

# Eau Claire County Democratic Party



# News

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## Democratic Party Resource Center

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### Democratic Party Potluck Picnic

Thursday, August 18, 5 p.m.  
Carson Park, Pine Pavilion



The picnic replaces our August meeting.

### August 9<sup>th</sup> Election Reflections

While it would have been amazing to win three seats and the majority control of the Senate on Tuesday night, winning two seats was extraordinary and historic. All six Republican Senators that faced recall were in districts designed for Republicans. All six Senators won in their districts in 2008 despite a huge victory by our President Barack Obama. This was not a simple challenge, and you rose to occasion! Citizens who had never knocked on a stranger's door to ask political questions did so. Grassroots volunteers who had only been on the receiving end of political phone calls picked up the phone and made thousands of calls to other citizens. In the end your work was rewarded with two progressive, committed and energetic young women to serve our state. Congratulations to Senator Jennifer Shilling and Senator Jessica King! Serve us well—we need you!

Though we didn't win the extra seat necessary to regain Democratic control of the Senate, it's clear the Republicans were scared of your grassroots energy, because they threw record amounts of money into each of these recall races to try to save themselves. It's also clear that they fear elections in 2012 and beyond, because on Tuesday, shielded by the attention focused on the recall elections, Gov. Walker signed into law the new Protection Plan For Republicans—otherwise known as redistricting. The new map proves that the GOP is not interested in good governance but very interested in consolidating as much power as possible into their own hands. Heavily partisan districts reduce the need to be held accountable for votes that affect an entire state and tend to create legislators who never have to compromise or look beyond their own backyards. This is a time for leaders with bold vision; not tunnel vision. Here is a link to the maps:

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/ltsb/redistricting/bills.htm>

Martin Luther King said, "We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools." Let's remember his wise words as we continue our work towards a prosperous, fair and just Wisconsin.

Jeff Smith and Kristen Dexter,  
Co-Chairs, Eau Claire County Democratic Party

### Calendar of Events

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| Sat., 8/13                   | Pure Water Days Parade<br>Chippewa Falls<br>(See details on page 2)           |
| Thur., 8/18<br>5 p.m.        | Annual Picnic<br>Carson Park, Pine Pavilion                                   |
| Wed., 8/31<br>6:30-8 p.m.    | Big Ideas Forum: Labor Equals<br>Business<br>(See details on page 2)          |
| Mon., 9/5<br>10 a.m.         | Labor Day Picnic, Phoenix Park<br>(See details on page 2)                     |
| Sat., 9/17<br>10 a.m.-6 p.m. | International Fall Festival<br>Downtown Eau Claire<br>(See details on page 2) |

Thursday, August 18, 5 p.m.

Carson Park, Pine Pavilion



# AUGUST POTLUCK PICNIC

Bring a dish to share.  
Everything else will be provided.

**Grilled chicken  
will be provided  
by Eddie Nelson,  
a generous supporter  
of the Democratic Party**



**Food at  
5:30 p.m.**



Music, great conversation, games, etc.



**The Mission of the Eau Claire Democratic Party is to promote democratic and progressive principles and to elect Democratic and progressive candidates—from town halls to the White House**

**UNITING ALL WHO LABOR:  
Labor Day Picnic at Phoenix Park**

**Monday, September 5, 2011**

**Sponsored by  
The Greater West Central Area Labor Council**

**10:00 a.m.—Laborers Walk to Phoenix Park\***

**11:00 a.m.—Rally at Phoenix Park**

**Noon to 3:00 p.m.—Picnic and prizes  
Brats, hot dogs, plates, utensils, coffee, pop,  
and beer provided by the Labor Council**

**Open to “All Who Labor”  
Not just for union members**

**No Charge  
Donate a non-perishable food item  
and bring a dish to pass**

**Bring a lawn chair  
Tables provided, not chairs**

**\*WALK LOCATIONS (Starting Points):**

**City Shops – Forest Street**

**Court House – Oxford Street**

**Fine Arts Building, UWEC – Water Street**

**Longfellow School – Birch Avenue**

**Parking Lot – Gray and Farwell**

**Big Ideas Forum:  
Labor Equals Business**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2011**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**UU Congregation  
421 S. Farwell  
Eau Claire**

**International Fall Festival**

**Saturday, September 17, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Eau Claire**

**The Eau Claire County  
Democratic Party  
will again march in the parade  
and also have a booth outside  
our Resource Center.**

**Parade—3:00 p.m.  
On Barstow from Lake Street  
To Phoenix Park**

**Let the Resource Center know  
if you are willing to spend an  
hour or two staffing our booth.**

**Booth set-up begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Shifts: 9 – 11 a.m., 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.,  
1 – 3 p.m., 5 – 6 p.m.**

**Call 715-852-0330**

**Pure Water Days Parade**

Join us at the Pure Water Days Parade at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13 in downtown Chippewa Falls. We are #68 and are gathering on Spring Street between Bridge Street and Rushman Drive. Wear red, white or blue shirts and bring appropriate signs. It's time now to show Chippewa County how determined we are!

We need to show support for Congressman-to-be Pat Kreitlow in the 7th CD (for those of you in the northern part of Chippewa County).

We need to show our support for Congressman Ron Kind, our new congressman from the 3rd CD (for those of you in Chippewa Falls and southern Chippewa County). While Congressman Kind is out of the country at the moment his staff will be here with a van and signs.

We need to show Chippewa County that Democrats here are ready to go to work again!