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## Chairman's Comments



Dear Fellow Republicans,

We are just over a month into the new year, and the momentum continues to build. Watching the radical left unravel as President Trump delivers on his promises has been nothing short of satisfying. In just 17 days, his administration has made remarkable progress. Twelve of 22 cabinet members have already been confirmed, and by the time you read this, I'm hopeful that two more—RFK Jr. and Tulsi Gabbard—will have joined the team.

Beyond the cabinet, the Department of Government Efficiency (D.O.G.E.) is already making an impact, rooting out waste and fraud at an unprecedented rate. Under Elon Musk's leadership, we can expect a leaner, more efficient government that cuts costs, streamlines bureaucracy, and sets us on a path toward balancing the budget and reducing our national debt.

Here in Indiana, Governor Mike Braun has hit the ground running, demonstrating the strong leadership that will keep our state on the path of prosperity. He follows in the footsteps of two decades of outstanding Republican leadership, ensuring that Indiana remains a beacon of conservative values and economic success. Fortunately, we have an exceptional team alongside him, including Lieutenant Governor Micha Beckwith and Attorney General Todd Rokita. Porter County's State Senator Ed Charbonneau, State Representatives Ed Soliday, Julie Olthoff, and Mike Aylesworth. Their unwavering commitment to Hoosier values and pragmatic policies will keep Indiana strong.

The Porter County Republican Party continues to advocate for economic freedom and conservative values. Thanks to dedicated volunteers and principled leaders, we are growing stronger every day.

The work ahead is critical. The newly elected leadership, along with precinct committeemen, party activists, and volunteers, will begin laying the groundwork for the 2026 election cycle and beyond. As Hoosiers and Republicans, we remain committed to pragmatic, conservative principles that have long defined our great state.

We will continue championing policies that foster economic prosperity, strong public safety, and true immigration reform. Our shared dedication to unity and conservative governance will ensure that our community, state, and nation remain strong.

Reorganization Day is set for Saturday, March 1st, at the Porter County Expo Center, Patio Room. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. During this gathering, our precinct and vice precinct committeemen will elect the leadership guiding our party for the next four years.

Let's carry this momentum forward, standing firm in our convictions and working together to secure a bright future for Indiana and America.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

*Michael Simpson*

Chairman  
Porter County Republican Party

## Upcoming Events



### **Duneland Monthly Meetings**

Date: Thursday, March 6th @ 6pm

Location: AJ's Pizza ~ 3050 Matson St Chesterton, IN 46304  
Guest Speaker: Leann Angerman; Regional Director for Jim Banks

Date: Thursday, April 3rd @ 6pm

Location: AJ's Pizza ~ 3050 Matson St Chesterton, IN 46304  
Guest Speaker: TBD

### **Portage Monthly Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, February 25th @ 6pm

Location: Social Goat ~ 2542 Portage Mall Portage, IN 46368

Date: Thursday, March 13th @ 6pm (moving to 2nd Thursdays)

Location: Mexico Lindo ~ 5908 US Hwy 6 Portage, IN 46363

### **Valparaiso Monthly Meeting**

Date: Thursday, February 20th @ 5:30pm

Location: Burgerhaus ~ 3304 Calumet Ave Valparaiso, IN 46383

Date: Thursday, March 20th @ 5:30pm

Location: Burgerhaus ~ 3304 Calumet Ave Valparaiso, IN 46383

### **South County Monthly Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, February 26th @ 6:30pm

Location: Werno Barn ~ 683 SR-130 Hobart, IN 46342

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### **Porter County Young Republicans**

Date: Wednesday, February 26th @ 6pm

Location: Inman's Bowling Alley ~ 3201 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383

Date: Saturday, March 29th @ 6pm

Location: Nextdoor ~ 218 W Lincolnway Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Speaker: Jennifer Ruth-Green

### **Porter County Republican Women's**

Date: Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:30pm

Location: Bridgepoint Church ~ 55 Chicago St. Valparaiso, IN 46383  
\*Yoga Night- \$10 per person; Yoga Mat needed; RSVP 219-508-6954

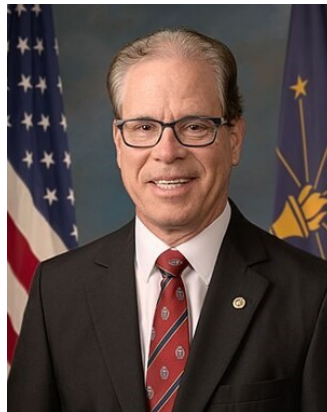
Date: March TBD

## Upcoming Events

# LINCOLN DAY DINNER 2025

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## MIKE BRAUN



52ND GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

\*Scan QR code below or go to our County Republican Website for tickets:



Lincoln Day Dinner 2025– Thursday, April 3rd; Doors open @ 6:30pm/ Program begins @ 7pm

Location: Duneland Falls ~ 1100 SR149 Chesterton, IN 46304

\*Dinner ticket \$65/ VIP + Reception \$125 (VIP begins @ 5:30pm)

Table sponsorships available as well. Email [kentaylor306@gmail.com](mailto:kentaylor306@gmail.com) for info.

## Federal Updates – President Trump Cabinet Appointments

Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury– **Confirmed**

Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General– **Confirmed**

Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior– **Confirmed**

Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor.– awaiting confirmation hearing

Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.– **Confirmed**

Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation.– **Confirmed**

Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense.– **Confirmed**

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.– **Confirmed**

Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce.– finished confirmation hearing, not yet voted on

Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.– awaiting confirmation hearing

Kristi Noem, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.– **Confirmed**

Kash Patel to be FBI Director.– finished confirmation hearing, not yet voted on

Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.– **Confirmed**

Marco Rubio, of Florida, to be Secretary of State.– **Confirmed**

Scott Turner. Of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.– **Confirmed**

Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.– **Confirmed**

Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence.– **Confirmed**

Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.– awaiting confirmation hearing

Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.– finished confirmation hearing, not yet voted on

John Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.– **Confirmed**

Elise Stefanik, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.– finished confirmation hearing, not yet voted on

Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.– **Confirmed**

Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.– **Confirmed**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/cabinet-and-cabinet-level-appointments/>



## Federal Updates – President Trump Top Accomplishments

January 20th, 2025 Accomplishments (click on topic to read more about it... control and click to follow hyperlink)



- [Initial Recessions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions](#)
- [Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship](#)
- [Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government](#)
- [Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis](#)
- [Granting Pardons and Communication of Sentences For Certain Offenses Relating To the Events at or Near The United States Capitol on January 6, 2021](#)
- [Withdrawing The United State from the World Health Organization](#)
- [Holding former government officials accountable for election interference and improper disclosure of sensitive governmental information](#)
- [Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border](#)
- [America First Trade Policy](#)
- [Unleashing American Energy](#)
- [Establishing and Implementing The President’s “Department of Government Efficiency”](#)
- [Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI programs and preferencing](#)
- [Reforming the Federal Hiring Process and Restoring Merit to Government service](#)
- [Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specifically Designated Global Terrorists](#)

January 21st– current 2025 Accomplishments

- [Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity](#)
- [Declassification of Records Concerning the Assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)
- [The First 100 Hours: Historic Action to Kick off America’s Golden Age](#)
- [Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California and Improve Disaster Response in Certain Areas](#)
- [Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness](#)
- [Restoring Service Members Discharged Under the Military’s COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate](#)
- [Protecting Children for Chemical and Surgical Mutilation](#)
- [Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling](#)
- [Imposing Duties to Address the Flow of Illicit Drugs Across our National Border](#)

To see a list of all Presidential Actions and to read more in depth about them follow this link:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/>

## State of Indiana Updates/ Accomplishments



### MIKE BRAUN, GOVERNOR

- [Gov. Mike Braun Signs Executive Orders to Invest in a Healthier Indiana](#)
- [Gov. Mike Braun leads on immigration to protect Hoosiers, rule of law](#)
- [Gov. Mike Braun issues statement on President Trump's pause on spending](#)
- [Advisory: Gov. Mike Braun leads on immigration to protect Hoosiers, rule of law](#)
- [Gov. Mike Braun's 2025 State of the State Address](#)
- [Gov. Mike Braun Appoints Jared Prentice as Indiana's Inspector General](#)

### Indiana General Assembly

#### 2025 Session

Senate and House Bills can be found here: <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills>

#### Upcoming dates:

Thursday, February 20, 2025	Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in House.
Thursday, February 20, 2025	Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in Senate.
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Last day for House adoption of conference committee reports without Rules Committee approval.
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Last day for Senate adoption of conference committee reports without Rules Committee approval.
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in the Senate.
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in House.
Tuesday, April 29, 2025	Last day for adjournment of both houses (IC 2-2.1-1-2)

## Get to Know Your Local NRA Rep



My name is Mike Lee of Lowell, Indiana. I'm part of the NRA's grassroots as a Frontline activist leader for the NRA Institute of Legislation Action. (FAL) I'm very proud of the achievements accomplished by the NRA-ILA . We've done a lot. Including a pro second amendment Congress majority in both houses and the most pro second amendment president in Donald Trump. It's the best opportunity in decades to get pro second amendment laws passed.

First and foremost on our list this year. HR38 is the constitutional concealed carry reciprocity act. This would finally mean that your right to bear arms . Your right to defend yourself wouldn't stop at the State lines. It's a ridiculous scenario to think that stepping one foot over a state line, that one side is your right to carry and the other side is a felony. This year, 2025, is by far our best chance to get this legislation across the president's desk. The NRA institute of legislation action is hard at work defending your constitutional right nationally. As I do my best to work on that locally, we need as many House Representatives and Senators to sign on as a sponsor to HR38. We are also doing our part to communicate this to Congress and hopefully you can do your part and do the same.

Reach out with any questions or speaking engagements:

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219-742-5002

To view the biggest legislative wins in 2024 go here: <https://agegateway.nrahq.org/?s=IL&r=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.americas1stfreedom.org%2Fcontent%2Fthe-biggest-legislative-wins-so-far-in-2024%2F>

## Get to know your County Elected Officials!

This month's feature is our Republican Porter County Council Members. Scroll thru the next few pages for some fun facts on these front line warriors who are doing their best to serve the residents of Porter County.

**Ronald "Red" Stone**  
**Council Vice President**  
**Representing District 1**  
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## Porter County Council Fun Facts

### Red Stone

Vice President of Porter County Council District 1



#### 1. What inspired you to get into politics?

Answer: I was on the Duneland School Board for 16 years, my term was ending and I wanted to stay involved in my community and make a difference.

#### 2. What do you see as having been your biggest accomplishment in serving the people you represent so far in any position you have held?

Answer: My biggest accomplishment was working with my fellow board members and selecting Chip Pettit as our Superintendent of Duneland Schools.

#### 3. Most exciting thing you see right now that you get to work on for the people of Porter County this coming year?

Answer: A potential data center that could have a major impact on our county.

#### 4. Who has been your biggest influence/ had the largest impact on your life?

Answer: My mom and dad. May they rest in peace.

#### 5. Do you have a golden rule you live by or process that you try to stick with when handling situations that impact the people of Porter County?

Answer: Always do the right thing.

#### 6. Favorite Hobby?

Answer: From renovating buildings to rebuilding skid steers, anything that keeps me busy.

#### 7. Favorite Food?

Answer: Anything my wife cooks. I've been blessed with an awesome wife that loves to cook and she's very good at it.

#### 8. Favorite Holiday?

Answer: Christmas

#### 9. Favorite place to Vacation and best trip you have ever taken?

Answer: I don't take a lot of vacations but we went to Turks and Caicos a couple years back and it was beautiful.

#### 10. Red's Favorite Politician?

Answer: Donald John Trump 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Going to be a great 4 years!!! God willing.

Huge THANK YOU to Councilman Stone for participating in this and letting the community get to know you a little more! ~ Porter County Republican Party

## Porter County Council Fun Facts

**Andy Vasquez**  
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## Porter County Council Fun Facts

### Andy Vasquez

Porter County Councilman District 4



#### 1. What inspired you to get into politics?

Answer: A desire to serve the people.

#### 2. What do you see as having been your biggest accomplishment in serving the people you represent so far in any position you have held?

Answer: As a county council rep for NIRPCE I helped write a house bill so NIRPCE could receive additional funds that no one had addressed for 25 years (Hal Slager sponsored it)

#### 3. Most exciting thing you see right now that you get to work on for the people of Porter County this coming year?

Answer: I want to help other council members to hit the ground running...like support Michelle Harris and help her grow in her new position.

#### 4. Who has been your biggest influence/ had the largest impact on your life?

Answer: My mother who taught me an old saying, if you loose your health you lose everything is not true. You loose everything when you loose your faith in God.

#### 5. Do you have a golden rule you live by or process that you try to stick with when handling situations that impact the people of Porter County?

Answer: If I give you my word, I will honor it; the only way to release me of my word is for the person to release me from it or lie to me.

#### 6. Favorite Hobby?

Answer: Fishing

#### 7. Favorite Food?

Answer: Chili cheese dog. It hurts me to eat it, but I eat it anyway.

#### 8. Favorite Holiday?

Answer: November 11th, Veterans Day

#### 9. Best Trip you have ever taken?

Answer: Barcelona. I have been there five times. Three of which were when I was in the military.

Huge THANK YOU to Councilman Vasquez for participating in this and letting the community get to know you a little more! ~ Porter County Republican Party

## Porter County Council Fun Facts

**Andy Bozak**  
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## Porter County Council Fun Facts

### Andy Bozak

Porter County Councilman



#### 1. What inspired you to get into politics?

Answer: Well back in the day I had a neighbor that was involved on the Burns Harbor Park Board. He came over one day and told me that they were looking for a Republican to fill an open board seat and asked if I was interested. Not knowing anything about it, I said – OF COURSE. LOL Well, I got on the board and we wanted to replace our park equipment at Lakeland Park. The equipment there was old and falling apart and even had a few dangerous areas that had broken off the playset. We approached the town council as the park board did not have the money to do the project. The council, at the time, was not interested in helping with the project as they stated they did not have the funding for this.

So...myself and 2 other park board members decided to run for town council in Burns Harbor to see if we could get this done. All 3 of us won and one of the first things we did was appropriate \$200,000 to the park board so we could replace our playset at the park. We saw an issue and worked together to fix it. It was a great entry into serving the public and doing what I can to help the community. From there, I was caucused onto the County Council when Commissioner Biggs vacated the Council seat when he was elected to the Commissioner's office.

#### 2. What do you see as having been your biggest accomplishment in serving the people you represent so far in any position you have held?

Answer: We have made multiple investments our county infrastructure and buildings over the years. In addition, we have been able to take care of our county employees all while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the state. We continue to make sure that Porter County is a great place to live!

#### 3. Most exciting thing you see right now that you get to work on for the people of Porter County this coming year?

Answer: We have many exciting projects in the works. Some that are in early stages and others that we have been working on for a few years. 2025 is going to be a great year and I'm very excited to get back to work, working with my fellow council members, the commissioners, and all of the county department heads.

#### 4. Who has been your biggest influence/ had the largest impact on your life?

Answer: My Mom and Dad. My Mom taught me to hear people out, listen to their issues, and look at problems from the other side. She taught me communication, caring and so much more. Not that my Dad didn't teach that as well...but my Mom spent a lot of time talking to me and helping me see that there are 2 sides to every story and often more. My Dad taught me to care for everyone. When a neighbor or a friend needs a hand, you offer to help. When you see an issue, you don't just walk by, you attempt to fix it. He spent many years giving back to our community (and still does), either coaching, umpiring, or being on the little league board. I watched and learned a lot from him. I'm very lucky and blessed to still have both my parents in my life and they are still going strong and approaching 43 years of marriage this year. They are not only amazing parents, but super Grandparents. I could not be more blessed to have them- Love ya guys!

#### 5. Do you have a golden rule you live by or process that you try to stick with when handling situations that impact the people of Porter County? Ex...think about for 24 hours

Answer: My golden rule is to be me. Hear people out, try and help them...and if you cant help them, make sure you did everything you could to make their day a little easier. I have dealt with government and know how confusing it can be and

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### Andy Bozak

Porter County Councilman

how frustrating it can be when you can't find the right person to talk to. I care and I also make sure you can reach me. My cell is 219-508-7152. There is a reason I share that, I want to make it as easy as possible for you to reach out if you need help.

#### 6. Favorite Hobby?

Answer: That changes frequently. LOL At this time, I am really into the game of darts and pool. Due to the cold weather, my kiddos, wife and I have been stuck inside. We like to hang out in the basement and play some fun games. When more of our family visits, we like to play games such as Codenames (if you haven't played it, it's super fun!) or recently the Jepsen family introduced us to the card game, Wizard. We had a lot of fun playing those over the Christmas/NY holiday week. During the summer- we really only have time for one hobby – its ALL baseball and softball. With 4 kids all playing and my whole family involved in either coaching, umpiring or helping run a league – it is not only a busy time for us, but the BEST time.

#### 7. Favorite Food?

Answer: Steak and cheese. Sometimes together.

#### 8. Favorite Holiday?

Answer: I'm guessing a lot of you would think Christmas, due to our Christmas light show (if you haven't followed us yet - <https://www.facebook.com/bozakfamilylights>). And guess what, you would be RIGHT! Christmas- hands down. I love the season...I love the time with family...and it's the day we celebrate Jesus's birth – how can a day be better? A close 2<sup>nd</sup> is 4<sup>th</sup> of July – who doesn't love 'Merica...or blowing up fireworks?

#### 8. Favorite place to vacation and best trip you have ever taken?

Answer: Mine is Florida. We like to go down to Indian Rocks Beach (near Tampa/Clearwater). Mom and Dad go with us, my sister and her family, and all of us. It's so relaxing and nice. I love family time and I love the sunshine. We do our best to take a family vacation every year. I am the oldest of 5 kids in my family so a lot of trips include my brothers and sisters and their families as well. In addition, my Mom and Dad always come with us. As Ferris B. said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



Huge THANK YOU to Councilman Bozak for participating in this and letting the community get to know you a little more! ~ Porter County Republican Party

## Porter County Council Fun Facts

### Most newly elected County Councilwoman!

**Michelle Harris**  
**Porter County Councilwoman**  
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## Porter County Council Fun Facts

### Michelle Harris

Porter County Councilwoman



#### **1. What inspired you to get into politics?**

Answer: In recent years, I've noticed a lot of negativity and division within our community. I'm someone who believes in stepping up, making a positive impact, and being the change we need. I was also inspired by my husband as he not only serves in an elected position but also volunteers his time to many community non profits.

#### **2. Most exciting thing you see right now that you get to work on for the people of Porter County this coming year?**

Answer: There are several exciting projects and the two I am most excited about are the improvements to our Sherriff's Department as well as the overhaul of our county website. The county website is the main line of communication for our citizens and having a uniformed site with streamlined information and easy navigation is something the public should be able to rely on.

#### **3. Do you have a golden rule you live by or process that you try to stick with when handling situation that impact the people of Porter County.**

Answer: I think it is important to remember that we all live, work, and play together.

#### **4. Favorite hobby?**

Answer: Scrapbooking, traveling, and organizing

#### **5. Favorite holiday?**

Answer: Valentines Day

#### **8. Favorite food?**

Answer: Cake with butter cream frosting

#### **9. Favorite place to vacation/ best trip you have ever take?**

Answer: Israel

Huge THANK YOU to Councilwoman Harris for participating in this and letting the community get to know you a little more! ~ Porter County Republican Party



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## Porter County Council Fun Facts

### Mike Brickner

Porter County Council President



Mike Brickner is the Director of Operations at Lake County Community Corrections. He is a graduate of Chesterton High School and holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ball State University. He is a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Police Executive Leadership Academy and Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. He is a retired Chief of Police of Valparaiso Police Department where he served for 32 years. The last 13 years as Chief. He held the positions of patrol officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant and detective lieutenant. He served as the departments field training officer coordinator and public information officer.

During his time as Chief of Police Mike served as president of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, chairman of the Porter County Safe Schools Commission, a member of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Mike has received numerous awards including Valparaiso Police Department Honorable Mention Awards for outstanding police work, and the departments Police Officer of the Year two years straight.

Mike was the recipient of the "William Sudburry Memorial Leaders Leader Award." This award is given to the top law enforcement executive in the state of Indiana by the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police. Mike was the recipient of the "Community Health Award" for his contributions to the mental health community by Porter Starke Services. He was recognized by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve as a "Patriotic Employer" for his support of employee participation in Americas National Guard and Reserve Force.

During his time as Chief, the Valparaiso Police Department was recognized as one the most progressive police departments in the state of Indiana. The department was recognized by Calumet College as, "Police Department of the Year" for initiating the first Child is Missing program in the Region. The police department was recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police as one of the top 25 police agencies in the world and finalist for the "Webber Seavey" award for the "Valpo Alert Notification System." In 2010 the Valparaiso Police Department became one of only 13 departments in the State of Indiana to be accredited thru the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA). In 2014 Governor Mike Pence presented Mike with the "Sagamores of the Wabash" award. Mike is currently a member of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties and Indiana Department of Corrections.

Mike and his wife Amy have been married for 22 years. They have two children, Zoe is a sophomore at Grand Valley State University and Michael is a senior at Washington Township High School. They have been active members of Calvary church for 23 years. Mike was a boys 8th grade basketball coach for 8 years and coached his daughter in basketball as well.

Huge THANK YOU to Council President Brickner for serving the residents of Porter County!  
~ Porter County Republican Party~

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

This month's scripture/ devotional is from:

Rev. Jimmy Albarran



### Knowing God by Name

Exodus 3:15 God also told Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**Yahweh**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.

It was important to Moses and Israel to know who God was so God spoke the name he should be known by forever, 'YHWH'. Translating from the ancient Hebrew 'YHWH', there is some discussion of how it should be said in English, most frequently we find Yahweh or Jehovah. However this is not what we find in most bibles today. In keeping with Jewish tradition to avoid saying God's name out of respect, Jews often say 'HaShem' , which means 'the Name'. Likewise most bibles print 'LORD' using capital letters. Unfortunately just as we may have lost exact pronunciation, many have no idea that God has a proper name or where to find it in their bibles. How can we love God, and not know his name?

## The Joy of Satire

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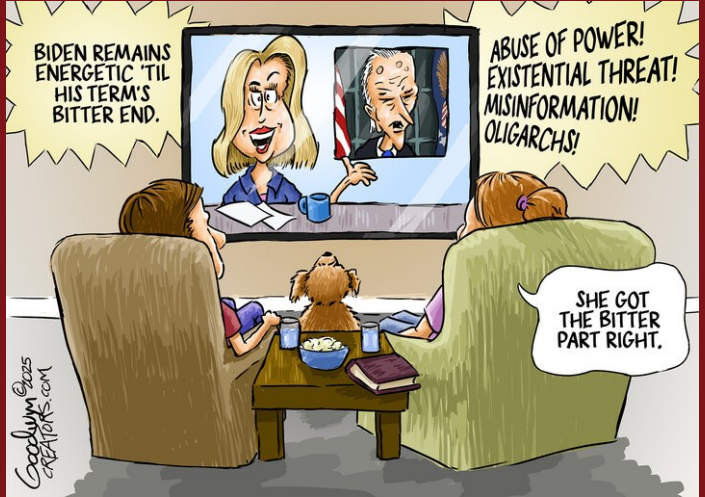
Did you know that almost everything bad that ever happened in the Bible was likely caused by DEI? That's right. The wonton destruction of forced diversity goes back millennia.

The Babylon Bee has obtained the following list of biblical disasters that were the result of DEI:

1. **Eve's original sin:** Many Biblical historians believe things were run much better in the Garden of Eden before there were two genders.
2. **The Tower of Babel:** The tower likely fell due to DEI policies that prioritized the hiring of unskilled builders who turned out to not even speak the language.
3. **The Flood:** We're not exactly sure how this connects but we're certain DEI was somehow involved.
4. **David & Goliath:** It's now believed that Goliath was hired as part of a plus-sized Philistine representation program.
5. **Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah:** The DEI-hire meteorologist in Sodom reportedly predicted a 0% chance of sulfur and brimstone that night.
6. **The 10 Egyptian Plagues:** These catastrophic events seemed to disproportionately target the Egyptians.
7. **The Walls of Jericho:** Yes, the Lord was the one who brought down the walls, but there's a good chance shoddy workmanship from underqualified masons made it easier.
8. **The Fiery Furnace:** Evidence seems to indicate Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego may have suffered from disabilities and couldn't have bowed down to a statue even if they wanted to.
9. **The Parable of the Ten Virgins:** Historians suspect the five unprepared virgins had gotten into lamp-lighting college on a minority scholarship.
10. **Roman soldiers who totally failed to guard the tomb:** Historians believe the Roman Soldiers were females hired as part of a diversity program and were probably chatting with each other when the Angel rolled away the stone.

Like everything else, the Bible looks a lot different when viewed through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Do you know of other biblical examples of potential DEI-related events are there?

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