



ELECTION EDITION

FROM PRIMARIES TO NOVEMBER

If you attended the Lindsay James watch Party at Jubeck on June 2nd, then you know it was a night of celebration and hope. We gathered to watch the numbers as they came flying in, giving us the stage we would see in November, the opponents our candidates would face, but most importantly, the impact that hard work, dedication, and local voices can have. Even those who had no primary to win could tell you as much as those competing for the same seat; campaigns take a lot of work and good people who are willing to bring their unique set of skills to the table, knowing that whether you are a seasoned political pirate, or perhaps just dipping your toes into the political current, we were all fighting with the same objective in mind, turning - Iowa - BLUE!

Our work is not done. The candidates have been presented with the final stage that will lead them all the way until the November Elections that will decide if Iowa is truly ready for change, or content to proceed with the status quo we have learned to expect from the administration. Those called to lead, will continue to need our assistance as they battle for the seats that will affect our health policies, public schools, and the life of every single Iowan. That assistance does not have to be money, nor a promise to go knock on every door their lists say, instead, they need every moment we have free.

Think of it as freedom, fighting for freedom. Do you have an extra 20 minutes before kids flood into your car after school? Make 3 calls and let your community know that there is an incredible man running for senator who understands the challenges those with disabilities face. Was it pizza night, and dinner finished up a little early? Scroll through your representatives' social media to get caught up on their policies, events and updates. Maybe you need that extra kick of dopamine to go out for that walk you've been meaning to do because the weather is just too good to miss? Message the Dubuque County Democrats to download a door knocking list for your walk, knock on some doors, and get your health kicked in for the week.

You should know, only 18% of Dubuque County turned out to vote for the primaries, and while I couldn't tell you the exact number of volunteers each local candidate has, it was their door knocking, phone banking, donations, time, talents, and attendance at events that inspired everyone else to vote. Our initiative is to turn Iowa Blue, but our goal should always be getting more people educated and involved in their own democracy. So if Iowa is to go Blue this year, let's go BIG.

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WINNERS OF IOWA'S JUNE 2ND PRIMARY

FEDERAL OFFICES

Office	Nominee	Primary Results	General Election Opponent
US Senate	Josh Turek	Defeated Zach Wahls, 65.3% to 34.6%	Ashley Hinson (R)
US House District 2	Lindsay James	Defeated Kathy Dolter (83.4%) and Clint Twedt-Ball	Joe Mitchell (R)

STATEWIDE OFFICES

Office	Nominee	Primary Results	General Election Opponent
Governor	Rob Sand	Unopposed, won 99.8%	Zach Lahn (R)
Secretary of State	Ryan Peterman	Unopposed, won 99.8%	Paul Pate (R)
State Auditor	Taylor Wettach	Unopposed, won 99.9%	Chris Cournoyer (R)
State Treasurer	John Norwood	Unopposed, won 99.8%	Roby Smith (R)
Secretary of Agriculture	Chris Jones	Unopposed, won 99.9%	Mike Naig (R)
Attorney General	Nate Willems	Unopposed, won 99.9%	Brenna Bird (R)

VOTER TURN OUT

18%

% of eligible voters who voted

WHERE IS THIS # FROM

Whether you voted or not is **public** information,

How you voted is **private** information.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT VOTER TURNOUT

Higher turnout can mean election results reflect the voices of community members.

Lower turnout means decisions are being made by a smaller portion of the population.

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IOWA HOUSE

Office	Nominee	Primary Result	General Election Opponent
House District 64	Brian Bruening	Unopposed, won 100%	Jason Gearhart (R)
House District 65	Carolyn Wiezorek	Unopposed, won 99.9%	Shannon Lundgren (R)
House District 67	Michael Coonrad	Unopposed, won 100%	Craig Johnson (R)
House District 71	Sam Wooden	Unopposed, won 99.8%	Republican nominee pending certification
House District 72	Matt Robinson	Defeated Eli Licht, 56.5% to 43.4%	Jennifer Smith (R)

DUBUQUE COUNTY OFFICES

Office	Nominee	Primary Result	General Election Opponent
County Board of Supervisors (2 seats)	Kristin Dietzel & Rick Dickinson	Advanced with 53.0% and 46.6% respectively	Jason Davis (R) & Wayne Kenniker (R)
County Treasurer	Write-in candidate	Write-in only race	Michael Clasen (R)
County Recorder	Ann Sweeney	Unopposed, won 99.8%	No Republican nominee
County Attorney	Steve Drahozal	Unopposed, won 99.6%	Scott Nelson (R)

“ Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters. ”

- Abraham Lincoln

FROM THE FIELD

City of Dubuque

Juneteenth, Pride Month & Community Recognition The City officially recognized Juneteenth National Independence Day, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Women Veterans Recognition Day, National Poppy Day, and the 125th Anniversary of Dubuque's sister-city relationship with Dornbirn, Austria.

→ *These proclamations celebrate the diverse people, cultures, and organizations that help shape Dubuque.*

Roads, Traffic Signals & Transportation Improvements Council approved upgrades to traffic signals at Asbury, Carter, and Chaney Roads, the Southwest Arterial/US 52 corridor, road repairs on Loras Boulevard, and planning for the White Street Cycle Track.

→ These projects aim to improve traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and transportation options across the city.

Lead Pipe Replacement & Water System Improvements The City moved forward with Phase 2 of its Private Lead Service Line Replacement Program and approved additional water infrastructure improvements, including projects at the Eagle Point Water Treatment Plant and Greyhound Park Road.

→ *These investments help ensure safe drinking water and modern utility systems.*

Dubuque County

Data Center Moratorium & Land Use Planning The Board approved a temporary moratorium on new data center development while county officials review regulations, zoning impacts, and potential effects on farmland and infrastructure. Community members also voiced concerns about preserving agricultural land.

→ *This could shape how future large-scale development projects are approved in Dubuque County.*

Roads, Bridges & Transportation Investments The County approved road resurfacing, culvert replacement projects, intersection safety improvements, and funding agreements with the Iowa DOT, including upgrades to North Cascade Road and the Bobcat Road/Kidder Road intersection.

→ *These projects improve road safety, support rural transportation, and maintain critical infrastructure.*

FY2027 Budget & County Services Supervisors approved budget amendments, discussed funding priorities for public health, watershed monitoring, elections equipment, transportation programs, and community grant funding. They also explored opportunities for shared services with other local governments.

→ **These decisions determine how taxpayer dollars are spent and what county services residents receive.**

Iowa

Passed “Farm to Faucet” HF 2771

- \$319 million over 12 years for water quality improvements
- Immediate \$25M upgrade to nitrate removal at Central Iowa Water Works
- Expanded water monitoring through the DNR

→ *This is the biggest long-term infrastructure + public health investment in the whole list, tied directly to Iowa's water contamination and farm runoff issues.*

Education & Government Policy Shift — HF 2711 (Affirmative Action Reporting Changes)

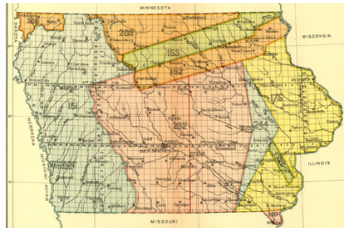
- Eliminates affirmative action reporting requirements for state entities and school districts
- Removes annual bias prevention training mandates for law enforcement (keeps de-escalation training)

→ *This is a structural change in how state agencies and schools track equity-related reporting and training, and it affects multiple public systems at once.*

This Time in Dubuque



As we gear up to celebrate Juneteenth and DBQ Pride Week (which will have passed at the time of this printing) we can all turn back and look with pride at our, albeit short, legacy of organizations working to bring Dubuque closer together. This month in 2011, Dubuque celebrated its first Juneteenth, and just 5 years ago, its first LGBTQIA+ Parade!



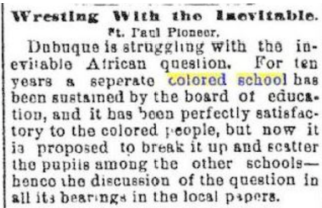
June 1, 1833 The Birth of Iowa's Oldest City

Under the Black Hawk Purchase Treaty, what we know as the Dubuque area was officially opened up for settlement by the United States Government



June 16, 1882 Frog Hail

A 13-minute supercell storm hit Dubuque with hailstones up to 17 inches in circumference. Why “Frog Hail?” One resident claims to have found frogs inside the enormous balls of ice!



In June 1877 Dubuque takes a stand on education

Judge David S. Wilson ended a decade of school segregation by ordering that Black children be admitted to public schools.

Are you passionate about uncovering the truth, shifting perspectives with compelling data, or helping others speak up through powerful letters to the editor? We need your voice. We need your insight. We need you. Whether you love research, storytelling, organizing, or just want to support our community's fight for a better future—there's a place for you here. Let's rise to the occasion, just as those before us did when their moment came

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