



The Kewaunee Trumpet

soundings of the Republican Party of Kewaunee

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Do You Believe in Grass Roots Politics?

Become a member of the Kewaunee County GOP. Need an application, contact any Exec Board Member.

Party meets Monthly

Kewaunee County GOP July Meeting will be held at the Bank of Luxemburg, Casco Branch 6:00PM, Monday, July 12th.

How do I get involved?

We need volunteers to help with, Membership Drives, Representation at the County Fair, Organizing Parades, Candidate committees, Writing Articles for the Newsletter, etc. If you have time or the inclination to help out please call Ron Heuer 920-388-4501

Opinion Matters

Your opinion matters, if you have suggestions for our newsletter, information for letters to the editor or information we should post to our GOP website, contact Ron Heuer 920-388-4501

Upcoming Events

Kewaunee County Monthly Executive Board Meeting, Mon, July 12, 6PM

Kew Co. GOP Website

<http://kewaunee.wisgop.info>

Need a good book

NEW Conservative Library
Dave Quinlan 920-388-3629



We wish you and your family an enjoyable safe July 4th, Independence Celebration Weekend!

Wisconsin GOP Candidate for U.S. Senate Ron Johnson

by Ron Heuer

This past week, we enjoyed hosting Ron Johnson on a full day visit to Kewaunee County to meet and discuss his positions on various issues. Ron Johnson won the endorsement of the Wisconsin GOP at the State Convention held in Milwaukee in May.

Ron Johnson, is a successful business owner from the Oskosh area and truly understands that jobs are created by private enterprise, not the government. What pushed Ron to run for the Senate against the "big spending Democrat" Russ Feingold was the health care bill that was pushed through by the Democrats.

Ron Johnson is focused on the run away spending, the deficits, the national debt and the preservation of our democracy. We spend the entire day with Ron, starting in the New Franken, then to Luxemburg, Algoma and ending up in the Kewaunee with a meet and greet.



This picture was taken at the Luxemburg Bank in Luxemburg, (from L to R) Rebecca Kiecker, Chief operations Officer, Bank of Luxemburg, Chuck Wagner, Kewaunee County Board, Ron Heuer, Chairman, Republican Party, Kewaunee County, Cynthia Patterson, Caldwell Banker, Ron Johnson, Republican Candidate for Senate, John Slatky, President Luxemburg Bank, Bunny Burris, Kewaunee County GOP Executive Committee, and Bob Weidner, Kewaunee County Board Chairman

It is all about Responsibility

by John Slatky

It is all about responsibility and honesty, not politics. 2010 is an election year and we need to elect representatives who are responsible and honest, not Democrats or Republicans. Their first responsibility is to address the financial crisis they created by spending almost twice as much as they collect in taxes.

Our county has a national debt of \$13 TRILLION. It could be a gazillion for what the average citizen understands. More understandable, it is equivalent to \$119,000.00 for each taxpayer in this country. The larger problem is that it is not getting better. Our current elected Senators and Representatives are increasing this debt by \$1.5 TRILLION each year, as a result our debt will almost double to \$20 TRILLION by 2015. Look at the National Debt Clock (usdebtclock.org) on the internet. Did you know China is the largest foreign holder of our debt?

Our elected officials have to begin by being honest with the people who put them in office. Seventy (70%) percent of the federal government spending is for income support programs, social security, medicare, medicaid, etc. programs. This is before the passage of the new Health Care legislation. Therefore, federal spending cannot be addressed unless you make honest, responsible changes to these programs.

As an example, when the Social Security Program was passed into law in 1935, the average citizen began working at age 18, worked 47 years and began receiving social security payments at age 65 but had a life expectancy of only 62 years. Today, most citizens attend school until 22 or longer, work for 40 years, think they should retire at age 62 to begin to collect social security and live to age 80. As we require more education to begin productive work, (now parents are required to provide health insurance for children up to age 26) we will expect them to work less years to reach the magical retirement age of 62 to allow them to collect social security for significantly many more years. The age requirements need to be incrementally increased to adjust to current life factors.

While the spending increases, the money to pay for these programs and all federal spending comes from you the taxpayer. You, the taxpayer, are becoming a minority. Fifty (50%) percent of all citizens in this country pay all the taxes and you are not the richest individuals either. Many of the richest people don't have to work so their income taxes are limited and they were given the tax breaks. You just work the hardest and save more of your money for retirement because you know the almost bankrupt social security may not be there for you.

We will not be able to correct our financial crisis without addressing how we pay for our federal government programs. Our Senators and Representatives need to be responsible and adopt a tax collection system that has everyone pay their fair share of the tax burden. A system where the individuals with the most money will pay more tax, not less, than the average citizen. That system is the "Fair Tax". Senate bill S-196. House bill HR-25. Look it up on the internet at "fairtax.org". The bonus is that you will not be required to file the annual Income Tax Return by April 15th each year.

As citizens, we have the responsibility to ask the candidates to address these issues and provide us with honest answers. We need to elect candidates who will be responsible and honest. Otherwise, we can wait until China, our country's banker of choice, decides we need to address our debt problems.

Kewaunee County Wind Turbine Project

by Ron Heuer

It may be that Wind Energy is one way for Wisconsin to shed some dependency on oil and gas, but at what cost? This is the third article I have written on this subject and I feel compelled to do my best to educate our Kewaunee County residents on the subject. I am, quite frankly shocked that so few people are unaware of what is unfolding in our county and neighborhoods that will forever affect their lives.

One does not get the truth from the wind farm developers who slither into the county without public notice and contract land for their planned wind farm. Element Power LLC are not doing anything illegal with their practices, what is happening is the State Government is not protecting the residents of the state. Let me explain.

The State of Wisconsin passed a bill that requires Wisconsin to produce 10% of it's energy from renewable sources by 2015. That is a noble goal, no doubt and it would boost the economy in a number of ways. However, it seems what they forgot to do was put a roadmap and rules in place as to how this could be done. Quite typical when you let the government controll anything. What this rush to produce renewable energy has accomplished is to open the door to the Wind Turbine companies to pretty much do what they want to do.

The State handed over the rule setting job to the PSCW (Public Service Commission of Wisconsin) and guess what? The Wind Turbine companies who have big dollars are influencing the rule making. Say it isn't true, please. But consider this. To cover their tracks, the PSCW have appointed, what is supposed to be, an impartial Wind Siting Committee, who are to work together to recommend rules for the siting of wind turbines. Siting rules would include, how far a turbine is placed from a home or property line, the allowable sound a turbine could produce, the ethics of the turbine companies contracting, decommissioning and reclamation issues, shadow flicker, etc. The committee consists of 15 appointees of which 10 are either directly employed by energy companies or are consultants to them. If my math is correct, that leaves 5 people who are on this siting committee that are what I would term "objective". The PSCW are to announce their rules on July 7.

Last Monday I spent the morning visiting with residents who are living in the Forward Energy Wind Farm in the Fondulac area. I talked to people there who are living daily with the negative impact of this project. Their lives are forever changed living with shadow flicker, noise, health issues, loss of land value, and broken promises from the developer. It was an eye opener as every other home had a for sale sign on it. One of the people I talked to was told by a real estate agent, "I don't want to waste my time taking a listing on your place because it won't sell anyway.

The Forward Energy Wind Farm Consists of 86 turbines, 402 Ft tall (the ones in Rio Creek are 220 ft tall) and I have to say it is distrubing to see how the natural horizon has been forever ruined with these monster machines standing in the fields, within 1,000 feet of peoples homes. By the way, the 111 turbines coming to Kewaunee and Manitowoc County are 490 ft tall and will forever impact the lakeshore natural beauty.

You don't have to travel to Fondulac to understand the impact of wind turbines on people. Kewaunee County had the first wind farms in the state, and we have people right in our midst who have experienced the negative impacts on their lives. Talk to them, understand what they have experienced

The Lakeshore Republican Womens Club Has a New Website Address

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<http://kewaunee.wisgop.info/>