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This is it — the almost the last Dubuque Dispatch before Election Day. Everything you need for November 3rd is right here.

Inside: The complete voting guide — when, where, and how to vote — what Iowa's new ID law means, and one last look at every Democrat on your ballot.

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WHEN TO VOTE

Early voting: October 14 – November 2.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3. Polls open 7:00 am and close 8:00 pm.

Absentee ballot requests: through October 19.

dbqdemocrats.org/voting-in-dubuque-county

Absentee ballots must be RECEIVED — not just postmarked — by the deadline on November 3.



WHERE TO VOTE

Find your polling place before Election Day. Locations change, so don't assume it's the same place you went last time.

Look it up: elections.dubuquecountyiowa.gov



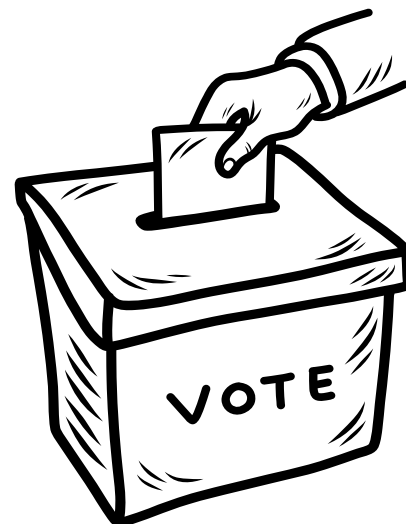
Early in-person voting: Dubuque County Auditor's Office, 880 Central Ave. Free parking in the lot next to the building.

Satellite early-voting sites: Dyersville Social Center (Oct 24), Dubuque County West Campus (Oct 28–29), Worthington Community Center (Oct 30). Check the website above for hours.

On Election Day, vote only at your assigned polling place — not at the Auditor's Office. Avoid lines during early voting: try 10 am, 2 pm, or 7 pm.

HOW TO VOTE — THREE WAYS

1. By mail: request your ballot by October 19, return it signed and sealed, and make sure it arrives by the deadline.
2. Early in person: October 14 through November 2 at the Auditor's Office.
3. On Election Day: November 3 at your assigned polling place, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.



REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE

Every voter shows ID at the polls – not just people registering for the first time. Here's what counts.

Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID. The most common one. Bring it even if you've voted at the same place for years.

Iowa Voter ID PIN card. Mailed by the state to registered voters without an Iowa license or non-operator ID.

Out-of-state driver's license or non-operator ID. Accepted — you don't need an Iowa license to vote here.

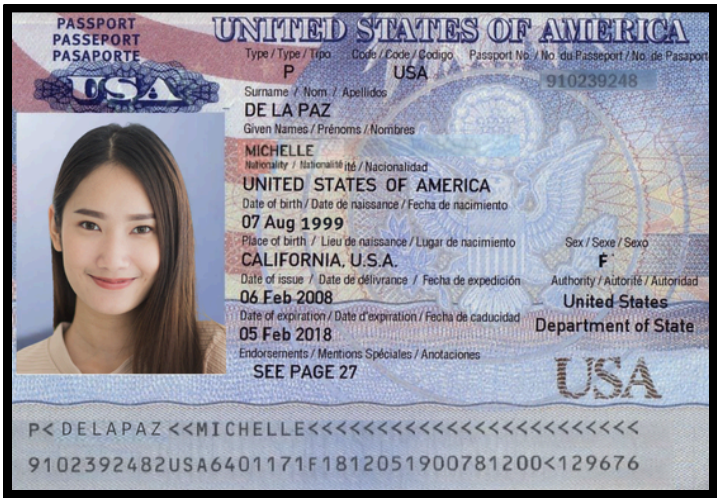
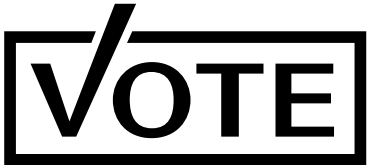
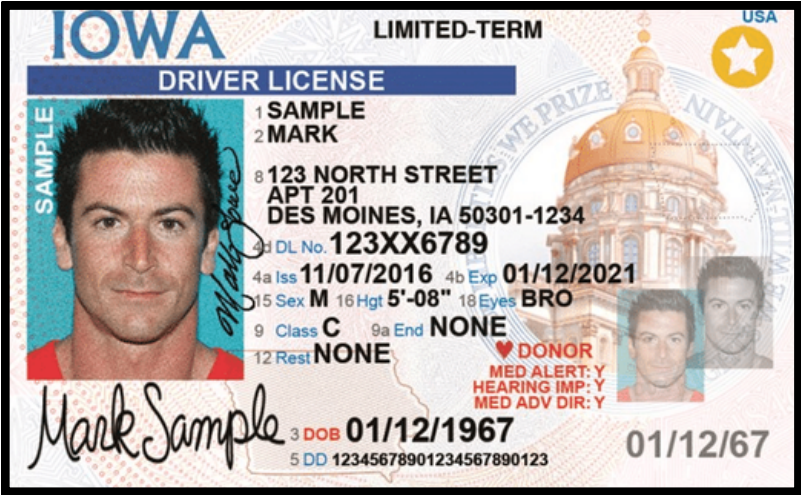
U.S. passport. Works as a photo ID at the polls.

U.S. military or veteran ID. Active duty, retired, or veteran ID cards all count.

Tribal ID card or document. Issued by a federally recognized tribe.

Registering on Election Day: Iowa allows same-day registration. Bring a photo ID from the list above. If it doesn't show your current address, bring proof of residence dated within 45 days — utility bill, bank statement, lease, or paycheck stub.

<https://elections.dubuquecountyiowa.gov/pages/voting-register>



NO ID AT THE POLLS? You can still cast a provisional ballot, then return with valid ID within three days for it to count. Iowa's rules changed this year — having another registered voter vouch for you is no longer an option.

Check your registration and polling place at elections.dubuquecountyiowa.gov.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO HELP?

Volunteer Sign-Up

Sign up to knock doors, make calls or help at an event.



dbqdems.org/get-involved

MiniVAN Help

A canvasser asks for help getting MiniVAN working on their phone before they walk.



dbqdems.org/contact

Ride to the Polls

A voter asks for a lift to vote. The request lands in Elections Rides for a driver to pick up.



dbqdems.org/get-involved

GOTV Schedule

Want to Drop Lit or Door Knock?

Oct 10–Oct 11

Oct 17–Oct 18

Oct 24–Oct 25

Oct 31–Nov 1

SHARE THIS ISSUE

The easiest way to help? Forward this issue to a neighbor, a coworker, or your group chat. Every share is one more person with a plan to vote.

Forward it. Text it. Share it.

A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS THIS YEAR

— BY PAM JOCHUM

Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would serve 32 years in the Iowa Legislature. I am grateful for every one of them — and I want to use a little of what those years taught me to ask you for one thing this fall:

vote

Shortly after I won my first election, my Grandma Ruth told me a story. When she was a little girl, she rode with her mother and father to the courthouse on Election Day. Her mother stayed behind in the carriage with her while her father went in to vote. Women did not have the right to vote. Grandma Ruth lived long enough not only to cast a ballot herself, but to see her granddaughter elected to public office.



That is how recent this is. One lifetime.

When I was asked to run in 1992, friends told me they were 100% behind me — and then added, “Don’t be too disappointed if you don’t win. We’re not sure Dubuque is ready to elect a woman.” My answer was simple: “We won’t know until we try.” Years later, the women of the Iowa House marched down the main aisle in suffragette costumes, carrying signs that read: Votes for Women.

We’ll remember in November. I still believe that.

Dubuque knows what is possible when people decide to act together. When 23% of this city was out of work and people were wearing shirts that said “Last one out of Dubuque turn off the lights,” we did not give up. We set our differences aside, made a plan, and built the city we have today. It was never about ME. It was about WE.

The same is true of a ballot. One vote is a small thing. Together, they are the only thing that has ever moved this state.

I will be honest about what worries me. Elections have grown meaner. The flow of special interest money and dark money is undermining representative democracy. Extremism disables our sense of common purpose. But history teaches us that neither this nor any other generation can afford to sleep upon its freedoms.

So do not wait for someone else to do it for you, and do not wait for some other time. Make your plan to vote now, and take someone with you. You did not create the world you live in, but you have a chance to change it, to leave it better than you found it. Seize it.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DUBUQUE

The League doesn’t endorse candidates or parties. Never has. What it does is make voting make sense: registration help, candidate forums, and plain answers about what’s on your ballot at VOTE411.org.

CANDIDATE FORUM — COUNTY OFFICES

Wednesday, October 14: 5:30–7:00 p.m.

[Dubuque City Council Chambers](#)

That’s the first day of early voting. Hear the people on your county ballot answer questions before you fill one out.



lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-dubuque

IOWA LEGISLATIVE NOMINEES

MARY UNGS-SOGAARD

Iowa Senate • District 33

Former newspaper publisher Mary Unga-Sogaard has deep roots in rural Dubuque County. She's running to address cost-of-living challenges, improve access to health care and brain health, and protect Iowa's land and water. Mary will bring a practical, common-sense focus to Des Moines.



CAROLYN WIEZOREK

Iowa House • District 65

Carolyn Wiezorek is a former teacher, elementary school principal, and associate professor of education. Her top issues include affordability, quality affordable health care, cancer rates in Iowa, water quality, and quality education. She believes strongly in purchasing locally and supporting businesses that invest in the community.



SAM WOODEN

Iowa House • District 71

Sam Wooden is a Dubuque trial lawyer who leads with decency and common sense. Sam's top issues include ensuring public schools are well funded and successful, making sure the justice system works for everyone, and guaranteeing that Iowans have universal access to clean, safe water.



MATT ROBINSON

Iowa House • District 72

Matt Robinson is a union carpenter and lifelong Iowan who understands the pressures facing working families. He will fight to raise wages, restore collective bargaining rights, expand affordable childcare, fully fund public schools and Area Education Agencies, protect clean water, and lower everyday costs.



Scan any QR code to hear directly from the candidate.



Visit dbqdemocrats.org/candidates for more information on all of the candidates

**DON'T FORGET:
YOUR BALLOT HAS TWO SIDES**
Turn it over and vote in every race.

COUNTY NOMINEES



STEVE DRAHOZAL

County Attorney

Steve Drahozal brings 25 years of legal experience and extensive criminal trial work to his campaign for County Attorney. He is committed to safer communities, respecting victims' rights, the responsible use of taxpayer resources, and fair, efficient case handling.



ANN SWEENEY

County Recorder

Ann Sweeney is the current Dubuque County Recorder, a U.S. Army veteran, and a lifelong public servant. She is running to continue protecting vital records, improving customer service, strengthening office operations, and providing Dubuque County residents with experienced, accountable, and steady leadership.



VOTE FOR BOTH COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

There are **two** open Supervisor seats this fall. Be sure to vote for **both** Kristin and Rick!



KRISTIN DIETZEL

County Supervisor

Kristin Dietzel has built her career in education, workforce development, community building, and small business. She is running to create good jobs, expand housing and childcare options, support local businesses, strengthen communities, and protect the land, water, farms, and natural resources future generations will inherit.



RICK DICKINSON

County Supervisor

Rick Dickinson has served as a mayor, county supervisor, state representative, and longtime leader of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation. He is running to improve county services, support public safety, strengthen local partnerships, and bring experienced, collaborative leadership to the Board of Supervisors.



FEDERAL NOMINEES



JOSH TUREK

U.S. Senate

Two-time Paralympic gold medalist and Iowa state representative fighting to lower costs, strengthen schools, expand healthcare, and support workers and farmers.



LINDSAY JAMES

U.S. House - IA 2

State representative, ordained minister, and former college chaplain working to lower the cost of living for Iowans, increase access to affordable quality healthcare, end corruption in D.C., support Iowa farmers, keep our communities safe, and protect our education system.

STATEWIDE NOMINEES



ROB SAND

Governor



DAVE MUHLBAUER

Lt. Governor



RYAN PETERMAN

Secretary of State



NATE WILLEMS

Attorney General



TAYLOR WETTACH

State Auditor



CHRIS JONES

Secretary of Agriculture



JOHN NORWOOD

State Treasurer

Thank You

None of this happens without a lot of people showing up, month after month. Thank you to our Executive Board, our current Elected Officials Tom Townsend, Lindsay James, Joe Kennedy and Ann Sweeney, Jigsaw Analytics, and Pam Jochum for keeping this party running.

Thank you to our County Candidates — and every one of our fabulous nominees up and down the ballot — for putting yourselves forward. Special thank you to our volunteers, our Central Committee, and every Committee Member who knocked a door, made a call, or showed up to a meeting this year.

We'll see you at the polls.

VOTING RESOURCES

Make sure you're ready for the next election by accessing official voting information. Whether you need to verify your registration status, find your polling place, or review local election administration details, the best approach is to check the official sources.

Here is where to find the most accurate and up-to-date information for elections in Dubuque:

County Election Information: For comprehensive details on county-wide elections, voter registration, and official updates, start with the local authority. Visit the [Dubuque County Elections](#) official website.



Dubuque County
Elections Website

Find Your Polling Place: Polling locations can sometimes change. Ensure you know where to go on Election Day by using the official lookup tools. Use the [Where to Vote](#) tool provided by Dubuque County, or check the [Iowa Secretary of State Polling Place Lookup](#).



Where to Vote



Polling Place
Lookup

City Election Details: For information specific to municipal elections and local candidate filings, refer to the local government site. Visit the [City of Dubuque Elections](#) page.



City of Dubuque
Elections

Verify, Don't Assume. Election details can shift, so always rely on official government websites or the election auditor's office to confirm your voting logistics.

ELECTION NIGHT

See You on Election Night



Mark your calendar: Tuesday, November 3rd. We're teaming up with our nominees for one big watch party. Same night, same room, same fight.

Where? We'll let you know. The location drops closer to Election Day, so keep an eye on our social pages, blog, and website. A RSVP link is coming soon too. Sign up once it's live so we know you're coming.

Look at this slate. This is how a blue wave starts. Not only in Des Moines. Right here in Dubuque County.

We win back Iowa one county at a time, and we start with ours. Then we keep going. We look out for our neighbors. We push back on what's hurting our communities. We show up for each other, every year, not just the ones with a presidential race.

That's how we build a more perfect union. Day by day, door by door.

VOTE. BRING A FRIEND. THEN COME CELEBRATE WITH US.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Get Involved and Help Win Elections

This is the last Dispatch before Election Day, so I'll keep it short. If you've got a few hours between now and November 3rd, we'll put them to work — door-knocking, phone banking, rides to the polls. Stop by the office at 123 Main Street.

The rest of this issue is the voting guide — when, where, and what to bring. Read it, then check on a neighbor or a coworker. In a county this size, turnout is the whole ballgame.



Best
Josh Lampman



Check out October's
upcoming events!