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Alpena County Democratic Party & Fielder for the 106th Office Open House

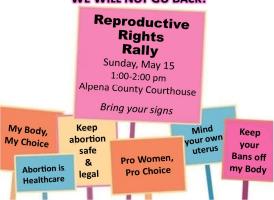
Saturday, May 14

1:00 –3:00pm

143 W. Washington Ave.
(across from Emery Enterprises)

Tours, Refreshments and petitions to sign will be available.

Women's Rights are Human Rights
WE WILL NOT GO BACK!



Message from the Board...

The ACDP has opened an office for the 2022 Election Cycle at 143 W. Washington Ave. across from Emery Enterprises. We are currently open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 6pm. Linda Ayres has graciously taken over as Office Manager for our offices. We are greatly appreciative. We are looking for volunteers who are able to cover a 4 hour shift from 10 am-2 pm and 2pm-6pm. If you can cover one of these shifts, then please stop by when you see the flags out or call us at 989-916-6499 or email us at acdp864@gmail.com. The hours and days we are open are subject to change.

Now that we have secured a nice space for an office through November, we are still in need of help to pay the rent after the August Primary to maintain office space and conduct campaign activities. If you are able to help us, then please consider a generous donation to the ACDP electronically-https://secure.actblue.com/donate/alpenademocrats or mail your donation with checks payable to -Alpena County Democratic Party, PO Box 611, Alpena, MI 49707.

We are also in need of an 8 ft conference table through Nov. 2022, even if on loan. If you have or know of one in good condition, please stop by the office or call.

Thank you for your support and Vote to turn Alpena County Blue in 2022!

Sincerely

Marie Fuldu Marie Fielder

ACDP Chairperson

David Dunn Todd Koss

ACDP Vice- Chair ACDP Secretary

Dan McNeil ACDP Treasurer

Important Dates

- •5/14/22: ACDP & Fielder for the 106th Office Open house, 1:00-3:00. 143 W Washington Ave. Alpena
- •5/15/22: Reproductive Rights Rally, 1:00-2:00, Alpena County Courthouse,
- •5/19/22: May ACDP monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm @ ACDP Office
- •6/12/22: SAVE-the-DATE. ACDP 45th Anniversary Celebration, 4:00-7:00 @ ACDP office
- •6/16/22: June ACDP monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm, @ ACDP Office
- •7/4/22: Alpena 4th of July parade, We need walkers in great numbers during this election season!
- •8/2/22: August Primary. **VOTE VOTE VOTE**

Become a member of the Michigan Democratic Party!

A great way to strengthen the **ADCP** 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

In case you missed it. Letter-to-the-Editor, The Alpena News, April 30, 2022

Alpena County GOP has no real solutions

OK, Alpena County Republicans, this is your Alpena Republican Party. The editor of the Alpena News approached both the Alpena County Democratic Party (ACDP) and the Alpena County Republican Party (ACRP) in January with the idea of publishing "side by side" opinion columns on topics chosen by The News to run on certain day's editions of the pa-per. Topics were: "public health man-"school safety," and "the labor shortage."

The ACDP skeptically agreed to this

The initial deadline for submission of the first three topics was the end of March. The ACDP submitted all three opinion columns by mid-March. No response or product was received from the ACRP. Silence. The Alpena News editor reached out to the ACRP asking if they still intended to participate. The ACRP was given a delay to Monday, April 11 to submit. Then no response. The editor again reached out to the Republicans, who then asked for a new deadline of Monday, April 25. Again, that date came and went. The ACRP finally replied that they don't have any volunteers to write the columns.

Imagine that. After many weeks of opportunity, the local Republican party couldn't articulate a position on these topics! Why? Because the local Republican party is ideologically

bankrupt. They have no real solutions or positions for issues of importance to Alpena County. Instead, they hurl false Fox News talking points and dog whistles to whip up their base with fear and loathing. Stolen elections, opposition to critical race theory (which is not part of any school curriculum), fear of transgender students in locker rooms, and opposition to the "woke culture" are just a few examples. When challenged with real topics, the ACRP goes silent, because they have no real answers. Alpena County Republicans, is this who you wish to identify with?

> ALPENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Candidate Highlight:

Former State Rep. Joel Sheltrown of West Branch is seeking Michigan's 36th Senate District seat. The newly redrawn district now includes Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Wexford, and parts of Bay and Manistee counties.

"My campaign for the 36th Senate is going well, and so far, the key people that I have met with are happy that I have decided to run. I am finding that my past accomplishments, such as the ORV legislation allowing local road use and securing the funding for the first wide-body Wurtsmith AFB repair hanger still reap dividends. My former position as chairman of Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee has proven to be very helpful in generating favorable name ID all over northern Michigan. My opponent doesn't have that advantage and was a no-show last night for a Cadillac Chamber event for candidates.

So, I look forward to representing the 36th District and introducing good policy I have witnessed across the nation, to Michigan. We have a good chance of taking the Senate, especially if I win my election. I also am grateful for all the support and encouragement Alpena Dems has provided! '

FRIENDS OF MARIE FIELDER Update

The Team and machine behind Fielder for the 106th is going strong and hard. We are connecting with voters and training hard so that we can deliver a well-executed campaign for Michigan's 106th District. Team Fielder has hired a Scheduling Coordinator and his name is Evan Carlson. Evan is from Presque Isle and is home for the summer from his first year at Central Michigan University. He attended 2 days of training in Lansing this past weekend and he will be in our office at least once per week. If you see him, say hello!

Check out the following links and information below. Website with all position statements:

www.MarieFielder.com

Email: fielder4MI@gmail.com

Phone: 989-916-4451

Mailing Address: Friends of Marie Fielder

PO Box 118 Alpena, MI. 49707

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FielderforMI106

If you have a smartphone, you can scan the QR code to immediately take you to our page.





Now that the ACDP has opened an office, we are actively recruiting Volunteers and Members, WENEED > especially Members. Our Membership has dropped dramatically from around 70 last year to under 40 as of April 30th. We are desperately seeking interested supporters to come to our monthly -membership meeting on Thursday May 19, 2022, to observe how our meetings are run and actively encourage the non-members in attendance to join the ACDP. We have MDP membership applications √ in the office and membership is free and we'll mail your application for you. When you're a Member of the MDP you also support the ACDP. Thank you for your support.

If you have news to report or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please reach out to Cathy at: acdp684@gmail.com or call 989.916.6499



Vote411.org is the one-stop shop for non-partisan information on elections and candidates.

Read and compare candidate responses to questions on relevant

Find your polling place and find out what will be on your ballot.

Your education. Your healthcare. Your community. Your future. Your vote counts for many things. Take control. Get registered. Get educated. Get out and vote. Learn more at www.VOTE411.org



The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates or political parties.

Please read all petitions you are asked to sign. Look at the top for the Ballot Measure name. Petitioners are not required to tell you the truth. Many get paid by how many signatures they collect so they will do anything for yours.

New rights for Michigan

Register to vote through Election Day

Up until 15 days before an election

Register at:

- Any Secretary of State branch office
- Your township, city or county clerk's office
- A designated state agency
- By mail

During the 14 days preceding an election

Register:

In person with your township or city clerk

On Election Day

Register and vote:

- In person with your township or city clerk, <u>not</u> at a precinct.
- Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.



Residency verification required.

- Acceptable documents include:
- State ID card
 Current utility bill
 Paycheck
 Government check

Documents must have name and current address.

Digital copies are acceptable.

All voters now can vote early

Step 1: Request your ballot.

Get an application at county, township and city clerks' offices or at Michigan.gov/Vote

- Mailed-in applications must be received by 5 p.m. the Friday before an election. Your ballot will be mailed to you.
- Voters also can drop off their application in person at their township or city clerk's office by 4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day and get their ballot.

Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it.

- Option 1: Drop off completed ballot in person to your township or city clerk.
- . Option 2: Return your ballot through the mail.

Ballots must be signed and received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.



Find out more at Michigan.gov/Vote.

We the People Action Fund **MI Ballot Initiative Summary** (pocket version) There's a ton of ballot initiatives going around in Michigan-these are proposals that, if they get enough signature, can be voted on and turned into law. But which are actually fighting for multiracial working class people? It's super important to be informed since petitioners (people collecting signatures) are legally allowed to lie to you. Let's take a look below. **Ballot Measure Name** Sign? Michiganders for Fair Lending Michigan Initiative for Community Yes-Health Michigan United - Good Time Initiative 🔮 Promote the Vote Raise the Wage MI Reproductive Freedom for All 🔮 Secure MI Vote 🚨 Unlock Michigan II 🕸 Audit MI 🗯 Let MI Kids Learn 🗯 Check out the full version at bit.ly/mibs2022 (case sensitive)!

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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 \$\$\$\$\$\$

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