

Starke County Conservative Voter Guide

November 3, 2026 General Election

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WHEN & WHERE

Election Day: Tue Nov 3, 2026.

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Federal		
United States Representative, Second District	Rudy Yakym [C] [ECG] [NRAA+]	James J. Johnson (Republican nominee)
State		
Railroad Township Board Member, Starke County	Bart Egolf (Republican nominee)	Lynn Vesely (Republican nominee)
Railroad Township Board Member, Starke County	James Michael Korous (Republican nominee)	Bethany Laizure (Republican nominee)
Railroad Township Board Member, Starke County	Joanne Gillette-Bailey (Republican nominee)	Matthew Moore (Republican nominee)
Secretary of State	Max Engling [IRLP] [C] [ACG] [HCG] [ECG] [PCG] [MCG]	Richard (Rick) Minker (Republican nominee)
Starke County Auditor	Bernadette M. Manuel (Republican nominee)	Mark Allen (Republican nominee)
State Comptroller (Auditor of State)	Elise Nieshalla [C] [ACG] [ECG]	Autumn C. Ferch (Republican nominee)
State Representative, District 016/020 — 016: Kendell Culp [C] [NRAA]; 020: Jim Pressel [NRAA]		E. Todd Leinbach (Republican nominee)
Treasurer of State	Daniel Elliott [C]	April Wilhelm (Republican nominee)
County		
California Township Board Member, Starke County	Lesley Anne Banks Craft (Republican nominee)	Starke County Council, District 1/2/3/4 — 1: Norman Bruce Bennett (Republican nominee); 2: Howard A. Bailey, Jr. (Republican nominee); 3: David (Dave) Pearman (Republican nominee); 4: Eugene Pugh (Republican nominee)
California Township Board Member, Starke County	Matthew E. McGowan (Republican nominee)	Starke County Recorder Jennifer Shepherd Madsen (Republican nominee)
California Township Board Member, Starke County	S. Mark Dedloff (Republican nominee)	Starke County Sheriff Jack Rosa (Republican nominee)
Center Township Board Member, Starke County	Lauri Manns Venckus (Republican nominee)	Washington Township Board Member, Starke County Kimberly Kroft (Republican nominee)
Center Township Trustee, Starke County	Steven Clark Bradley (Republican nominee)	Washington Township Board Member, Starke County Mike Yankauskas (Republican nominee)
Davis Township Board Member, Starke County	Larry Jernas (Republican nominee)	Washington Township Trustee, Starke County Cathy Ewing Benko (Republican nominee)
Davis Township Board Member, Starke County	Rebecca (Becky) Pflugshaupt (Republican nominee)	Wayne Township Board Member, Starke County Brian Craig (Republican nominee)
Davis Township Board Member, Starke County	Rick Steven Martin (Republican nominee)	Wayne Township Board Member, Starke County Kenneth Peverelle (Republican nominee)
Davis Township Trustee, Starke County	Tiffany Nagai (Republican nominee)	Wayne Township Trustee, Starke County Richard L. Wendel (Republican nominee)
Jackson Township Board Member, Starke County	Marianne Mohler-Malkowski (Republican nominee)	Judicial
Jackson Township Board Member, Starke County	Michelle R. Hounshell (Republican nominee)	Starke County Circuit Court Clerk Kathy Norem (Republican nominee)
Jackson Township Board Member, Starke County	Perry Thompson (Republican nominee)	Local
		North Judson Town Council At-Large Josh Brown (Republican nominee)
		Oregon Davis School Board, At Large Holly Leinbach Richwalski (Republican nominee)
		Oregon Davis School Board, At Large Kyle James Hinds (Republican nominee)

Key: IRLP = Indiana Right to Life PAC; C = iVoterGuide (Conservative); ACG = Allen County GOP; HCG = Hamilton County GOP; ECG = Elkhart County GOP; PCG = Porter County GOP; MCG = Morgan County GOP; NRA = NRA-PVF (NRA Political Victory Fund grade). (Republican nominee) = Republican on the ballot, no published endorsement found. NP = nonpartisan race; "Listed by" = a Republican Party's listing, not a nomination. Recommendations are the listed groups', not this guide's; a blank race means no published recommendation was found, not that none exists.