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Kristin Olson, Fond du Lac native, receives a citation from Rep. Thiesfeldt for her work as WI's 2014 Alice in Dairyland

Contact Jeremy and His Staff

My staff and I are always willing to be of service to you. If you have questions, need legislative updates, maps and Blue Books, or if you would like me to speak at your group or function, please contact my office toll free at **(888) 529-0052** or by email at Rep.Thiesfeldt@legis.wi.gov

Tax Savings Calculator

To calculate your property and income tax cuts I supported during this legislative session, use the tax savings calculator by visiting

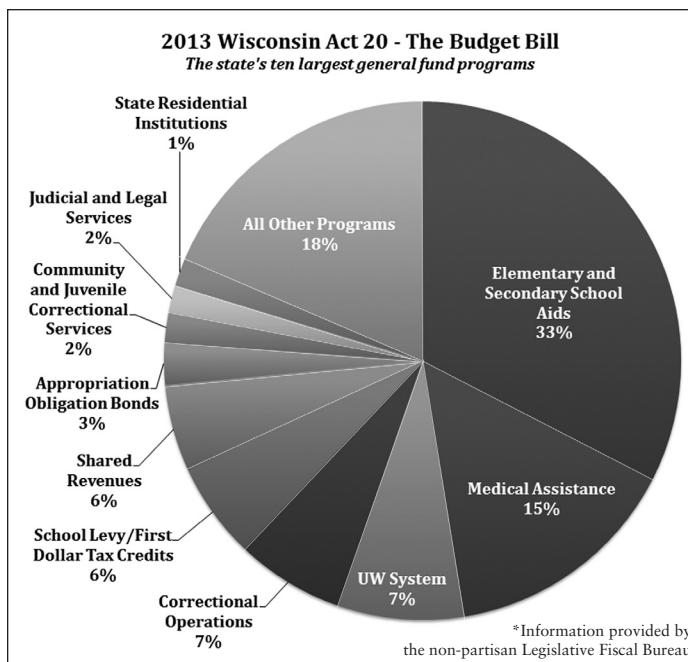
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Rep. Thiesfeldt speaks with students from Oakfield High School and St. Mary's Springs

Visit the Capitol

School groups and visitors are always welcome to take advantage of the free capitol tours. Anyone interested in scheduling a tour should contact the Capitol Tour and Information Desk at **(608) 266-0382**. Once you have scheduled a tour date, feel free to contact me so I may arrange to speak with your group and also set up a photo opportunity.



Unclaimed Property, Are You on This List?

The Office of the State Treasurer has published new names of unclaimed property in the state. There are over a thousand people from my district alone! For more information call **(800) 462-2814** or on the Web www.ost.state.wi.us.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 52nd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a great honor to serve the past 3 1/2 years in the state legislature as your representative to the 52nd District. I have been committed to keeping you informed via eupdates delivered to your inbox, columns in local newspapers, video messages, and holding town hall meetings around the district. This newsletter will provide you with a summary of my activities in the 2013-14 legislative session.

The legislature has been very active this session enacting numerous, significant initiatives. Among the highlights, I supported cutting over \$1 billion in taxes in the budget, decreasing every income tax bracket, freezing tuition at UW-System schools for two years, and most recently returning a \$1 billion surplus back to you, the taxpayers. In addition to lowering taxes, we also made the largest deposit into the rainy day fund in our state's history.

Under the leadership of Governor Walker and the direction of the legislature, the current budget improves the long-term stability of Wisconsin by continuing to focus on improving the business climate. In addition, establishing a permanent middle class tax rate reduction, resisting the temptation to raid segregated funds, moving people from government dependence to self-sufficiency, and increasing investments in education and transportation infrastructure are positive initiatives everyone can support. These policies are strong indicators of our continued commitment to grow the state's economy and a necessary component for private sector job creation.

Additionally, while working with Senator Rick Gudex through the budget process, we secured funding for construction of needed upgrades to the Highway 151 Bypass which will include an interchange at Highway V and an overpass at Highway T with construction beginning in 2015.

Many of my legislative ideas come from you – my constituents. As always, I appreciate your thoughts and communications throughout the session. Your opinions are very important to me. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Thiesfeldt

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State Representative
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Rep. Thiesfeldt speaks on the Assembly floor during a debate

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JEREMY'S 2013-14 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

- Committee on Campaigns and Elections
- Committee on Consumer Protection, Chair
- Committee on Corrections
- Committee on Education
- Committee on Transportation
- Committee on Urban Education
- Select Committee on Common Core Standards
- Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules

Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt's 2014 Legislative Update



Rep. Thiesfeldt, staff and guest participate in a bill signing ceremony with Governor Scott Walker

Authored Legislation

AB 248 – Child Credit Protection Act (ACT 78): Under this law, a parent or legal guardian may freeze their child's credit record so that someone seeking to open a new credit account in the child's name cannot access the credit report, which would hopefully result in the rightful denial of their application. Contact the 3 credit agencies today to protect your children from this tactic.

AB 22 – Municipal Court Fees (ACT 53): This law allows local jurisdictions the ability to increase the permissible threshold for municipal court fees by up to \$10. This cost would be borne by the party found guilty of an ordinance violation to help fund these courts that have been subsidized by general taxpayers.

AB 119 – Deregulation of Pepper Spray (ACT 77): This law eliminates excessive regulation of oleoresin of capsicum products, also known as pepper spray. More citizens will be able to defend themselves with a fully effective, non-lethal self-defense tool.

AB 24 – Allowing Recounts by Hand (On Governor's desk): This bill allows a canvassing board to use only hand counting methods versus purchasing or renting additional equipment—this often times is quicker and less costly for labor.

AB 606 – Nomination Signatures for At-Large City Council Elections (On Governor's desk): In order to promote and encourage participation in local government, this bill will lower the threshold for only at-large city council candidates from 200 signatures to 100. My hope is that it will encourage more candidates to run in Fond du Lac.

AB 689 – Four Year Maintenance of Voter Rolls (On Governor's desk): The bill provides for clear responsibility for the maintenance of voter rolls by the Government Accountability Board (GAB) and creates an efficient process. GAB, in many respects, was doing this but without legal authority. GAB supported this measure.

AB 690 – Reporting Voter Statistic (On Governor's desk): This bill will provide the public with information about our Election-Day statistics and registration system, and will shine a light on same-day registrations. GAB also supported this bill.

AB 164 – Marijuana Prosecution Bill (On Governor's desk): This legislation grants municipalities jurisdiction to prosecute repeat offenses of any amount of marijuana possession, in cases where either the District Attorney has chosen not to prosecute or the state's complaint against a defendant has been dismissed. In essence, if the DA dismisses the charges for whatever reasons the municipality can recoup their costs of putting the case together and the defendant will at least have the possession on their record.

AB 695 – Regulation of Motor Air Conditioners (On Governor's desk): This bill removes unnecessary and duplicative state regulations and permits motor vehicle air conditioner repair centers to compete to provide this service to the public, while remaining subject to federal regulations. The bill removes red tape from the state for repair centers and will save them \$120 annually.



Rep. Thiesfeldt shares remarks at the Fond du Lac Children's Museum Grand Re-opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Rep. Thiesfeldt with Dave Boelter, Executive Director of the ARC of Fond du Lac, at the ARC of Fond du Lac Annual Awards Banquet

Rep. Thiesfeldt visits the Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac



Rep. Thiesfeldt visits the LaClare Farms where goats are raised for their milk to be made into cheese and other dairy products



Rep. Thiesfeldt tours Fives Giddings & Lewis with Jim Spannbauer, Kevin Lichtenberg and Dave Schneider. Fives Giddings & Lewis designs and builds large, high-precision metal cutting machine tools

Historic Tax Cuts

It is my belief that government should return excess tax dollars collected beyond the planned needs of government. Returning your hard earned money back to you is the right thing to do and also places additional capital into the economy, providing opportunities and jobs in our state. Though property taxes in Wisconsin are still among the highest in the nation, this trend has stalled due to actions taken by the legislature. Since taking office in January 2011, I have supported over **\$2 billion** in tax relief that has been passed along directly to the taxpayers. Here is a recap of the major tax cuts this last session that I am proud to have supported.

Property Tax Relief

- Through the most recent projected state surplus in February 2014, \$406 million was provided to offset technical college levies
- \$100 million in property tax relief was previously provided in the special legislative session in the fall of 2013
- An owner of a median value home could see savings of \$100 on their December 2014 property tax bill, compared with the prior year

UW Relief

- Through the state budget, I supported the 2-year college tuition freeze for UW-System students

Income Tax Relief

- Through the state budget, income tax brackets were reduced from five to four and each bracket's effective tax rate was reduced
- Most recently, Gov. Walker's "Blueprint for Prosperity" tax relief bill passed the legislature; the lowest income bracket was reduced a second time from 4.4% to 4.0%
- WI tax withholdings on paychecks were also reduced; this rate change will give back \$58 more each month for an average family of 4 making \$40,000
- A median income family will see a combined tax savings of \$403 based on cuts in tax years 2013 and 2014

