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Lapeer Dems meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm (potluck then meeting) in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building, Lapeer.

9th Congressional District News:

Lapeer Democrats invite you to our

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lapeer Center Building, 425 County Center St., Lapeer.
Thursday Oct 3, 2024, 4:30 to 7:00 PM
Donation \$16.00 Children under 12 free.

Choice of:

- Spaghetti with Meatballs and Sausage
- Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce
- Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo

Dinner includes: Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies and Drinks

Any questions contact us at lapeerdemocrats@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/lapeer/dems



Lapeer County Dems Upcoming Activities (Watch your emails for more details.)

Here is the link for the remaining Saturday canvasses, beginning Oct. 5th, running through Nov. 2nd, from 12 - 3 p.m. The launch location is the Lapeer Dems Office, 410 W. Nepessing St., Suite 211, Lapeer, MI.

<https://www.mobilize.us/2024mivictory/event/707935/>

Democratic Slate of Candidates in the 2024 Election

President: Kamala Harris & Tim Walz

US Senate: Elissa Slotkin

U.S. House: Clint St. Mosley

MI House:

District 65 Shirley Tomzcak

District 67 Anissa Buffin

District 98 April Osentoski

Township Office:

Mayfield Township Treasurer: Leslie Getz

Marathon Township Supervisor: Dennis Hogan

Marathon Township Trustee: Sandi Glesenkamp

Important Dates and Deadlines - Michigan Election 2024

10/21 Last day to register to vote online or by mail to vote in November election.

After this date you can register in person with your local clerk, up until 8pm on Election Day, November 5th.

10/26 to 11/3 Early in-person voting period for the November Presidential election.

11/4 at 4pm is last day to request absentee ballot in person at local clerk's office.

11/5 Presidential General Election.

Burnside Township Treasurer: Charlotte Babb
Deerfield Township Treasurer: Kris Sutton
Deerfield Township Trustee: Denise Tolen
Oregon Township Trustee: Phil Krynski
Rich Township Trustee: Joan Knowlton
SC4 Trustee: Penelope Peck & Mukund Wankhede

State Board of Education
Ted Jones & Adam Zemke

University of Michigan Regents
Denise Ilitch & Shauna Ryder-Diggs

Michigan State University Trustee
Rebecca Bahar-Cook & Tommy Stallworth

Wayne State University Governor
Mark Gaffney & Rasha Demashkieh

MI Supreme Court: (Non-Partisan) *
Judge Kyra Harris (Incumbent)
Kimberly Ann Thomas

*Please note that some of these candidates are running as non-partisan candidates, so look for their names on your ballot.

Lapeer Democratic Office Open

Monday 11am – 1pm, Tuesday 11am – 1pm, Wednesday 4-6pm and Saturday 10 am –noon. Signs are available on a first come first serve basis. You can call the office for more information at 810-664-2006.

More Details About Our Democratic Candidates

Every year, the League of Women Voters gathers information on basic policy information and a biography of political candidates, called Vote 411. Please encourage your family and friends to look up their Vote411 at Vote411.org/plan-your-vote. Provided below is a sample answer from each candidate; please follow the link to view the rest.

US Senate: Representative Elisa Slotkin: What Policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?

First, we need to codify the Roe standard into federal law. The biggest mistake we can make is thinking that overturning Roe was the end. It was only the beginning. Republicans across the country – in courtrooms, State Legislatures, and Congress – are targeting contraceptives, travel, abortion medication and even IVF. In Congress, I have defended a woman's right to have a family when and how she chooses, including working to protect access to contraception and IVF and blocking Republican attempts to limit access to

Thank a Democrat for:

Medicare & Health Care for
All

Environmental Protections

Lower Insulin Costs

Minimum Wages

Civil Rights

Social Security

Voting Rights

Child Labor Laws

LGBTQ+ Rights/Protections

reproductive care among our service members. It's why I am proud to have earned the endorsement of groups like Planned Parenthood.

US House District 9; Clint St. Mosley: What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change United States Immigration Policy?

We need comprehensive immigration reform; the last time we passed meaningful legislation was back in the 1980s. We need to expand legal immigration and increase the static caps so that more people have a legal way to immigrant especially including high skill talent (H-1B visas) and entrepreneurs (start-up visas). We also need to ensure a path to legal status for those workers who are already here and have been contributing to a healthy society and economy. Lastly and most importantly we need to create a path for those who came as children to legal status (DREAMers).

Michigan House District 67; Anissa Buffin: What should Michigan do to provide an equitable, quality public education while addressing the teacher shortage?

Michigan needs to take a hard look at the public education funding in the state. It has been vulnerable and problematic for many years. Everyone deserves a quality public education. And that starts with quality teachers. We need to start reforming public education by first giving respect to teachers for the incredible work they do. They need to be paid appropriately and competitively. We also need to give them the skills and tools needed to face the numerous challenges head on with confidence and competence. Supporting the teachers who are doing the hard work is long overdue. (Submitted by Alex D.)

Clint St. Mosley for Congress



Contact: Clint4Congress@gmail.com (248)-325-8820/(910)-540.9090

<http://www.clint4congress.com>

Building a Better way

VP Debate Watch Party With One Campaign

- Join the Lapeer Dems at the Lapeer Center Building in the Lincoln Room on Tuesday, October 1st from 8:30 – 11 pm. Bring a snack to share. Wear your Minnesota gear and cheer for Walz. Here is the Mobilize link for the VP Debate Watch Party: <https://www.mobilize.us/2024mivictory/event/706984/>

Did You Know? Primary Election Results 2024

- Approximately 2 million voters cast a ballot statewide.
- 75,500 voters cast a ballot at an in-person early voting site.
- 970,041 Michigan voters completed their absentee ballot and submitted it to the clerk for tabulation.

Election results are made official after the canvassing procedure in all 83 counties and the Board of State Canvassers certified the election on 8/26/24. (Michigan Secretary of State)

Dems Turned Out for Elissa Slotkin



Gallery 194 was bursting at the seams when Elissa Slotkin, US Senate Candidate, came to speak. She discussed her platform in front of over 45 local democrats. Her comments were well received and just what we needed to hear. Please get out and vote in the general election!



MICHIGANDERS, KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS! Individuals with a felony or misdemeanor conviction can vote in Michigan, including those on probation or awaiting pre-trial sentencing. 🗳️ Learn more at Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration

Vote for Leslie Getz for Treasurer for Mayfield Township



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In Case You Missed It. The First Presidential Debate Recap:

If you weren't among the over 50 democrats able to make it to the debate watch party, or watch from the comfort of home, you missed Vice President Kamala Harris put on an absolute debate clinic. Before the debate, numerous podcasters and pundits prognosticated that Kamala Harris had a nigh impossible task before her: look strong and decisive while still appearing likable, introduce herself and her policies while not letting her opponent off the hook, defend the record of the Biden administration while presenting herself as a candidate of change and the future. She exceeded even that lengthy list of expectations, delivering a decisive moment in this race, extending a small lead nationally and in the battleground states in the latest polls.

Talking to family, friends or when out canvassing, here are some big take-aways from the debate to bring up to persuadable voters:

1. Kamala Harris has grown into her role, and she proved she can control a negotiating table with foreign leaders and adversaries. Nothing the former president could do shook her; she out-prepared, outwitted, and outclassed him for 67 million people to see.
2. In contrast, the former president has clearly lost a step. I hate to bring up a sore subject, but just as President' Biden's poor debate performance demonstrated time is undefeated; Donald is clearly older and less capable than in the past. He couldn't string a sentence or a coherent policy together and clearly was unable to prepare for the moment. Even 9 years after first running for president, when asked for his healthcare policy his response was

to repeal Obamacare, and to replace it he has “the concept of a plan”.

3. Donald proved without a shadow of a doubt anyone in the world can manipulate him with ease, and that should concern everyone if he were to become president again. The Harris campaign has said for weeks she would get under Trump’s skin at the debate. They told him what she was going to do, and he couldn’t help himself but take every bait she threw in the water. It is very clear to anyone who watched he is more passionate about defending his crowd sizes than addressing our cost of living or even immigration.

4. They’re eating the cats! If you haven’t seen the aftermath yet, the former president shared an unsubstantiated conspiracy theory about legal Haitian immigrants in Ohio eating they’re neighbor’s pets, causing real fear and divisiveness, even bomb threats, in that community “because he saw it on TV”. (Submitted by Alex D.)

Vote for Anissa Buffin – State Representative D67



A proven leader – a strong Democrat!

Facebook/BuffinisBetter 810-200-3795

Lapeer County Convention to be Held 11/9/24 at 10 am

What is the County Convention? – It is the time and place for Lapeer County Democrats to elect members of the County Committee and Party Executive Board. These people will set policy and create a direction for our party for the next two years.

To vote at the County Convention or to hold office, one must be a member of both the Michigan Democratic Party (30 days prior to Convention) and the LCDP. (There is an exception to the 30 day rule for candidates for office and Precinct Delegate’s; they can join up to the date of the convention.)

- The County Convention date and rules will be announced at the Sept. general meeting.
- Nominating interested people (and only people who have shown interest) happens at the October general meeting.

Vote for Shirley Tomczak – State Representative D65



A hard working Democrat!

FB/Shirley Tomczak for Michigan District 65

(810)-200-3795 ***Participate in Democracy***

Lapeer County Democratic Party has New Web Page

Thanks to a new webmaster, Wendy Byard of Wordgirl Marketing, the Lapeer County Democratic Party has a new web page. To see the new website go to: www.lapeerdemocrats.org Once Google catches up with our new site you will be able to search without using our URL.

Vote for April Osentoski – State Rep. for D98



Let's work together to make the Thumb the best it can be!

Share what's important to you at AskApril.org

Rise Up and Vote!

Thank you to all Readers of the Newsletter who participated in our Survey!!

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our newsletter survey. We appreciated your thoughtful comments and you will see some changes in the newsletter very soon. (The editors)



Take Action!

Your call to action to support elections and voting in Michigan.

Know and share the difference between poll watchers and

election challengers.

ELECTION CHALLENGER: A credentialed individual who has the right to challenge a person's qualifications to vote if the challenger has "good reason to believe" that the person is not qualified to vote in the precinct. This cannot include assumptions based upon race, sex, national origin, or religion.

POLL WATCHER: A person who wishes to observe but is not a qualified election challenger.

	Challengers	Poll Watchers
Must carry credentials issued by appointing authority.	Yes	No
Must be registered to vote in Michigan.	Yes	No
Has the right to challenge a person's eligibility to vote.	Yes	No
Has the right to challenge the actions of election inspectors	Yes	No
May stand or sit behind processing table.	Yes	No. Must remain in public area.
Has the right to look at the Poll Book and other election materials.	Yes	Yes. But only as permitted by precinct board and when voting process will not be delayed.
May handle the Poll Book and other election materials.	No	No
May use a video camera or recording device in polling place.	No	No
May use a cell phone in polling place.	Yes. If not disruptive.	Yes. If not disruptive.
May wear clothing, button, arm band, vest, etc. that identifies organization he or she represents.	No	No
May place tables in the polls.	No	No
Has the right to approach and question voters.	No	No
Can offer assistance to voters.	No	No
May remain in the polling place until the election inspectors complete their work.	Yes	Yes
May obtain the voter results generated in the precinct after the polls close.	Yes	Yes

- Here is the link for anyone who would like to volunteer to be a Challenger or a Poll Watcher. This is for a Michigan Democratic Party training and credentialing program. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuNA8cscZv2l8fO5U3A9TMDPjDGcZvCXpJQJPPV1WTeK8O0g/viewform>

Copied from Secretary of State Democracy Ambassador Newsletter.

Focus on Local Governments

As the Lapeer County Democrats gear up to have a greater impact in our community, we are emphasizing the work done at our most local government level – the towns, cities, townships and villages of Lapeer County. Try and attend your local government meetings.

Local Meeting Times for Township and Village Boards– Local Meeting are the Backbone of American Democracy and can be found on our webpage – www.lapeerdemocrats.org.



Join or Renew Your Membership

Membership Levels

Student \$10
Grassroots Supporter \$20
Lapeer Activist \$50
Lapeer Leader \$100

Help us make a positive difference in our County. Join us to ensure EVERYONE has an opportunity to achieve the American Dream!

Choose an amount:

Your contribution will benefit Lapeer County Democratic Party (MI).

\$10

\$20

\$50

\$100

\$

Make it monthly!

Yes, count me in!

✓ No, donate once

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News from the Lapeer Democratic Party

Upcoming Events of LCDP

LCDP County Committee Meeting is the second Thursday of the month. (Second floor of Lyric Mall in downtown Lapeer)

General Meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month and is usually held in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building in Lapeer. Potluck at 6pm and meeting at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. **Next meeting October 24th.**

Mark Your Calendar

November General meeting – cancelled

Spaghetti Dinner 10/3/24 from 4:30-7:00pm in the Lincoln Room of Center building, Lapeer.



Holiday Party 12/5/24

News from Lapeer County and Michigan

- 11/5/24 General Election
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors 10/3/24 from 10am to 2 pm. (connecting the unhoused to resources in Lapeer County)

Lapeer County Democratic Party needs your financial support.

Please send your membership donation to:
Lapeer County Democratic Party, PO Box 185, Lapeer MI 48446. Or renew online at

Pay at Act Blue <http://www.secure.actblue.com>

News about the newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly and is available by email to all members. **All members are encouraged to submit articles and information to the newsletter.**

Deadline for the newsletter is 18th of every month.

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