



NEWSLETTER



LYNN UTESCH BARNSTORM

1-5pm * Booyah * Farm Tours * Music

Feature Speaker **3pm:**

Barbara Lawton

Invited Guest:

Senator Dave Hansen

E5173 4th Road | Kewaunee, WI 54216



The political revolution starts at the bottom of the ballot!

Please join Assembly candidate Lynn Utesch at his farm for an afternoon of food, music and rousing political conversation. All are welcome. No entrance fee, but a donation of any amount is greatly appreciated.

Notorious Quote

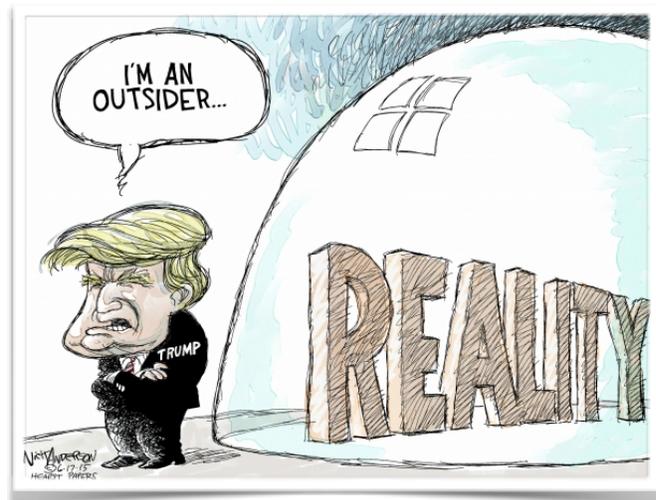
“I've been dealing with politicians all my life. All my life. And I've always gotten them to do what I need them to do.”

Donald Trump

“Pregnancy is an inconvenient thing for a business”

Donald Trump

Humor for the Day



Coordinated Campaign GOTV FINAL PUSH

by Allin Walker

For November 1-8, 4 sites will work together to reach a record 7,000 contacts:

7 South 2nd Ave is the central site. There you can get canvassing packets and/or make calls to people we have identified as being absolutely essential that they vote.

137 4th Ave where you can do data entry, pick up canvassing packets and do phone calling.

Then in Northern Door, Francha Barnard (839-5477) is coordinating a main phone calling site in Fish Creek and a satellite site in Ellison Bay.

At each site there will be three 2-3 hour shifts and you talk to people previously identified as voting Democratic. You will call to ensure they know the voting rules and whether they need a ride, etc. Those who opt to call from home will be trained to do so and then be on their own working from their computer.

SPECIAL NEEDS for GOTV

For the final push we need three things especially:

1. Guest rooms for 4-5 days where interns can stay. The more spaces we have, the more interns we will get. This would help enormously in our goal to reach 7,000 people in our final Get Out The Vote push, November 1-8. Call Allin at 920-493-2912.
2. People willing to visit with their neighbors door-to-door or on the phone. You can volunteer at any of four sites, two in Sturgeon Bay, one in Fish Creek and a satellite site in Ellison Bay. This is the final GOTV push..... we need your help. Call Greg at 706-271-6291 or Nick at 603-731-2959.
3. 3 or 4 people to do data entry each night of the final push at the office on 4th Ave.

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

OP-ED by Estella Lauter

Thanks to the current Board for inviting me to return to my column in the Newsletter. As many of you know, I love to write and I am always interested in a good political discussion. The latter has been hard to manage in our media circus, filled with side-shows of little substance. This month, I want to talk about the "beef" in several senses of that word.

First, let us be clear that most of the people in Wisconsin have no beef with—no need to renounce—"America."

Yes, we have problems to solve, but they are more likely to be laid at the doors of specific institutions and individuals than on the steps of the country as a whole. Some of our problems

are severe: climate change, poverty, dark money and racism come to mind immediately. These are not problems that can be solved by the wave of a magician's wand. It will "take a village" of concerned citizens to solve them, and we can all play a part in this process.

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VOTING DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 10 (Wed): in-person **early voting** begins, dates vary with municipality, contact your clerk

Oct 19 (Wed): last day to **register by mail** to vote.

Nov 03 (Thu): last day to request **absentee** ballot by mail. Can be requested any time before Nov 3.

Nov 04 (Fri): last day to **register** to vote in your clerk's office.

Nov 04 (Fri): last day for in-person **early voting**.

Nov 08 (Tue): ELECTION DAY

Family Farms or Animal Factories?

by Dean Hoeger

And What Is Your Candidate's Position?

In 1971, Earl Butz (R) became the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He instituted major changes in the federal government's relationship with farmers, and told farmers to get big or get out. Industrialization of first the poultry business, and second, the hog business, forced many family farmers out of farming as corporations began buying up these concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). The lobbying representation shifted from family farmers to national and then multinational corporations.

Now the factory farm model is proliferating in the dairy business across the country, as well as here in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has over 242 permitted dairy CAFOs with the greatest concentrations in Kewaunee (15) and Brown County (19). Go to <http://arcg.is/2bR4OTL> to view an interactive *Wisconsin CAFOs and Impaired Waters Map* which shows the number of animals at each site and proximity to impaired waters.

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Call for Volunteers

WANTED PHONE CALLERS

Help reconnect with members whose email address has changed. Work at home. Choose your own hours. Calling script and list provided. No training required. You are needed NOW. Call Ron at 920-493-7657

WANTED IDLE COMPUTERS

DPDC desperately needs 4 working Windows 7 (or later), computers with functioning WiFi for use Nov 1-8. Look in your closets/garage for that old spare. If you find a serviceable computer, please call Allin at 920-493-2912

WHERE'S THE BEEF? (cont'd)

Second, we as Dems have the beefiest (most substantial) candidates for office in the coming election!

By any objective measure, Clinton is the best-qualified candidate for President in a hundred years or more (see my letter in the *Advocate* for mid-July). Russ is well-known across the nation for his excellent service in the Senate and the Campaign Finance Bill he sponsored with John McCain, but what we appreciate most is his ability to listen to his constituents.

Lynn Utesch (see my September letter in the *Advocate* and the *Pulse*) is a first-time candidate for the WI Assembly but he brings to the table several years of experience in fighting for better waste disposal in the CAFO industry of Kewaunee. (Isn't it obvious that the daily waste of several hundred confined cattle—a large village--needs to be treated before it is spread over our limestone base?) Utesch's experience with this issue has honed his skills to work on our behalf as other issues arise.

And Tom Nelson, our candidate for the House of Representatives, is a seasoned state legislator (2005-11), with two years (2008-10) as majority leader, and a highly successful Executive

of Outagamie County (2011 -16)! He was chosen as the candidate for Lt. Governor when Mayor Tom Barrett ran for Governor in the infamous recall election. He was educated at Carlton College and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. His family has deep roots in Kaukauna. He has spoken to Door County Dems at picnics and pie parties countless times over the past decade, each time better than the last. His slogan, people over politics, is completely authentic. Yet he appears to be virtually unknown in this election, whereas his opponent, funded by the Koch Brothers et.al. and re-settled in the area from elsewhere to run for office on their behalf, is all over our mail boxes and roads!

This brings me to my third point. Where is the beef (enthusiasm) in this campaign?

We can't let the national media's focus on personalities, gossip and entertainment distract us from doing the good work we learned to do in 2008! Let's get out the signs, attend and give house parties, go door to door in Sturgeon Bay, Algoma and Kewaunee, carry our banner in the Fall Fest parade—whatever we can do to make our great candidates visible to those who have had the wool pulled over their eyes! **Go Dems!**

[Estella Lauter is Past Chair of the DCDP and Board Member from 2005-2012]

P.S. For those who have not heard Russ recently, John Nichols provides an excellent overview of his campaign and his career in *The Nation*, Sept. 26/Oct. 3, 2016, pp. 13-16, or on-line at <https://www.thenation.com/article/russ-feingold-wants-to-lead-a-new-progressive-era-in-the-senate/>

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON-LINE

When it's time to renew your membership in the Democratic Party of Door County, you now have the option to do it on-line using a credit card at <http://www.doordems.org/connections/membership/join-or-renew-on-line/>

Family Farms or Animal Factories? (cont'd)



While some owners will claim they are family farms, many are registered corporations. It may only be a matter of time before a few corporations become the owners of a vast number of Wisconsin CAFOs if the history of the poultry and hog industry is an indicator.

“Family Farmers must stand up to CAFO expansion and not become serfs to their greed,” implores Lynn Henning 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize winner.

As Dr. John Ikerd stated that when it comes to government funding, it is nothing for a CAFO to get a million dollars to expand, while it is a challenge for a family farmer doing rotational grazing to get \$5000 to develop grazing fields (<http://www.johnikerd.com>). Also see *SRAP: The Rap Sheets* at http://www.sraproject.org/pdfs/SRAP_rapsheet_2015.pdf to see the 10s of millions of dollars Kewaunee CAFOs received. It is common for these corporations to actually write state and federal legislation and to use campaign donation purse strings to get the legislation passed. Until we have major campaign finance reform, the power will continue to reside with corporations who treat the land as the tools of profit and animals as a commodity for the greatest gain.

With a powerful lobby in the congress and in the Wisconsin Legislature, it is no wonder we have seen successful efforts to pass ag-gag laws in many states. These laws make it criminal for a person to not disclose they have an affiliation

with an animal rights or environmental group when applying for a CAFO job. In some states, it is crime not to report animal abuse within 24 hours, which makes it very difficult to develop a strong legal case without documentation of ongoing abuse. Fortunately, the passage of these laws has so far failed in Wisconsin.

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is also a threat to family farms. The Food and Water Watch explains that the TPP puts agribusiness and food industry business ahead of keeping our food safe. The act would make it more difficult to implement and enforce domestic food safety laws and would allow imports that do not meet the higher standards required of our farmers and food processors. Our farmers would then be competing against imports of lesser standards.

Congress is expected to vote on the TPP in 2016. Ask your Representative and Senator to oppose the TPP. To take action, visit <http://fwwat.ch/IYkwsKz>. Then question state office candidates on these issues when they speak publicly and submit questions when they debate.

Locally, ask current Wisconsin 1st District Assemblyman Joel Kitchens where he stands on limiting continued CAFO expansion in light of serious ground and surface water contamination and whether he would oppose ag-gag legislation.

We have a clear picture of where Wisconsin 1st Assembly District candidate Lynn Utesch stands on protecting our water resources. He has worked tirelessly on citizen boards to bring improved enforcement and stricter regulation of manure spreading in Kewaunee where 34% of wells tested were found unsafe to drink. A farmer himself, Lynn would vote for legislation that supports family farms, not animal factories.

A vote for Lynn Utesch, would be a vote for protecting the water resources of Wisconsin.

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Calendar of Coming Events

OCT

4 TUE - V.P. Debate Watch Party
7 S 2nd Av, lower level

9 SUN - Utesch Farm Tour and
Fundraiser, 1-5 pm

13 THU - Exec. Board 6-8:00 pm,
7 S 2nd Av, lower level

19 WED - 3rd Presidential Debate
Watch Potluck Party
7 S 2nd Av, lower level

27 THU - Gen'l Meeting 7-8:30 pm,
topic/location TBD

NOV

1- 8 GOTV - Get Out The Vote
All Week (see page 2)

10 THU - Exec. Board 6-8:00 pm,
7 S 2nd Av, lower level

24 THU - Gen'l Meeting 7-8:30 pm,
topic/location TBD