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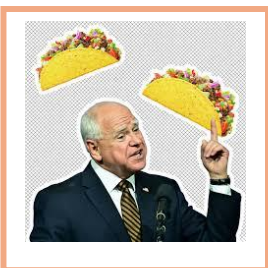
Keynote speakers:

- Joe Biden
- Bill Clinton
- Barack Obama
- Hillary Clinton
- Jason Carter

[Harris-Walz Website](#)

Video --

[Kamala Harris and Tim Walz on tacos, music, and the future of America](#)



**HARRIS  
WALZ**

### **Kamala Harris – A Brief Resume**

*elected* District Attorney of San Francisco

*elected* Attorney General of California

*elected* U.S. Senator From California

*elected* Vice President of the United States

**now running for President of the United States**

### **Tim Walz – A Brief Resume**

*enlisted* in the Army National Guard when he turned 17

*served* for 24 years, rose to rank of Command Sergeant Major

*served* his community as a teacher and football coach

*elected* to Congress in a Republican district

*elected* Governor of Minnesota

*cut taxes* for working families and protected women's rights

**now running for Vice President of the United States**

### Congratulations Primary Winners



<p><b>Trina Borenstein</b></p>  <p>Candidate for Michigan House <a href="http://electrina.com">electrina.com</a></p>	<p><b>Jenn Hill</b></p>  <p>Candidate for Michigan House <a href="http://electjennhil.com">electjennhil.com</a></p>	<p><b>Callie Barr</b></p>  <p>Candidate for U.S. Congress <a href="http://callieforcongress.com">callieforcongress.com</a></p>	<p><b>Elissa Slotkin</b></p>  <p>Candidate for U.S Senate <a href="http://elissaslotkin.org">elissaslotkin.org</a></p>
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The CD1 Media team is scheduling billboards throughout District One to be displayed before the election.



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**They vote for US.**

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Greeting CD1 members!

Your CD1 Communications Committee would like to thank those who have so generously donated to our media campaign. As a result, we have all been working feverishly to develop our brand. Our goal is to elevate CD1, engaging our many members to support our CD1 Democratic Candidates, Democratic House and Senate Candidates, Supreme Court Candidates and President, and Vice President Candidate of our United States.

Starting in September, you will begin seeing some of the fruits of our labor popping up all over CD1. You will see one of our projects, our Billboard. You will see it in this newsletter, our Facebook page, our website. Our message is, Vote for Democrats...They vote for US!

This election WILL be the most important in our lifetime and for generations to come. It is about saving the future of our Democracy. We need every Democrat in CD1 to Vote. Regardless of if you VOTE early, by absentee ballot, or in person, on Tuesday, November 5 th , 2024, just do it! We need everyone to VOTE.

We have more projects in the works for CD1 and promoting our message. We are asking each of you to reach out and support CD1 by donating to our CD1Media Campaign! You can access our ActBlue QR code on the CD1 website, <https://michigandemscd1.com>. If you would rather write a check, make it payable to First Congressional District Democrats. Mail it to CD1, P.O. Box 172, Grawn, MI 49637. With your continued support and working together we can help turn CD1 blue.

On behalf of CD1, we thank you.

Your CD1 Communication Committee,

Walt, Connie, Mari, Jim, Carolyn, and Beth

## Dr. Laura Ford spoke recently about reproductive rights and Project 2025 at the Walloon Lake Winery.

Laura Ford of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party recently spoke to more than two dozen attendees from Charlevoix County. Her talk, titled "The 411 on Reproductive Health and Political Activism," was held at the Walloon Lake Winery in Petoskey and sponsored by the Charlevoix Women Democrats. Laura was a nurse practitioner in women's health with more than 40 years in clinical practice and was an adjunct instructor on health policy and law at Western Michigan University.

What can voters do to maintain freedoms? Ford urged the group to stay aware, to try to educate themselves and inform others, to evaluate with "reason and integrity," and to vote Blue to preserve America's freedoms.

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Ford is available to speak to other groups. The Charlevoix Women Democrats meet every Wednesday in Boyne City. To join or for more information, call 231-753-8411 or email us at [democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com](mailto:democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com).



*Dr. Laura Ford at the Walloon Lake Winery.*

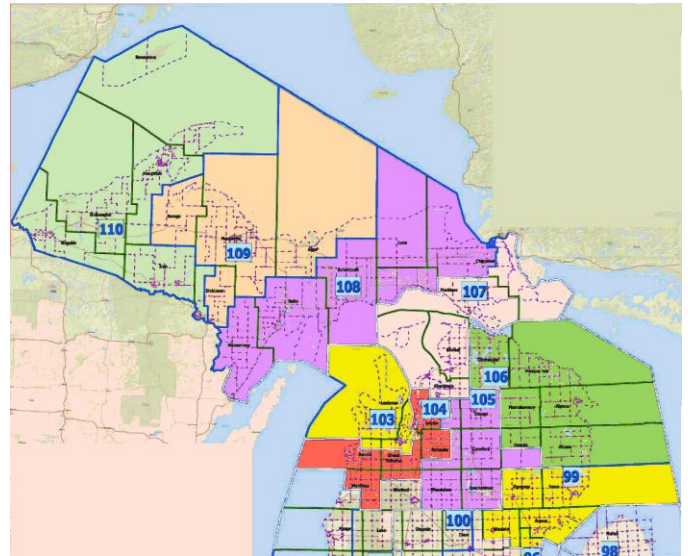
The Charlevoix Women Democrats meet every Wednesday in Boyne City.

10 am. Lake Char. Coffee Co.



## 2024 CANDIDATES FOR MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MICHIGAN HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Democrats hold a  
1-seat majority



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**In Michigan, 32 Election Deniers** serve in the state legislature, making up **21%** of the 148-person body and part of the leadership in both chambers. In the Michigan House of Representatives, **22** Election Deniers make up **20%** of the chamber. **None** ran unopposed last election, and **9** were new to the chamber in 2023.

**Deniers in CD1:** District 104: John Roth      District 105: Ken Borton  
District 107: Neil Friske      District 110: Gregory Markkanen

<https://statesuniteddemocracy.org/resources/states-of-denial/#michigan> 8/3/24

**In December 2020, Jack Bergman** was one of 126 Republican members of the House of Representatives to sign an amicus brief in support of *Texas v. Pennsylvania*, a lawsuit filed at the United States Supreme Court contesting the results of the 2020 presidential election, in which Biden defeated Trump.

**On January 6, 2021,** Jack Bergman voted **NOT** to certify the election results.

The CD1 Media team is working to place billboards throughout District One.

**We have reserved Four** high-visibility, high-traffic spots for 4-week periods in October and November:

- Standish
- Gaylord
- Iron Mountain
- St. Ignace

**FIVE desirable locations** remain available.

Traverse City  
Marquette  
The Soo  
Petoskey  
Alpena

Costs for a 4-week display range from \$600 to \$1,200.

About the CD1  
Communications / Media  
Committee

*So far this year we have –*

- >> Established a newsletter
- >> Created a district website
- >> Reenergized our FB page
- >> Scheduled four 10' x 23' billboards to be displayed before the election.

All CD1 candidates will benefit from these district-wide investments.

*For questions, contact  
Jim Rodgers  
<jrodgers@ltu.edu>*

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This design will appear on each billboard. Proof created by Lamar. The billboards measure approximately 10 feet high x 23 feet wide.



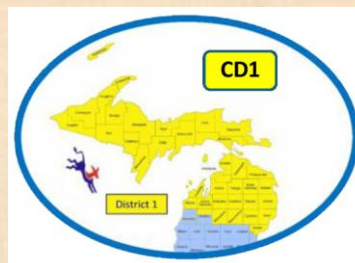
### ***Other Media Team Efforts:***

**Radio ads** – these will run in the weeks before the election. There is one station which blankets the entire U.P. Another reaches District One South of the bridge.

**Road signs** – we are exploring various ways to reach motorists in the *U.P. as they travel around “The Land of Long Drives.”*

**Newspapers** –Antrim County Dems have a well-developed system. We are assessing cost vs benefits.

**Facebook ads** – Many glowing recommendations received – we believe these will prove affordable and highly effective.



*Michigan’s First Congressional District includes  
Thirty-Six Counties --*

*All Of The Upper Peninsula, The  
Better Part Of The Lower Peninsula, And  
Over Half Of The World’s Fresh Maple Syrup*



## Women4Harris — Wednesdays at 8:30!!!

Join us at our Headquarters –  
or zoom in from anywhere!

It's a lot of fun. There'll be lots of camaraderie, and good snacks and drinks. The fun starts at 8 p.m. The Zoom starts at 8:30.

Last week there were 6,000 on the call...and we were all invited to come back this week, bring a friend, and watch this cool thing grow.

NO RSVP needed—just show up with your friendly smile, your can-do attitude and, if you can, a friend who's anything from mildly curious to totally ready to jump in.

&

... if you've never been with us, all the better! Just know that we are located right next to the Cherry Bowl Drive-In and are very friendly!



9930 Honor Highway (U.S.31), Honor,  
Michigan (Next to the Cherry Bowl Drive-in)  
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Saturday 1 pm to 4 pm

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## Aug. 17 — The Supremes and More!

Aug. 17: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kyra Bolden and MI Supreme Court candidate Kimberly Thomas will talk about campaigning and some of the issues headed for our "Supremes".

As always, it will be quality coffee and breakfast snacks at HQ at 9:30. Come early, catch up with old friends, make some new ones!

If you can't make it in person, Zoom with us!

But first, ya gotta register! Just [click here](#) and our tireless, ever-faithful Zoombot will grab you a virtual front row seat.

## Charlevoix Dems

*CCDP will open TWO campaign offices this year!*

**The office addresses are:**

### Boyne City:

Water Street Center  
5 W. Main Street, Suite 7, Boyne City, MI 49712

### Charlevoix:

06777 U.S. 31 South  
Units A & B, Charlevoix, MI 49720

*Days and hours:*

[charlevoixdems.wordpress.com](http://charlevoixdems.wordpress.com)

Volunteers enthusiastically welcomed:

[democrats.charlevoix.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:democrats.charlevoix.rsvp@gmail.com)







August 22 @ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### All Hands on Deck

Seasons of the North Winery  
9090 M-68, Indian River, MI

There's an election ahead, so join us for discussion on candidates, issues, volunteer opportunities, and more! Bring your ideas, friends, and a sense of humor - we'll weather this next election together!

**THE BANNED BOOK SOCIETY PRESENTS *Our Next CHOSEN TITLE:***  
*to be announced as determined by the group...contact for info*

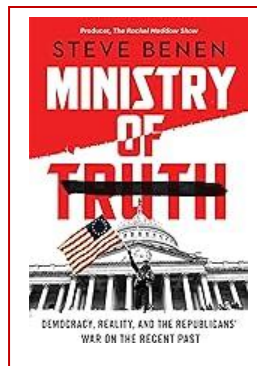
**ALL MEETINGS 1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**Indian River Public Library**

**JOIN THE BANNED BOOK SOCIETY TODAY BY CONTACTING MAX BELOW:**

***mboettger69@gmail.com***  
***231.290.6969***

## Women's March for Kamala Harris

**Aug 24, 2024, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**F & M Park Traverse City**  
**716 E State St, Traverse City, MI 49686**



**You've heard these lies --**

- The 2020 election was stolen
- Jan 6 insurrection didn't happen

This powerful, just-released book explains how and why Republicans are bullying our memories into submission.

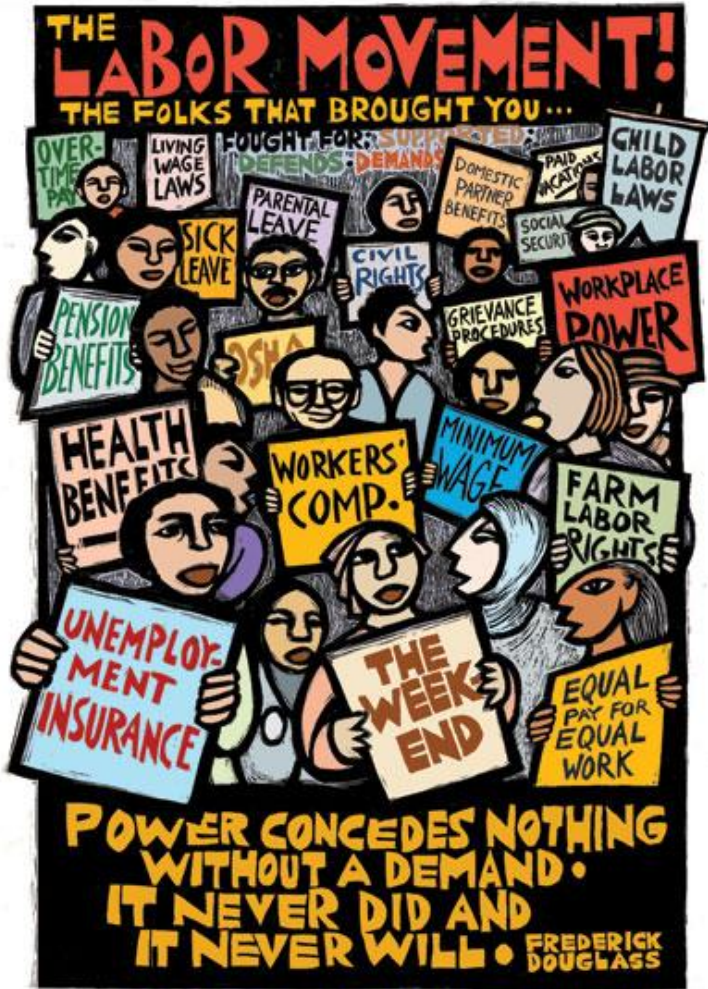
"... the contemporary Republican Party sees the recent past as an enemy to be overpowered, crushed, and conquered..."

This malevolent project is a dangerous step toward autocracy.



**August 19 @ 2:30 pm**

Hive North 100 S Main St, Cheboygan, MI  
Join us for an afternoon of lively discussion and grassroots action!



## Happy Labor Day

Poster by [Ricardo Levins-Morales](#)

### Leelanau Democratic Party

## Save the Date!

LCDP's Annual Frances Perkins Picnic in honor of the Labor Movement

**August 31st, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m**

Elmwood Township Park Pavilion

Speakers: Rep. Betsy Coffia, Local Candidates, & TBD

More details to come.



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SEPTEMBER 27 2024

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[Details](#)



## IOSCO DEMS

### September

3 -General Membership Meeting 5:30-7:00, 224 Newman St. Hosted by Deirdre.

\$-8- BS- Tailgate Party 1:00- 224 Newman St. Hosted by Jesse

25 -Adopt-A-Highway- noon-2:00-Meet at Aulerich Rd & US-23 Mobile station

\*? Member Fundraiser- AuSable River Queen?

### October

1- General Membership Meeting 5:30-7:00, 224 Newman St. Hosted by Terry O

5 - Adopt-A-Forest 2:00-4:00?

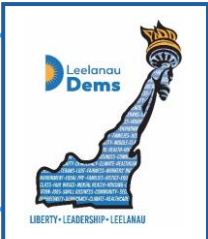
(\$) 16- BS-4:00-5:30, 224 Newman St. Hosted by Karen

(\$) 25- Halloween Fundraiser 5:00-8:00. 224 Newman St. Hosted by Carole & Gary



## Leelanau Democratic Party

**Pop-Up Schedule / September 6 through  
October 27th  
11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m \***

Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
<b>Northport</b> (10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m) Waukazoo St. across from Northport Pub & Grille	<b>Greilickville</b> 12446 S. West Bay Shore	<b>Suttons Bay</b> Martha's Leelanau Table 413 N. St. Joseph St.
<b>Glen Arbor</b> 1231 Baldwin Ave	<b>Empire</b> Porch of Old Hardware Store at end of Front St.	<b>Leland</b> 204 S. Main St.
	<b>On a rotating basis:</b>	
	<b>Cedar</b> Corner of Good Harbor Trail & Schomberg Road <b>Maple City</b> 8583 S. Maple City Road <b>Lake Leelanau</b> 7350 E. Duck Lake Rd	

\* Subject to change :)

Email Us With Any Questions: [leelanaudemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:leelanaudemocrats@gmail.com)

## Openings on the Charlevoix County Democratic Party (CCDP) Committee

We are always on the lookout for dedicated Democrats to keep our county committee active. This year we will have to fill some important roles on the Executive Committee.

Other openings on the committee are available to anyone ready to get their feet wet in working with fellow Democrats in Charlevoix County. This really is a wonderful opportunity and fantastic learning experience.

Meetings are held monthly the second Thursday from 6:30-8pm as we are eager to make it possible for younger folks to be involved.

In person meetings alternate between Charlevoix and Boyne City, and in the winter, we hold our meetings over Zoom.

Let us know that you are interested by contacting us at

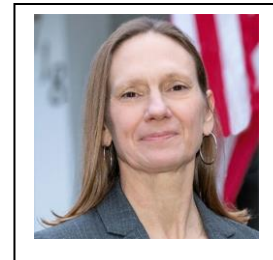
[democrats.charlevoix.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:democrats.charlevoix.rsvp@gmail.com)

## THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

*In Michigan,  
the People elect their Supreme Court justices.*

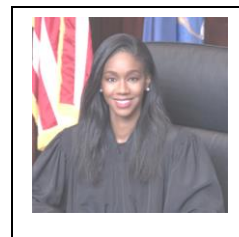
To have your vote counted, you must individually cast your vote in the non-partisan section of your ballot. *Strict ticket voting does not include the non-partisan section.*

*The Michigan Democratic Party nominated two candidates running this year:*



**Kimberly Ann Thomas**

*Thomas is a law professor at the University of Michigan Law School, where she teaches civil and criminal litigation and runs the Juvenile Justice Clinic.*



**Kyra Harris Bolden  
Incumbent**

*Bolden, of Southfield, was nominated to the court by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in November 2022 to replace former Justice McCormack. She is running for reelection to serve out the remainder of McCormack's term, which expires Jan. 1, 2029.*

## Letters to the Editor – General Writing Guidelines

- Focus on ONE timely/newsworthy issue
- Be clear & concise
- Make your point in 1<sup>st</sup> sentence & build from there; end with a repetition of the main point
- Plan that 1<sup>st</sup> sentence carefully; make it short & interesting
- Keep letter short; there are usually strict word limits
- Keep sentences short & to the point
- Use short, simple words
- Be factual & cite reference sources when appropriate
- Avoid being antagonistic or hostile to anyone; absolutely no vulgarity
- When supporting a candidate, use their name frequently throughout letter; avoid even saying the opponent's name (refer to as 'our current representative'; 'his/her opponent'; 'the current administration', etc)
- Most Editors limit letters to 2 situations: 1) Local topics, written by anyone & 2) Letters by local residents on (most) any topic
- Don't send form letters

### Submission Guidelines

- Look for & follow submission guidelines, usually found on paper's website
- Always provide your contact information; papers typically call to verify authorship
- National Popular Vote link to MI submission guidelines: <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/writing-letter-editor-michigan>

### Why Letters Are Still A Useful Advocacy Tool

- Most newspapers publish them in print & online
- Good letters are 'a voice in the community' & 'give voice to those without a voice'
- Editors use letters to seek out local stories &/or guest opinion writers
- Still one of the few ways for regular citizens to have their voices heard
- Letters are also read by decision makers, local councilmembers, and midlevel bureaucrats
- There's value in providing readers with an idea of what people in the area are saying & thinking
  
- One caveat: Most letter readers/writers skew towards the over-50 generation; younger readers are more apt to read the shorter comments that appear beneath articles on digital websites

### Ways to Make It Fun

- Form a letter-writing group!
- Meet together to discuss topics & strategies
- Offer writers editorial assistance; help them sharpen message