



# The McBrayer

## The Newsletter for Montgomery County Democrats

September 13, 2018

## Notes from the Chair

### Early voting begins, Wednesday, Oct. 10!!!

The Montgomery County Democrat Party has an important role in this and every local election. We have the opportunity, the statutory authority, but, most of all, the privilege of serving as poll workers during absentee voting, early voting, and, of course, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. Democrats, by law, also serve on the traveling election board that votes people who are confined in their residences.

The rules are very specific: one Republican and one Democrat must be involved in every step of the voting process, whether it be the traveling board, absentee voting in the Court House during the 30 days before the election, early voting at one of several satellite voting centers in the 10 days before Nov. 6, or between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Election Day. Although serving as an election worker is an opportunity and a privilege, it can be hard work, especially on Election Day.

Following the May primary several of poll workers expressed the opinion that it is unreasonable to expect people to work the entire time—from 5 a.m. to 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.—on Election Day. I agree. The Election Day work has changed dramatically since Montgomery County has moved to five vote centers rather than 26 precinct polling places and adopted electronic voting. In the past the poll workers jobs were mostly done sitting at a table. That is no longer the case. Workers now accompany the voter to the computer to begin the voting process. That involves lots of walking and being on one's feet for long hours.

The state does allow poll workers to work a shift or shared day, from opening to noon and from noon to closing. But that requires twice as many workers. I learned in May that just getting one set of volunteers is difficult. Getting two sets, even for shorter shifts, will be more of a challenge. To staff all five vote centers with split shifts on Election Day we will need nearly 40 poll workers. In the end, however, it may be easier to get 40 poll workers for a half day than it is to get 20 people for 14-hour shifts. In addition to the 40 or so poll workers on election day, we will need additional people to work the Early Voting polls. The early voting shifts are considerably shorter, varying from a couple hours to seven or eight hours.

The point is, we need your help to make our Montgomery County system of elections work. The pay isn't great, but the work is important. **If you can help, please see me at our MoCoDemocrats meeting this Monday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m., in the Donnelly Room of the Crawfordsville District Public Library, or email me at [vservies@mymetronet.net](mailto:vservies@mymetronet.net).**

To be a Democratic Party poll worker you must be:

- Registered voter in county
- A Democrat—having voted in a Democratic Primary or being approved by a Democratic precinct committee person or a member of the County Committee

You may not serve as a poll worker if you are:

- A candidate on the ballot
- A relative of a candidate on the ballot.

We can make this work, but it depends on you. Volunteer!

See you Monday,  
Virginia

## Your Candidates Need Your Help!

Mark your calendars for this Sunday, September 16 and Sunday, September 23! Montgomery County Democrats are going door-to-door canvassing for Joe Donnelly, Tobi Beck, and Brock Ervin, our candidates for US Senate, US House, and Indiana House, District 41 this Sunday in Linden and Ladoga, and in Crawfordsville on September 23.

Please email Sheridan Hadley ([Sheridan.Hadley@gmail.com](mailto:Sheridan.Hadley@gmail.com)) if you can canvass this Sunday in Linden or Ladoga. In Linden, we will meet at 1 p.m. at Bulldog Park which on Water Street, two blocks east of Highway 231. Those canvassing in Ladoga, meet at 2 p.m. in the small shelter in community park on the south side of Taylor Street directly across from Ladoga Elementary School.

If you can canvass in Crawfordsville on Sunday, Sept. 23, contact Derek Mong ([mong\\_derek@yahoo.com](mailto:mong_derek@yahoo.com)). After knocking on doors, canvassers will gather for a picnic in Milligan Park. Please join us and help put Tobi, Brock, and Joe over the top!

## Dates to Remember

- October 9: Last day to register to vote.
- October 10: Early Voting Begins (at the Court House or by mail).
- November 6: Election Day, polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

Montgomery County Democrats send our thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery to Dr. Tim Brown, 24-year member of the Indiana House of Representatives, District 41. He is hospitalized in critical condition in northern Michigan. He was seriously injured when the motorcycle he was riding was struck by a SUV.

## MoCoDemocrats Meet Monday, Sept. 17

Don't forget the Montgomery County Democratic Club and County Committee meet at 7 p.m. Monday, September 17 in the Donnelly Room of the Crawfordsville District Public Library. We will hear campaign progress reports and updates and plan additional campaign activities to elect Brock

Ervin to the Indiana House, District 41, Tobi Beck to 4<sup>th</sup> District Congress, and reelect Joe Donnelly to the US Senate.

As Donald Trump continues to embarrass himself and the nation, the opportunities for our Democratic candidates to win seats we haven't won in decades continue to grow. But success depends on our hard work and the votes of lots of people who seldom turn out in midterm elections. This is the time, between now and November 7, that counts. This is when we reach those voters and convince them that only they can spare us two more years of Trumpian control of government at the state and national levels.