



Democratic Party of MONROE COUNTY

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From Your County Chair

by Mary Von Ruden

Democrats are working to make Wisconsin a better place. The stakes are high, but if we all pitch in, we can make it happen.

Senator Tammy Baldwin is being attacked by her opponent, a millionaire from California, who thinks nursing homes and seniors voting is a not the way to do business. We need to make sure we support Tammy and get out the vote for her this November.

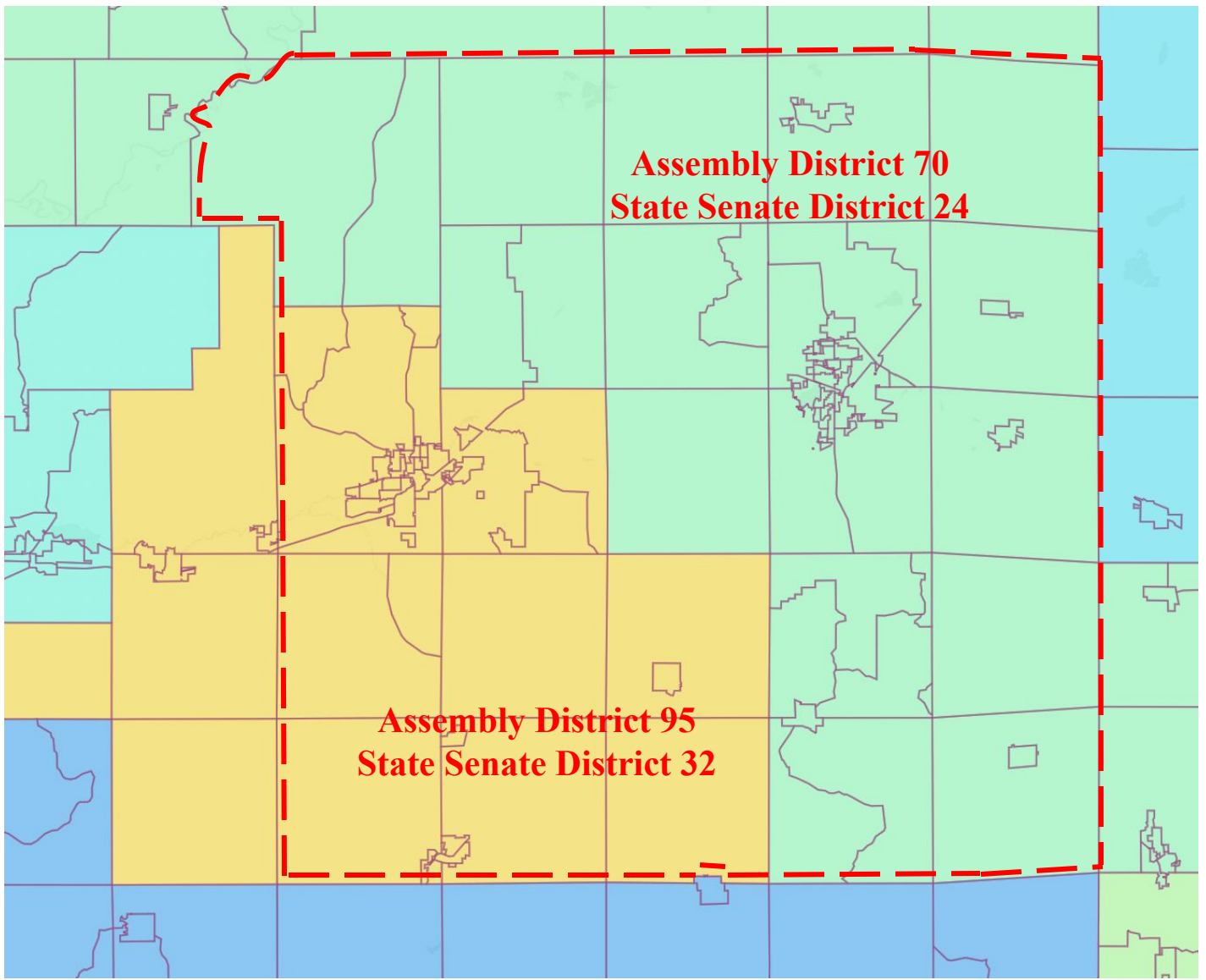
We want to give people hope. We want to guarantee that anyone who wants to make a living wage can do so. We support people who want a good job, safe working conditions, a home to raise a family, clean air and clean water, and an environment that is protected for their children and grandchildren. We support public schools so they can provide a good education for our children.

You will hear candidates saying we should cut Social Security and Medicare. They will call them “entitlements,” but we need to push back on that. We have paid for both since our first paychecks. I worked in a nursing home that hired high school students for certain jobs, and when they get their first paychecks their first question was always “who is FICA?” and “who gets money out of our check?”

If they work until they retire, with all the money that a person puts in, it’s not an entitlement. It’s earned. We need candidates who support our way to a better WI.

Make sure everyone is signing nomination papers! This is the first hurdle of our journey. The office will be open for signing from 3-5 so we are here.

Let’s let Monroe County know who is working to make us proud.



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

As of February 1, there are three candidates 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 have declared their candidacy for the 7th CD.

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.