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Sunny

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Mostly cloudy

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Taking flight



Tribune-Star/Joseph C. Garza

A goose paddles across the pond at the JI Case WetLand Wildlife Refuge on Thursday. According to Bill Mitchell, Canadian Geese are part of the Motus tower tracking with 241 individuals tagged with transmitters.

From Canada to Parke County to South America, Motus tower records bird migration

By STEVE KASH
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE-STAR

The members of the Ouabache Land Conservancy had high hopes for the benefits of its new Motus bird-monitoring tower at Atherton Island in southern Parke County when they installed it in March 2026. The tower fits well with the group's goals of protecting land, water, and wildlife for years to come.

Interesting data began arriving at the tower in April during spring migration. During the birds' southward migrations, the tower gathers more valuable data.

The Motus tower has seven antennae, which detect radio signals from tagged birds and bats within a radius of more than 10 miles. The digital signals are individualized to each tagged bird or bat, including the species, as well as the exact location and date of tagging. By detecting these digital signals, OLC supports worldwide conservation efforts to steer human development away from critical areas used by migratory species whose numbers are declining.

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Ouabache Land Conservancy

■ See www.ouabachelandconservancy.org for more information about the Ouabache Land Conservancy's activities.



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Bill Mitchell, a retired Indiana State University biology professor and Ouabache Land Conservancy's first data monitor, stands near the new Motus tower near Atherton Island Natural Area on Oct. 6 in Parke County.



Doug McSchooler for the Indiana Debate Commission

Democratic candidate Beau Bayh responds to a question during the Indiana Secretary of State Debate hosted by the Indiana Debate Commission on Wednesday at WFYI Public Television Studios in Indianapolis. Bayh participated in the debate with Republican Max Engling, Libertarian Lauri Shillings and Independent/Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard.

Sharp divides in Indiana secretary of state debate

Noncitizen vote, spending audit are hot topics

By TOM DAVIES
INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE • Indianapolis

Republican Max Engling leaned into blocking noncitizen voting as a top priority as he and the other three Indiana secretary of state candidates debated Wednesday night.

Engling maintained that he was the only candidate firm on that issue – arguments that Democrat Beau Bayh called “ridiculous” and Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard labeled “ludicrous.” Libertarian Lauri Shillings described Engling's push for tighter voter rules as unnecessary.

Bayh kept up his persistent push for an independent audit of what he calls corrupt spending by current Republican Secretary of State Diego Morales, whom Engling defeated for the GOP nomination.

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THPD sets up nonprofit foundation

First fundraiser, ‘Bourbon & Brisket’, set for Oct. 15

By DAVID KRONKE
TRIBUNE-STAR

Terre Haute Police Chief Kevin Barrett on Thursday announced the formation of the Police Foundation of Terre Haute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting those who work in law enforcement.

Its first fundraiser will be a bourbon and brisket tasting at the Red Barn at Sycamore Farm on Oct. 15.

Turn to **THPD, A5**



Expect to see two issue questions on your ballots

Bail and judicial residency both up for possible changes

**By CAROLINE BECK
AND JILL SHERIDAN**
WFYI PUBLIC MEDIA

Indiana voters this November will get to vote on two public questions.

Voters will be asked to vote ‘Yes

or ‘No’ on the questions regarding changes to Indiana's constitution.

For these questions to appear on a general election ballot, the Indiana General Assembly had to approve them twice.

**CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT I: BAIL**

The first ballot question voters will see could allow judges to deny bail if they determine the individual poses a substantial risk to the public.

Here is the language that will



appear on the ballot:

“Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if: (1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and (2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect

the safety of any other person or the community. (This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)”

Current Indiana law states that people can only be denied bail if they are charged with murder or treason and there is strong evidence against them.

Voting yes would give courts more opportunities to deny bail. Voting no on the question would keep Indiana's current bail practice in place.

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