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Open Every Day
8:00 AM-8:00 PM

CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE

On Friday, July 11, Barack Obama's Campaign for Change (CFC) arrived in Western Wisconsin at the Office at 522 Second St., Hudson. Over 100 people heard talks given by special guest Margaret Anderson-Kelliher, Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Local candidates for Wisconsin Assembly and Senate were also on hand to greet the visitors.

Phil Walzak, Communications Director for the CFC gave interviews to Channels 5, 9 and 11 which had camera crews on hand for the Grand Opening. The Star Observer was on hand with both a photographer and a reporter. This was great publicity considering that John McCain was in Hudson for a Town Hall meeting.

The CFC in Hudson is housed in a 1200 sq. ft. office which is now up and running with high speed internet service, several computers for internet access, several PCs for use during the campaign, and wireless access for use with the laptop computers which the staffers and volunteers use for every aspect of the campaign process.

Tanya Bjork, statewide General Election Director of the CFC recently announced that there are already more than 60 staffers on the ground in the state. Nine offices (including Hudson) are already open, with thirteen more in the final stages of gearing up. Tanya also mentioned that there are at least six more locations being considered for campaign locations.

The Hudson CFC staff has access to thousands of individuals who have already made contact with the Obama campaign. They have email addresses and phone numbers to contact these individuals.

Volunteers are now needed for voter registration activities, phoning and other CFC activities at the Second St. office. Contact Josh Low at 715-386-5443 or jlow@obamacampaign4change.org to become a CFC volunteer.

For additional information check the following websites:

- Obama's issue positions...
www.barackobama.com/issues/
- Debunk the latest smears/rumors...
my.barackobama.com/page/content/g/fightthesmearshome/

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2008

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

River's Edge Supper Club
1820 Raleigh Rd.
Somerset, WI 54025
715 247-3305

3rd CD chair Melanie Franklin will be the speaker and the topic will be...

Every County Counts:

How One Small County in Wisconsin Helped Win an Election

Meet the candidates and find out how to get involved in the local and national campaigns.

OBAMA-FEST 08

Stop reading this article and go mark your calendar for Monday, September 15 at 5:00 PM and then come back and finish reading about Obama-Fest.

Octoberfests are traditionally held in September as a result of some obscure ancient Germanic custom. So, the St. Croix County Democratic Party is hosting our Obama-Fest 08 version at Paddy Ryan's Irish Pub. Paddy Ryan's is located at 709 Rodeo Drive in Hudson at I-94 Exit 4.

A specially arranged private cruise for 4 on the St. Croix River during the beautiful fall color season.

A three-day, three-night getaway on Lake Superior's North Shore at beautiful Superior Shores resort. For more info visit superiorshores.com/

We are trying to arrange for additional items for the drawing—keep tuned for updates.

NAME: _____ _____		OBAMA FEST '08! SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. PADDY RYAN'S IRISH PUB
ADDRESS: _____ _____		SPEAKER: LT. GOV BARBARA LAWTON REGULAR PRICE \$25, STUDENT/SENIORS \$15 FUN, FOOD AND DOOR PRIZES!
PHONE: _____ _____		

The restaurant is normally closed on Monday's, so we will have the place all to ourselves and if the crowd is large enough and the weather gods are willing we can spill outside. Paddy Ryan's chef is working up a special "grazing menu" for us. There will be music along with a cash bar for beverages.

The candidates for State Senate and State Assembly will be there to mingle and seek out your opinions and to solicit your votes. The Primary Election will have been held on the previous Tuesday, September 9. The candidates will be all keyed up and ready to go for the countdown to Election Day, November when the maps of Wisconsin and the United States are going to be painted Obama Blue.

The admission price for Obama-Fest '08 Includes a chance to win:

Our confirmed Special Guest is Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton who has taken a special interest in supporting the Democratic Party and candidates here in Western WisconsinLand. We are working with the Obama Campaign for Change to invite additional political luminaries to join us for the evening.

As always at a Democratic event you will be able to socialize and trade political banter with your good Democratic friends and neighbors. There will be the sign-up sheets because the time will be a short six weeks of campaigning time remaining.

The admission price, including food and chances on the major prizes is \$25.00 general admission and \$15.00 for Seniors and Students.

If you cheated and didn't mark your calendars before—go and do it now!

See you there! **Obama-Fest 08**

A MARCHING WE WILL GO...

Parades are a great PR opportunity for our party, plus they're fun!

We need volunteers for the following parades.

Please contact Cathy Leaf at cathy_leaf@groupleaf.com or 715-381-0124 if you wish to volunteer.

- 8/16— North Hudson Pepper Fest**
- 9/7—Prescott Daze**
- 9/7—Glenwood City Rustic Lore Days**

JULY MINUTES

Cindy Jahnke opened the July 10, 2008 meeting at 7:10 PM.

Due to the candidates' schedules Cindy asked if the agenda of the meeting could be changed to allow the candidates to speak before the meeting was called to order. Hearing no dissent, the following candidates and/or candidate representatives made short presentations and answered questions:

Maggie Brick on behalf of Alison Page, candidate for State Senate in the 10th District

Chris Buckel, candidate for State Assembly in 29th District

L. John Peters, candidate for State Assembly in 29th District

Nate McNaughton on behalf of Sarah Bruch, candidate for State Assembly in 30th District

Barb Pabst, candidate for Registrar of Deeds

Geri Campbell, candidate for Registrar of Deeds

The Business portion of the meeting was called to order at 8:34 pm.

Six new people attended the meeting from Osceolo, Hudson, Wilson, and New Richmond.

Adoption of the Agenda

Jeanne Kant and Rollie Becker made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report (Paula Justich)

There were no minutes from the last meeting. Minutes of future meetings will be published in the monthly newsletter. People should visit the SCCDP website the week of the monthly meeting to download the newsletter and minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Ken Justich)

Ken gave the following report:

Checking Account and Petty Cash	
Balance as of 6/30/08	\$4,545.36
Savings Account	
Balance as of 6/30/08	<u>\$1,312.75</u>
Total monies available:	\$5,858.11

Jeanne Kant and Rollie Becker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Old Business

No formal old business on the agenda.

New Business

A second Hudson office is now opened at 522 Second St. There are 3 staffers from the Obama campaign working out of the office. Volunteers are needed to work in the office and do phone banking.

An office opening celebration is scheduled at 11:30 am on July 11. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The St. Croix County Fair runs from July 16–20 and volunteers are needed to help with setup and man the booth during the fair. [see photo below of fair booth]

Volunteers are needed to march with the SCCDP float during upcoming community fairs.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Legislative Watch committee. Handouts were distributed about the committee and Internet websites to monitor for more information.

Adjournment

Keith Reylea and Jeanne Kant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Next Meeting

August 14, 2008 at River's Edge Restaurant

—Paula Justich



We Need You!

Volunteers are needed! If you can spare a couple of hours a week, we need your help. We need people to staff our offices, phone bank, march in parades, help with events—and so much more during this very important election year.

If you can help please call 381-9600 for more information or stop by the office to see how you can make a difference.

CANDIDATE UPDATES

ALISON PAGE

July has been an exciting month for the Page for Senate Campaign. Alison spent the month meeting voters at parades and one-on-one at their doors. The campaign held a successful kick-off event in River Falls, which was attended by nearly 75 people.

Finance reports were due July 21 and they indicate that Alison raised more money than her opponent during the period from January to June. Although she is still behind in total cash on hand because she has no war chest from past campaigns, the Page for Senate campaign is financially competitive and can close the cash on hand gap with help from generous donors.



Congratulations Grandma Alison!

Parade season continues during the month of August and while we've reached the halfway mark, there are still more opportunities to march with Alison. A full list is on Alison's new website (alisonpageforsenate.com).

This website launched earlier this month. It has a new introduction video, an issues section, volunteer opportunities and media links to Alison in the news. Please visit the website and sign up as a supporter so you can stay updated on current events.

Finally, the most exciting July event was the birth of Alison's first grandchild, Savannah Marie Page. Savannah was born on July 22 to Alison's son Eric and his wife Molly.

JOHN PETERS

I have been busy going door to door (over 3,000 so far) and attending functions close to home such as the St. Croix county fair and Ludington Band concerts in Menomonie. I will be at the Dunn County fair and Pierce County fair in the coming weeks. I will also be hosting the first Obama House party in Menomonie on August 16th. Anyone interested in helping with that or attending should contact me soon either via email or from my web site.

CHRIS BUCKEL

The Buckel for Assembly campaign is going very well. My campaign kick-off party will be held at the Shamrock Bar in New Richmond, on August 19th from 5-7 PM with special guest Jason Rae, DNC super-delegate. Jason has enthusiastically endorsed my candidacy for the 29th Assembly district. Updates about the campaign can found at my website www.chrisbuckel.com. Please sign up for my electronic newsletter or fill out the volunteer form to help out with the campaign.

SARAH BRUCH

The Vote Sarah Bruch Team is at it again...cleaning up State Assembly District 30! Sarah and her team have been working on cleaning up parks and parkways throughout the district both as an effort to fight pollution and to symbolically fight for a cleaner government in District 30. "I'll report to a great boss...the people of District 30" says Sarah. According to Sarah, "There is no question that getting my new job is a team effort—a grassroots effort—and sometimes a cleaning up the grass, shrubs and sidewalks effort!"



The Sarah Bruch campaign team is growing in concert with the large number of doors knocked, phone calls made and volunteers enlisted. It is so exciting to be a part of this change process in District 30. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of making history, taking back an assembly seat that has been Republican-held since the 1970's, call Angela Bruch, campaign manager at 708-473-9086 or e-mail the campaign at angela@votesarah.org. (Now welcoming walkers in the North Hudson Pepperfest Parade on August 16!)

ART RAFFLE



(Left) Vase by Joe Christensen
Christensen Clay Studio, Hudson, WI
You can visit this exceptional artist in Joe's studio behind the Seasons on St. Croix Gallery. Joe is also a painter but especially loves to throw extra large pots (up to 6 feet tall with about 240 lbs. of clay).

(Right) Martini Set by Michael Egan
Plush Quartz Art Glass, Granville, VT
Classical and whimsical designs in blown glass



Tickets on sale at SCCDP offices and at monthly meetings and events.

Join SCCDP Now

ST. CROIX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY 2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Yes, please enroll me, and/or my family, as a member of the
St. Croix County Democratic Party for 2008!

A special thank you to all of you who have renewed or became a new member this year! We appreciate your support. For those of you who have not yet renewed your membership or would like to become a member, it is vitally important to the strength of our Party that you do so.

Memberships support the campaign office, voter notifications, newspaper ads and other media supporting candidates, the County Fair booth, signs, parade floats and much more. We have a great opportunity to turn this county blue in 2008. With your help we can do it!

Please check level of membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Limited Income (Seniors/Students) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$240 Friend |
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