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# Monroe County Democratic Party

## Member Update

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### EVENT NOTICE! More pancakes!

The Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Fighters will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 23 at the fire station in Kirksville. It is recommended that MCDP candidates and party activists attend this important event to support a local township fire department.

County Council District: 2  
Democratic candidate:  
Charles Newmann

### Primary Election Calendar

#### Mon., April 3

- First day to vote absentee
- Voter registration **ends** for primary election

#### Thurs., April 20

- First day to vote by absentee by traveling board

#### Sat., April 22 and Sat., April 29

- Clerk's office open for voting (for 7 hours)

#### Mon., April 24

- Deadline (midnight) for the Clerk's office to receive mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications

#### Tues., May 2

- Primary Election Day
- Polls open 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Things You Should Know...in Brief

#### **EAT THE PANCAKES! MEET THE CANDIDATES!**

TOMORROW (3/25) is our second pancake breakfast at headquarters from 8-11 a.m. \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 4-10 and FREE for kids 3 and under.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS MONDAY, APRIL 3!**

Don't forget that voter registration ends Monday, April 3! You can register to vote at the County Clerk's Office (Justice Building at 7<sup>th</sup> and College), at your local BMV branch, or at Democratic Headquarters. Or, print and mail the form at [www.in.gov/sos](http://www.in.gov/sos) (form VRG-7)

#### **WE'RE CANVASSING!**

Join us for pre-primary canvassing each Monday, 5:30 p.m. at Headquarters. We'll start there, form groups and go out into the city and county to make voter contacts. This will not only help our candidates, but it will also educate our voters on the latest election law changes forced down our throats by Republicans...not to mention we'll be walking in the newly drawn county council districts: one more reminder of why voter contact is important.

#### **Simpson elected Assistant Minority Leader of State Senate**

Monroe County's own Sen. Vi Simpson was elected Assistant Minority Leader of the Indiana State Senate this week. First elected to Senate District 40 in 1984, Simpson is widely regarded as an expert on the state's finances and has served as the caucus's representative on the powerful State Budget Committee. She also serves as the ranking minority member of the Senate's Appropriations Committee and is a member of the Health & Provider Services, Economic Development & Technology and Tax & Fiscal Policy standing committees. Congratulations, Vi!

Source: *Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus*

### More on the New Voter ID Law...Affecting a Vote Near You

The Monroe County Democratic Party has created a "Voter ID flyer" we are going to be using for our pre-primary canvassing efforts. This flyer will be posted on the party website at [www.monroedems.org](http://www.monroedems.org), and we encourage you to take a look at it, print it, give it to friends and learn about the new law.

#### **The Photo ID must:**

- Be a document issued by the United States Government or the State of Indiana;
- Show the name of the voter, and **the name must conform** to the name on the voter's registration record;
- Contain a photograph of the voter; and
- Include an expiration date showing that the photo ID has not expired or that it expired **after** the date of the most recent general election.

This law applies to anyone who votes at the polls or votes early in the Clerk's Office, but does **not** apply if you vote by absentee mail or by traveling board at your home.

#### **What about my student ID from IU and Ivy Tech?**

Current guidance on the law states these IDs will count if they meet the following conditions:

- Issued by a public university (both IU and Ivy Tech are public).
- Shows the name of the voter and **the name conforms** to the name on the voter's registration record AND contains a photo of the voter.
- Includes an expiration date showing that the photo id has not expired or that the photo id expired after the most recent general election.

#### **What does "name must conform" mean, and if my address is on my ID, does it have to match the one at which I'm registered to vote?**

- Generally, "name must conform" means that your name should generally match the one listed on the voter registration rolls. For instance "Jon Public v. Jonathan Q. Public"
- Your ID's address does not have to match the one on the rolls.
- However, both of the above issues could be grounds for challenge – so we recommend that you check this out. Consistency is recommended – ask us if you have more questions!