



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

JUNE 2023 Newsletter

A Very BIG Announcement!!

On June 3rd, Executive Board member, Collin McNamara, formally announced his candidacy for State Senate, District 24, running against Patrick Testin.



For those of you who do not know him, he was raised in Iola, Wisconsin, is a recent UWSP grad, and although he is young, he already has several years of public service and political activity under his belt.

In his remarks on Saturday, he explained why he is running for office in spite of the super-charged political atmosphere, pointing out that “the only way for bad things to (continue to) happen, is for good people to sit on the sidelines and do nothing”.

Collin believes that the Wisconsin values he grew up with, honesty, integrity, empathy, respect, and hard work, are “values that define all Wisconsinites”. He is not looking to advance his own agenda, or his own interests. Instead, he truly believes the people of District 24 need a Senator who will listen to them and be their voice in Madison.

To support Collin financially, or to volunteer, go to collinforsenate.com



Point Pride is this weekend at Pfiﬀner Park. **Volunteers are needed to set up our table at 9am, and during the day.** The event runs from 10am to 10pm. If it rains the event will move to the SHOPKO building downtown. To volunteer contact Sean Lindsay at sean.lindsey@wisdems.org or 405-365-9535.

PCDP JUNE 13th General Meeting. Our speaker for the evening will be Jim Buchholz, the Director of Schmeckle Reserve. He will be giving us an update on the activities and projects going on at the Reserve. Learn about this special outdoor place we have right here in Stevens Point. There are activities year-round for your outdoor enjoyment! Please, join us for an enjoyable and entertaining program and bring friends! **Raffle tickets are ready for pick-up!**

JUNETEENTH, celebrating the end of slavery in the US, will be observed in Pfiﬀner Park on June 17th, from 11am to 7pm. **Volunteers are needed to work at the event. Set-up is at 10am. Contact Joan Garski to volunteer at 715-341-587, or fredjoan@charter.net**





is June 23-25 at MREA Headquarters in Custer.

Admission is FREE if you volunteer to meet the public at our PCDP table located under the tent, safe from too much sun (or rain!). You will be among friends here, and conversations will be stimulating and friendly. When your shift is done, wander the grounds and see what cool

inventions are out there. Visit the food trucks and make a day of it 😊 To volunteer, contact Mary Vils at: 715-572-3193, or wmmrch@yahoo.com.

Riverfront Rendezvous 2023 is June 30th through July 2nd at Pfiffner Park in Stevens Point.

It will be a fun-packed weekend of live music (in 3 different locations at once!), activities (like inflatable games for kids, pickleball tournaments, horseshoe tournaments, and fire jugglers), fireworks at dusk on July 2nd, and a boat parade. Food trucks and vendors will be there, and a beer tent, since this is Wisconsin 😊 Relax and enjoy the weekend!



4th of July Parade in Stevens Point is on a Tuesday this year. Line up begins at 10:30am on Main Street near the Post Office. **We need creative people with new ideas! Come help us deck out our vehicles with signs, flags and banners. Stay to walk with us and hand out pencils, stickers, and candy.** It's an easy walk (the shortest parade route in Portage County!) and a fun time! **Collin McNamara will be walking with us and will have t-shirts available for anyone who would like to walk with him. He needs our support, folks! Party at HQ after the Parade!**

Save the date: PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC Sunday, August 27th, 11:30am - 4:00pm, Rain or shine at Pfiffner Park Shelter in Pfiffner Park, Stevens Point.

Committees are forming for the picnic. Please consider signing up for one of the committees. I have listed some contact people. We need volunteers to make this event successful 😊 Many hands make light work! (if no contact person is listed, call or email Jan Way with questions)

FOOD AND BEVERAGES Contact Kathy Celer at 708-212-0435 or kceler@sbcglobal.net, or Jan Way at 715-572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com to volunteer.

BAKE SALE We need a volunteer to coordinate this event. We also need donations of baked goods and canned goods to sell.

SILENT AUCTION Contact Karyn Tank at 715-344-8009, or karyntank@hotmail.com We need donations of new, or quality, hardly used items for our silent auction baskets.

DAVE OBEY AWARD Contact Joan Garski using the form found in this newsletter

RAFFLE TICKET SALES AND DRAWING Finance Committee

AUDIO, ELECTRICAL, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT Open

DECORATIONS AND POLITICAL SIGNS David Pederson

ADVERTISEMENTS, 4 X 4'S, AND BANNER SET-UP David Pederson and Jan Way

YOUTH OUTDOOR GAMES Contact Joan Garski at 715-341-5873 or fredjoan@charter.net

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP AT HQ when the **OPEN** sign is on or at a General Meeting. Return them to the locked mailbox when HQ is closed.

Portage County Democratic Party Dave Obey Award

This Award was initiated in 2004 to honor Congressman Dave Obeyes' thirty-fifth year as a US Representative. It is given annually at the PCDP Picnic.

Excluded from consideration are publicly-elected officials and the current co-chairs of the PCDP. The selection committee – as appointed by the co-chair annually – shall contain no nominees for the award for that year. The selection committee has sole right to select the award recipient (selection is not confirmed by the Executive Board nor the general membership).

PCDP Democrats can submit applications (copy below) for fellow Democrats.

Requirements are that the nominee live in Portage County, be a current member of the PCDP and support the philosophies of the Democratic Party.

In addition, a nominee should exhibit *some* of those traits that Dave Obey has demonstrated during his career in politics: hard-working, respected, caring about poor or disadvantaged, steadfast and conscientious. The nominee should make us proud that he/she is a Democrat. The award is based on activity in the Democratic Party over the last year.

APPLICATION

DAVID OBEY AWARD PAST RECIPIANTS

2012 – Cindy Chelcun
2013 – Leigh Allgaier,
Trudy Pederson
Darlene Todd
2014 – Carol Gawlik
2015 – Jerry Ugland
2016 – Glen Fink
2017 – Ray Cal
2018 – Karyn Tank
2019 – Michele Bjella
2020 – David Pederson
2021 – Meleesa Johnson
2022 – Joan Garski
2023 – ?

**YOU can submit a
nominee.**

Nominated Person: _____

Nominator: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE: / / 2023

You may print this form, write on the back of it, then mail it to the address below, or, if you prefer, write an email to Joan Garski. Please explain in less than 300 words why this person is deserving of this award. Include at least two specific examples of involvement of this person with the PCDP. If you receive this form in the mail, please fill it out and mail it back. The mailing address and email address are below.

Please submit applications by the DEADLINE, Monday, July 31st.

MAIL: PCDP
Obey Award
Attn: Joan Garski
2220 Division St
Stevens Point 54481

Email: Joan Garski at: fredjoan@charter.net



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PCDP General Meeting

June 13th 6:30pm at HQ

Guest Speaker: Jim Buchholz

Topic: What's New at Schmeckle Reserve?

WISWDEMS 2023 Convention June 10-11

POINT PRIDE June 10 volunteers needed!

Juneteenth June 17 volunteers needed!

MREA Energy Fair in Custer

June 23-25 free entry if you volunteer!

Riverfront Rendezvous 2023

June 30-July 2 at Pfiffner Park

4TH OF July Parade at Noon

Meet at 10:30 to decorate

PCDP Picnic August 27 save the date!

COFFEE on Wednesdays, 10am at Iverson Park

(weather permitting) bring your own chair and beverage

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