, 260-824-0333.

Health & Human Services, Molly Hoag, educator, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Services, Wells County, 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton, IN 46714, 260-824-6412, Fax 260-824-4891, www.extension.purdue edu/wells

Kiwanis Club of Greater Bluffton, Chaz Carroll, President, 260-565-3929

LiGHT, (Ladies Initiating Giving—an Honored Tradition), Wells County Foundation, 222 West Market St., Bluffton, 250-824-8620, grant deadline Sept. 9, teacher-creativity grant deadline April 1

Loving Shepherd Ministries, 1935 North Main St., Buffton, 260-824-9000

Mental Health Association of Wells County, (Behavior & Recovery Resource Center of Wells County, 223 West Washington St., Bluffton, 260-824-1514, Sharon McMillan, president

Moose Lodge, 120 North Main St., Bluffton, The Garage (youth center), 260-824-0660

Optimist Club of Bluffton, Steve Higgins, contact person, 260-273-2711

Ossian Lions Club, 5027 North St. Rd. 1, Ossian, 46777. Roger Cash, president, 432-638-8032

Parlor City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 134, 1615 West Western Ave., Bluffton, 260-824-3426, Andrew Campbell, president

Psi Iota Xi, Bluffton, Melissa Gilgen, 260-824-2695

Psi Iota Xi, Ossian, Kathy Clark, president, 260-414-3530

Salvation Army of Wells Co., extension service of the Connecting Center in Bluffton, 116 South Johnson; emergency assistance, Pastor Neil Ainsle, 260-622-8441; Facebook: Salvation Army of Wells County

Sigma Phi Gamma, Epsilon Zeta chapter, Kathy Curry, 260-273-1356

Tri Kappa, Beta Phi chapter, Jenny Esmond, president, 260-414-1969. Tri Kappa Beta Associate chapter, Deb Brown, president, 260-692-6379

United Way of Wells County, 122 Lamar St. Suite 118, Bluffton, 260-824-5589, Pamela Beckford, executive director, www.unitedway-wells.org

Upper Wabash Conservation & Science Center Inc., 260-307-2332, UpperWabashCSC@gmail.com

Vietnam Veterans of America, chapter 698, 1031 Sycamore Ln., Bluffton, IN, Ben Jones, president, 260-820 0047; Bob Frantz, vice president; Jerry Blevens, chaplain/vice president; Rick Smith, secretary/treasurer, 260-597-7177

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Wells County Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 54, Bluffton, IN 46714; Connie Brubaker, president, 260-227-0465

Wheels of Yesteryear, Aug. 12-14, Dorrance Stinson, president, 260-466-1157; Chad Captain, vice president, 260-41-6488.

Work One Northeast Indiana, Dutch Mill Plaza, 360 North Main St., Suite B, Bluffton, IN 46714; 260-824-0855 (Friday's only) and 313 West Jefferson, Suite 303, Decatur, IN 46733, 260-301-5610 (Wednesday's only)

Yehoshua Inc., 116 South Johnson St., Bluffton. 260-307-205, emergency assistance

YMCA, Wells County, 550 West Dustman Rd., Bluffton, Thom Miller, executive director, 260-565-YMCA (9622) or www.fwymca.org

Youth For Christ Adams, Blackford, Grant, Jay, Wells Counties, 303 West Market St., Bluffton; mailing address P.O. Box 431, Bluffton, IN 46714, 260-824-1330

Counseling services

Bowen Center, Phone, 260-356-2875. Website: bowencenter.org.

Crosswinds Counseling Center, 1169N. Main St., Suite 9, Bluffton. Phone, 260-594-

Counseling services (cont'd)

9204. Faith-based counseling that includes online therapy, or in-office therapy, as well as therapy for individuals, couples, families or juveniles. Corporate office 4150 Illinois Rd., Fort Wayne. Website: crosswindscounseling.org

Joan Phelps Counseling, 604 Greenbriar Drive, Bluffton. Phone 824-9353. Services: Individual, marriage, family counseling; addictions counseling. Career assessments and career counseling.

Parkview Behavioral Health Institute, 1115 S. Main St., Bluffton. Phone, 260-481-2743. Outpatient counseling for individuals, couples and families. Consultations and services to the courts, schools, social and government agencies, and business and industry. Alcohol and drug services. Homebase, case management services. Website: parkcenter.org

Renovate Counseling Services, 105 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. Services the following areas of counseling: depression, anxiety, addictions, marriage/couples, premarital, family, grief, and trauma counseling. Website: renovatecounseling.org

Behavior And Recovery Resource Center Of Wells County, office in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St. in Bluffton. Volunteers staff the office from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday. The phone number is 824-1514, and the phone has an answering machine.

Assistance can be provided to community organizations on domestic abuse and school programs on bullying, discipline, and student responsibility.

The organization, previously known as the Mental Health Association of Wells County, provides written resources to individuals and is also able to direct individuals to locations where they can obtain treatment. It can provide information on mental health issues and has a literature display at the Wells County Public Library's main branch in Bluffton. Officers are Sharon McMillan, president; Nancy Bonham, vice president; and Jean Reef, secretary.

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The three Wells County Commissioners are:

President Michael Vanover (R), **District 1**, which is the southern third of the county, from Ind. 218 to the south county line. Home address: 4620E-900S, Keystone, phone 273-4950.

Vice President Blake Gerber (R), **District 2**, which is the central third of the county from Ind. 218 to County Road 300N and includes Rockcreek Township. Home address: 0707S-Ind. 201, Bluffton; 824-1964.

Jeff Stringer (R), **District 3**, which is the northern third of the county, from County Road 300N to the north county line. Home address: 4906N-100W, Uniondale; 270-577-1338.

All three of the commissioners are elected countywide but they must reside in the district they represent. They are elected for four-year terms. The District 1 commissioner is elected in even-numbered nonpresidential election years. The District 2 and District 3 commissioners are elected in presidential election years. The commissioners redistricted in December 2017 and the decision moved Rockcreek Township out of District 3 and into District 2.

The seven Wells County Council members include four who are elected from and by council districts and three who are elected countywide and serve at-large.

District 1 (includes Rock Creek, Liberty, Jackson, Chester and Nottingham townships, as well as Harrison Township excluding the city of Bluffton): Jim Oswalt (R), 6505S-500W, Bluffton; phone 260-413-8872.

District 2 (includes Lancaster Township and Jefferson Township east of the Ossian town limits): Steve Huggins (R), council president, 1723E-350N; phone 437-8872.

District 3 (Union Township and Jefferson Township, including Ossian): Todd Mahnensmith (R), P.O. Box 342, Ossian, phone 622-6188.

District 4 (the city of Bluffton south of the Lancaster Township line): Chuck King (D), 1025 S. Main St., Bluffton, phone 273-1742.

At-Large: Vicki Andrews (R), 8708S-600W, Warren-90, phone 375-3131.

At-Large: Scott Elzey (R), 1824 NW Ind. 116-90, Markle, phone 750-1800.

At-Large: Seth Whicker (R), vice president, 1191 W. Hancock St., Uniondale, phone 403-6928.

All council members are elected for four-year terms. The four district council members are elected in even-numbered non-presidential election years.

Only voters in their respective districts vote on the district council members. The three at-large members are elected in presidential election years, and they are elected countywide.

The county commissioners meet in regular session in the lower level meeting room of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton at 9 a.m. on the first Monday and 9:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month, except for county holidays.

They also meet as the Wells County Drainage Board at 8:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) on those same days in the same location, and as the Wells County Solid Waste District at 9 a.m. on the third Monday of the month, along with other county representatives.

Wells County Council meets in regular session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton. (The schedule changes on holidays and for election week situations.)

County Auditor Lisa McCormick is the secretary for both the commissioners and council. Information for either board can be sent to the Auditor's Office in the Courthouse.

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OTHER ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

Lisa McCormick (R) **County Auditor**, Courthouse, Suite 205, Bluffton, phone 824-6470.

Beth Davis (R) **County Clerk**, Courthouse, Suite 201, Bluffton, phone 824-6479. (Also County Election Board chairman and Passport Information office supervisor).

Kathy Peeper (R) **County Treasurer**, Courthouse, Suite 204, Bluffton, phone 824-6512.

Carolyn Bertsch (R) **County Recorder**, Courthouse, Suite 203, Bluffton, phone 824-6507.

Kelly Herman (R) **County Assessor**, Courthouse, Suite 202, Bluffton, phone 824-6476.

Jarrod Hahn (R) **County Surveyor**, Courthouse, Suite 102, Bluffton, phone 824-6414.

Kenton Kiracofe (R) **Wells Circuit Court judge**, Courthouse, Suite 302, Bluffton, phone 824-6485.

Andrew Antrim (R) **Wells Superior Court judge**, Courthouse, Suite 303, phone 824-6508.

Andrew Carnall (D) **prosecuting attorney**, Courthouse, Suite 405, phone 824-4102.

Scott Holliday (R) **County Sheriff**, 1615 W. Western Ave. (Wells County Jail), phone 824-3426.

Hilarie Gaskill (R) **County Coroner**, Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Room 206, Bluffton. Phone 273-4013.

These county elected officials are chosen countywide for four-year terms, except the Circuit Court judge and the Superior Court judge are chosen for six-year terms.

The auditor, clerk, assessor, prosecutor and sheriff are elected in even-numbered non-presidential election years. The treasurer, recorder, surveyor and coroner are elected in presidential election years.

OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

Colin Andrews, **county attorney and Drainage Board Attorney**, Andrews and Crell, Bluffton, 824-4049.

Shawn Bonar, **Highway Department supervisor**. 1600 W. Washington St., Bluffton, 824-6430.

Nate Rumschlag, **county engineer**. 1600 W. Washington St., Bluffton, 824-6430.

Deane Lee Holderman, **Department of Child Services director**, 221 W. Market St., Bluffton, 824-3530.

Karen Thompson, **Wells County Jail commander**, Wells County Jail, 1615 W. Western Ave., Bluffton, 824-3426.

Christopher Harvey, **chief deputy prosecutor**, Child Support IV-D, Courthouse, Suite 405, Bluffton, 824-4102.

Blake Poindexter, **Wells County Community Corrections director**, Courthouse, Suite 107, Bluffton, 824-6405.

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Bobbie Studebaker, **Courthouse and Carnegie Annex custodian**, Courthouse, Suite 101, Bluffton, 824-6401.

Michael Lautzenheiser Jr., **Area Plan Commission director/GIS coordinator**; Suzie Gentis, **administrative assistant**, Carnegie Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Room 211, Bluffton, 824-6407.

Dewey Randall, **Veterans Service Officer**, Carnegie Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Suite 102, Bluffton, 824-6403.

Wells County Election Board: Beth Davis, Wells County Clerk, secretary/member, 824-6479; Roy Johnson, Attorney, member, Republican representative, 824-0500; Larry Sell, member, Democratic representative, 824-2995.

Wells County Cemetery Board: Thomas Liby, president; Connie Brubaker; Bill Dowty; Chris Pease; and Jerri Lehman, secretary.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Wells County Health Department is located at 223 W. Washington St. in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, phone 260-824-6489; fax 260-824-8803. The Health Department has a page on the county website, www.wellscounty.org

The office hours are 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Services include childhood immunizations, TB testing, birth certificates, death certificates, septic permits, septic installer registration, water testing available, housing and environmental complaint attention, food permits, and adult vaccines.

The department also houses public preparedness division.

Dr. Kay Johnson-Keys is the **county health officer**. Marlene Hoag is the **deputy administrator**. Lynn Blevins is the **public health nurse**. Ryan Bennett is the **environmental health specialist**. Kathy Feher and Katie Brubaker are **clerical assistants**.

The health board is made up of members appointed by the Wells County Commissioners: Chris Esterling, unavailable at press time; Steven Bales, 260-694-6938; Tom Longenberger, 260-565-3745; Mary Donley, 260-824-3500; Doug Cale, 260-402-3381; and Ann McNabb, 260-565-4293. The board meets at 6:30 a.m. on a Thursday every other month in the annex meeting room on the lower level. To see the full schedule, visit the department's website.

County Sheriff's Department

The Wells County Sheriff's Office provides police and law enforcement services throughout the county in cooperation with municipal departments, Indiana State Police and others. The sheriff also is responsible for operation of the Wells County Jail and for serving of papers for the courts.

Scott Holliday

The sheriff's office and jail are located at 1615 W. Western Ave. on the west side of Bluffton. Phone 260-824-3426, fax 260-824-6424.

The sheriff is Scott Holliday (90-1). The **chief deputy** is Randy Steele (90-2). The **jail commander** is Karen Thompson. The **detectives** are: Det. Chip Swindell (90-3) and Det. Quinton Greer (90-4).

Other deputy sheriff's are: Jeff McClish (90-5); Ryan Mounsey (90-6); School Resource Officer Chad Bradley (90-7); Sgt. Andrew Campbell (90-8); Kurtis Brooksher (90-9); School Resource Officer Curt Hunt (90-11); Sgt. James Agler (90-12); Sgt. Austin Springer (90-13); Desmond Carter (90-14); Maciej Zaklikiewicz (90-15); Jeremy Heckel (90-16); Nicholas Conrad (90-17); Andrew Gerz (90-18). Civil Processor is: Ralph Miller.

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Office staff: Krista Markley, Matron; Bonnie Heckel, Clerk/Receptionist.

Creative Arts Council of Wells County

The Creative Arts Council of Wells County is located at 428 S. Oak St. Bluffton, phone (260) 824-5222, creativeartscouncil@gmail.com and www.wellscocreativearts.com

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Typical office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday.

Staff include: Janiece Lipsey, executive director; Tammy Ray, executive assistant

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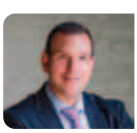
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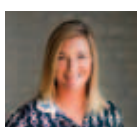
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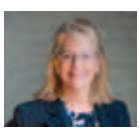
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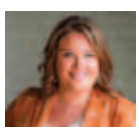
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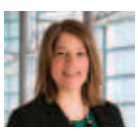
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Upcoming 2022 Events:

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Spring Dance Concert: April 22 and 23

Ballet May Term Performance: May 12

Beauty and the Beast Jr.: June 17-18

Fine Arts Day at the Parlor City Market: Sept. 10

Holiday Theater Production (Show TBD): Dec. 2, 3, and 4

Excerpts from The Nutcracker: Dec. 10

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Dentists

Bluffton Dental Clinic, Pamela J. Johnson, D.D.S., 1417 Baker Place, Bluffton, 824-5940.

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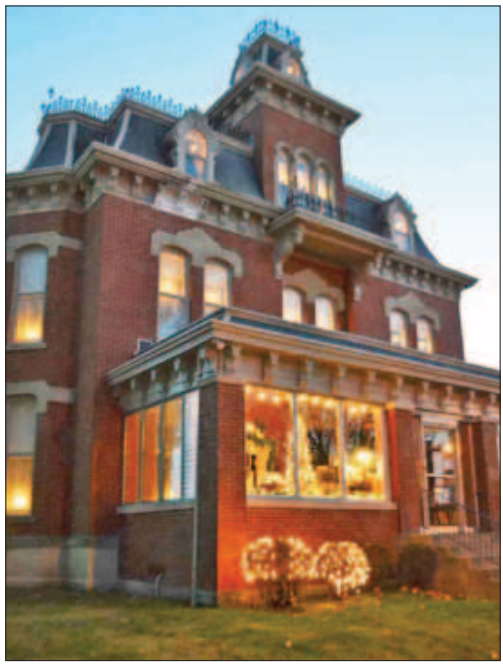
The **officers** of the Wells County Historical Society board are Jim Sturgeon, **president**; Connie Brubaker, **vice president;** Marcia Hotopp, **secretary**; Lynn Elliott, **treasurer**. Elected board members are: Sam Aeschliman, Rebecca Behning, Jessica Bricker, Scott Elzey, Susan Price, and Pat Wall.

The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays, April through October, and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., April to October. Contact Connie Brubaker for questions or special tours at 260-227-0465.

Also find WCHS on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WellsCoHistory for event updates and to request a tour through Messenger.



The Wells County Historical Museum is at 420 W. Market St. in Bluffton.

Legislators, State and Federal

State representatives

Representative Matt Lehman, a Republican, is in his seventh two-year term through 2022. He represents the majority of Wells County as part of the 79th House District: Nottingham, Harrison, Lancaster Townships and the portion of Jefferson Township east of Ind. 1, including all of incorporated Ossian. Home Address: 663 Lehman St., Berne, IN 46711. Statehouse Address: House of Representatives, 200 West Washington St., Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2786. Office phone is (800) 382-9841, direct line: (317) 232-9677. Lehman is the Majority Floor Leader and serves on these committees: Financial Institutions and Insurance, Public Policy, Public Health. Web page: www.IN.gov/H79 E-mail: H79@in.gov

Representative Dan Leonard, a Republican, is in his 10th two-year term through 2022. He represents all of Liberty, Union and Rockcreek Townships and the portion of Jefferson Township west of Ind. 1, excluding incorporated portions of Ossian as part of House District 50. Home address: 6274 N. Goshen Rd., Huntington, IN 46750. Statehouse Address: House of Representatives, 200 West Washington St., Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2786. Office phone is (800) 382-9841, direct line: (260) 356-5122. Committees: Rules and Legislative Procedure (Chair); House Ways and Means; Employment, Labor and Pensions. Web page: www.IN.gov/H50 E-mail: H50@in.gov

Representative Ann Vermilion, a Republican, is in her second term through 2022. She represents Chester and Jackson townships in Wells

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State Senator Travis Holdman, a Republican, is in his second six-year term through 2024. He serves all of Wells County as part of the 19th Senate District. Home Address: 2467 W 1000N, Markle, IN 46770. Statehouse Address: Senate, State of Indiana, 200 West Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Office phone (317) 232-9400. Toll-free phone number is (800) 382-9467. Holdman is Majority Caucus Chair and serves on these committees: Tax and Fiscal Policy (Chair); Rules & Legislative Procedures; Appropriations. Web page: www.indianasenaterepublicans.com/holdman E-mail: Senator.Holdman@in.gov

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Federal representatives

U.S. Senator Todd Young, a Republican, is in his first six-year term. His position will be on the ballot in 2022. Washington office: 185 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC, 20510, Phone: 202-224-5623. Fort Wayne office: 1300 S Harrison St., Suite 3161, Fort Wayne, IN 46802; phone (317) 226-6700. E-mail accessible through Sen. Young's website: young.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Mike Braun, a Republican, is in his first six-year term through 2024. 404 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, phone (202) 224-4814 Fort Wayne office: 203 E. Berry St., Suite 702B, Fort Wayne IN 46802; phone (317) 822-8240. Email accessible through Sen. Braun's website: www.braun.senate.gov

Congressman Jim Banks, a Republican (Indiana Third Congressional District), is in his third two-year term. His position will next be on the ballot in 2022. Washington office: 1713 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 202-225- 4436. Fort Wayne office: 1300 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne IN 46802; 260-702-4750. Email: accessible through Rep. Banks' website at: banks.house.gov

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The Wells County Public Library serves the county with its Main Library in Bluffton and the Ossian Branch—all modern and excellent physical facilities and offering many services. A major renovation project at the Main Library was completed in 2020 and at the Ossian Branch in 2013. The main facility is at 200 West Washington St., Bluffton, 46714, phone 260-824-1612, fax 260-824-3129. Library website: http: www.wellscolibrary.org

Library hours at Bluffton are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The board meets at the Wells County Public Library on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Ossian Branch

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Ossian Branch Manager: Susan Dailey

Ossian Branch Staff: Julie Christian, Melanie Gerber, Kim Konuch, Betty Maloney, LouAnn Winans, Melody Wolf

Hours at Ossian: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Markle branch of the Huntington City-Township Public Library

155 W. Sparks St., Markle; 260-758-3332

Branch Manager: Anna Brinegar.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Wells County License Branch is located at 2917 E. Ind. 124, Suite B, Bluffton.

The phone number is 824-0620 or 888-692-6841.

The branch hours are:

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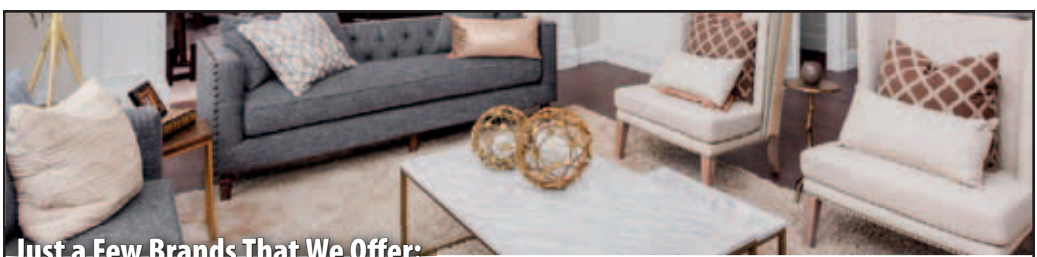

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The Markle elected officials, all elected on a non-partisan basis, are the three members of the Markle Town Council and the town clerk-treasurer. The Markle Town Hall is located at 197 E. Morse St., P.O. Box 367, Markle, IN 46770, phone 758-3193; fax 758-2832. The Town Council meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Markle Town Hall, 197 E. Morse St.

The **Town Council members are:**

Matthew Doss, **president**. Home address: 225 N. Haflich St., Markle. Phone: 260-602-6805.

Nicolas Lund, **vice president**. Home address: 120 Woodfield Court, Markle. Phone: 260-438-5845.

The third council member is Blake Caley. Home address: 510 E. Morse St., Markle. No phone number available at press time.

The **clerk-treasurer** is Stephenie Hensley, Town of Markle, 197 E. Morse St. (P.O. Box 367), Markle 46770, phone 758-3193, fax 758-2832. Email: clerk@ markleindiana.com Home address: 230 W. Morse St. (P.O. Box 336), Markle. Phone: 260-917-0001.

Markle operates water and sewage utilities. Rick Asher is the **Town Utilities superintendent**. Home address: 3398 E. Markle Rd., Huntington. Scott Spahr is the **Wastewater Utility superintendent**. Home address: 6770 N. Marzane Rd., Markle. Stephen Jeffers is the **Water Utility superintendent**. Home address: 315 E. Morse St. P.O. Box 537, Markle.

Weekend or emergency utility problems: Call the phone number, 1-260-358-6604.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: John Markley is the **town marshal (police chief).** The police non-emergency phone is 758-2225. The police department is located at 139 E. Morse St. Markle Water Utilities (Water and Wastewater), P.O. Box 367, Markle 46770. Clerk Treasurer at 758-3193. $100 deposit on rental properties for water. New water taps $1,015 for residential up to an inch; new residential sewer taps $830 for time and material. Commercial/business/multi-unit sewer: minimum fee of $1,105.

Most of Markle gets electric service from Duke Energy, phone 1-800-521-2232. A small portion receives it from Heartland REMC, 758-3155.

Markle receives natural gas service from CenterPoint Energy, phone 1-800-777-2060 day or night. Markle telephone service is from Frontier, phone 1-800-921-8104 for repair. Phone 1-800-921-8101 to order services or billing.

Garbage and Recycling: Republic Services.

Town of Markle; Massage Therapy

Phone 1-877-692-9729 for customer service. Trash pickup is on Thursdays, with recycling every other Thursday.

FIRE: The Markle Volunteer Fire Department serves the town of Markle and the townships of Rockcreek and Union in Wells County and Huntington (Township), Rock Creek and Union in Huntington County.

The fire station is located at 150 W. Sparks St., Markle. Jon Gray is the fire chief.

PARK and POOL: The Markle Fish and Game Club provides a large community park on Ind. 3 in Markle, with activities help of the Markle Business and Community Association. Provided are a major playground equipment array installed through a community effort, plus a ballpark, a swimming pool, phone 758-3312 (only available between Memorial Day and Labor Day), and picnic facilities. For pavilion rental, call Jacob Ainsworth at 260-530-6417.

The Town of Markle's Park Board meets the second Monday of each month at 8 a.m. in the conference room of the Fire Station, 150 W. Sparks St.

Markle Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC): The Markle Business & Community Association and the Markle Economic Development Organization have merged to become the Markle Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC). The officers are: **President** Mike Grant; **Treasurer** Cheryl Hardin. Meetings are held at 12:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at town hall.

Markle Historical Society: The Markle Historical Society, P.O. Box 197 Markle, IN, 46770. Teresa Beck and Lisa Street are **co-chairs**. Contact them for meeting information. They can be reached through email at savingmarklehistory@gmail.com and at www.facebook.com/markle-historicalsociety

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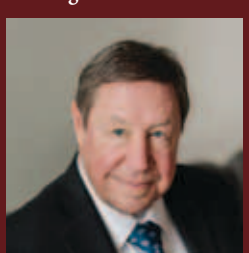
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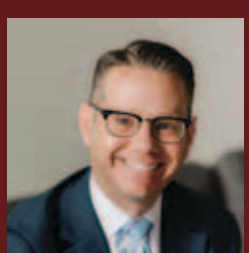
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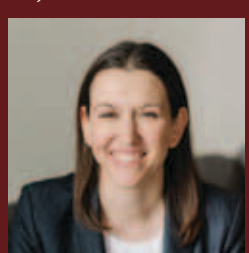
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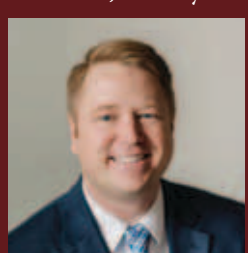
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Bluffton Regional Medical Center is a regional health care facility serving the families of Wells County and surrounding communities. Bluffton Regional offers a broad range of services, including: 24-hour emergency care; Accredited Primary Stroke Center; Accredited Chest Pain Center; Infusion services; Digital diagnostic imaging, including 3-D digital mammography, CT, MRI, ultrasound (ultrasound performs routine OB and arterial), Dexascan, nuclear medicine, and radiology.; Hospitalist program; Online interactive childbirth classes; Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation; Inpatient and outpatient surgery; Intensive Care/Cardiac Care Unit; Level 1 heart program; Women's Center; Medical/surgical/pediatric unit; Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation; Respiratory therapy; Skilled nursing facility; Sleep Disorders Center; 24/7 laboratory services; Wound Care Center; Diabetes/nutritional education; Dietitian services

The main campus of Bluffton Regional Medical Center is located at 303 S. Main St. The Medical Center and its lab are accredited by The Joint Commission, an organization that accredits and certifies more than 18,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States.

Julie Thompson is the chief administrative officer/chief nursing officer and Larry Debolt is the chief financial officer of Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

The Bluffton Regional Medical Center phone number is 824-3210.

Bluffton Regional Medical Center is a member of the Lutheran Health Network.

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Podiatry — Kristin Toliver D.P.M. Phone 260- 919-3430

Pulmonary — Harish P. Ardeshna, M.D. Phone 919-3456

Rheumatology — Anil Rao, M.D. Phone 260-432-2297

Surgery — Robert Bleza, M.D. Phone 260-353-2021

1026 S. Main St., Bluffton

Obstetrics/Gynecology — Austin Finklea, D.O. Phone 260-919-3880. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

125 E. Cherry St., Bluffton

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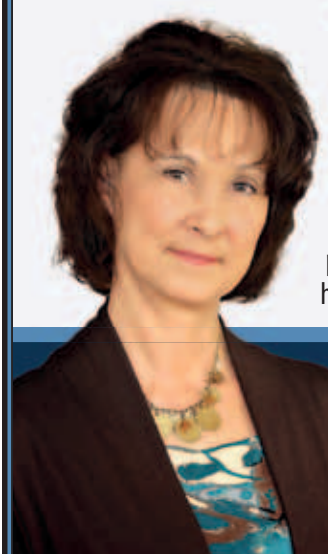

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Town of Ossian

Town Council members — Josh Barkley, president; Brad Pursley, vice president; and Jeff Kemper, Jason House, and Dennis Ealing, members. Council meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at 215 N Jefferson St. the Colliers Building

Police Department — The Police Chief is David Rigney. Sergeant position Stephanie Tucker Officers are Brian McClish Russell Mounsey and Evan Holliday Part-time officers: Dennis Fiscus, Larry Butler, Patrick Piper & Nicholas White.

Town Services

Water, Sewer and Streets: Water & Sewer Supervisor is Darrell Reynolds; Utility Maintenance employees Chad Foreman, Nicholas Ormsby and Parks and Facilities is Ron Privett.

Town Services Contact: Ossian Town Hall, 507 North Jefferson, phone 622-4251

Curbside Garbage, Trash, Recycling Pick-up: Weekly collection for trash, bi-weekly for recycling. Monthly per unit charge by the town is $18.56. (The town's contractor is Republic Services)

Electric service by I&M (American Electric Power) and United REMC. Natural Gas service by Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO), Telephone service by Frontier. Cable service: Comcast.

Town Boards and Committees

Police Commissioners: Caleb Chichester, president; Bob Miller and Stan Reed, members. The Police Commissioners meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 215 N Jefferson St. the Colliers Building.

Ossian/Jefferson Township Park Board: The position of president and vice have yet to be determined at press time. Current board members are Tim Rohr, Meagan Luce, Jenni Miholland and Gary Guenin. A fifth position remained open at press time. The Park Board meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month at 215 N Jefferson St. the Colliers Building with the exception being months where Mondays fall on a holiday. Dates of those meetings will be announced.

Ossian Fire Department

Ben Fenstermaker, Chief; Jon Sherburne, Assistant Chief; Shawn Weikle Captain; Jeff Miller, Captain; Mike Lewis, Captain; Dan Scherrer, Captain; Darrell Reynolds, Safety Officer; Rob Gresley, Lieutenant/Medical Officer; Kurk Haddix, Training Officer; Chris Kuntz, Board Member; Jay Werling Board Member; and Mike Fenstermaker Secretary. Other members are: Andi Bergman, Herb Bergman, Brad Cole, Zachary King, Brice Lawrence, Heather Miller, Eventt

Norris, David Rittmeyer, Jeremy Schreier, Kevin Stout, William Thoma, Corey Privett.

Ossian Economic Revitalization Committee: Kody Kumfer, chairs the committee. Judy Harkless is vice-chair. Jan Williams serves as secretary, and Jim Brewer serves as Treasurer. Other members are Larry Heckber, Linda Hambrick, Cheryl Laley, Larry Smith, Rose Ann Hinesley, Tsipporah Harris, Chris Harris, Linda Morrett, and Phil Dinovo. Luann Martin, the town manager, acts as the town's liaison on the committee. Revitalization Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Ossian Enterprises building Suite 2B located at 1705 Hillcrest Dr Ossian IN 46777.

Ouabache State Park

Ouabache State Park
(Pronounced "O-bach-ee")

Ouabache State Park is a 1,104 acre state Park property bordering the Wabash River east of Bluffton at 4930 E Ind. 201, Bluffton, IN 46714. It is operated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks and Reservoirs. Ouabache Flatwoods Nature Preserve is located within the park and designated on property maps.

Jon Winne is park manager, and Tyrone Jessup is the assistant park manager.

Directions: Take Ind. 124 east from Ind. 1 to Ind. 201, turn south and follow state park signs to main entrance.

Telephone: 260-824-0926

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from November through March. Daily hours April 1, through Oct. 31, are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Admission Fees: $7 per car for residents daily, $9 per car for non-residents daily, $50 annual pass for residents, $70 for annual -pass for non-residents and $25 Golden Hoosier Passport. Fees collected seasonally when the office is open seven days a week. (Subject to change.)

Camping Facilities: 124-site electric campground with modern restrooms and shower facilities. Reservations available from early May to late October through Central Reservation System at 1-866-622-6746 or on-line at www.CAMP.IN.Gov.

Primitive Youth Tent Campgrounds for approved youth groups under adult supervision.

Kunkel Lake Beach: Generally open from dawn to dusk Memorial Day to Labor Day. Free with admission to the park. Features 215 feet of waterline and 2,500 tons of sand. Water is up to four feet deep. No life guard on duty, adults responsible for children's safety while swimming. Contact the office for more information.

Kunkel Lake: 25 acre lake offers fishing for large mouth bass, blue gill, channel catfish and other game fish. License required. Canoe, john boat and paddle boat rental available.

Fire Tower: Open during daylight hours, may close during severe weather, high winds or freezing conditions. 100 steps high. Offers view of the park.

Recreational Opportunities: Hiking trails, paved bike trail, bison exhibit, firetower, naturalist activities, playground equipment, picnic shelters. Bocce ball court, baseball diamond, play fields and tennis/basketball courts. A paved bike trail extension connects Ouabache State Park to the Bluffton Rivergreenway Trail for a combined distance of almost 5 miles.

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Parks and Recreation

Bluffton Parks and Facilities

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Bluffton City Gym is located in the back of City Hall. Facilities include a basketball court lined for pickleball and a volleyball court with scoreboard, racquetball court, weight lifting room, restroom facilities, shower rooms and saunas. The facility is available year-round and is under the leadership of the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department. Memberships are available for purchase in the clerktreasurer's office in City Hall.

Jefferson Park is a park of 2.1 acres located in the southeast portion of Bluffton off of Townley and Bennett streets. Facilities include a playground, two T-Ball diamonds, a batting cage, a press box, and a concession stand/restroom building.

K-9 Commons dog park, 805 W. Market St., is a fenced-in park offering a variety of dog obstacles a few benches and a picnic table. Key memberships are sold by the year in the Clerk Treasurer's office. Membership is $15.

Kehoe Park is a 2-acre park located along the Wabash River, just west of the south junction of Ind. 1 and Ind. 124. Facilities include a lighted amphitheater (outdoor theatre), a pavilion (gazebo) with picnic tables, and a restroom building. This is the site of the summer concert series on Friday and Sunday evenings during June - August. The full schedule can be found on the city's website.

Lancaster Park, 200 E. Jackson St., is located on Bluffton's north side off of Ind. 1 and includes approximately 17.5 acres. This park includes a pole barn, parking lot, and open space. A sledding hill is also in place.

Lions Park contains approximately 5.5 acres in the west central part of Bluffton, off Midway and Washington streets. Facilities include a playground, a pavilion with picnic tables and grill, two lighted basketball courts, three lighted tennis/pickleball courts, restrooms, a maintenance building with storage, a lighted softball/baseball diamond, and a T-BalI diamond. Women's softball leagues and the Teen League baseball program for 13-and 14-year-old boys use the field at Lions Park, which used to be Wilson Field

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through the years that it was the football field for the high school.

Pickett's Run is at the intersection of Wayne and East Washington streets. The park has paved paths, picnic tables, benches, wood carvings and a history marker. The park gets its name from the stream that once ran through the site. This is the former location of 17 homes that were damaged in the July 2003 flood and had to be removed. Across the street from the park, at the corner of East Washington and Bennett streets, is a splash pad and a life fitness trail of outdoor exercise equipment. The park also has a gazebo.

Rotary Park is a small park that is part of the Rivergreenway corridor off the River Road along the Wabash River in the east part of Bluffton. Facilities include a pavilion with picnic tables, a paved parking lot, and access to the Rivergreenway.

Roush Park, 925 W. Silver St., is an eight-acre park located in the southwest part of Bluffton off the Indiana Street-Clark Avenue-Silver Street intersection. Facilities include playground equipment, two lighted baseball diamonds, two lighted softball diamonds, picnic areas, two rentable pavilions (a small one with picnic tables and a larger one), restroom facilities, a storage building, press boxes at the ball diamonds, batting cages (new for 2021), two concession stands, and two basketball courts. A splash pad and a half-mile walking trail were added to the park in 2017. The Farm League, for 9- and 10-year-old boys, and the Junior League, for 11- and 12-year-old boys, use the two baseball diamonds. The Junior Girls League, for ages 9-12, and Senior Girls League, for ages 13-16, use the two softball diamonds.

Veterans Memorial Park is on Bluffton's south side at the corner of Main and Arnold Streets. This park features memorial gardens, walkways, a gazebo and park benches. It is the scene of official tributes to those who have served in the nation's defense.

Washington Park, 710 S Mulberry St., covers approximately 2.6 acres in the southeast part of Bluffton, bordered by Ohio, Mulberry, Arnold and Bennett streets and has a newly constructed pavilion in 2019/2020. Facilities include playground equipment, two 8-foot basketball goals and two lighted 10-foot basketball goals, restroom facilities, two horseshoe pits and a cornhold game, a Rock Steady boxing gym, an all seasons indoor facility with kitchenette that seats 120 (with table and chairs), a lighted outdoor pavilion with picnic tables and picnic areas. Tennis courts are located near the park on Mulberry Street.

Wabash River Park, 225 E. Wabash St., is located at the beginning of the Rivergreenway Trail Corridor and is about 1/2-acre in size. Facilities included are picnic tables, benches and a gazebo. Located just west of the park is a covered pavilion with picnic tables and a large Adirondack chair, perfect for a fun photo opportunity.

Reforestation/Wetlands Project: Some 40,000 native tree and shrub seedlings have been planted on 90 acres of land on the east side of Bluffton, upstream on the north side of the Wabash River. About 2 1/2 miles of trails currently exist through the native grasses, shrubs and trees that are establishing a native community and restoring a wetlands area on this former flood plain farmland. These and future trails will be groomed for both hiking and mountain bikes. The possibility of adding a nature area will be explored after the reforestation-wetland area has been complet-

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Parks and pavilions may be rented by calling the Bluffton Parks Department at 824-6069 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prices and rental forms are on the Parks Department website at www.blufftonindiana.net. Park hours are dawn to 11 p.m.

TRAILS

The Interurban Trail is a paved walking and bicycling trail which starts at the pedestrian bridge over the Wabash River and extends north 2 1/2 miles to the intersection of Main Street (Ind. 1) and Monroe Street (Wells County Road 200N) at Walmart, Lowe's, and Walgreens. The trail runs along the west side of Main Street in front of restaurants and hotels plus other businesses.

The Rivergreenway is a paved walking and bicycling trail which starts at the east end of East Wabash Street in the heart of Bluffton. The trail runs southeast on the banks of the Wabash River on River Road to the White Bridge, a distance of 2 1/4 miles. The state has extended the trail eastward from the bridge, connecting it into the Ouabache State Park, where it links into an extensive park trail. The total trail from Bluffton to and through much of the state park is close to 5 miles, Future plans are to continue the Rivergreenway westward to Markle. Rivergreenway features include a boating access site in the east end of the trail near the White Bridge. a replica historic covered bridge, and designated parking lots along the trail. No horses or motorized vehicles are allowed on the Rivergreenway.

The award-winning Bluffton Parks Department has a variety of activities, programs, leagues, concerts, lessons, races and events for all ages. Information about these programs can be found on the City Website: www.blufftonindiana.net on Facebook at Bluffton Parks, on Twitter @ Bluffton Parks, in weekly articles of the Bluffton News-Banner, on the digital sign at the Common's Parking Lot, on the sign at Kehoe Park, by e-mailing parks@blufftonindiana.gov, or calling 824-6069.

WELLS COUNTY YMCA

The Caylor Nickel Foundation Family YMCA, 550 W. Dustman Road, Bluffton. 565-9622. Offers a variety of programs and activities for families and adults. Facilities include exercise room, gymnasium and a swimming pool. The executive director is Thomas Miller.

The Wells County YMCA is part of the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne. www.fwymca.org/caylor-nickelfoundation-family-ymca

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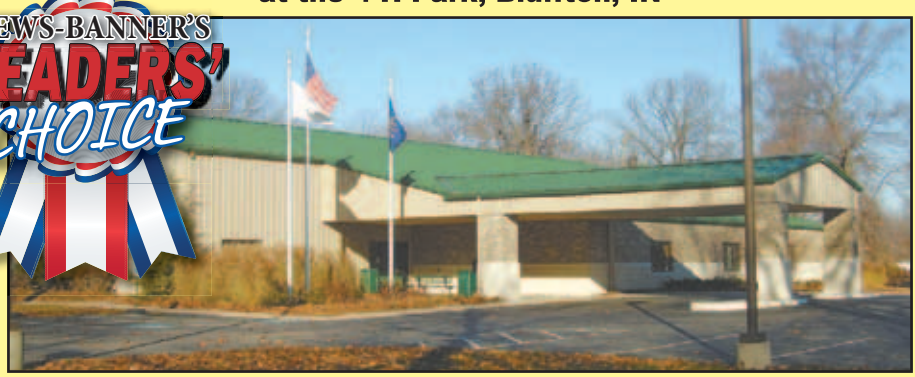

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Parks and Recreation (continued); Planning

SWIMMING

Wells Community Swimming Pool: The property is about 3.1 acres in size, located at 310 W. Spring St. It has a six-lane 50-meter outdoor swimming pool, gas heated, with a 1-meter diving board, a small tube slide, and a 150-foot open flume triple-loop waterslide, plus a concession stand area, restrooms, shower facilities, a sun deck around the pool, playground, and a pavilion with picnic tables and grill. The pool and pavilion area are open for rentals. The Wells Community Swimming Pool is managed and operated by the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department. It opens Memorial Day weekend and closes in early August. It is available for private rentals. Phone: 824-1550. Swim lessons and adult lap swim times are available during the pool season.

Other swimming facilities: Kunkel Beach at Ouabache State Park, as listed in the information elsewhere on Ouabache State Park, and the Markle Swimming Pool, as listed in the separate item about the town of Markle. In addition, both the Bluffton-Harrison Middle School and Norwell High School have indoor swimming pools which have public programs in addition to their regular school uses. Information can be obtained from the schools.

BOWLING

EZ Bowl, 1231 S. Scott St., Bluffton, phone 824-9966, is an all-modern 22-lane facility offering league bowling for youths, men, and women. It also offers open bowling and special party arrangements. It also has a snack shop.

GOLF COURSES

Green Valley Golf Club, 2635E 150N, Bluffton, 824-4510. 9-hole public course.

Timber Ridge Golf Course, 2330E 250N, Bluffton, 824-2728. 18-hole public course, watered fairways.

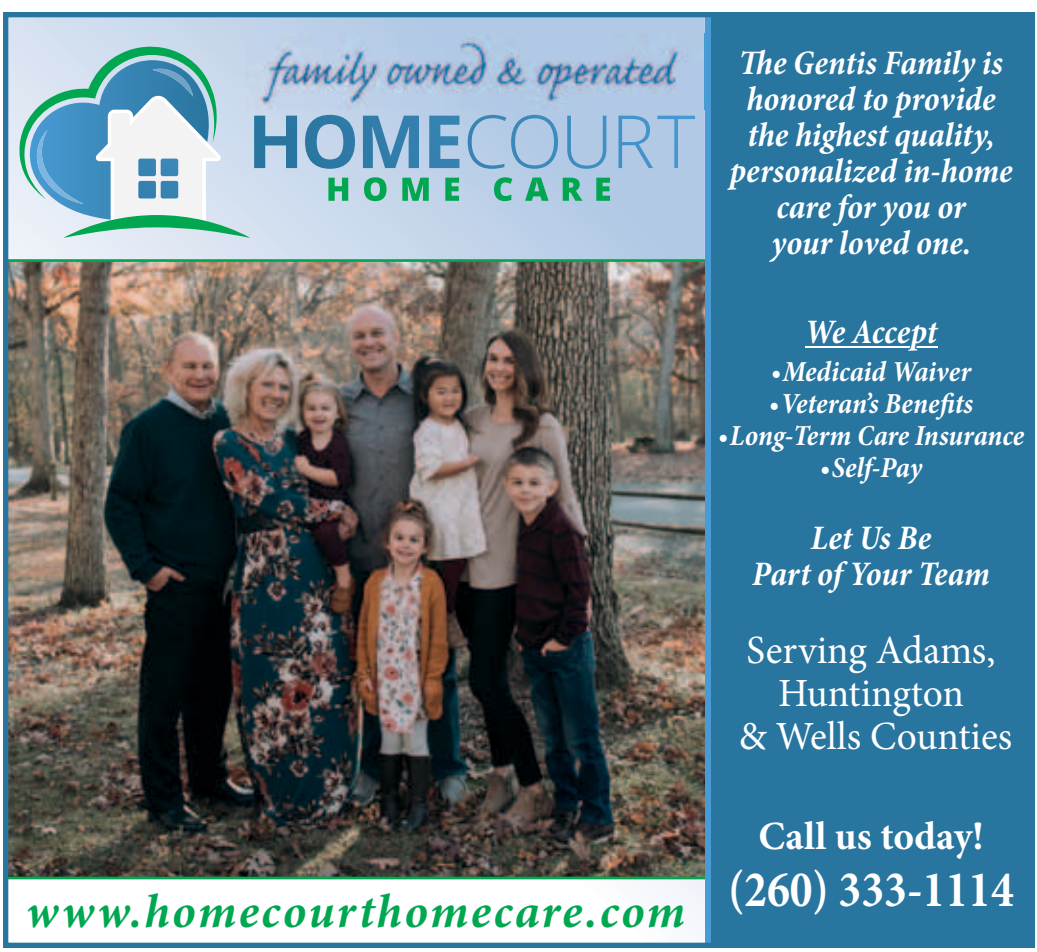
Planning and Zoning

WELLS COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION

The Wells County Area Plan Commission serves all of Wells County except the Wells County part of Markle (which is served by the Huntington County Department of Community Development). The Wells County APC serves the entire town of Zanesville, including the parts of the town in Wells County and Allen County.

The office is located in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton 46714. The phone number 824-6407.

Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. is the Area Plan Commission executive director/GIS coordinator.



Planning and Zoning (cont'd)

Suzie Freck is the administrative assistant and Tracey Ulmer is a part-time clerical assistant.

Members of the Wells County Area Plan Commission include:

Harry Baumgartner Jr., 565-3507 (appointed by Vera Cruz Town Council; term ends Dec. 31, 2025).

Tyson Brooks, 413-3990 (appointed by the Wells County Commissioners; term ends Dec. 31, 2025).

Cory Elzey, 260-433-2954 (appointed by the Uniondale Town Council; term ends Dec. 31, 2023).

Jarrod Hahn, 824-6414 (on APC by virtue of his office as Wells County surveyor).

William Horan, 824-6412 (on APC by virtue of his office as Wells County's Purdue Extension educator for agriculture).

Josh Hunt, 417-1024 (appointed by the Bluffton Common Council; term ends Dec. 31, 2023).

Jerome Markley, 694-6491 (appointed by the Wells County Council; term ends Dec. 31, 2025).

Tim Rohr, 622-7708 (appointed by the Wells County Commissioners; term ends Dec. 31, 2025).

John Schuhmacher, 260-602-2391 (appointed by the Zanesville Town Council for a term through Dec. 31, 2022).

Becky Stone-Smith, 417-3960 (appointed by the Poneto Town Council; term ends Dec. 31, 2023).

Melissa Woodworth, 622-9110 (appointed by the Ossian Town Council; term ends Dec. 31, 2021).

The APC's attorney is **Colin Andrews**, office phone 824-4049.

Meetings of the Wells County Area Plan Commission regularly are at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Wells Carnegie Government Annex. Those attending APC meetings are asked to use the entrance on either the east or west side of the building.

The APC reviews and approves development plans, major subdivisions, certain confined animal feeding operations, planned unit developments, and makes recommendations on rezonings. The APC will also hear any appeals of staff approvals or Plat Committee decisions. The Plan Commission's staff reviews and approves minor development plans, WECS, and CFO projects.

PROCEDURE TO AMEND ZONING MAPS

Petitions must be filed in the Wells APC office by 4:30 p.m. by the posted deadline each month prior to the scheduled meeting. That will allow for a sign to be posted notifying interested parties and a legal notice to be published in the appropriate local newspapers in accordance with state law.

The filing information and fees can be found on the Plan Commission's website at www.wellscounty.org/area-planning-commission or at the office of the Area Plan Commission.

WELLS COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Members of the Wells County Board of Zoning Appeals are:

Bill Dowty (appointed by the Ossian Town Council for a term through Dec. 31, 2022).

Tim Rohr (appointed by the Area Plan Commission on an annual basis, for a term through Dec. 31, 2022).

Planning and Zoning (cont'd)

Tyson Brooks, president (appointed by the Wells County Commissioners, for a term through Dec. 31, 2023).

Jerry Petzel (appointed by the mayor of Bluffton for a term through Dec. 31, 20212.

Tracy Gentis (appointed by the Wells County Commissioners for a term through Dec. 31, 2023).

Meetings of the Wells County BZA are usually the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

PROCEDURE FOR PETITIONS TO WELLS COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Petitions are to be filed in the Wells County Area Plan Commission office by 4:30 p.m. by the posted deadline each month prior to the day of the scheduled meeting for legal notices to be published in the appropriate local newspapers, in accordance with state law and the BZA's rules of procedure.

The filing information and fees can be found on the Plan Commission's website www.wellscounty.org/ area-planning-commission or at the office of the Area Plan Commission.

PROCEDURE FOR PETITIONS TO THE WELLS COUNTY PLAT COMMITTEE

Petitions are to be filed in the Wells County Area Plan Commission office by 4:30 p.m. by the posted deadline each month prior to the day of the scheduled meeting for legal notices to be published in the appropriate local newspapers, in accordance with state law and the BZA's rules of procedure.

The filing information and fees can be found on the Plan Commission's website www.wellscounty.

org/area-planning-commission or at the office of the Area Plan Commission.

WELLS COUNTY GIS DEPARTMENT

The Wells County Geographic Information System serves all of Wells County and is located at the Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

GIS is a computerized database management system for the capture, storage, retrieval, analysis and display of spatial data. In other words, it is a digital database of the collective governmental offices. You can search from your home or office via the internet and obtain information about Wells County.

The website is www.wellscountygis.org

Also see www.wellscounty.org/gis for news and information relating to the office.

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Political Parties; Poneto; Population

Wells County Democrats: Party headquarters are at 119 S. Johnson St., Bluffton; 273-0972; wellscountydemocraticparty.com.

The county chairman is Dylan McIntosh. Mellanie Hollingsworth is the vice chairwoman.

Wells County Republicans: Party Headquarters are at 125 S. Johnson St., Bluffton; 824-4620; wells.gop.

The county chairman is Zach Rodgers and Sandy Garcia is the vice chairwoman

Libertarian Party of Wells County: lpinwells@gmail.com and facebook.com/LPINWells

County chair is Matt Yergler.

Poneto

The town of Poneto has an elected three-member Town Council and an elected clerk-treasurer. The town address is P.O. Box 61, Poneto, Indiana 46781.

The members of the **Poneto Town Council** are:

Rebecca Stone-Smith, 5958 S. Market St., Poneto. 260-417-3960. **President** of Council

Rita O. Knowles, 63 E. Washington St., Poneto. 260-694-6542. **Vice President** of Council.

Linda L. Ogle, 5962 S. Meridian Rd. 260-820-0185.

The Poneto **Town Clerk-Treasurer** is Lou Ann Reinhard, 98 W. Washington St., Poneto. Phone 260-820-0344. Town Hall: 260-694-6888.

Poneto electric service is from AEP.

Poneto has its own sewage system. Garbage collection by Republic Services.

Poneto's police protection is provided by the Wells County Sheriff's Department. Telephone service is from the Citizens Telephone Corp. of Warren.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Len Smith is the **Chief** of the Poneto Volunteer Fire Department. The **Assistant Chief** is Tyler Moser. The **Secretary-Treasurer** is Tracy Fiscus. The **Captains** are Scott Minniear and Jeff Prible. Other members include Dennis Fiscus, Mike McFarren, Gage Minniear, Ryan Nash, Bryon Prible, Mike Prible, Daniel G. Anderson, J.R. Crull, John Gardner, Robin E. Lane, Steve Rush, Kenneth N. Scott, Kevin Scott, Zach Smith. Scott Minniear, Tyler Moser, Mike McFarren, and Dennis Fiscus are the department's first responders.

Population statistics

Wells County, Indiana

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Population stats (continued)

County Seat: Bluffton
Population per Sq. Mile: 75.96
Square Miles: 368.1

Population Over Time	Number	Rank in State
1980	25,401	57
1990	25,948	57
2000	27,600	55
2010	27,636	58
2020	28,142	57

Cities and Towns in Wells County

	2020 Census	% of County
Bluffton	10,308	35.9
Markle	454	1.6*
Ossian	3,370	12.0
Poneto	191	0.6
Uniondale	311	1.1
Vera Cruz	86	0.3
Zanesville	488	1.7*

* Population in this county is shown, this city or town crosses county lines.

People QuickFacts	Wells County	Bluffton
Population, 2010	27,636	9,897
Population, percent change, 2010 to 2020	1.8%	0.4%
Population, 2020	28,142	10,308
Population By Age (2020)		
Under 5 years	6.2%	5.4%
Under 18 years	24.6%	25.1%
65 years and over	18.6%	19.2%
Female persons	50.6%	51.6%
Population by Race (2020)		
White	96.9%	95.6%
Black or African American	0.9%	1.8%
American Indian	0.3%	0.0%
Asian	0.7%	0.4%
Two or More Races	1.2%	1.2%
Hispanic or Latino	3.3%	3.7%

People QuickFacts	Wells County	Bluffton
Mean travel time to work (minutes) workers age 16+	22.9	20.2
Housing units	12,006	
Owner Occupied	78.9%	65.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	$127,600	$100,300
Renter Occupied	21.1%	35.0%
Median Rent	$702	$622
Households	10,888	4,092
Households w/ a computer	89.0%	88.7%
Households w/ broadband internet subscription	79.2%	76.8%
Persons per household	2.52	2.35
Per capita income	$45,704	
Median household income	$61,636	$47,493
Persons below poverty level	8.2%	12.8%
Total Resident Labor Force	14,006	
Dec., 2021 Unemployment Rate	0.9%	

Educational Attainment
Wells County Population Age 25+ (2020)

	Wells Co.	Bluffton
High School Graduate or higher (incl. equivalents)	92.2%	91.4%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	18.2%	14.4%

Sources: US Census Bureau; Indiana University StatsIndiana

Schools

BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Bluffton-Harrison School District is all of Harrison Township including that part of Bluffton within Harrison Township. The administration building is at 805 E. Harrison St., Bluffton, IN, 46714, phone 260-824-2620, and the superintendent is Dr. Brad Yates, byates@bhmsd.org

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Julie Thompson (at-large), president, 260-760-5631, jthompson@ bhmsd.org; Bruce Holland (District 2), vice president, 260-824-4308, bholland@bhmsd.org; Mike Murray (District 1), secretary, 260-273-0717, mmurray@bhmsd.org; Trent White (District 3), 260-341-1289, twhite@bhmsd.org; Angie Sheets (at-large), 260-307-3462, asheets@bhmsd.org

Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School: 1100 E. Spring St., Bluffton, 260-824-0333, Schlaura Linderwell, principal, slinderwell@

Schools (continued)

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Bluffton-Harrison Middle School: 1500 Stogdill Road, Bluffton, 260-824-3536, Rick Mettler, principal, rmettler@bhmsd.org

Bluffton High School: 1 Tiger Trail, South Wayne Street, Bluffton, 260-824-3724, Steve Baker, principal, sbaker@bhmsd.org

Bluffton athletic director: Steve Thompson

Fall sports: football, volleyball, girls' golf, boys' tennis, cross country (boys and girls)

Winter sports: basketball (boys and girls), swimming (boys and girls), wrestling

Spring sports: baseball, softball, boys' golf, girls' tennis, track and field (boys and girls)

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Northern Wells School District is all of Union, Jefferson, Rockcreek and Lancaster townships, including that part of Bluffton in Lancaster Township. The administrative office is at 312 N. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN 46777. Phone is 260-622-4125. The superintendent is Mike Springer, office phone 260-622-4125, mike.springer@nwcs.k12.in.us

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Angie Topp (Lancaster Township), president, 260-827-0461, angie.topp@americanmortgage.com; Corey Krug, vice president, (at-large), corey_krug@yahoo.com; Karen Harris, secretary, (Union Township), 260-413-1135, karenharris1960@yahoo.com; Gene Donaghy (Jefferson Township), 260-437-9823, gdonaghy@gmail.com; Chad Kline, (Rockcreek Township), 260-824-0510, ckline@wellsedc.com

Lancaster Central Elementary School: 275 E. Jackson St., Bluffton, 260-565-3135. Ginger Butcher, principal, ginger.butcher@nwcs.k12.in.us

Ossian Elementary School: 213 S. Jefferson St., Ossian, 260-622-4179. Andrea Larkey, principal, andrea.larkey@nwcs.k12.in.us

Norwell Middle School: 1100E U.S. 224, Ossian, 260-543-2218. Tim Wilson, principal, tim.wilson@nwcs.k12.in.us

Norwell High School: 1100E U.S. 224, Ossian, 260-543-2213. Brent Lehman, interim principal, brent.lehman@nwcs.k12.in.us

Norwell athletic director: Kelby Weybright

Fall sports: football, volleyball, girls' golf, boys' tennis, cross country (boys and girls), soccer (boys and girls)

Winter sports: basketball (boys and girls), swimming (boys and girls), wrestling

Spring sports: baseball, softball, boys' golf, girls' tennis, track and field (boys and girls)

SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Southern Wells Community Schools district is all of Liberty, Chester, Nottingham and Jackson townships. All of the schools and the school district headquarters are in one complex at 9120S-300W, Poneto. The superintendent is Dr. Brian Sloan, office phone 765-728-5537, bsloan@swraiders.com

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Aaron Westfall, president, (Liberty Township), 260-445-8725, aaron.westfall@waynemetals.com; Chad Roush, vice president, (Jackson Township), 765-348-6234, cjroush73@gmail.com; Kevin Scott, secretary, (Chester Township), 260-307-6627, kevin.scott@plantpioneer.com; Todd Fiechter, liaison, (Nottingham Township), 260-413-7475, tfiechter@swraiders.com

Southern Wells Elementary School: Phone, 765-728-2121. Cari Whicker, principal, cwhicker@swraiders.com

Southern Wells Junior-Senior High School: Phone, 765-728-5534. Kim Conner, principal, kconner@swraiders.com

Southern Wells athletic director: Dustin Beucler

Fall sports: football, volleyball, girls' golf, cross country (boys and girls)

Winter sports: basketball (boys and girls), wrestling

Spring sports: baseball, softball, boys' golf, track and field (boys and girls)

NORTHERN WELLS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Operated by Northern Wells Community Schools. Enrollment is limited. Admittance to the program is through Norwell High School administration. Located at 312 N. Jefferson St., Ossian, 46777. Phone, 260-622-4125.

ADAMS-WELLS SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

925 N. Main St., Bluffton, 260-824-5880. The executive director is Betty Willman. Provides special education services for all six public school districts in Adams and Wells counties. Board is comprised of the six area school superintendents.

OTHER SCHOOLS

Bethlehem Lutheran School, 6514E-750N, Ossian, 260-597-7366. The principal is Mark Schallhorn. The pastor is Rev. Samuel Wirgau. Teaches grades kindergarten through eighth.

Kingdom Academy, 225 Ferguson Park

Court, Bluffton, 824-5590. The principal is Brian Steffen. Teaches grades one through 12, preschool and kindergarten.

New Life Christian School, 1621S-350E, Bluffton, 260-824-4660. The director is Linda Glenn. Open to toddlers and pre-kindergarten children. Before- and after-school programs available for elementary-aged children.

Wesleyan Heritage Academy, 1309 W. Washington St., Bluffton, 824-4431. The administrator is Chad Clark. Teaches pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

Townships

CHESTER TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Steve Studebaker (R), 7620 S. Meridian Road, Poneto, IN 46781; home phone 694-6530.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Stanley J. Bales (R), 10400S- 400W-90, Montpelier, IN 47359; James Lynn Blevins (R), 8396S-200W, Poneto, IN 46781; third position vacant.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Kyle Hunt, 1314 W. Washington St., Bluffton, IN 46714; home phone 273-2421. Office, Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton, IN, 46714; phone 824-6402.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Jeff Hewitt (R), 1331 Ridgewood Lane, Bluffton, IN 46714; Mick Jackson (R), 1950S-350E, Bluffton, IN 46714; Diane R. Markley (R), 1138 Sherwood Lane, Bluffton, IN 46714.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Bruce Herr (R), 6620W-900S-90, Warren, IN 46792; phone 765-348-9160.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Bill B. Banter (D), 9025W-625S-90, Warren, IN 46792; Bruce E. Leas (R), 9492S-900W-90, Montpelier, IN 47359; third position vacant.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Barry Gordon (R), 211 N. Melching Drive, Ossian, IN 46777; phone 260-437-7070. Office: 107 W. Roe St., Ossian, IN 46777; phone 260-622-6010.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Lloyd W. Meyer (R), 5643E-800N, Ossian, IN 46777; C. Dan Rupright (R), 706 N. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN 46777; Tim Baker (R), 2142E-800N, Ossian, IN 46777.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Richard R. Smith (R), 5215N-600E, Craigville, IN 46731; 597-7177.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Rick Oatess (R), 511 Greenbriar Drive, Bluffton, IN 46714; Greg Steele R), 3522 E. U.S. 224, Ossian, IN 46777; Andy Wolf (R), 5351E-500N, Craigville, IN 46731.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Trenton Markley, 4321W-100S, Liberty Center, IN 46766; home phone 260-341-1074. Office — 2600S-300W, Liberty Center (Liberty Center fire station), Liberty Center, IN 46766. Phone: 694-6300.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Logan Mynatt (R), 3244W-100S, Liberty Center, IN 46766; Richard Borror (R), 2479W-300S, Liberty Center 46766; Scott Minniear, 2521W-300S, Liberty Center, IN 46766.

NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Mark Shaffer (D), 8878 S. Walnut St., Petroleum, IN 46778; cell phone, 827-8104.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Robin Gentis (R), 3418E-700S, Bluffton, IN 46714; Michael D. Pursifull (R), 2875E-900S, Keystone, IN 46759; Edward R. Herman (R), 3981E-900S, Keystone, IN 46759.

ROCKCREEK TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Phylian Keefer (D), 5635N-500W, P.O. Box 311, Markle, IN 46770; phone 758-2080.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Lindsay J. Burnau (R), 2579W-525N, Uniondale, IN 46791; John Legge (R), 170 Conifer Court, Markle, IN 46770; Rex Raber (D), 0317N-300W, Bluffton, IN 46714.

UNION TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE: Brian D. Imel (R), 8313N-600W-90, Markle, IN 46770; cell phone 260-273-1834.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Kedric L. Bailey (R), 3475W-1000N-90, Markle, IN 46770; John M. Walmsley (R), 11941 E. Smuts Drive, Zanesville, IN 46799; Robert L. Caley (R), 7756 N. Marzane Road-90, Markle, IN 46770.

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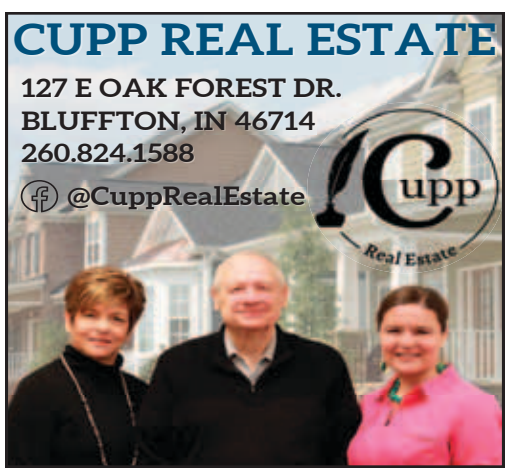

Uniondale; United Way; Utilities

The town of Uniondale has an elected three-member Town Council and an elected clerk-treasurer. Council terms are four years and elections have been on a non-partisan basis. Next town elections will be in 2020.

The Town of Uniondale's mailing address is Post Office Box 111, Uniondale, IN 46791.

The **Uniondale Town Council** meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Its members are: Erin Kreigh, **president,** 610-3942; Geoff Lance, phone 227-0022; Corey Elzey, phone 433-2954.

The **Uniondale Clerk-Treasurer** is Sharice Bowen, phone 543-2542.

Electric Service is from American Electric Power and natural gas service from NIPSCO. Phone service is from Frontier.

Sewage service is from the Town of Uniondale. Contact the Clerk-Treasurer, 543-2542.

Garbage/trash collection is by Republic Services, phone 478-9864. Recyclers can use the Wells County Recycling Center at 702 W. Wabash St., Bluffton.

Uniondale has no police agency and no water service.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. No phone number at location. The Fire Chief is Aaron Nunley.

United Way of Wells County

Office: 122 LaMar St., Suite 118, Bluffton, 46714, 824-5589; www.unitedwaywells.org

Staff: Pamela Beckford, executive director pamela@unitedwaywells.org

Mission Statement: Promote and lead positive solutions that improve lives and strengthen our Community.

Board of Directors: Carolyn Bertsch, Doug Brown, Larry DeBolt, Tim Fiechter, Justin Moen, Patty Randall, Roger Sherer, Jeslynn Smith, Phil Swain, Ginny Vogel, Cari Whicker, Alan Winterrowd

Programs Funded

Childhood Development: Boy Scouts, Parenting Cafe, Youth as Resources, Junior Achievement

Self Sufficiency: WoW! transportation, In Home Services, Santa's Workshop, Travelers Aid

Health & Safety: Teen Court, Alive & Well

Bright Beginnings Initiative: Kindergarten Countdown, BOOKENDS, Getting Ready for Kindergarten Calendar, 90by20.com, Imagination Library, The Closet, Mentor Moms

Utilities

Which company provides utility services for a given residence or business in Wells County can become somewhat confusing. There are no less than five electricity providers, five land-line telephone companies and two natural gas providers that do business in Wells County.

If you live within Bluffton, Ossian, Markle, Uniondale, Poneto, Vera Cruz or Zanesville, consult those community listings for water, sewage and waste disposal services.

Here is a listing of other utility services in the county:

ELECTRICITY

• Bluffton Utilities — Serves the city of Bluffton with eastern and western spurs into some rural areas.

• Duke Energy— Serves Markle. For customer service: 1-800-521-2232.

• Heartland REMC — Serves rural Wells County. The office is at 4563 E. Markle Road (just west of I-69 on U.S. 224). Mailing address: PO Box 605, Huntington IN 46750. For customer service: 1-800-542-6339

• Indiana Michigan Power (AEP) — Serves the communities of: Ossian, Poneto, Reiffsburg, Uniondale, Tocsin, Craigville, Liberty Center, Vera Cruz and Kingsland. the office is at One Summit Square in downtown Fort Wayne. Mailing address: PO Box 60, Fort Wayne IN 46801. For customer service: 1-800-311-4634

• Jay County REMC — Serves a portion of southeastern Wells County and a portion of Adams County in addition to all of Jay County. The office is at Ind. 67 and Tyson Road in Portland. Mailing address: PO Box 904, Portland IN 47671. For customer service: 1-800-835-7362

TELEPHONE

Service providers within Wells County are:

• AdamsWells Telecom (Craigville Telephone Co.) — Serves the city of Bluffton, Craigville area and east-central Wells County. Office is located at 2351 N. Main St. (SR 301), Craigville. Mailing address: PO Box 38, Craigville IN 46731. For customer service: (260) 565-3131 or 800-917-7731.

• AT&T — Serves the city of Bluffton and west central and southern Wells County. Residential repair service: 800-868-9696. Customer Service: Residential, 800-288-2020; Business, 800-660-3000.

• Citizens Telephone Co. — Serves the Liberty Center, Poneto, and rural Warren areas in southern Wells County. The office is at 426 N. Wayne St. in Warren. The mailing address PO Box 533, Warren IN 46792. Customer service, call (260) 375-2111

• CenturyLink — Serves a portion of northern Wells County (Tocsin area and west along US 224), the Petroleum area, and a portion of southeastern Wells County. For customer service: Residential, 1-888-723-8010; Business: 1-800-786-6272; Repair: 1-800-788-3600.

• Frontier — Serves the Ossian, Uniondale and Markle areas. For customer service phonen1-877-462-8188 for business and 1-877-723-8010 for residences.

NATURAL GAS

• Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIP-

Utilities (cont'd); Vera Cruz; Vets; Wells on Wheels

SCO) —serves Bluffton and most of Wells County. The office and mailing address is: 801 E 86th Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410. Customer Service Telephone: 800-464-7726. Emergency Gas Leaks: 800-634-3524

• Vectren (formerly Indiana Gas Co.) — Serves the Poneto and Markle areas in Wells County in addition to Blackford and Huntington counties. Office is located at One Vectren Square, Evansville, IN 47708. Customer service: 800-227-1376. .....Emergency gas leaks: 800-227-1376

RECYCLING

• Bluffton Recycling Center, 702 W. Wabash St., 824-4828.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

• Adams/Wells Internet Telecom TV, (260) 565-3131
• Citznet.com, (260) 375-2111
• Mediacom, 800-874-2924
• OnlyInternet.net, 800-363-0989
• Swayzee Communicattons, 800-435-8353

CABLE TELEVISION

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Vera Cruz

Vera Cruz is the smallest incorporated town in Wells County with a population of 80 according to the 2010 census. The town is governed by a three-member elected Town Board and an elected clerk-treasurer, all elected for four-year terms.

The **Vera Cruz Town Board** members are:

Sheila Flotow, **president**, phone 574-527-0898.

Malvra Grover, **vice president,** phone 565-3719.

Kevin Ripple, board member, phone 260-849-2785.

The **clerk-treasurer** is Jackie Alford, 260-273-3696.

The Town Office address is 2985 SE Wabash Street, Vera Cruz, Bluffton, IN 46714. Board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall.

Vera Cruz was settled in 1841 and the town was incorporated as Newville until becoming Vera Cruz in 1870.

Vera Cruz has a Community Development Committee and Fund and a community park.

Veterinarians

Bluffton Animal Clinic, Steven A. Bales, D.V.M.; Anthony Lahr, D.V.M.; Cody Anspach, D.V.M.; Acacia Suhrer, D.V.M.; 1890 N. Main St., Bluffton, 824-0924.

Honegger Animal Clinic, Patricia Makowski, D.V.M., and Kelley Reynolds, D.V.M.; 420 N. Jefferson St., Ossian, 622-4186. www.honegger-vet.com.

Wells on Wheels; Council on Aging

The Wells County Council on Aging is located at 225 W. Water St. in Bluffton. Bonnie Valind is the Executive Director. The Council on Aging hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The office phone number is (260) 824-1070 and the email address is info@councilonaginginc.com

The WCCOA provides transportation services to the Wells County community, regardless of the resident's age or income status. Public transit hours of operation are 6 a.m. through 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The name of this service

WOW; EMS; Wells Foundation

is WOW! Wells on Wheels. Please call WOW directly at 824-4WOW (4969) to schedule a ride or to inquire about services.

The WOW! fleet includes 14 vans and all the vans are wheelchair lift or ramp-equipped. The agency provides transportation to any Wells County resident to destinations within a 50-mile radius of Bluffton. Transportation to dialysis treatments is also available.

Other services provided by the Council on Aging includes in-home services such as Homemaker, Assistance to the Homebound, Telephone Reassurance/ Friendly Visitor, Information and Referral and Tax Assistance, Case Management, the Nutrition Site and Home-Delivered Meals are also available to Wells County residents. For additional information, please contact the office and ask to speak with Susie Ehlerding at 260-824-1070.

Wells County EMS

Wells County EMS Inc. is a private not-for-profit corporation created by action of the Wells County Commissioners in July of 2000. It has three locations serving Wells and surrounding counties.

Ambulances are stationed at the following locations:

- Wells County EMS headquarters at 140 W. Spring St.
- The Southern Wells County facility in the Chester Township Fire Station just south of Southern Wells school building on 300W.
- The Northern Wells County facility in the Ossian Fire Station/Ossian Town Hall building complex on Ind. 1.

Although emergency calls for the EMS are to 911, administrative calls can be made to 827-0166.

Full-time medics include CEO Rick Piepenbrink; Supervisors Michael Benson, Jennifer Meadows, and Tyler Reidt; and full-time medics Clarissa Gierhart, Colten Jones, Courtney Snyder, Danielle Fairchild, Denny Fiscus, Jamie Macy, Jason Saxman, Jesse Marley, Karen Stephenson, Kourtney Lazarek, Linda Powers, Paul Goings and Rocky Mills.

Reserve medics include Ben Osborn, Brittany Hughes, Cayla Fuhrman, Chris Curtis, Erin Donovan, Hilarie Gaskill, Jessica Ooten, Jon Fuhrman, Lacey Miller, Larry Shaffer, Lonnie Biberstein, Mark Lemler, Matt Shady, Mike Harris, Michael Padgett, Tim Franklin and Troy Ebert.

Billing: Nancy Oliver

Administrative Assistant/Medical Alert Administrator: Tracy Fiscus

Wells County Foundation

Office: 222 West Market St., Bluffton, IN 46714

Phone: 260-824-8620

E-mail: wellscountyfound@wellscountyfound.org

Website: www.wellscountyfound.org

Staff: Tammy Slater, CEO; Sherry Barnes, Administrative Assistant: Kaitlyn McNally, Financial Assistant/Scholarship Manager.

Board of Directors: Alan Gunkel, President; Sarah MacNeill, Vice President; Brad Johnson, Treasurer; Jessica Bricker, Secretary; Rick Gentis, Kody Kumfer, Michael Towne, Stephen Pastore, Seth Whicker, members.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Wells County Foundation Inc. is to enhance the present and future quality of life of the Wells County community.

The Wells County Foundation is a public, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization which responds to merging and ongoing community issues by distributing income from funds to local students via scholarships and to local not for profit organizations via grants.

2022 Grant Cycle Deadlines: Feb. 15, June 15, Oct. 14

LiGHT Grant Deadline: Sept. 9

Teacher Creativity Grant Deadline: April 1

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LiGHT Steering Committee Members: Laura Gentis, chair; Terri Ehle, vice-chair; Tammy Slater, treasurer; Emily Arnold, Jessica Beste, Tammy Daugherty, Gwen Drayer, Kristen Prible, Pat Trant (Emerita)

Town of Zanesville

The town of Zanesville is in both Wells and Allen Counties. The Wells County Area Plan Commission serves the entire town. Zanesville's elected officials are the three members of the Zanesville Town Council and the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

Regular town council meetings were designated as the third Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The three **Town Council** members are:

John Schuhmacher, home address 2795 W. Rockhill Lane, P.O. Box 352, Zanesville, IN 46799; phone 260-602-2391.

Barb O'Connor, home address 2612 W. Woodview Drive, P.O. Box 391, Zanesville, IN 46799; home phone 260-403-6184.

Council member, Jack Blacksten, 2930 W. Scott St., Zanesville, IN 45799; phone 260-227-0531.

The **Town Clerk-Treasurer** is Julie Christian.

The **Zanesville Town Hall** is at 17736 Wayne St. The phone number there is 260-638-0051.

The **Zanesville Sewage** is managed by Fort Wayne City Utilities. Customer service, account and billing issues should be directed to Fort Wayne Utilities' Customer Relations Department at 427-1234. This number operates 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Questions or problems in the sewer system should be reported to Fort Wayne's One Call to City Hall center at 427-8311. This number can be used to report problems 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When the center is not staffed, a call will be directed to personnel who will respond

Carl Collins is the **Zanesville Town Marshal.** The police non-emergency number is 638-4080.

Fire protection is by the Southwest Allen County Fire Department. The non-emergency number is 747-2938.

Electric service is from American Electric Power and United REMC. Natural gas service is from NIPSCO. Garbage collection is by National Serv-All, Earth First Services or Reliable Trash Company.

Lions Park on Van Horn Street has a playground, fitness area, ball diamond, pavilion, a 24/7 free library. The town has an annual festival, community Easter egg hunt, Halloween party, and a Christmas lighting contest and party, all sponsored or led by the Lions Club. For information, call 638-4327.

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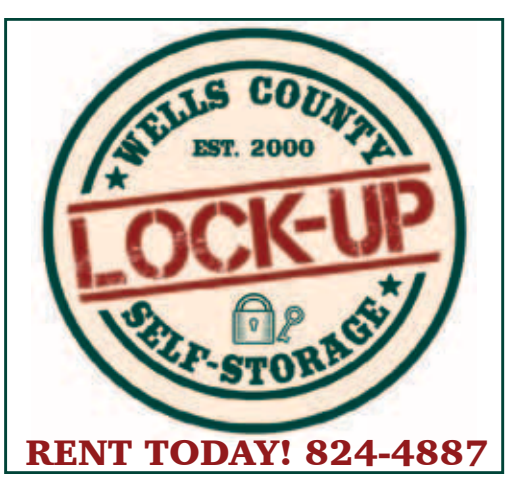

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67.) Putnam County — Greencastle
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90.) Wells County — Bluffton
91.) White County — Monticello
92.) Whitley County — Columbia City

Wells County snapshots

Year-round, Wells County is a busy place. From children-friendly events centered around holidays or community members make sure there are activities for all ages. The Bluffton Parks Department has dozens of activities throughout the year — sometimes featuring tall, fuzzy characters from a galaxy far away. (The following photos are by News-Banner staff Jessica Bricker and Glen Werling)

The county's schools are always looking for ways to entertain, educate and engage their students, from outdoor programs to teaching them to pause and reflect upon the service of those who defend America. Above: Because of the pandemic, the third grade students at SWES did not get to go to the Shrine Circus in 2021, so Southern Wells did its best to bring the circus to the students — including a performance by Summit City Disc Dogs. Below, SWES students take a moment on Veterans Day to say the pledge of allegiance.

Wells County snapshots

Local individuals and organizations always try to bring the magic to Wells County: From lighting a spark within adult learners who want to become better leaders in their community, to allowing youngsters the chance to relish in the childhood magic of the jolly red-wearing man from the North Pole, to tribute concerts at Kehoe Park on the banks of the Wabash River that take viewers back in time.

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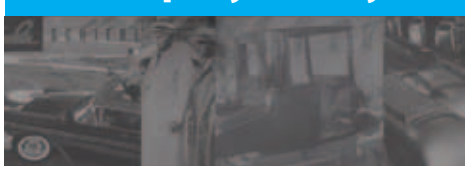

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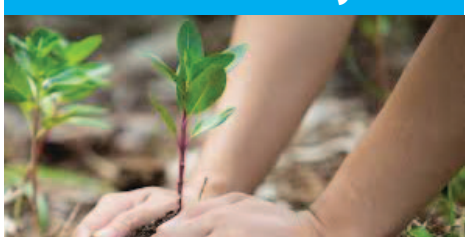

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