

Winnebago County



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Fair (formerly Action) Wisconsin to Present at Next WCDP Meeting

I am proud to announce that Aaron Sherer, Oshkosh resident and board member of Fair Wisconsin, will be presenting to membership information on how to battle the proposed amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution to ban Civil Unions and Marriage.

While this is a non-partisan issue, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin has taken a bold stand against this discrimination. State Chair Joe Wineke spoke against the amendment at the capitol.

He also released a statement saying:

“Today, legislative Republicans are set to pass a constitutional amendment that is unnecessary, mean-spirited, and discriminatory. Put simply: Wisconsin Republicans are promoting hatred, ignorance, and bigotry in a disgraceful attempt to gain votes at the election booth in November. It is absolutely despicable, and Republican legislators should be ashamed of themselves.

“Never before has the State of Wisconsin added a clause to its state constitution that would discriminate against one group of people. At a time when we should be promoting and ensuring civil rights and liberties for all Americans, Republicans want to turn back the clock. With this vote today, Republicans will bring Wisconsin one step closer to writing discrimination into our state constitution.

“Any way you look at it, this proposed constitutional amendment promotes discrimination – plain and simple. The Legislature should never be a part of it, and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will never condone it. The legislature surely has better things to do than put hate into our constitution -- like passing proposals that make health care, home heating and higher education more affordable for the middle class. It is my hope that voters will reject this shameful amendment and the GOP agenda of fear this November.”

I hope to see all of you there for this important presentation.

Don't forget to bring your resolutions to the meeting as well. This is your chance to influence the DPW platform! Don't forget the joint 6th CD Convention Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00AM.

If you want to be a delegate, contact me at 920.203.6883 or jef@jefhall.com

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

April 12th

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The Delta

**515 N Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics to be discussed this month:

Fair Wisconsin Presentation

*Resolutions for 6th CD
Convention*

*Membership Drive
Organization*

*Delegates for the 6th CD
Convention*

Other Business

Please join or renew your membership!

Join the Party

**Send Check for \$25 to: Mike Norton, Treasurer
1029 B South Main, Oshkosh, WI 54902**

Winnebago County Democratic Party Endorsed Candidates:

Dennis Kavanaugh for Oshkosh School Board

Dennis Kavanaugh is a 21 year Oshkosh resident, married to Cynthia Thorpe for 31 years. He has 2 daughters, both North High School graduates. Dennis has been a social worker since 1971. Dennis is involved in the community with the Oshkosh Symphony, Oshkosh Rotary, the Oshkosh Historical society, and the Wisconsin Correctional Assoc as well as his current position on the school board.

First elected in 1995, Dennis said the children were the community's most important asset and has taken positions that promote a learning environment for all students. Throughout Dennis' tenure on the board, he has been a diligent steward of the district's resources. He has positioned the district that has taken on the tough issues: curriculum alignment, district standards and benchmarks, charter schools for the elementary, middle and high schools. Dennis has supported small class room sizes and rigorous curriculum including strong early interventions with children. He also recognizes that one of the strongest indicators of student success is parental involvement.

Karen Seifert for Judge, Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch IV

I am Karen Seifert, and I am asking for your vote in the April 4, 2006 election for Circuit Court Judge in Branch 4. I have worked for Winnebago County since 1992. I have been a Court Commissioner for 5 years. Over the last five years I have made decisions in over 10,000 matters in the areas of criminal, family, civil, juvenile and probate law. I have the support of the local attorneys because they have appeared in front of me and know that I make well thought out reasoned decisions. I am very involved as a volunteer, and committed to making a difference in the community. The varied areas of my legal experience coupled with my five years of decision making experience make me the most qualified candidate for Judge in Branch 4. I hope you will support me in the election April 4, 2006.

Lee Wilson for Oshkosh School Board

Lee Wilson is a 9 year resident of the Oshkosh Area School District, having had two children graduate from Oshkosh West HS. He is currently Vice President International Sales for Alliance Laundry Systems.

Lee says: "I am 100% committed to the schools in the Oshkosh system and fully supportive of improving school opportunities for each student. I will bring a management style to the board, allowing teachers to teach and the administration to run the system. But I will hold the administration accountable for achieving specific goals each year. I believe that the school board should function as a board of directors and not as a micro-managing oversight committee. We have educators who are trained to operate schools and teach our students. The board should help set goals for the district to achieve and then monitor performance on a regular basis. Goals should be quantifiable and measurable. Great schools will attract new business and new home owners to the Oshkosh area, benefiting our schools and school programming. But we have to have good schools to help attract them to our town."

Jef Hall for Winnebago County Board, District 17

Jef Hall is the current chair of the Winnebago County Democratic Party. His interest in how the political process can make life better for people has brought him to the county board race. Jef is a problem solver who will work tirelessly to provide services for the residents of Winnebago County. Jef will also work to do this within the borders of a balanced budget.

Jef believes that above all, a budget is the moral statement of an organization. He will balance this statement without taking services from the needy or putting it on the backs of Winnebago's working families.

Winnebago County Democratic Party Endorsed Candidates:

Mark Madison for Oshkosh Common Council

Mark has been a proud Oshkosh resident since 1988, and is proud that both of his daughters were educated in the Oshkosh School system and have graduated college. As a social worker, Mark's experiences have included child welfare services in rural Wisconsin; grade-school social work in Omro; and currently at Winnebago Mental Health Institute since 1993, helping children and teenagers with mental health and behavioral problems.

Mark says: "A vote for Mark Madison for Common Council is a vote to keep Oshkosh growing. Some candidates want to cut spending and cut services, leading to a race to the bottom. In these tough financial times, we must make smart, long-term economic decisions that do not balance the city budget on the back of city workers. I support continued progress and redevelopment in order to increase the tax base and keep Oshkosh a vibrant community in which to work, live, and visit. Oshkosh must explore innovative ways to keep our city moving forward. Your vote on April 4th is a vote for to keep progressive, open-minded thinking on the Oshkosh Common Council."

Forest "Woody" Weber for Menasha Common Council

I have served the city of Menasha well for 24 years and have served as chair of all standing committees and am presently President of the Common Council. I plan to continue to publish and distribute an informative newsletter at least twice a year or as issues warrant. I also will continue to answer and return calls regarding any concerns that citizens may have. I will continue to look for practical and fair ways to save tax dollars without loss of services. Please remember to exercise your right to vote, April 4th at Banta School, 328 Sixth Street in Menasha.

Donna Lohry for Winnebago County Board District 14

Donna mother, grandmother and great-grandmother that is very active in senior's issues. As a board member of the Winnebago County Commission on Aging as well as on the regional body, she has worked to make Winnebago County a better place for all residents as well as seniors.

Oshkosh City-Wide Canvases – April 1st and April 8th

Come One Come All!

**On April 1st we will be canvassing Oshkosh in support of our endorsed candidates!
It will be a lit drop only – no door knocking**

**On April 8th we will be canvassing and door knocking to recruit new party members!
Both canvasses will kick off at 9:00AM at Jef Hall's house:**

224A Scott Ave – Oshkosh

Please call 920.203.6883 or email jef@jefhall.com if you can make it to either one!

To present resolutions or be a delegate, you have to be a member. An updated membership form is on the back – please fill it out and send it in (make copies for friends!).

Remember – when you join the Winnebago County Democratic Party, you are also joining the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

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It's Time to Renew Your Membership!



**Join the Winnebago Democratic Party
and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin – in one step!**

Membership form

- New Member
 - Renewal
 - General** (\$25) add just \$10 each for up to three additional members in your household
 - Family** (\$60) includes all family members + bumper sticker
 - Special** (\$10) Senior Citizen, Student, Unemployed
 - Cash in the amount of \$ _____
 - Check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ members enclosed.
- Make check payable to: **Winnebago County Democratic Party**
- Please charge/deduct \$ _____ from the account below (one time charge)
 - Please charge \$ _____ to my:
 - Visa
 - Master Card

Name (s)

Address

City Zip

Phone (day) Phone (eve)

E-mail Fax No.

Date _____ **County** _____

No. of members joining: _____

Congressional district: _____

Please send form to:
Mike Norton, Treasurer
Winnebago County Democratic Party
1029 B South Main St
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Exp Date _____

Signature _____

About Our Organization...
The Winnebago County Democratic Party is committed to seeking out and helping to elect Democrats to office at all levels of government, working to have Democrats appointed to boards and commissions at all levels of government, developing and working for the adoption of progressive positions on political and public policy issues, and working to keep our organization vibrant and in touch with its members and the community as a whole. At a minimum, we need every Democratic-minded person's membership.

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