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Members of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County, left to right, Ryan Waldschmidt, Kim McCollum, Sara Waldschmidt, Mary Thresher, Sam Kaufman, Timothy Bachleitner, Eric Toney, Jeff Manlove, Lillian Nolan, Rob Murphy and Alan Ott attended the Wisconsin State Convention, May 20-22, in Middleton, Wisconsin. Fond du Lac County District Attorney Eric Toney is running for State Attorney General.

State Convention Showcased Republican Values

By Kim McCollum, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Treasurer

May 20-22, Wisconsin Republicans gathered in Middleton for their annual Convention which, on its surface, looked like any other convention. Exuberant attendees and hopeful candidates began arriving on Friday afternoon to check-in and set up for a fast-paced, exciting weekend. But this year, the atmosphere 'felt' a bit different. Granted, tables with candidate materials, multiple organizations' informational documents and vendors with patriotic "swag" for sale lined the walls, halls and ballrooms as usual.

Crowded hallways, ecstatic conversations and groups huddled in private pseudo-meetings appeared, but the whispers that could be

heard over all of the "noise," was something new. Posters, stickers, and numerous stations offered the words, "No Endorsement." Prior to the convention members at their district caucuses from all over the state had learned about and voted on the controversial Grass Roots resolution that would offer no Republican Party endorsements prior to the August primaries. In the hearts of countless Republicans, a strong belief that endorsements were unfair to many of the candidates in their campaigns leading up to the August date, had taken root.

Unfortunately, the late primary date creates an almost untenable situation for candidates

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*"Freedom is never more
than one generation
away from extinction.
We didn't pass it to
our children in the
bloodstream. It must be
fought for, protected,
and handed on for
them to do the same."
— Ronald Reagan*

Two Options Being Considered for GOP Office

By David Seif, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Executive Team

Blessings abound! The Fond du Lac County GOP has been offered two different office spaces in Fond du Lac rent free plus the cost of utilities. The executive team will be weighing the pros and cons of each location and choosing one in mid-June. Help will be needed with cleaning, organizing and set-up in mid-July. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David Seif at 920.960.1849 or davidaseif@charter.net. The grand opening is targeted for August 1st.

2022 Membership

General membership.....\$25
Includes voting privileges in the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County.

Wall of Fame.....\$1,000
We'll put your name on the "GOP Wall of Fame" for covering one month of expenses.

Naming Rights..... \$5,000
We'll name the campaign office center after you, allowing it to be up and running sooner!

All money raised will stay here in Fond du Lac County and will be used to support Republican candidates in our county.

Join online at www.fdlgop.com > join the party. If you prefer, a .pdf membership form can be downloaded and printed. Make checks payable to "FDL GOP" and remit to PO Box 665 Fond du Lac WI 54936. Please include your address, phone and email with the check.

Recruit a New Member!

The Republican Party's legacy compels us to patriotically defend America's values. As the left attempts to destroy what makes America great, the Republican Party is standing in the breach to defend our nation and way of life.

Encourage other like-minded individuals to join our Fond du Lac County Republican Party. There is strength in numbers. Keep the momentum going!



Lincoln Day Luncheon Slated for September 10 at Great Hall on the Campus of Ripon College

By Timothy Bachleitner, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Chair

The Republican Party of Fond du Lac County will host a Lincoln Day luncheon, September 10, in Great Hall on the Ripon College campus.

We will assemble just blocks from where the Republican Party was founded, surrounded by buildings with names like Bovay, Mapes and Brockway. Alvan Bovay played the leading role in creating the nation's first Republican Party organization in Ripon in 1854.

We will attempt to tap into the nobility of that day in 1854 when men and women gathered to set out on a journey to secure the blessings of liberty to every creature of God.



The Lincoln Day luncheon will be held September 10 in Ripon College's Great Hall.

The State Republican Party has recognized the unique place Ripon holds in politics by recognizing the party's true strength with the award which bears its name. The Ripon Award recognizes county parties that increase and retain their membership.

There are two Ripon awards. One is awarded for the greatest percentage increase in membership and the other is awarded for the greatest percentage of membership retention.

The lifeblood of the Party is not the power at the top, but participation at the grass roots level. We are in the midst of a great movement of conservative and republican ideals. You are now formally invited to be a part of this special Lincoln Day event.

The day will be filled with inspirational music from area residents, impassioned speeches from primarily selected candidates, and powerful presentations from conservative political organizations fighting for Fond du Lac County.

Details and more information will follow in coming issues of News & Views.

2022 Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities

Abraham Lincoln Sponsor.....\$5,000
Highest prominence at the event, on the website, and all marketing; Table for ten; Full-page ad in the program book; Top placement on the sponsor list; Acknowledgment on looping slide show, thank you banner, and more!

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Second-highest prominence at the event, on the website and all marketing; Table for ten; Half-page ad in the program book; Silent auction sponsor; Acknowledgment on looping slide show and thank you banner.

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Logo displayed at the event and on the website; Table for ten; Quarter-page ad in the program book; Acknowledgment on looping slide show and thank you banner.

Dessert Sponsor.....\$1,250

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Logo displayed at the event and on the website; Four event tickets; Acknowledgment on looping slide show and thank you banner.

Donald Trump Sponsor.....\$250
Logo displayed at the event and on the website; Acknowledgment on looping slide show and thank you banner.

Silent Auction Gift Sponsor.....\$100
A gift, valued at \$100, will be purchased and donated for the silent auction.

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Full page (5.5" x 8.5")	\$250
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Quarter page (2.75" x 4.25")	\$125
Inside Back Cover	\$350
Inside Front Cover	\$350
Back Cover	reserved for title sponsor



Turning Point Action Senior Field Representative Brett Galaszewski spoke at the May 25 monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County. The meeting was held in Waupun at Werner-Harmsen event center

Authentic, Efficient and Engaging Meetings are the Key to Consistent Member Participation

By Brett Galaszewski, Turning Point Action Senior Field Representative

There are folks who go bar hopping. There are folks that go church hopping. What do I do? I go county GOP hopping. As part of my job with Turning Point Action, I bounce around to different county GOP meetings all over the country.

As a youth-based conservative organization, Turning Point Action helps identify, educate, and empower the next generation of grass roots activists and conservative leadership. In 2-1/2 years of doing this, I have gained a clear understanding of how GOP meetings work and how tough of a sell it is to a young person to get them to step into one. They're usually dry, tedious, and far from engaging for the casual young conservative. As I drove to Waupun on May 25, my expectations were admittedly no different...and then the Fond du Lac County Republican Party meeting started.

This meeting was instantly different than anything I have ever taken part in. The national anthem (sung by Timothy's daughter) was heartwarming and unique. The revolving door of speakers was fast-paced, informative and offered engaging insight into a wide variety of issues facing our party and our local levels of government. The energy of the membership was contagious. And Chairman Timothy's sermon-like words to close out the meeting spoke to me.

From just attending one meeting, I've seen that this group has already leapt the hardest hurdle in figuring out how to keep their meetings engaging to promote consistent turnout.

This is the ticket to getting young involvement at the grass roots level. As a 25-year-old

member of the millennial/generation Z group — an age demographic that is known for having short attention spans — we really embrace the concepts of efficiency and authenticity. And with Timothy Bachleitner and the Fond du Lac County Republican Party you have just that. The real deal.

Whether you're young, old, novice, or a veteran of GOP politics, it's a no-brainer to admit that something vastly different is brewing in Fond du Lac County.

"Something vastly different is brewing in Fond du Lac County."

— Brett Galaszewski

It's new, it's exciting, and it's setting the bar for how county GOP organizations should be run. The landscape

of grass roots involvement as we know it is changing and It's inspiring to see the direction that this group is heading in.

Special thanks to Timothy, Jaedon, Kim, and the entire team for having me out last week and for your warm hospitality. I look forward to seeing you all again very soon!



More than 50 people attended the May meeting of the FDL County GOP at the Werner-Harmsen event center in Waupun.

As the Fond du Lac County GOP gains momentum, we encourage you to "bring what you've got and put it in the pot" because — as the "Stone Soup" folk tale teaches us — "every little bit makes the big pot better."

Volunteers and sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter and on the website.

Share Your Time

Preparing the Office

Clean and set up the new office space and decorate for the grand opening.

Staffing the Office

Distribute campaign info, yard and field signs, make phone calls and answer phones.

Planning for Lincoln Day

Chair Timothy Bachleitner is seeking team members to plan the Lincoln Day luncheon.

Share Your Talents

Researcher

Perform research for elected officials and candidates.

Public Relations

Write press releases for the newspaper and stories for the website and newsletter.

Social Media Admin

Update Facebook page.

Website Editor

Update website.

Share Your Treasure

Newsletter Sponsor ... \$150

Covers the cost of printing and mailing for one month.

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Covers the cost of web design and fees for one month.

Utilities Sponsor.....\$300

Covers the estimated cost of utilities for one month.

Office Supplies

Cover the cost of printer ink, paper, envelopes, stamps, etc.

Lincoln Day Sponsors

For details, see page two.

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Save the Date

June 23County Meeting
 6:30 pm, Fond du Lac
 American Legion

July 21County Meeting
 6:30 pm, Ripon
 Roadhouse Pizza

Aug 9Primary Election

Sept 10Lincoln Day Event
 Great Hall, Ripon College

Bachleitner Reflects on Chairing the County GOP



Timothy Bachleitner

I might have passed on the opportunity of chairing the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County if I knew when elected on February 3rd what I know now. It is a tremendous responsibility, and the demand upon my mind, body and spirit is immense. Having said that, I count this as a great honor, and I wouldn't change a thing about the direction my life is heading. My family and I have been able to use our skills to serve Fond du Lac County again. We are meeting people we know will be lifelong friends. We are helping strengthen the values and principles we came to love about Fond du Lac when we moved here. We are witnessing a resurgence in Republican ideals. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in my leadership. I look forward to many victories ahead!

State Convention Showcased Republican Values...continued from page one

— extra time to run against your own party's opponents, extra money flowing from coffers that could instead be used to defeat democrats, and the short time to bring your campaign into the final stretch. Because this state of affairs will not change in the near future, candidates deal with the fallout.

At the convention and before, countless GOP members asserted that endorsements so early present insurmountable challenges for candidates who still need to work diligently on their campaigns to maximize their effectiveness.

As a result of this fervor, the voices of the Grass Roots were able to add a new rule to the convention protocols — a "No Endorsement" option. (Rule 16, G — lines 1 & 2) *"Each voting delegate shall have the option to cast a vote of 'no endorsement' on each ballot for any office."* Despite intense and sometimes heated debates and discussions, the new rule stood.

Although many delegates did personally endorse candidates, there were not enough votes to claim endorsements. There were two exceptions: overwhelmingly the delegates endorsed Orlando Owens for State Treasurer, and Ron Johnson in his re-election bid for United States Senator.

In the days following the convention, Paul Farrow, State Chair of the Republican Party, reflected on the event. *"The Republican Party was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, of a group of independent thinkers who sought to end the evil of slavery in the United States. To this day,*

Wisconsin Republicans are still independent thinkers — and even rabble-rousers — motivated by a love of country and a desire to strengthen our communities through tried-and-true conservative policies. These conservative ideals are what unite us, and if we effectively spread our message, they are our key to success in the crucial 2022 elections."

My personal takeaway from the convention was excitement on numerous levels. The attendance broke records — perhaps a precursor to November elections. The intensity of people's commitment to integrity in our elections was palpable. The processes that allowed the voices of the "people" to be heard and respected were solid and reaffirming to everyone. The ability to "agree to disagree" was alive and well and indeed is part of the backbone of our democracy.

And finally, after all was gaveled into adjournment, we delegates could walk away from the proverbial "belly of the beast" (Madison, of course) with a renewed vigor and firm beliefs that we will all rally together on August 10 to support those Republicans who represent us on their way to victories on November 8. I'd like to quote our illustrious Senator, Ron Johnson, who stood before us (exhausted but elated as we all were) in the late hours before adjournment on Saturday night:

"We don't want to see Mr. and Mrs. Pouty Faces on August 10 after the primary — we need to rally and support our candidates who go forward to represent ALL of us!"

