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**Potter touts career**

Says he's more qualified candidate to be Fyffe mayor

By **Lindsay Slater**  
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Bill Potter grew up in Fyffe and graduated from Fyffe High School.

Now 41, he's has worked for the town since he was 17. He first ran for the Fyffe Town Council in 2004 and has served on the council ever since.



**Bill Potter**

Potter is running for mayor, a position he feels he is more qualified for than incumbent Katy Woodall, who is seeking re-election.

"I have 24 years worth of experience," Potter said. "I've worked for every department in Fyffe, including street, fire and police. I worked full-time for the police department from 1990 to 1998."

Potter said he would use his experience to get the town of Fyffe back to "normalcy."

"Mayor Woodall hasn't had a good working relationship with the police force, and a good relationship is essential," Potter said. "They haven't been as stable as I would like them to be. We've been through some bad times with the police department in my time here, but with only two officers, we're in pretty bad shape right now."

"Mayor Woodall is a great lady. She just doesn't understand the inner workings of the police department. I've been on both

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**Steve Street drew high marks for his work at Ider High School the last six years. Now, he's taking over as principal at Geraldine.**

**Street ready for new challenge**

Long-time educator is new principal at Geraldine

By **Eric White**  
Times-Journal intern

Over the next few weeks, Steve Street will be transitioning the contents of his office from one county school to another.

Street, an educator for 28 years and the principal at Ider the last six, is replacing Robert Richey as principal at Geraldine. Richey recently retired.

"It intrigued me that you have a school with a very

diverse student population that has gotten a bad rap for not making the [Adequate Yearly Progress]," Street said. "I thought it might be a situation where I might be able to go in and work with existing faculty where we can eventually make the yearly progress."

"When I first started looking into it I heard nothing but good things about the faculty ... good test scores, excellent

teacher-student relations." Street said that Geraldine's AYP scores have been low in the reading and math sections.

"I feel as if there is sometimes a need to look for new adventures in our life," he said.

"The situation at Ider is in good shape and our yearly progress has been good for two years. I'm excited and I've had a lot

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**Yard Sale off to fast start**

Hotspots don't take long to develop on opening day

By **Huck Treadwell**  
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The corner at Beason Gap Road and DeSoto Parkway was a hotspot for bargain hunters Thursday morning.

The World's Longest Yard Sale began Thursday and will continue through Sunday. Vendors in five states along the Highway 127 corridor began haggling with customers looking for great deals at daybreak. The yard sale spans 690 miles, from about 5 miles north of Addison, Mich., south to Gadsden.

"I've been covered up this morning," Kevin Chitwood said. "I was going to get here at 6, but I didn't get here until 7. I was selling stuff out of a pile."

Chitwood was one of three vendors that set up shop at the corner of Beason Gap Road and DeSoto Parkway. He said he expected more vendors to be in the area on Friday and Saturday.

Chitwood said he'd attended the World's Longest Yard Sale for six or seven years searching for lampshades because he makes lamps from recycled wine bottles. He said two years ago he decided to clear out some of the clutter in his house and pawn it off at the yard sale.

Next to Chitwood, Judy Kilgore had set up shop for the sixth or seventh year in a row. She said it seemed

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**Judy Kilgore has set up shop in the same spot for the last six or seven years at the World's Longest Yard Sale.**

**Shankles seeking second term on Henagar Council**

Staff Reports

Henagar Councilmember Loretta Shankles will seek a second term in office.

Shankles was appointed to the Henagar Town Council's Place 2 nearly a year-and-a-half ago after her husband, Darrel,



**Loretta Shankles is running for a new term on the Henagar Council.**

was killed in a tractor accident. Shankles said she wanted to run for the

council again to improve Henagar and to hopefully fulfill one of her late husband's ideas.

"Darrel and I began attending the council meetings after his retirement," Shankles said. "He was elected in 2008 and took the job very

seriously. After his death in early 2011, I accepted his position and have never missed a regular meeting."

Shankles said one project her husband wanted to see completed was a stage at Henagar's town park.

"I would like to see that built. It would be nice to have music on the stage at the Potato Festival," she said.

She said if elected to a second term, she wanted to work to increase jobs

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Partly cloudy today with scattered showers.

High Today **92** Low Tonight **69**

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Dow Jones industrial average:

**92.18**

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**People's Agenda**

Monday at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The **Rainville City Council** will meet Monday at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

The **DeKalb County Commission** will meet Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Activities Building.

The **Geraldine Town Council** will meet



**Tigers football**

Valley Head coach Rusty Higdon is looking forward to preseason practice.

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