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Message from the Chair...

The ACDP has felt a silence this winter, with so many of our membership gone to warmer climates. Remember that even when we are away, democracy and the heartbeat of our government continues. There is one good thing that we have learned since COVID and that is how to use Zoom! That means – that no matter where we are in the nation or world, we can still Zoom and help out our local Democratic party. Currently, 2 of our members are in Florida, but still helping us by Zoom. Stay connected! We miss you and we need you to stay engaged.

Your Chairperson,

Marie Fielder

We denounce all acts of violence and intimidation, and join leaders and people just like us from across the world in condemning the unprovoked and unjustified attack that Russia has launched against Ukraine. The actions of Russia are an assault on democracy and an attack on the values we hold dear.



! NEEDED ! OFFICE SPACE FOR THE ACDP

Recently, our Vice-Chair David Dunn looked at a vacant office space on the North end of Alpena, for the ACDP. The office space is 1,500 square feet with large windows in the front. While it is spacious, it would not provide good visibility for our Party. In addition, business space in Alpena is going for between \$1 and \$3 a square foot. The owner of this space is offering it for \$1,000/month, plus utilities. This is simply too much for our group to afford, especially when the visibility is not conducive to our overall efforts to be visible. We will keep looking. If you know of a great office space that is available, please let us know. We are looking. Call us at: 989-916-6499

Upcoming events

- 3/12/22: Meet & Greet w/106th candidate, Marie Fielder, Alcona Coffee Company, Harrisville, MI 10-12:00 pm
- 3/14/22: Alpena Public Schools Board of Education meeting, 5:30, at Hinks Elementary
- 3/17/22: March ACDP County Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm @ ACC, CTR, rm 116., email us for the link
- 4/5/22: Fielder for the Michigan 106th campaign kickoff (see pg 3 inside Note)
- 4/18/22: Alpena Public Schools Board of Education meeting, 5:30, at TBD
- 4/21/22: April ACDP County Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm, @ ACC, CTR, rm 116.
- 4/22/22: Earth Day
- 4/23/22: Great Lakes Great Responsibility is holding an Alpena Earth Day Clean Up, 10-12:00 more to come

Join us after the meeting at the Black Sheep for St. Patty's Day refreshments



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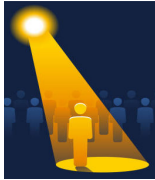
A great way to strengthen the ACDP is to join the MI Democratic Party. A \$20 basic membership returns \$15 to us locally. A \$60 couple membership returns \$40. Join w/donation: <https://michigandems.com/join>

Local, State and National News Updates



On a cold and blustery Saturday the ACDP was able to raise approximately \$1,100 at the Black Sheep fundraiser. Thanks to all that supported this event!

Candidate Highlight



Sarah Fritz

Candidate for Alpena Public Schools Board of Education

Sarah has a Bachelors of Fine Arts and a Masters of Science in Education. She has over 20 years of education experience in Virginia and Alpena. In retirement Sarah has been a volunteer tutor at Immanuel Lutheran School and directed the Christmas program.

Sarah has spent the last year attending APS Board of Education committee and regular meetings. She is apprised of the current issues facing students, teachers, schools and school boards.

She values students' rights to a quality, honest, safe and inclusive educational environment. Sarah also values the education and expertise of our educational staff.

FRIENDS OF MARIE FIELDER Update

All 18 members of FOMF Team have been hard at work perfecting and working the levers of the machine that we call – Friends of Marie Fielder. To date, Marie has canvassed 40 homes in Cheboygan Co. and has attended many events & meetings. She is making connections with all voters, having good conversations and fundraising. Currently, there are 3 GOP candidates running in the Primary. To date, there are no other Democratic candidates in her Primary. She feels confident that her message and plans for NE Michigan far outweighs anything the GOP candidates have to offer. Check out the following links and information below. Website with all position statements:

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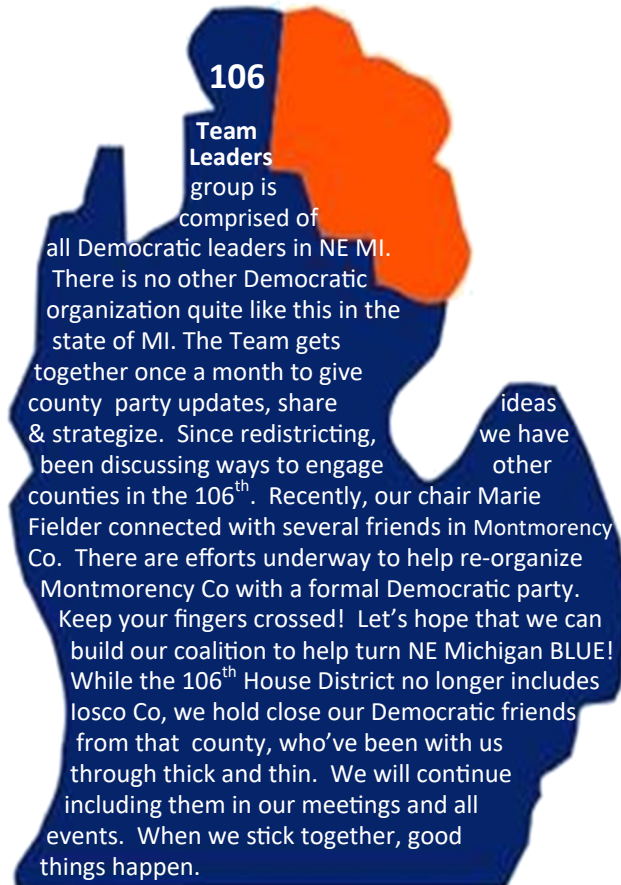


Mark your calendars!

The campaign to elect Marie Fielder is hosting a Launch Party on 4/5/22 at the Granum Theater, Alpena Community College starting at 4:00 pm. Immediately afterward, we will be holding a private party for all friends and supporters at the Nucleus Lounge in the Center Building in Alpena. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Drinks and dinner are on your own. We hope that you will attend and show your support. RSVP's @ 989-916-4451 are suggested. More information will be coming soon.



What's happening in the 106th?



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Team Leaders group is comprised of all Democratic leaders in NE MI. There is no other Democratic organization quite like this in the state of MI. The Team gets together once a month to give county party updates, share ideas & strategize. Since redistricting, we have been discussing ways to engage other counties in the 106th. Recently, our chair Marie Fielder connected with several friends in Montmorency Co. There are efforts underway to help re-organize Montmorency Co with a formal Democratic party. Keep your fingers crossed! Let's hope that we can build our coalition to help turn NE Michigan BLUE! While the 106th House District no longer includes Iosco Co, we hold close our Democratic friends from that county, who've been with us through thick and thin. We will continue including them in our meetings and all events. When we stick together, good things happen.

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



IN THE NEWS

Side-by-Side newspaper column series

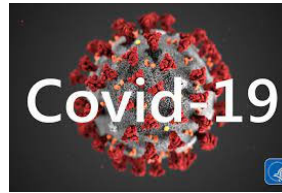
The ACDP Membership approved the idea last fall of participating in *The Alpena News*' side-by-side column series where we would write an 800 word column on our position on a specific topic and the Alpena Co. Republican Party would do the same. The two columns would appear next to each other in future *News* edition. Recently Justin Hinkley supplied the first three topics and volunteers in the ACDP have written the initial draft and party leadership reviewed, further edited, and finalized the installments. The *News* envisions printing the side-by-side column series one a month. The idea was partly motivated by a side-by-side printing on school issues that was in the news last fall. That column won a lot of praise for the ACDP. The goal of the series is to hopefully discover areas of commonality between the two parties. The ACDP believes this is a noble objective and it should prove to be revealing regardless.

Looking for your ACDP Membership?

If you are wondering where your new Membership with the MDP is, unfortunately the MDP is no longer keeping track of your Membership. They since have turned that task over to the County Parties.

If you are wondering about your Status as a Member of the MDP, please call Todd Koss-ACDP Membership Chair at (989)464-0281 or email demsec1920@outlook.com and I will look it up for you and send a form to you in the mail to renew your Membership. This Election will be absolutely crucial that with your help we elect our entire Democratic Slate in Michigan to protect our right to vote for who WE want and stop Republican sabotage.

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COVID Update: Biden just released his National COVID Preparedness Plan.

Even with COVID numbers decreasing, continuing to be prepared is key.

Biden's plan has 3 major elements: 1) Protect against COVID-19; 2) Prepare for new variants and 3) Prevent schools & businesses from needing to close.

1) Protecting against COVID revolves around maximizing the tools we have like tests, vaccines & therapies.

The ongoing availability of tests is one key. 70 million free tests have been delivered. And another round of free tests are available at <http://covidtests.gov>. Tests help when they assure us we are negative.

If positive, what then? Therapeutics. Biden is launching the new "test to treat" program. It will allow anti-virals to be given right at the test site.

Vaccines are the 3rd, & the most critical element of COVID prevention. The plan focuses on finishing the vaccination effort with kids under 5 & boosting more Americans.

2) Preparing for new variants is a critical & interesting part of the plan. The Administration is adopting the mindset of planning for variants. This means: early warnings of a new variant, faster approvals & building stockpiles.

Data collection, sequencing & wastewater are key focuses of early detection. The plan is then to approve & deliver new vaccines within 100 days. It calls on Congress to step up & fund PPE, vaccines, therapeutics & other things to make sure we're never caught off guard again.

The plan calls for a COVID Variant Playbook to assess the impact of any new variant on contagiousness & severity & adjustments needed to shore up tests, treatments & vaccine.

3) Preventing disruptions to schools & businesses is a third element of the plan. There is a commitment to new ventilation and a Clean Air in Buildings Checklist & new OSHA guidance as part of the plan.

The plan also states that it is what fundamental to keeping schools & businesses open is paid sick leave. We are so very foolish if we don't allow people to stay home with pay when they're not well.

There is great emphasis in the plan to protect the most vulnerable through prioritized access to boosters & treatments for immunocompromised, through nursing home improvements, through masking recommendations, through investments in long-COVID research.

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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!!

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