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Election Watch 2016

The election season continues. If you don't live under a rock, you can plainly see where the Presidential Election is going. Unless something strange happens at either convention, you are looking at a Clinton vs Trump ticket this fall. There are also alternate party candidates running from the Libertarian, and Green parties listed on my sources, although I haven't seen too much about these candidates on the campaign trails.

Please don't forget to vote in your Primary Election on August 9, 2016. This will determine whom is running in your Senate, or House of Representatives ballot in the General Election this fall. It will also determine who is running in Wisconsin State Assembly, Wisconsin State Senate, Minnesota State House of Representatives, or Minnesota State Senate. I wanted to take some time to break down the State elections since I have not really touched on them yet. If there are two people running from the same party, there will be a choice in the Primary Election on August 9th. If there is only one candidate in a party, they will run unopposed in the Primary. I will cover all candidates currently listed for each district below. This publication gets to a wide area, so I will try to cover as much as I can. I apologize if your area is not covered....

Wisconsin:

For which specific district you live in, go to <http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/> and type in your address, or click on the map. I will give a run down on State Assembly, and State Senate candidates by district, but this paper is spread wide within the area, so use the link to find your specific district.

Wisconsin State Assembly:

District 50: District 50 includes the areas East and South of Camp Douglas. In District 50, Republican Ed Brooks is the incumbent. He will face either Art Shrader or Tom Crofton (both Democrats) in the general election depending on who wins the primary on August 9.



District 70: District 70 includes Rockland, Fort McCoy and part of Sparta. In District 70, Republican Nancy VanderMeer is the incumbent. She will be facing Democrat Mark Holbrook in the General Election. Both candidates are unopposed in the primary on August 9th.

District 92: District 92 includes Trempealeau, Galesville, Arcadia and Ettrick. In District 92 the Incumbent is Chris Danou. He will face either Republicans Treig Pronschinske, or Debbie Bork.

District 94: District 94 includes Holmen, West Salem, and Bangor as well as areas outside of LaCrosse. Steve Doyle is the Democratic Incumbent in this district. He will face Republican Julian Bradley in the general election.

District 95: District 95 is essentially the city of LaCrosse (except for some zones that have been districted elsewhere). In Lacrosse, Democrat Jill Billings is the Incumbent. At this time, I have no knowledge of any opposition to this Assembly District.

District 96: District 96 includes Stoddard, Coon Valley, Westby, Cashton, and parts of Sparta. In this district, Republican Lee Nerison will face Democrat Alicia Leinberger in the general election.

Wisconsin State Senate:

Not all of our area senators are up for election this fall. There are only two within our area in Wisconsin that are up for election.

District 24: District 24 includes Rockland, part of Sparta, and Fort McCoy. Incumbent



Democrat Julie Lassa will face Patrick Testin in this district.

District 32: District 32 includes LaCrosse, Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem, Coon Valley, Bangor, and most of the area south of I90.

Democratic Incumbent Jennifer Shilling will Face Jared Landry in the primary on August 9 on the democratic

primary. On the Republican Side of the ticket, John Sarnowski will face Dan Kapanke in the primary. Chip DeNure is also running in this election on a third party. Schilling has been on the side of Working Family issues since I have known of her.

There you have it. Those are our more local Wisconsin State races. When you go to the voting booth in November, at the end of the day, you need to vote how your conscience tells you to vote. I am voting on the candidates that have a better record on Working Family Issues, and I will whole heartedly support any candidate that is against Right to Work in Wisconsin. To the best of my knowledge, all incumbent Republicans were in favor of these Union killing bills.

Minnesota:

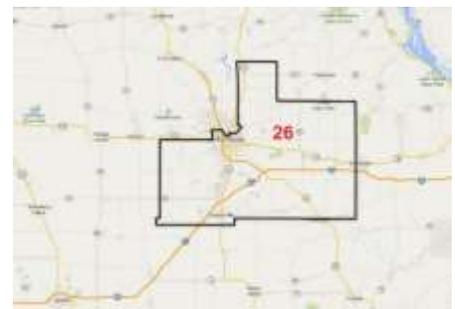
Now, let's move to Minnesota. For which specific district you live in Minnesota, go to <http://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>.

Minnesota State Senate:



District 21: District 21 includes areas of Goodview, upriver from Goodview, and west of that area. In that area, Democrat Matt Schmit is the incumbent. He will face Republican Mike Goggin in the General Election.

District 26: District 26 is mostly west of Whitewater below District 21. In District 26, Republican Incumbent Carla



Nelson will face Democrat Rich Wright in the general election.

District 28: District 28 includes Winona, west of Winona, and South to the Iowa Border. Republican Jeremy Miller is the Incumbent in this district. He will face Democrat Jon Pieper in the general election.



Minnesota State House of Representatives:

District 21b: District 21b includes parts of Winona, and Goodview and stretches up to Wabasha and west of that area. In this district, Republican incumbent Steve Drazkowski will face Democrat Elise Diesslin in the general election. Both candidates are running unopposed in the primary election.



District 26b: District 26b goes West of Whitewater to Rochester. In District 26b, Republican incumbent Nels Pierson will face Democrat John Wayne Austinson in the general election. Both are unopposed in the primary.



District 28a: District 28a goes from Winona to LaCrescent and West of there. Democratic Incumbent Gene Pelowski, Jr. will face Republican Adam Pace in the general election. Both are running unopposed in the primary.



District 28b: District 28b goes from LaCrescent and south. It stretches west from there. Republican incumbent Greg Davids will face Democrat Thomas Trehus in the general election, as both are running unopposed in the primary election.



I have tried to include all of the districts in the Union Herald, but if difficult to read, go to the site listed your district.

maps of they are above to find

The election process is important. Make your voice heard! Show up and vote on August 9th at your respective State Primary, and vote again in the general election this fall! When we stay home as Working Families, we allow people who don't have our best interests in mind to get into office. When we band together and vote in the best interest of Working Families, we can get legislators that will help our brothers and sisters, rather than create legislation that hurts our interests. Look at what happened here in Wisconsin....Right to Work was passed because we allowed the wrong people into office. The same could happen in Minnesota!

District Lodge 66

Once again, on the third Monday of the month, our delegates met at the district office for their regular monthly meeting. On Monday June 20, 2016, our delegates took care of the regular business of the lodge. In addition to the regular business, our delegates took action to approve the purchase of a new laptop for our financial officer. The delegates took action to approve expenditures for Labor Day including tokens, t-shirts, candy, and other parade expenses. The delegates approved a donation of \$1000.00 to the Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans (Wisconsin State Council of Machinists). The delegates also approved the donation of \$100.00 toward the Peerless Chain Picnic.

In the month of July, Local Lodge 1030 will prepare and negotiate an agreement with Peerless Chain. The current collective bargaining agreement will expire on August 31.

Also in the district, an agreement was reached with temporary contractor Summit Technologies Inc. out at Camp Douglas. This was a long process to get to happen, as the former contractor Cubic was not allowed to extend their services out at the Camp. Now that this is done, the employees that work out there can be paid at the negotiated rates rather than the AWD.

The delegates, and all locals have cancelled their regular monthly meeting in July as allowed in the Constitution. To all delegates and locals, enjoy the break!