

The Northlander

AUGUST 2024
Vol 2, No11



News & Views From Both Sides of The Bridge



Send event info to: cd1demscommunication@gmail.com ♦♦ MichiganDemsCD1.com ♦♦

Primary Contests August 6, 2024

U.S. Senate:

- Elissa Slotkin
- Hill Harper

U.S. Congress, Michigan's 1st District

- Callie Barr
- Robert Lorinser

Michigan House of Representatives:

District 106:

- Trina Borenstein
- ***Mary Hamilton

District 109:

- Jenn Hill
- *** Margaret Brumm
- Randy Girard

TODAY --

our thoughts and prayers are with former President Trump. We are relieved and grateful that he is recovering and will soon be back.

Thanks to the secret service and others for rapidly shielding him.

Our hearts grieve for the death of an onlooker and the shock to his family, and wish the best possible recovery for the others wounded.

Domestic terrorism is poisonous to the Soul of America and the conscience of the American people.

We resolve to honor this moment by promoting calm and amity among our land's millions of diverse people.

As candidate Trina Borenstein says,

"I hope you will vote for honesty, civility, and common sense."

July 21, 2024:

Biden Drops Out of Presidential Race and Endorses Harris

After intense pressure from within his own party, President Biden said he was ending his campaign and backing Vice President Kamala Harris to run in his place. Ms. Harris said she would seek the nomination, adding: "Together, we will fight. And together, we will win."

-- New York Times



*** Mary Hamilton and *** Margaret Brumm are **NOT** actively seeking election but still appear on the ballot.

Voters in CD1 have a tough decision: *Pick ONLY one:*

Dr. Bob Lorinser, MD, MSW, MPH



There is still so much work, and I am ready and willing to do my part to help create a better future for all.

Callie Barr



- Mom.
- Military Spouse.
- Teacher.
- Attorney.



PRIMARY AUGUST 6



[LINK TO BIDEN'S FULL NAACP SPEECH](#)



JOE BIDEN JOINS PICKET LINE IN MICHIGAN

- Biden walked along the picket line, exchanging fist bumps with grinning workers.
- He encouraged them to continue fighting for better wages despite concerns that a prolonged strike could damage the economy, saying "stick with it."
- He said "yes" when asked if members deserved a 40 percent raise
- Biden was joined by UAW President Shawn Fain, who said, "Thank you, Mr. President, for coming to stand up with us in our generation-defining moment, ..."
- "We do the heavy lifting. We do the real work," Fein said. "Not the CEOs."

-- Politico



The 2024 Annual Bridge Walk is currently scheduled for Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. Any updates will be posted at the link below.

The Mackinac Bridge will be closed to traffic from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Mon, Sept. 2, 2024

No bus transportation across the bridge will be provided.

[LINK TO MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY](#)



Democratic Support for Harris Grows as She Starts Her Bid for President

Two candidates running for **U.S. Congress** -- their closing arguments:

Callie Barr

Callie Barr is the strongest candidate to flip this seat, and is on track to make history as the first woman to be a Democratic nominee in Michigan's First Congressional District.

Callie is the only Democratic candidate endorsed by labor, she has the backing of former Congressman, Bart Stupak, and she is the only candidate in the race who was born and raised in this district.

Vote for Callie on or before August 6th so we can retire Rep. Jack Bergman once and for all.

<https://callieforcongress.com/>



Callie Barr campaign airs its first TV ad --

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH AD](#)

Robert Lorinser, M.D., aka

Doctor Bob

Our district deserves a candidate who fiercely advocates for true progress, supports economic opportunity for everyone, and defends our fundamental rights.

As a resident of MI01 for more than 35 years, as a doctor, diplomat, public health professional, social worker, and educator, I have dedicated my life to public service. We have campaigned hard since August 2021 and made huge strides, but our work is unfinished. We cannot afford to abandon momentum.

I will advocate for affordable housing, childcare, education, and environmental protection. My commitment to these policies is unwavering. I will lead the charge for healthcare and reproductive freedom. We must also champion our distinct rural way of life with family-sustaining wages, small-business success, and support for local farms.

Above all, we're fighting for policies that foster economic opportunity for hardworking families, because everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive.

Michigan's 1st district has been underserved for far too long. Rep. Jack Bergman has never faced a second-time challenger, and we have the best opportunity to win and finally bring about change. We can make our district stronger, kinder, and more prosperous. For our freedoms, families, and futures, it would be the honor of my life to be your representative.

<https://www.votedrbob.com/>

BALLOTPEDIA.org provides comprehensive information on every candidate on the ballot!

Their search function quickly takes you to an extensive trove of information about any candidate.

Two candidates running for **U.S. Senate** -- their closing arguments:

Elissa Slotkin *for U.S. Senate*



My overarching priority is to make it easier for Michiganders to get into and stay in the middle class.

I've long said Michigan is the state that invented the middle class; it did so by maintaining a strong union presence and making investments in small businesses and critical manufacturing areas, which I hope to reinforce.

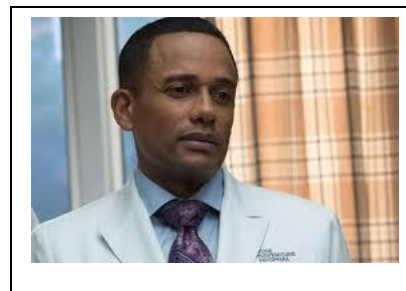
Essential to keeping people in the middle class is keeping prices affordable. I'm committed to reducing the prices of healthcare. In the House, I've spearheaded legislation to cap costs of insulin and to allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and am deeply committed to putting every American on the path to homeownership.

I also believe that we need to make more critical items in America so that we are in control of our own economic security- supply-side shocks like COVID have the potential to wreak havoc on our economy and middle class families, so I'm committed to bringing critical manufacturing back to the United States.

Finally, if elected, I will be the youngest Democratic woman in the U.S. Senate. With the average age of the Senate at retirement age, America needs a new generation of leaders.

<https://elissaslotkin.org/>

Hill Harper *for U.S. Senate*



Hill Harper is a lawyer, union organizer, actor and single father who owns a well-known coffee shop in Detroit. He's not a politician, but he's running for U.S. Senate anyway to ensure every single Michigander has economic security and real representation focused on the people, not lobbyists or wealthy donors.

Raised in the Midwest by two doctors, Hill learned early on the importance of public service, and that the purpose of life was to make life better for everyone. Throughout his life, whether on the campus of Harvard Law School or on the set of *The Good Doctor*, Hill Harper always kept alive that passion for service. It took him to Iowa and across the country as he campaigned as a surrogate for his law school classmate, President Barack Obama. That led him to sit on President Obama's Cancer Panel, to write several books aimed at empowering marginalized young people, and to establish a charitable foundation that helps young people achieve their dreams through scholarships, mentorships and grants. Now, Hill is running for U.S. Senate because he believes the depth of the challenges facing our nation demands independence over conformity, and service over personal ambition.



[Hill Harper for Michigan](https://hillharperfor michigan.com/)

Two candidates for **State House of Representatives, District 109**

Alger, Baraga, Dickinson, and Marquette counties (District 109)

Jenn Hill, *Incumbent*

Bringing people together to get things done!



Jenn is an infrastructure advocate -- Jenn earned her Master's Degree in City Planning at MIT.

As District 109's State Representative, she has helped bring millions of dollars of investments to the Upper Peninsula.

For the last 25 years, she has been a leader in the nonprofit sector nationally, building community-focused environmental, public health, arts and youth mentorship programs.

"I made a pledge to be a strong voice for UP values in Lansing. That's why I secured millions in investment to re-invent the Escanaba Paper Mill, to restore the Vista Theatre in Negaunee, to aid the Republic Township dam and fish passage project, extend the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, and more. "

<https://www.electjennhill.com>

Jenn Hill is completing her first term representing District 109. She is seeking re-election.

During her term she has sponsored over 25 pieces of legislation. Jenn has supported Governor Whitmer's initiatives including school funding, gun safety, reproductive rights and health care.

Randy Girard

Carrying your voice to Lansing ...



Randy Girard has been an involved local resident and community leader in Michigan's Central Upper Peninsula for over 50 years.

Randy currently serves as a Commissioner on the Marquette County Board of Road Commissioners, the Marquette Community Federal Credit Union Board, and the Marquette County YMCA Board.

Born in Huntsville, Ontario Canada, Randy emigrated to the United States, graduated from High School in Trenton, MI and immediately enrolled at NMU. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at NMU and went on to earn his Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration. He completed the naturalization process and was awarded citizenship in 1974.

Randy on his website states:

"The voting record and public commentary of our current district Representative, on issues such as land use determination, energy policy, and individual rights does not reflect an understanding of the culture and desires of the Upper Peninsula ..."

<https://www.electgirardfor109.com/>

Dems spent 40 years in the minority.

Redistricting *by the citizens* made the last election fairer.

The 2023-24 legislative year was one of the most productive in our state's history.

Let's widen the margin!



Democrats hold a one-seat majority in the state house of representatives.

Gretchen did all this with a 1-seat margin

- * strengthened reproductive rights
- * increased public school funding *with DEDICATED funds added for rural school **bussing***
- * improved health care

Trina Borenstein

Candidate for state legislature District 106

Although I usually vote democrat and am a bleeding heart liberal snowflake, I do occasionally vote outside my party. I look at the candidates, regardless of party, and if I see my values reflected in them, they get my vote.

I hope I will appeal not only to democrats, but to anyone who is unhappy and exhausted with the direction the Republican Party has taken. Voting for a Democrat does not make you a Democrat.



<https://electtrina.com/>

I hope you will vote for honesty, civility, and common sense. I have volunteered in many local elections, and I found what people want most is freedom.

Not freedom to DO, but freedom FROM.

Freedom from having to choose between clean water and heat for the house. Freedom from the crippling healthcare debt that 1.3 million Michigan adults carry. Freedom from the loss of dignity caused by poverty, especially in old age. And freedom from fear that we will lose the rights and freedoms so many have sacrificed so much to gain.

America Closeup

The TV held me transfixed after Trump narrowly avoided a deadly attack.

The folks in the stands were acting just the way my family would. Checking on each other – “you ok?” Concerned for neighbors alongside them – or behind or in front of them. There was a lot of calling family to reassure them. And calls from family.

Masses of cars crawled slowly toward the exit. Reporters ambushed the folks in them and asked them to share what they saw, what they did, and the feelings they experienced. The conversations were mundane, all the same, and calming.

That night I saw hundreds of Americans who are just like me. We actually are more alike than different.

A Horrible Awful No-good Debate



“Biden lacked oomph, but the transcript tells a different tale.”

President Biden obviously did not have a good night in his debate with Donald Trump. The White House claimed he had a cold. His soft voice and bumbling manner played right into the MAGA narrative that he is past his use-by date. The chattering class said it was a disaster for Biden. He even alarmed many Democrats.

But, reading the [cold transcript](#), we get a very different picture of Biden.

Substantively, he ably and forcefully made the case that that Trump should not be allowed back in the Oval Office.

While the timbre of Biden’s voice was soft, and he occasionally lost his train of thought, he struck some hard and telling blows. Let’s review the transcript...

[FULL ARTICLE](#) [DEBATE TRANSCRIPT](#)

BY JAMES D. ZIRIN, CNN OPINION CONTRIBUTOR - 06/28/24



National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
AUGUST 4, 2024

Elect Mark Sommers

Emmet County Commissioner, 1st District

In 2012 my wife Kathlyne and I were fortunate enough to find a home near Wilderness State Park, and when I retired in 2021 we made the First District of Emmet County our home.



- I bring 35 years of experience leading non-profit organizations and a successful background in turning organizations around. **I know how to bring people together and get things done.**
- I am ready to listen and work for you to address issues that impact the lives of people living in the First District.
- Check out my web site!

<https://electmarksommers.org/>

Elissa Slotkin

Candidate, U.S. Senate



On July 27, Elissa will --

- **Attend the Charlevoix Venetian Parade**
- **Meet with the Charlevoix Democratic Party for remarks and conversation at the Charlevoix Public Library at 2 pm.**

[Watch Our First TV Ad](#)



Houghton County Dems Endorse Kim Corcoran for District 110 House Seat

"I am proud and excited to announce my candidacy for the 110. Strong and effective leadership is crucial for getting things done. I will represent the people of the Western Upper Peninsula with the energy and tenacity they deserve." -- Kim

kimcorcoranforstaterep.com



Democrats hold a one-seat majority in the state house of representatives.



My goal as State Representative for Michigan's 99th district is to put an end to the divisive rhetoric that divides fellow Michiganders from one another in the state we call home.

MY KEY ISSUES

- Fight Corporate Greed
Achieve Single Payor Healthcare for All
Fast-track Solutions to Climate Change
Protect Women's Rights

jonlerouxformichigan.com

Jodi for District 107



I vote for YOU

Jodi Decker

STATE LEGISLATURE Democrat!

JODI DECKER

Democrat with a passion

Jodi is a lifelong Yooper! She is a social worker by profession and a children's advocate by passion.

After years working with children in the U.P., Jodi knows first-hand that Michigan's foster care system needs help and she's the woman that's prepared to improve it!



Christiana Reynolds

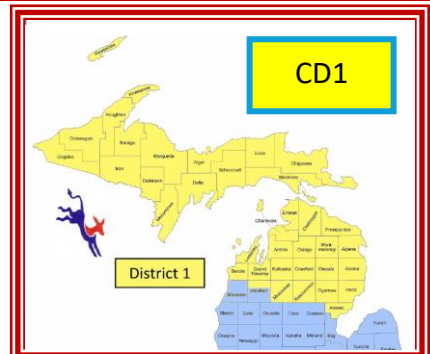
Native Yooper
Educator
Community Leader
Neighbor

"With years of experience in education and advocacy, I'm committed to working for our neighbors and creating opportunities for the next generation of Yooper."

reynolds4rep.com

Congressional District One "CD1"

36 Counties ♦♦ 44% of Michigan's land area ♦♦ 7% of her People



<https://www.michigan.org/fairs-festivals>

August 1-2	Missaukee Agricultural Youth Fair	Falmouth
August 2	Lavender Fest Friday <i>Lavender Hill Farm</i>	Boyne City
August 3-4	Art Attack <i>Veteran's Park</i>	Petoskey, Pellston
August 3-4	Lake Huron Art and Craft Show <i>Furtaw Field</i>	East Tawas, Oscoda
August 3	"Marqueetown" <i>Rogers Theater</i>	Rogers City
August 9-11	Johannesburg Farmfest 2024 <i>Farmfest</i>	Gaylord
August 9-10	Michaywe' Arts and Craft Fair <i>Michaywe'</i>	Gaylord
August 9	Michigan Forest Products Show <i>The Ellison Place</i>	Gaylord
August 9-10	Port Oneida Fair <i>Port Oneida Rural Historic District</i>	Glen Arbor
August 12-18	U.P. State Fair <i>Upper Peninsula State Fairgrounds</i>	Escanaba
August 16	Frankfort Art Fair <i>Market Square Park</i>	Frankfort
August 18-24	Otsego County Fair! 2024 <i>Otsego County Fair Grounds</i>	Gaylord
August 23-25	Mackinac Island Fudge Festival <i>Mackinac Island</i>	Mackinac Island
August 23-24	Porcupine Mountains Music Festival <i>Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park</i> <i>Winter Sports Complex</i>	Ontonagon
Aug 31-Sept 1	33rd Annual Labor Day Weekend <i>Arts and Craft Show</i> <i>Shoreline Park</i>	Tawas City