

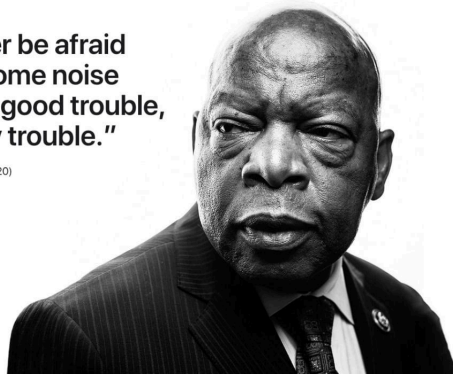


OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

July 15, 2025

"Never, ever be afraid
to make some noise
and get in good trouble,
necessary trouble."

Rep. John Lewis (1940-2020)



Unite and Rise for
Democracy –
Leadership Opportunities

*The LWV has initiated a nationwide
Unite and Rise 8.5 Campaign.*

*The LWVSCV has met the challenge
and held a kick off program June 6.*

✓ Our members have participated in Defend Democracy sign rallies throughout our three counties, the Hudson Pride event, the Bill of Rights presentation, and we have a SAVE Act teach-in scheduled on July 29.

✓ The LWVSCV has identified nonpartisan groups to collaborate on educational programs and will continue to explore opportunities. Our local libraries, GROWW, Polk County Indivisible, SCC Indivisible and Project 3.5 have all joined us in providing opportunities for connection in our communities which meet the directive from LWV to identify and work with other nonpartisan groups on community development. We are well on our way establishing the structure necessary to meet the blueprint for Unite and Rise.



***What we need now are members
interested in stepping forward to
organize this initiative going forward.***

We need a team captain to be the liaison between LWV and LWV SCV. The campaign will run from May 2025 through October 2026. Every 90 days a new micro-campaign with its own Power Playbook will be launched. One approach we can take is to have a Team Captain to organize the campaign, form a team and

individual members take on planning each 90 day launch.

The next 90 day launch dates are August 1 – October 31.

If you are interested in any part of the team leadership on this project please contact Beth Wood who is acting in the interim to facilitate our obligation to LWV.

~bwood@frontiernet.net

Unite and Rise 8.5 is a national movement to activate 8.5 million people in defense of our democracy, our rights, and our future.

Unite and Rise 8.5 will fight for our democracy on multiple fronts, from the courts to the streets. There are many ways to take action. For those that are not part of a local League - now is a great time to join. Sign the pledge to let us know that you are committed to the fight to protect our democracy!

<https://lwvwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=cb75512651&e=00033bfe81>



SAVE Act Teach-In

***First Presbyterian Church
1901 Vine St, Hudson***

Tuesday, July 29 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn

Led by a local election supervisor, League of Women Voters leader, and Hudson High School teacher, this session will explore:

- ☐ How the federal SAVE Act will create barriers to voting
- ☐ How similar state legislation could come to Wisconsin
- ☐ What you can do right now to protect your ability to vote

Find community

Please join us for refreshments after the session and get to know your fellow attendees—and the local, nonpartisan groups actively pushing back on autocratic trends. This is a great opportunity to find community and plug in.

- +Explore critical elections insight. Find your people.
- +Resist efforts to restrict voting rights.



RSVP

Use this QR code to let us know you're coming! No one should be without a comforting home baked cookie in this moment in history.



July LWVSCV Tables

Early July found our League talking with people and distributing information in two places. Nanette DelMonico and Colleen Kwong spent a partially rainy morning at the St. Croix Falls Library. A week later, at the Heritage Center in New Richmond, a team put out an anchor at the Heritage Center.



Jarell Kuney, Susan Bosley, Kay Brooks, and new member, Karen Roberts, chatted with market goers. Thank you to all these volunteers for so generously taking the time!



2025 Voter Services Start-Up

July 1st marks the official start of the new LWVSCV year, with many new Board members. Kay Brooks and Kathy Streitz will combine efforts (and Voter Services and Membership Committees) to be co-chairs. They would like to sincerely thank Patty Van Nevel and Rita Kearns for the great work they have done for the past two+ years with Voter Services. They accomplished a lot and made inroads in some new areas for the new team to

follow. We hope to continue successful past efforts and expand the League's influence on voting.

On Wednesday, July 9, a Zoom meeting was held to present tentative plans for Voter Services initiatives. Voter Services is the *political action arm* of the League and has

numerous opportunities for members to help the League to educate the public and create positive change. Any participation is welcome. The more members are involved, the more we accomplish—and the better participants feel.

Look for upcoming meetings or look at the following initiatives and let Kay (kaybrooks48@gmail.com) or Kathy (kfstreitz@gmail.com) know what your interests are:

Voter Services Initiatives (lead person, Kay Brooks)

- ☐ farmers markets [spring through September](#)
- ☐ yard signs [4X/yr for elections](#)
- ☐ election information for writers of our website, newspaper submissions [4X/yr for elections](#)
- ☐ flyers for ADRCs and events [1X/mo for ADRCs](#)
- ☐ supply management/organizing for event tables
[looking for New Richmond member to help Kay as needed](#)
- ☐ high schools/colleges [fall \(probably for National Voter Registration\) and spring](#)
- ☐ distribution of information to libraries and more via email and physical flyers [mostly 4X/yr for elections](#)
- ☐ Library Story Hour kits for preschoolers (and parents)
[anytime](#)

Membership Initiatives (lead person, Kathy Streitz)

- ☐ create and distribute new member packets [to help Kathy as needed](#)
- ☐ social sessions (ex. coffees) [1-2X/mo](#)
- ☐ connect new members to opportunities to participate [as needed](#)

If you volunteer, you will not be having to create anything, unless you choose to.

We have systems and supplies that have been developed.

We just need volunteers to implement them.

We believe in teams (with one experienced partner) and will support you in any way you need.

***These initiatives can't be accomplished without more than two warm bodies.
YOU ARE NEEDED for as much as you are able or willing to do!***

JULY AND AUGUST FARMERS MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

You probably know the way Farmers' Markets go by now. With true summer having arrived, the markets are full of fresh crops—and people there to buy them. It's a great chance to speak to them about the importance of voting—and more. The prize wheel is a fun way to attract interesting people for some good conversations. You are there to provide them with information and handouts.

You pick the place and date that you think you'd like to help out and we will make it work for you.

Contact Kay Brooks at kaybrooks48@gmail.com.

New or inexperienced members—feel free to tag along with any market team. Just show up.

ST. CROIX COUNTY FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULES AND CALENDAR LINK

Hudson Faith Community Church Saturdays 8-12 AM

River Falls Rush River Brewery Thursdays 5-8 PM

New Richmond Heritage Center Saturdays 8-1

July Calendar link for St. Croix Co.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z5xNtpBSXM_Ss28Sp356d_7E6ThnRvR8O0z3Db-ZLa0/edit?usp=sharing

August Calendar link for St. Croix Co.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ooWXw-KAcG084KgyPpl28viuttDBqYmAlHQ3gxjbuCU/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

POLK/BURNETT COUNTY SCHEDULES AND CALENDAR LINK

Osceola United Methodist Church Fridays 2-6 PM

St. Croix Falls library Saturdays 10-1

Balsam Lake Catholic Church Fridays 3-5:30 PM

Amery Soo Line Pavilion Mondays 3-6 PM Saturdays 9-1 PM

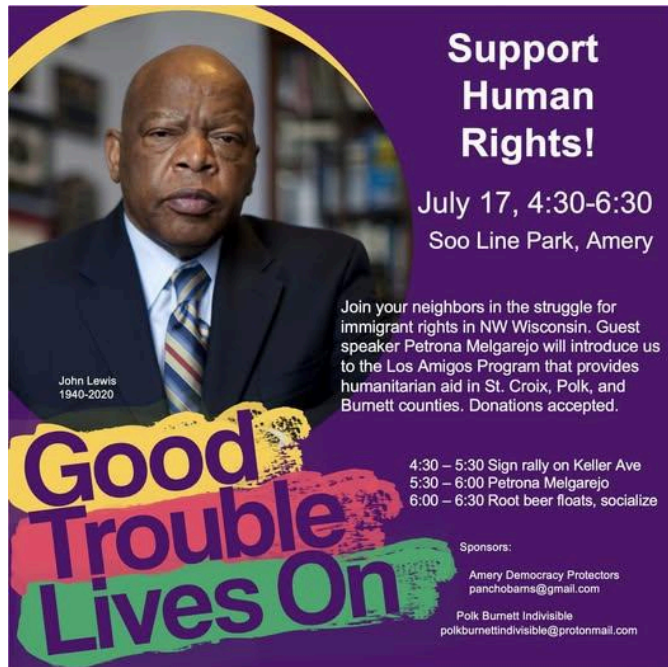
Webster Northwest Passage Art Gallery Fridays 11-3PM

July Calendar link for Polk and Burnett Counties

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E2U5RxNjVtJFtIK9sUPgE6biVSRu9sGjP7xQkDrapKl/edit?usp=sharing>

August Calendar link for Polk and Burnett Counties

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IQOloYdfQMhVBUJFoa3_Z8B0g03XhA3VJ1ZxMcjtYUE/edit?gid=0#gid=0



Member Services

Hello to you all. Happy Summer! Please let me know if you have any questions about our group such as finding a ride to a gathering or if you would like to help in any way. Watch the newsletter and calendar to find out what we are up to as we educate and advocate for democracy.

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Please welcome
our new members!

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Readers Theater Update

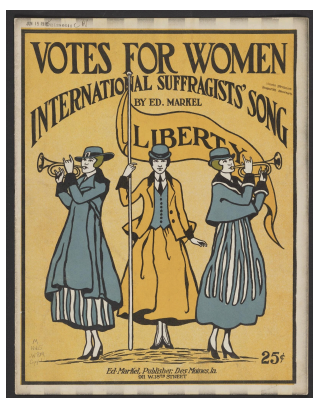
Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-eater,
had a wife and couldn't keep her.
For all her days and all her nights
She spent in preaching equal rights!

Work on the Readers Theater script continues. With nursery rhymes like the above, finding their way into the script. Other interesting material includes the following:

- ★ Headlines from newspapers covering the suffrage movement.
- ★ Headlines before the Civil War
- ★ Women take men's jobs away.
- ★ Womanhood degenerating.
- ★ Woman neglects child to vote.
- ★ The invasion of the petticoat government.
- ★ Headlines during the war
- ★ Women provide for war orphans.
- ★ Women dry tears and take arms.
- ★ Women aviators serve as scouts.
- ★ A mother gives her six sons to the war.

Rehearsals for Readers Theater will begin after labor day. Production dates are October 18 & 19 at the Amery Community Center and October 25 & 26 at the Heritage Center in New Richmond.

For more information contact Vicki Harmon
@ 715.220.0890 or <vickiharmon@hotmail.com>



Humpty Dumpty sits on a wall;
Humpty Dumpty's doomed to a fall;
For suffragists logic and women's intrusion
Are demolishing much of his former seclusion.

Stay in the loop and take action—join OutreachCircle for the latest updates from LWVWI on how to protect democracy. You'll get timely alerts and tools to make your voice heard when it matters most. <<https://www.lwv.org/league-action-outreachcircle>>





It's Picnic Time

Open the flyer (attached to the email) to view your invitation containing lots of picnic details!

Come to one ~ Come to both!

☐ Tuesday, August 5, at the Heritage Center in New Richmond

☐ Wednesday, August 27, at Kathy & Greg Palmquist lakeside home/cabin just southeast of Grantsburg



WI Supreme Court Strikes Down 1849 Abortion Ban

In a 4–3 decision, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that the state's 1849 abortion ban cannot be enforced. The decision restores clarity for patients and providers, affirming that abortion remains legal in Wisconsin up to 20 weeks, with exceptions beyond that to protect the health of the pregnant person.

This ruling is a critical step forward for reproductive freedom and access to care across the state.

BOOKMARK THIS!

Find out all our recent activities, check out the calendar, read archived issues of the newsletter and more: lwvstcroixvalley.org

Go to our state League website to find more information on league policy, current press releases, templates and toolkits for letters and contacting your state representative: Wisconsin | MyLO <<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin>>

Access our National web page here: <https://www.lwv.org/>

Do you want to make your voice heard, but you're not sure what to do, say, or where to call? Get help here – calling your representative is made easy at: <https://5calls.org/>

Feeling like you need to take to the streets?! Check out Mobilize Us to find something near you! <https://www.mobilize.us/>

“LWVWI HOTLINE to verify the presence of ICE in the community or in cases of an emergency: 1-800-427-0213

Human Rights Campaign – Tips for Preparedness, Peaceful Protesting, and Safety:
<https://lwvwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=f641b74a5b&e=7043d919d6>

LWVUS Protest Safety Guide

<https://lwvwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=10f16e8491&e=15965a7426>

More information:

☐ Background on the League's position of the National Popular Vote:
<https://www.lwv.org/NPVtaskforce>
<https://my.lwv.org/connecticut/article/one-person-one-vote-national-popular-vote-interstate-compact>

☐ LWV La Crosse Community Forum: Focus on Medicaid June 25, 2025
Recording link

<https://www.lwvlacrosse.org/medicaid>

JULY	15	Newsletter
	15	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting 4PM-5PM
	17	“Good Trouble Lives On” National Day of Action Rally in Amery 4:30–6PM

	18	Osceola Farmers Market 2-6
	21	Amery Farmers Market 3-6PM
AUGUST	1	Newsletter
	5	<i>LWV SCV Picnic New Richmond Heritage Center</i>
	6	60th Anniversary of 1965 Voting Rights Act
	15	Newsletter
	19	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4PM-5PM
	26	Women's Equality Day 19th Amendment Rally in Hudson
	27	<i>LWV SCV Picnic Grantsburg (Palmquist's cabin)</i>
SEPTEMBER		<i>Readers' Theater Rehearsals</i>
	1	Newsletter
	1	LABOR DAY
	15	Newsletter
	16	National Voters Registration Day
	16	Board/Committee chairs Meeting, 4PM-5PM
	18	LWV WI Webinar on Constitutional Amendments, 7PM: What are the negative consequences of recently passed Constitutional Amendments? What makes a good constitutional amendment?
OCTOBER	1	Newsletter
	15	Newsletter
	18	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Amery Community Center, evening
	19	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Amery Community Center, matinee
	21	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4PM-5PM
	25	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Heritage Center, New Richmond, evening
	26	LWV SCV Readers Theater, Heritage Center, New Richmond, matinee
	26	LWV SCV 10th Birthday! Woohoo!

Immigration statuses explained

*Find a more comprehensive list on our website

<p>Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card)</p> <p>Permanently authorized to live and work in the U.S. Can eventually apply for U.S. citizenship.</p>	<p>Non-Immigrant</p> <p>Temporarily in the U.S. for specific purposes (e.g., student visas like F-1, work visas like H-1B, tourist B-2, etc.).</p>
<p>Temporary Protected Status (TPS)</p> <p>Granted to nationals from countries experiencing conflict, disaster, or unsafe conditions. Allows living and working temporarily in the U.S. – no path to permanent residence.</p>	<p>Undocumented Immigrant</p> <p>Present in the U.S. without legal authorization (e.g., no visa, expired or violated non-immigrant status). Not eligible for work authorization or most federal benefits.</p>

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' OF WISCONSIN

>Go to LWV WI to
Understanding Different
Immigration Status at
[Understanding Different
Immigration Statuses | MyLO](#)

<<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/understanding-different-immigration-statuses>>