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SCHACHTNER UPSETS JARCHOW IN 10TH SENATE RACE

State Representative Adam Jarchow of Balsam Lake lost his bid to move to the open 10th Senate seat vacated by Sheila Harsdorf when she joined the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection as its director.

St. Croix County medical examiner Patty Schachtner won the 10th Senate

Harsdorf which runs until 2020 when she will need to run again to keep the seat for a full four-year term.

The GOP-controlled Seante now stands at 18-14 with a vacancy in the 1st Senate district which will not be filled until the fall election as the current Senate floor period is set to end by mid-March.

Jarchow will run for re-election in the 28th Assembly district this fall.



special election by nearly 11 percentage points. She will fill the unexpired term of

In other fall election news, 92nd Assembly representative Trig Pronshinske, who also serves as Mayor of Mondovi, will have two Democrats vying

for his Assembly seat. Small business owner Rob Grover from Galesville and Jackson County Supervisor Max Hart are both registered and will meet in a primary in August.

Pronshinske also has competition for his seat as Mayor. That race will be determined on April 3rd.

In our Association area, incumbent Senators Janet Bewley in the 25th and Terry Moulton in the 23rd have filed to run again.

Candidates running for state office can begin circulating nomination papers on June 1st and will need to get them turned in by 5pm on Tuesday July 3rd to get on the fall ballot.

TWO MASTERJOHNS RUNNING FOR OFFICE

It's not everyday that two people from one family run for seats on a county board, but that's what is happening in Washburn County.

Dave Masterjohn, who represents District 12 as an incumbent will run in the

spring election unopposed.



His daughter Christina, is running against an incum-

bent in District 6. Christina is a REALTOR® for Coldwell Banker East-West in Spooner, while Dave is President of Masterjohn Appraisal in Spooner.

The spring election is April 3rd.



Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Concourse Hotel and State Capitol in Madison

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4 CONTESTED RACES FOR EAU CLAIRE COUNCIL

It doesn't happen too often, but this year, there will be contested races for district seat on the Eau Claire City Council. All five incumbents, Dave Klinkhammer, Kathy Mitchell, Tim Tewalt, Andrew Werthmann and Bob Von Haden are running. At large member Terry Weld, REALTOR® at Donnellan Real Estate in Eau Claire is running. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Eric Larsen who left to work with the Eau Claire Police depart-

ment as a consultant. Weld needs to run for the balance of Larsen's term.

Two of the district's seats will be contested. Kathy Mitchell's seat will be opposed by Jeremy Grangert in District 3. Jeremy is involved with the Third Ward neighborhood and serves on many committees particularly with increasing access to bike trails around the city

and sits on the Montessori governance board. In District 1, Emily Berge will oppose Tim Tewalt. Berge is a licensed councilor and says she is concerned with the lack of community involvement with regards to decisions made by the council.

The spring election is Tuesday, April 3rd. Be sure you learn all you can about the candidates and their positions before voting.

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.

SENATE BILL 727 INCLUDES EAU CLAIRE PROJECT

For two years, the city of Superior has been working on a project known as "Better City Superior", which aims to bring a conference center, mixed use development, a waterpark and hotel, along with a large theater to the downtown area near UW Superior.

The community is solidly behind this effort. Is a refer-

endum last year, 82 percent of eligible voters turned out and the referendum passed with over 75 percent in the affirmative.

However, in order to make it happen, an exposition district needed to be secured thru legislation. It's similar to what the city of Milwaukee used to lure the Milwaukee Bucks to a new arena and development just down the

street from their current location.

An exposition district uses a tax up to two percent in the district on hotels, food and beverage to offset development cost, most of that will be borne by the developers of the project, who will bring in substantial investment dollars to develop the district. Now, after delays (*continued below*)

EXPOSITION DISTRICT CAN BE USED FOR SONNENTAG

Senate Bill 727 has been introduced. A coalition of interests have been promoting the bill for months. Now, lead author Senator Terry Moulton and Senator Janet Bewley have attracted a bipartisan effort to bring the bill to a public hearing. That hearing was held on January 30th. Representatives from

the Superior/Douglas County area as well as both Republicans and Democrats in the Chippewa Valley are all co-sponsors of the measure. The bill does not require any state or federal monies, it gives the authorization to local units of government to tax up to two percent if they see a need to do so. The bill will go thru the

Legislature during February and will likely get signed by the Governor prior to the spring floor period ending in mid-March. Superior already held their referendum, Eau Claire will need to hold a referendum, probably in November, to get taxpayer go ahead to establish the exposition district for the Sonnentag Events Center on Menomonie Street.

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

Horizons Conference Center — Tilden

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ASSEMBLY BILL 600 PASSES TO HELP CABLE

Authored by 75th Assemblyman Romaine Quinn (R-Rice Lake), Assembly bill 600 would give the town of Cable the ability to help the development of the Telemark Ski Lodge, which currently is in the planning stages of expansion and redevelopment of the entire property. The prospective new owners are encountering a few issues as they press forward, once those issues are resolved, they will be able to move forward with their plans for the often

closed resort. AB 600 will help them in that endeavor.

What AB600 does is it gives the town of Cable the authority to establish a Tax Incremental District or TID, something you'd normally find in a city the size of Rice Lake or Eau Claire.

TIDs are generally reserved for communities

with \$500 million is taxable property and a population over 3500.

The Telemark Lodge project is expected to generate over \$25 million to the area and increase employment to the facility of 160 to 180 full and part-time people.

The Senate is expected to take this up during their February floor period.

SAVE THE DATES:

February 7—REALTOR® & Government Day in Madison

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

May 22 — Phone A Friend For RPAC at the board office

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

LARGE HOG OPERATION NOT HAPPENING IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY

A large hog operator that has facilities in Clark county was planning to install three large hog operations in central Chippewa County between Chippewa Falls and Cornell.

Those facilities will not be coming to Chippewa County after all.

The operator, Old Fashioned Pork out of Jackson,

Minnesota says that the farms would not be a good fit in the areas they were going to build and objections from many of the neighbors that would be near the three facilities compounded the chances to move the project forward.

Concerns about decreased property values, the smell and possible lake and stream contamination coming from facility runoff were the reasons

cited for ending the project.

Also complicating the process was the differences in zoning regulations that were in play in the county. Of the three sites, there were two different sets of zoning criteria and three sets of permits needed for manure retention and soil testing before a permit could be issued.

WANTED: 30 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 March 31st, using your Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card, WRA will deduct \$100 a month for 10 months. That will raise \$1000, giving you funds to support candidates for local races in the

spring and state races in November. We currently have 30 LDCs and we want to add 30 more next 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!!!!

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February 1st thru March 31st

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



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SPECIAL DIRECT GIVER SIGNING PERIOD

February 1 to March 31st

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 ten 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 ten 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.



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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

As you can imagine, we are in full political mode *already!!* The cycle seems like it's 24/7/365. For me, that's pretty much the case. We just saw a special election that saw an upset in the 10th Senate special election. We are seeing incumbents in a few Senate and Assembly districts with competition, same goes for local races for school boards, city councils, county boards, and circuit court judgeships.

Things to watch for as we travel thru the next few months. The spring election will feature a race for an open Supreme Court seat,

which will be elected for a period of ten years. All the local races will be decided on April 3rd.

Sometime this spring, the United States Supreme Court will make a ruling on Wisconsin's election maps. Based on that decision, it could mean anything from leaving the maps as is, changing them slightly or completely redrawing the boundaries which will have a huge impact on those individuals running for Senate, Assembly and Congress. And we are not alone, the high court is hearing arguments from three other states that one

party has “gerrymandered” for their own power. I expect a ruling sometime between March and June 1st, which is the first day the candidates for state office can circulate nomination papers. I'm sure they would like to know where exactly their districts are.

Both this spring and this fall, it is incumbent upon all of us to understand the positions of all candidates running for office both local and state, then take that knowledge to the voting booth and exercise your right to vote. That right you have can't be redrawn or rescinded, it's yours, be sure you use it in April and November.

