



# **PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT**

*Getting Together - Moving Forward Together*      *October 2016*



## **We've Got Signs**

By Kent Hall

By now everyone has seen the red signs with white lettering that say Clinton\*Kaine. A total of 116 have been placed around central Wisconsin. The signs were all painted at the home of Dave & Jan Way. Their donation of this space is testimony to their dedication to the principles of the Democratic Party and the PCDP in particular. Thanks Dave & Jan.

Thank you to the 20 persons that participated in the painting and placement of signs: Ron Becker, Konrad & Nancy Chojnacki, Karen Dostal, Rita Eisenhower, Ned & Mary Grossnickle, Jim Jakusz, Jean Klein, Marcia Parker, Mary Jo Patton, Gee Pope, Jim Pollock, Larry Sipiorski, Karyn Tank, Gene Tubbs, Jerry Zastrow, Janice Zdzieblowski, Kent & Sue Hall and Ray Cal. Konrad & Nancy deserve special recognition as they put in the most hours painting and placing the signs.

The total cost of the project was \$1895.57. The PCDP members have pledged to pay half of the cost while Kent & Sue Hall are providing the rest of the funds plus the expense of transporting the signs.





This Fine Line Up of signs is located at the Business 51/39 northern entrance

Kent & Tim Zimmerman were busy installing 14 of the 4' x 8' RUSS signs on heavily traffic roadways recently. Kent estimates these signs are seen by as many as 30,000 cars daily. Thanks to the many homeowners that have allowed signs to be placed on their property.



#### Holbrook For Assembly

Dedicated sign painter Kent Hall helps Mark Holbrook, candidate for Wisconsin Assembly District 70 paint 50 large signs for placement in the towns of Hull, Dewey, Eau Plaine, Wood and around the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly district. Also helping in the Holbrook sign painting effort were Holly Smith, Rick Potter, Jan Way, Trudy Pederson, Bob Kennedy and Sue Hall. Thanks to all of the "sign" volunteers.

It has been said that "signs don't vote" but we want voters to know "who" to vote for!

Early voting has started or will be starting soon in our area. If you want to avoid the crowds on November 8<sup>th</sup>, you can go to your city, town or village clerk's office and cast your ballot before Election Day. To find out where you vote, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov> or you may call your municipal clerk's office to find out where and when you can vote early. Remember, EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

**PLEASE SUPPORT DEMOCRATS  
VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION**

<b>Congressional Offices</b>	<b>Democratic Candidates</b>
President	<b>Hillary Clinton</b>
Vice-President	<b>Sen. Tim Kaine</b>
Senator	<b>Russ Feingold</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> CD Representative	<b>Rep. Ron Kind</b>
<b>State Offices</b>	
Senate District 24	<b>Sen. Julie Lassa</b>
Assembly Dist 70	<b>Mark Holbrook</b>
Assembly Dist 72	<b>Dave Gorski</b>
Assembly Dist 71	<b>Rep. Katrina Shankland</b>
Portage Co Dist Attorney	<b>Louis J. Molepske Jr</b>
<b>Portage County Offices</b>	
County Clerk	<b>Shirley Simonis</b>
Treasurer	<b>Tom Mallison</b>
Register of Deeds	<b>Cindy Wisinski</b>

In you live in Portage County, you will be able to vote for each of the Democrats listed at the left EXCEPT for the Assembly races:

- Assembly Dist 70 (north & west) consists of the Towns of Hull, Dewey, Eau Pleine & Carson plus the village of Junction City.
- Assembly Dist 72 (south-west) consists of the Towns of Almond, Pine Grove, and the southern half of Grant plus the village of Almond.
- Assembly Dist 71 (the bulk of Portage Co) consists of all the rest of Portage Co.

**PICNIC THANKS**

By Jan Way

A picnic is not a picnic without food and our picnic was GREAT! The success was due in large part to a number of volunteers and friends who donated food and their time to make our annual summer event enjoyable for all who attended.

A special thanks to all servers of food, bar tenders, set-up crew, clean up and cooks. Thanks to Char Figge, Lois Lawler, Michelle Bjella, Jim Pollack, Darlene Todd, Karyn Tank, Trudy Pederson, Jan Way, Meleesa Johnson, Liz McDonald, Cindy Wisinski, Matt Jacowski, Tom & Laura Mallison, Leigh Allgaier, Dave Way, Kay Jewell, Nate Way, Glen Fink, Aileen Winn and David Pederson.

What a great crew and what a pleasure working with all persons involved.

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

**\$100 Winners**

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Diane Lavin, Stevens Point | PCDP member |
| Scott Zaremba, Tomahawk    |             |
| Ray Cal, Stevens Point     | PCDP member |

**\$50 Winners**

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| Jack Faulkner-Becker, Stevens Point | PCDP member |
| James Clark, Stevens Point          | PCDP member |
| Maryellen Schou, Salk City          |             |
| Susanne Fee, Stevens Point          | PCDP member |

Conclusion- It pays to buy raffle tickets and belong to the PCDP!



Gary- Always willing to do whatever is needed!



Leigh adds a patriotic theme at the bake sale



Michele and Kent welcome long time friend and campaign worker Diane Noreika to the picnic.

*Contributed photos*

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September 13 Program featured Ned Grossnickle and Robby Abrahamiam

Ned and Robby shared their experience traveling to Washington D.C. recently to lobby for Carbon Fee and Dividend as representatives of the local Climate Control Lobby group. Ned has made the trip several times at his own expense to talk to US Congressmen and Senators about the value of reducing carbon emissions and slowing down the decimating effects the warming climate has on our lives. Ned stated their initial conversations with the legislators are to find common ground to help bond and to continue to build a relationship that enables them to discuss the climate issue.



Ugland photos

Ned Grossnickle  
PCDP Executive Board member and active participant in the local Climate Change Lobby organization.



Robby Abrahamiam is a senior at UWSP, a member of student government and a participant in the student climate change organization 350.org.

## September Meeting – Welcomes Elected Officials and Candidates



Stevens Point alderman David Shorr updated those in attendance on the city's effort to include safe bike lanes in the city. David had copies of the book he authored "I Say Bullshit-Four Fallacies That Keep Our Politics From Being Reality-Based" for sale as well.



Stevens Point City Clerk, John Moe reported he has asked the city for additional funding to open a satellite office in the former MSTC building. This additional site would offer an alternative site for voting and voter registration that is more convenient for UWSP students and offers ample parking as well for city residents.



Assembly Representative Katrina Shankland attended our September meeting. As usual, Katrina shared a lot of information. One of her concerns is that UWSP and the entire University System are currently funded with state dollars at the lowest level ever when adjusted for inflation. She said the worry is that private funding could make up the difference and could have an unwelcome influence in what is taught.

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Former Stevens Point Alder, Brian Van Stippen is running against the incumbent Senator in District 12. Brian asked for PCDP members support as he campaigns to restore transparency and a representative voice in the Northwoods. Brian announced that he and Brian Smith, candidate for Senate in District 14, will join for a Meet & Greet in Stevens Point on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Our members at the Portage County Fair!

By Jack Allgaier

The Portage County Democratic Party had a presence in Rosholt over Labor Day Weekend. First, our Party had a tent “on the hill” to the fairgrounds. I would like to thank the



volunteers who helped supervise our booth: Leigh Allgaier, Jarod Barkley, Cathy Dugan, Tom & Laura Mallison, Jim Pollock, Bill & Gail Skelton, Karyn Tank, Gene & Gail Tubbs, Jerry Ugland, and Jan Way. They sold political buttons and bumper stickers, recruited members, and provided flyers reminding voters who the Democratic candidates would be in the fall election. Truly we could not operate this booth without the many fine people who volunteer. Also, thanks go to David & Trudy Pederson who set-up and took down the tent and its contents. Thanks to all of you who stopped in to wish our

volunteers well. Your support makes the task easier.

Pictured is our tent at the Rosholt Fair. It is located right across the street from the Republican tent – which regretfully had lots of business this year.

Our second event was the Rosholt Parade held on Saturday. We had two vehicles in the parade – a pick-up and trailer covered with Democratic yard-signs, owned by Carol and Louie Gawlik, and a 1929 Model A Ford station wagon owned by David & Trudy Pederson. In addition, Senator Lassa and Rep. Shankland each had vehicles in the parade. It was very impressive to see a half block of Dems matching in the parade. Thanks to the volunteers who walked the parade route to distributed candy (thanks in part to County Clerk Shirley Simonis and County Register of Deeds Cindy Wisinski), small US flags that were again quite popular, football schedules, and of course, the very popular “Be KIND to Kids” stickers. Once again, PCDP had more vehicles, more participants, and more candy than the opposition. I must thank all who helped.



Pictured at the right is the Gawlik’s trailer –

Decked out with yard signs naming Democratic candidates in this election. Please notice the “kicking donkey” at the back of trailer. This 4 by 6 logo is new and is used to announce Democratic Party activities. Thanks to Leigh Allgaier for buying the materials and to Jef Schobert for making our sign.



Jan Langton serving burgers, brats & dogs

## Dem's Food Sale At Trig's Saturday September 24



Jim Pollack & Ray Cal at the grill

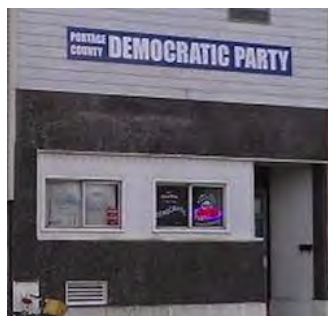
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## Dem's October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting will feature Senator Julie Lassa

Julie represents all the residents of Portage County. Julie Was born in Portage County, attended local public schools, graduated from UWSP and has served as town supervisor, Representative and senator. Senator Lassa will discuss the challenges facing Wisconsin and opportunities to move forward. Please join us at the HQs at 6:30 Tuesday, October 11.



## Oktoberfest Celebration for Julie Lassa with Special Guest Ron Kind Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Stevens Point Brewery Help Keep Julie Working For Us!



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Our HQ's use tracker, Karyn Tank reports there were 3 "official" meetings with 99 participants during the month of August.

However, during this campaign season, the PCDP Headquarters is a beehive of activity most days and nights of the week with volunteers using the HQ to make phone calls, get turf for canvassing and entering data.

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*October 11, 2016 PCDP Meeting*

*Social begins 6 PM*  
*Meeting begins 6:30 PM*

*Program: Senator Julie Lassa*  
*discussing challenges facing Wisconsin*  
*and opportunities to move forward.*

Authorized and paid for by Portage County Democratic Party,  
Rick Christofferson, Treasurer