

Letter: LeMahieu right choice to keep state moving forward

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Wisconsin has come a long way in the last four years. From a \$3.6 billion budget deficit, nearly 134,000 lost jobs, and unemployment of 9.2 percent, we have turned things around. We have our state's fiscal house in order, returned \$1 billion in taxes to taxpayers, and funded the state's rainy day fund at its highest level. Over 100,000 jobs have been created and the unemployment rate is now below 6 percent.

But we know more work needs to be done and we can't afford to turn back now.

Being a part of that positive change the last two years has been an incredibly motivating and rewarding experience. This change was possible thanks to the leadership of Governor Walker and the Republican led legislature, including our current state senator, Joe Leibham.

While Joe may be stepping away from public life, I'm excited by a new citizen stepping forward to carry on where Joe left off, representing Manitowoc with the type of common sense leadership and principles we expect from our legislators. Devin LeMahieu is a small business owner from Oostburg, with a proven track record of accomplishing things in local government.

Devin has nearly a decade of experience on the Sheboygan County Board where he has a proven track record of reducing taxes and balancing budgets. He has worked to keep property taxes low, actually cutting the tax bill four of the last eight years.

On the county board Devin has worked with his fellow supervisors, whether urban or rural, conservative or liberal, to make Sheboygan County one of the best run counties in the state. I know he will do the same for Manitowoc in the State Senate.

As the owner and publisher of the Lakeshore Weekly in Sheboygan County, Devin has the business experience and understanding that is so valuable in state government. He has met payroll, paid taxes, and dealt with government regulations. This knowledge is crucial to help growing our economy and creating jobs.

Devin has the experience, perspective and commitment to public service necessary to represent and protect Manitowoc in Madison next session.

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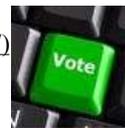
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