

# Let your voice be heard!

## History repeats itself in Lafayette Wednesday

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Following a cry of "we're fed up and we're not gonna take it anymore," and "we are Taxed Enough Already," protesters around the nation will gather Wednesday for an organized act of civil disobedience. Participants will gather on the John T. Myers Bridge in Lafayette from 12 to 2 and from 6 to 8 p.m. for a "Tea Party" reminiscent of the Boston Tea Party of 1773 when colonists revolted against the English Throne because of taxes imposed by the British on tea.

According to a press release from organizers in Lafayette, many people of the United

States believe it is time to take a stand against overspending by the federal government that many fear will lead to a crushing tax burden.

Local residents of several counties will gather together on April 15 to join millions nationwide exercising their First Amendment right to gather peaceably across the United States in protest against what they believe to be excessive government spending and resulting taxation.

Those who want to participate are welcome to add their voice at the event. The Pledge of Allegiance will commence at 12:05 p.m. Hundreds of free copies of the U.S. Constitution will be

available. Protesters are being urged to bring bullhorns, signs and posters and tea bags to place in the "Son's of Liberty" tea crate. For more information, visit [www.LafayetteTeaParty.com](http://www.LafayetteTeaParty.com).

According to Jenny Beth Martin, a Republican activist who is helping to organize one of the higher-profile tea parties in Atlanta, Ga., there are now 500 known tea parties scheduled for April 15, tax day, with dozens more being scheduled everyday.

Martin appeared on "Fox and Friends" Tuesday morning and said she and her husband lost their home due to the recession recently. She said the couple began doing odd jobs to make ends meet

and they do not want the government's help to survive. She said they would rather clean the neighbors' houses rather than "have the neighbors paying for a mortgage on a house that we can't afford."

Martin said the movement, while non-partisan, has largely involved conservatives who are testing out a role long reserved for the other side of the political spectrum. She said one tea party was held in Atlanta Feb. 27 during a downpour.

"Conservatives are not known for their protest abilities," she said. "Protests in

business suits and umbrellas was kind of a funny sight."

An organizer in Astoria, Ore., said the parties are "gatherings for regular people."

"We just feel that the government is not listening to the people," the organizer said. "I do not understand how we can throw money at this problem (referring to the federal stimulus package) and solve it. If I was doing my personal budget and discovered I was deeply in debt, I don't think I would go out and borrow a lot of money to throw at it."

U.S. Congressman Joe

Donnelly said Friday that he is aware of the planned demonstrations. He said he is also concerned about federal spending. Donnelly said he voted against the proposed budget because he was concerned about proposed defense spending. However, he said he "would wish they'd said something in the last eight years when the national debt doubled."

"I always listen to the folks in my district," he said. "The people of Carroll County want our debt under control. We all need to work together to spend wisely."

## Kentucky business owned by county natives honored with Pacesetter award

Comet staff report

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center is honoring a business owned by Carroll County natives Levi and Jamie (Secrease) Reames.

Senior Care of Owensboro was selected as one of the 2009 Kentucky Pacesetters, a group of businesses recognized as high-performing businesses that are changing the economic landscape of Kentucky by introducing innovative products; increasing

sales and/or production; boosting employment; and serving the communities of the Kentucky Commonwealth.

The couple will be honored at a Pacesetter Business Recognition Program and public reception set for May 13 at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. A private luncheon with other winners at the Governor's Mansion will follow the event.

The Reameses purchased the Comfort Keepers franchise in the fall of 2007. Their business, Senior Care of Owensboro, covers four counties and employs 80 caregivers, more than double the number of caregivers as when the couple took over the business.

Senior Care of Owensboro was also recently honored with Kentucky's small business of the year award.

Indiana's spring turkey youth season will be April 18-19. The special season is open to hunters age 15 or younger. Youth hunters are limited to one bearded or male wild turkey.

To participate a youth hunter must be accompanied in the field at all times by an unarmed adult who is at least 18 years old. The youth must be in possession of either a youth consolidated hunting license or an apprentice turkey license. The adult does not need a license.

An apprentice license is

available to youths who have yet to complete the requirement of hunter education. A list of check stations is

available in the 2008-2009 Hunting and Trapping Guide or go online to [wildlife.IN.gov](http://wildlife.IN.gov).



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### Business Briefs

**DELPHI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** has finalized the first ever chamber newsletter. Anita Hartman, chamber secretary, and Dale Seward of Bob's Investigations were responsible for the development, printing and distribution of the newsletter. Hartman and Seward also completed a second website with a brief history of the chamber, officers, general information and area photos on MySpace.com. The space promotes member businesses locally and all over the world. The site can be viewed at [myspace.com/delphichamber](http://myspace.com/delphichamber).



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