

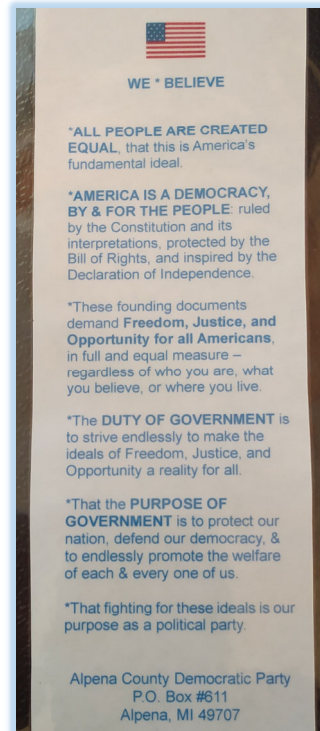
### DEMOCRATS 101 AND THE DEMOCRATIC CREED

On Friday, November 3, **ACDP** welcomed Bryan Watson to the Thunder Bay Winery to give a presentation on the principles set forth in an innovative book written by Jim Purvis *“Democrats 101- A Primer for Us”*. Bryan is the MI liaison to the Democrats 101 organization. This great book discusses the need to change the partisan, toxic political discourse that has dominated this country over the past 8 years— an Us vs. Them mentality. Democrats need to establish an identity that defines principles that all, not just Dems, can universally believe in and communicate to others.

Republicans have established an “identity” with the emergence of Donald Trump, the “MAGA” identity, which gives the right-wing Republicans a sense of belonging to a “cause”. Democrats 101 presents what is called the “Democratic Creed” of 6 principles, rooted in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and protected by the Bill of Rights. These principles & beliefs are and should be what all Democrats undoubtedly believe and identify with. Frankly, these are principles every American, including Independents and even Republicans should identify with, as they are foundational American principles.

The Democrats 101 organization is undertaking a national movement to encourage Democratic County Parties to officially adopt the Democratic Creed as its guiding principles—it’s identity. **ACDP** unanimously adopted the Creed at its October meeting with all 16 members present voting in favor. Seven Michigan Democratic County Parties have adopted to date, including our neighbors, Presque Isle and Cheboygan, with Isosco on the verge.

**ACDP** has created a “bookmark” with the principles of the Creed and will distribute them in our interactions with everyone. Visit [Dems101.org](http://Dems101.org). The website is replete with information and resources, and you can register on a link to receive its newsletter and order a copy of the must-read book. This is a grass-roots movement to move forward in a positive way.



### One Box for Ukraine Supply Drive

**ACDP** is sponsoring a drive to collect toys, clothing, medical supplies, & money in time for Christmas. Because shipping takes up to 30 days, we are asking for your gifted items by November 16, 2023, the date of our next Membership meeting at Alpena Community College.

At our meeting will be speaker Boyd Byelich, member of the non-profit One Box. Mr. Byelich has been on several trips to Poland & Ukraine while coordinating distribution of supplies to families & soldiers. Mr. Byelich will coordinate shipment of our collected items & speak concerning his personal experiences from a country in the grips of war. Visit Facebook group 'One Box for Ukraine' for more details.



Here's a list of items you can gift, for children and/or adults:

- Socks & underwear
- Band-aids, Ace bandages, digital thermometers
- Toys (dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, stickers, crayons & coloring books, magic markers & art paper, hot wheels, puzzles, flashlights, plastic figures or animals, soccer balls, books, school notebooks, solar calculators, foam balls, etc. **No food, liquids, creams or gels**)
- Sweatshirts
- Tennis Shoes
- Backpacks
- hairbrush, toothbrush

Bring your gifts to the Nov. 16 meeting or Drop off to Randy MacAulay at The Friendship Room, 1-5 PM, Monday-Saturday, 322 W. Chisholm (989)657-9313. Place items in a plastic bag or backpack labeled FOR UKRAINE.



***It's no secret that our Democratic Party supports Ukraine's war efforts to remain a free democratic country. Let's help the people of Ukraine endure their personal sacrifice while standing up to Russia's invasion & bombings.***

### Important Dates

- 11/16/23: April ACDP Meeting, 6:00pm, Alpena Community College, Rm 106, Newton Center
- 11/23/23 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 12/21/23 December meeting TBD

**Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!**

### Our Board members:

**Chair:** Linda Ayres  
**Vice-Chair:** Dan McNeill  
**Secretary:** Wendy Johnson  
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### 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

**WHAT A DIFFERENCE!** These before & after photos of wooden swings that were replaced, & the steel frames painted, demonstrate what a little money, bright-colored Rustoleum paint & 2 afternoons of volunteer labor can do. This was a community service project to completed by volunteers from our Alpena County Democratic Party. Volunteers were Dan McNeil, Dan Ludwig, Bill Powell, Diane O'Connor & Christine Brennan. Also, park bench was sanded & stained, 3 child swing-set frames were painted, & a bouncy-ride received a bright blue facelift (after all, blue is our color). Almost \$550 was donated by Alpena County Democrats to a GoFundMe account set up for this project.



The idea for this community project arose during a discussion at one of ACDP's Social Dinners in early 2023. Here is what our Democratic group concluded that evening: "The way to grow & promote the Democratic Party in Alpena is to show that Democrats can get visible things accomplished for the community without having to hold an elected office. Show that we are capable &

committed to getting things done." This is why ACDP social gatherings are so important – they help us find ways to take positive action.



### 106/99th District Democratic Leaders Update

Many of you may be aware of the group that Alcona Dem Robert Kennedy formed many years ago for all of the Chairpersons in the 106th District. Last winter, Robert decided to step down from his leadership in this group and I was asked to step in.

This group is comprised of democratic leaders from all throughout the 106th and 99th State Districts. We meet once a month to strategize, learn and coordinate our activities in efforts to grow our democratic base and organizations. Recent guests include: Jim Purvis, author of Democrats 101 and Representative Carrie Rheingans who spoke to us about her support for Single Payer Healthcare in Michigan. It's been a pleasure working with the leaders of Northeast MI. We are better together.

*-Marie Fielder*

**Early voting** will occur statewide in 2024 for the first time ever. For 9+ days before an election, voters can visit an early voting site to cast a ballot in person, just like at a polling place on Election Day. This means that Michigan has a critical need for more poll workers.

Sign up to be a poll worker here:

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/pollworker>

Democratic friend and Lansing Lobbyist Joe Gutowski has announced his website where you might follow current legislation supported by many leaders and organizations from around our state. Check out Joe's website here: [legislativeupdate.org](http://legislativeupdate.org)

### 1st Congressional District Democrats Update

There is new leadership heading up the 1st Congressional Democrats. Former candidate for MI Senate, Barb Conley is now Chair of our 1st CD Democrats and I am the Region 5 Vice Chair for Northeast MI. Serving in this capacity means that I am representing NE MI Democrats best interests, in our 1st CD meetings and work. Keep your eye out for a bright new website that will announce all of the great work going on around Michigan's 1st and greatest Congressional District.

*-Marie Fielder*



We made wonderful plans to enjoy a shipwreck tour around Thunder Bay on Lady Michigan with Attorney General Dana Nessel. But stormy seas made that impossible. Instead we & Dana Nessel took shelter in our local pub, The Black Sheep. Over a beer, Dana spoke casually with our group of about

30 Dems & discussed some current issues on our minds: Line 5 & upcoming oral arguments in Federal Court, prison reform, literacy, the Michigan State shooting & her twins in college, gun safety reform, LBGTQ rights, & the fake electors indictment. Michiganders are so fortunate to have Nessel as our lead prosecutor.



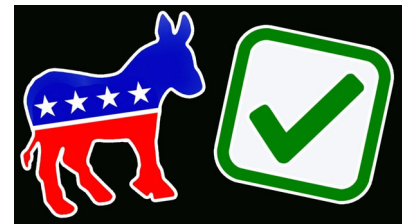
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## Other newsworthy items...



Area republicans are already planning to get their extreme candidates on local ballots i.e. county commissioner. We need to recruit and encourage Dems to apply. This link takes you to the Alpena County Website for applications.

<https://bit.ly/3FPSBhg>



Democrats win big in this November election. Let's keep it going for 2024!

MYTH	FACT
Refineries in Ohio will be shut down if Line 5 is shut down	PBF Refinery in Toledo asserts that they have no other source of petroleum and would have to shut down without Line 5 and they'd lose 1,000 jobs. However, in investor filings, PBF indicates that they are mainly supplied by 3 pipelines- Capline and Mid-valley pipelines from the south, and Line 5 from the north. They also only employ 550 people so how they would lose 1,000 jobs is unclear.
This will leave the U.P. without much-needed propane.	U.P. residents will not lose access to propane. Line 5 only provides propane to roughly 12,000 homes and businesses in the UP and other propane sources and providers already exist. The U.P. Energy Task Force found several options other than Line 5 with comparable costs.
Propane prices will skyrocket	According to the most comprehensive study done to date, shutting down Line 5 might result in temporary price increases of not more than 5 cents/gallon- well within normal market price fluctuations.
There is no solution in place to protect U.P. residents who rely on Line 5 propane.	The state is already implementing the administrative recommendations outlined in the U.P. Energy Task Force propane supply report AND the energy market adjusts quickly. There are several solutions that could be quickly developed and deployed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propane trucking from Superior, WI</li> <li>Rail transport from Conway, KS or Edmonton, AB</li> <li>Increased propane storage</li> </ul>
There will be 2,100 trucks crossing the Mackinac Bridge every day and trucks are more susceptible to spills	This number reflects the full amount of product being moved through Line 5, not the much smaller amount that would be needed in Michigan. The amount of propane needed for Michigan would be roughly 3-4 truckloads per day or 1-2 train cars per day.
The Detroit airport will run out of jet fuel if Line 5 is shut down.	Based on numbers published by PBF, BP Husky and Marathon Refineries, Line 5 appears to supply only about 10% of the jet fuel at Detroit Metro Airport, not 40% as claimed by Ohio Gov. DeWine. Both Marathon and PBF have other crude oil sources, and other pipelines could provide feedstock to satisfy regional jet fuel needs. Alternatively, other nearby refineries in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio could make up this shortfall.
Thousands of Michiganders depend on Line 5 for their jobs.	Enbridge only employs 116 employees and provisioned contractors in Michigan. More jobs will be created by decommissioning and removing Line 5 (2,188 jobs) than by building a tunnel (1,763 jobs). More than 1.3 million jobs regionally depend on the Great Lakes, creating \$82 billion in annual wages.

For more information and Talking points visit: [oilandwaterdontmix.org](http://oilandwaterdontmix.org)

### How did our Legislators vote...

It is difficult to keep track of all the legislation going on right now. Here is a link that lists the Michigan bills and how each legislator voted. FYI, do not be surprised that our Rep. Cavitt and Sen. Hoitenga have voted **NO** on 99% of all bills presented by Democrats. 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. <https://www.michiganvotes.org>

Same goes for our 106 Rep. Bergman. U.S. Congressional Votes: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/votes>

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*MDP asks County Parties to include this statement*

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Thank you for all you do to support our efforts and take back Michigan!!**

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