



Democratic Party of MONROE COUNTY

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From Your County Chair

by *Mary Von Ruden*

I am going to start having meetings on the last Tuesday of each month! I have had several people ask to meet regularly, so we'll give it a try. **Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th, starting at 5:30 p.m.** We will hold these meetings at our Sparta office, which is located at 221 S. Water Street. It's next door to the Morrow Home parking lot.

Dem Candidates Set for Primary on August 13

The deadline for candidates to file paperwork to be on the November ballot was Monday, June 3. With the deadline passed, we know who will be on the August primary ballot.

For Senate, Democrat **Tammy Baldwin** is running for reelection. Her GOP opponent will be decided at the August primary.

For the 3rd Congressional District, three Democrats have filed to run against GOP incumbent Derrick Van Orden: **Rebecca Cooke, Katrina Shankland, or Eric Wilson.**

For the 7th Congressional District, two Democrats have filed to run against GOP incumbent Tom Tiffany: **Kyle Kilbourn and Elsa Duranceau.**

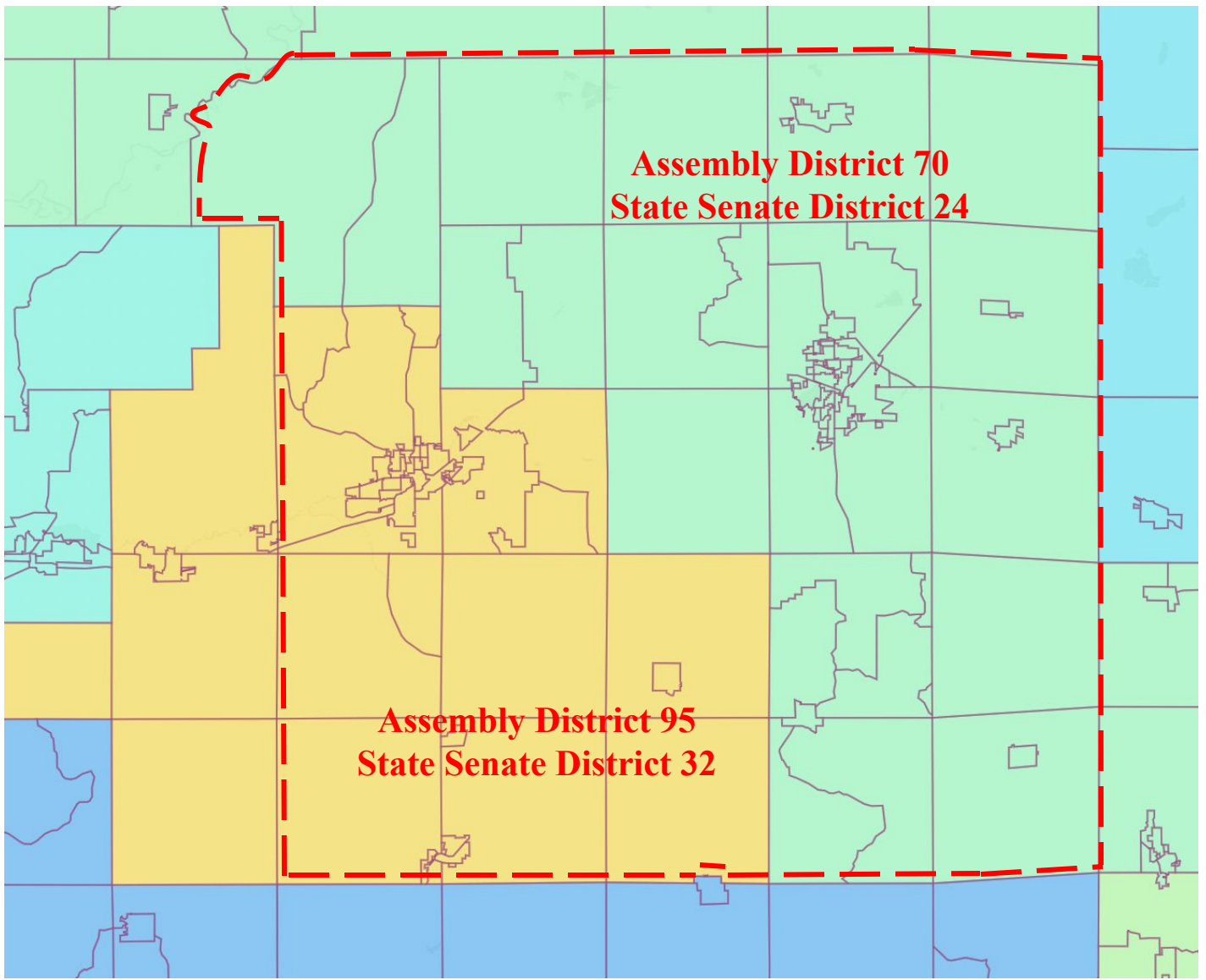
For the 70th Assembly District, two Democrats are running to take on GOP incumbent Nancy Vandermeer: **Remy Gomez and David Heffel.**

For the 24th State Senate, **Collin McNamara** is the Dem nominee.

For the 90th Assembly District, Democrat **Jill Billing** is running for reelection.

For the 24th State Senate, **Brad Pfaff** is running for reelection.

We are working on a candidate guide for the August primary, which will be available in our office, at the Monroe County Fair, and be mailed to Dems in the county. Stay tuned!



These are the new district maps for the state legislature. This map was created by [Dave's Redistricting](#). We added the red lines to show the boundaries of Monroe County.

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Three Candidates Running to Replace Derrick Van Orden

There are three Democrats running for the 3rd Congressional District.

State Rep. [Katrina Shankland](#) has been a member of the Assembly since 2013. In announcing her candidacy, Shankland said, “We need a candidate who is battle tested, who has a proven track record of not only winning elections but outperforming the top of the ticket in those elections.”

[Rebecca Cooke](#) is a farmer and small business owner from Eau Claire. On her campaign website, Cooke writes, “I won’t solve all our problems overnight, but I’ll sure as hell try. We might not see eye to eye on everything, but I’m going to fight for this region’s future.”

[Eric Wilson](#) is a 30-year-old graduate of UW-Madison. His campaign website states that he “will advocate for accessible health care, quality education, economic growth, sustainable farming practices, and policies that uplift and empower all residents.”

The fall primary will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The winner of that primary will face Van Orden in the November election.

A reminder that the Monroe County Democratic Party does not endorse candidates in a primary. We may promote events for candidates, but that is an offer we extend to all primary candidates.

Help Us Keep Our Office Open and Well Supplied

The Monroe County Democratic Party relies on donations from its members. We don’t hold fundraisers or yearly picnics like some counties, and we don’t make you pay for yard signs or campaign literature.

If you’d like to help support us, please consider donating via [ActBlue](#) or by mail: MCDP, 221 S. Water Street, Sparta, WI 54656

Checks can be made out to “Monroe County Democratic Party.” Please include your profession when you donate, for reporting purposes.

Any amount is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Two Dem Candidate Running for 7th Congressional District

The 7th CD is the largest district in the state of Wisconsin. Beginning along the Lake Superior shoreline, the 7th CD stretches all the way down to the northeastern corner of Monroe County. The 7th CD is currently represented by Tom Tiffany, a Republican.

Two Democrats will be on the August ballot for this seat. The winner of the primary will face Tom Tiffany on the November ballot.

The first is [Kyle Kilbourn](#). A resident of Oneida County, Kyle's vision for the 7th CD includes policies that "transcend partisanship, emphasizing good governance and civic engagement for a more equitable society."

According to his campaign site, he also believes in "strengthening our community by supporting working families and promoting a sustainable, prosperous future" and prioritizing "the unique needs of rural areas," with a focus on "environmental stewardship and enhancing the quality of life."

The other candidate is [Elsa Duranceau](#). Born and raised in Merrill, Elsa is a graduate of UW Madison and served in the US Air Force. According to her campaign site, she will "fight for our rights to privacy and bodily autonomy, including women's right to abortion as healthcare," supporting farmers with "effective programs and policies," and funding "that supports qualify, affordable child care."

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Sparta Office Hours

Our office at 221 S. Water Street in Sparta is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If you'd like to stop by but want to make sure someone is there, feel free to call the office phone at (608) 633-2674.



Monroe County Democratic Party in the Butterfest Parade

The Monroe County Democratic Party once again had a float in the Sparta Butterfest parade.

We want to thank all of the volunteers who came out, walked in the parade, and handed out candy.

We also want to thank State Rep. Jill Billings and State Senator Brad Pfaff for walking in the parade with us. Both now represent a good portion of Monroe County, including the city of Sparta, and will be on the ballot in November.