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Focus on Republican Candidates 2018

Chairman's Comments



It's hard to believe that August is already here and we're almost to Labor Day and Popcorn Festival. Campaigns are in full swing and we're still looking for volunteers to go door to door and make phone calls. Getting the vote out is our number one priority. We encourage all precinct, vice precinct and volunteers to get involved. This election is about getting our voters out and moving our county forward.

As I've stated before, there are many activities and campaigns that need people. Please give us some of your valuable time and come to the Pork Fest and work the

booth, go door to door for candidates or help us with our phone banks. Also, mission critical is poll workers.

Please encourage your family, friends, neighbors to get involved and become a poll worker. Just go to this link : <https://www.portercountyrepublicans.com/become-a-poll-worker.html>

Our success this year will be because of our activism and our ability to get the vote out! The key is all of you doing all you can to convince your family, friends and neighbors how critical it is to vote and why voting Republican in Porter County makes all the difference.

Just look around at what's happening in our county and our Republican leadership is responsible for that success. Success is driven by informed active voters, please do all you can to ensure our voters vote.

In upcoming editions before November 6, 2018, we will be focusing *The Eagle Eye* on our Republican candidates to inform our supporters of critical races. From time to time, that may mean the space allowed for Comments from the Chair may be devoted to other purposes and issues. Be assured that we are all dedicated to a Republican future in 2018!

Michael Simpson
Chairman, Porter County

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If you are any of the following:

- ◆ A college student away from home
- ◆ In the military service
- ◆ Traveling overseas
- ◆ If you can't make it to your polling location on Election Day

PRECINCT LEADERS

**Training Session
ELECTION 2018**



**August 18, 2018
Old Town Banquet Center**



Porter County Prosecutor Introducing Our Candidate — Brian Gensel

Experience and Integrity In Porter County

Brian T. Gensel has spent the majority of his legal career as a Porter County Prosecutor, beginning in 1988. In 1994, he was chosen to serve as Chief Deputy Prosecutor under Prosecutor James Douglas. Brian was elected prosecutor in 2006 and was, at that time the longest serving full-time deputy prosecutor in Porter County history.

Brian Gensel has personally prosecuted thousands of serious felony cases of every type, including property crimes, crimes of violence and crimes against children. He has brought justice and restitution to innocent victims.

Among 10 similar-sized counties in the state of Indiana, Prosecutor Brian Gensel's Child Support Division is FIRST in percentage of Child Support Collections and has collected \$43.9 million since 2014 for deserving children.



Brian is currently on the Executive Board of the Indiana HIDTA (Indiana High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) taskforce and was elected to the IPAC Board of Directors in 2018. Among his other professional affiliations are the Porter County Evidence Based Decision Making Committee, Porter County Safe Schools Commission, Adult Protective Services, Mayor's Commission on Domestic Violence, and the Porter County Child Protective Team.

Brian graduated from Purdue University in 1983 with a degree in Business Marketing and received his Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1987. He was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Valparaiso University for 12 years teaching Trial Advocacy. He also supervises law students in the Prosecutor's Externship program and coaches the Valparaiso High School Mock Trial Team.

During his years as a Prosecuting Attorney, Brian has developed the following philosophy regarding the role of the Prosecutor:

"Prosecutors are unique among lawyers in that we are ethically bound to seek justice. Sometimes justice is best fulfilled by vigorous prosecution and seeking maximum sentence upon conviction. Sometimes it means fashioning a plea agreement that allows for both sanction and rehabilitation. A Prosecutor must know the difference between what he can do and what he should do."



County Commissioner Center District 2 Introducing Our Candidate — Jeff Good

Community Focus and Leadership In Porter County

Jeff Good is our Republican candidate seeking re-election as County Commissioner in the 2018 elections. This is his message to the voters in Center District 2:

“In the past 3 years plus, I believe we have done quite a few things to make Porter County Government more efficient and transparent.

We finally completed the much talked about Animal Shelter that was so needed for a County of our size. We held the County tax rate flat the last 3 years which is a reflection on our spending habits for this County. While holding our tax rate flat, we also were able to reduce the budget shortfall in the past 3 years as well.

We did this through bidding out the Property and Casualty insurance and bidding out the much aligned health insurance program as well. We also re-negotiated the County’s ambulance service contract which saved the County \$1.5 million over 5 years. We have also increased the amount of paving and maintenance to our 816 miles of roads throughout the County and have funding set aside to begin the upgrading of our County Bridge program that consists of 127 bridges.

Other accomplishments include the Capital Improvement Plan that the County has approved and working towards upgrading our Courthouse locations for an additional Court Room, upgrading of security measures and technology as well as bringing all our buildings we are working on up to code with ADA compliance. We are upgrading the County Expo Center which has not had an overhaul for over 25 years.

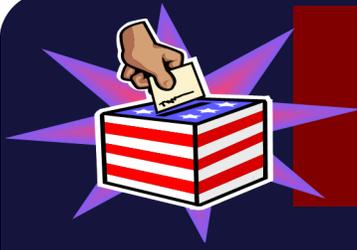
These are just a few of the many things we have worked on over the past 3 plus years. I feel we have some unfinished business and hope to serve another term to continue this long awaited upgrade to County Government with a fiscal eye in mind.



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Our Republican Candidate for United States Senate

Mike Braun — Candidate for U.S. Senate



Mike is running for U.S. Senate because Hoosiers are ready for leaders who can break the stranglehold career politicians have on the federal government. Mike is ready to bring conservative change to Washington. Mike knows that President Trump is going to need reinforcements if he is going to drain the swamp in DC, and replacing Democrat Senator Joe Donnelly with a Hoosier conservative who can get the job done is a good place to start.

Mike graduated from Jasper High School in 1972, where he served as senior class president and lettered in football, basketball, and track. Mike went on to graduate from Wabash College where he earned an economics degree, graduated summa cum laude, and served as President of the Student Body. In 1976, Mike married his high school sweetheart Maureen and entered Harvard Business School, earning an M.B.A. in 1978.

After graduation, Mike took a different path from that of many of his classmates and moved back to Jasper to start his career. In 1979, he co-founded Crystal Farms, Inc. which later became one of the largest turkey operations in the Midwest.

After starting at Meyer Body Company in 1981 and eventually acquiring full ownership, Mike transitioned from the manufacturing sector to distribution markets, forming Meyer Distributing. Since then, Meyer has grown to be among the industry leaders in auto parts distribution. Under Mike's leadership, Meyer survived the 2008 national financial collapse and came out a stronger company, averaging 22 percent growth since 2009.

Today, Meyer is a nationwide contender in the third-party logistics business. Throughout the massive expansion of his business, Mike has always remained grounded to his roots by anchoring the company in Jasper. Mike is proud of his decision to build his businesses in his hometown.

Throughout the years, Mike has always looked for ways to give back to his community and serve his fellow Hoosiers. Mike is an avid outdoorsman, and enthusiastic mushroom hunter every spring. Mike has also served as a member of the local School Board and was elected as a State Representative in 2014.

As a State Representative, Mike has partnered with conservative leaders like Vice President Mike Pence to deliver results for Hoosiers. The 2016 Indiana General Assembly was ranked as the most conservative legislative body in the country. Mike has also been a strong defender of Hoosier values and has previously received endorsements from Indiana Right to Life and has a lifetime A Rating from the NRA.

Mike still resides in Jasper and recently celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary with Maureen. Mike and Maureen have four grown children, Jason, Jeff, Ashley and Kristen. Jason, Jeff and Kristen work with him at Meyer. Mike and Maureen are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.



Join the Porter County Republican Party at these



UPCOMING EVENTS

VALPO-CENTER TOWNSHIP REPUBLICANS FORUM

August 23, 2018
Event Center Zao Island!



Ed Charbonneau

Join Porter County Republicans as we listen to Legislative updates from

State Senator, Ed Charbonneau
State Representative Ed Soliday

Event Center—Zao Island
August 23, 2018 7:00 pm



Ed Soliday

PORKFEST— August 25, 2018—KOUTS



POPCORN FESTIVAL—September 8, 2018—VALPARAISO

