

THE GAD REPORT

VOLUME 11, ISSUE 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

COUNTY DA NOW HAS TWO OPPONENTS

Trempealeau County District Attorney Tavvi McMahon has been under fire for months from members of the public, his own department, the County Board and law enforcement regarding the operation of his office and his handling of cases that come before the court that some claim result in McMahon being unprepared for trial and the sentence recommended by McMahon is often times far too lenient.

County assistant district attorney John Sacia has filed to run for District Attorney.

Shortly after filing to run, current DA Taavi McMahon was suspended

from his position and remains on leave. Sacia's leave is currently under review by



the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Meanwhile, county corporation council Rick Niemeier has filed to run for

District Attorney. Running as a Republican, he will avoid a primary between McMahon and Sacia that will be held on October 2nd.

The winner of the primary will meet Niemeier in November. McMahon has attempted to link Sacia with a race for Trempealeau County Sheriff that he accuses Sacia with benefiting from an endorsement by one of the candidates. The candidate in question has not endorsed Sacia or Niemeier.

In a statement, McMahon stated that he would welcome a debate between himself and Niemeier.

MONDOVI SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM SET

The Mondovi School Board will have two referendum questions on the November 6th ballot.

The first question will authorize the school district to issue general obligation bonds up to \$18 million and to allow the referendum to

occur for the amount stated. Monies from the referendum will be used to fund repairs and upgrades around the building including HVAC plumbing and electrical work, security upgrades at the entrances and changes to the foot traffic patterns throughout the

building. The referendum will also use \$54,000 in state school safety grants for the elementary school for entrance improvements and other security measures for all buildings and create a safety team for the buildings.



LARGE DONOR COUNCIL

**SUMMER/FALL LDC
SPECIAL INVESTMENT**

**\$250/month for
four months,
check or CC/debit
card. Contact
Bruce to sign up
today. OFFER
ENDS 9-30-18**

bruce@ranww.org

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY DA HAS TWO CANDIDATES	1
MONDOVI SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM	1
LARGE DONOR COUNCIL SPECIAL FOR SEPTEMBER	2
KWIK TRIP FOR DURAND?	3
ADVOCACY BEGINS WITH YOU	4
HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!	5
MY THOUGHTS	6



LARGE DONOR COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL

Join the RPAC Large Donor Council, and spread your investment out over four months.

An investment of \$250 per month for four months, with \$700* in Direct Giver dollars that you can use to support candidates and incumbents running for local or state office.

The remaining \$300 goes to RPAC, and is divided between NAR, WRA and RANWW, we receive 40% of your \$300 investment.

Your investment supports candidates and incumbents that support real estate, land use and other legislative initiatives as well as local candidates.

**Contact Bruce today to set up your investment.
(bruce@ranww.org)**

**(Recognition as an LDC is immediate upon agreeing to invest \$1000 over four months, the first \$300 of your investment goes to RPAC, the balance is your to invest as you see fit. Ends 9/30/18)*

RPAC EXPLAINED: WHAT IT IS



The REALTOR® Party and the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) work together to protect and promote homeownership and private property interests. In fact, RPAC is the backbone of the REALTOR® Party.

Since its inception in 1969, RPAC has promoted the election of pro-REALTOR® candidates across the United States at all three levels of government. Candidates who

receive support from RPAC are not selected based on their political party or ideology, but solely on their support of real estate issues.

Through RPAC, REALTORS® raise and spend money to elect candidates who understand and support their interests. The money to accomplish this comes from voluntary investments made by

REALTORS®. REALTORS® freely make these investments because they know it's a wise investment in the future of their profession and the free enterprise system of this country.

In short, RPAC enables REALTORS® to support candidates who support issues that matter to them at the federal, state and local level.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE 2018 RANWW INSTALLATION BANQUET AND PAST PRESIDENTS SOCIAL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH BEGINNING AT 4:30. DINNER BEGINS AT 6:30 WITH AWARDS AT 7:15. CONTACT KIM (KIM@RANWW.ORG) TO REGISTER.

FRAC SAND USERS LOOK FOR CHEAPER LOCAL ALTERNATIVES

An article in the Bismarck North Dakota Tribune discussed the recent uptick in the amount of frac sand being used for drilling oil wells in North Dakota and other states. Texas is turning to locally sources, but softer grain sand to use with the rapid expansion of oil and natural gas drilling.

Northern white sand is the

hardest sand available and is almost exclusively found in Wisconsin. Frac sand mines and processors are running full out to provide product for wells across the country, but rail loading and transportation issues are prompting more operations to look at getting a portion of their sand from local or regional sources. North Dakota and the Bakken are using 2500 to

5000 tons of sand per well. Locally sourced sand is readily available, is in close proximity to operations and is cheaper to produce and transport to oil wells. Operators are looking to at least try locally sourced sand as part of their operations, but demand for sand produced primarily within RANWWs jurisdiction shows no sign of slowing down anytime soon.

DURAND AND KWIK TRIP NEGOTIATING

The City of Durand and officials from Kwik Trip are discussing the possibility of locating a new Kwik Trip at the current location of the Pepin County Highway shop. The facility, which has been at the same location since the 1920s would have to be checked for possible contaminated soil before any deal

could be reached. Next, the Pepin County board would have to purchase land for the new shop site. Construction of a new facility could cost more than six million dollars

Kwik Trip would pay \$1 million for the current highway shop location and would have to pay to demolish buildings at

the site. The site faces Highway 10 and is three blocks from the Durand Travel Plaza, a Shell gas station and McDonald's restaurant.

Minor changes would need to be made to the entrance for the site as a driveway already exists on the corner.

ADVOCACY
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.



STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6
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

www.realtoractioncenter.com



RANWW

Realtors® Association of Northwestern Wisconsin



LARGE DONOR COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL

Join the RPAC Large Donor Council, and spread your investment out over four months.

An investment of \$250 per month for four months, with \$700* in Direct Giver dollars that you can use to support candidates and incumbents running for local or state office.

The remaining \$300 goes to RPAC, and is divided between NAR, WRA and RANWW, we receive 40% of your \$300 investment.

Your investment supports candidates and incumbents that support real estate, land use and other legislative initiatives as well as local candidates.

**Contact Bruce today to set up your investment.
(bruce@ranww.org)**

**(Recognition as an LDC is immediate upon agreeing to invest \$1000 over four months, the first \$300 of your investment goes to RPAC, the balance is your to invest as you see fit. Ends 9/30/18)*



**REALTORS® ASSOCIATION
OF NORTHWESTERN
WISCONSIN**

3460 Mall Drive
Suite 5A
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Phone: 715-828-1976 home office/text
Phone: 715-835-0923 board office
E-mail: bruce@ranww.org

Bruce King
Government Affairs Director

WWW.RANWW.ORG

“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 central Bayfield and southern Ashland county to the north. We are the fourth largest of the 19 Associations in terms of membership. Your Association covers 375 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 39 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

Plenty going on as we head into fall. Election campaigns are going all out in the two months left before the November 6 election.

In addition to the mid-term elections, there will be a smattering of referendums in Mondovi and other communities for school safety work and other building needs.

Housing studies are underway in Eau Claire and Altoona, and in Barron County. Other studies will begin after the first of the year in the northern part of the jurisdiction.

Faster Internet will be

available soon in Cameron, Ridgeland, Almena and Dallas as part of a \$21 million loan for broadband expansion. Mosaic Telecom will bury 675 miles of fiber-optic cable in the communities with speeds up to 1 gigabit per second. Cameron will receive fiber this year with Almena getting lines installed next year.

Opioids are a fast growing problem for many communities in our jurisdiction. In Ashland however, law enforcement will have to find another way to deal with the crisis as voters rejected a \$1 million spending referendum

to combat opioids and other drug problems by nearly a 2 to 1 margin. The final vote was 1988 no and 1098 yes.

The county will need to draw from their contingency fund to help pay for officer overtime, jail space and other expenses association with the problem. Other options may include drawing money from road maintenance with the budget being exhausted in less than four years if no additional financial resources can be found soon.

The election is about 60 days away as of this writing. Be sure you know where the candidates stand and make sure you get out and vote.

