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SENATOR MOULTON TO RETIRE, OTHERS ANNOUNCE

After 12 years in the Legislature, eight as a state Senator and four in the Assembly, Terry Moulton has announced that he will not seek another term.

Those who know Terry were not totally surprised by the announcement. The 23rd Senate district covers Chippewa, parts of southern Barron, Dunn, part of Eau Claire and Clark counties and has been in Republican hands for most of the last 30 years, the exception being a four year stint when the seat was held by Senator Pat Kreitlow from 2006 to 2010.

The announcement of Moulton's retirement was quickly followed by an announcement by state Representative Kathy Bernier of Chippewa Falls, who was also pondering retirement from her 68th Assembly seat. Instead, she announced that she will run for the now open 23rd Senate seat of Moulton.

Bernier has been in the Legislature for the past eight years focusing on mainly rural and agricultural issues in her district, a district that could get much larger if she is elected this fall to a four year Senate term.

The 23rd Senate is now an open seat, as is the 68th Assembly district. Elsewhere, the 91st Assembly district is open as current

office holder Dana Wachs is not running for re-election, instead is running for Governor. The 31st Senate is also an open seat as Kathleen Vinehout is also running for Governor. Both the 91st and 31st Senate have enough announced Democrats running to prompt a primary on August 14th with the general election in November.



Bernier



Moulton

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM ON SPRING BALLOT

Voters will have an opportunity to cast their vote of whether the State of Wisconsin should do away with the office of State Treasurer.

This measure has been discussed often over the past three or four election

cycles, but it now goes to the voters to decide. Most of the powers that the office had have been moved to other positions in the state. Opinion is split between having the office as a watchdog for the state's finances and others who feel the job has served its time and

should be removed. As it is a constitutional position, candidates run for the office just like any other election, and there are candidates on the fall ballot for the job that may not exist in the future.

Voters decide April 3rd.



REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

3rd Annual RPAC

AUCTION

Thursday, May 3rd

Horizons in Tilden

Refreshments & Social Hour begin at 5:30

Auction Starts at 6:30

Contact Brianne to register or donate items

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ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN MINING BILL NOW OFF

The mining bill that was on then off in the Legislature to allow for a Georgia company to fill in a small portion of a wetland in order to develop a frac sand mine and processing center is now off for the year.

After the floor session ended in the Assembly, an attempt was made to attach the bill to a special session piece of legislation that was going to be debated as part of an extraordinary session to

deal with the Governor calling a special election to fill a Senate and an Assembly seat, even though the legislative session has concluded.

However, that bill is now dead, as is the special session. Senators did not approve of attaching the bill to any other legislation that would have been taken up, and the process for filling in the wetland

and replacing it with 630 acres of restored land, including wetlands are still going thru the approval process. The DNR has approved a permit for the facility, but the Ho Chunk Nation appealed.

An administrative law judge recently heard testimony on the appeal but has not made a ruling on the project that would create over 100 jobs.

We are in need of items for the 3rd Annual RPAC Auction on Thursday, May 3rd at Horizons in Tilden. Contact Brianne at the board office to submit your auction items.

MY VOTE LETS YOU SEE THE BALLOT

My Vote Wisconsin is a state run website that gives you information about who is on the ballot where you live. By adding your address, you can find out where your polling place is, who is on the ballot, and see referendum questions.

Also included:

If you are registered to vote, you can access the fol-

lowing by entering your full name and date of birth:

- View a list of elections you have voted in
- Check your current registration information
- Update your name and address
- Request an absentee ballot
- Find your elected officials

If you would like to find out who's on the ballot where you live, go to the following address for more information:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo>



HOME REPAIR FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

Housing rehabilitation funds are available to qualifying homeowners to assist in repairs such as roofing, siding, wells, septic, heating, electrical, windows, doors, sewer and water laterals, and handicapped accessibility modifications. Funds are in the form of a zero percent interest, deferred payment

loan, secured by a mortgage. The property must be titled in the owner's name, property taxes current, and the property insured. Landlords with qualifying rental units can access zero percent interest loans amortized up to 10 years. Applicants must fall at or below certain income limits based on household size.

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission, based in Spooner, is administering the program which represents the counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, and Washburn. For more information and an application, contact Kim Gifford at 715-635-2197 or kgifford@nwrpc.com.

save THE DATE



2018 RPAC Auction

Thursday, May 3rd Reception 5:30pm — Auction 6:30pm

Horizons Conference Center — Tilden

Register via email: GADIntern@ranww.org

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE WORKS ON SAND ORDINANCE

The Independence city council has begun work on an ordinance that would be a template for the development of a frac sand mine on the outskirts of the city.

Currently, land that was annexed to the city is the home of a Hi-Crush sand mine with a conditional use permit and city regulations and monitoring. The ordinance dictates the amount of truck traffic, noise, lighting and hours of operation. City

organizers are using the Arcadia mine and its documentation as a guideline by which to create conditions of operation for the new mine, with input from the community and industry experts.

The new mine is expected to be in operation for 20 to 25 years and is expected to move about 80 million tons of frac sand by truck and rail,

with the processed sand destined for oil wells in western and northern Texas, where increased competition for Wisconsin's Northern White sand is being felt with operators using more locally sources, smaller grain sand readily available in Texas which also decreases their shipping and operating costs. For now, Wisconsin's sand is still in very high demand, which is expected to increase with time.

SAVE THE DATES:

May 3 — 3rd Annual RPAC Auction at Horizon's in Tilden

May 15-19 NAR Midyear Conference & Expo

June 6th — Open House at the new RANWW / RANWWMLS Offices

The success of these events depends on YOUR participation and is a GREAT way for new members to be involved in YOUR Association!!

NEW CITY PLANNER IN CHIPPEWA FALLS

Jayson Smith was as much of a city fixture in Chippewa Falls as Leinenkeugels or Cray computers. After a 36 year career as the city's planner, Smith retired in January.

His successor traveled about 4 blocks to his new office.

Brad Hentschel, who has worked down the street at Short Elliott Hendrickson is

the new city planner. While at SEH, Hentschel has worked on a number of projects in the city, so he has a vast knowledge of what the city has been involved in and plans for the future development in and around the city.

Brad brings more than a decade of experience working at SEH and will bring that to his new position. Along with Smith, Hentschel has been

involved with the new Chippewa Riverfront project and the development along north Bridge Street.

Development continues in and around the city, particularly near the industrial park that recently saw a million square foot Mills Fleet Farm distribution center open its doors.

WANTED: 30 NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN LDC IN 2018

Your Association has had great success in recent years with participation in the Large Donor Council. An investment of \$1000 or more (\$700 to Direct Giver / \$300 to RPAC). We are among the top 3 in Wisconsin in participation and we want to increase that number while making it budget friendly.

Thru April 30th, using your Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card, WRA will deduct \$100 a month for 9 months, with \$100 down. That will raise \$1000, giving you funds to support candidates for local races and state races in November. We currently have 30

LDCs and we want to add 30 more this year. You will have the opportunity to renew your participation every November. You set the date the funds come out each month.

Politics will be huge this year, we need your participation in the LDC!!!!

*Call Sandy Bolgrin
at WRA to set
up your LDC
membership:
800-279-1972*





LARGE DONOR COUNCIL

SPECIAL LDC SIGNING PERIOD

\$100 Down/\$100 a month until December

RANWW is looking to expand our number of Large Donor Council members. This is a way for you to join, spread your investment out over ten months, and receive the perks of LDC membership as soon as you agree to be an LDC.

Investment is \$100, charged monthly to your credit or debit card. You can use what has accrued in your account to support local, state or federal candidates. LDCs are \$700 for your use and \$300 to RPAC.

Contact Bruce (bruce@ranww.org) or call Sandy @ WRA to set it up. 800-279-1972



REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL DIRECT GIVER SIGNING PERIOD

\$50 a Month/9 Months

RANWW is looking to build the number of Direct Givers. Instead of paying hundreds all at once, this is a way to spread your investment out over nine months, and have a source of dollars to support candidates at the local, state or federal level.

2018 will be a huge year politically, your participation will be essential!!

The investment is \$50 a month for nine months charged monthly to your credit or debit card. 100% of your investment can be used to support candidates for any elected office, local, state or federal.

Contact Bruce King (bruce@ranww.org) to sign up or call Sandy Bolgrin at WRA to set up your payment at 800-279-1972.

COMING MAY 3RD



2018 RPAC Auction

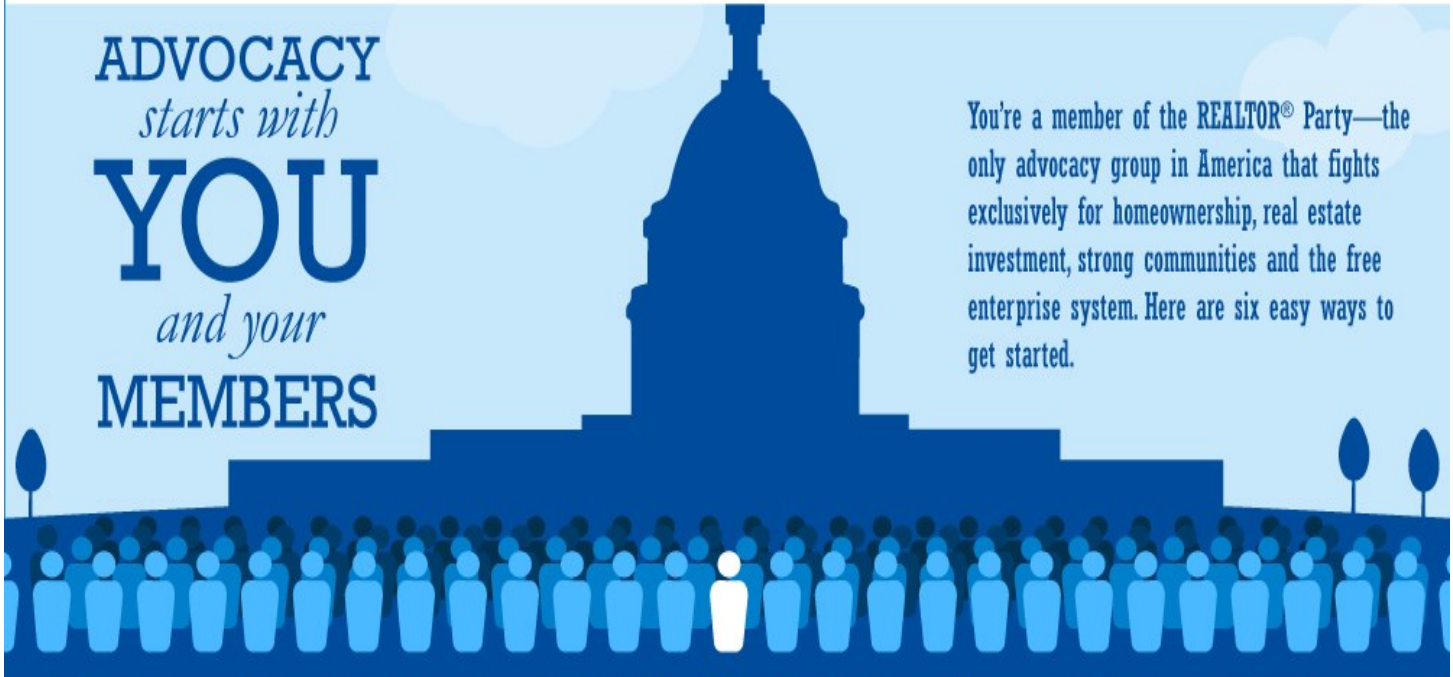
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starts with
YOU
and your
MEMBERS

You're a member of the REALTOR® Party—the only advocacy group in America that fights exclusively for homeownership, real estate investment, strong communities and the free enterprise system. Here are six easy ways to get started.



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Register To Vote	REALTOR® Party Mobile Alerts	Follow Us	Visit Us Online	Check Your Email	Do Your Research
Our goal is to have as many of our members registered and at their polling place on Election Day as possible	Text REALTOR to 30644 to have national and state calls for action sent directly to your phone	Follow the REALTOR® Party on Facebook and Twitter. Use #REALTORParty in your posts.	Stay tuned to www.realtoractioncenter.com for the latest news and information	The REALTOR® Party News newsletter is sent the 2nd Thursday of the month	Learn who your elected officials are and where they stand on real estate issues

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“OUR MISSION IS TO HELP OUR
MEMBERS BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN
REAL ESTATE”

The REALTORS® Association of Northwestern Wisconsin is the largest association in terms of area, stretching from Millston, Whitehall and Fountain City to the south all the way to Cable in Bayfield County to the north. We are the fourth largest of the 19 Associations in terms of membership. Your Association covers 355 units of local government, monitoring a wide variety of issues that can and do affect you. In addition to local government, your GAD also monitor issues at the state and national level that will have a direct or indirect impact on housing and the industry, as well as legislation that can affect the consumer. Your Government Affairs Director works with members and affiliates to raise investment dollars for RPAC that help to support elected officials that support your business. RANWW is one of only three REALTOR® Association’s in Wisconsin that have their own PAC, which was started 38 years ago to support candidates at the local and state level. We maintain a Facebook page, called “The GADabouts”, that aims to keep you up to date on political issues that will affect your business. Your GAD also produces a periodic government affairs program posted on our YouTube channel, RANWWTV!!



MY THOUGHTS—BY BRUCE KING

2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Your Association is marking the event with its own example of Fair Housing. On the Association’s YouTube channel, you’ll find Dan Lawler, Stacey McKinney and John Flor engaged in a scenario. It’s an excellent investment of six minutes of your time. Here’s the link:

<https://youtu.be/zFEAJ665X-Y>

Speaking of John, he is running for Treasurer of the National Association of REALTORS®. The election will be held during the Legislative meetings in May. And

that’s not all. Since he has to be in Washington DC anyway, John will be inducted into the NAR RPAC Hall of Fame. John has committed a cumulative total of \$25,000 in his career to RPAC. Thank you John and congratulations!!!!

Terry Moulton formally gave his notice that he will not be running for re-election this fall. Terry has been in the Senate for eight years and the Assembly for four years prior to that. He has maintained a 100% voting record on real estate issues and will be missed. Representative Kathy Bernier

will not run for re-election to her Assembly seat to run for Terry’s, leaving the 68th Assembly seat open. The 91st Assembly seat in Eau Claire and the 31st Senate seat in Alma are both open seats. Primaries will be held on August 14th for both.

The US Supreme Court has not made a decision on two gerrymandering cases that have been presented to it. They are looking at a third case and may not rule until late June on them. Or, they may decide to do nothing at all. Their decision could have a huge impact for years to come on how maps are drawn for representation.

