

# Susquehanna County Democrats Newsletter



## Dems on Parade

It's been a busy summer for Susquehanna County Democrats! Check out all these photos from parades in Susquehanna, Forest City, Thompson, Clifford and Montrose. Many thanks to everyone who participated and showed that there are Democrats living (and voting) in our wonderful county!



Dems at the Montrose parade on July 4 and the Clifford Parade on July 27.

## Save the Date!

### Fall Rally

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023  
Great Bend Hose  
Company  
54 Tannery St.  
Great Bend, PA, 18821  
1 p.m.

### Harford Fair

August 14-19, 2023  
Come check out our  
booth!



Dems participated in the Susquehanna Hometown Days Parade on July 14.



Here are some photos of the Thompson parade on July 1, Participants included Jessica DeLeon, Ed Zygmunt and Mania DeLeon.





## From the Chair

Anyone who's been in my company lately may have noticed I've been on a bit of a rant. I'm sorry, I just can't help it. Blame it on that "other" political party.

Looking back on the past few election cycles, I remember how their local chapter ran ridiculous ads here in Susquehanna County, claiming President Biden crippled America's energy industry. Huh? I guess they didn't get the memo that Susquehanna County is receiving over \$9 million from Act 13 impact fees. That's the second highest amount of any county in the state. Much of that funding is based on the number of NEW natural gas wells drilled in each county during the previous year.

Auburn Township, where I live, is receiving \$1.4 million, which ranks near the top across the Commonwealth for Act 13 funding. Other municipalities in our county are seeing similar bounties.

## Another Successful Patriot Picnic



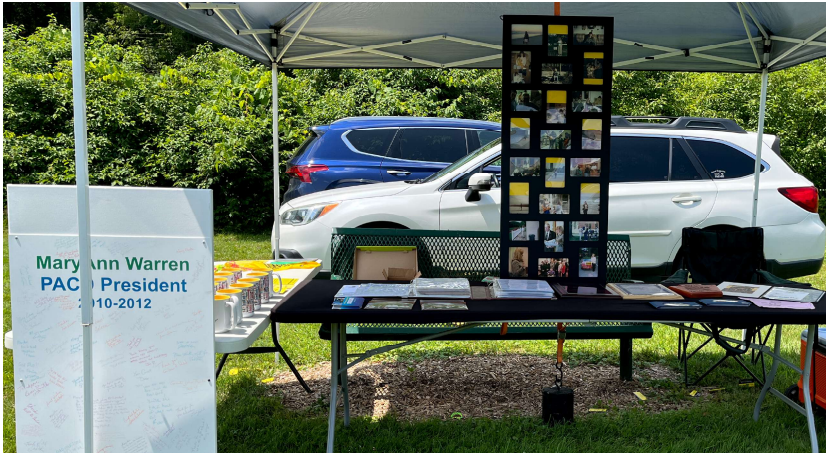
We hosted our Patriot Picnic on Sunday, July 23, at the Hallstead Ball Field. Many Dems from our county came out to enjoy delicious food and hear from candidates. We were honored to have Judge Dan McCaffery, who is running for PA Supreme Court, join us for the afternoon. Amanda Waldman, who will be running for Congress in 2024, also stopped by. Our local candidates spoke briefly, including Judy Herschel, Tom Charles and Rick Ainey. Finally, Rick Ainey spoke about Mary Ann Warren, who passed away earlier this year. He presented a plaque to Mary Ann's husband, Tom, in honor of her memory. Many thanks to those who attended this year's picnic. Please enjoy some highlights from the event.





This gigantic inflow of cash to the county must be fake news. Didn't the other party say Joe Biden stopped all the drilling? Then there's the lofty goal of providing high-speed internet to every home and business in the Keystone state. Oh boy, that one really fires me up. Thanks to President Biden and Democrats in Congress, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is providing \$65 billion to deliver high-speed internet across America in the next few years. Governor Shapiro recently visited our corner of the state to announce Pennsylvania's share of that federal funding will be \$1.16 billion!

Most members of that other party voted against the infrastructure bill, including our own congressman, Dan Meuser. That won't stop him and his counterparts in the state House and Senate from taking credit when high speed internet comes to their district. Members of that other party are pros at voting "NO" and taking the





dough. And when a project is completed in their district they'll even show up at the ribbon cutting!

What about America's economy? You had to ask. Earlier this summer my wife Amber and I took our two young grandsons for a day trip to a water park and resort in the Poconos. When we arrived, I was struck by the sea of cars, pickups, and SUVs. Many displayed out-of-state license plates. Just to get in the door cost a king's ransom. Pizza and drinks for lunch – ouch. If we wanted to stay overnight, that cost nearly \$1,000, but it included entrance to the water park. Whoopee!

Yet, almost every one of the resort's 900 plus guest rooms was booked. People have money to spend and boy are they spending it, despite lingering inflation. Restaurants and hotels are packed. Interstate highways are lined with traffic, especially trucks hauling goods across the country. Airlines are seeing record passenger numbers. International

## Getting Ready for the Harford Fair



Thanks to a group of enthusiastic volunteers, a makeover was performed on the Dems booth at the Harford Fair. A new metal roof and two new custom doors were installed. The exterior was given a fresh coat of paint in a color more fitting for us Democrats. A new sign was ordered that will be placed above the doors. Thanks to everyone who pitched in!

## Local Students Honored with Scholarships



Tom Fitzsimmons presented a \$500 scholarship to one of the recipients, Riley Boswick from Forest City Regional High School. Not pictured: Alexis Turner, from Mountain View High School, also received a \$500 scholarship.

travel is booming. The GDP is up and the stock market is doing just fine. Even this year's Amazon Prime Day had record breaking sales.

Still, when you hear that other party tell it, most Americans are standing in a bread line and it's all Joe Biden's fault, right?

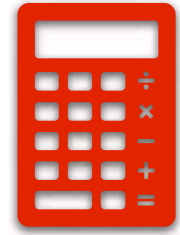
So, what's a good Democrat to do? We can't let that other party dominate the narrative. Whether it be low unemployment or higher wages for middle class workers, Democrats have a powerful message that resonates with average Americans. We just need to tell it.

That's exactly what YOUR Susquehanna County Democratic Party works tirelessly to do, thanks to your support. In the meantime, if you happen to run into me someday, be warned. Don't dare ask me about that twice impeached, thrice indicted leader of that "other" party.

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## Auditor's Report

We continue to audit, settle and adjust the county financial records as required by the county code. It is our responsibility to confirm that our county dollars are handled properly, legally and efficiently. We are required by county code to report to the court the financial shape of the county accounts and list any findings we may see. This report is due by June 30. If there is a reason as for that date to not be met, a request may be petitioned to the court for an extension. We have done that this year, as we believe we are unable to make that filing because of what we consider incomplete data. This is due to a lack of detailed invoices from a county vendor that amounts to thousands of dollars. We have engaged an attorney to advise us on how to proceed.



Another requirement by law is for us to confirm through audit that assets that are forfeited through the District Attorney's office are complete and transparent. This audit is reported to the Attorney General of Pennsylvania. It is due by September 30 and is ready now, except for a listing of current asset forfeitures through an inventory. We are awaiting that inventory from the District Attorney's office.

You may remember the issues that we found in the Register and Recorder's office. Those issues are almost completely resolved by the acting officeholder. New bank accounts have been opened and the old accounts are nearly ready to be closed, so we can put these problems behind us.

I continually thank you for allowing me to be your eyes on county finances. I am seeking reelection and ask for your continued support. If you have any concerns or inquiries, do not hesitate to contact me.

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