

July 2022

# News from Paca County Blue

Waupaca County Democratic Party (WCDP)

Next meeting: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9, 2022

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

Nonmembers and members welcome

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***NOTE: Breaking news in late June brought key issues for voters into high focus, if not clear-cut focus.***

**JUST THE FACTS**

## Evers, Kaul sue GOP leaders

Gov. Tony Evers (D) and Attorney General Josh Kaul (D) filed a suit 28 June 2022 in Dane County Circuit Court against Republican legislative leaders over reproductive health-care rights in the state. After the U.S. Supreme court overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, on June 24, 2022, the suit argues that that the 1849 state law conflicts with reproductive health-care measures that have been passed since 1973. Evers had requested a special legislative session to amend the 1849 law, but Republicans gaveled in and immediately out of the special session on June 22, 2022.

*npr.org, postcrescent.com*

**JUST THE FACTS**

## High court lifts a gun restriction; new law adds gun restrictions

On June 23, 2022, the U.S. Supreme court struck down a New York state law that required people to demonstrate a need to carry a gun in order to get a license to carry one in public. The ruling is expected ultimately to allow more legal guns to be present on roads and streets.

But on June 25, 2022, President Joe Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (S.2938), which enhances background checks for gun buyers 21 years of age, provides funds for mental-health services, and closes the so-called “boyfriend loophole” to prevent convicted domestic abusers from buying a firearm for five years. Some other provisions: Incentives for crisis-intervention programs, clarification of the definition of a federally licensed firearms dealer, and penalties for straw purchases (when a buyer obtains a gun on behalf of someone else) and gun trafficking.

After decades of mass shootings in America, bipartisan support for gun restrictions finally came together after the May 2022 killings at a school in Uvalde, Texas, and at a supermarket in Buffalo, N.Y.

*congress.gov; voanews.com; cbs.com; nrablog.com*

#### JUST THE FACTS

### Testimony says Trump was involved

On June 21, 2022, three former officials from the Department of Justice testified that then-President Donald J. Trump wanted fake electors from several states to be presented at the counting of electoral votes on Jan. 6, 2021, which would have delayed or prevented the orderly transition of power to then-President-Elect Joseph R. Biden.

*nytimes.com*

#### JUST THE FACTS

### Sen. Johnson’s electoral scheme

On June 21, Sen. Ron Johnson (D-Wis.) denied testimony in the Jan. 6 hearings that said he had tried to deliver lists of Wisconsin and Michigan alternate electors to then-Vice President Mike Pence. On June 23 he admitted that he had coordinated the effort, and said that the lists had come from the office of Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.). Then, Kelly’s office said he hadn’t spoken to Johnson in years.

*cnn.com*

### The Democratic primary ballot

Following the collection of voter signatures, the slate is set for the Aug. 9 partisan primary. The Waupaca County Democratic Party will make no endorsement for any office before the primary. Here are the Democratic candidates on Waupaca County ballots and the length of terms for the offices:

**U.S. Senate, 6 years:** Eight Democrats gathered enough signatures 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; Steve Olikara,

Milwaukee; Peter Peckarsky, Milwaukee; and Darrell Williams, Milwaukee.

**Congressional District 8, 2 years:** No Democrat is running, but incumbent Mike Gallagher, R-Allouez, has a Republican opponent, Shaun Clarmont, Oneida, and a Libertarian opponent, Jacob J. VandenPlas, Sturgeon Bay.

**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 Democrats or other opponents to incumbent Kevin Petersen, R-Waupaca.

*elections.wi.gov*

**County Officers, 4 years:**

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

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

## Technical details for voting

An absentee ballot can be requested at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), available in English and Spanish, or at your municipal clerk's office. Early voting can be done by mail or in person at your municipal clerk's office or at that office in person on Election Day.

Wisconsin early voting for the Aug. 9 primary begins July 26 (14 days before Election Day), and ends Aug. 7.

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

## Give until it helps

**Food dollars squeezed as gas prices soar**

The Paca Dems are seeking donations of food and hygiene and cleaning supplies for area food banks. When at least 100 items have been dropped 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, or see [waupacounty-wi.gov](http://waupacounty-wi.gov) and click on “community resources.”

Requested supplies for food pantries:

Food: Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Baked Beans, Cake Mixes, Ramen Noodles, Mac & Cheese, Dry Pastas, Rice, Soup, Tuna, Manwich, Juices (Apple/Cranberry), Applesauce, Popcorn, Spices, Relish/Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Sugar, cooking spray.

Personal hygiene: Deodorant, Shampoo, Diapers, Toothpaste, Soap, Bodywash, Toilet Paper.

House Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Detergent.

### **Out of Ink? Donating is in**

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. The office will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through the November elections.

### **Needs continue for Ukraine, USO**

The grim struggle continues in eastern 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.

## **Meeting highlights, June 11, 2022**

— During the Manawa Rodeo parade on Saturday, July 2, volunteers will be in front of the Dems HQ on Main St, handing out water and soda.

— Volunteers are needed to staff the Paca Dems booth at the county fair, Aug. 24-28 at the fairgrounds in Weyauwega.

— Work has begun on improving the appearance of the newsletter on the web page. (Ed. note: Limitations are apparently created by the web platform itself.)

*From minutes by secretary Barb Kobs*

## **Salute to Service Members**

Korean War fighting ends July 27, 1953. The United States joined the fighting in 1950 to defend the Republic of Korea (South Korea), established in 1948, when Communist troops invaded from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea). The conflict ended by armistice, not a peace treaty. No nation signed it, only military representatives. As of 2021, about 20,000 U.S.

troops remained in South Korea.  
*archives.gov, military.com*

## **National days**

Independence Day, July 4, also known as the Fourth of July and July 4th. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from England, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made it a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.  
*history.com*

## **Quote of the Month**

“We need to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.”  
— President Joseph R. Biden, June 2, 2022  
*whitehouse.gov*

## **Poem of the Month**

Billy Collins, Poet Laureate of the United States from 2001 to 2003, thinks about voting in his poem “Early Morning.”

I don't know which cat is responsible  
for destroying my Voter Registration Card  
so I decided to lecture the two of them  
on [several topics]  
and while I'm at it, the importance  
of voting to an enlightened citizenship.

*From The Rain in Portugal, copyright 2016 by Billy Collins*

## **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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