

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

■ AWL REGGIE



Reggie was born at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) on 1/24/25! LET'S GET THIS BEAUTY IN A HOME!! Reggie is a 1 year old female German Shepherd that rejoined AWL after being fostered! Reggie is ADORABLE, FULL OF ENERGY, playful, SMART, loves attention, a big time lover, and all sorts of perfect! German Shepherds are known for their intelligence, loyalty, and protective nature, making them good companions and family guardians. Reggie is READY TO BUST OUTTA HERE and into a loving furrreever home!!! AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15-5p and Saturday's from 12-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The annual Master Gardeners Plant Sale & Garden Show is set for Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the 4-H Fairgrounds. Plants of all varieties will be available for sale along with vendors of gardening and horticulture items for sale. Nonprofit organizations will also be available. Nucor will be giving away free trees from 8 a.m. until the trees are gone. For more information check the Facebook page - Master Gardeners of Montgomery County (Indiana).



I know, I know . . . it's only a couple of pennies but I get ticked off every time some clerk gives me back less than what they owe – and then say that's their policy. I have started saying, "then give me a nickel." And you know what, most of the time they do.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye."

Helen Keller

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Name a bow that can't be tied.
A rainbow.

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Photo courtesy Jayde Anzola Strawberry Festival Queen Program

Queen & Court All Set

Kaya Money was crowned Queen of the Strawberry Festival at the annual program. In addition, more than 3,000 items were donated and collected for FISH Food Pantry. Phoebe Oellrich, who was named the Humanitarian Award winner was responsible for collecting more than 600 items. From left, Mental Attitude Winner, Lily Coffman, Most Photogenic Jamie Buckler, Princess Audri Cohee, Second Runner-Up Emma Leonhardt, Queen Kaya Money, First Runner-Up Mila Blackwell, Miss Congenialty Cambryia Cutliff, Prince Jude McClamroch and Phoebe Oellrich, Humanitarian Award winner.

Second Annual Strawberry Festival Baby Contest Set

Age Categories:

- The Baby Contest will feature five age groups:
- 0-12 months
- 1-2 year olds
- 3-4 year olds
- 5 year olds

The highly anticipated Strawberry Festival Baby Contest is set to bring smiles and laughter to families in the community this year! This fun, family friendly event will showcase adorable boys and girls in various age categories, with prizes awarded for each age group.

The Baby Contest will be held on Saturday, June 13 at noon. The event will take place on stage at the festival grounds.

The entry fee for the Baby Contest is \$7 per child and is non-refundable.

Pre-registration for the Baby Contest is required. You can download paperwork on the official Strawberry Festival website (<https://crawfordsvillestrawberryfest.com/>) under "events." Registration must be postmarked by May 22, so be sure to get paperwork early! On-site registration will NOT be available.

Special thanks to event sponsor Dr. Scott Frey Crawfordsville Family Dentistry, for making this event possible.

LWV Profiles 9 District 4 Candidates

Indiana's 4th Congressional District primary is competitive this year, giving voters a rare chance to shape what kind of representation they want. On the GOP side, two very different Republicans are vying to replace or unseat incumbent Jim Baird; on the Democratic side, there is a long list of first-time and returning candidates whose platforms range from pragmatic incrementalism to sweeping change.

The League of Women Voters has always been non-partisan. With its commitment to education, this week's column pulls together what candidates answered for Ballotpedia and Vote411 surveys

and what they post on their websites – if they have one.

On the Republican ballot, voters have a choice between continuity, conventional conservatism and confrontational outsider politics. Jim Baird, who has represented the district since 2019 and previously served in the Indiana House, is running as the established incumbent who claims an endorsement from President Donald Trump. Baird's public campaign presence has been notably limited; his main campaign site functions primarily as a fundraising portal, and he has not completed major issue surveys for Ballotpedia or Vote411. For voters, that

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means judging him largely on his incumbency, voting record in Congress and Trump's backing rather than a clearly articulated 2026 platform.

State Rep. Craig Haggard, by contrast, is inviting GOP voters to make a change without leaving the conservative lane. A retired Marine Corps officer and current state legislator, Haggard is running as a "constitutional

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Governor Braun recently signed a Letter of Intent with Eli Lilly and Company to collaborate on a future pathway for nuclear energy solutions in Indiana, including small modular reactors and other advanced nuclear technologies. A major component of Governor Mike Braun's energy affordability agenda for Hoosier families is bringing new power supply to the grid, including nuclear energy. Governor Braun's vision is to make Indiana the premier location to invest and build new nuclear energy, because when we produce more energy, prices for Hoosier households come down. The purpose of the Letter of Intent between Lilly and the State of Indiana is to establish a framework for collaboration to: 1. Explore and evaluate the technical, economic, regulatory, and environmental feasibility of nuclear energy solutions in Indiana. 2. Consider potential structures for future procurement and deployment, including potential public private approaches, ownership and operating concepts, and power purchase arrangements. 3. Support long-term energy reliability, resilience, economic development, industrial growth, workforce development, and emissions reduction goals in Indiana.

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3. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, alongside U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, White House National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett, Alaska Senator Dan Sullivan and Maine Senator Susan Collins, recently announced the creation of the new U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Seafood. This first of its kind office will prioritize customer service and ease of navigation for American seafood cultivators, producers, and processors to access USDA programs. "President Trump is the first President to recognize fisherman for the essential work they do to sustain our food supply," said Secretary Rollins. "With the launch of the USDA Office of Seafood, we are honoring decades of hard work on the water and opening the door to new opportunities, stronger support, and a brighter future for the seafood industry. Today's announcement, in addition to the historic tax cuts and investments in rural America made possible through the priorities and provisions in the Working Families Tax Cuts, is truly a new chapter for America's fishermen."

Butch Remembers Dick the Bruiser



Butch Dale
Columnist

You may disagree with me, but I think professional wrestling is one of the dumbest sports ever invented. Grown men parading around in skimpy bathing trunks, pretending to wrestle each other, throwing fake punches and swings, getting tangled up in the ropes, hurling their opponent into the crowd . . . and on and on . . . with referees not even caring what goes on. But millions of people seem to love it!

Well, I can't criticize the fans too much. After all, it's not a real sport, just fun entertainment. I watched wrestling on TV in the early 1960s, and the most famous wrestler was Dick the Bruiser. His real name was William Fritz Af-fliis, Jr. At the time I didn't know that he was born in Delphi and attended Lafayette Jeff, where he wrestled and played football. He

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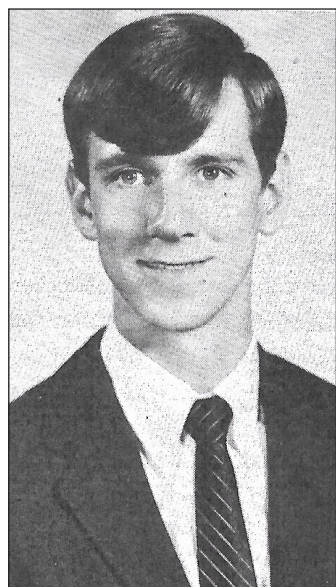
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RECOGNIZE ME?

Flashback Trivia with Butch Dale



Do You Recognize This 1970 Ladoga H.S. Graduate?

HINT:
He was a very popular student and a great athlete.

Answer on Page 3



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler

Meet the Candidates

The Parke County Chamber of Commerce's Meet the Candidate event was held recently and one of the races impacting Montgomery County is the GOP primary for Indiana Senate District 23. Current State Sen. Spencer Deery is facing a challenge from former Fountain County Clerk Paula Copenhaver. Both spoke of the need for American conservative values in the mostly rural 23rd District. The event was attended by roughly approximately 35 people.

Flute Concert Sunday at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian

Concerts on the Corner welcomes the Lafayette Flute Choir to Crawfordsville this Sunday afternoon at 4 at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Organizers of Concerts are excited to present this group of more than 30 flutists with their unique musical offerings that appeal to listeners of all ages. Choir director, Ellie Berg, said the LFC, which recently celebrated 50 years serving Lafayette and the surrounding communities, provides an opportunity to entertain and for flutists to experience performing together a variety of musical styles.

Sunday's one hour program features popular tunes including selections from The Sound of Music, Simple Gifts, Bohemian Rhapsody, Hallelujah, Bridge Over Troubled Water and Pirates of the Caribbean.

The concert is free, open to the public, and a free will offering will be donated to the Indiana Youth Group. The continued mission of Concerts on the Corner is to spread the love of God through the joy of music.

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church is located at 307 S. Washington.



Photo courtesy Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
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also attended Purdue and the University of Nevada and played professional football for the Green Bay Packers.

The Bruiser became a pro wrestler in 1954, and put on quite a show for fans in Detroit and New York City before starting up the WWA (World Wrestling Association) in Indianapolis. He billed himself as "the world's most dangerous wrestler" when he tangled with the likes of Bobo Brazil, Angelo Poffo, Classy Freddie Blassie, Crazy Luke Graham, Tarzan Tyler . . . and teamed up with "Crusher" Lisowski for tag team matches. Of course he won every match after putting on a "near defeat and comeback" show for the fans . . . losing only once . . . to Cowboy Bob Ellis . . . but later got revenge by beating Ellis twice. One time he wrestled NFL star Alex Karras, and the staged event turned into a real brawl. The crowd got involved, causing thousands of

dollars damage to the bar hosting the event!

One thing you might remember was the Bruiser's gravelly voice. That was not faked, as he injured his larynx while playing for the Packers. His manager was Bobby Heenan whose nickname was "the Weasel." When I watched all of the action in the arena, it was amazing that the referees were always looking the other way when the wrestlers cheated and used "illegal" tactics against their opponents. That is still the case today. I guess the fans love the idea of no rules! Being a pro wrestling referee would be a great job . . . just walk around and pretend you don't see anything.

Did you ever wonder what happened to Dick the Bruiser? Well, after he retired from the ring, he became a commentator for women's wrestling and also became a talent agent. In 1991 at his home in Florida, he was lifting weights, ruptured a blood

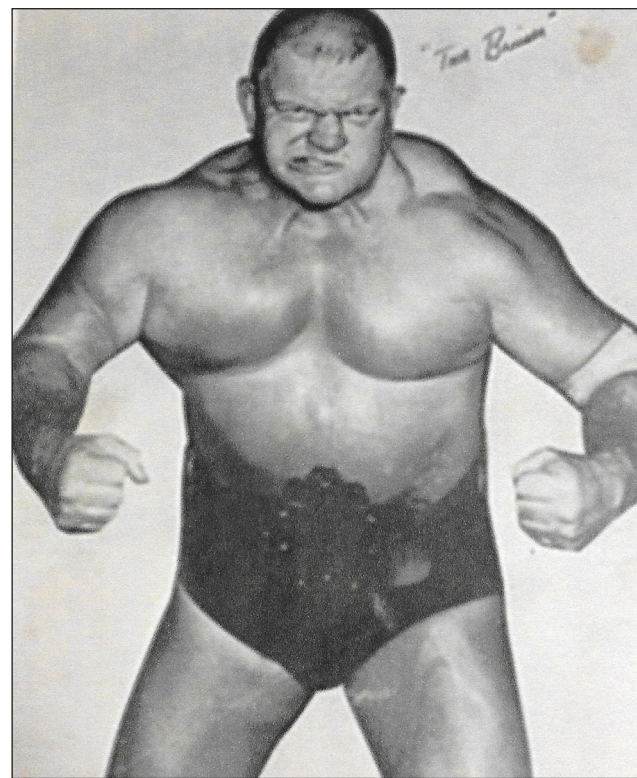


Photo courtesy Butch Dale

The Bruiser was a big draw for pro wrestling in the '60s and on Channel 4.

vessel in his esophagus and died from internal bleeding.

One afternoon in the '60s I was at my cousin's house, and after we had watched wrestling on TV, he challenged me to wrestle in his front yard. I was 13 years old, and my cousin was 17. I pinned him down in

under a minute, and he never wanted to wrestle again. Butch the Bruiser won the day!

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 37 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF TAX RATES CHARGED

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Category	Fund	Fund Name															
County	101	County General	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	0.2430	
	801	Health	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	0.0105	
	790	Cum Bridge	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	0.0585	
	124	Reassessment	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	
	2391	CCD	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	
	281	Loan & Interest Payment	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385	0.0385
	1116	Emergency Medical Services	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978				0.0978	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978	0.0978
Total County Rate			0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	0.3976	0.3976	0.3976	0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	0.4954	
County Debt	181	Debt Payment	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	
	Total County Debt Rate			0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069	0.0069
Township	101	General	0.0677	0.0042	0.0042	0.0248	0.0202	0.0059	0.0059	0.0059	0.0128	0.0128	0.0248	0.0377	0.0377	0.0042	
	840	Poor Relief	0.0075	0.0115	0.0115	0.0037	0.0101	0.0165	0.0165	0.0165	0.0039	0.0039	0.0037			0.0115	
	1111	Fire and E.M.S.	0.0482	0.0613	0.0613	0.0081	0.0164							0.0926	0.0926		
	1190	Cum Fire	0.0333	0.0299	0.0299	0.0333	0.0333										
	2120	Cemetery						0.0008	0.0008	0.0008							
	8604	SP FIRE TER GEN									0.0496	0.0496					
	8692	SP FIRE TER EQU									0.0315	0.0315					
	Total Township Rate			0.1567	0.1069	0.1069	0.0699	0.0800	0.0232	0.0232	0.0232	0.0978	0.0978	0.0285	0.1303	0.1303	0.0157
Township Debt	1182	Fire Equip Debt	0.0697														
Total Township Debt Rate			0.0697														
City	101	General	0.7889					0.9868	0.9868	0.9868	0.3183		0.7778	0.4091		0.4917	
	2391	CCD	0.0402					0.0500	0.0500	0.0500	0.0500		0.0500	0.0500		0.0500	
	708	MVH						0.1679	0.1679	0.1679				0.1189			
	182	Bond #2						0.0229	0.0229	0.0229							
	1301	Park & Rec						0.1803	0.1803	0.1803							
	2102	Aviation						0.0308	0.0308	0.0308							
	1191	Cum Fire Spec						0.0333	0.0333	0.0333							
	1303	Park												0.0333			
Total City Rate			0.8291					1.4720	1.4720	1.4720	0.3683		0.8278	0.6113		0.5417	
School	3300	Operations	0.5228	0.5228	0.5228	0.5228	0.6106	0.5840	0.6106	0.5228	0.6106	0.6106	0.5228	0.6106	0.6106	0.5228	
	Total School Rate			0.5228	0.5228	0.5228	0.5228	0.6106	0.5840	0.6106	0.5228	0.6106	0.6106	0.5228	0.6106	0.6106	0.5228
School Debt	180	Debt Service	0.4395	0.4395	0.4395	0.4395	0.2676	0.6663	0.2676	0.4395	0.2676	0.2676	0.4395	0.2676	0.2676	0.4395	
	287	REF DEBT POST 09						0.3123									
Total School Debt Rate			0.4395	0.4395	0.4395	0.4395	0.2676	0.9786	0.2676	0.4395	0.2676	0.2676	0.4395	0.2676	0.2676	0.4395	
Library	101	General		0.0845	0.0845	0.0595		0.0769	0.0769	0.0769	0.0623	0.0623	0.0595	0.0871	0.0871	0.0845	
	283	Lease/Rental												0.0120	0.0120		
	Total Library Rate				0.0845	0.0845	0.0595		0.0769	0.0769	0.0769	0.0623	0.0623	0.0595	0.0991	0.0991	0.0845
TOTAL TAX RATE			2.5201	1.6560	1.6560	1.5940	1.4605	3.5392	2.8548	2.9389	1.9089	1.5406	2.3804	2.2212	1.6099	2.1065	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Conservancy Rates For Year 2025 Payable 2026			TAXING DISTRICTS														
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Conservancy	101	Lake Holiday Cons Gen															
	101	Lake Holiday Cons CCI															
	2393	Little Raccoon Cons Gen			0.0264												
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Property Tax Replacement Credit (PTRC) Rates For Year 2025 Payable 2026			TAXING DISTRICT														
LIT PTRC	ALL Properties		0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	0.051009	
	Home-stead Properties		0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	0.221392	

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Table with columns for Category, Fund, Fund Name, and various Taxing Districts (NEW MARKET SCOTT, NEW MARKET UNION, NEW RICHMOND, NEW ROSS, NORTH UNION, RIPLEY, SCOTT TOWNSHIP, SOUTH UNION, SUGAR CREEK, UNION CRAWFORDSV, WALNUT, WAVELAND, WAVELAND LRCD, WAYNE). Rows include County, County Debt, Township, Township Debt, City, School, School Debt, Library, and Conservancy rates.

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It's Financial Literacy Month at CDPL

Today is the best day to start a new habit and a great way to celebrate Financial Literacy month. Most people do not enjoy discussing money matters or completing the endless tasks that accompany monthly budgeting. It's easy to fall of the rails, but it can be even easier to get back on track with resources from your library.

Jessie Susannah Karnatz wants you to financially thrive in a holistic way with "Money Magic: Practical Wisdom and Empowering Rituals to Heal Your Finances" (332.024 Kar). She insists understanding your emotional connection to money can help you overcome challenges and intentionally move your whole life, not just your money, to a sound well-rounded place. You can create your own money management system and complete a simple 12 step process in "The One Week Budget: Learn to Create Your Money Management System in 7 Days or Less!" (332.024 Ali) by Tiffany Aliche. This quick read includes easy to copy forms.

Joline Godfrey believes we shouldn't shelter children from the harsh realities of the financial world because self-sufficient children are less vulnerable and better prepared for a successful adult life. Her book "Raising Financially Fit Kids" (332.024 God) makes teaching core concepts easy and provides insight for financial education, sustainability, and wise gifting by age group.

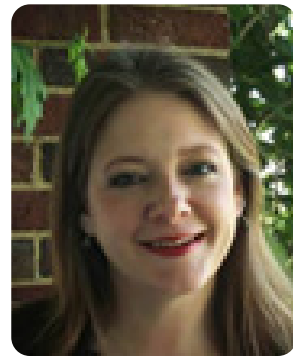
If you feel you have fallen into a moneyless pit, climb back out by repairing your credit and get what you deserve. Consider checking out the "Credit Repair Kit for Dummies" (332.743 Bar) by Melyssa Barrett, or Amy Loftsgordon's "Credit Repair: Make a Plan, Improve Your Credit, Avoid Scams" (332.743 Loftsgordon). Both of these books include directions to access printable forms and helpful video on their websites.

Are you looking to make the transition into retirement? Michele Cagan believes knowing the rules can help you decide the best time to retire based on your life. "Retirement 101: From 401(k) Plans and Social Security Benefits to Asset Management and Medical Insurance, Your Complete Guide to Preparing for the Future You Want" (332.024014 Cagan) can help you determine how to build your nest egg while dealing with our roller coaster economy.

Have a great idea? Turn it into a thriving business or side job with "The Martha Rules: 10 Essentials for Achieving Success as You Start, Build, or Manage a Business" (658.11 Ste) by Martha Stewart. Most people do not know that Stewart began her first

business at 10 years old planning and hosting children's birthday parties. She began her second career as a model at age 13 and used these funds to pay for college. Stewart provides practical, down to earth advice for anyone interested in starting a business.

Looking for a little inspiration? Learn how an amazing woman named Sarah Breedlove, an orphaned daughter of slaves, climbed the financial ladder to become one of the wealthiest black women of her time. "On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker" (921Walker, C.J.) written by her great-great granddaughter A'Lelia Bundles exposes the



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Toni Ridgway-Woodall is a Library Assistant in the Adult Services department and the Gallery Coordinator at CDPL.

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NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF TAX RATES CHARGED				
Notice is hereby given that tax duplicates for State, County, Townships, Schools and Corporations of MONTGOMERY COUNTY for the year 2025 Payable 2026 are now in the hands of the County Treasurer, who is ready to receive the Taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the rate of taxation on each \$100 worth of taxable real and personal property due January 1, 2026. The first installment delinquent after 5/11/2026, second installment delinquent after 11/10/2026.				
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Tax Rates For Year 2025 Payable 2026			WAYNETOWN	WINGATE
Category	Fund	Fund Name		
County	101	County General	0.2430	0.2430
	801	Health	0.0105	0.0105
	790	Cum Bridge	0.0585	0.0585
	124	Reassessment	0.0138	0.0138
	2391	CCD	0.0333	0.0333
	281	Loan & Interest Payment	0.0385	0.0385
	1116	Emergency Medical Services	0.0978	0.0978
Total County Rate			0.4954	0.4954
County Debt	181	Debt Payment	0.0069	0.0069
	Total County Debt Rate		0.0069	0.0069
Township	101	General	0.0075	0.0202
	840	Poor Relief		0.0101
	1111	Fire and E.M.S.	0.0323	
	1190	Cum Fire	0.0333	
	2120	Cemetery		
	8604	SP FIRE TER GEN		
	8692	SP FIRE TER EQU		
	Total Township Rate		0.0731	0.0303
Township Debt	1182	Fire Equip Debt		
Total Township Debt Rate				
City	101	General	0.4654	1.1823
	2391	CCD	0.0500	
	708	MVH		
	182	Bond #2		
	1301	Park & Rec		
	2102	Aviation		
	1191	Cum Fire Spec		
	1303	Park		
	Total City Rate		0.5154	1.1823
	School	3300	Operations	0.6106
Total School Rate		0.6106	0.6106	
School Debt	180	Debt Service	0.2676	0.2676
	287	REF DEBT POST 09		
	Total School Debt Rate		0.2676	0.2676
Library	101	General		
	283	Lease/Rental		
	Total Library Rate			
TOTAL TAX RATE			1.9690	2.5931
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Conservancy Rates For Year 2025 Payable 2026			WAYNETOWN	WINGATE
Category	Fund	Fund Name		
Conservancy	101	Lake Holiday Cons Gen		
	101	Lake Holiday Cons CCI		
	2393	Little Raccoon Cons Gen		
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Property Tax Replacement Credit (PTRC) Rates For Year 2025 Payable 2026			WAYNETOWN	WINGATE
LIT PTRC	ALL Properties		0.051009	0.051009
	Homestead Properties		0.221392	0.221392
STATE OF INDIANA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY : I, Mindy Byers, Auditor of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all tax levies for the taxes collectible in the year 2026. Mindy Byers, MONTGOMERY COUNTY Auditor				

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Republican” emphasizing gun rights, pro-life positions, skepticism of government overreach and a hard line on border security and China. His issue page leads with the Second Amendment, opposition to abortion, veteran care, support for farmers and concern about the Chinese Communist Party’s influence – especially around land ownership and national security. Haggard stresses that he has authored conservative legislation at the Statehouse and promises to be both reliably conservative and personally accessible, with a focus on constituent service and regular communication.

The third Republican, John Piper, a businessman who has owned restaurants and veterinary hospitals, casts himself as a federal whistleblower and says the FBI tried to kill him. His website is dominated by PDFs alleging vast conspiracies: federal agencies and corporate interests supposedly restricting veterinary services and food access as part of a plot that disproportionately harms black children.

On the Democratic side, the field is varied, but certain themes recur: frustration with economic inequality, healthcare costs and endless wars, paired with calls for stronger worker protections and more accountable government. Several candidates – Drew Cox, Darin Patrick Griesey, Joe Mackey, Jayden McCash, Paul McPherson and John Whetstone – have offered detailed answers through Bal-

lotpedia and Vote411, giving primary voters unusually rich insight into their priorities.

Cox, a Marine Corps veteran and Purdue visiting instructor with a doctorate in music and a recent degree in energy technology, centers his campaign on what he calls an “affordability crisis” driven by congressional inaction. His three key messages are an affordable economy, single-payer healthcare and stronger oversight of Immigration and Customs Enforcement – including requiring judicial warrants and more transparency. Cox is also explicit about wanting big money out of politics; he rejects PAC and corporate contributions that, in his view, deepen wealth inequality.

Griesey, a fourth-generation farm owner and longtime community development professional from Monticello, offers perhaps the most sweeping legislative wish list. He promises, on “day one,” to submit bills to balance the federal budget while eliminating income taxes, impose term limits on Congress and the Supreme Court, create a Medicaid-for-all style system, reform immigration, end “forever wars,” curb gun violence, overhaul federal education funding, secure energy independence, protect Social Security and decriminalize cannabis. Griesey frames service as an honor, pledging to serve no more than two terms and to tithe 10 percent of his salary into scholarships for district students, while running a grassroots, small-do-

nor campaign and literally kayaking district waterways to assess environmental health.

Mackey, a retired machinist and repeat candidate from Lafayette, leans into lived experience – losing two children to cancer, watching neighbors struggle during the 2025 government shutdown and navigating the healthcare system himself. His platform emphasizes “three affordables”: healthcare (defending Medicare and ACA protections and fighting drug prices), education (curbing predatory student loans and supporting public schools) and housing (first-time buyer support and cost-cutting reforms). Mackey pledges practical, bipartisan problem-solving rooted in respect, integrity and resilience.

McCash, a Teamster truck driver and father of three, brings a blunt, anti-war and pro-labor message: “Hoosier first,” end funding for “wars of choice” and the “genocide in Gaza,” and redirect tax dollars to domestic needs. He backs Medicare for All and a structural change to “uncap” the House of Representatives so each member represents fewer people. McCash is explicit that his passion is ending “forever wars” and forcing Washington to focus on the home front.

McPherson, a Purdue professor of practice and director of the Bechtel Innovation Design Center, brands himself as a fiscally minded problem-solver who bridges moderate and progressive ideas. His

top commitments are cross-party work on healthcare, education, the farm bill and wages; stronger protections for farmland and natural resources from large corporate projects; and policies that both improve quality of life and reduce the national debt. McPherson emphasizes budgeting, economic development, affordability and strong checks and balances in government.

Whetstone, a small-business owner from Crawfordsville who runs a hobby game store, grounds his campaign in the everyday struggles he sees in his shop. His key planks include raising the federal minimum wage to \$17.25 an hour and tying it to inflation, establishing Medicare for All, and reversing permanent

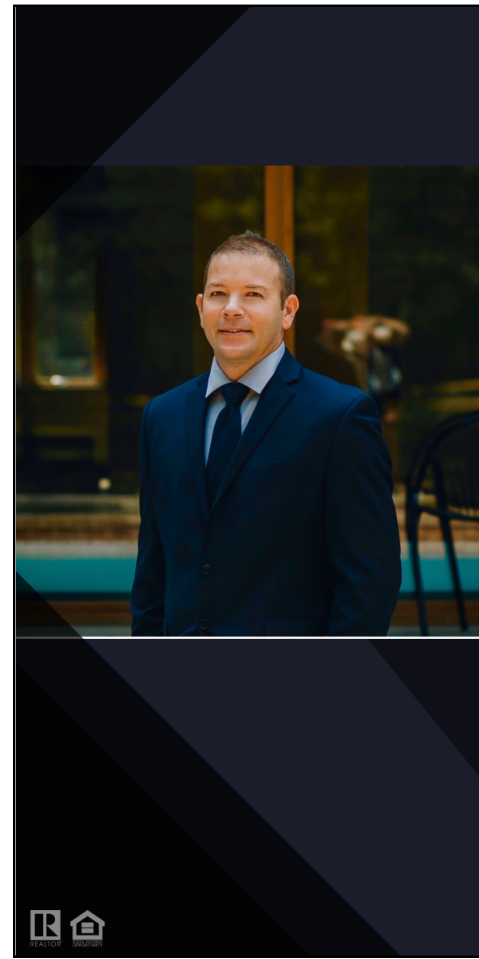
corporate tax cuts while adding a wealth tax on those with \$10 million or more in assets and lifting the Social Security payroll cap. Whetstone describes himself as motivated by neighbors’ stories of medical debt, high rents and grocery prices driven up by tariffs, as well as his own family’s experience with medical debt after his father’s death.

Day has little or no survey content, leaving social media and prior campaigns as the main clues to their priorities. Day’s online presence presents him as a progressive Democrat and longtime Avon resident and small-business owner, but without a detailed issue platform in the major voter guides.

For District 4 voters, then, the 2026 primary

comes down to the usual discernment process for a democratic republic. We need to weigh both the platforms and the quality of character – connection and commitment to voters over partisan ploys on nuanced issues. What kind of long-term vision matters to you? Primaries are famously low-turnout, but this is where a better candidate is chosen. Don’t wait for November. Vote early or on May 5.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.



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