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Bonnie Wilhelm Endorsed for House of Representatives in 13B

By Bonnie Wilhelm

At the May District 13 B Endorsing Convention, Bonnie Wilhelm was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed as the candidate to represent the conservative values and principals of Kandiyohi County. She stressed that an enormous tax burden on the citizens and on businesses will likely only grow if the “unimaginative Democrats” are allowed to continue to “solve” the looming budget deficit. Stimulatory tax cuts to grow the economy appear a better option to her.

Bonnie needs and deserves our support. She says, “Please never pass-up an opportunity to talk to everyone you know about our conservative values.”



4th of July Parade at Spicer

Remember the Primary on September 9, 2008!

Winner of the \$100 Gas Gift Card

Marlene Knutson of Willmar won the \$100 gift card from the Kandiyohi County Fair survey drawing.
Congratulations!




Stay Informed

The Kandiyohi County Republican Board want to keep you informed about policies that affect your lives and future. To do this, we are creating a website and continuing with *The Patriot*. To be fiscally conservative, future issues of *The Patriot* will be available by email. If you have access and are interested in receiving *The Patriot* by email, submit your email address to: info@kandiyohirepublicans.com.

Look for our web site:
www.kandiyohirepublicans.com

GOP Headquarters!!!!

By the time you read this the Kandiyohi County Republicans will have signed a lease for an election headquarters. It is located at 1104 First Street, Willmar (formerly known as “Hair on First”). Tentative plans call for the office to be open Monday through Saturday from September 6th through November 8th (set-up Sept. 1-5). Our headquarters will be used for many campaign activities, such as distributing campaign literature regarding our Republican Candidates and their lawn signs, and a place to meet and share ideas.

Our headquarters needs to be furnished with desks/tables, chairs, other office supplies, but most importantly it is in need of **VOLUNTEERS** as office staff. We have never attempted a project like this in the past (at least as most of us can recall,) so your ideas, input and HELP are needed to make this work for all our candidates. We have raised enough money for rent, but contributions to fund overhead, insurance and advertising costs are requested. Please, if you have not yet taken advantage of the Minnesota Political Contribution Refund program yet this year, you can still do so. The State of Minnesota will refund the first \$50/person or \$100 per couple given to state or local political parties or its candidates. If you have already given perhaps you can help us a little bit more, or if you are unable, you could donate your time and help behind the scenes working towards a victory in November.

Thanks for all you do to promote our conservative cause.
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Republican National Convention Volunteers—

Three Board members will be volunteering at the RNC: Rollie Nissen, Paul Hoffer and Alysia Heidecker. We wish them safety and look forward to hearing about their experiences. Stop by the GOP Headquarters to find out.

Your contributions to the Kandiyohi Republicans are used locally to fund parades, the fair booth, caucuses, conventions and our goal of establishing a future campaign headquarters.

Yes, I will help the Kandiyohi County Republicans! Here is my check (made payable to Kandiyohi County Republicans) in the amount of:

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The election of 2008 will be one to remember. The United States is undergoing changes faster than we can consciously take them in. Barack Obama is “parading” the world with his campaign of “change” as a world citizen, while John McCain is seemingly afraid to voice his convictions of leading the United States.

To stay informed at an accurate pace, you need to search out reliable news sources. Printed copies are usually out of date before it arrives in your mailbox. Print is now seen as a supplement. Yes, as American citizens, we have to adapt to our changing world while maintaining our Patriotism and allegiance to this great democracy!

As intelligent citizens you know that your news should come from many sources, each one is biased, yes, even the conservative ones.

There are various sources you can search to stay informed, but by no means is this list comprehensive.

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Are Our Conservative Social Values at Stake?

According to various news sources, the Democratic Party may be calling for the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) at their national convention. Also they are requesting the assistance of pro-life pastors to help them “moderate” their pro-abortion platform. In Minnesota, legislation was voted on that further threatened the family. An amendment by Rep. Laura Brod would have required nurses to notify parents if a girl under the age of 12 sought and received oral contraceptives. Our current state representative Al Juhnke voted against it. He also opposed an amendment that would have required a physician to notify a parent/guardian if a powerful oral contraceptive is dispensed to a minor. He also supported the authorization of benefits for same-sex partners and domestic partners of state workers.

Because fuel prices and the economy are likely the main topics in this year’s election, the citizens need to be mindful of the social issues that are present and will be voted on in the 2009-2010 session. For more information on how your elected officials voted you can go to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, or Minnesota Family Council, Taxpayers League of Minnesota, and Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Supreme Court Rulings

On April 28, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 decision (Indiana’s voter ID law) that states can require voters to produce photo identification. Opponents to this ruling stated that it will keep some poor, older and minority voters from casting ballots. Twenty-five states require some form of ID. The Minnesota legislature voted down photo ID as a requirement. Antonin Scalia wrote “the burden of acquiring, possessing and showing a free photo identification is simply not severe, because it does not ‘even represent a significant increase’ over the usual burdens of voting.” Justice David Souter said, the law “threatens to impose non-trivial burdens on the voting rights of tens of thousands of the state’s citizens, ... voters who are poor and old.” Justice Stevens in his comments said “we cannot conclude that the statute imposes ‘excessively burdensome requirements’ on any class of voters.” (Excerpts from Associated Press)

On June 12 the Supreme Court also ruled in a 5-4 decision to award the right of habeas corpus to enemy combatants. According to Webster habeas corpus is an “order requiring that a prisoner be brought before a court at a stated time and place to decide the legality of his detention or imprisonment.” This ruling extended the right that we have as American citizens to prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay. The unintended consequences of this ruling will be disastrous to our soldiers abroad.

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Bonnie Wilhelm

For State Representative 13B

* A Fresh Vision in St. Paul

* Working for our Conservative Principals

* Preserving our American Rights!



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