



# PORTAGE COUNTY **DEMOCRAT**

Getting Together, Moving Forward Together October 2018

## STYLISH SIGNS FOR THE TIMES

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If you haven't picked up signs for your yard yet, they are now available at the HQs. We have signs for all Democratic candidates.



### Numbers...

Karyn Tank keeps track of the number of groups and people that use our HQs throughout each month.

In Aug., 74 people used the HQs.

We are continually thankful for our building and for the benefits it offers those that use it.

HQs is open Monday - Friday 10 AM - 7 PM and Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM. Stop in for your signs!

An opportunity for volunteers (it doesn't involve knocking doors)

We need volunteers to help staff the headquarters until  
the November 6th election- less than 40 days away

The hours will be Monday to Friday 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday 10 am to 2pm. Volunteers can work as many hours as they wish, but **they need to be consistent each week** so that it's easier to keep track of who is there (ie: volunteer Tuesday from 10 to 2 or M,W, F from 4 to 7 pm or any combination that fits your schedule). Mary Vils will develop a schedule to share with all the volunteers.

Volunteers would be asked to --

- hand out, and record, who takes candidate yard signs and literature
- collect money for donations for candidate yard signs and literature
- promote and collect money for memberships to the Democratic party
- ask for help with making phone calls and canvassing
- let people know where to vote, if they do not know this
- advise people of early voting options

Contact Gary Hawley at 715-321-0111

Reminder: These staff persons are looking for volunteers to make phone calls and canvass.

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Trevor Powers - Fellow

Lauren Hewitt - Fellow

Stop in to say hi & volunteer to help get Dems elected on November 6th

## **Democratic candidates - Your Vote Counts - Let's Win Up & Down!!!**

<b>Governor:</b>	Tony Evers
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	Mandela Barnes
<b>Attorney General</b>	Josh Kaul
<b>Secretary of State</b>	Doug La Follette
<b>State Treasurer</b>	Sarah Godlewski
<b>US Senator</b>	Tammy Baldwin
<b>US Rep 3<sup>rd</sup> CD</b>	Ron Kind
<b>Portage Co Sheriff</b>	Mike Lucas
<b>Clerk of Courts</b>	Lisa Roth

**State Senate**                      None in Portage County this year

### **State Assembly**

**Dist 70 Assembly\*** Cari Fay, Merrilan WI

**Dist 71 Assembly\*** Katrina Shankland, Stevens Point, WI

**Dist 72 Assembly\*** David Gorski, Wisconsin Rapids WI

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

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

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## **HEADQUARTER'S HISTORY**

At the September 11th meeting, local historian and recently retired Portage County Librarian, Wendell Nelson, provided a very interesting history and a few historical pictures of our building at 2220 Division St.

From Mr. Nelson's research, we learned that Samuel Glover constructed a new building on this site in 1877 where tin, copper and sheet-iron wares were produced. That building burned down in 1888. The rubble was cleared and a new double building (consisting of our HQ at 2220 Division and the attached building to the north, 2216 Division) was built by Glover and Samuel Feldman.

Throughout the years, the building was owned by the following parties:

Feldman & Glover Hardware & Grocery Store: 1888 - 1901

International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Lodge Hall: 1901 - 1945

Eagles Lodge Hall: 1945 - 1955

General Drivers Union Local 354: 1955 – 1985

General Teamsters Union Local 662: 1985 – 2011

Portage Co Democratic Party purchased the building on **Nov. 22, 2011.**

It is coincidental that the building served several worker Unions through the years and now houses the County Democratic Party!! Or is it?

## PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 9th PCDP MEETING

### Discussion - Important Referendums on November 6 Ballot

At our October general meeting, there will be a discussion of each of the referenda that will appear on the ballot in November. There are three county referenda:

- 1) **Ben Kollock** will discuss the advisory referendum on medical marijuana.
- 2) **Tom Mallison**, Portage County Treasurer, will discuss the advisory “dark store” referendum dealing with property taxes on large buildings.
- 3) **Meleesa Johnson** – City Alder & County Board Supervisor will discuss the binding referendum dealing with County Health Care Center; it funds the facility by providing \$1.4 million for each of the next four years.



In addition, for those who live in the Stevens Point Area School District, School Board member **Trish Baker** will discuss an additional two referenda whereby the district can:

- 1) exceed tax limits by \$3.5 million per year for district operation expenses; and
- 2) borrow \$75.9 million for maintenance & construction.

Please join us Tuesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm to learn more about these referenda. Your Executive Board has already gone on record *in support* of all five.



### Rummage Sale Big Success

Darlene Todd and Liz McDonald recently spearheaded and coordinated a rummage sale to benefit the PCDP. Thanks to their efforts along with those people that donated items for sale and also helped with the sale, Darlene and Liz were able to raise over \$800 to further the cause of electing Democrats in Portage County.



## Picnic & Raffle Thanks

By Jack Allgaier, 2018 Picnic Chair

I want to thank all the people who made this year's raffle and picnic a terrific success. The raffle would not happen without the many members who pick-up and buy their tickets early. It would not be as successful without the fine group of Democrats who deliver tickets to members homes throughout the county. And it certainly would not succeed were it not for all of you who sell or buy these tickets. The raffle once again provided your party with a good income this year. Thanks.

Likewise, I must thank all the people who make the picnic a success. That includes Jan Way and her crew who prepare and sell great food and drink; Carol Gawlik and her gang who bake and sell unbelievably delicious baked goods; Karyn Tank and her team who organize, transport and oversee the all the great items in our silent auction; Representative Katrina Shankland who served as emcee of our program; the musical group moogie who made the start of the day as festive as possible; and the many great Democrats who showed up to partake. No matter how great the picnic is, an audience is needed to succeed. Thanks to each of you who attended. The picnic not only provides us with income, but it is an opportunity of Democrats to get together to share ideas. Thanks.

Mark your calendar for our next picnic: **Sunday, August 25, 2019**, at the Piffner Park Shelter. We'll plan to see you there.

## Planning for 2019 - Openings on the PCDP Executive Board

For the coming year, there will be several openings for positions on the Executive Board. We are in need of a secretary and a treasurer. Both of these positions will receive training from the current office holder. There will also be one or two at-large seats open. Please consider helping out your party in 2019.

Nominations are held in November, with elections taking place in December.

If you are interested in any of these positions and would like more information, talk to Gary or Jan.

# Two Events in Portage County



## Wisconsin Solar Tour


Saturday, October 6

Join people Central Wisconsin for 10 AM to 4 PM for a solar tour. Homes and businesses will open their doors to demonstrate and share strategies for energy-efficient, renewable energy and sustainable living. Site tours are free and open to the public.

PCDP Headquarters is one of the sites

Visitors will be able to see pictures of the 25 panels on the roof and will be given a sheet showing the electricity cost savings we have realized since the installation in 2017.

For additional sites you can visit, go to the MREA website at [www.midwestrenew.org](http://www.midwestrenew.org) and click on solar tour.



**PORTAGE COUNTY** **FREE**  
**PRESCRIPTION DRUG**  
**TAKE BACK**  
*PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & THE ENVIRONMENT*

<b>TUESDAY, OCT 23</b> 11:30AM-12:30PM FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ROSHOLT	<b>FRIDAY, OCT 26</b> 11:30AM-1:00PM JENSEN CENTER AMHERST
<b>THURSDAY, OCT 25</b> 11:00AM-12:30PM VILLAGE PARK LODGE JUNCTION CITY	<b>SATURDAY, OCT 27</b> 8AM-NOON LINCOLN CENTER STEVENS POINT
<b>SATURDAY, OCT 27</b> 12:30PM-2:00PM COMMUNITY CENTER ALMOND-BANCROFT	

Bring all your (and anyone else's) unwanted, unneeded or outdated prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines. Please leave the medications in their original containers. Please remove the patient's name, but leave identity of medication intact.

Prescriptions may also be dropped off at the Portage County Sheriff's Office or the Stevens Point or Plover Police Departments

<b>ITEMS ACCEPTED</b> Pills Syrups Salves Creams Capsules	<b>ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED*</b> Inhalers Oxygen Tanks Nebulizers Sharps Radioactive Cancer Medication
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\*Contact Portage County Solid Waste Department at 715-343-6297 or 715-345-5970 for more information about disposal of these items.

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for Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention  
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**Stevens Point Police Department**  
**Plover Police Department • Jensen Center**



Dispose of your outdated and unused medications and over the counter medicines safely.

Check out the dates for the Take Back nearest you and protect your family and the environment

# Bradley Whitford visits Portage County Democratic HQs

Photos by Rick Christofferson



PCDP welcomes Bradley Whitford



Smooshing with the co-chair



That's a large cone!

Bradley Whitford is a 3 time Golden Globe winner for his part in West Wing a NBC television drama and currently plays Commander Lawrence in the Hulu series and Emmy nominated A Handmaiden Tale. He has always been politically active and is a Madison native.

**Wisconsin Democrats**  
— Restoring Fairness —  
Expand Access to Health care • Raise the Minimum Wage • Gender Pay Equity • Restore Collective Bargaining • Expand BadgerCare • Make Elections Free and Fair



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## PCDP OCTOBER 9TH MEETING

6 PM Socialization

6:30 Call To order

Program - Discussion of Referenda on November 6th ballot

Elected Officials & Candidates

Refreshments & Socialization

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