

# The Polk County Democrat

## Primary Season Officially Ends

### 2008 CONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

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In the following Democratic CONTESTED races, the following candidates won:

- U.S. Representative: Leonard Boswell - 55.32%
- Iowa District 42: Geri Huser - 59.89%
- Iowa District 59: Jerry Sullivan - 78.52%
- Iowa District 65: Wayne Ford - 54.22%

For more detailed results log on to:  
<http://www.auditor.co.polk.ia.us/auditor.htm>

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### Legislative Summary

The 2008 Legislative Session marked another successful year for Democrats, and the people of Iowa. Progress was made expanding health care coverage, increasing public school and pre-kindergarten funding, protecting veterans, addressing foreclosure abuse, helping students, expanding workers' rights, and increasing access to family planning.

#### Healthcare

- Low-income children coverage
- Nurse wages increased
- Statewide Smoking Ban
- HPV vaccine coverage
- Family planning assistance

#### Education

- Higher teacher pay
- More community college funding
- Pre-K funding increases

#### Clean Energy

- Goal: utilities to produce 25% alternative energy

#### Students

- Student assistance with college loans
- Text book open-access for lower pricing

#### Workers' Rights

- Minimum wage exemptions ended for some Iowa businesses
- Foreclosure consultants face penalties for fraud

#### Veterans

- Veterans funding increased from lottery revenues

#### Setbacks

- Collective bargaining bill vetoed by Governor

### Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee is in full swing tackling a long list of goals to expand on the communication efforts of the Polk County Democrats. Many of you may have seen the new brochure which had its inaugural distribution at the spring fundraiser. The brochure which outlines the principals of action on the part of Polk County Democrats is designed around the theme of showing one's spirit for the party through volunteerism and financial support. Pick one up next time you attend an event.

Members of the committee have been preparing editorial pieces which can be submitted to the media on a moments notice. We would like your help in creating a HUGE reserve of opinion pieces which we will submit on your behalf.

Plans are in the works for the creation of a blog presented by committee members on Myspace and Facebook which would be linked into the Polk County Democrats website.

It is our mission to keep you informed and present you with interesting information regarding political issues near and dear to our shared democratic values. If you would like to submit an editorial, or if you are interested in joining the communications committee, e-mail Dave Stone, Committee Chair, at [drstone@mchsi.com](mailto:drstone@mchsi.com).

### YOUR IDEAS

As we begin the Polk County Democratic E-Newsletter to share information and keep people informed, we would like to know what topics/content you would like to have included.

Please take a minute to provide your feedback on what would be of interest and use to YOU. Please email or call by July 15 with your ideas!