



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - August 2018

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IT'S A PARADE



4TH OF JULY IN STEVENS POINT

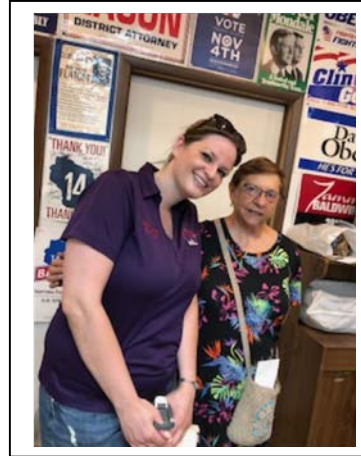
Photos by Christofferson & Pederson

HQ USE

Karyn Tank reports there were 4 meetings in June at the HQs with 64 persons participating.



Everyone enjoyed the food and cold drinks after the parade.



THANKS to LEIGH ALLGAIER for coordinating the gathering and supplying most of the food

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## PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 26 11:30 – 4 PM PIFFNER PIONEER PARK – STEVENS POINT

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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PCDP PICNIC

Silent Auction	Please donate any quality items to our silent auction. We can take your donation now! And then visit the picnic for many great bargains in our silent auction.	Karyn Tank karyntank@hotmail.com 715-344-8009 Contact Karyn for pick-up or drop them off at HQ
Bake Sale	We again will be selling bake goods. If you can bake some cookies, bars or other treats, contact Carol. A sign-up will be available at the Aug. 7 th meeting.	Carol Gawlik cgawlik@att.net 715-344-3961 Drop off items at Carol's home day before event or bring to picnic. Please have items priced.
Raffle Tickets	Please sell your tickets. If you need more tickets, see Jack. See below for instructions on returning ticket stubs	Jack Allgaier allgaiers@gmail.com 715-341-5359
Refreshments	Yes, we will have a bar with both beer and soda. If you can help bartend (no license needed), contact Jan.	Jan Way janmway@gmail.com 715-572-5802
Food	If you can prepare a fruit salad or pasta salad, we would appreciate it. A sign-up will be available at the Aug. 7 th mtg. Also, volunteer servers are needed.	Jan Way janmway@gmail.com 715-572-5802

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS – by Jack Allgaier

The raffle tickets have been delivered. My deepest thanks to this fine group of volunteers who personally delivered the tickets to members throughout Portage County: Leigh Allgaier, Trish Baker, Jerod Barkley, Santha Bickford, Darlene & Jim Jakusz, David & Trudy Pederson, Janice & Bill Seybold, Karyn Tank and Jan Way. If you did not receive raffle tickets and would like a packet, contact Jack Allgaier at 341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com

Ways to Return your Sold Raffle Tickets: You may:

- 1) drop your sold stubs and a payment off at the HQs – the hours are listed at the right;
- 2) in case the HQs 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;
- 3) mail the sold stubs and a check to our HQs at PCDP, 2220 Division St., Stevens Point, 54481;
- 4) drop them off at the picnic on Sunday, Aug. 26. Please do so BEFORE 2:00 pm as the drawing is held at 3 pm; or
- 5) contact Jack for personal pick-up: 715-341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com. Thanks.

HQs HOURS

Tues Aug 7: 6 – 9 pm
(our general meeting)
Tues Aug 21: 5 – 7 pm
Sat Aug 25: 11 am – 1 pm

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 me know and we will 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 – Jack

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## YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THE PCDP PICNIC

The picnic is held at the historic Pfiffner Building on the beautiful Wisconsin River in downtown Stevens Point. The Building provides shelter from the rain as well shade from the sun. No matter what the weather, you will be comfortable at the premium vista in the city.

This being a very important election year for Democrats, we have invited and expect several of the Democratic candidates for state offices as well as the local offices to attend. We encourage you to come and hear how our Democratic leaders will restore our Democracy and Democratic values in Wisconsin and by extension, Portage County. And while you are enjoying the speeches and camaraderie of fellow Democrats, you will want to purchase a delicious meal from the “Friendly Café”, buy some bakery treats, and bid on the fabulous baskets in the silent auction. We'll also show our appreciation to another hard working Democratic member with the Dave Obey award. Come find out whom that will be.

**It's a Party for our Party**





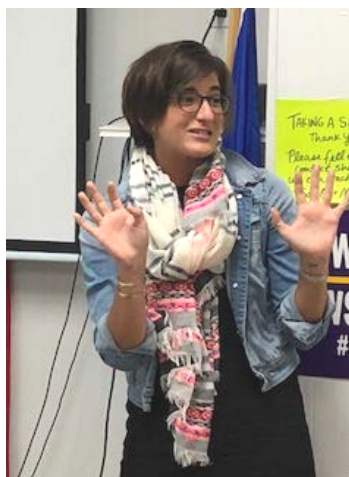
## Recent Governor's Candidates & Tammy Campaign Visit HQs



Mahlon Mitchell



Kelda Roys (via Skype)



Danielle Mielke, Tammy Baldwin Campaign



These are the persons to contact to help elect Democrats in 2018



New Faces at HQs

Marlo Fields

Field organizer for Ron Kind

[marlof@ronkind.org](mailto:marlof@ronkind.org)

612-401-9597



Dylan Contrino

WI. Coordinated Campaign Field Dr

[dylanc@wisdems.org](mailto:dylanc@wisdems.org)

610-844-2995



“Save The Children” March in Stevens Point  
On June 24, 2018, PCDP members joined many community members in the march protesting the separation of families at the border by the Trump administration.

The crowd gathered by the vacated Kmart store, and then marched down Division St.



Climate Change was the topic at the July PCDP meeting

Ned Grossnickle, member of Citizen’s Climate Lobby, spoke to the group about his recent legislative efforts in Washington DC, on behalf of the CCL.

He and Max Johnson, UWSP student, joined 1,400 other Citizens Climate Lobby activists for two days of training and one day of lobbying members of Congress. Ned reported that Congressman Ron Kind is a supporting member of the group’s effort to promote discussions regarding climate change at the highest levels of government.

Ned explained carbon fee and dividend, which is a proposal to tax fossil fuels at their source and refund consumers the cost differential on the back end.

Ned answered questions and received applause for his presentation.



YOUR OPINION – FOCUS OF AUGUST 7 PCDP MEETING

The Executive Board decided that because the PCDP August meeting is only one week before the Primary, the program portion of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting would be an “open mike” opportunity for members to promote their favorite Democratic candidate. Members will be allowed 2 minutes to state in positive terms, why their choice is the best person for that particular office.

If you have a favorite candidate for any office, this is your chance to expound on their qualifications.

# Great News

## REPORT ON PCDP SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM

### SYSTEM EXPENSES

|                             |           |                                  |                  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| North Wind Renewable Energy | 16,150.00 | solar panels/1st payment         |                  |
| North Wind Renewable Energy | 5,750.00  | solar panels/final payment       |                  |
|                             |           | cost of solar panel system       | 21,900.00        |
|                             |           | Focus on Energy Rebate           | 2,628.00         |
|                             |           | North Wind Renewable Energy Coop | 1,106.25         |
|                             |           | <b>cost after rebates</b>        | <b>18,165.75</b> |

### FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

|                                |        |                                 |                  |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Post Office                    | 294.00 | stamps Capital Campaign         |                  |
| Staples                        | 18.97  | envelopes                       |                  |
| Wells Print & Digital Services | 77.48  | printing donation cards         |                  |
| Post Office                    | 50.00  | stamps invite to celebration    |                  |
| Wausau Awards & Engraving      | 421.26 | plaque for silver & gold levels |                  |
|                                |        | <b>fundraising expenses</b>     | <b>861.71</b>    |
| fundraising exp as % of cost   | 4.5%   | <b>total expenses</b>           | <b>19,027.46</b> |

### INCOME

### CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS

15,225.50

Cost to PCDP treasury 3,801.96

## THANKS

By Ned Grossnickle

The Portage County Democratic Party is the first county party in Wisconsin to be partially or fully powered by photovoltaic solar energy!

The new PCDP Solar Energy System was possible only because of the generosity of the many donors at all giving levels.

As you can see by the accounting above, the result of such an outstanding outpouring of generosity by membership, the payment by the PCDP treasury was a small fraction of the total cost.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS to make this capital campaign such a huge success. Our installation will provide clean solar energy, reduce carbon emissions and our carbon footprint and will save greatly on PCDP's electric bills for decades to come. THANK YOU !!



Dave Gorski & Cari Fay at Coffee & Conversations



4th of July Parade

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CO-CHAIRS

We write to you with a very special request. In addition to supporting the re-election of Senator Baldwin, Representative Shankland and local Dem office holders, we will need all hands on deck to defeat Scott Walker and elect a Democratic Governor. We also want to encourage you to adopt a legislator to help flip red seats to blue seats. Therefore, we are encouraging each Democrat in the county to *adopt a legislative candidate* to help them get elected this fall.

District 70 Assembly: Cari Fay from Merrilan has tossed her hat into the race. She is running in what was formerly Amy Sue Vruwink's seat. The district includes four townships in the northern and western portions of Portage County: towns of Eau Plaine, Dewey, Hull and Carson and the village of Junction City. It is a tough race because of the Republican gerrymandering of the district, but with support from our great volunteers, she has a chance of winning against her opponent who has done nothing in the legislature for 4 years! Get to know Cari at [www.carifay.com](http://www.carifay.com)

District 72 Assembly: Dave Gorski from Wisconsin Rapids decided to challenge the incumbent once again. In Portage County, the 72 Assembly District includes the village of Almond as well as the towns of Almond, Pine Grove and the southern 2/3 of Grant. Dave was unsuccessful in his previous try to unseat his Republic rival, but he garnered 43.5% of the total vote. With Dave's experience running a campaign and his continued enthusiasm, with some volunteer help and financial support, he is well positioned to succeed in 2018. Contact Dave at [gorskidavid60@gmail.com](mailto:gorskidavid60@gmail.com)

We understand that you are being asked daily to contribute money to many political races and they are all important. But we have a chance this year to turn Portage County blue, and propel us toward our goal to turn our State Senate seat blue in 2020. Dave and Cari are good people for whom you may not be able to vote for, but once elected will represent your values in Madison. They would benefit from your volunteering for their campaigns and could use your financial help too. Thanks.

Jan Way & Gary Hawley, co-chairs  
Portage County Democratic Party

# PORTAGE COUNTY FALL ELECTIONS

Partisan Primary – Tues, Aug 14    General – Tues, Nov 6

*The list of candidates with numbers in front of their names will be reduced to one per office via the partisan election (you may only vote for candidates in one party).*

| <b>OFFICE</b>             | <b>DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Governor                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tony Evers, DPI superintendent</li> <li>2. Matt Flynn, former DPW chair</li> <li>3. Mike McCabe, political activist</li> <li>4. Mahlon Mitchell, firefighter</li> <li>5. Joshua Pade, corporate attorney</li> <li><b>6. Kelda Roys, former State Rep</b></li> <li>7. Paul Soglin, Mayor Madison</li> <li>8. Kathleen Vinehout, State Senator</li> </ol> |
| Lieutenant Governor       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mandela Barnes</li> <li>2. Kurt Kober</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Attorney General          | Josh Kaul                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Secretary of State        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doug La Follete (Incumbent)</li> <li>2. Arvina Martin</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| State Treasurer           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cynthia Kaump</li> <li>2. Sarah Godiewski</li> <li>3. Dawn Marie Sass</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| US Senator                | Tammy Baldwin (Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| US Representative         | Ron Kind (Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Odd-numbered Senate seats | <i>None in Portage Co.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Dist 70 Assembly*         | Cari Fay, Merrilan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Dist 71 Assembly*         | Katrina Shankland (Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Dist 72 Assembly*         | David Gorski, Wisconsin Rapids                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Portage Co Sheriff        | Mike Lucas (Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Clerk of Circuit Courts   | Lisa Roth (incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

\* You may vote in only one of the three Assembly Districts, depending your voting address.

- Assembly Dist 70 (north & west) consists of the Towns of Hull, Dewey, Eau Pleine & Carson plus the village of Junction City.
- Assembly Dist 72 (south-west) consists of the Towns of Almond, Pine Grove, and the southern half of Grant plus the village of Almond.
- Assembly Dist 71 consists of all the rest of Portage Co.



Still don't know which Gubernatorial candidate to vote for? Here are links to the websites and Facebook pages for eight of the Democratic candidates for governor.

Tony Evers

Website: <https://www.tonyevers.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Tony4WI/>

Matt Flynn

Website: <https://forwardwithflynn.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ForwardWFlynn/>

Mike McCabe

Website: <https://www.governorbluejeans.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bluejeansgov/>

Mahlon Mitchell

Website: <https://mahlonmitchell.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MahlonMitchell/>

Josh Pade

Website: <https://www.padeforwisconsin.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JoshPadeForWI/>

Kelda Roys

Website: <https://keldaforgovernor.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/keldaroys/>

Paul Soglin

Website: <https://paulsoglinforgovernor.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/keldaroys/>

Kathleen Vinehout

Website: <https://www.kathleenvinehout.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KathleenVinehout/>

Thanks to Rick Christofferson for providing this listing.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Summer Sustainability Movie Series Beginning August 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Interfaith Community for the Earth* presents a

## Summer Sustainability Movie Series



**Free Movies!** **Free Popcorn!**

Join us at **6:30 p.m.** at the  
Portage County Public Library, 1001 Main Street

| <u>Thursdays:</u> | <u>Movies:</u>                                                           | <u>Rooms:</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| August 2, 2018    | <i>The Land with Jerry Apps</i>                                          | Prairie       |
| August 9, 2018    | <i>Wisconsin's Homegrown Farmer</i> and<br><i>Water Rich, Water Poor</i> | Prairie       |
| August 16, 2018   | <i>Our Wisconsin: The Climate Change Effect</i>                          | Pinery        |
| August 23, 2018   | <i>Searching for Sustainability</i>                                      | Pinery        |

**Cosponsored by**  
Aldo Leopold Audubon Society, the Baha'i Faith, Central Rivers Farmshed, Citizens' Climate Lobby,  
Frame Presbyterian Church Green Team, Franciscans Downtown, Friends of the Little Plover River,  
Midwest Renewable Energy Association, Peace United Church of Christ, and  
St. Joseph Parish Call to Justice Committee

**Interfaith Community for the Earth mission statement**  
*We are people of many faiths working together to educate ourselves and others  
as we advocate sustainable practices for the well-being of the earth and its inhabitants.*

August 15<sup>th</sup> - The day after the Primary, **Our Wisconsin Revolution** will have a Town Meeting at MSTC at 6 PM to discuss messaging and communication as it relates to the Democratic candidate for Governor.

The 1<sup>st</sup> duty of government is to protect the powerless against the powerful

Code of Hammurabi

More Events...

## **ROSHOLT FAIR & PARADE      Come Join The Fun**

The fair begins on Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>. We will again have a booth "on the Hill" and will need volunteers to engage the fair goers, hand out literature, sell buttons and distribute our Democratic candidate's signs.

Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is the noon parade. We have lots of candy left over from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We will need car & float decorators and people to hand out candy to the young and the young at heart. A sign up sheet for both events will be available at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **PCDP RUMMAGE SALE – FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7 & 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Darlene Todd & Liz McDonald are organizing this sale to be held at the Todd residence at the corner of Michigan & Algoma in Stevens Point. The sale will be from 8 'til 6 on Friday and 8 'til 2 on Saturday.

You can bring CLEAN, SALEABLE (no Junk or electronics) to Darlene's house on Thursday, September 6 and help set up for the sale or anytime from now until the sale. Leave items in the garage if no one answers the door or call Darlene to arrange a convenient time to drop off items. **715-498-4340.**

We could use volunteers for set up on Thurs. and for the sale on Fri. and Sat. Call Liz to volunteer. **715-570-3099** There will be a sign up sheet at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> "Rise Up For Climate Change"** a national mobilization to demand a clean and renewable energy future with good jobs for all. More information at [www.peoplesclimate.org](http://www.peoplesclimate.org)

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THREAT

A reminder: Recent news from Washington and the ongoing investigation into the President's prior activities, reminds us that the potential to shut down the Mueller investigation continues to be a threat.

We hope it does not happen, but if Trump, or someone else acts on threats to fire Rosenstein or Robert Mueller, we need to take to the streets.

We would meet at the Public Square in Stevens Point. MoveOn says that if Mueller is fired before 2:00 p.m. we should meet at 5:00 p.m. If he is fired after 2:00 p.m. we should meet at noon the next day. Coordinated by Rick Christofferson



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**PCDP PICNIC – AUGUST 26
PFIFFNER BUILDING – 11:30 AM – 4 PM**

PCDP August 7th MEETING

6 PM Socialization

6:30 Call to order/Elected Officials & Candidates/General Meeting

Program – OPEN MIKE – Members can promote their favorite candidate in the upcoming Primary

Refreshments & Socialization