

[Candidate Luke Messer Pledges to "Fight" for Supporters](#)

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Greensburg — Greensburg native Luke Messer announced his candidacy for United States Congress in May.

Wednesday, he returned to the Tree City for a morning meet and greet at Storie's Restaurant. A small constituency gathered for Messer at the venerable diner for handshakes and conversations over coffee. With the exception of the presence of a Congressional hopeful, it was an ordinary morning for many of the residents in attendance.

These are some of the people Messer intends to 'fight for' if elected this fall.



A staunch conservative, Messer seeks the open seat in the recently-reorganized sixth Congressional district; a spot formerly occupied by gubernatorial hopeful Mike Pence. He cites his experience, personal values and conservative political record as attributes that prove he's suited for the job.

Messer contends his record exemplifies those values and supports a personal motto: 'Never give up.'

Luke Messer entered Storie's Restaurant a few minutes past 8 a.m. Wednesday morning, and recalled a story from his youth in Greensburg, specifically the beginnings of his football career. He talked of a time when certain circumstances brought him to tears and he considered giving up the game entirely. His mother related the adage 'quitters never win, and winners never quit.' Messer didn't quit, and he went on to become captain of the football team later in his high school career.

He's promised to never quit on his constituents either, and again spoke of his mother's belief that hard work pays off in America.

'My mother never doubted that, in America, if we work hard, we can make it for ourselves,' Messer said.

He went on to spend the morning with several Greensburg residents who stopped for breakfast or coffee at Storie's. Lora Williams, who announced her candidacy for State Representative in the 55th District Monday on the courthouse lawn was on hand, as was former State Representative Cleo Duncan. Messer shares several political views with his party members, and prides himself on his record supporting conservative policies.

In a short interview with the Daily News, Messer cited his 100 percent rating from the Indiana Right to Life and his 'A' rating from the National Rifle Association as political work he is proud to have accomplished.

Messer has also pledged to fight reckless spending, work to create 'more jobs and better opportunities for working Hoosiers' and uphold the Constitution. Additionally, Messer has vowed to 'fight socialized health care that will bankrupt future generations.'

Luke Messer stated the people around him during his formative years in Decatur County positively impacted his life.

'A big part of who I am comes from the life lessons I learned growing up in Greensburg,' he said.

Messer considers himself a reformer in many ways, and noted that family is of the utmost importance to him.

Currently a resident of Shelbyville, Luke Messer is a licensed attorney who owns and operates his own law firm. He also has experience in federal government, having held three positions at that level in the past, including serving as Subcommittee Counsel on the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs. That position was under Congressman David McIntosh.

Messer stated his mother is his personal hero; and he is also an author, having written a children's book about the history of Indiana in 2006. His wife, Jennifer, illustrated the book.