

HEATHER GRYS-LUECHT
Candidate, Town Supervisor

Our Town needs strong, strategic leadership and I'm running for Supervisor because I know I can get the job done! I have over a decade of experience in non-profit management working in healthcare and higher education. In three different organizations, I've developed successful new programs from the ground up under strict budget constraints, while listening to and meeting or exceeding customer requirements, building diverse and agile teams, cultivating community partnerships and adding services. I have an unwavering commitment to asking the hard questions, standing up for the citizens, and the courage to make tough decisions. I am determined to uphold the principles of fiscal transparency, data-informed decision making, integrity, honesty, accountability, curiosity and kindness.

Born in Wisconsin Rapids, and raised running wild on a beef farm/barn-cat-ranch in the Town of Grant, I attended Grant Elementary and graduated from Lincoln High School. I ventured to far corners of Wisconsin to obtain my BS in biology and chemistry and attend Fire and EMT schools. For fun, I learned to fence both foil and sabre and went to Summer Nationals in North Carolina in 2004. After turning down a full-time firefighting gig, I returned to the Central Wisconsin area in 2005 to develop and direct the nascent life support and resuscitation education program for a nine-hospital healthcare system throughout the northern half of the state. My team and I were responsible for providing training and certification for 3500 employees annually and achieved our task with a 90% satisfaction rating. After a buy-out and restructuring at that organization, I worked for two-and-a-half years at the county level as a quality improvement facilitator where I consulted with teams (some willing and some not) to make measurable impacts in service enhancement, cost savings and reduced waste. In this role, I served as a liaison between the county and a few state-level agencies and presented at the WI Lean Government conference in 2016.

Along with my husband, I purchased a parcel of land in the Town in 2010, built a house and ran a small, direct-to-consumer, community supported agriculture farm for seven years, growing oodles of varieties of vegetables and raising almost as many breeds of laying hens, which we recently transitioned to small grains, sunflowers and hay. I currently devote my professional life to the local technical college district in the Workforce and Economic Development Division with responsibility for the Continuing Education program. I also do a bit of teaching (CPR, Real Colors, Project Management, Straw Bale Gardening) and get to develop creative, custom educational programming for local employers. I hold a certification from the American Society for Quality as a Manager of Quality and Organizational Excellence. I completed a program for my master's degree in Management and Leadership am working to complete an MBA.

I am running for Supervisor to listen to citizens, lead initiatives and create a MAP for success:

- Manage, Measure and Mean-it
- Ambitious Agendas to drive Action
- Process development and critical analysis to ensure achievement of citizen-centric objectives

Check out my straw hat and connect with me on LinkedIn [linkedin.com/in/heathergrysluecht](https://www.linkedin.com/in/heathergrysluecht).