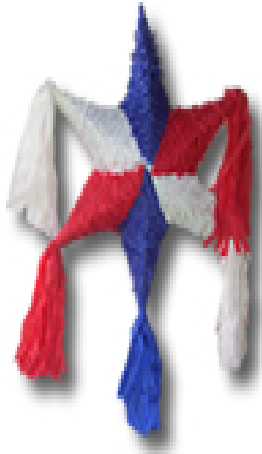




# The Democratic Voice

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## LCDP

Fundraiser

# SUMMER FIESTA!

Sunday July 29

From 12-5pm

North Side Oktoberfest Grounds  
La Crosse, WI

Please join us for

Food (Fajitas, Brats, Hot Dogs & Veggie Options)

Beverages, Live Music, Raffles & Silent Auction

Children's Activities Planned; Crafts, Games & Piñata Breaking w/ Prizes

6 yrs. & Under, Free

7-16 yrs. \$5 • 17+ \$10

(Admission Includes Entrance, Meal & Children's Games)

Paid For By The La Crosse County Democratic Party, Jason Gillette Treasurer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**LCDP SUMMER FIESTA**  
Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Northside Oktoberfest Grounds  
La Crosse

**La Crosse Pride Festival**  
Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight

Southside Oktoberfest Grounds  
La Crosse

**LCDP General Party Meeting**  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
7:00 PM

Ho Chunk Nation 3 Rivers House  
724 Main St.  
La Crosse

**Labor Day Parade & Labor Fest**  
September 3, 2007  
Parade: 10:00 A.M.  
Labor Fest: 11:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.

Gillette-Caledonia Streets,  
North end of Copeland Park  
La Crosse

**LCDP CHICKEN Q II**  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
11:00 to 6:30 P.M.

Location to follow

**Kind Korn Roast**  
Mid-September

Time and location to follow

Attention all Party Members:

The Newsletter is online at [laxdems.com](http://laxdems.com)!  
If you don't receive the online newsletter and haven't received online updates through the campaign, please update your address by sending an email to: [laxdems@yahoo.com](mailto:laxdems@yahoo.com)

## LCDP MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!**

The LCDP needs volunteers now to for party building and 2008 election preparation. We need a special effort in '08, particularly in the 94th Assembly District.

The membership committee will coordinate this effort. Please contact either:

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far and I hope to see many of you at the Summer Fiesta this coming Sunday.

Please remember that we need volunteers to continue the process of building our local organization. We cannot and should not count on the DPW or presidential campaigns to provide the needed organization next year. We know this area best and our organizational work now will make it much easier for Democratic candidates - for the office of President on down to the courthouse positions - to be successful in 2008.

The most powerful Republican in the State of Wisconsin, Mike Huebsch, is from La Crosse County. This should provide extra motivation for all of us. Again, thanks for your support and hope to see you at the Summer Fiesta on July 29 and our next meeting.

Fabio Burgos, Chair, La Crosse County Democratic Party

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## DEMOCRATIC QUOTES OF MONTH

"The nation's labor force is its  
most  
productive asset." - Harry  
Truman

"Let us examine our attitude  
toward peace itself. Too many of  
us think it is impossible. Too  
many think it unreal. But that  
is a dangerous, defeatist  
belief." - John F. Kennedy

"Every gun that is made, every  
warship launched, every rocket  
fired signifies, in the final  
sense, a theft from those who  
hunger and are not fed, those  
who are cold and not clothed."  
- Dwight Eisenhower, who would  
be a DEMOCRAT today.

## THANK YOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Much thanks go out to those who helped at the LCDP table at the Interstate Fair from July 10 to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kris Troyanek, Barb Clark, JD Wine, Rod Rusch and Jan Slaght did a great job setting up the booth on July 10.

Thanks to Linda Bechly, Stan Berg, Vicki Burke, Shannon Glynn, Jason Gillett, John Medinger, Mike Parker, Kris Troyanek, Matt Ullsvik, Marcia and JD Wine, Margaret Wood and Hank Zumach for staffing the booth through the rest of the week and the weekend.

Congratulations to Tim Gruenke, who was appointed by Governor Doyle as La Crosse County District Attorney, the first Democrat in this position in over 20 years. We look forward to seeing Tim at our events for many years.

## 2007- LCDP Board Members:



### Executive Officers:

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**Pablo Ruiz:** Secretary, 738-8251, [Pablo.ruiz@LMBerry.com](mailto:Pablo.ruiz@LMBerry.com)

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## Republican Budget Hits La Crosse Hard

*GOP Budget guts School District, Higher Education, and Local Public Services Funding*

By Rep. Jennifer Shilling

In addition to slashing K-12 classroom funding by \$85 million, higher education and student financial aid by \$125 million, and the state's environmental conservation program by almost \$1 billion, the Republican budget also cuts millions of dollars from our local school district, university, technical school, and human service organizations.

Unfortunately, the Republicans took a meat cleaver to the state budget and let their own stubborn ideology get in the way of sensible budgeting. La Crosse is getting socked by this budget, from elementary school students, to college students, to low-income workers, to pregnant women, to homeowners. This budget is just plain bad for the residents of La Crosse.

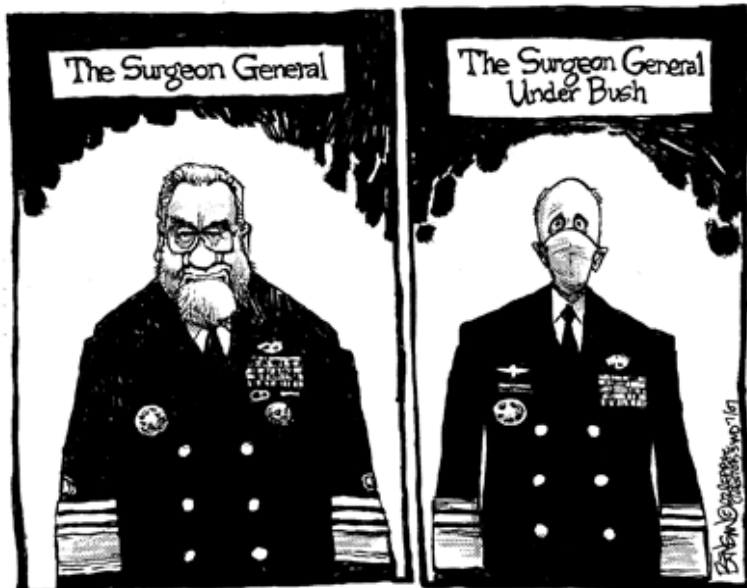
Here are a few examples of the impact that the Republican budget will have on the La Crosse area:

1. **La Crosse school district cut by \$1.4 million,** resulting in 19 teachers being lost
2. **UW-L funding cut by \$4 million;** this will have a dramatic impact on the ability of our university to provide a top-quality education and increased access for students
3. **Western Technical College cut by \$2.8 million;** as well as a system-wide cut of \$3 million in training program grants and a \$1.6 million cut in the youth apprenticeship program, which fund local initiatives such as the welder training program that prepares young adults for good-paying jobs in underserved career paths.
4. **La Crosse City and County** – Republicans froze shared revenue for the city of La Crosse and reduced shared revenue payments to La Crosse County by \$312,000 less than Governor Doyle's proposal. As the cost of providing local services such as road maintenance, police and fire assistance, and transportation continues to skyrocket, La Crosse residents will see a dramatic reduction in the quality of services under the Republican budget.
5. **Child care subsidies cut by \$52 million,** which will prevent the Family Resource Center from assisting hundreds of parents with child care options.
6. **Medicaid Family Planning Waiver program funding cut,** as well as funding for breast and cervical cancer screening through Wisconsin's Well Women Program. Without adequate state support, facilities such as Options Clinic will not be able to continue providing health care and family planning services for women.
7. **Tobacco use control grants cut by \$34 million.** Many of the tobacco cessation and prevention services provided by the La Crosse County Public Health Department, aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles and a healthy environment, will be in jeopardy as a result of this cut.
8. **Domestic abuse grant funding cut by \$1.2 million.** This would have a dramatic impact on the ability of organizations, such as New Horizons, to help victims of domestic violence.

Republicans also ignored the growing health care crisis in Wisconsin and eliminated Governor Doyle's proposed expansion of BadgerCare Plus which would provide health insurance for 98% of all Wisconsin residents, including all children and pregnant women.

The Republican's shortsighted budgeting will jeopardize the entire well-being of our community. La Crosse needs good schools and strong institutions of higher education. La Crosse needs reliable city and county services. La Crosse needs services for working families and the elderly. Unfortunately, this budget doesn't provide La Crosse with any of those things.

This is a budget that hurts real people, real families, and real services from La Crosse to Milwaukee and Superior to Kenosha. The Legislature can do better, leaders from the Assembly and the Senate have staked out their priorities and we now need to resolve the chasm between the two parties and work through the differences in a timely fashion.



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**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 5:00 P.M.**  
**Northside Octoberfest Grounds**  
**La Crosse, WI**  
**It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2007!**



**La Crosse County DEMOCRATIC Party  
2007 MEMBERSHIP**



**YES** – Please enroll me, and/or my family, as a member of the La Crosse County Democratic Party for 2007. Enclosed is payment for dues according to type of membership requested.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly District: 94<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 95<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Yes, I am interested in volunteering for party activities!**

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**⌘ Dues Structure: PLEASE NOTE CHANGED RATES, Please check one:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 General (\$10 each for up to 3 additional members)
- r \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10 Senior Citizen, Student or Unemployed
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35 Pairs (Up to two memberships)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 45 Activist (Up to 3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 75 Family Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 120 Supporting
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 240 Friend
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 600 Patron
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1,200 Investor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 2,400 Benefactor

Additional Contribution to County Party: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Amount Paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Check** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_

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I RECOMMEND contacting as a possible member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_