

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

GALATIANS 6:9

Elephant Tales

2025 3rd Quarter



THE FOX HOLE

The 2025 Fall Dinner, which is just around the corner, will be held October 11th at The Golden Sands Golf Course at 300 Nabor Road, Cecil 54111. Happy hour will begin at 11AM, with the meal served at Noon.

Following the meal, there will be speakers. We have Congressman Tom Tiffany candidate for governor, Congressman Tony Wied and State Senator Eric Wimberger. Senator Wimberger just completed the first ever audit of the Department of Public Instruction. Tell your friends and share the Elephant Tales.

As always RSVP to Tom Oster @ 563-543-9603.

BIG VOTE AT THE PICNIC: We have not changed our costs to become a member for several years. As all of you are aware, all costs for everything have gone up during the Biden years. Meal costs in 2021 were \$18.71 including tax and tip, today it is \$26.08. Advertising in the Market Messenger has risen 31% since 2021, plus costs for advertising on the radio have gone up 60% since 2021.

We support candidates by advertising. We raise money for advertising by the donations you make as a part of your membership. We also make money when events are well attended and people purchase the 50/50 raffle tickets and raffle basket tickets. This is why the donations of raffle baskets are critical. We also make money from purchases at our headquarters.

Review the attached changes to memberships in this edition of the Elephant Tales. We will ask for people to begin to renew memberships in late October. Remember, we will hold your check until January 2nd. The reason we begin renewal so early is to have operating funds for January plus we would prefer not to chase delinquent memberships late into the year. So, plan to send in your 2026 membership in October, November or December 2025.

THANK YOU

The majority of you were not aware, but The Shawano County Republican Party was in a very dire financial situation this last year following the Lincoln Reagan Trump Day Dinner in early May 2025. We needed funds badly.

A plea was e-mailed out to a few who have demonstrated that they had been willing to donate extra money in the past. I will not name them here, but several people stepped up with a total of several thousand dollars which carried us financially through May – June & July. In August we had the gun show, which gave us enough money to get through the end of the year.

A Big Big Thank You to everyone who donated money to get us through those three months. Without your help we might have lost the headquarters and much of what we have built up these past few years. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sat. Sept 20 th	Bonduel Founders Day
Sun. Oct 5 th	Caroline Colorama Parade
Sat. Oct 11 th	Fall Dinner - Cecil

REMEMBERING CHARLIE KIRK

Born in Chicago on October 14, 1993 and was assassinated at a college in Utah, September 10, 2025. Charlie co-founded Turning Point in 2012 and was the executive director. He had a popular podcast reaching over 3 million viewers. He also had a Christian action organization and spoke at Christian events.

He was hated for his strong stance against abortion and LGBTQ grooming. He was the voice of the college age conservatives. He organized college professor watch groups to push back against indoctrination on campus by professors. Charlie organized a watch group to push back against WOKE policies on school boards. He was best known for his willingness to go to any college to debate students in the "Arena of Ideas". Charlie simply asked questions that angered the left.



Charlie was not hateful, but his strong beliefs and opinions made it easy for Liberals and the LGBTQ community to hate him. Charlie was assassinated for being willing to discuss ideas.

Charlie got married to Erika Frantzve Kirk in May 2021. Charlie leaves behind a 3-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son. Please pray for Charlie's family as they grapple with the loss of a husband and father.

QUOTE FROM CHARLIE KIRK: *You cannot silence an opinion by ending a life. You only prove its worth!*

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf

SHAWANO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Thank you to members: Doris Oster, Rose Bunker, Diane Porfilio, Nancy Krueger, Joyce Hagen, and Janice Schmidt for working shift(s) at the County Party Booth at the fair. Also, Connie Kucksdorf for ordering the children's giveaway items and Mary and Jim Egen helping with getting supplies to the booth and decorating.

This summer SARW provided and served lunch at the 2nd Annual County Party Gun Show. That is a large project and thank you to all who worked, made desserts and Mary Egen for making the main dish, the pulled pork.

Then there was the County Party picnic, where our members provided delicious pies and had a Basket Raffle.

Next up we are participating in the local Headstones event, honoring Vietnam Veterans, Sat. September 20th. The event is held at the Woodlawn Cemetery and our members will be providing dessert for the meal at the American Legion after the event. This event is presented by: Shawano Co. Historical Society, & City of Shawano Parks & Rec. Dept. in cooperation with AMVETS, SHAWANO AMERICAN LEGION AND VFW.

Thank you to everyone who supports our activities. Have a great fall!

Virginia Jesse, President SARW

The Chairman's Corner: September 2025

The Democratic Party and the Culture of HATE

As you listen to the Democratic Party's spokesman, on the national level or locally, with rare exceptions, the message being preached is hate. At the County Fair the Democratic Party clearly displayed this for all to see. I ask, as many have, why is this? I believe that the people who express this hatred whether written or spoken have a deep-seated hatred for themselves. When you see someone who has chosen to mutilate their bodies with excessive tattoos, uniquely colored hair and metal piercings they are telling you they didn't like the way they looked prior to that. When you see or hear people participating or supporting trans gender surgery, they are also telling you they don't like the way they or others were born. When you hear people constantly screaming about racism, white supremacy, patriarchy, etc. these are also signs of deep-seated hatred. These actions speak volumes about how they view themselves and that in turn fuels the hatred of others seen so often in various forms of media. These people need a villain to blame their problems on and many have chosen Donald Trump as their villain. Listen to the Democrats blame everything from Climate Change to the cost of eggs on one man. They used every lever of power from Russian collusion to Letica James to stop one man from becoming President. Since they could not stop him, they have to continue to vilify him at every turn. They could not give him a single ounce of credit for anything he has accomplished; else they would nullify their hatred. Listen to members of Congress like Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ayanna Pressley and you will hear the most hate filled anti-American rhetoric imaginable. If you listen closely, you will hear the self-loathing in each of these people. So, what is the antidote for this disease? As St. Paul writes "Faith, Hope and the greatest of all Love". We must show patience and express that we do not hate but are willing to engage in constructive conversation and to actively pray for these people. They then have to reflect inwardly and examine their individual issues and attempt to heal themselves. If not, the continuous rhetoric of hate will continue. Keep the faith as this too shall pass. Until we meet again...

Timothy W. Steffen, Chairman Republican Party of Shawano County

8th DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN

TONY WIED

I had a great month at home with all of you during August recess. During this time, I had the opportunity to travel across Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District, including multiple stops in Shawano County, and talk with small businesses and hardworking families about the work we've done in the House of Representatives during the first half of the year.

It was great to tour dozens of small businesses, meet with first responders, stop by county fairs, and visit with our farmers. There is nothing I love more about this job than being back in the district with you. Before heading back to Washington in September, I wanted to make the most of my time here listening to business owners and community members to better understand how I can continue working on your behalf.

As I traveled around the district, I heard time and again that the work we are doing in Washington is helping lower prices for families and make our communities safer.

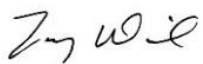
Some of the biggest achievements of President Trump and House Republicans so far come from our Working Families Tax Plan. These cuts include no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, an expanded child tax credit, and tax reductions for seniors on Social Security. These policies will have real impacts on working families across Northeast Wisconsin and will put more money back in your pockets.

On top of that, our border is now more secure than at any other point in our nation's history. House Republicans have ensured that DHS and ICE have the tools they need to continue deportations and remove criminals from our streets.

However, the work is far from over. As we return to Washington this week, I am committed to continuing the fight to lower prices, reduce reckless federal spending, and work with President Trump to keep putting America First.

As always, I will keep you updated on the work we are doing, and I look forward to continuing to fight for you every single day.

Sincerely,



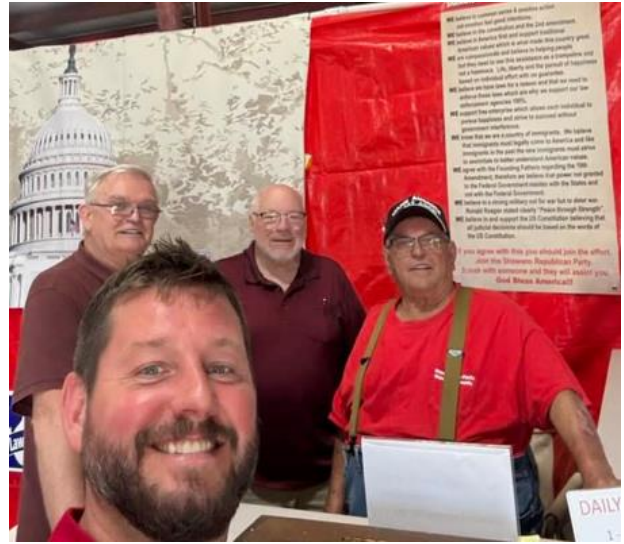
Rep. Tony Wied



A Message from State Representative Elijah Behnke

Since my last update, I've been working in Madison while staying connected to families, businesses, and local leaders in the 6th Assembly District.

Just before Independence Day, the Legislature passed the 2025–2027 State Budget. I'm proud to report a major win for care providers and the people they serve: the Family Care Minimum Fee Schedule, a motion I authored and introduced. This policy sets consistent payments for care providers and ensures support for Wisconsin's most vulnerable, including those with developmental disabilities, seniors, and people with chronic care needs. Without it, facilities faced closure and clients risked eviction. Touring centers such as Community Alternatives in our district showed me firsthand how vital these providers are to families and communities.



I also introduced Assembly Bill 346 to modernize our outdated fleet registration system. The current system works for rental cars but excludes larger vehicles. My bill expands eligibility to heavier trucks and trailers, giving businesses a faster, more efficient process.

This fall, I am working on legislation to consolidate Wisconsin's elections into one primary in early summer and one general election in the fall. Too many elections throughout the year cause low turnout and confusion. Streamlining will increase participation, save money, and protect election integrity.

I've also stayed active in the district, meeting with business owners, attending fairs, and listening to constituents.

If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, please contact my office.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

Sincerely,

Elijah Behnke
State Representative, 6th Assembly District

Shawano County Fair



Thank you to all of the volunteers!



ERIC WIMBERGER PINTS & POLITICS



ANNUAL PICNIC!!!



I am honored to represent the 87th Assembly District this session. The 87th includes parts of Marathon, Waupaca, Portage and Shawano counties. In Shawano County, the 87th includes the Villages of Birnamwood, Eland, Wittenberg and Tigerton.



As a freshman this session, I am proud to have authored several important pieces of criminal justice legislation. These include a bill to require a parole officer recommend revoking probation, parol or extended supervision for a person who reoffends while free on one of these privileges. Another bill would have precluded a prosecutor from unilaterally dismissing or amending charges in cases involving several serious crimes. Unfortunately, Governor Evers does not take public safety as serious as I do because he recently vetoed the first of these two bills.

However, I am proud to be co-authoring another bill that I anticipate being signed into law. This bill aims to address the growing online crime of sextortion whereby vulnerable teens are lured into inappropriate online communications and then threatened with release of the information unless they comply with demands for money. One of my 15 year old constituents recently took his own life after falling victim to this scheme. The legislation I am working on would make this act a class B felony, punishable by up to 60 years.

Outside of my work on the criminal justice committee, I was happy to see the state budget pass on July 3rd. While a compromise, this budget delivered \$1.5 billion in tax cuts for our state's workers and retirees by expanding the middle class tax bracket and exempting tens of thousands of dollars in retirement income.

I am looking forward to the fall session as I continue to work on additional legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments or concerns.

Rep. Brent Jacobson

PROMOTE THE FALL DINNER

OCTOBER 11TH Golden Sands, 300 Nabor Rd, Cecil, WI

Happy Hour 11 AM Eat at NOON

Speakers will follow the meal.

We have Congressman Tom Tiffany candidate for governor - Congressman Tony Wied and State Senator Eric Wimberger. Wimberger will share the findings of his audit of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The more people attending, the more people in the 50/50 and the raffle baskets!!!

PROMOTE PROMOTE PROMOTE = start texting and emailing friends = tell them to text and invite friends!!!

PS when you promote this tell people not to come at 1159 because they will be taking chicken around and they need to get there to buy raffle tickets.

MEMBERSHIP - PROPOSED CHANGES

After several discussions at our monthly meetings this is what has been approved by unanimous vote at the picnic:

CURRENT

APPROVED CHANGES BELOW:

<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>single</u>	<u>couple</u>
\$20.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$50.00

Patriot Level

\$75.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
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Lincoln Level

\$125.00	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$350.00
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MEALS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$50.00

Picnic

\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
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All prices effective 1 January 2026.

Students currently enrolled in school \$5.00

Associate members from other counties \$20.00

REMEMBER: We will begin asking for 2026 memberships near the end of October. Just like the past few years we will not cash your check until the 2nd of January.

Josh Schoemann – candidate for Governor Wisconsin

As the son of a Lutheran minister and a registered nurse, service has always been in my DNA. I made that choice personally when I joined the Army National Guard nearly a year before Sept. 11, and ever since returning from deployment in Iraq I've dedicated my life to earning the service and sacrifice of those who didn't make it home, either in whole or in part.



As County Executive of Washington County, I have a demonstrated track record of getting government out of the way and helping my neighbors pursue their dreams. We've actually shrunk the size of county government by about 25 percent. Overall tax collections are the same as they were 12 years ago, and the tax rate is as low as it's been since before World War 1.

Meanwhile, we've developed innovative solutions to address the housing crisis and help more families own their own home. We developed a comprehensive strategic plan to make sure our roads and bridges are maintained -- and we've funded it through 2050 while cutting taxes. And while some businesses and governments were doing mandates and lockdowns during, we were called the freest county in America.



That's the roadmap for what I'll do as governor.

When President Trump was campaigning in Wisconsin last fall, I was on the bus tour. Reminding crowds to fight, fight, fight to restore our great nation. We need to restore Wisconsin as well. Too many of our friends and family are leaving Wisconsin for other states like Florida, Arizona and Texas. They still cheer for the Badgers and Packers, but they do it from a state that's a lot cheaper to live. We need to fix that. We need to once again make Wisconsin a great place to be, not just be from.

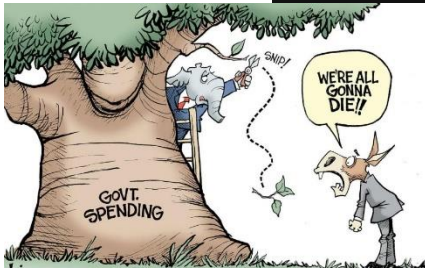
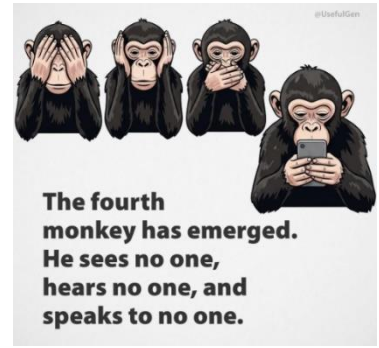
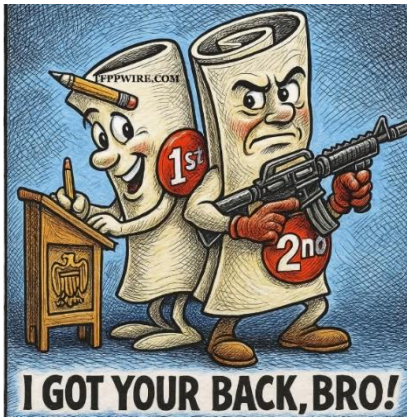
The opportunity is here. The time is now. Together, we can ensure that Wisconsin's brightest days are yet to come. With your help, and God's, we'll make that happen.

2026 Wisconsin Governor Poll

You can cut and past the link below to see a poll taken the same week of our picnic. Realize that Josh Schomann has been a declared candidate for about 6 months. Bill Berrien has been a declared candidate for about 4 months plus Bill has spent several million on advertising. Despite all of that Congressman Tom Tiffany who has not declared as of 30 August leads by a large margin.

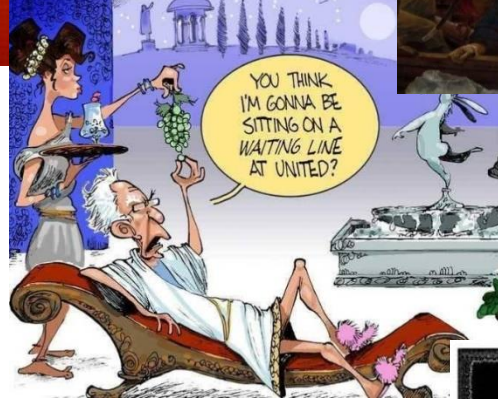
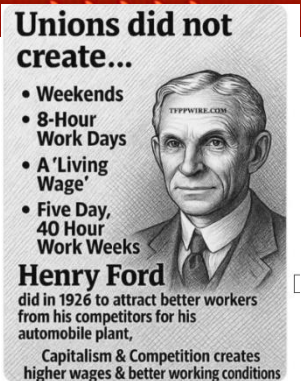
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Democrats used to burn crosses in the yards of blacks to intimidate them. Now democrats are burning Teslas in the owner's yards for the same reason. Nothing has changed about the democrat party in over a century. The tactics are still the same!

"To applaud a politician because he has built a hospital, a school, road etc with public money is the same as applauding an ATM because it gives you your money"



If common sense was lard, most people wouldn't be able to grease a pan.



Just for Fun