

LOCALNEWS

ELECTION 2014

Nolan makes campaign stop in Borderland

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

There's not a lot Rick Nolan would change if elected to another term to represent the 8th District in the U.S. House.

Nolan discussed the campaign Thursday morning on a swing through Borderland on what he's calling the "Middle Class Express."

"I think I've done everything we've set out to do," he said of this past term. "With more time and experience you're able to do better. And we did good."

Nolan quickly rattles off his accomplishments in Congress.

He cites bringing more than \$330 million to the district for roads, bridges, airports, housing, and pollution cleanup — funds he said might otherwise not have come here. He said the money created a lot of jobs and laid the foundation to create even more jobs.

He notes he was ranked by the Sunlight Foundation among the top 10 percent for effectiveness as a legislator.

He authored two of the 56 bills approved in the first half of Congress.

He added "a lot of good amendments important to the district."

He was able to persuade agencies to get rules and regulations implemented in a way beneficial to the district.

"My staff has done a very good job, I've done a good job as a legislator, both on a legislative policy level and administrator of policy level," he said. "I think we just keep pushing the way we've been going."

He said his only wish for change is for Congress to be more productive as a whole. The things he's been able to

accomplish have been bipartisan, he said.

"Money and negative campaigning has trumped governing and getting things done — that's the biggest change that needs to be made," he said.

Keeping members of Congress at their elected jobs instead of raising campaign money has been a feature of Nolan's campaign and service since he was elected in 2013. He said money is dominating politics and the candidate with the most money isn't necessarily the best candidate, but often gets the most votes.

"I introduced the Restore Democracy Act at the end because I wanted to have a chance to have the experience of a full term to see what's working and what's not working," he said.

The act would change the way the nation does politics by eliminating corporate, outside money from coming into the political arena, he said. It eliminates fundraising while Congress is in session and stipulates a requirement for "regular order," which requires the committee process to allow any member to offer an amendment.

"That's how bipartisan occurs," he said. "So much now doesn't come through the committee process, it comes up under closed rules so there literally doesn't exist an opportunity for bipartisanship."

Nolan has frustrated his own party officials by not "spending one minute in a call center (seeking contributions)- that's how I was able to get things done," he said.

Talking to people on the campaign trail has brought no surprises, he said. People are anxious about "the

crush on the middle class" and they're angered by a tax system that allows millionaires and billionaires to pay half the tax rate as other people, he said.

Too many people must work two and three minimum wage jobs without job security to make a living, leaving little time to spend with their family, he said. Worries about pensions, job prospects, the future of Social Security and Medicare weigh heavily on people, he said.

He does not favor privatization of Social Security, which would see investments on Wall Street, he said.

"The fees the management of Social Security would bring Wall Street is hundreds of billions of dollars," Nolan said. "And Wall Street is a crap shoot. Social Security has never missed a payment, has a surplus and is an earned benefit, as is Medicare."

Nolan said he could have done a better job at telling people that he is a businessman, spending 32 years in a business he has built himself: a sawmill and pallet factory business now owned by his children, with an operating mill in Emily and Remer.

He said he has struggled along the way like many Minnesotans.

"I have been defeated for election, I have had business bankruptcy 30 years ago, I know what it's like to lose everything and struggle to get it back and do it on your own," he said.

Listing the joys of hunting, gardening, and canning as his recreation, he said he is a true resident of the 8th District of Minnesota.

"I am made of this district and everything it entails," he said.

Fun, fabulous and feminine

The Power of the Purse gives back to the community

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

What's raised in Borderland stays in Borderland.

It may sound like a commercial for activities in a warmer destination, but it could describe the results of The Power of the Purse, United Way's largest fundraiser of the year.

The Power of the Purse will be held Nov. 7 at Lenard's in International Falls, with a 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. social hour followed by dinner, and games, raffles and other fun events, said Julie Ehrman, United Way board member and one of the organizers of the successful event. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 at City Drug.

While the focus is on fun that night, Ehrman, Leesa Palm and Traci Saari said a dozen programs and agencies in Borderland benefit by the generosity of the women who attend and the people who donate items for auctions, raffles and prizes. Palm and Saari also serve as board members.

In its eighth year, The Power of the Purse began as organizers were looking for a different way to highlight the business in the community along with offering something very unique to women in a time when men traditionally leave for days to spend time at the hunting shack.

"Some people call it an extra holiday in International Falls because we're so serious about hunting," said Ehrman. "We thought this would give something

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Julie Ehrman
Power of the Purse organizer



to women and highlight the power and the strength they have in the community they live."

From infancy to the end of life, Borderland residents are assisted by the programs that receive the proceeds of the gathering, said Ehrman.

Last year, around \$17,000 was raised. Ehrman said raising that amount or more by the 150 or so women that attend would be great.

"People don't realize when they go to the event, what a broad range of impact United Way has on our community," she said. "It's not a silent agency, but discreetly and quietly is filling the needs of so many people within our community."

While the event supports a wide range of agencies, it is focused on the needs of children, said Ehrman. Among those programs are the Buddy Backpack program, which provides a backpack of food to support children's nutrition needs over weekends away from school lunches; Imagination Library, which provides every child in the county that signs up an age appropriate book every month from birth to age 5; and Smiles Across Minnesota, which provides dental care in schools to children who may have no other way to cure tooth aches and apply protective sealants.

Palm invited anyone interested to attend the United Way allocation meeting, when the donations are determined.

Many of the programs assist people regardless of income. She pointed to programs that provide vegetables and fruits to elderly and to assisting 4-Hers with

the cost of participating in a robotics program.

"As a woman in this community, I am so incredibly proud and honored to be a part of an organization that touches so many lives at so many different economic levels along with age groups," said Ehrman.

A recent and fairly visible donation was \$5,000 to the Red Cross to help with sandbagging and associated efforts during last summer's flood.

And while the event is geared to attract women, many men in the community are generously donating to the event, said Ehrman. She pointed to a few among many: Mike Rom, who made a sofa table; Steve Shermoen, who donated a week stay at a time-share; Gary Curran, who created an Adirondack chair; and Jeff Maish, who she said donates a guided fishing trip which involves pampering and catching walleye.

"There are a lot of good-hearted gentlemen in our community, that put something together for us," said Ehrman.

This year, new activities will be offered, including "bra pong," the brainchild of Palm, involving tossing a ping-pong ball into the cup of one of many bras fastened to a board.

Other activities will involve "blingo," a photo booth with props, "winepull," and others. A Facebook page will be updated as events and prizes are decided.

"It's really a good time for women to celebrate women and all we can do to make a difference in our community," said Ehrman.

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Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, JPJ Engineering, 303 East 19th Street, P.O. Box 656, Hibbing, Minnesota 55746, upon deposit of \$20.00 for each set. No refund will be provided.

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10/29/2014 Sonja Pelland, Administrator
City of Littlefork

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