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We may be a small group of Democrats in Alpena County, but we manage to accomplish a lot with a little money & passionate volunteers.

This March we are asking you to donate your returnable cans & bottles to help raise funds for our monthly administrative expenses, such as phone, website, internet etc.



Alpena County Democratic Party
is having a bottle/can drive fundraiser

*Please consider donating your bottles & cans
in the Month of March.*

Drop off at the
Alpena Duck Park
11:00-1:00

March 11, March 18, and March 25



Dear members and friends,

We would like to introduce our elected ACDP Board members:

Chair: Linda Ayres

Vice-Chair: Dan McNeill

Secretary: Wendy Johnson

Treasurer: Christine Brennan-Bond

In our next edition, look for a “get to know your leadership team section.”

Happy Women’s History Month.

March commemorates and encourages the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. womenshistorymonth.gov



The ACDP is proud to be a part of Rural Power Lab!

Rural Power Lab partners with State & Local Democratic Parties and grassroots organizations to provide an additional layer of resources, training, and support for non-urban local Democratic Parties and electorally focused organizations.

RPL helps rural Democrats come out of isolation and connect with other rural Democrats locally & nationally to organize together, share best practices, and up capacity to build volunteer networks, persuade & mobilize voters, and recruit candidates.

By participating, ACDP can also complete monthly actions to help develop & grow our party. In doing so we can also earn additional \$\$ for our party. To learn more about the actions and what you can do, attend an ACDP meeting or watch your emails.

Important Dates

- 3/16/23: March ACDP Social Dinner, 6:00 pm, @Thunder Bay Winery. You can order dinner from Fresh Palate (beverages & dinner at your cost). Please RSVP by Mar. 14 to acdpr864@gmail.com or 989-916-6499
- 4/9/23: **Happy Easter!**
- 4/13-15/23: Join the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus in Sault Ste. Marie (*see included graphic*)
- 4/20/23: April ACDP Meeting, 6:00pm, Location TBD

Become a member of the Michigan Democratic Party!

A great way to strengthen the ACDP is to join the MI Democratic Party. A \$20 basic membership returns \$15 to us locally. A \$60 couple membership returns \$40. Join w/donation: <https://michigandems.com/join>

Local, State and National News Updates

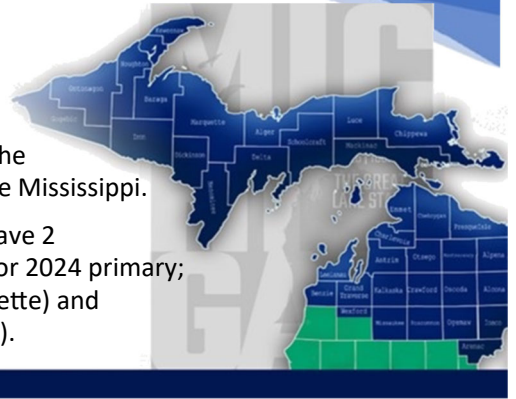


It is with profound sadness and deepest sympathies to the Alcona Dems on the passing of former Alcona Dems Chair Sandra Williams on February 20, 2023.

MICHIGAN'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Michigan's First District comprises 36 counties, the largest district east of the Mississippi.

It appears that we will have 2 democratic candidates for 2024 primary; Dr. Bob Lorinser (Marquette) and Callie Barr (Traverse City).



It is important to note that it is the policy of the Michigan Democratic Party that no county party shall "endorse" or show favoritism to any candidate prior to the Primary.

Michigan Senate Democrats introduce 11 bills to reduce gun violence:

NOT ONE MORE.

No parent should have to fear for their child's safety at school, and no community should have to bury the child they helped raise.

The time for action is NOW. Let's pass common-sense gun legislation to save lives from gun violence and suicide. Here's where we start:

Senate Bills: **BACKGROUND CHECKS**
76, 77, 78 Require universal background checks on all gun purchases. *Reintroduced on 2/16/23.*

Senate Bills: **SAFE STORAGE PACKAGE**
79, 80, 81, 82 Require that firearms be properly secured when they could be accessible to minors. *Reintroduced on 2-16-23*

Senate Bills: **EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS**
83, 84, 85, 86 Enact Extreme Risk Protection Orders, also known as red flag laws, to prevent individuals proven to be at risk from accessing firearms. *Reintroduced on 2-16-23*

MICHIGAN SENATE DEMOCRATS

A Majority for the People

Thank you to the members who worked on "trench candles"!



Boyd Byelich, from One Box for Ukraine in Presque Isle Co., will be taking them during one of his trips to the Ukraine. Soldiers and children are in need of these.

The soldiers use them to heat up food and for warmth. The children need them for warmth and as a light source at night, to do their homework.



Calls to boycott Walgreens grow as pharmacy confirms it will not sell abortion pills in 20 states, including some where it remains legal



The decision comes after 20 Republican attorneys general last month wrote to Walgreens and several other pharmacies including CVS, Walmart, and Costco to point out laws that could be violated if the companies provided abortion pills through the mail. A statement by Walgreens spokesperson has responded to the states represented by the 20 AGs, and confirmed it will not distribute the abortion pill Mifepristone in any of those states regardless if it is legal or not.

If you have news to report or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please reach out to Cathy at: acd684@gmail.com or call 989.916.6499

Other newsworthy items...

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It's time for all STAKEHOLDERS to come together to plan our rural strategy for 2023-24!

Join the **MDP Rural Caucus in Sault Ste. Marie**
April 13-15, 2023



A host committee and steering committee are planning this important summit to bring all Democrats together who support increasing the **blue vote** in rural Michigan.

We are fundraising to help underwrite the cost of this event, so many more people are able to attend. More details to follow soon. Room rates at the hotel are \$81/room/night and \$101 for a suite.

If you are interested, please email miruralcaucus@gmail.com and request to join our list. We will send you updated information as it is available.

Where:

2186 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie
(800) 539-2346
Group Booking ID: 24065

When:

April 13
Registration begins at 4PM
April 13 – 15 (noon)

mdpruralcaucus.com

How did our Legislators vote...

Here are just a few of the recent voting records of our legislators:

Jack Bergman voted NO on:

- H.R.8373 which sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information.

Cam Cavitt voted NO on:

- HB 4001 which gave tax relief to 1,000s of Michiganders and would repeal the retirement tax
- HB 4006 to repeal the antiquated 1931 abortion law

FYI. Alpena County Republican Party censured Representative Cam Cavitt for voting for Speaker Joe Tate (D). The censure was placed, because of his vote for a democrat for Michigan's Speaker of the House.

Michelle Hoytenga voted NO on:

- SB 4 which would add LGBTQ+ protections to Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act.

It doesn't appear that the importance of bipartisanship and working together for the common good is something the republican party seems to agree with.

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Land Acknowledgement

"The State of Michigan occupies the ancestral, traditional and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabek – Three Fires Confederacy, the Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibwe (Chippewa), and Bode'wadmi (Potawatomi). The MI Democratic Party recognizes these historic Indigenous communities, and those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. We further recognize the ongoing relationship of dependence upon, and respect for, all living beings of earth, sky, and water. In offering this land acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty, history, and experiences."

MDP asks County Parties to include this statement

**A portion of our budget is invested in electing local candidates and office space!
Thank you for all you do to support our efforts and take back Michigan!!**

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ DONATION FORM \$\$\$\$\$\$

Alpena County Democratic Party PO Box 611, Alpena, MI 49707

Send check with this form to address above or donate online at

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/alpenademocrats>

Contribution rules: I am at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident (i.e., green card holder). This contribution is made from my own funds and are not provided to me by another person or entity. I make it with my personal credit card - not with a business credit card or a card issued to another person.

Alpena County Democratic Party Donation form

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Campaign finance laws require the following information

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