



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

SEPTEMBER 2023 Newsletter

A GREAT BIG **THANK YOU** TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED AT THE PICNIC! [The Set-up and Keep Everything Running Smoothly Crew](#): Dave and Trudy Pederson, Fred Garski, Gary Hawley, Jeb Williams, Collin McNamara, and Will Schederer; [The Bake Sale Crew](#): Linda Pozorski, Tom Pozorski, Ned Grossnickle, Jan Green, and everyone who donated goodies to sell; [The Kitchen Crew](#): Joan Garski, Fred Garski, Trudy Pederson, Jan Way, Kathy Celer, Jan Green, Sean Lindsey, Meleesa Johnson, Marion Trzebiatowski, Liz McDonald, Becky Woodward, Mary Dahm, Pat Dreese, Tom Pozorski, and Gary Hawley; [Raffle Tickets](#): Lynn Dominick, and Rick Wyman; [The Membership Crew](#): Mary Zinda, Marion Trzebiatowski, Liz McDonald, and Becky Woodward; [The Silent Auction Crew](#): Karyn Tank, Kristyne Havitz, and Nathan Havitz; [Our MC](#): Katrina Shankland. **We appreciate ALL of you!**

OUR SPEAKERS DESERVE A GREAT BIG THANK YOU AS WELL: Corey Ladick, Dennis Raabe, Meg Ehrler, Meg and Doug Ferriter, Mary Kneebone, Marion Trzebiatowski, DA Cass Cousins, Phil Swanhorst, Nancy and Joe Roppe, Karen Seig, Meleesa Johnson, Eric Olson, Collene Orrin, Maxwell Johnson, Sean Lindsey, Collin McNamara, and Katrina Shankland. **Important things are happening here in Portage County that we need to pay attention too.** For instance, our Mobile Food Pantry needs donations. The need for food for rural shut-ins is on-going. For more information call 715-341-9922. **The Portage County Board is considering selling the Portage County Health Care Facility** in spite of the passage of 2 referendums showing over-whelming public support to fund the cost of operations and to build a new state of the art Health Care Facility. Pay attention to this! Check out the Portage County Board Website for meeting times.

DAVE OBEY AWARD: This year we have 2 worthy recipients. **Ned Grossnickle**, and **Eric Olson**. Both men exhibit the qualities that Dave Obey demonstrated during his career: hard working, conscientious, respected, and caring. We are proud to call them friends and fellow Democrats.



CALLING ALL DEMOCRATS: We need Poll Workers who are registered Democrats for the 2024-2025 election cycle.



Every two years we must submit a new Poll Worker list to the 26 municipal clerks in our county. Those of you who served in the last election cycle need to confirm your willingness to continue as Poll Workers in the next election cycle.

In many of the municipalities there are far less (or no) Democrats on the list of available workers. If you have ever wondered how our elections are run, or if you know someone who doubts the results of our elections, **become a poll worker and have first-hand knowledge of how many checks and balances are in place to ensure safe and secure elections.** You only work on an election day, either all day, or an AM or PM shift. **If you have not yet confirmed or been contacted by Marion Trzebiatowski, our PCDP contact person, please call her at 715-321-0324, or email her at mtrebs6@gmail.com**

Editor's note: I've been a poll worker for 4 years now, and I really enjoy being in direct contact with the voting process. I have complete confidence in the results of our elections. **Please respond to this call for action. Let's make this job a top priority, folks!**

PCDP September 12th General Meeting.....

will be at 6:30pm at Headquarters. **Our guest speaker will be Pat Kreitlow.** He began his career as a journalist and broadcaster in western Wisconsin before becoming a Senator for the Wisconsin 23rd Senate District. Since then, he has returned to his roots. **He is the founding editor of UpNorthNews, an online progressive newsletter.** From there **he has moved on to host a daily internet radio conversation about the state's latest headlines and stories.** We are looking forward to a spirited question and answer session following his presentation! 😊 Please come and join the conversation!



Thanks to the Leigh Allgaier Memorial Funds, very soon we will have two bike racks close to Headquarters for those of you who ride your bikes to meetings. They will be located near the small park area just north of Sterling Optical. One is already installed and the second one will be available soon. A plaque honoring Leigh Allgaier is being prepared.

Picnic Pictures 😊





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PCDP General Meeting

September 12, 2023, 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Pat Kreitlow

Topic: UpNorthNews, Internet Radio,
Current events and regional politics

ART IN THE PARK Sept 16th

Pfiffner Park 10am-4pm

NCCT Annual Harvest Dinner

Sept 28th Bukholt Lodge 5-8pm

COFFEE on Wednesdays, 10am at Iverson Park
(weather permitting) bring your own chair and beverage
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