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Families of Oct. 7 victims to run in Israeli election



Tali Kizhner looks at a mural painted on the bomb shelter in which her son, Segev Israel Kizhner, sought refuge before he was killed in the Oct. 7, 2023, killing and kidnapping spree by Hamas militants. PHOTOS BY AMIR COHEN/REUTERS FILE

Candidates say they wish to heal country’s wounds

Maayan Lubell and Emily Rose
REUTERS

TEL AVIV – One was inspired by her son’s last stand trying to fight off attackers rampaging through a kibbutz, an Israeli community. Another by her son’s final words as militants tossed grenades into a bomb shelter packed with fleeing revelers from a music festival. A third by the brothers he campaigned to bring home from captivity in the Gaza Strip.

Three years since Hamas’ Oct. 7, 2023, attack, at least nine Israelis from

families directly caught up in the deadliest day in the country’s history are running for parliament in an election later in October. They represent parties running the gamut of political views, but all say they aim to heal Israel’s wounds.

The militants who burst into southern Israel in 2023 killed 1,200 people and took 251 hostages to the Gaza Strip. Michal Hirsch Negri’s son, Roei, died fighting Hamas attackers in Kibbutz Be’eri, where 1 in 10 residents were

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Former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett hugs Michal Hirsch Negri, the candidate choice for the Together party, led by Naftali.

Most Ohioans support Issue 3 requiring photo ID for in-person voting

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Six in 10 Ohio voters support amending the state constitution to require photo ID for voting, according to a new Suffolk University/USA TODAY Ohio Network poll.

Issue 3 is a proposed state constitutional amendment to require voters to present photo ID when casting ballots in person. Proponents argue that requiring photo ID protects against imposters casting ballots. Opponents argue that the requirement is already in state law and voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent.

Like current law, the amendment would require voters to present an unexpired driver’s license, state ID, passport or military ID to cast ballots in-person.

son. It allows the Legislature to decide whether to preserve or change the current rules for mail-in voting. Right now, Ohioans who vote absentee can provide a driver’s license or Social Security number in lieu of photo ID.

Judy Corbett, 78, a retired public school teacher in Circleville, said she doesn’t think it necessary to change the state constitution, given that voter ID is already in state law. Not concerned about voter fraud, Corbett said she has voted by mail the past few years. “I don’t want that taken away from me and I want my vote to count.”

Sara Davis, 46, a parochial school teacher who lives in Liberty Center, said “Not everyone has the means to get a state ID.” Getting the documents and the time to go to a bureau of motor vehicles office can be onerous for some voters, she said.

But Trent Fagrell, 34, an automotive engineer who lives in Delaware, said important laws that protect the integrity of voting should be enshrined in the constitution. That way it’s less likely to be changed by the next set of elected officials, he said.

Earlier this year, Republican lawmakers fast-tracked Issue 3 to make sure it qualified for the November ballot.

The Suffolk poll results align with other surveys that have found broad support for voter ID rules. The poll surveyed 500 likely Ohio voters on cell phones and landlines between Sept. 23 and Sept. 27. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

18-year-old dies in motorcycle crash

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RICE TOWNSHIP – A novice motorcyclist from Vermillion died in a fatal motorcycle crash in Rice Township.

The Fremont post of the Ohio Highway Patrol is investigating the crash that occurred Oct. 3 at 9:51 p.m. on Ohio 19 near County Road 127 in Rice Township.

Gavin McLaughlin, 18, of Vermillion, was riding a blue-and-white 2001 Harley-Davidson Road King south on Ohio 19. He failed to negotiate a curve and ran off the right side of the road, striking a ditch and overturning. He died from his crash injuries.

He was not wearing a helmet at the time of the incident.

There was a witness to the scene. Additionally, McLaughlin was riding with a group that included three other motorcyclists.

“The group that he was riding with, one of the individuals gave a witness statement. They were unfamiliar with the area. The curve was unexpected. He tried to overcorrect and lost control,” Ohio Highway Patrol Lt. Angel Burgos said. “The three other motorcyclists were ahead of him. He was the last one in the group, and as he was coming up to it [the group], he didn’t realize the curve was there. That’s when he began having problems. He was a novice rider, only having his learner’s permit at the time, and driving that motorcycle, that Harley-

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