



Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward August 2021



Portage County Democratic Party

PICNIC

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021

11:30 am to 4:00 pm

Pfiffner Shelter

Highlights

Music by *moogie* at 11:30 am.

Food & drink for sale

Raffle (drawing at 3 pm)

Silent Auction (closes at 3:10 pm)

Speeches by elected officials from our county and municipal governments will begin at 12:45 pm.

Almost all of the candidates for US Senate have committed to attend.

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PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

by Jack Allgaier

The raffle tickets have all been delivered. My deepest thanks go out to this fine group of volunteers who personally delivered the tickets to members throughout Portage County: Jerod Barkley, Santha Bickford, Dave Blado, Darlene & Jim Jakusz, David & Trudy Pederson, Janice & Bill Seybold, Karyn Tank, Jan Way and Lynn Wyman. If you did not receive any raffle tickets and would like a packet – or **if you want more raffle tickets to sell** – contact me at 341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com.

Ways to Return your Sold Raffle Tickets:

- ✓ Drop your sold stubs and payment off at the HQs. In case the HQ is not open, drop the sold stubs and payment in our locked mailbox at our HQs. We check our mailbox daily so your stubs and money will be safe.
- ✓ Drop them off at our August 10th general meeting at the HQ. The doors open by 6:00 pm.
- ✓ Drop them off at the picnic on Sunday, Aug. 22. Please do so **BEFORE 2:00 pm** as the drawing is held at 3 pm; or
- ✓ Contact Jack for personal pick-up. Thanks.

Can't Sell your Tickets? That's all right. Really! Your membership and involvement is so much more important. If you don't want to have tickets delivered next year, please let Jack know to put you on our No Raffle Tickets list. Doing so saves the time and effort needed to personally deliver the tickets as well as the expenses involved. Thanks.

How can I help at the Picnic?

FOOD

You can donate some food. You can help serve food.
You can be a bartender (no license needed.)
Contact Jan Way at 572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com

SILENT AUCTION

Please donate any quality items to our silent auction.
Contact Karyn Tank at 344-8009 or karyntank@hotmail.com

ATTEND!

Buy some food and drink. Bid on our fantastic silent auction items. Be at the wonderful Pffner Shelter – indoors, out-of-the sun with a cool breeze off the Wisconsin River.

NEEDED

We need two or three volunteers to set-up our seven 4x4 picnic signs. Generous people have already approved having the signs placed on their properties. The signs are prepared. Now we need volunteers with a pick-up truck or a car and trailer to deliver the signs and set-them up. Please contact Jack Allgaier at 715-341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com if you might help. Thanks.

PROMOTE

The front page of this newsletter is a picnic flyer. If you can, please post it. Thanks.

Portage County Dems in 4th Of July Parade



Proud Dems lead the parade



Dem Supporters visible in Downtown Point on 4th





4th of July & Thank You Michele & Steve Party

PCDP members said goodbye and thank you to Michele & Steve Bjella for their support throughout the years





Matt Rothschild, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign was our guest speaker at the July 13th member on-line meeting.

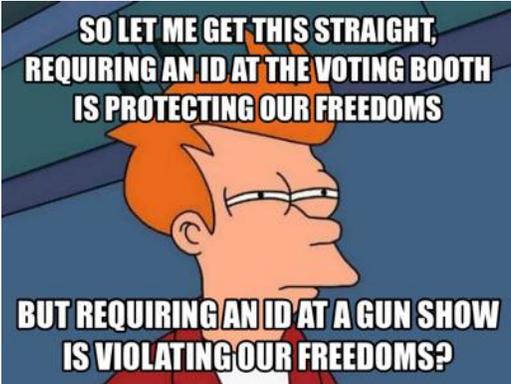
Prior to his current role, Matt was the editor and publisher of The Progressive magazine. He now works to “follow the money” in politics today to better inform the public “who is calling “ the shots in government.

Matt's stressed that the threat to our democracy is very real. He encouraged members to stay informed and highlighted these 5 things the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign is focused on; overturn Citizens United, supporting “Fair Maps”, supporting the campaign integrity package, working to make it easier, not harder, to vote and re-enfranchising felons.

Matt encouraged members to become and stay involved in local politics as that is where policies that affect communities are initiated.



PROTECT YOUR VOTING RIGHTS



The world is ruled by those that show up!

Voting is the responsibility of citizens that want to see change happen!



Housekeeping note...

During the recent cleaning of Headquarters in order to get ready for in-person meetings, it was discovered that one of our folding banquet tables was missing. The table, because it folds, is much easier to transport to events.

If you borrowed the table for an event, or know where it might be, please return it or make arrangements with Jan or Gary for it's return. Thanks!



Our member meeting will be held at the Headquarters on August 10th-6:30

Joining us will be Steve Menzel and Tori Jennings to bring us up to date on their and other's effort to establish an artery of the Green Circle Trail that will connect the East side with the rest of Stevens Point. This section of the trail is called the Plover River Crossing as it will involve construction of a walking bridge over the Plover River. Their talk will discuss how this project came about and their progress so far.



It's Rosholt Fair Time



We will be marching in the Rosholt Parade on Sat, Sept 4. The parade starts at noon so be at the staging area by the Rosholt High School by 11:30.

If you can be there at 10:30 to help us decorate our vehicles, please do so. We truly need the help. Please wear your political shirts (pro-Democratic, of course) plus we'll have extra shirts from area elected officials to loan.

It's a fun parade so please join us. Contact Jan Way at janmway@gmail.com or 715-572-5802 to help us know the size of our group. We'll have candy and trinkets to hand out, but feel free to bring your own.

We will not have a booth at the Rosholt Fair this year. We do plan to be back in full force in election year 2022.

“The Wisconsin supreme Court has affirmed the state Department of Natural Resources has the authority to place permit restrictions on large livestock farms and high-capacity wells in order to protect the state’s water”.

The first ruling involved CAFO's and their effects on ground water.

The majority ruling regarding the discharge of wastewater from a CAFO in Kewaunee County, was written by Justice Jill Karofsky. It ruled that the DNR “had the explicit authority” to impose permit conditions with limitations on discharge waste and ground water protections standards. The ruling has the potential to limit the number and size of CAFO's in Wisconsin thereby protecting the public’s groundwater sources.

The second case impacts high-capacity wells and ground water.

Clean Water advocacy groups contested DNR's approval of eight high-capacity well applications made by farmers in the Central Sands region between 2014 and 2015. After originally putting the applications on hold, the DNR approved the wells based on an opinion of former Republican Attorney General Brad Schimel.



The recent majority opinion, written by Justice Rebecca Dallet, overturned the previous ruling, finding that the DNR does have the **authority and responsibility** to consider the broader environmental harm of high-capacity wells to the waters of the state.

A staff attorney for Clean Wisconsin, one of the plaintiffs in the cases, stated that the decisions “solidifies the DNR's authority to protect waters from pollution or from overextraction when issuing permits”.



Looking for a member to take over the editor position of this newsletter. No experience needed, just an interest in getting the word out to the PCDP membership on the events and happenings at the Headquarters and the larger community. Contact Gary or Jan if interested.



Deadline for Dave Obey award is July 31....

the nomination form was in the July newsletter along with the criteria for the nominee. Return your submission to David Pederson, the 2020 recipient and chair of the 2021 committee, at graniteridgefarm@gmail.com.



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August 22, 2021
Piffner Shelter
11:30-4:00

Music, food, fun!

August 10, 2021 Meeting

PCDP Headquarters

6 PM doors open

6:30 Call to order

Announcements

Program: Steve Menzel & Tori Jennings on
proposed extension of Green Circle Trail

Elected Officials/Candidates

Business Meeting

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