

August 2022

# Paca County Blue News

Waupaca County Democratic Party (WCDP)

Next meeting: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022

at headquarters, 401 S. Bridge St., Manawa, WI 54949

All are welcome

**Campaign signs and literature** are available at HQ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through the November elections. Please contact the office for weekday open hours. Bring your food-bank grocery donations, too (see below). **Bonus for visit:** Regular unleaded gas at The Store across the street was below \$4 by 23 July 2022.

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## JUST THE FACTS

### Julie Hancock is a write-in against Gallagher

Attorney Julie Hancock needs 7,000 write-in votes on the Aug. 9 primary ballot — early voting or on Election Day — to earn vie for the 8th Congressional District seat in November. She opposes incumbent Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Allouez. “If you feel ignored, left out, lied to, and treated like you’re stupid by your political leaders, my campaign is for you,” she wrote for the Democratic Party of Door County.

To meet her financial obligations mandated by the Federal Election Commission, she asks for donations of \$5 (and up) “to support electing a pro-choice, pro-family, pro-marriage Democratic

woman to Congress,” her Facebook page says. Three donation options: Checks can be made payable to Julie Hancock for Congress and mailed to 435 N Broadway, Suite A4, De Pere, WI 54115 Or text "ByeMike" to 202-858-1233 or go to <https://givebutter.com/julie-hancock-for-congress>.

*doordems.org; Julie Hancock for Congress (leads to her Facebook page); givebutter.com/julie-hancock-for-congress*

#### JUST THE FACTS

### **Tom Nelson ends his Senate race**

After more than two years of campaigning, on July 25 Tom Nelson ended his race for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate to oppose incumbent Ron Johnson, R-Wis. “We just didn't have the money to get the message out,” he told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Among the ideas his campaign promoted are “a national industrial strategy to build good paying jobs in our communities, Medicare for All to ensure everyone has access to health care, a one-of-a-kind food sovereignty plan to lift up our family farmers, bust up Big Ag and help consumers, and a Green New Deal so our children and their children have a planet to live on,” he said in a statement.

Running fourth in the polls, the Outagamie County Executive announced his support for Mandela Barnes, currently Wisconsin’s lieutenant governor. Because the Aug. 9 ballots are already printed, Nelson’s name appears on them.

*nelsonforwi.com; jsonline.com*

#### JUST THE FACTS

### **Pay up for political opinion**

It will now cost letter writers \$40 to express “an endorsement for a political candidate, referendum or political agenda” in the Waupaca County Post, the local newspaper announced in its print editions of July 14 and July 21, 2022. That prepayable cost is for up to 250 words. An extra \$10 will be charged for each additional 50 words. Other letter guidelines apply as well.

*waupacanow.com*

### **Forever Blue — music and candidates**

Meet progressive candidates and enjoy bands from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Pulaski Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St., Pulaski, Wis. Suggested contribution for admission is \$15 per adult, \$5 for students and veterans. Children under 13 are free. Food and soda/water available for a donation. BYO lawn chairs/blankets & alcoholic beverages.

To volunteer, and for more information, search Forever Blue Music Festival and go to Facebook. The event is sponsored by the 8th Congressional District Democratic Party of Wisconsin and the Democratic Party of Brown County Wisconsin.

### **Dedication: Clif Morton bench**

An Aldo Leopold bench will be dedicated as a Clif Morton memorial at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at Eco

Park, 1534 Webster Way, Waupaca. The park, which Morton helped to create, is north of the intersection of Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 22 North, off Commercial Drive. Morton, a former chair of the Waupaca County Democratic Party, died in January 2022.

## **Life celebration for Annette Nolan**

A celebration of life for Annette Nolan will be held at 2:30 p.m. this Saturday, July 30, at her home, E3362 Royalton Street, Waupaca. She died Jan. 23, 2022. The former psychiatric nurse and her husband Philip, who died in 2019, were longtime activists with the Waupaca Democrats. *email communication from her daughters Kisten Nolan and Verdant Nolan; waupacanow.com*

## **Meeting highlights, July 2, 2022**

- Volunteers are needed to staff the Paca Dems booth at the county fair, Aug. 24-28, at the fairgrounds in Weyauwega.
- The campaign of Henry Fries, running as an Independent for the 40th State Assembly seat, can be supported by the Waupaca County Democratic Party because he is a member of the party. Fries (say “freeze”) stopped in to chat with members and guests.
- A discussion proposed taxing guns and ammunition to pay for proposed safety and security upgrades at schools, instead of taxpayers. A referendum on the Nov. 8 ballot asks taxpayers in the Waupaca School District to approve “general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,875,000” to pay for the upgrades. The district includes parts of the counties of Waupaca, Portage and Waushara. Municipal clerks will have more information.

*From minutes by member Terry Bobbe*

## **Still time for absentee votes**

The deadline to request most absentee ballots is 5 p.m. Aug. 4 for the Aug. 9 partisan primary. They must be returned — mail might be too slow — to your municipal clerk’s office not later than 8 p.m. Aug. 9.

Other rules apply for in-person absentee voting, for those indefinitely confined, military, or hospitalized. Please consult [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

*vote.org; myvote.wi.gov*

## **The Democratic slate for Aug. 9**

Here are the Democratic candidates on Waupaca County ballots and the length of terms for the offices. The Waupaca County Democratic Party will make no endorsement for any office before the primary.

**U.S. Senate, 6 years:** Eight Democrats are on the partisan primary ballot, vying to oppose incumbent Ron Johnson (R). In alphabetical order, they are Mandela Barnes, Milwaukee; Sarah Godlewski, Madison; Alex Lasry, Milwaukee; Kou C. Lee, Hobart; Tom Nelson, Appleton — who dropped out on July 25; Steve Olikara, Milwaukee; Peter Peckarsky, Milwaukee; and Darrell Williams, Milwaukee.

**Congressional District 8, 2 years:** Democrat Julie Hancock, De Pere, is working to be a write-

in against incumbent Mike Gallagher, R-Allouez.

**Five Wisconsin Constitutional officers, 4 years:**

**Governor:** Incumbent Tony Evers (D) is running unopposed.

**Lieutenant Governor:** Peng Her, Madison; and Sara Rodriguez, Brookfield.

**Secretary of State:** Incumbent Doug La Follette, Madison; and Alexia Sabor, Madison.

**State Treasurer:** Gillian M. Battino, Wausau; Aaron Richardson, Fitchburg; and Angelito Tenorio, West Allis. Incumbent Sarah Godlewski (D) is vacating the office to run for U.S. Senate.

**Attorney General:** Incumbent Josh Kaul, Madison.

**Wisconsin Senate**

**State Senator District 2** (municipalities of Bear Creek, Clintonville, Embarrass, Lebanon, Matteson, effective until Dec. 31, 2022): No contest in 2022.

**State Senator District 14** (remainder of Waupaca County, effective until Dec. 31, 2022): No contest in 2022.

**Wisconsin Assembly, 2 years:**

**State Assembly District 6** (municipalities of Bear Creek, Clintonville, Embarrass, Lebanon, Matteson, effective until Dec. 31, 2022): William J. Switalla, Wittenberg.

**State Assembly District 40** (remainder of Waupaca County, effective until Dec. 31, 2022): No Democrat opposes incumbent Kevin Petersen, R-Waupaca. Henry Fries, Independent, will be on the November ballot opposing Petersen.

*elections.wi.gov*

**County Officers, 4 years:**

**County Sheriff:** No Democrat filed papers to run.

**County Clerk:** No Democrat filed papers to run.

*vote.org; myvote.wi.gov; waupacacounty.wi.gov*

## Give until it helps

### Bring your grocery donations

Donations of food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies will be delivered to area food banks.

When 60 to 70 items have been assembled in the blue tub at the front of the headquarters office in Manawa, they will be delivered. So far, 700 items have been distributed twice to New London, twice to Manawa, and once each to Marion and Waupaca.

The deliveries from the Paca Dems, which started in 2021, are well received at the pantries, said county Chair Stu Walter.

Volunteers are needed to deliver to additional locations in these communities: Bear Creek (Outagamie County), Clintonville, Dale (Outagamie County), Iola, Scandinavia and Weymont in Weyauwega. Contact [waupacademocrats@gmail.com](mailto:waupacademocrats@gmail.com) for location and contact info.  
*waupacacounty-wi.gov (community resources)*

### In-kind donation earns supplies

Ink and toner cartridges donated at Paca County Dems HQ in Manawa will be recycled at Staples by a rewards member. The proceeds, \$2 per cartridge, will be used to buy office supplies.

## Needs continue for Ukraine, USO

The grim struggle continues in Ukraine, while Putin's invasion has pushed refugees into surrounding countries. Two long-established charities that are offering aid are the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.

A donation to the nonprofit USO would help bring links from home to the American troops who have been sent to Europe in response to the current invasion, which started Feb. 24, 2022.

## Salute to Service Members

—U.S. Coast Guard birthday, Aug. 4. Older than the U.S. Navy by eight years, the maritime defense force started in 1790. In 2003, it became part of the Department of Homeland Security. During times of war, the Coast Guard operates under the Navy.

*defense.gov; gocoastguard.com*

— Purple Heart Day, Aug. 7. The originator of the award was Gen. George Washington, who in 1782 established the Badge of Military Merit, a heart-shaped patch with purple embroidery. In 2022, the award is given to any service member who sheds blood in defense of the nation, or who sustains “mild traumatic brain injuries and concussive injuries” in combat.

*armyhistory.org*

## Quote of the Month

“Reviling people you share a combat outpost with is an incredibly stupid thing to do, and public figures who imagine their nation isn't, potentially, one huge combat outpost are deluding themselves.”

— *Tribe* (2016, page 128) by Sebastian Junger (b. 1962). In *Tribe*, the war correspondent discusses learning about community cooperation from tribal societies.

## Poem of the Month

After the 1961 inauguration of Democrat John F. Kennedy (in office 1961-1963) was the first to feature a poet, the next president to include that cultural art was Jimmy Carter (1977-1981). (The gap years between Kennedy and Carter included no poets for Democrat Lyndon Johnson 1963-1969), Republican Richard Nixon (1969-1974), or Republican Gerald Ford (1974-1977).

For Carter, poet James Dickey (1923-1997) read his poem “The Strength of Fields” at an evening Kennedy Center gala. From 1966 to 1968, Dickey held the position of Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress, an office that would later become the Poet Laureate. Here, a few lines from “The Strength of Fields” — using his unconventional line arrangements.

Wild hope can always spring  
From tended strength. Everything is in that.  
That and nothing but kindness.

*From The Whole Motion: Collected Poems 1945-1992. Copyright © 1992 by James Dickey*

*poetryfoundation.org, thoughtco.com; poets.org*

## **For further information**

8th Congressional District, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8thcddemgroup>

Democratic Party of Wisconsin, [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org)

National Democratic Committee, [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org)

[www.ballotpedia.org](http://www.ballotpedia.org)

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

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