



# Lapeer County Democratic Party Newsletter

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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.

## Lapeer Democratic Party News:

### Monthly Meetings:

May County Committee meeting is 5/14/26 at 6:30pm. The meeting is held at our office in Lyric Mall, Lapeer. Open to members.



The May General meeting is 5/28/26. Meetings start with a potluck at 6pm, meeting at 6:30 pm in the Lincoln Room, Lapeer Center Building. **Our new quarterly charity is Wandries Wishes.** In June you can bring new toys for ages 1-17 years old, wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue taper, birthday cards, any flavor cake mixes, any flavor frosting, small containers of sprinkles, or birthday candles. We will also accept cash or gift cards.

## Upcoming Social and Fundraising Events for Lapeer County Democratic Party

### Social/Community Events (Mark your calendar):

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Pizza and Trivia at Tilted Axis in Lapeer. See below for details.

July 25th Democratic Picnic at Monson Home. Details TBA.

### Fundraising Events (Mark your calendar):

September 19 Annual Dinner at the Elba Township Hall.

### Outreach Events for Lapeer Dems: (Mark your calendar)

August 21-23, 2026 Lapeer Days – watch for announcements.

## Save the Date: June 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

Join us for an In-Person Enviro-Presentation!

### LAPEER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

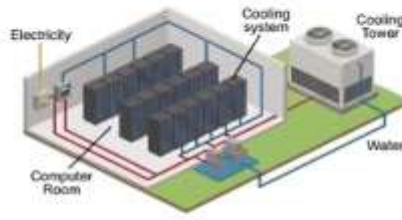


**SPEAKER:** Mike Buza

**TOPIC:** "Data Centers in Michigan: There's Still Time"

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Speaker and meeting

**WHERE:** The Lapeer Center building  
425 County Center Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446



Recent passage of state tax breaks for data centers has led to an explosion of proposed centers across Michigan. Data centers cause a huge strain on the grid, but the negative effects go far beyond that. Mike Buza, chair of Michigan Conservation Alliance Legislative Committee, will explain how these behemoths endanger the environment, the economy, and human health. Solutions will be offered on how to avoid these consequences. Mike Buza has written numerous articles and attended over 100 townships meetings to advocate for clean energy in Michigan.



## Why Vote for Ray Pooley for Congress?

The Republican incumbent candidate, Lisa McClain should not run unopposed for Congress in District 9.

1. Ray Pooley supports:
    - a. Bringing manufacturing back to USA
    - b. Clean power for energy dependence
    - c. Pro-union
    - d. Protecting our environment
    - e. Expanding child care support
    - f. And more...
- For more info: [pooley4congress.com](http://pooley4congress.com)

## Thank you to Leadership of the "No Kings" Rally

Thank you to Becky, Heidi, Lori Paul Thomas, Rhonda and anyone else who planned the rally. Our voices were heard in Lapeer due to your efforts! Thank you Heidi for your photography work.

## \*\* Lapeer Dems Pizza Trivia Night \*\*

May 7, 2026 from 6:30-8:30pm at Tilted Axis, Lapeer (Upper room). \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members (includes pizza, appetizer and non-alcoholic drink.) Join the fun – winners get \$10 gift cards. Everyone Welcome!

## Candidates Endorsed at Michigan Democratic 2026 Convention

Watch for these names on your ballot in November.



### **Attorney General:**

Eli Savit

### **Secretary of State:**

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

### **State Supreme Court:**

Megan Cavanagh

Noah Hood

### **UM Board of Regents:**

Paul Brown

Amir Makled

### **State Board of Education:**

Judith Pritchett

Tiffany Hilley

### **MSU Board of Trustees**

Brianna Scott

Kelly Tebay Zemke

### **WSU Board of Governors**

Shereef Akeel

Richard Mack

## [The View from the Largest Michigan Democratic Party Endorsement Convention in History](#)

By Alexander Diedrich

It has been a little over a year since the last Michigan Democratic Party Convention in February 2025, and a very different scene. The convention was back to Huntington Place, a much more open venue that significantly better accommodated the record-breaking crowd of 7,242 registered delegates. For those who don't know, the purpose of the convention is to select candidates for the November ballot for the Attorney General, Secretary of

State, State Supreme Court, State Education Board, and public university boards. Even the night before, the event was swimming with volunteers with endorsement petitions for the various candidates. The excitement of the weekend was palpable throughout the whole event, a stark contrast to the dour mood of last February following the 2024 election.



I started the convention on Saturday evening in Detroit for the Legacy Dinner, representing Lapeer County in honoring the work and accomplishments of Governor Whitmer's tenure. I had the pleasure of conversing with all of the candidates vying for Gary Peter's open Senate seat as well as those hoping for endorsement the following morning. We met other county chairs and discussed strategies for the year to come. When it was time for Governor Whitmer to speak, she reflected on the successes of the Democratic trifecta, food for kids in schools, universal pre-k, and of course, fixing the damn roads. It was refreshing to me to hear a governor still focused on her state despite the chatter about a presidential run in 2028.

Which brings me to Andy Beshear, the keynote speaker of the night. He is an inspiring speaker, with a welcoming cadence and message. Seeing him up close, it doesn't feel surprising he was able to win in a red state like Kentucky. Beshear's messaging is very effective at sounding like he is welcoming any comers into his coalition while keeping consistent to his values. It is a lesson the Democratic Party at every level needs to take into 2026 and 2028, especially in areas like ours where persuasion is a necessity, not a luxury, to win again. I came away from the speech certain that Beshear is running in 2028, and he will be a formidable candidate.

At 3pm on Sunday, the convention was properly opened, and at this point it was readily apparent just how many delegates were present to vote. The ballroom hosting the convention quickly hit overflow level and many were directed to overflow rooms to watch the proceedings on screen. Candidates for Governor, Jocelyn Benson and Chris Swanson, and Senate candidates Haley Stevens, Mallory McMorrow, and Abdul El-Sayed spoke to a massive, energetic crowd. Many in attendance responded very positively to senate candidates McMorrow and El-Sayed. It was impossible not to get caught in the feeling of the crowd, and that this energy will carry us through the midterms. Then there were nominations for the candidates to be endorsed at the convention, followed by voting. The voting and tallying were a long process. At the end of the suspense, Secretary of State candidate Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist and candidate for Attorney General Eli Savit re-introduced themselves to the audience amid enthusiastic applause and cheers. The dedication and drive of Michigan Democrats to fight and win this year is clear, and I can't wait to get to work.

## Candidates Running for Office in Districts Including Lapeer County



**Brendan J. Johnson is running for Michigan State Senate in District 26.**

A Bridgeport resident with roots in Fostoria, he's running a fully self-managed, grassroots campaign focused on listening to every community across the district, including those in Lapeer County, so he can help improve things for everyone. Learn more, volunteer, & contribute at: [JohnsonForSenate.us](https://JohnsonForSenate.us)

Leslie Getz- MI State House District 27

James Obrien- MI State House District 65

James Andonoff- MI State House District 65

Keith Brusseau- MI State House District 98

Marty Cousineau- Michigan State Senate District 26

John Hall- Michigan State Senate District 26 [JohnHallforMI.com](http://JohnHallforMI.com)

Greg Hill- Michigan State Senate District 23 [GregHillforMI.com](http://GregHillforMI.com)

Please research your local candidate. Be prepared to cast your vote. Your vote – Your voice!

## [Comedy Night Fundraiser a Success – Thanks to Great Comedians!](#)



Thanks to our fundraising team and a group of enthusiastic comedians it was a wonderful night. The room was full of cheerful Democrats. The Show was fun and entertaining and the food was delicious. The cookies were worth the price of admission. Thanks to everyone for a great night.

## [Please Do Not Support the “Save America Act”](#)

“An extremist organization has poured \$5 million into misleading ads about the SAVE Act—the most dangerous voter suppression bill since Jim Crow—that are running nightly during broadcast news programs on ABC, NBC, and CBS. So, they’re hiding the reality of the bill: It’s a trap designed to block tens of millions of Americans—especially women—from voting.” (Kelsey, Evelyn, Emily, Bekir, and the rest of the team at MoveOn.)

“The "SAVE America Act" (H.R. 7296) is a proposed law currently under debate in the U.S. Senate that could block millions of eligible U.S. citizens from voting. The proposed legislation would require voters to show papers to prove U.S. citizenship before voting - documentation that nearly 60% of Michiganders don't have ready access to.

A driver's license, standard REAL ID, or military ID would no longer be enough to vote. Also, do you know where your birth certificate is? Only the certified copy from the Michigan DHHS or county clerk's office (or your state of birth) would work. A hospital certificate of live birth with your baby feet, would not. In Michigan,

over 2.2 million women who got married and changed their name would be required to present additional paperwork to vote to prove their identity.

Nationally, instances of noncitizen voting are extremely rare. [A review of Michigan's voter records](#) for the 2024 General Election found ballots cast in error by noncitizens comprised only .00028% of total votes cast in the state. Noncitizen voting is illegal, and cases are referred for investigation and criminal charges.

The legislation would also require states to hand voter rolls, containing personal voter data, to the Department of Homeland Security, and would implement constraints on mail voting that may impact more than 1.8 million voters in Michigan who request a mail ballot every election.” (Taken from Democracy Ambassador Newsletter, Produced by the Michigan Department of State and Michigan Bureau of Elections.)

## **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.** Submissions for the newsletter should be 800 words or less and need to be sent by email to the editors by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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