



# PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

## AUGUST 2023 Newsletter

Summer is definitely here! Hope you are finding time to enjoy some of our many summertime-only activities! 😊

**August 8<sup>th</sup> is the date of our PCDP General Meeting.** We have an interesting program lined up. **Sean Lindsey**, our regional organizing director will be updating us on volunteer opportunities in August and September. You can bet your bottom dollar the “other party” is busy getting organized so we need to stay on top of things to be prepared for 2024! **Ned Grossnickle**, and a college student who accompanied him to Washington DC, will review their recent climate change lobbying effort. Refreshments will be served.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** have all been delivered! Jack Allgaier would like to thank our fine group of volunteers who personally delivered tickets to our members throughout Portage County: Santha Bickford, Dave Blado, Greg Hanneman, Darlene & Jim Jakusz, Sam Lang, David & Trudy Pederson, Janice & Bill Seybold, Karyn Tank, Jan Way, and Rick & Lynn Wyman. And thank you to all of you who picked yours up at Headquarters! **This is our biggest fund-raiser so we need your help to sell as many tickets as possible.** **If you need more tickets, please contact Jack Allgaier at 715-341-5359, [allgaiers@gmail.com](mailto:allgaiers@gmail.com)** Please make sure to include a name, address, and phone number on the stub because buyers do not need to be present to win. Many people use address labels to make it easier to fill out. Just add a phone number!



### Ways to return your sold raffle tickets:

- Drop your sold stubs and payment off at HQ. If the office is closed, put the stubs and payment in our locked mailbox at HQ. We check our mailbox daily so your stubs and money will be safe.
- Drop them off at our August 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at HQ. Doors should be open at 6:00pm.
- Drop them off at our picnic on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please do so before 2:00pm! (see below)

**NOTE:** You may purchase and return stubs at the picnic, but stubs must be turned in by 2pm to the Treasurer at the Pfiffner Shelter to be eligible for the 3pm drawing!

## August 27<sup>th</sup> is the date of our PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC

### HOW CAN I HELP? Suggestions follow.....

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES** Kathy needs volunteers to sign up for 1-hour shifts to help serve food and beverages. **Contact Kathy Celer at 708-212-0435 or [kceler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kceler@sbcglobal.net)** .

**BAKE SALE** Linda needs donations of bakery, (cookies, pies, cakes and brownies) jams, jellies, or maple syrup. She also needs volunteers to help with the sales. **Call Linda Pozorski at 920-840-3916.**

**SILENT AUCTION** Karen needs donations of quality new, or lightly used items for our silent auction. **Contact Karyn Tank at 715-344-8009, or [karyntank@hotmail.com](mailto:karyntank@hotmail.com)** .

**YOUTH OUTDOOR GAMES** Joan needs help with outdoor games. **Contact Joan Garski at 715-341-5873 or [fredjoan@charter.net](mailto:fredjoan@charter.net)** .

**ATTEND THE PICNIC!** Buy some lunch and homemade goodies! Bid on your favorite silent auction items. Relax and enjoy visiting with friends and fellow progressives. Be inside out of the sun enjoying a cool breeze off the Wisconsin River.

**PROMOTE THE PICNIC by posting the Picnic Flyer in this newsletter!**

**Here is an opportunity to learn how to be an advocate for local transportation issues. Eric Olson is sharing this information. Please consider attending!**

**1000 Friends of Wisconsin**, a Madison based advocacy group that promotes land use policies and activities that advance healthy communities, is excited to announce the **Community Transportation Academy**, coming to Stevens Point in Fall 2023! Applications are open until August 14, 2023.



**What:** FREE ten-week course that helps bridge the gap between community advocates and transportation planning entities, and provides community members with skills and knowledge to advocate for safe and accessible transportation networks that work for everyone. Learn about transportation plans and processes, interact with local and national experts invited as guest speakers, take local tours, connect with other participants, and more.

**When:** Wednesdays from 4-6pm, September 6 - November 8, 2023

**Where:** 4 in-person sessions in Stevens Point, 6 virtual sessions via Zoom, plus online participation and engagement.

**Who:** Community members, local elected leaders, city and county staff, and college students in the Stevens Point area who are interested in learning more about local transportation to be a better advocate! No previous knowledge or experience required.

**How:** Visit <https://1kfriends.org/community-transportation-academy/> to read more on the **1000 Friends of Wisconsin** website and apply. Questions? Email Susan Gaeddert, Community Programs Director, at [susan@1kfriends.org](mailto:susan@1kfriends.org)

## Save the date for the Rosholt Fair and Parade

**Labor Day Weekend, September 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



Last year we had a tent and raffled off 3 kid's bikes. That generated a lot of interest! We gave out lots of buttons and literature. Lots of people stopped by to chat. This year we'd love to do the same. Do you know of someone who might donate 2-3 new kids bikes for a raffle??? Are you interested in volunteering for this event??? If you are interested in helping to plan, or to volunteer for this event, contact Joan Garski at 715-341-5873 or [fredjoan@charter.net](mailto:fredjoan@charter.net) or Jan Way at 715-572-5802 or [janmway@gmail.com](mailto:janmway@gmail.com) It's outside and under a tent! Added bonus—the Penny Poll is very popular and generates lots of conversations!

# Here's an update from Collin McNamara's Senate District 24 Campaign (Borrowed from his FB page 😊)

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2220 Division St  
Stevens Point WI



1,000. That's how many miles I've traveled since we announced this campaign last month. When I announced, I said I would go to every part of the district and wouldn't take anything for granted. That's why I've been crisscrossing this district listening and talking with folks.

We've heard from people who are worried about childcare, who are worried about their family farm, who are worried about the future of democracy. But I've also heard their hopes and their dreams for the future.

Together, we can return Wisconsin values back to Madison!

Thanks for all your love and support!

Collin



## Katrina Shankland was spotted in downtown Stevens Point spending time with Senator Tammy Baldwin and Mayor Mike Wiza. They visited



many of our small downtown businesses. She and the Mayor showcased the vibrancy, diverse offerings, and energy we have in our downtown. They chatted with the Senator about the difference her support in the Senate for economic development and community investment has made in our community.

# Democratic Party

## PICNIC

**Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023**

**11:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Pfiffner Shelter**

### Highlights

**Food, drink & baked goods for sale**

**Raffle (drawing at 3 pm)**

**Silent Auction (closes at 3 pm)**

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



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**Robert Reich**

@RBReich

If we've learned anything these past few years, it's that:

- 1) Workers keep America going, not billionaires
- 2) Corporate profits don't trickle down to workers
- 3) Poverty is a policy choice
- 4) Health care is a human right
- 5) Strikes work

## August 8<sup>th</sup> PCDP General Meeting

6:30pm at Headquarters

Guest Speakers: Sean Lindsey with an Update  
and Ned Grossnickle with CCL Lobby news

### Sell Raffle Tickets!!!

Drop off in the locked mailbox when the office is closed, or bring to the picnic. Write name, address, and phone number on each stub!

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11:30am – 4:00pm Pffnner Park Shelter

Featuring a Bake Sale, Silent Auction,  
Food and Beverages, Music, & Fellowship.  
Meet Candidates and Elected Officials.

Raffle drawing at 3pm!

**COFFEE** on Wednesdays, 10am at Iverson Park  
(weather permitting) bring your own chair and beverage  
Authorized and paid for by Portage County Democratic Party