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## More candidates file petitions for primary

DAILY CLARION STAFF REPORT

PRINCETON — Four people filed petitions of candidacy Thursday for the May municipal primary elections. Incumbent Princeton Com-

mon Council District 1 representative Jan Ballard filed Thursday afternoon, seeking the Democrat nomination for re-election. Also filing for common council Thursday was incumbent Republican William "Bill" Tuley, seek-

ing election to Princeton Common Council District 2. Tuley was appointed by GOP caucus to fill the remainder of the term to which Larry Matthews was elected. Matthews moved out of the district, and Brent Denbo

was appointed to his seat. Then, Denbo resigned the seat to take the city parks superintendent job. Also filing Thursday were two candidates for Francisco Town Council. Harold L. Everett filed seeking the Democratic nomi-

nation for the at-large seat, and Steve "Digger" Krieg filed seeking the Republican nomination for the at-large seat. Dwayne E. Matsel filed a petition seeking

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### Construction continues at Fort Branch complex

**Above:** A worker with Reinbrecht Construction takes measurements while working on the Train Station apartment complex off U.S. 41 in Fort Branch on Thursday.

**Right:** Workers of Reinbrecht Construction continue to work on the new Train Station apartment complex off U.S. 41, south of Toyota in Fort Branch on Thursday.

Madison Brooks/Daily Clarion



### Winter storm watch issued for swath of Indiana

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch for parts of central and southern Indiana ahead of a weekend storm that could drop up to 7 inches of snow.

The watch that's in effect from Friday night through Sunday morning covers 25 Indiana counties and includes the cities of Indianapolis, Bloomington, Columbus, Terre Haute and Vincennes, as well as numerous other communities.

Forecasters say a winter storm system moving in from the southwestern U.S. could potentially drop 4 to 7 inches of snow in the watch area, with locally higher amounts possible.

The weather service says the storm is expected to create hazardous travel conditions.

Forecasters say snowfall amounts may change with any deviations in the strength and path of the storm system.

### Habitat plans for 2020 build in East Gibson

BY SARAH LOESCH  
DAILY CLARION STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND CITY — Gibson County Habitat for Humanity is looking to East Gibson for a future build.

Gibson County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Greg Goodson Tuesday talked to Oakland City's Common Council and Board of Works about the organization and what it would like to do in the area.

Mayor Hugh Wirth reached out to Goodson to see if there was interest from the organization in using a site in Oakland City for a new home.

Construction manager Larry McConnell and Goodson came over to Oakland City and took a look at about six sites that were a part of the blight elimination program. Of the lots left, the two felt 226 South Main Street would be a good location.

Goodson said the lot is in a nice neighborhood and puts it in a location where it would be visible to those who use Main Street. The location of a street behind the site made it a feasible option for bringing in equipment and materials without blocking the main thoroughfare.

"We are interested in getting back over here," Goodson told the council.

Habitat built a home years ago on Columbia Street, but since then no builds have taken place in East Gibson. That home is now paid off, Goodson said.

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### Governor proposes small funding boost for schools

BY TOM DAVIES  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is proposing a modest increase in school funding that is unlikely to provide much of an immediate boost for teacher pay.

The Republican governor and GOP legislative leaders have stressed the importance of finding ways to address Indiana's lagging teacher salaries, but Holcomb's \$33 billion, two-year budget pro-

posal released Thursday recommends a 2 percent increase for public schools each year.

State fiscal analysts project tax revenues will grow by about 2.5 percent both budget years. Holcomb proposes much of that money go toward allowing the state's troubled Department of Child Services to keep hundreds of new caseworkers added over the last few years and

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### Civics test bill not favored by DOE

BY SCOTT L. MILEY  
CNHI STATEHOUSE BUREAU

INDIANAPOLIS — Hoosier students would need to pass a test required of those seeking U.S. citizenship before graduating high school under a bill authored by three legislators.

Schools would be required to allocate their own resources to administer the 100-question test, although it could be taken online at a student's home.

About 430,000 students in grades 8 through 12 would be eligible for the test in the 2020-21 school year.

The pass rate on taking the test for the first time for those seeking citizenship is 91 percent, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Indiana students would be given three attempts to pass the test.

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