

# Paca Blue News

## Waupaca County Democratic Party

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Next meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at 401 South Bridge Street, Manawa

## THESE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES WILL BE ON THE STATEWIDE BALLOT AUGUST 11

### Lieutenant Governor [primary race uncontested]

**Sarah Godlewski** [sarahforwisconsin.com](http://sarahforwisconsin.com)

Wisconsin's 31st Secretary of State, 1st Vice Chair Wisconsin Democratic Party. 44 years old. Married, 1 child. BA (George Mason University). Endorsed by U.S. Representative Mark Pocan; Mayors Cavalier Johnson (Milwaukee), Satya Rhodes-Conway (Madison), Eric Genrich (Green Bay), and Ryan Sorenson (Sheboygan); Northern Midwest Regional Council of Carpenters; Main Street Action PAC; Our Wisconsin Revolution.

### Attorney General [primary race uncontested]

**Josh Kaul** [joshkaul.org](http://joshkaul.org)

Wisconsin's 45th Attorney General. 45 years old. Married, 2 children. BA (Yale University); JD (Stanford University). Endorsed by Wisconsin AFL-CIO; End Citizens United; Reproductive Freedom for all; former U.S. President Joe Biden.

### Secretary of State [primary race uncontested]

**JoCasta Zamarripa** [votejocasta.com](http://votejocasta.com)

Milwaukee Common Council member. 50 years old. Single. BA (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee). Endorsed by U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin; U.S. Congressman Mark Pocan; State Senators Tim

Carpenter, Jodi Habush Sinykin, and Mark Spreitzer; LGBTQ+ Victory Fund; Vote Run Lead Action; Freedom From Religion Foundation Action Fund.

### Treasurer

**Dylan Ray Helmenstine** [dylanforwi.com](http://dylanforwi.com)

Chair of Black Earth Planning Commission, Economic Planning Commission, and Emergency Planning Commission and member of Wisconsin Heights School Board and Black Earth Village Board. 27 years old. Single. BA (University of Wisconsin Madison); MA (University of Wisconsin Madison LaFollette School of Public Policy). Endorsed by State Senator Tim Carpenter; State Representative Alex R. Joers; Waunakee Village Board Trustee Sam Kaufmann.

**Yee Leng Xiong** [yeeforwi.vote](http://yeeforwi.vote)

Village of Weston Trustee, Marathon County Supervisor, DC Everest School Board Treasurer. 32 years old. Single. Endorsed by U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin; former Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton; State Representatives Jodi Emerson, Lori Palmeri, Andrew Hysell, Tara Johnson, and Brienne Brown; Minnesota State Representative Samantha Vang; Our Wisconsin Revolution.

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## CHECK YOUR BALLOT!

If the [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) website posts the information 21 days before the August 11 election, take a look July 21 at *all* the votes you'll be asked to cast this autumn! Tip O'Neill popularized the saying "All politics is local." Be sure you help decide matters close to home, as well as state- and district-wide!

**CURRENT  
OFFICE HOURS**  
Saturday  
11 am-2 pm

# 7 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES WILL BE ON THE BALLOT FOR GOVERNOR – BUT! NOTE THAT MISSY HUGHES NOW SUPPORTS SARA RODRIGUEZ

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**Mandela Barnes** *mandelabarnes.com*

Power to the Polls. Was 45th Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor. 39 years old. Single. BA (Alabama A&M University). Endorsed by U.S. Senator Adam Schiff; Superior Mayor Jim Payne; State Representative Angelina Cruz; State Representative Tod Ohnstad; State Representative Amaad Rivera-Wagner; End Citizens United; NRDC Action Fund; The Collective PAC.

**Joel Brennan** *brennanforwi.com*

Was Greater Milwaukee Committee President, 18th Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary, President and CEO of Discovery World Science Museum. 56 years old. Married, 2 children. BA (Marquette University); MPP (University of Chicago). Endorsed by former Milwaukee Mayor and U.S. Ambassador Tom Barrett; State Senator Brad Pfaff; 20 former state lawmakers.

**David Crowley** *crowleyforwi.com*

7th county executive of Milwaukee County, American Civil Liberties Union Milwaukee chapter Vice Chair. 40 years old. Married, 3 children. BS (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee). Endorsed by Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson; La Crosse Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey; South Milwaukee Mayor Jim Shelenske; Firefighter Unions in Milwaukee, Racine, Oak Creek; Milwaukee Common Council President José Pérez; Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson; State Representatives Kalan Haywood II, Sequanna Taylor, Priscilla Prado, and Margaret Arney.

**Francesca Hong** *francescahong.com*

Wisconsin Assembly District 76 Representative. 37 years old. Divorced, 1 child. (University of Wisconsin Madison). Endorsed by Minnesota Congresswoman

Rep. Ilhan Omar; attorney and writer Qasim Rashid; Our Wisconsin Revolution; Wisconsin Electoral Socialists; Democratic Socialists of America Madison, Milwaukee, and Northeast Wisconsin chapters.

**Missy Hughes** *missyforgovernor.com*

**June 22, Hughes suspended her campaign and threw her support to Sara Rodriguez.** Interim Executive Director of Global Animal Partnership. Was Wisconsin's Economic Development Secretary, 4th CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. 57 years old. Maintains a sheep farm. Married, 3 children. BA (Georgetown University); JD (University of Wyoming College of Law). Endorsed by Our Wisconsin Revolution.

**Sara Rodriguez** *saraforwi.com*

Wisconsin's 46th Lieutenant Governor. 51 years old. Married, 2 children. BA (Illinois Wesleyan University); BS, MS, MPH (Johns Hopkins University). Endorsed by former Governor Martin Schreiber; Missy Hughes; union AFSCME Wisconsin; 314 Action Fund; Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association; Representative Bob Wirsch; former Senate Majority Leader Dave Hansen.

**Kelda Roys** *keldaroys.com*

Wisconsin Senate District 26 Representative. 47 years old. Married, 5 children. BA (New York University); JD (University of Wisconsin Madison). Endorsed by Wisconsin Education Association Council; State Senator Sarah Keyeski; State Representatives Brienne Brown and Karen Kirsch; former State Senator Jessica King; Former State Representatives Chris Danou, Donna Seidel, and Gary Sherman; Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson; Former Middleton Mayor Emily Kuhn.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY WINNER  
WILL RUN AGAINST  
ANDREW MANSKE OR TOM TIFFANY  
IN NOVEMBER



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# LOCAL ELECTIONS INCLUDE ...

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## U.S. Congressional District 8

**Rick Crosson** *rickcrosson.com*

Wisconsin-based trucking company owner. U.S. Army career beginning in 1980: Lt. Colonel, Master Army Aviator, U.S. Military Liaison to Mexico. Logistics and transportation industry starting at Schneider National in Green Bay. Green Bay Area Board of Education, Green Bay YMCA Board, Brown County Library Board, UW-Stevens Point Business Advisory Council. Married, 3 children, 8 grandchildren.

**Katrina DeVille** *devilleforcongress.com*

Small business owner, musician. Trans. University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

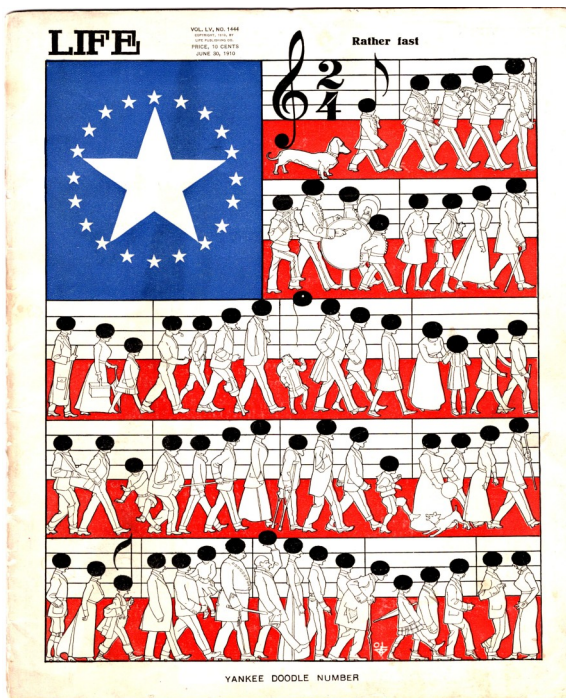
**Mark Scheffler** *mark4wi.info*

Founder of The Appleton Group wealth management company, acquired by the Johnson Financial Group in 2023. Former public school teacher. Degree in Education (Lawrence University).

## State Senate District 19 [primary race uncontested]

**Emily Tseffos** *emilyforwi.com*

Outagamie County Democratic Chair, DPW County Chairs Association. Recently public school teacher, 2024 Assembly candidate. 39 years old. Married, 3 children. BA (Edgewood College).



The original *Life* magazine celebrated Yankee Doodle this way in 1910. Keep it up!

## State Senate District 29

[primary race uncontested]

**Gillian Battino** *battinoforwisconsin.com*

Director of Rad-AID Latin America, collaborated with World Health Organization to build healthcare and education infrastructure in Nicaragua and Guyana. Retired radiologist. 56 years old. Married, 6 children. BS (John Carroll University). MS (University of Wisconsin Madison). MD (Ohio State University College of Medicine). Residency University of Cincinnati Breast Imaging Fellowship (University of Wisconsin Madison). Endorsed by Senate Minority Leader Dianne Hesselbein.

## State Assembly District 6

[primary race uncontested]

**Shirley Hinze** *Shirley Hinze for 6th Assembly on*

Facebook

70 years old. Widow. Endorsed by Sierra Club Wisconsin, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, National Democratic Redistricting Committee.

## State Assembly District 56

**Shawna Riley** *shawnaforwisconsin.com*

Married, 1 child.

**Grace Abitz** *graceabitz.com*

Small business owner for 10 years. 34 years old, grew up in Grand Chute. Unmarried, no children. BA in Design Art and Business (University of Wisconsin Green Bay). Endorsed by Appleton Firefighters 257.

## State Assembly District 57

[primary race uncontested]

**Joey Marschall** *joey4wisconsin.com*

## State Assembly District 87

[primary race uncontested]

**Bob Look**

Broadcast professional. Ran for State Senate District 29 in 2022 and for U.S. House Wisconsin 7th District in 2018. Widower, 2 children, 3 grandchildren. South Milwaukee High.

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# FOR THE TIME BEING – THEY WORK FOR YOU

## WAUPACA COUNTY WISCONSIN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

### VILLAGES

Embarrass Senate #2 Assembly #6  
Bear Creek Senate #19 Assembly #56  
Big Falls Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Fremont Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Ogdensburg Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Iola Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Scandinavia Senate #29 Assembly #87

### CITIES

Clintonville Senate #2 Assembly #6  
New London Senate #19 Assembly #56  
Manawa Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Waupaca Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Weyauwega Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Marion Senate #29 Assembly #87

### TOWNS

Larrabee Senate #2 Assembly #6  
Matteson Senate #2 Assembly #6  
Bear Creek Senate #19 Assembly #56  
Lebanon Senate #19 Assembly #56  
Mukwa Senate #19 Assembly #56  
Caledonia Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Dayton Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Farmington Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Fremont Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Lind Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Little Wolf Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Royalton Senate #19 Assembly #57  
St. Lawrence Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Waupaca Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Weyauwega Senate #19 Assembly #57  
Dupont Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Harrison Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Helvetia Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Iola Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Scandinavia Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Union Senate #29 Assembly #87  
Wyoming Senate #29 Assembly #87

**U.S. President/Vice President**  
Donald Trump/JD Vance (Republican)

**U.S. Wisconsin Senator**  
Tammy Baldwin (Democrat)  
(202) 224-5653 [baldwin.senate.gov/contact/contact-tammy](mailto:baldwin.senate.gov/contact/contact-tammy)

Ron Johnson (Republican)  
(202) 224-5323

**Wisconsin Governor/Lieutenant Governor**  
Tony Evers/Sara Rodriguez (Democrat)

**Waupaca County U.S. Congressional District 8**  
Tony Wied (Republican)  
(202) 225-5665

### Waupaca County State Senate Districts

**2**  
Eric Wimberger (Republican)  
(608) 266-5670 [Sen.Wimberger@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Wimberger@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**19**  
Rachael Cabral-Guevara (Republican)  
(608) 266-0718 [Sen.Cabral-Guevara@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Cabral-Guevara@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**29**  
Cory Tomczyk (Republican)  
(608) 266-2502 [Sen.Tomczyk@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Tomczyk@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
P.O. Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707

### Waupaca County State Assembly Districts

**6**  
Elijah Behnke (Republican)  
(608) 237-9106 [Rep.Behnke@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Behnke@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**56**  
David Murphy (Republican)  
(608) 237-9156 [Rep.Murphy@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Murphy@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**57**  
Kevin Petersen (Republican)  
(608) 237-9157 [Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Petersen@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**87**  
Brent Jacobson (Republican)  
(608) 237-9187 [Rep.Brent.Jacobson@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Brent.Jacobson@legis.wisconsin.gov)



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