



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 June Meeting will be held at the Home of Ron Heuer, Kewaunee, 6:00PM, Monday, June 14th.

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

Kew Co. Monthly Board Meeting, Mon, June 14, 6PM
Lake Shore Republican Womens Club Meeting, Jun 15.
Meet the candidates
Port of Call, Kewaunee
5:30 - 8:30 PM

Kew Co. GOP Website

<http://kewaunee.wisgop.info>

Need a good book

NEW Conservative Library
Dave Quinlan 920-388-3629

Republican Party of Wisconsin Delegates Vote to Endorse Walker for Governor at 2010 State Convention

MILWAUKEE – At a convention attended by over 1,700 grassroots Republicans, delegates voted to endorse gubernatorial candidate Scott Walker Saturday, May 22, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 91.3% of delegates voted to endorse Walker on the first ballot.



Scott Walker

“The GOP grassroots are ready to take back the governor’s office with a reform-minded leader this fall, and I am proud to say our endorsed candidate will be Scott Walker,” said Reince Priebus, Chairman of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. I can’t think of a better candidate to deliver our message of fiscal responsibility and lower taxes to create Wisconsin jobs.”

Priebus stressed the endorsement of Walker serves as a reminder that the number one priority of Republicans this fall will be putting a stop to Democrat Tom Barrett’s efforts to run for Jim Doyle’s third term. As Doyle’s hand-picked successor, Barrett has supported the same job-killing tax hikes and policies Jim Doyle proposed as governor.

“We’re excited to get behind a strong GOP candidate that has the ability, the will, and the resources to put an end to Tom Barrett’s attempt to run for Doyle’s third term,” Priebus said. “The Republican base unified in supporting Scott Walkers candidacy today in order to win the general election in November.”

Lakeshore Republican Women’s Club - Meet and Greet June 15th - 5:30-8:00 PM - Port’O’Call, Hwy 42, Kewaunee

The LRWC is expecting the attendance of 10 -14 GOP Candidates to attend the Jun 15th event being held at the Port O’ Call, 5:30 -8:30PM. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND. NO FEE, although donations are accepted. Purpose of this event: We will invite ALL Republican Candidates for the fall election to attend, bring their nomination papers and meet with Kewaunee county voters who attend. These signatures need to be collected during the month of June for candidates to file for the September primary. Signers need to live in the district represented by the candidates’ campaign, and only one candidate for each office can be nominated by the signers. Congressional and State wide candidates can be nominated by all Kewaunee county residents.

Kewaunee County awards at 2010 State GOP Convention - by Bunny Burris

The Kewaunee County Republican Party received the Achiever Award for 2009 at the state convention in Milwaukee May 21-23, (recognizing improvements in communications with the newsletter and county party website) with a framed plaque.

Campbell Awards (pins) were received (at least 50 hours of service) for 2009 by:

Jake Blazkovec; Richard Burris; Bernice Burris; William Faller; Ron Heuer; Dave Hutchison; Jane McLaren; Bob McLaren; Barb Piechocki; Lee Piechocki; Dave Quinlan; Rose Quinlan; Joe Shefchik; John Siegmund; Ruth Siegmund; John Slatky.

The convention was attended by delegates Richard and Bunny Burris, David and Rose Quinlan and David Hutchison. Alan Lasee and Frank Lasee (delegates of Brown county) who represent all or part of Kewaunee county were also in attendance.

Kewaunee County Wind Turbine Project Follow-up - by Ron Heuer

Kewaunee County - Wake Up! The beat goes on....Following the first public meeting on the subject of Element Power's proposed wind turbine project held at the Carlton Town Hall and attended by Execs from Element Power and about 100 concerned Kewaunee County residents, Element Power has moved on the offensive.

At the Carlton Township meeting, the concerned residents brought up the issues of; wind turbine noise, the impact on land values, setbacks from homes, disruption of TV signal and radar, and wasting of tax dollars. Well, guess what, on May 14th, I received a personalized letter from Element Power along with two enclosures, a four-color glossy piece that hyped Element Power and a four-color brochure titled "Myth vs Fact" The Truth About Wind Energy."

Here, verbatim is the first paragraph of the letter - "As you are probably aware, Element Power is currently developing a wind energy project in your area. Element Power is a global renewable energy developer that builds, owns, and operates renewable energy projects. This project may include up to 111 wind turbines in portions of Manitowoc and Kewaunee Counties. We believe your land is suitable to host one or more wind turbines. Hosting wind turbines represents a unique opportunity for you to receive significant additional income from your property while having very little impact on farming operations. A wind farm in your community will also bring broader benefits such as economic development, an increased tax base, pollution-free energy and energy security."

Well, as I indicated in my last article on this subject, Element Power already looked at and studied my land and my land and found it is not suitable for one generator, let alone two. Element Power is now concerned that public sentiment is lining up against this project, and for good reason.

Over the past month, I have spent a good deal of time researching the impact of these wind turbine projects across the county, and not surprisingly, you can find studies that state "No negative impact on real estate values are realized when a wind turbine project is built". Guess who is paying for those studies and appraisals? You guessed it right again. Companies like Element Power who are the only people who stand to benefit from these projects.

In the letter I received, Element Power goes on in paragraph two to say they will begin construction in 2012 and they have approximately 100 land owner partners who have already signed contracts with them. They claim they already have around 1,000 acres signed up. Note: those people living in Kewaunee, you too will be looking at these generators to your south, and you too will feel the negative effects of plunging real estate and land prices. I'll bet when that happens our taxes won't be reduced either!

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GOP Endorses Ron Johnson for Senate

by WTMJ Radio, Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wisconsin Republicans endorsed Ron Johnson in the U.S. Senate race Sunday after the Oshkosh businessman delivered a fiery speech in which he said it was time to end what he believes is the nation's culture of entitlement.

Johnson defeated Madison-area developer Terrence Wall in the second of two rounds of delegate voting at the Republican Party of Wisconsin's convention in Milwaukee. Johnson won 64 percent of the vote, while Wall captured 18 percent. Another 18 percent voted to endorse no one.

"I'm extremely humbled and surprised," Johnson said. "I'm gratified that my message of our concern over what's happening in this country resonated and that people supported it."

A third candidate, Watertown businessman Dave Westlake didn't score well enough on the first ballot to qualify for the second.

The fourth candidate, former state Commerce Secretary Dick Leinenkugel, effectively dropped out of the race earlier Sunday in a surprise move that seemed to catch the hundreds of delegates off-guard. Many gasped as he said now is not his time to run, and that he was throwing his support behind Johnson.

"Perhaps my time will come later," he told the audience somberly. "But it is too critical, too important at this time in our history, that we unite in the goal of defeating (Democratic incumbent) Russ Feingold."

Leinenkugel wasn't seen immediately afterward, and he didn't immediately return a cell phone message seeking comment.

Johnson spoke moments after Leinenkugel's stunning announcement. He didn't mention his rival by name but said every vote he can get is vital. "We will appreciate all the support we can get," Johnson said.

Sunday's decision has no effect on the ballot. All three candidates will remain on the Sept. 14 primary, and both Wall and Westlake said they are committed to staying in the race.

The party endorsement gives Johnson access to money, volunteers, voter and donor lists, and other party resources to bolster his campaign.

Johnson, Westlake and Wall have been frequent attendees at tea party rallies across the state. They're all new to statewide politics.

Wall campaign manager Ryan Murray said Johnson is still "an unknown quantity" and faces an uphill battle introducing himself to voters.

"Terrence has been engaged in the political arena for years," Murray said. "... I think he would question where's Ron Johnson been the last six months."

Wall used his 10-minute speech to introduce what he called the Patriot's Bill of Rights. He listed 10 tenets that included pushing for amendments requiring a balanced budget, line-item veto and term limits.

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Westlake said he viewed the Johnson endorsement not as a reason to quit but as a wake-up call to fight harder. “All the people who have invested in the message of the movement, about duty and honor, I’d be doing them a disservice” by stepping down, he said.

Even Johnson’s campaign was blindsided by Leinenkugel’s comment in which the former beer mogul didn’t specifically say he was quitting but left no doubt that his campaign was over. Darrin Schmitz, a spokesman for Johnson’s campaign, said Leinenkugel only told Johnson of his decision moments before Leinenkugel took the stage. “We were all surprised,” Schmitz said.

Leinenkugel’s brief campaign never really got off the ground. He served 19 months as the state’s commerce secretary in the administration of Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle. That left some Republicans wary of Leinenkugel’s conservative credentials.

Wall’s campaign seized on Leinenkugel’s association with the Doyle campaign, suggesting Johnson was tainted by the endorsement.

Johnson told reporters he was happy to receive the support of any voters. He said his campaign had nothing to do with the Leinenkugel endorsement.

He also pledged to run a smear-free campaign through the primary that relies on a message of record and character. Johnson is the president of Pacur, a private company that makes plastic packaging materials and has over 100 employees. He wouldn’t say how much of his personal money he was willing to invest in his campaign and said he plans to raise funds aggressively.

Obama, our Comander and Chief?

by Ron Heuer

May 31, 2010, Memorial Day, the day set aside as the Federal Holiday to commemorate and honor those men and women who have died while serving in our military. In case the President has forgotten, we are currently engaged in two wars, Afghanistan and Iraq.

There is a long engrained tradition that calls for our Commander and Chief to be on the job at Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Where will our inexperienced Commander and Chief be? He will be on vacation in the Chicago area. Granted, he will be participating in a ceremony at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. (50 miles from Chicago). and he will be having VP Biden participating at Arlington Cemetery.

I really wonder if a man like Obama, in any way, can relate to the magnitude of the sacrifice and pain the men and women who died for this country to protect and defend our freedoms. In 2008, in a speech on Memorial Day, Obama said, “On this Memorial Day, as our nation honors its unbroken line of fallen heroes—and I see many of them in the audience here today—our sense of patriotism is particularly strong.” Memorial Day honors those who have died in our nation’s military service. Is it possible that Obama does not know this?

President Obama has not made sacrifices, he has never served in the military, he doesn’t have a clue what hardship, mental anguish and pain those fallen heroes and their families have gone through.

This past week I participated in the LG Lambeau event welcoming home the Vietnam Vets. At that event, we honored those fallen friends and comrades who gave their all so someone like Obama could be the Commander and Chief.

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