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"To whom much is given, much is expected."

Growing up in a household of Lansing educators and then entering the profession myself, I have perspectives and experiences that have both shaped my foundation and sparked my passion for young people. Through my pursuit of a doctoral degree in educational policy and my work with Michigan State University's Office of K-12 Outreach, I have strengthened my knowledge base and enhanced my commitment to improving schools. My daughter's fall enrollment in the Lansing School District has strengthened my commitment to improving educational opportunities and outcomes for ALL students.



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Medicine determined that vegetarians "are about 40 percent less likely to get cancer than nonvegetarians." Additionally, high-fat cheese raises estrogen levels, also increasing risk for breast cancer.

If women want to truly "help save lives," including their own, they'll skip the pink-ribboned pizza and head to the produce aisle.

— Lindsay Pollard-Post
West Olive, MI

Correction

Because of a reporting error, the names of artists He Yunchang and Sui Jianguo were misspelled in the story "The art of absorption" on Oct. 22.

The Michigan State University student who was convicted of killing Greyhound puppies attended the medical school. Due to a reporting error, the school he attended was incorrect in an article in the Oct. 22 issue of the City Pulse.

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FOR GOVERNOR: MARK SCHAUER

As it turns out, Gov. Rick Snyder's "reinvention of Michigan" schtick in 2010 meant relentlessly positive action for business interests.

It would be one thing if the Michigan Chamber of Commerce's agenda of Right to Work, corporate tax cuts, slicing unemployment benefit eligibility, watering down workers compensation and chipping away at the power of organized workers actually improved the economy.

But by any fair measurement it has not. Most of Michigan's slightly improved economy happened early in the incumbent's term, at the tail end of the federal auto bailout. The numbers show Michigan's recovery is moving slower than the rest of the nation, according to former state Treasurer Bob Kleine.

Our unemployment rate is down, but so are most other states'. Michigan's economy under Snyder, the cornerstone of the incumbent's re-election pitch, isn't anything special.

During his first term, he's doubled the amount of money individuals and independent political action committees can give political candidates like himself. He's punted when given an opportunity to make Michigan look more inviting to talented gays and lesbians.

Snyder decided that lowering tax rates for his business supporters was more important than the retirement security of thousands of pensioners, whose taxes he raised. He claims 300,000 new private sector jobs since taken office, but what about the loss of thousands of public sector jobs? Your teachers? Your local public safety officers? The people who plow roads, fill pot holes and mow our parks?

Michigan is still solidly locked among the nation's Top 10 in unemployment, despite Snyder's slashing an unprecedented number of rules once put in place to keep business from exploiting workers and the environment.

State government's unbridled love affair with padding corporate coffers at the expense of the rest of us must stop, and it can stop now.

Stopping it starts with **Mark Schauer**.

A former congressman and experienced state lawmaker, Schauer knows how to balance the scales of power for the average working person in Michigan. For voters, the choice is clear: empower business or the people.

Sadly, a presumed Republican legislative majority will fight any meaningful rollback of Snyder's business-tilted policies. But at least Schauer as governor could shift the conversation in Lansing to help for a sorely neglected education system and a beleaguered working class that, for the past four years has been little more than a second-tier priority for state government.

Moreover, Schauer's running mate, former state Rep. Lisa Brown, will fight for respect for women's issues, which Republicans mock, as they did when the House censored Brown for using the word vagina in debate.

Schauer and Brown will face a tough time dealing with a Republican legislature, but their administration is the right big step toward establishing an economy that works for all Michiganders. Moreover, they will fight for the progressive policies that will restore Michigan to its rightful place as a leader among states.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL: MARK TOTTEN

Unbelievably, there is a public official even more deserving of the unemployment line than Snyder. Nobody has done

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more to politicize an office and pander to social conservatives than Attorney General Bill Schuette.

This lifetime politician has gone out of his way to file partisan briefs on federal issues, as if your regular Michigander believes employers should strip birth control from their employees' health care coverage or that the rate-cutting pieces of the Affordable Care Act should be repealed.

His passionate legal attack on gay marriage is a losing battle that should embarrass the attorney general as much as it does fairminded people in the state.

Schuette's own courtroom experience was scant before he hopped to the most convenient political lily pad he could find in 2002, which happened to be the Court of Appeals. Now he has the gall to criticize Democratic opponent **Mark Totten** for giving his time to the benefit of this country as the only volunteer special assistant prosecutor the Western District of the U.S. Attorney's Office has ever taken on in 40 years.

Totten is pledging to shift the focus of the Attorney General's Office back to consumer protection, which is how Frank Kelley made it great for 37 years.



Totten

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: RUTH JOHNSON

Not all Republicans have soiled their elected office these last four years. Secretary of State **Ruth Johnson** had the courage to stand up to a Republican Legislature that wanted to grant secrecy to deep-pocketed political action committees looking to skirt already porous campaign finance disclosure laws. Some in the GOP even threatened Johnson with a convention challenge for fighting to pull back the curtains on powerful big money.

Also, Johnson has launched the coolest gadget we've seen out of the Secretary of State's Office — one where you can hold your place in line through your smartphone. She's not perfect, but she's clearly better than the alternative and deserves re-election.

SUPREME COURT

The newfound congeniality on the Michigan Supreme Court is refreshing and will continue with the election of the inspiring **Richard Bernstein**, unquestionably experienced **Bill Murphy** and thoughtful **Deborah Thomas**.

Voting out the current officeholders will create a more ideologically diverse court that will put different perspective at the forefront.

CONGRESS

The case is strong for why U.S. Rep. **Gary Peters**, a Democrat, deserves your vote for the U.S. Senate to replace retiring Carl Levin. He's outperformed Republican Terri Lynn Land during this year-long job interview at every front: his vast knowledge of the issues; his accessibility to the people; his moderate tone.

You notice that Republicans haven't hit Peters as a "tax and spend liberal"? It's because he's not. He's frugal with taxpayers' money, but not delirious in believing you can practically eliminate the federal gas tax without devastating states, like Land does.

Likewise, Ingham County Treasurer **Eric Schertzing** has proven to be a person we can trust with our tax money, some-

thing he will continue to do in Congress representing the 8th District. A former aide to U.S. Rep. Bob Carr, Schertzing has been an innovative, hard-working county official in his twin roles as treasurer and chairman of the Ingham Co. Land Bank. He combines backbone with an open mind — much needed qualities in fractured Washington. He is progressive on social issues without being shrill. With his roots in Ingham Co., Schertzing will bring mid-Michigan stronger representation in Washington than it has seen in this century.

Meanwhile, the Republicans put up the true culprit of two state government shutdowns: ex-Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, whose unapologetic march to gridlock needlessly turned Michigan into a national head-scratcher in 2007

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

This year, City Pulse has greatly expanded its Election Preview by including information for the first time from the League of Women Voters. The league has made all of its candidate questionnaires and explanations of ballot proposals available to Michigan newspapers. City Pulse regrets it cannot publish more of it, but beginning on P. 14 we bring you 16 pages' worth, along with our own coverage of races and issues. We thank the state league and the local chapter for its cooperation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and 2009. His Tea Party views on economic and social issues would only add to dysfunction in Washington.

Speaking of partisan public officials, how Republican Tim Walberg keeps getting elected to Congress is truly puzzling. This unresponsive backbencher communicates with the religious right and Club for Growth disciples and that's about it.

Seventh Congressional District voters have such a far superior candidate in Democrat **Pam Byrnes**, it would be a shame not to take advantage of it. There's no reason the collaborative nature she has shown as a state legislator won't translate to Washington.

STATE LEGISLATURE

In the state legislative races, Mark Schauer will need a band of individuals with whom he can work. We've seen Rep. **Andy Schor**, Rep. **Sam Singh**, Rep. **Tom Cochran** and Rep. **Thersea Abed**, all Democrats, in action and know they fit the mold. **Curtis Hertel Jr.**, the favorite to replace Gretchen Whitmer in the Senate's 23rd District, which covers most of Ingham County, will continue the fight for progressive legislation and shows every sign of becoming a leader, as befits the namesake son of a former House speaker.

Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, in the 24th Senate District should be commended for setting a high bar in making himself available to the public and the media. However, his strident support of Snyder's agenda has us looking in a different direction. Democrats landed a good one with educator **Dawn Levey**, a sharp, likable political newcomer, whose progressive and sensible position on issues is more of what the state Senate needs.

Most Lansing-area Dem seats safe

Abed and Barrett battle in Eaton's 70th House race

All Michigan voters are picking their state representatives and senators Nov. 4, but the epicenter for competitive races locally is in Delta Township.

Ingham County Register of Deeds Curtis Hertel, Jr., all but wrapped up the 23rd Senate District race last year when he cleared the field of any strong Democratic opposition. He does have a Republican opponent, Leslie hard rock guitarist Craig Whitehead.

Rep. Andy Schor's campaigns signs are popping up like he's re-running his competitive 2012 Democratic primary. He's not. His token Republican opposition in this 73 per-

cent Democratic base district is a GOP staffer named Rob Secaur. The nearby 69th District race is all but over, too, with Rep. Sam Singh (D-East Lansing) on the ballot with perennial Republican candidate Frank Lambert.

Every once in a while, the state Republicans take a serious stab at the southern Ingham County 67th District, but 2014 isn't one of those years. Delhi Township Trustee John Hayhoe has experience on both the local road and planning committee – someone the R's would rally around under different circumstances.

But Rep. Tom Cochran, the former Lansing Fire Chief, won this seat by 13 points in '12. That's a large enough margin that Republicans and the interest groups that support them see other Democratic incumbents as more vulnerable.

Like Rep. Theresa Abed in the Eaton County-based 71st District. This state House district has evolved into one of Michigan's most politically balanced districts with a true

50/50 partisan split.

It's created a situation where Abed, a former school social worker and county commissioner, has found herself engulfed in three straight races with lots of spending from both the political parties and outside groups.

This go around, former U.S. Army helicopter pilot and current chief warrant officer Tom Barrett has benefited from radio spots bankrolled by the Koch Brothers-funded Americans for Prosperity and the Michigan Farm Bureau, among other groups. This doesn't include the money raised and spent by their respective campaigns, which are now at a combined \$607,518, the state's second-highest total for a state House race.

Republicans see the 33-year-old as possibly their best shot to unseat Abed, who has shown a bit of an independent streak -- voicing opposition to adopting Common Core standards for elementary school students, for example.

Abed has baked her campaign with staple Democrat issues – opposition to the

Governor's 2011 education cuts and the repeal of income tax exemption on pension income.

Barrett frames himself as a conservative who can be an independent voice in the House.

"I'm a Republican because I believe in lower taxes, individual liberty, less government . . . but I don't think any political party is perfect," he said.

Abed has counted on face-to-face contact and the fact many people -- particularly in Grand Ledge – know who she is.

"The difference is I've been connected with our community," she said. "I've been involved in our community for 25 years. My kids went through the schools . . . They have proof what I say is what I do."

The only public polling in the race about a month ago showed Abed with a slight 47-46 percent lead, proving what both candidates and observers figured all along – this one is going to be tight.

Endorsements

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UNIVERSITIES, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, **Terry Link** is the face of what we should expect from our university's governing board — someone with a forward-looking vision grounded in diversity, sustainability, social justice and non-violence. The board will benefit from his 30 years' experience on the staff at MSU, where he founded the Office of Sustainability, and his dedication to such progressive causes as divesting MSU from fossil-fuel producers. While there are two openings, he is the only candidate we are endorsing because the others' positions are so similar.

In the remainder of the education races, we are endorsing the Democratic-nominated candidates without hesitation.

Incumbent **Kathy White** and Flint attorney **Mike Behm** deserve eight-year terms on the University of Michigan Board of Regents; the D's snagged a pair of exceptional Wayne State University Board of Governors nominees in **Marilyn Kelly** and **Dana Thompson**; and **Pamela Pugh Smith** and incumbent **Cassandra Ulbrich** have the right educational priorities to serve on the state Board of Education.

LANSING BOARD OF EDUCATION

The school district continues to face significant challenges, but it is dealing with them under the direction of much more unified and thoughtful Board of Education after several fractious years. We recommend three candidates who will keep the board moving in the right direction: **Shirley Rodgers**, **Thomas Morgan** and **Bryan Beverly**.

As an incumbent, Rodgers, a past board president, deserves credit for nurturing cooperation on the board while maintaining her independence. Though some criticize her as

too tied to unions, she voted to privatize bus drivers. Rodgers brings 30 years' experience inside the school system as an administrator. We strongly urge her retention.

Morgan would bring to the board a demonstrated ability to analyze issues and raise important questions. As a reporter and then managing editor of City Pulse, he earned respect from all sides for his insightful and sometimes stinging reporting on City Hall. His stint in public relations for the public relations firm Byrum Fisk was a realpolitik education that will serve him well in public office. He understands teachers' issues better than most from having worked in the public affairs department of the Michigan Education Association for two years before his current post as communications consultant for the Michigan Education Special Services Association. Morgan is a new father who pledges his son will attend Lansing schools.

Beverly, the son of educators, is a product of the Lansing School District who is pursuing a career in education himself. He is nearing completion of a Ph.D. in education at MSU, where he works in the university's Office of K-12 Outreach. He has a daughter in the school district, which should only serve to strengthen his commitment to helping the board make the right decisions.

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Under President Brent Knight, LCC looks better because of campus beautification and facilities' improvements aimed at attracting and keeping students. Two candidates for the two openings on the board stand out as being committed to making sure students receive the best education within those buildings: **Todd Heywood** and **James M. Wahl**. Both have associate degrees from LCC. They represent the path of many grads: Heywood (who regularly reports for City Pulse) navigates the world as a journalist with just his LCC degree, while Wahl's was a step on the road to a bachelor's degree, in his case from MSU in criminal justice, which led to a career as a juvenile court officer. Their practical experience as well as

their devotion to providing the best education possible to LCC students at a cost they can afford will benefit the board.

PROPOSALS AND MILLAGES

Proponents of **wolf hunting** in Michigan haven't made their case for the two statewide ballot proposals. They talk in terms of protecting farmers in the UP. But hunting predatory wolves is already legal. They say a hunting season is needed so that wolves get the message to stay away, but there's very little evidence that works. They deny modern technology, which allows us to track every wolf and capture those that are dangerous. Moreover, hunting is a real slap in the face of the state's Native American residents, in whose culture the wolf plays an important role. What this appears to be about is creating wolf hunting as a sport in Michigan — but without the underlying justification or at least rationalization that we kill for food, which wolf meat is not. Wolf hunting as a sport is just killing. **Vote no and no.**

Good people, even in the same household, will differ on whether to support the **East Lansing Park District** ballot proposal. It seems innocuous enough: whether to give the City Council permission to sell three parking lots that figure into redevelopment of the western entrance to downtown. But opponents have characterized the real issue as one of trust, which they argue the Council and city government don't deserve when it comes to development. Indeed, the road has been rocky. Undistinguished architecture continues to replace buildings with character on Grand River Avenue; a fifth story was illegally constructed on a downtown midrise; and the City Center II project that the Park District replaces was a debacle. We urge voters to send a signal to the city by voting **no** on Tuesday. Then we encourage city officials to bridge the gap with its critics and try again in a year or two.

In Lansing, voters must decide whether to give the mayor power over the **Board of Water & Light** in emergencies such as last year's ice storm. It would also permit three

nonvoting members to represent communities outside of Lansing on the public utilities' board. Mayor Virg Bernero is behind both plans. As much as we think a defeat would send a clear and much deserved message to Bernero that he failed us by backing BWL's leadership despite its terrible ice-storm performance, we urge a **yes** vote because both reforms make sense.

Some voters may think the Ingham Health Plan is no longer needed because of the Affordable Care Act and Healthy Michigan (aka the Medicaid expansion). Not true. Thousands of county residents will not benefit from either and will have no health care without the county plan. Moreover, the plan has lost its federal funding because of national health care reform. The millage will be the only source of revenue. We urge voters, who strongly supported it in 2012, to vote **yes** again on Tuesday. The yearly \$52 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation for five years is a solid investment.

So is the \$50 per \$1,000 being asked for the purpose of creating and maintaining a county system of recreational trails and adjacent parks trail system, which would connect to Lansing's trail network, surely one of the outstanding features in mid-Michigan. Moreover, it would be a move toward further regionalization following the decision by voters to regionalize Potter Park Zoo, which is working well. **Vote yes.**

We also support the Bernero administration's proposal to give the city permission to sell two pieces of property. One is **Grand Woods Park** in Delta Township, which has operated the park for 30 years under a \$1 lease with the city. Given the township's stewardship for so long, it only makes sense to both governments to sell it to the township. The other property is the **Miller Road Community Center**, where the Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. makes its home and would like to buy if it can afford to do so. In both cases, it's encouraging to see the city continuing to look for ways to save money even though it is no longer operating at a deficit.

The courage question

Why is Snyder afraid to lead on same-sex marriage?

Time and time again as he's campaigned for re-election, Gov. Rick Snyder has been asked his view on same-sex marriage.

Right idea, but it's the wrong question.

What we should ask the governor is why he lacks the courage to lead on the defining civil rights issue of this era.

At the start of his term, support for same-sex marriage came with more political baggage than it does now. But surveys consistently show support for these unions, and federal courts throughout the nation have ruled that state bans on same-sex marriage are fundamentally unconstitutional. It's been a remarkably shift in opinion and attitude. Today, 32 states allow same-sex marriage.

In a ruling similar to others, Judge Henry Floyd of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision on Virginia's ban, wrote, "We recognize that



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same-sex marriage makes some people deeply uncomfortable. However, inertia and apprehension are not legitimate bases for denying same-sex couples due process and equal protection of the laws."

Even Pope Francis, shifting the tone if not ideology of the Catholic Church, has softened what had been an uncompromising anti same-sex marriage stance. It took courage to shift from the hardline rhetoric of his predecessors, Benedict XVI and John Paul II, to a more compassionate, understanding view of this issue.

In short, Snyder has ample political cover to stand on the Capitol steps and affirm Michigan's belief in equal rights. That is, unless he believes that same-sex unions are morally wrong, damage children and weaken our state and nation, which are the arguments Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette clings to as his rationale for promoting the discredited state constitutional amendment limiting marriage to a man and a woman.

But, I don't believe that Snyder is against same-sex marriage.

For him and for most of us, it just doesn't matter whether Michigan allows gays to marry. If that's how people find fulfillment, fine; whatever works. The governor clearly is very smart and pragmatic rather than political. Or, at least, that's been his claim. He has three kids in their 20s, who if they are like

most young people — even Republican leaning Millennials — support the idea of same-sex marriage. Defending discrimination is a tough dinner-conversation sell. It would be at my house.

Snyder's oft-repeated position that he will "follow the law" really is cowardly. That he has the opportunity to advance the cause of civil rights and won't is something he will regret.

It happens. Alabama Gov. George Wallace, staunch supporter of segregation, who stood at Foster Auditorium to block the entry of two black students to the University of Alabama regretted his stance, said his son George Wallace Jr. in a 2012 interview with the Tuscaloosa News. He felt that he betrayed people who needed his help, which later in life his conscience told him was wrong.

And if, in fact, Snyder believes that same-sex marriage is wrong, which is possible, he should have the courage of his convictions to say that. Isn't it really a question of leadership? Snyder has been willing to fight for expanding Michigan's Medicare rolls, funds for Detroit and a new bridge to Canada — all of which were unpopular with many Republicans.

Granted, same-sex marriage along with other social issues may not be on his agenda, but as we know from his embrace of right-to-work laws, his acquiescence to stricter abortion laws and unwillingness to push for broader anti-discriminatory protections, that can change. But really, what is the risk.

It's not as if the Republicans who abhor same-sex marriage (and so much else) are going to support Democratic Mark Schauer

for governor. Sure, there is the risk that affirming the fairness of same-sex marriage could keep some conservative voters at home. The most disapproving political cohort for marriage equality is Republicans, age-65 and older, and they are steady voters. And, Snyder, with very mixed pre-election polling numbers, is facing a surprisingly robust challenge by Schauer. He could lose.

But it could win as many votes as a principled pronouncement costs. A courageous stance by the governor would likely sway some independent undecided voters. OK, maybe it's a risk. But that's not the point; it's do the right thing. Embrace the constitutional idea of equal protection.

What Snyder is hiding behind during this campaign is an appeal to the 6th District Appeals Court. In 2004, Michigan's voters approved (with 59 percent yes) a constitutional amendment banning the state from recognizing or performing same-sex marriages or civil unions. Michigan's Republican-stacked Supreme Court extended the measure to include domestic partnership benefits for state employees. But in March 2014, a federal judge ruled the laws and policies unconstitutional, prompting an appeal by Schuette in a case that also challenges bans by Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Other states resisting a broader definition of marriage include Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina. What does that tell you?

There is still time before the election, time for a grand gesture. And it is time for people, and maybe the press, to ask about courage. It's the right question.

Michigan wolf hunting referendum

Are wolves the villains or the victims and does hunting help?

By BELINDA THURSTON

The story behind the wolf hunting proposals on the Nov. 4 ballot could be a modern-day fairy tale — sometimes the wolf is the villain and sometimes the victim.

Michigan's voters may write the ending. It starts in 2012 when the Upper Peninsula wolf population was removed from the endangered species list after making a comeback from near extinction due to bounty hunters. New litters of puppies thrived and healthy packs developed in the remote wilderness.

At the time there were 687 wolves; their release a testament to preservation efforts.

Almost immediately, locals started calling for hunting. Reports of livestock being eaten or mutilated increased. Incidents of dogs being killed by wolves made the news.

"We need to make wolves more wary of humans," said Drew Youngedyke, public relations manager Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

There have been no reported attacks on



Courtesy photo

humans.

Although no longer an endangered species, and wolf hunting was banned, it was legal for farmers to shoot and kill problem wolves they found on their property. Michigan also compensates farmers for livestock losses due to wolves.

In fall 2012, the Michigan Legislature authorized the Natural Resource Commission to manage wolves and establish wolf hunting seasons.

But Keep Michigan Wolves Protected

says the Legislature overstepped its boundaries and cut the public out of the process. In early 2013 it collected enough signatures to put Proposal 14-2 on the ballot, on whether to designate wolf as game and schedule wolf hunting seasons.

"If citizens disagree (with legislation) they can put it on the ballot for a veto referendum, to veto legislation or enact it," said Jill Fritz, director of Keep Michigan Wolves Protected and the state director of the Humane Society of the United States. "We wanted to place that law on hold."

Then the Legislature passed a second bill allowing the NRC to designate wolves as a game species "on their own without voter oversight or legislative oversight," Fritz said. "At that point we decided on a second referendum as well."

The first hunt, in November 2013, allowed 43 wolves to be taken but only 22 were killed. Michigan allows still hunting and baiting. No dogs are allowed but the MUCC is advocating allowing traps in the next hunt.

"It's a foothold trap," Youngedyke said. "It has steel jaws but they don't have teeth. It's

like a handcuff. It has swivels on it so they can move around. When the trapper comes up to them, he can dispatch them cleanly and quickly."

But the wolf population showed a decline outside of the hunt, down to 658 last year. A Department of Natural Resources study over last winter put the wolf population at 636.

A 2014 wolf hunt wasn't scheduled because hunting was frozen until voters can weigh in Tuesday.

Wolf hunting isn't necessary, according to Fritz.

"It's a trophy hunt," she said. "It's a species that's just recovering."

"We're OK with wolves being in the UP, they belong there, they're part of the ecosystem there," Youngedyke said.

He said the focus is to control the population in three zones where efforts were not effective.

But this summer the pendulum swung again, when hunting advocates collected 300,000 signatures to enact what's called a citizen-initiated bill. It passed in the Senate and the House in August, automatically becoming law. It gives the NRC the authority to decide which animals can be hunted as game.

The law takes effect in March or April 2015.

So if you're voting next Tuesday, "it's a moot point," said Youngedyke.

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Schertzing and Bishop battle

By **BELINDA THURSTON**

Short, fast and heavily funded. That's how to describe the mad scramble that is the 8th Congressional seat race.

And the outcome is anything but a given. The district, heavily Republican leaning, spans Ingham, Livingston and northern Oakland counties, including Rochester Hills.

Yet, the newspaper endorsements are nodding to Eric Schertzing, the Democrat in the race, including the Detroit Free Press, Lansing State Journal and Livingston Daily Press & Argus (which usually endorses Republican).

Mike Bishop, 47, the GOP candidate, has dominated in the fundraising department, raising \$831,466 by the end of September, compared to \$350,587 by Schertzing, 52, his Democratic opponent.

Bishop's connection to Matty Moroum, owner of the Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor, has drawn scrutiny and criticism. The former Senate majority leader has received more than \$80,000 in contributions over the years from the owner, supporting his failed bid for attorney general and his current campaign. Bishop blocked a Senate vote on the bridge and has said he would oppose federal funding for a U.S. cus-

toms center and Canadian built bridge. He instead supports the Moroums' building a second bridge.

Schertzing, 52, the Ingham County treasurer, supports a proposed Canadian-U.S. partnership to build a bridge. Canada would build the bridge in return for tolls. The U.S. would pay for a customs center.

Both have earned fouls on their political ads from the Michigan Truth Squad: Bishop for alleging Schertzing tripled his staff when the increases were approved before he took office, and Schertzing for suggesting Bishop was solely responsible for shutting down the government twice while he was Senate majority leader.

Bishop, chief legal officer for International Bancard Corp., a payment processing company was endorsed by Republican incumbent Mike Rogers. He announced in March he would retire after seven terms to start a career in conservative radio.

"It was Mike Rogers that compelled me to do it," said Bishop. "I really was very much happily transitioned into the private sector. I got the call from Mike Rogers in a way that I never expected. He said the delegation is losing a lot of experience. He really put it to me very strong. It was my responsibility to step up."

They both profess a love of service and the state of Michigan. Bishop served in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate from 2002 to 2010. He became Senate majority leader in 2006. He's an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Schertzing has held the treasurer's post since 2001. He's also chairs the Ingham County Lank Bank. From 1983 to 1991, he was a legislative aide to Democratic U.S. Rep. Robert Carr, who represented Michigan's 6th District and then the 8th after redistricting.

Bishop said the diversity of the district, which spans from Spartan country in East Lansing to the mansions of Rochester Hills, requires a candidate who won't represent it in "a cookie-cutter way."

The two are miles apart on most key issues. Bishop vows to repeal the Affordable Care Act and is against gay marriage and abortion. Schertzing holds opposite views on those issues.

Schertzing supports equal pay for women and protecting Medicare and Social Security. They both said they want young people to

come out to the polls Tuesday. "My oldest daughter went off to college this year," said Schertzing. He said the affordability of college is important.

"Far too many (students) leave college with debt like a mortgage. We've got to come up with ways to make college education more affordable so there's not that burden of debt."

He said he would support programs to help students refinance college debt.

Bishop said the solution to the weight of the debt is creating jobs.

"The economy is stalled out," he said. Working across the aisles was something Bishop and Schertzing said would be important.

"There are two issues that I've heard the most of across the district no matter who I'm talking to. One of them is the condition of the roads," said Schertzing. "The other is really just the frustration with the partisan bickering and the political gridlock that makes up so much of Washington. Folks want things to get done, people to come together to talk about the common issues of the country."

Schertzing continued, "I also think of it as the human infrastructure of education and job training. Those areas and others are ones that historically have not been partisan. When did education, when did Social Security, when did roads and potholes become partisan?"

Schertzing was raised on a farm in Stockbridge.

"Growing up on the farm, you roll up your sleeves and get the job done. It won't be easy, but I'll work to find commonality."

Bishop said he wants the public to trust the government. He said a \$17.9 trillion national debt signifies dire financial times.

"Take the brakes off the economy and let it grow and add jobs," he said. "Get the economy up and running again. That's the best way to shrink the debt."

Bishop continued: "I've never seen the trust and confidence of people waning as hard as it is right now in our government. I really do believe this generation of legislator on the state, local and national level have to regain the confidence if we want to turn this thing around."

Also running for the seat are Libertarian James Weeks II, Jeremy Burgess, a Natural Law candidate, and Green Party candidate Jim Casha.

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Jones taps into new neighborhood

By KYLE MELINN

It only took a day for state Sen. Rick Jones, after learning that his newly gerrymandered 24th district included Shiawassee County, to begin meeting voters there.

Whether it was the local Elks Lodge or the county's Right to Life chapter, the Grand Ledge resident burned up Interstate 69 to Owosso so often, the Shiawassee County Chamber of Commerce website lists Jones as the county's state senator ... which isn't even the case, yet.

The redistricting lines signed into law three years ago technically take effect Jan. 1.

For now, Jones' district is still the three-county line stretching from Lake Michigan to the Lansing city limits.

Sometimes perception becomes reality. And in the case of Jones, who seeks re-election Tuesday, the perception of being a dawn-to-dusk flesh-presser is quite true. The 61-year-old Senate Judiciary Committee chairman prides himself on rarely taking a vacation, always returning media calls and pledging to address just about any constituent issue.

That includes last year helping an Oneida Township woman on dialysis free a skunk that had burrowed under her porch and caught himself in a woodchuck trap.

Despite this new 24th Senate District only holding a 53 percent Republican base, Jones isn't raising a ton of money like many of his Senate colleagues. He isn't paying for radio or TV ads like many of his GOP colleagues in competitive races.

For Jones, name ID is not a problem. A former Eaton County Sheriff, he's been a local TV news reporter and radio talk show host's go-to source for comment since he's been elected. The access has put him in a position where he can put his foot in his mouth, like when he compared public relations professional Kelly Rossman-McKinney to a "hooker" because he argued her policy positions were for sale.

This is among the reasons why Democrats smell an opportunity with Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School coordinator Dawn Levey.

The other reason is Jones' votes. Jones joined Republican legislators in backing what

Dems dubbed "rape insurance," the Right to Life-bankrolled initiative that requires elective abortion coverage on health insurance policies be purchased with a separate rider.

"I'm appalled by it," Levey said, who expressed concern that the three miscarriages she'd endured as a young woman would not have been covered under the law. "As vaguely as the law is written, those medical (procedures) would not be covered unless you had the rider. That's wrong."

Levey is a self-described moderate who wrapped up her second term as president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. She's a Michigan Education Association board member who worked for 29 years with the Elsie Area Ambulance Service, serving as its director for 10 years.

She joins Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer in suggesting that some gender-specific riders should be tacked on to the insurance policies of men. What's fair is fair.

During their joint appearance on the "City Pulse Newsmakers" TV program, Jones recalled when Whitmer brought up this issue on the Senate floor.

"She said, 'OK, if this passes, I demand that you ban Viagra coverage,'" Jones said. "And I said, 'Yes, let's do it - nobody on the Republican side uses it anyway.'"

Levey is also against funding cuts to Planned Parenthood and policies that required greater licensing regulations on facilities providing abortions.

Levey works with teenage mothers daily and argues that Planned Parenthood is their only avenue to vital care for many young women.

Jones argues that tighter restrictions on abortion clinics, including his bill banning aborted fetuses from being disposed in dumpsters, is about keeping women healthier and safer.

On education, Levey has called "the attack on education" one of the worst things to come out of the Snyder administration, citing funding cuts and a lack of incentives to keep qualified teachers in the state.

"We want the brightest and the best in our classrooms, we wouldn't argue that," she said. "But with all the changes and all the hits that teachers are taking, why would you become a teacher?"

Jones disagreed and said one of the biggest issues for K-12 education is legacy costs incurred from pensions. He distanced him-

self from Snyder's decision to redirect funding from the state School Aid Fund to universities and said all money in the fund should go towards pre-K and K-12 programs.

"More money has been put into education

by Gov. Snyder - it's there, it's mathematical-ly clear," Jones said. "I oppose this governor when he transfers money from school aid to universities, many of them sitting on billions of dollars."

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Notice is Hereby Given that on Thursday, November 13, 2014, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drains are located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description by section number of the lands proposed to be added or deleted in whole or in part follows:

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CRESTWOOD DRAIN (P 24-03)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	3
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HATHAWAY DRAIN (H 09-00)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	23, 26
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Byrnes gives Dems new hope in 7th

By **KYLE MELINN**

Another year, another contested election for U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, whose under-performance in the Republican-leaning 7th Congressional District biennially gives Democrats visions of victory.

After facing an underfunded and underwhelming Democrat in 2012, Walberg finds himself going against top-tier opponent Pam Byrnes, the former speaker pro tem of the Michigan House and a Washtenaw County commissioner.

Byrnes, 67, raised enough money to get on TV with her critiques that Walberg has unapologetically embraced the perks of Congressional life – a \$174,000 annual salary, a private gym, first-class travel airfare and "luxury vehicle" rentals.

The same attacks could arguably be levied against any incumbent, however Byrnes is spicing up the argument by pointing out that Walberg took his salary during last year's government shutdown, unlike a few other members of Michigan's congressional delegation.

"Congressman Walberg owes the people of Michigan an explanation, and he owes the taxpayers a refund for keeping his paycheck,"

Byrnes said. "I'm pledging to never take a paycheck if the government shuts down, and Congressman Walberg should do the same."

The Michigan Truth Squad panned this line of attack as being "perhaps the most cynical ad of the election season" in that members of Congress who turned down their benefits eventually received it.

Byrnes is idealistically claiming she'll change the system. In reality, an elected Byrnes will find herself in the minority, representing a competitive district. The chances of any of her bills, let alone one that sniffs of politics, getting moved to the Senate are about the same as a meteor slamming into Capitol Hill ... maybe less.

Nonetheless, Byrnes will draw the Democratic base to her side, having been endorsed by the UAW, EMILY's List and the Sierra Club. She's raised more money (\$1.93 million) than any another Michigan Democratic congressional challenger in a competitive seat.

For a spell, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee left open the possibility of spending in her race – as it and other outside groups did for Mark Schauer in 2008 and 2010. But with Democratic incumbents nationwide in peril, the Dems withdrew from Byrnes' race, and most other pick-up opportunities, leaving Byrnes to her own devices.

Byrnes said she would have liked the help, but never counted on it, and is pleased

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with what limited polling she's seen on the race.

MIRS commissioned an automated Practical Political Consulting survey Oct. 9-13 of 348 likely voters in the Eaton County-to-Monroe County District that found Walberg up 51.5 to 48.5 percent with a 5.2 percent margin of error.

Considering PPC has the Democratic base at 43 percent, Byrnes said earlier this month she's happy where she is in the race.

"It's all about being on the ground and contacting people ... I think it's really making a difference," she said.

Walberg, 63, said he isn't as convinced the race is that close. Serving in his third term in Congress, the former state lawmaker and ordained minister enjoyed his greatest margin of victory in 2012 when he won by more than 10 percentage points.

He's not known for his charisma or being particularly bipartisan, but Walberg appeals to the Christian right of the district, particularly those in Branch and Hillsdale counties. He retired as a division manager from the Moody Bible Institute and once served as the Warren Reuther Center for Education.

The Human Rights Campaign earlier this month named Walberg to its "Hall of Shame" for not supporting for LGBT legislation in deed or word. He's one of 18 members to be labeled "most anti-equality" members of Congress.

Business groups, the National Rifle Association (NRA) and Right to Life like

Walberg, as do the anti-government types. He's signed onto a plan to decentralize federal highway funding by cutting the national gas tax from 18.4 cents to 4, for example.

He voted against the bipartisan, bicameral "compromise" to reopen government last year after 16 days of shutdown because it raised the nation's debt ceiling without making the degree of cuts he was looking for.

The National Journal and the American



Belinda Thurston/City Pulse

Campaign signs line Jolly Road in Windsor Township.

Conservative Union in 2013 both ranked Walberg as Michigan's most conservative member of Congress in separate reports. The Americans for Prosperity gave him an "A" ranking.

As such, the conservative groups that poured money into Lansing-area TV in 2008 and 2010 for Walberg would do the same this year if they smelled trouble, but they don't.

However, if the race does get close, Byrnes could benefit from three other names on the ballot, all of which would likely suck more votes away from Walberg than her. The U.S. Taxpayers Party and Libertarians each have candidates, and their voters historically vote for Republicans if given only the choice of "R" and "D."

Also, independent candidate David Swartout is running a "By the people, for the people," Founding Fathers-type campaign, which tends to appeal to conservatives.

ping licenses for active military personnel.

"Wolves are vital to a healthy ecosystem as the apex predator," said Fritz. "They're vital for controlling the deer population, beavers, many other prey species as well."

So who is the bad guy? The wolf or the hunter? Do we need to hunt wolves to protect people and property? Or are hunters looking for a notch on their belt?

"Many hunters signed our referendum, reiterating while they are very proud of their ability to fill their freezers with venison each year, they can't imagine why anyone would want to hunt a wolf," Fritz said. "Nobody eats wolves."

Youngedyke's response?

"But they do eat cows and wolves eat cows," he said. "There are many reasons for hunting, food is one of them, so is fur, so is population management, so is human safety, so is protection of property."

Sell a park, buy a building

By MICHAEL GERSTEIN

Lansing voters will determine the fate of the Miller Road Community Center and Grand Woods Park in Delta Township Nov. 4 in two ballot proposals to sell the city properties.

The local Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. has leased the 5,900-square-foot former community center at 6025 Curry Lane – one of the properties on the chopping block – since 2013.

The nonprofit did not return phone calls or messages to City Pulse.

But Randy Hannan, the mayor's chief of staff and communications director, said the nonprofit theater group might consider buying the property if voters approve it for sale. It all depends on the price; the theater group has been leasing it for \$100 a month plus utility costs.

"They have an interest in staying there and they have an interest in potentially acquiring the property," Hannan said. "We don't have any intention to push them out of there."

Meanwhile, Delta Township appears to be the most likely buyer of the 128-acre Grand Woods Park, located just south of the Capital Region International Airport, off of North Willow Highway.

The township has leased the property for just \$1 per year for the last 30 years and also paid for the park's bathrooms and mainte-

nance. Local cross-county teams and disc golfers use it. But if voters approve the sale, the township may have to pay more if local residents are to continue using it.

"We definitely want to keep Grand Woods Park in our park system, but it's got to be a fair and reasonable price," said Kenneth Fletcher, the township supervisor. "It's a good park and the residents in that area have enjoyed using it all those years, so it's certainly our hope to see it remain as a park."

Neither Hannan nor Fletcher could say what the property is worth because no appraisal has been conducted. That's typically done after voters approve city property for sale, Hannan said.

Delta Township's current two-year lease for the park ends in 2015. In February the township will have to do an appraisal of the property, according to its contract with the city.

If voters OK the ballot proposal, the city will begin negotiating with the township and other potential buyers.

This trend of selling city properties, which Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero calls "right sizing," has been going on for years. Previous ballot proposals to close the Red Cedar and Waverly golf courses a few years ago are a couple examples.

Hannan said the city would continue evaluating which of its current properties are superfluous.

"We are systematically reviewing all of the city's assets ... to determine whether the kind of value that we expect is actually being delivered," Hannan said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ANALYSIS ANALYSIS OF BROWNFIELD CLEANUP ALTERNATIVES FOR THE PARK PLACE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF LANSING: TAKE NOTICE that the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA) is accepting comments and review of the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for the Park Place Redevelopment Project located at 301 West Lenawee Street and 524/526 Townsend Street in Lansing, Michigan beginning **October 27, 2014** through **November 17, 2014**. An ABCA provides a comparative analysis of the cleanup alternatives being considered using the criteria of effectiveness, implement ability and the cost of each alternative. The analysis also considers current land-use restrictions and future land use considerations. This ABCA recommends the best cleanup alternative and enables the redevelopment of commercial, retail, and residential components on the property which is a direct benefit to the public.

An administrative record has been established by the LBRA for the project. The administrative record, including the ABCA is administered through the LBRA and is available at the office of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) at 1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite #201, Lansing, Michigan 48910 or by contacting Karl Dorshimer, LBRA Director of Economic Development, at 1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite #201, Lansing, Michigan 48910, or call 517-702-3387 ext. 210 or email at karl@purelansing.com.

Environmental cleanup activities will be conducted at this property by the owner/developer, Y Site, LLC, under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) administered by the LBRA. Under the RLF, the LBRA has prepared an ABCA for the project. The ABCA provides for the developer to conduct certain environmental response activities and conduct site safety and control measures to allow for the construction of a four-story mixed-use building on the property. The property consists of 2 parcels with addresses 301 West Lenawee Street and 524/526 Townsend Street. Collectively, these parcels are bounded on the north by West Lenawee Street, to the east by Townsend Street, and to the west by South Walnut Street.

The LBRA encourages citizen participation and wishes to obtain questions and comments regarding the proposed ABCA. Questions and/or comments can be submitted via email at karl@purelansing.com or via regular mail if addressed to:

Mr. Karl Dorshimer
Director of Economic Development
Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA)
1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite #201
Lansing, Michigan 48910-1682

All comments will be considered and responses to questions regarding the ABCA will be provided in the manner they were received. The public comment period will be open from **October 27, 2014** through **November 17, 2014**.

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The NRC has the authority and will be moving forward with a wolf hunt for management purposes next year.

"It's not moot, the citizens of the state are voting newly enacted legislation up or down," said Fritz. "We strongly believe this initiative that they passed is unconstitutional, and we will be taking it to court to overturn it before it becomes effective next spring."

She said the state Constitution says legislation should have a single subject. The citizen-initiated law combines management of response to invasive aquatic species with providing free hunting, fishing and trap-

Health plans fill ACA holes

By **BELINDA THURSTON**

Voters are being asked Tuesday to vote for a millage to support the Ingham County Health Plan, which provides health coverage for low-income residents.

Why do we need it? Doesn't the Affordable Care Act cover everyone?

No, says Ingham Health Plan Executive Director Robin Reynolds, who provided these answers.

The ACA safety net doesn't catch everyone and if the county doesn't continue to fund the health plan, people will either go without coverage or they will use the emergency room and pass the costs on to the public at a much higher rate.

We asked Reynolds about the need for the millage and what it would cost and who it serves.

How much would be raised?

Voters will be asked to renew a 0.52 mill tax, which could potentially bring in more than \$3.4 million in the first year. It would cost the owner of a house with a \$100,000 taxable value \$52 a year.

What is the Health Plan?

The Ingham Health Plan provides coverage for doctors visits and some health ser-

vices for low-income residents. The program had approximately 10,000 people enrolled prior to Healthy Michigan and the Affordable Care Act opened enrollment earlier this year. Currently we have 814 enrollees and we're getting about 100 a month back onto the plan.

Who does it cover?

It is serving people who are at \$28,000 a year or below (about 250 percent of poverty) and it is covering people who don't have any other insurance and live in Ingham County.

What amount is considered poverty?

Poverty is \$11,670 a year for a single person.

What is Healthy Michigan?

Healthy Michigan is the new enhanced state Medicaid plan. It is open to any individual earning under 138 percent of poverty (\$16,105 for a single person). That was a lot of the people we covered in the past.

What does the Affordable Care Act cover?

Affordable Care Act is zero to 400 percent of poverty or \$46,680 a year. Those eligible purchase a product and get some federal subsidy.

Out of all the people that are covered there are holes.

The exchange is expensive and the deductible is expensive. If your medical expenses are above 8 percent of your annual income you can apply for a hardship waiver. So what's on the exchange is still deemed unaffordable for some.

Hardship waivers can be issued if you've claimed bankruptcy, if you've been evicted or

had utilities shut off.

They can then come on the Ingham Health Plan.

We estimate 30 percent of those eligible for the Affordable Care Act in Ingham County may need to apply for a hardship waiver. That's about 3,200 people.

Who else does the Ingham Health Plan cover?

People who are noncitizens aren't eligible for Medicaid or the Affordable Care Act. They have to have been in the country for five years. Some are undocumented immigrants. Whether we dispute whether they should be here or not, we offer our community benefit to them so they don't go to hospital for basic care.

Another group we cover we call "the churn." They go off Medicaid when they make \$3 more than allowed. We cover them while they're waiting to get on a plan. Sometimes it takes a couple of months. We'll provide 90 days of coverage to keep medications filled and basic health services covered.

And lastly another huge group has to do with a glitch in the ACA. It's called the family glitch. If you're with an employer and the employer offers insurance to the employee that it deems affordable he cannot go on the exchange and get coverage. But if he adds his wife or kids to the work policy it becomes unaffordable. He can afford it but he can't afford (the higher cost for) his family. So there could be potential families where the employee has employer coverage but the family doesn't.

What are other counties doing?

There were county health plans in most counties. A lot are smaller. Most don't have millages. There are about five health plans that will continue to operate: Kent, Washtenaw, Genesee, McComb and Muskegon counties. All those will continue but a lot of them are going away because they don't have a revenue source.

Ingham and Genesee are the only counties that have a millage.

Don't hospitals pay for indigent care already? Why should the county do it?

The millage was only a piece of what we had. We had \$8 million coming from the hospital. Federal dollars used for uncompensated care from Disproportionate Share Hospital Funds. This is money that the state and feds give hospitals to match for their uncompensated care. Hospitals have funded us to try to alleviate that care rather than have people go to the hospital. DSH ends Dec. 30 as part of the ACA. That money will be reduced over the years because hospitals will have less uncompensated care because of the Affordable Care Act.

Why should Ingham taxpayers support this?

Our goal is that we'll have 100 percent coverage of some type ... Keeping people healthy is a priority. It does give back to the community. And if we don't pay for them here we'll pay for them in the ER or inpatient care and that will be a lot more. Somebody will pay for it. That's you and me through our health plans. We'll pay for it through our insurance benefits. We'd rather pay for it while it's low cost.

BWL ballot items create more voice, oversight

By **BELINDA THURSTON**

The growing chill in air brings a shiver of dread for the approaching winter along with the sour and frightening memories of the Board of Water & Light massive power outage last year.

Two proposed city charter revisions on the Nov. 4 ballot stem from the utility's failed communication and overall response to the ice storm around Christmas 2013. Between 34,000 and 40,000 businesses and households were without power, some for more than a week.

The ballot proposals put more seats at the utility's board table and it gives power to the mayor of Lansing during a declared emergency.

One proposal would expand the BWL board of commissioners to include three non-voting members from communities that are outside of Lansing but are served by the utility.

"For better or worse from the aftermath of the storm, the outlying areas felt like they needed more direct representation," said Mayor Virg Bernero. "I felt we needed to respond to that. They didn't feel they had a

voice."

The Lansing BWL is a municipally-owned power company. The BWL board currently has eight seats. All are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Each must reside in Lansing.

East Lansing and Delta Township would get members. Delhi, DeWitt, Meridian, and Lansing townships would rotate an at-large seat. Some officials hope to eventually have voting seats.

"Ownership still belongs to the city and I think that's important," Bernero said. "I think it demonstrates that we take customer service seriously. We care about the suburbs who are also served by the Board of Water & Light."

"To go beyond a voice, the outlying communities would have to make an investment in the board, they'd have to be talking about buying a piece of it. This is what we can do without them sharing the debt and the cost and so-on."

The second proposal gives the Lansing mayor administrative and executive authority over BWL during declared emergencies.

Bernero said he hopes he never has to use the authority.

"If you look at how the charter treats the other emergency departments, when there is a declaration of emergency the mayor is sort of a commander in chief if you will. That would be somewhat of a relevant analogy."

The amendment would allow him to use BWL resources in case of a declared emergency or city resources for a BWL emergency.

"It's sort of an all hands on deck," he said.



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Residents, officials at odds over EL proposal

By CITY PULSE STAFF

Distrust is at the heart of opposition to East Lansing's Park District ballot proposal.

"This is a referendum on whether we trust the people in government who for the last decade has been lying to us," said city resident Eliot Singer.

The proposal would allow City Council to sell downtown parking lots 4, 8 and 15 in what Mayor Nathan Triplett calls "an essential procedural step toward any project moving forward to revitalize the western entrance of East Lansing's downtown." It does not mandate their sale.

DTN Management Co. of Lansing Township has a proposal moving through the planning process to develop the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Abbot

Road in an area being called the Park District, which also includes the parking lots. East Lansing developer Scott Chappelle's plan to develop the property collapsed in 2013 over financial concerns.

Bob Trezise, president and CEO of the nonprofit organization Lansing Economic Area Partnership, supports a "yes" vote.

"Should the vote fail, it will set back any and all forward momentum the City of East Lansing has experienced for at least a year, maybe more," Trezise wrote in a column for MLive.

"If, and only if, the measure passes can the city then move forward with the public approval process for the proposed developments. This process will include review and approval by city committees and commissions, followed by the negotiation of a development agreement between the developer and City Council. Throughout the entire process, there will be opportunities for public input to ensure the final project is a win-win for everyone," Trezise wrote.

Countered Singer: "We've been lied to about this City Center II, now renamed the Park District project, for a decade. We've been promised wonderful things

are going to happen with it, and nothing has ever come up of it, and we're supposed to trust the process, and people in city government, including Mr. Triplett, who have quite frankly a record of recklessness when it comes to this stuff."

Responded Triplett, who appeared on the "City Pulse on the Air" radio show with Singer: "When you look at City Center 2, the project would have added significant vitality to East Lansing's downtown but the finances were not there, and so the Council unanimously approved a motion that I myself, in fact, made to determine the project was not viable and pulled the plug.

"There is an attempt to make City Center II into a boogeyman, and trust me no one would have liked more than me to move forward with the revitalization of this part of downtown sooner."

Added Triplett. "These buildings are a terrible way to enter the western end of downtown. But that planning process worked. It should give voters confidence that Council will not approve any project where the finances are not there. All those issues should be discussed, will be discussed, are being discussed."

Singer differed with Triplett's description of the parking lots as "ugly and blighted."

Singer said redeveloping the parking lots will not reverse the "true blight," which he said is the property "still in the hands of the City Center II developer."

He invoked the name of another East Lansing resident, Ingham Co. Treasurer Eric Schertzing, who is involved in development issues in his role as head of the Ingham Co. Land Bank.

Schertzing, he said, "makes a wonderful distinction that is essential in terms of redevelopment. There's redevelopment that government needs to do to reverse true blight. Then there's redevelopment government wants to do, which is these discretionary things like redeveloping a parking lot."

Schertzing said he doesn't have a side in this issue.

But, speaking on the "City Pulse Newsmakers" TV show, Schertzing said, "You have to have a vibrant downtown. That is what the city is trying to do. Is there some tension between the populace of East Lansing and its leadership? Yes. I think there always has been."

Regional trail system funding

Ingham County seeks tax for county trail system maintenance and improvements

By BELINDA THURSTON

When you run or ride your bike on a trail you don't follow municipal lines.

You meander along a stream or river.

You get lost in the vista or the wildlife.

And before you know it you could have crossed from East Lansing to Lansing to Delhi Township, all in an afternoon trek.

The ride is a chance to appreciate the entire region's beauty and the connection the trail system provided.

Ingham County commissioners want to sustain that system and build upon it with a millage.

The county is requesting 0.5 mills "for the purpose of creating and maintaining" a system of recreational trails and parks. The six-year tax would generate about \$3.5 million the first year.

The owner of a home with a \$100,000 taxable value would pay \$50 a year for the trail tax.

Supporters say the millage would create funding for a county park system that has suffered from budget cuts.

At the ribbon cutting for the South Lansing Pathway earlier this month, Mayor Virg Bernero put in a plug for the millage.

The South Lansing Pathway will connect trails in Lansing with trails in Delhi Township.

"It's about all of us working together for quality of life," he said. "If you care about



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There are two county millages on the ballot - one for the Ingham Health Plan and another for trails.

things like this it's about regionalism and regionalism is on the ballot Nov. 4 because we're talking about connecting regional trails and a little bit of a millage."

He called it a "baby millage."

"We need just a little bit to grow this," he said.

The millage would add trails and restore maintenance and improvement money for parks.

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce opposes the parks millage.

"If passed, the millage would more than double the Ingham County parks annual budget, from \$1.4 million to \$3.5 million," wrote chamber President Tim Daman in a column for MLive. "It was troubling to learn that the County has no approved plan to show taxpayers how it would invest funds raised by the new parks millage."

He wrote that the chamber supports regional approaches to government services.

"We suggest that our local elected officials come together and begin the discussion for developing a true county parks

system, one that will continue to enhance the quality of life in our region and that is backed by a sensible, fair and transparent process," he wrote. "In the meantime, we urge a NO vote on the Ingham County Parks millage."

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PARK BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Avenue, Room 211, on November 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering goals for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan. This meeting will focus on receiving public input on the seventh and final goal of the plan – **DIVERSIFY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION – 483-4042

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To help you with deciding how to cast your vote on Tuesday, City Pulse is pleased to provide you with information on selected races from the nonpartisan League of Women Voters.

INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Patricia Muscovalley

Republican

Occupation / Current Position:
Computer Programmer

Campaign Web Site: <http://n/a>
Education: Davenport College of Business, Michigan State University

1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

Worked as an Information Technology professional for more than 30 years; graduated from Davenport College of Business and Michigan State University. Homeowner and have lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years. Active member of the Ingham County Republican Party. Currently, I hold an elective position of Precinct Delegate, and have for more than 10 consecutive years. Running for Ingham County Commission because I firmly believe that the most important government is local government, and that no one else would be more effective advocate for the residents of this community than myself.

2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

There are numerous issues facing Ingham County but three should be addressed as the top priorities. Providing health care services to everyone in the county who has need instead of subjecting people to the hospital emergency ward as their last resort. County spending should be kept within means; Ingham County has the 4th highest millage in the state of Michigan. The county priorities should match the needs of its residents. Ingham County has \$84 million in unfunded liability for retiree pension and health care cost. That's unacceptable.

Rebecca Bahar-Cook

Democrat

Occupation / Current Position:
Vice President

Campaign Web Site: <http://N/A>
Education: B.A. Michigan State University 1992

1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

I am running because I want to have input in policy decisions that directly impact the quality of life for those living near and around me. I have been a member of the Ingham County Commission since 2006. In my tenure have served on the Human Services, Law & Courts and Finance Committees. I am a board member for Ingham County Land Bank, Women's Commission, Capitol Area Michigan Works!, LEAP, and the Tri-County Office on Aging. I am a member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek where I serve on two committees. I also own my own business, Capitol Fundraising Associates. I am married and have two children ages 11 and 13.

2. What are the priority issues facing the In-

gham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

My first priority is maintaining a balanced budget by working with county departments to determine which services and staff positions need to be protected and which ones can be tweaked so that they are effective, but less costly. My second priority is the safety of our citizens. As Chair of Law & Courts I work closely with our judicial system and the Sheriff on programs that protect our citizens. I am especially interested in what happens to juveniles when they enter our court system. My third priority is to help spur local economic development by maintaining services to attract and retain businesses and employees.

INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

Robert Kerr

Republican

Occupation / Current Position: Computer repair Tech & Balloon pilot

Education: Mason High School Capital Area Career Center Lansing Community College (Associates)

1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

I am a lifelong Ingham county resident (Mason, East Lansing, Holt, and Lansing). Over the last 53 years, I have worked a wide range of jobs, both Private and public sector, and having been raised in a family business, I have a unique view of the many aspects of business that need to be considered when making decisions that effect the Ingham county job market. I have served on Many boards over the years, including 2 Balloon organizations (Capital Area Balloon Club and South-East Michigan Balloon assoc.), one Union, as treasurer, and as Co-chair for many years, for Dads and Moms PAC of Michigan.

2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Ingham County Commissioners need to return to addressing issues that face the entire county, rather than focusing on certain localities based either on political leanings, or the willingness to levy additional millages. Recently we have seen the County sherriff's department abandon out-county residents, unless they are willing to ante up new millages exclusively for sherriff's patrols, and now focus more attention on Lansing's urban streets, overlapping LPD's coverage. We also need to move back toward focusing on essential core services with the taxpayer's dollars, and fund non-essential services with what's left.

Todd Tennis

Democrat

Occupation / Current Position: Lobbyist

Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Michigan

Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are

running for the Ingham County Commission.

A: I've been a member of the County Commission since 2007 and am seeking my 5th term. I was born and raised in the Lansing area attending Waverly High School, and I've lived in the City of Lansing since 1993. I am a partner at Capitol Services, Inc., a multi-client lobbying firm representing various clients with a focus on human services and labor. I am married to my wife Cheryl, and am the proud father of my son, Troy. I am also blessed with two wonderful grandchildren. I am running for re-election because I enjoy public service and I feel that my knowledge of local government is useful to my constituents.

Q: 2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

A: The county is finally seeing light at the end of a very long and dark fiscal tunnel. After cutting millions from our budget over the past 5 years, the tax base has ceased to diminish. Nonetheless, we need to remain frugal with county dollars to ensure that the "rainy day" fund that has helped get us through the hard times is replenished and maintained. I am excited that the implementation of the Affordable Care Act will mean access to health care for thousands of Ingham County residents, and I am eager to work with our health department and Community Health Centers to make that a reality.

INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

Randy Maiville

Republican

Occupation / Current Position:
Engineer

**Education: BS Aerospace Engineering U of M
BS Mechanical Engineering U of M
Attended LCC**

Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

A: I am currently an Ingham County Commissioner and serve as the incumbent for this district. I have also served at the township level in Onondaga Township as a planning commissioner for 14 years, a township board trustee for 8 years and a township supervisor for 7 years. I continue to serve my community as a volunteer fireman with over 28 years of service. I am keenly aware of the impact of services the county has at the local government level for the 4 townships I represent. My experience makes me the most qualified candidate. I am married to Jean, my wife, and we live with our two daughters and our niece.

Q: 2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

A: 1) Sherriff Department funding and staff - The cuts made from 2008 on during the recession impacted the county to the point where they frequently are unable to respond to requests for service in the county such as the re-

cent fight at the Lansing Center. Eaton County was able to respond and supported the City. Ingham County could not support a response. 2) Pension and Benefits Liability - The County needs to honor the promises made to current employees and look at options to reduce future liability. The liability needs to be addressed and minimized over time by addressing the matter within the budget.

Jim Dravenstaff-Moceri

Democrat

Occupation / Current Position:

Police officer Frankenmuth & Electrical worker BWL

Education: Lansing Community College, and Delta College

Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

A: Because I feel I can make a difference, specially with my 3 1/2 years of experience as a Ingham County Road Commissioner. With my Law Enforcement background I can help the Sheriff, and give the support needed for his Department.

Q: 2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

A: 1.The 2015 budget will be a issue. 2. We need to look at Regionalization 3 Our County Road are a issue, we have a lot of work to do, it will need to repair the damaged roads threw out the County.

INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 14

Robin Case Naeyaert

Republican

Occupation / Current Position:
Legislative Aide,

Michigan House of Representatives

Education: Mason High School

graduate - 1981

Attended Lansing Community College

Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

A: I'm a Mom to Erica, & "S'mom" to Kevin and Matthew - 21, 23 and 25 respectively; wife to Gary. I've worked in the Legislature since the late '80's as a Legislative Aide. I've been elected to Mason's City Council for 13 years; served as Mayor, and am currently Mayor pro Tem. I've lived in Mason a majority of my life and chose to raise and educate our children here in rural Ingham County. I'm running for County Commissioner to make sure that south-centrall Ingham County has a voice in county government. We need balanced representation in government, and electing a Republican woman would provide that.

Q: 2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

A: I believe the County budget is in need of a fresh pair of eyes. We cannot tax our way to

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prosperity; new proposed millages that don't affect the out-county are of great concern to me. Coverage to all the boundaries of the County by the Sheriff's Dept is critical. I look forward to healthy exchange with other members of the Commission, and I want to work for the good of the ENTIRE county; not just the most populous areas. Finally, I don't believe any body of Government should have a monopoly of one party or another. Eleven of 14 Commissioners are Democrats. A Republican Commissioner in the 14th District is crucial!

Dallas H. Henney
Democrat

Occupation / Current Position: Farmer, Township Official
Education: Northwest High School

Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Commission.

A: I am a first generation farmer, I started farming in 1979. As a farmer and small business person I have learned how to make good decisions as it relates to managing money and solving problems. I also have had most of 18 years on the Leslie Township board and feel that time serving gives me a lot of experience and history as it relates to issues that effect the 14th district. I want to be a voice representing the out county in the Democratic controlled Ingham county board. I feel that I can be effective in bringing the needs of the 14th district to the board with the current political structure that is in place.

Q: 2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Commission and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

A: One of my issues that I will be working on would be increasing funding for road patrols from the sheriff's office. Public safety is something that we can not just take for granted and I feel that there needs to be more resources to increase the level of road patrol in the out county. I would also be working on some health department issues that are effecting the out county. I would work to have a better working relations between the townships and the county on things like the roads as there is a huge problem developing as it relates to our local and primary roads.

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

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Candidates: Choose 2

Andrew Patrick Abood
Occupation / Current Position:
Attorney

Campaign Web Site:
<http://www.aboodlaw.com>
Education: JW Sexton High School,

Michigan State University, Thomas Cooley Law School
Lansing Community College

Q: 1. What special qualification do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?

A: I have a law degree and I am a practicing lawyer for almost 24 years. I have a college education and four children in college in one phase or another. I am currently attending LCC and have attended LLC in the past. I am a believer in higher education.

Q: 2. What is your vision for Lansing Community College? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?

A: LCC's primary function is dynamic. It must provide a strong academic education for those who choose to attend LCC either prior to moving on to a four year institution or while attending a four year institution. It must provide a strong and current education for those who desire to obtain a vocational skill or certificate. And it must provide and service those who are committed to life long, or continuing, education.

Judith K. Berry
Occupation / Current Position:
Education

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/judith-berry-phd/64/170/678/>

Education: PhD, Education, specialization in Community College Leadership, MA, Educational Administration-K12

Q: 1. What special qualification do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?

A: Background in K-12, community college, and state department of education as a faculty member, adult education coordinator, state consultant, academic dean, business, media, and information technologies dean, associate vice president of strategic initiatives, assistant chancellor of instructional support and educational accountability. Served on local, state, and national association boards. Co-created The Turning Point of Lansing, which serves at-risk males, co-created The Early College@LCC, implemented apprenticeship program for IT students utilizing NSF Grant. Resident of East Lansing area for 35 years.

Q: 2. What is your vision for Lansing Community College? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?

A: To provide world-class academic and career and technical education programs for stakeholders through an open-access admission process that supports the diverse learning needs of all individuals for the purpose of preparing them to earn living wages through related employment and higher education opportunities. I have three priorities (a) Jobs-prepare students for 21st century workforce development opportunities, (b) Student Success-improve academic achievement of at-risk students and on the other end of the spectrum, propel advanced students to greater heights, and (c) Build Community and Business Partnerships.

Todd A. Heywood
Occupation / Current Position:
Journalist

Campaign Web Site:
<http://toddheywood.com>

Education: 1993 Associate's General, Lansing Community College

Q: 1. What special qualification do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?

A: I am a graduate of the college and bring a unique perspective to the board. I have served on the Board previously, during which time I consistently focused on making the cost of an education at LCC affordable. I understand what it's like to balance the check book every week and have to make the tough choices between paying an electric bill or purchasing necessary medications or grocery. Many of the students at LCC are similarly economically situated, and I think that I will bring a clear voice for those students to the board.

Q: 2. What is your vision for Lansing Community College? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?

A: LCC has done a great job of revamping the campus. But it has also, at the same time, begun a shift away from its traditional role in being a leader in technology and technical education. We have moved a bit too much towards academic focus, leaving many students without access to the job training programs that work. It's important not everyone wants to or needs to go on to a four year institution to find economic success or a career. I will focus on the budget and a need to make the college financially stable, while still providing top quality education at a low cost.

Steve Hicks
Occupation / Current Position:
Investment Advisor/Lawyer/CPA
Education: JD, DePaul University MBA, UMass Amherst MS, American College BA, MSU Cert. Accg. UC Berkeley Ex

Q: 1. What special qualification do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?

A: I know the classroom from both perspectives - student and teacher. In addition to a substantial background in higher education (approx. 360 semester credits), I am an adjunct professor (instructor) at LCC in accounting, finance, and business law. I also have significant experience in online education as well as hybrid learning - online and traditional classroom combined. Beyond academia, I am co-CEO of Siena Capital Management (Siena Wealth Advisors), a fee-only, fiduciary, nationally recognized investment advisory firm. I am also a principal of Siena Accounting, CPA, PLLC, a company formed by merger of 3 firms.

Q: 2. What is your vision for Lansing Community College? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?

A: My vision for LCC is to be a hub for education, culture, and the arts for the Greater Lansing community. A community college that truly is an asset to the community, responsive to its needs, and meets its mission of providing accessible quality education at a cost effective price. Priorities for LCC include, but are not limited to, focusing on programs that are job-ready (historically, trade school) or transferable without loss of credit to a traditional four-year university.

Angela L. Mathews
Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Kris T. Nicholoff

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Kevin Colman O'Malley
Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

James M. Wahl
Occupation / Current Position: Retired from Ingham County Circuit Court, Family Division
Campaign Web Site: [http://James M. Wahl for LCC Board of Trustee](http://JamesM.WahlforLCCBoardofTrustee)
Education: Associate Degrees LCC B.A. Criminal Justice, M.S.U.M.A. Management, Aquinas College

Q: 1. What special qualification do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?

A: I started my college career at LCC at the age 17. Taking classes at LCC prepared me well to complete my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. I became employed at the 30th Judicial Circuit Court as a Juvenile Court Officer. I supervised delinquent and troubled youth in addition to working with parents and children in the neglect and abuse division. After 19 years in these roles, I was promoted to a referee position, (similar to a magistrate). After competing my Master's of Management degree, I was hired to become an adjunct professor at LCC for three years. I volunteer in the community.

Q: 2. What is your vision for Lansing Community College? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?

A: My vision is for LCC to continue with my three prong philosophy as follows: 1. Ensuring accessibility and retention of students. 2. Promoting the opportunity for students to obtain a high quality classroom experience by continuing technological advancement and faculty support. 3.. Advancing the accountability of the college to manage resources in an effective and efficient manner. My role as a Trustee is to scrutinize the annual budget and other proposals of LCC's President, and to safeguard the long term interests of the students, faculty and the institution.

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Non Partisan
4 Year term expiring 12/31/2020
Candidates: Choose 4

Joe Borgstrom

Occupation / Current Position: Downtown and Community Services Director, Michigan State Housing Development Authority
Campaign Web Site: <http://www.jb4elps.com>
Education: BBA, University of Michigan-Flint

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: The East Lansing community has been divided following the controversial closing of Red Cedar Elementary. The communication around the closing, subsequent redistricting and bond issue, was frustrating as a parent. In my background volunteering as a board member with Eastminster Child Development Center, we faced a similar situation that we were able to work together as a board to make tough decisions, invest in staff and the facility. My day job has provided me with a wealth of experience working with programmatic and real estate finance that would be an asset to the board as the district faces issues in the future.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: First, the district needs to move forward now that a number of families have been dramatically affected from the redistricting. Revisiting, or worse yet, reversing that decision would cause far more harm than good. Second, communication and transparency from the board needs to be improved. As a board member, I would push for more public input on the district's budget and for a community-wide strategic plan, getting input from residents and families who are a part of the district. Lastly, a spirit of pride needs to be restored in East Lansing. We should be celebrating the successful alumni of East Lansing schools.

Yasmina Bouraoui

Occupation / Current Position: Deputy Director, Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council
Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/yasmina4elschoolboard>
Education: BA, Michigan State University; MPH, Dr.PH(candidate), Public Health Policy, University of Michigan

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you

to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I raised five children in East Lansing, four of them refugee foster children. While East Lansing is known for its academic excellence, we do not do well for all of our students. I have experienced low expectations for some of my children within the district, which makes my commitment to improving the district significant and personal. My diverse experiences with a variety of learners are unique. I bring management, budget, and administrative leadership experience from twenty years of service within the Michigan Department of Community Health, as well as my passion and commitment to closing the achievement gap for all.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Limited financial resources, the achievement gap, and the district climate are three key issues. Determining the wisest and most cost-effective way to utilize dwindling resources and maintain district excellence is a key challenge. Implementing multi-tiered systems of support is crucial to addressing the achievement gap. A divided community must come together to move forward in an inclusive manner which honors diversity, respect for one another, and in a climate which supports K-12 excellence for all. The school board must lead by demonstrating respect, civil discourse, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

David Gott

Occupation / Current Position: Educator
Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/gott4board>
Education: Bachelors of Music Education, Post Graduate Work in Music Education from Central Michigan University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I am a parent of a 6th Grader and 5th Grader in the East Lansing Public Schools. In a time where school funding is limited, I want insure that my kids have a great education and have plentiful opportunities to help them be well-rounded people. I have been an observer of the Board for many years and see many issue that are dividing the Board (closing an elementary, negotiations with their staff). I have been an educational leader locally and state wide for over 17 years with a broad range of leadership roles. I believe that my diverse experience in education can help move the ELPS forward toward excellence again.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: 1. The Board and community are divided 2. Administration is in transition. 3.Targets in education are moving constantly I am a person that brings people together, as I listen and work with a wide-range of parents and community members each day. I believe we can advance our communication and become more responsive as a Board to the EL Community and smooth the transition. With my educational experience and leadership roles I believe that I am in tune with the rapid change occurring in education. I believe that I can effectively communicate and help guide the board's focus toward ALL children.

Kyle Guerrant

Occupation / Current Position: Deputy Superintendent, Michigan Department

of Education

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Kyle-Guerrant-for-East-Lansing-School-Board/345178045645751>
Education: Masters in Social Work, University of Michigan; BA in Psychology (Child Dev.) Long Island University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: As a East Lansing Public Schools (ELPS) alum, I am eager to serve as a ELPS board member, working to foster high quality educational opportunities for all students. I have worked, coached, & volunteered in the district, and currently have 3 children attending ELPS schools. I have significant statewide experience working on educational issues ranging from school finance, student health & safety, to curriculum and school reform. I am committed to moving the district and community forward, continuing the districts rich history of successfully preparing students to be college and career ready.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: 1. Closing the Achievement Gap - I would advocate to expand differentiated instruction and curriculum opportunities to nurture academic growth for all ELPS students. Whether a student is a high achiever, or struggling to grasp specific content, our educational offerings must meet students where they are, and challenge them to grow. 2. Increasing quality early childhood opportunities for families through partnerships and pursuing additional resources. 3. Creatively expanding opportunities such as STEM education & CTE offerings is vital to attract families to ELPS, making East Lansing a great place to live and work.

Karen Hoene

Occupation / Current Position: Early On Service Coordinator, Ingham Intermediate School District
Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/karenhoeneforschoolboard>
Education: BA English University of Michigan MS Community Services MSU

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: My decision to run for school board was prompted by my frustration with the current school board's lack of transparency and accountability to East Lansing residents. As an Early On Service Coordinator with the Ingham Intermediate School District, I bring years of experience working with families and communities. I hold a BA from U of M and an MS from MSU in Community Services. I served on the ELPS K-8 Facilities Committee, I was a volunteer in my children's schools and I am a member of my neighborhood board, I grew up in East Lansing and have raised three children here and care deeply about this community.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: I would begin to address our growing achievement gap by reviewing the efficacy and equity of our current zero tolerance disciplinary policy and considering a shift to a restorative justice approach. I would deal with the lack of accountability and transparency on the board by committing myself to being a voice

for all residents from all neighborhoods and by inviting public input and feedback in a variety of ways. I would use my knowledge and experience in the field of early childhood to expand access to high quality preschool programs for our youngest learners as this directly impacts future success in school.

Nell Kuhnmuensch

Occupation / Current Position: State Lobbyist, Current member EL School Board
Campaign Web Site: <http://NellForELSchools.com>
Education: BA in Bus Ad - MSU, JD - Thos. M Cooley Law School

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: The past five years on the Board have been contentious, creating rifts in our community. There has been a lack of transparency with the community. We need to heal our community and focus our energies on the needs of each of our individual students. My experience serving on the school board the past five years, and my commitment to providing a fair opportunity to all learners to develop their unique abilities in a fair atmosphere, my ability to listen and work with others, my analytical skills and my commitment to greater openness in both discussions and decision-making are what I bring to this position.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Learning - Our students deserve the opportunity to learn in a safe, welcoming environment where they will not be judged on the attributes they bring to the classroom, where each will receive the encouragement and support to develop their assets and reach their potential, where critical thinking, creativity, inquiry and discovery will be celebrated. Community - Decision-making must be open. Grand River should be a bridge to MSU and we should engage with all the resources it has to offer. Finances - we must use our limited resources in a manner that best serves the needs of our students and the whole community

Kate Powers

Occupation / Current Position: Nonprofit Fundraiser
Campaign Web Site: <http://powersforelps.com>

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Social Relations, Michigan State University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I want to ensure the continued success of the East Lansing Public Schools and to help all students succeed, especially those considered at risk due to conditions out of their control. As a parent of a student at one of the most challenged Elementary Schools in the ELPS District, I have seen, firsthand, the necessity to assist all students at all levels. Additionally, I am long time East Lansing community volunteer who has dedicated my professional life to nonprofit management. I am a past president of the Junior League of Lansing, a nonprofit, volunteer lead training organization, which assists at risk families.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

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A: -Being able to meet students varying educational needs. Encourage the closure of the achievement gap by continuing to seek innovative and creative program so that the lower achieving students have the chance to be elevated without sacrificing the achievement of the highest achieving students. -Creating and strengthening relationships with community partners, to enhance the existing reputation of the district. I hope to achieve this by bolstering the relationships with MSU and the City. -Communication enhancement across the district, to parents & other stakeholders, by strengthening current methods recently initiated.

Jeffrey C. Wray

Occupation / Current Position:
Professor & Filmmaker

Campaign Web Site: <http://jeffeycwrayschoolboard.blogspot.com/>

Education: Hiram College, Hiram Ohio
Ohio University, Athens Ohio

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: My number one issue is educational equity. All students in East Lansing Schools should be afforded equal educational opportunities. Maintaining high education standards and building upon those standards is very important. Community values & school district/school board values must operate hand in hand. Public schools are a public trust. Have lived in East Lansing over 15 years. Three children are all graduates of East Lansing schools. Have been involved in the schools and an active parent. I have civic, social and cultural concerns that our schools serve our children and the community in best ways possible.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Being student centered. Every decision made by the board, every question that is asked of a school board, must begin with the consideration of what is best for all of the students. Not a majority, but all students. We have to work to get the sometimes competing concepts of fiscal responsibility and continued investment in our schools correct. We must examine the economics of our district closely while continually investing in the future our students and district. Our community has been bruised & fractured by recent school district disagreements and decisions. Consensus over slim majorities must be the goal.

HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION 4 YEAR TERM

The Haslett Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiate staff contracts, and set the budget. The board has seven members who are elected at large to serve overlapping terms.

Non Partisan

4 Year term expiring 12/31/2020

Candidates: Choose 2

Dan Kohler

Occupation / Current Position: Retired public school teacher/Part time private school teacher

Education: B. S. Michigan State University Biology/Education 1982
B.S. Western Michigan 1993 Chemistry

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I have no special concerns other than I feel that having over 27 years of educational experience allows me to offer a great deal of expertise to use when making financial and policy decision.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: 1) Lack of funding is our greatest issue. I would address this issue by making sure that our funding decisions are based on what things are of the greatest help to the largest number of students. 2) Government mandates. Make sure that we do everything we can to work within the state mandates without losing our communities individual identity. We must determine what is best for our Haslett students and families and set up our curriculum accordingly. 3) Student and teacher evaluations. Make sure that we recognize that students and teachers are more than just numbers and that our methods of evaluation reflect this fact.

Molly Polverento

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Cami L. Rapson

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Cammy Wheeler

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HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION 6 YEAR TERM

Non-Partisan

6 Year term expiring 12/31/2020

Candidates: Choose 2

Christine Coady

Occupation / Current Position: Current member of the Haslett School Board, Presenter for the MI's Attorney General's OK2SAY student safety initiative, ESL tutor, and homeless shelter volunteer

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/ReelectChristineCoady>

Education: B.A. Economics, Whitman College; Level 2 Certification, Michigan Association of School Boards

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I have been on the School Board since 2005 & am seeking reelection to ensure we continue to provide an excellent education for all children in Haslett. In addition to experience, I bring many strengths: strategic thinking, ability to help people work together productively, am an engaged learner, an open-minded individual, & an effective communicator. I have an excellent working relationship & familiarity with the HPS leadership & staff & understand the responsibilities of & limits to school board work. Let's continue the success that ranked

Haslett High as #62 on Newsweek's 2014 list of top schools in the nation!

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: 1. Continue to be fiscally responsible- balance budget every year, make tough decisions necessary based on the principle of doing what is best for kids, collaborate with other districts & organizations to be as efficient as possible. 2. Ensure achievement for all students- provide appropriate interventions while also offering opportunities for highest achieving students & everything in between. Academic success for all Haslett students. 3. Appropriate use of technology- must enhance learning, reach kids with language they speak, do so in a cost effective way we can sustain, make sure we have policies that support this.

Karen East

Occupation / Current Position: Research Division Director (retired)

Campaign Web Site: <http://none>
Education: Bachelor of Science - Cellular & Molecular Biology; Master of Public Health - Toxicology

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: A school board must keep its focus on an objective analysis of the challenges it faces and work to position the district it serves for success today and in the future. Our schools face financial challenges and new student achievement and teacher performance standards. My professional life has been devoted to objective analyses of all sides of an issue to make it clear what the outcomes of different decisions will be. I am not distracted by preconceived notions or agendas. A school board must focus on ensuring the success of students and teachers by remaining open to all possibilities.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Meeting new curriculum standards, measuring student achievement, and evaluating teacher performance are three of the most challenging issues schools will face in the coming years. The school board should provide transparent oversight of how these challenges

will be addressed by the administrative team. Measuring student achievement needs to be an honest assessment, but it should be balanced against time lost for learning in the classroom. The qualitative measure of the art and inspiration of teaching should be balanced against pure quantitative measure of academic outcomes.

Heather Stult Meingast

Occupation / Current Position: Assistant Attorney General

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/Heather4Haslett>

Education: Michigan State University, B.A., Journalism, Michigan State University College of Law, J.D.

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I am running because I want to have a direct impact on my children's education and the community. Board decisions regarding the school district's finances and administration are critical to the success of Haslett schools. Continued good decision-making is crucial. As an attorney for the State, I have learned to think critically, and to make independent decisions based on all of the facts. I am hard-working and do not take commitments lightly. And my current role serving on a board has taught me to value differing views. If elected, I will make decisions that best advance the needs of the district as a whole.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Haslett Public Schools are well-administered financially and the district, for the most part, operates within its means. The reality is that many of the things the district could do better cost money. Improving access to technology for all teachers and students would be beneficial. Even more so would be decreasing class sizes, particularly at the elementary level, and ensuring sufficient staff for interventions and small-group support. Changes such as these should be considered when the budget allows. The district should also consider pursu-

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ing alternative sources of funding for smaller projects, such as grants.

LANSING BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Non Partisan
6 Year term expiring 12/31/2020
Candidates: Choose 3

Bryan Beverly

Occupation / Current Position:
Research Assistant, MSU
Campaign Web Site:

<http://www.bryanbeverly.com>
Education: BA- Sociology, Olivet College; MA- Higher, Education Admin, MSU; Phd- Educational Policy, MSU-2016

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: As a product of the Lansing School District, I take pride in the quality of education I received and am passionate about providing similar treasured experiences to students in today's urban schools. I am an Educational Policy PhD student at MSU and also a Graduate Assistant with the College of Education's Office of K-12 Outreach - where my work is centered on school turnaround efforts and instructional leadership. Yet, it is my daughter's impending fall enrollment in the Lansing School District that is the key motivator for my desire to become even more engaged.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Student Achievement: The district has made steps toward improvement but are in need of support for a district-wide program and curriculum alignment. Declining enrollment: I support a redesign of the district's marketing strategies that focuses on the positives- programs, alumni, success stories- in the district in order to encourage families to enroll and students to want to stay. Lack of long-term planning: The Board of Education has decided to push tough choices down the road. I hope to be a part of a collaborative process that renders solutions to the district's challenges and is reflective of our entire community.

S. Joy Gleason

Occupation / Current Position:
Education: Spring Arbor University
- Bachelor Candidate LCC 2 Associates -
Business Admin & Finance

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: As an active parent in the LSD, I became aware of several issues that negatively affect our

children. Seeing that the problems stem from an organizational attitude I want to do the most I can to make the District a better place for our children. I have been active in PTO's since 2005. I am past President of Willow School PTO and managed the LFE program. During my tenure, the PTO purchased a new playground for Willow. I was Treasurer for STEM Academy PTO and helped grow funds there from \$0 to nearly \$1,000. I'm a current member of the Sexton PTO. I also served as Secretary of PCAC from 2008 to 2010; I still attend PCAC.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: 1. The pervasive culture of violence - There needs to be an across the board educational training about what violence is and how it is propagated for all of the stakeholders in our community. 2. We need facilities and teachers ready for the 21st century. Using 1890 teaching methods is setting our children up to fail in life. Teachers who refuse to integrate technology into their programs are retarding the educational advancement of our children. 3. We need more honesty in the District. Greater transparency would help. Less trying to baffle parents with big words would help more.

Guillermo Z. Lopez

Occupation / Current Position: Retired
Campaign Web Site:

<http://www.citizensforlopez.com>
Education: Attended U.T. At Pan American, Saginaw Valle State College, and Lansing Community College

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: As an incumbent, I want to continue the work of the school board as it relates to the five year plan just adopted. Having said that, the reason I ran for election in the first place was to insure that all students received the best education possible. Among others, I was concerned that many of our students were not making the grade, parental involvement was lacking and in general felt that the schools were not welcoming to parents, in particular at the secondary schools. In addition, I was concerned that that parents who did not speak English were not being served as they should.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: In keeping with the five year plan recently adopted by the board, my three challenges and opportunities are: Student Achievement: I will work to insure that proficiency and on time graduation rates are improved by identifying and implementing models and partnerships that will increase students' involvement in career preparation, be it in the technical, professional or academic fields. School Climate and Culture: I will work to implement programs and procedures that will significantly reduce behavior referrals and out of school suspensions. Budget: Continue to advocate for the use of local vendors and suppliers.

Thomas Patrick Morgan

Occupation / Current Position: Education communications professional
Campaign Web Site: <http://vote.thomasmorgan.com>

Education: Bachelor of arts with honor, Michigan State University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you

to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: As a father, I know the Lansing School District plays a critical role in preparing students for college and the workplace, and I will fight every day to ensure every local child gets a quality education. They deserve nothing less.

I've dedicated my career to serving others, working as an advocate for Michigan families. I've worked directly with educators and parents to promote the value of public education and push for positive change on behalf of Michigan kids. I also founded and chaired Friends of Lansing Schools, leading the successful millage renewal campaign to secure \$18 million per year for Lansing students.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: The status quo isn't working, and it's time for change. Local kids deserve to get the best education possible, right here in Lansing. I'm endorsed by our most trusted community leaders because I will work hard to:

1. Take on politicians and fight to give Lansing kids the proper resources they need to succeed in college and the workplace;

2. Work to increase accountability for everyone involved with Lansing schools, including administrators, politicians, school employees and parents; and

3. Watch over our tax dollars to ensure local taxpayers are getting the greatest return on their investment in Lansing's future.

Shirley M. Rodgers

Occupation / Current Position:
RETIRED

Education: BA - HUMANITIES
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I AM RUNNING FOR A SECOND TERM TO CONTINUE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE UNDER OUR NEW LEADERSHIP. THE MAJOR ISSUE IS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE. AS A DISTRICT RETIREE, I CONTRIBUTE KNOWLEDGE, MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND PASSION FOR THE DISTRICT'S STUDENTS.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: 1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - IMPROVE CLASSROOM ASSETS, PROGRAMING AND TEACHER EXCELLENCE 2. FINANCES - AS THE CURRENT BOARD TREASURER, WE HAVE PRESENTED BUDGETS THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT HAD MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE CLASSROOM, YET REMAINED BALANCED WITH A MODEST FUND BALANCE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE MANAGING RESOURCES AGGRESSIVELY AND FIND WAYS TO INCREASE REVENUE. 3. FACILITIES - CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO UPGRADE THE PHYSICAL FOOTPRINT OF BUILDINGS AND IMPROVE THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Julee Rodocker

Occupation / Current Position:
Electric Materials Buyer
Campaign Web Site:
<http://juleerody@comcast.net>
Education: Michigan State University,

Bachelors of Science, Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I grew up in South Lansing and went all the way through the Lansing Public School System, graduating from Everett High School. I know firsthand the wealth of opportunities public education can offer students. It saddens me when I hear parents today say they're not sending their children through the Lansing School District. Strengthening our educational system is not only key for each child's future, but vital for the success of the Lansing Public Schools. My experience on boards and working with Neighborhood Watch Associations has shown me the importance of true collaboration and how it can produce positive results.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Keep students safe traveling to and from school and provide a safe environment for them to learn in. Retain and grow support for the "School Watch" program so students are provided with proper direction. Decreasing graduation dropout rates. Establish a clear picture as to why students drop out of school and implement programs to counteract the tendencies. Provide classes where students can learn skilled trades to keep students engaged and tuned in to school. Give kids a quality start to their education. Focus on early education programs and identify learning difficulties early on in their school career.

Randy A. Watkins

Occupation / Current Position:
Associate Professor of Social Science
Lansing Community College
Campaign Web Site:

<http://watkinsforeducation.org>
Education: Bachelors in Social Work and Master of Public Administration, Western Michigan University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I was concerned about the lack of parent involvement and the disconnection between parents and the school board. My social work degree trained me to be an active listener and my public administration degree taught me how to analyze systems and recommend improvements. I am also concerned about student retention. Too many parents are removing their children from Lansing schools after they finish their elementary education. We need to explore why and make the necessary adjustments to retain these children.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: First is lack of parent involvement. I would do my best to inform parents of all board meetings, attend as many parent/teacher meetings as possible and visit each school. Second, teachers need to know that they are valued and what they do is important. I would consistently communicate that and attend schools to listen to their concerns. Third, we need to change the perception that Lansing schools are failing. We need to do more to stress the success of students in Lansing schools by promoting our achievements.

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OKEMOS BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Okemos Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiate staff contracts, and set the budget. The board has seven members who are elected at large to server, overlapping terms.

Non Partisan
4 Year term expiring 12/31/2018
Candidates: Choose 3

Dean Bolton

Occupation / Current Position:
Campaign Web Site:
http://Coming Soon
Education: Bachelor of Speech,
Northwestern University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I want to ensure that all Okemos students receive the best education possible. I want to build on our tradition of excellence in preparing our children for success and to continue to meet the high expectations of our community. My district-wide experience includes: Okemos Education Foundation Chair (6 years); Okemos Citizens Millage Committee 2007 Technology/Transportation Bond Steering Committee, 2011 Building/Site Sinking Fund Millage Co-Chair, 2013 Technology/Security/Transportation Bond Co-Chair; Chippewa Parent Group President; Central Elementary PTO Vice President; Okemos Parent Council Representative.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: The impact of unstable K-12 state funding on the district's budget, improving academic growth and performance, and effective stakeholder communication are the most challenging issues. I will approach every issue from the perspective of what is best for student learning and achievement in order to maintain and to improve on the excellent record Okemos schools have for a strong academic curriculum and a broad range of opportunities in the arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities that educate the whole child and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities they will face after graduating from high school.

Amy Crites

Occupation / Current Position:
Self-employed
Education BA-Communication,
U of Mich 1984

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: Continuation of budget concerns, changing state mandates, lack of historical perspective on the board. I have served on the Okemos School Board for 8 years, 4 years as President.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

District budget constraints, student enrollment, board governance.

Vincent Lyon-Callo

Occupation / Current Position: Professor
of Anthropology (WEMU)
Education: PhD in Anthropology
(Umass), MS in Labor Studies (Umass),
BA in Economics (Uconn)

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I care deeply about the potential for public education to strengthen democracy. I have served one partial term on the Okemos School Board, have two children in our schools, and am an educator myself. Our school system has been known for excellence yet we continue to strive for improvement with several emerging practices (including new student personal learning devices, approaches to student achievement, student discipline, more collaborative teaching practices, and school security). I would like to be part of promoting and critically evaluating such efforts to help all students thrive in a global environment.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: The pressing challenge continues to be financial. How do we provide excellence when the state legislature continues to inadequately fund public schools? Another is how to provide a well-rounded education for all when the goal of education is increasingly represented as simply job training for STEM careers while schools, students, and teachers are measured on the basis of standardized testing. We also must continue to address disparities in opportunity and achievements among students. To acknowledge issues and develop strategies together to begin addressing them with transparency and collaboration are key.

Samer F. Naser

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Robert Tucker

Occupation / Current Position: Jackson
National Life Ins., VP Regional Informa-
tion Technology and National Business
Recovery, Retired
Education: Bachelor of Arts Pacific Lu-
theran University Tacoma Washington,
numerous professional classes

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: The prompt was not 'concerns or issues.' What brought me here, to be part of the Okemos School Board, was a chance to serve the community. As past chairman and current board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters Capital Area Region I experienced first hand the benefits of risks transformed to assets through leadership and MENTORS. The experiences at BBBS solidified my long held belief that kids are our most important asset. They are more valuable than ANY material item. Plainly, to once again hear and then see a girl's or boy's smile as she/he says, "I am the first in my family to be able to read," ...Priceless!

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: The three challenges one hears daily are FUNDING, FUNDING, and FUNDING. In terms of solutions, if funding was easy to solve it would no longer be part of conversations, editorials, and politics. Okemos is a very blessed community. It is the benefactor of educators,

professionals and skilled trades. The challenge is to create a mechanism whereby these resources are integrated into the educational process as mentors who then experience first hand the benefits of their efforts. These (their) kids becoming productive adults through examples; leadership by educators, professionals and skilled trades.

WILLIAMSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - SIX YEAR TERM

The Williamston Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiate staff contracts, and set the budget. The board has seven members who are elected at large to server, overlapping terms.

Non Partisan
6 Year term expiring 12/31/2020
Candidates: Choose 3

Nancy Deal

Occupation / Current Position: Special
Education Teacher
Education: I attended Michigan State
University receiving degrees in Special
Education and Child Development.

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: As a parent of two Williamston students, I understand the importance of giving our children access to a quality education. As a member of several educational committees I also understand what it takes to get there. I want to share my knowledge of education by becoming a board member. I've been working in education for over 20 years, many of those years in this district. I have extensive knowledge of Federal, State, and Local academic requirements. I've served on many educational committees ranging from leadership development, implementation of behavior and academic strategies and interpretation of the laws.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Funding is a challenge, educators are asked to do more with less. I will always do what's best for our students, when making financial decisions. Communication can be a challenge. I will establish better relationships between board members, district staff, students, parents and the community. It is critical to having a high quality educational system and avenues to solve problems. Education is forever changing and that can be a challenge. Our system must not only keep pace, but also, anticipate future educational needs. Doing so requires that we remain open to new teaching strategies and styles.

Timothy J. Grant

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Christopher Lewis

Occupation / Current Position:
College Administrator
Campaign Web Site: http://www.face-
book.com/ChristopherLewisForWCS
Education: BA - Western Michigan
University; MS - Miami University;
Ed.D. - Eastern Michigan University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: We moved to Williamston for the education that our two children (currently in 1st & 4th grades) would receive and as someone that has worked in both higher education and public K-12 education, I want to give back to our schools and work to continue to improve the education and environment within our schools for all students. I have worked in K-12 and higher education and come from an education family. My doctorate is in Educational Leadership and I have immersed myself over the years in education policy and best practices. I am passionate about learning and helping kids find success no matter what their goals!

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: As a board member I must be a member of a cohesive team that will address many issues such as: 1) Budgetary Concerns - Enrollment has changed and as a board we must be adept to address these changes and understand we must enact policy to keep our schools inviting, safe and ones that provide quality learning. 2) Continual Quality Improvement - We must support our personnel to continue to address learning goals and challenge students to strive higher and learn more, supporting those who need it and pushing others too. 3) Communication - We must make sure that board decisions are transparent and open so all can understand

Tyrone D. Sanders Jr.

Occupation / Current Position: Attorney
& Governmental Affairs Consultant
Campaign Web Site: http://www.face-
book.com/sanders4williamstonschools.
com

Education: J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law
School B.A., Telecommunications, Michi-
gan State University

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: Statistics show that America's students are falling behind academically compared to their international counterparts. We must ensure that educators have the tools and resources to help change this dynamic in the future. Providing a quality education for ALL students is one of government's most important obligations. I would like to use my 20+ years of experience in education policy & school funding to help secure additional funding and resources from the State. And, implement programs that prepare Williamston students for the careers of the future, and the skills to compete in a competitive workforce upon graduation.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: Safety and Security. Safe and secure schools is vital to promote a positive learning environment. Violence, intimidation, intolerance and bullying needs to be dealt with swiftly and forcefully. Uniform funding and resources. Williamston receives a lower per-pupil funding amount, than most other districts in this region. I would lobby the State Legislature for a more equitable funding approach. Future Careers/Jobs. Too many students are ill-prepared

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for the rigors of college and are unable to successfully compete in a highly competitive workforce. I would promote more vocational, technical & entrepreneurship programs.

Jill Story

Occupation / Current Position: Attorney
Education: J.D. 2002 - VUSL; M.S.
Education - 1997 IUSB; B.A. English & Secondary Education - 1995 BSU.

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: Both of my children attend Williamston Community Schools ("WCS"), so I have a vested interest to ensure WCS continue to perform at the top level. Additionally, my background in education, law and most recently, audit, provides skills that will add value to the Board. Professionally, I have experience in three distinct sectors: (1) legal, (2) corporate, and (3) education. I have practiced law in two states where I have served as counsel for cities, school districts, individuals, and companies. Next, I have worked in the financial services industry as an auditor and finally, I taught high school English four years.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: WCS should consider how to best develop students' ability to read, write, compute and interact while also focusing on the acquisition of technology skills and the development of critical thinking skills. To keep pace with peers, students must be given opportunities to advance in science, technology, engineering and math. In addition to developing these core skills, WCS must also continue to address current issues such as bullying, weapons, and violence in schools. Finally, as trustees of the children of our community and those who work and visit our buildings, WCS must take the necessary steps to ensure basic safety.

Shannon Stover

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Gregory M. Talberg

Occupation / Current Position: educator
Education: Masters degree in k-12 leadership, MSU Masters degree in education, University of Florida

Q: 1. What concerns or issues prompted you to run for school board? What qualifications or experience do you bring to this office?

A: I do not bring a specific agenda to this election. I have 2 daughters attending WCS. I think education is extremely important and I love Williamston. I have been a classroom teacher for nearly 2 decades and I have experience as the vice president of negotiations for the Howell Education Association.

Q: 2. What are the three most challenging issues and how would you deal with them?

A: I think it is a challenge for WCS to keep up with changes in technology. We live in a world where our kids frequently know more than we do. We need to learn together and be flexible. I think it is a challenge to keep all kids engaged in the educational process. We need to identify kids who don't feel like they are part

of the community and address their needs. It is a challenge to balance budgets in today's economy. We need to set clear priorities and be creative. Overall, we need to work as a team to address any challenges we face.

PROPOSALS

Ingham County System of Trails and Parks Millage Question

For the purpose of creating and maintaining a county system of recreational trails and adjacent parks trail system, which may incorporate trails or parks created by local units of government, including Lansing's River Trail, and may acquire rights of way to connect and extend existing trails, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, be increased by up to 50/100 (.50) of one (1) mill, \$0.50 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation, for a period of six (6) years (2014-2019) inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated additional \$3,519,041 for the system of recreational trails and adjacent parks in the first calendar year of the levy based on state taxable valuation.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Ingham County Health Services Renewal Millage

For the purpose of reauthorizing and continuing a millage at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2012 for funding of providing basic health care services to Ingham County residents who are not eligible for Medicaid under the Federal Affordable Care Act, and whose individual income is less than \$28,000 and who do not have medical insurance, including use of these fund to help pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications, and essential care such as preventative testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses for low-income residents, shall the previously approved millage above the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, be continued and renewed at up to 0.52 mills (\$0.52 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation) for a period of five years (2015-2019), inclusive?

If levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$3,425,803 in the first calendar year.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Charter Township of Delhi Millage Proposal - Fire Department

This proposal will allow the Charter Township of Delhi to continue to levy millage for Fire Department purposes.

Shall the previously voted increase in the authorized charter millage for the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, which may be assessed on all taxable property as defined by law within the Township, be increased 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, 2014-2017, inclusive, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of operating and maintain-

ing the Delhi Charter Township Fire Department; the estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$1,000,000 (this is a renewal of previously authorized millage that expire with the 2013 tax levy)?

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Charter Township of Delhi Millage Proposal Law Enforcement and Police Protection

This proposal will allow the Charter Township of Delhi to continue to levy millage for Law Enforcement and Police Protection purposes.

Shall the previously voted increase in the authorized charter millage for the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, which may be assessed on all taxable property as defined by law within the Township, be increased by 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, 2014 through 2017, inclusive for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of law enforcement and police protection services; the estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$1,000,000 (this is a renewal of previously authorized millage that expired with 2013 tax levy)?

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

City of East Lansing Authorization of Sale of City Owned Property

For the purpose of redevelopment into a mixed-use development that includes commercial, residential and parking, shall the City Council be authorized, but not mandated, to sell for fair market value all or portions of the following parcels of real property consisting of approximately 1.3 acres:

Parking lot #4, located on the northwest corner of Albert Avenue and Abbot Road

Parking lot #8, located east of Valley Court Park between Evergreen Avenue and Valley Court

Parking lot #15, located across from City Hall between Abbot Road and Evergreen Avenue

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

City of Lansing Authorize Sale of Miller Road Community Center

SHALL THE CITY OF LANSING BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF MILLER ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER, ALSO DESCRIBED AS:

COM 198 FT N OF SE COR LOT 2, TH N 139 FT, W 165 FT, S 40 FT, E 16.5 FT, S 99 FT, E 148.5 FT TO BEG; SUPERVISORS PLAT NO 9 T3N R2W, DELHI TOWNSHIP (NOW CITY OF LANSING), INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

City of Lansing Authorize Sale of Grand Woods Park

SHALL THE CITY OF LANSING BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF GRAND WOODS PARK, ALSO DESCRIBED AS:

Commencing at a point North 0 degrees minus 51 minutes East 903.0 feet, from the South quarter post of Section 1, Town 4 North, Range 3 West, Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan, said point being the Northeast corner of Lot Fifty-five (55) of River Ridge No. 1, running thence along the Northerly line of said River Ridge No. 1, North 60 degrees 51 minutes West 505.0 feet, thence South 87 degrees 44 minutes West 363.83 feet, thence South 77 degrees 49 minutes West 481.6 feet, thence North 82 degrees 24 minutes West 394.67 feet, thence North 86 degrees 13 minutes West 1293.86 feet, thence North 60 degrees 01 minute West 565.02 feet, thence North 47 degrees 57 minutes West 260.75 feet, thence North 74 degrees 22 minutes West 338.15 feet to the West line of the East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 2, thence North 1 degree 25 minutes West 97.84 feet, thence North 80 degrees 35 minutes East 374.39 feet, thence North 72 degrees 27 minutes East 1000.65 feet, thence North 55 degrees 32 minutes East 343.98 feet, thence 77 degrees 13 minutes East 717.55 feet thence North 83 degrees 30 minutes East 571.93 feet, thence South 83 degrees 44 minutes East 322.03 feet, thence South 76 degrees 34 minutes East 362.03 feet, thence South 56 degrees 34 minutes East 504.22 feet to the North-South quarter line, thence South 0 degrees 51 minutes East 986.3 feet to the point of beginning together with the land lying between the Northerly line of said description and the water's edge of the Grand River and That part of Southeast fractional 1/4 lying Southwest of Grand River, Section 1, T4N, R3W and Out Lot C of River Ridge #3, according to the recorded plat thereof, Eaton County Records.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

City of Lansing Charter Amendment Board of Water and Light Membership

SHALL THE LANSING CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5-103.12 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE ADDITION TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT OF THREE ADVISORY NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO ARE UTILITY SERVICE CUSTOMERS OF THE BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT FROM MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LANSING?

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

City of Lansing Charter Amendment Board of Water and Light - Emergency Powers

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE LANSING CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING PROVISION:

5-108.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the Board of Water and Light shall be subject to the emergency powers provided the Mayor by city ordinance and state law and shall include administrative and executive authority.

Shall this amendment be adopted?

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Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

Williamston Proposed Charter Amendment - Deputy Administrative Officers

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTON TO HAVE THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND MAKE THE CITY MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

Shall Section of 6.6 of Chapter 6 of the Charter of the City of Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan, be amended to provide that the deputy administrative officers, including the deputy clerk and deputy treasurer, shall be authorized by Council and appointed and removed by the city manager?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

Williamston Proposed Charter Amendment - Claim for Injuries

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY OF WILLIAMSTON CHARTER SECTION 8.9.

Shall Section 8.9, Notice to City of Claim for Injuries, of the City of Williamston Charter be amended to state that the procedures and limitations for the examination and adjustments of claims against the city for injury to persons and property shall be provided in accordance with state law?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

Williamston Proposed Charter Amendment - Delete Certain References

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTON TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CITY JUSTICE COURT FROM THE CLERK'S AUDITING RESPONSIBILITIES LISTED IN THE CHARTER

Shall Section 6.4(i) of Chapter 6 of the Charter of the City of Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan be amended so that the obsolete references to the City of Justice of the Peace and City Justice Court in the listed Clerk's responsibilities are deleted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

GOVERNOR

Duties: The state's executive powers are vested in the Governor.

Qualifications: Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms. A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least 4 years.

Term: 4 years May serve a maximum of

two full terms. VOTE for ONE (1)

RICK SNYDER, Republican

Running Mate: Brian Calley

Campaign Website:

www.rickformichigan.com

Facebook Page: facebook.com/rickformi
Occupation / Current Position: Governor
Education: J.D. University of Michigan, 1982; M.B.A. University of Michigan, 1979; B.G.S. University of Michigan, 1977
Qualifications / Experience: Governor, CPA, Venture Capitalist, CEO, Chairman of the Board

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state priorities? Why did you select them?

A: Like most Michiganders, I was growing increasingly frustrated with the direction in which Michigan was going in 2009. Our unemployment rate was among the highest in the country, our kids were moving to other states to find jobs, and our favorite businesses were closing. Then, while out to dinner, my wife Sue suggested I run for Governor. Since day one, my focus for reinventing Michigan has been creating more and better jobs, revitalizing the educational system, and revamping government to focus on providing excellent service to its customers, the state's 10 million people.

2. EDUCATION: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?

A: A bright future for our kids starts with a great education. This is why I have made it a priority to increase Early Childhood education funding to a level where every pre-school age child in Michigan can attend pre-school, preparing them for a successful future. I have also increased state education funding by over 1 billion dollars since I took office. State education funding is now the highest it's ever been. But, our work isn't done. I will continue to work to create educational programs that will fill the skills gap in Michigan by preparing our students and workers for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

3. ECONOMY: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: With nearly 300,000 private sector jobs created since 2010, our businesses are hiring. But, we still have over 80,000 open jobs in Michigan - most of which are skilled trades or STEM focused. We must continue to expand and invest in programs like MAT2 - an industry-driven approach to education that gives our students the skill sets to succeed today and tomorrow. With over 58,000 robotics jobs in Michigan, we recognize the importance of FIRST Robotics in schools. Last year, we invested \$3 million in FIRST, and another \$2 million more this year. In fact, Michigan now has more FIRST Robotics teams than any other state.

MARK SCHAUER, Democrat
Running Mate: Lisa Brown



Snyder

Campaign Website:

www.markschauer.com

Facebook Page: facebook.com/

SchauerForMichigan

Occupation / Current Position:

Democratic Candidate for Governor
Education: BA, Albion College; MPA, West Michigan University; MPS, Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: After college, I ran a nonprofit that provided essential services to kids, seniors and unemployed workers. I then served on the Battle Creek City Commission and served in the Michigan House and Senate, where I was Democratic Leader. In Congress, I fought to pass tougher Buy American laws, rescue the auto industry, ensure quality health care for millions, and worked to make college more affordable.

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state priorities? Why did you select them?

A: JOBS: The state should invest in high-tech research to attract jobs. We should expand small business lending to spark the next generation of workers, innovators and job creators right here in Michigan. EDUCATION: We must reverse Gov. Snyder's \$1 billion cuts to education, which have raised class sizes, hurt school quality and made it harder for our kids to compete for 21st century jobs. RETIREMENT SECURITY: Snyder's unfair tax on retirement income and property tax hike on seniors are hurting retirees. As governor, I'll work to repeal Snyder's pension tax and fight to protect seniors' hard-earned retirement income.

2. EDUCATION: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?

A: We need to improve our schools by: putting the state on a path to universal preschool; investing in teacher training; setting standards for maximum class sizes; and making sure students have access to specialized curriculum such as computer skills and financial literacy. Additionally, we need to stop using the School Aid Fund as a "piggy bank" for state government and only use it for K-12 and preschool purposes. Finally, we should remove the profit motive from charter schools and conduct an adequacy study to determine the true cost of educating a child.

3. ECONOMY: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: To promote economic fairness and create ladders into the middle class, we must work to grow the economy from the bottom up and the middle out, not from the top down. We should cut taxes for the middle class by restoring the child tax credit, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, and eliminating the Snyder Retirement Tax. To ensure big corporations start paying their fair share, we must end tax breaks for companies that outsource Michigan jobs. Additionally, we should repeal "right-to-work for less," which is designed to destroy Michigan's unions and drive down wages and job security



Schauer

for the middle class.

MARY BUZUMA, Libertarian

Running Mate: Scotty Bowman

Campaign Website:

www.electmarybuzuma.com

Occupation / Current Position: Chair, Libertarian Party of Michigan, US Navy Retired
Education: BA Political Science, Kalamazoo College

Qualifications / Experience: Experienced in the challenges of working within a diverse community, overcoming differences to accomplish a mission through 26 years in the US Navy.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state priorities? Why did you select them?

A: As Governor of Michigan I would change the direction of our state towards one of more economic and personal freedom. 1. Fix the roads not by tax increases but by cutting the budget and eliminating costly and duplicative programs that don't live up to their promises. 2. Eliminate unnecessary regulations and licensing laws that drive up costs, hurt small business, stifle entrepreneurship and violate private property rights. 3. Reduce crime and keep our streets, homes and kids safe by ending our costly war on drugs. Legalize marijuana for recreational use - decriminalize use/ possession of all others.

2. EDUCATION: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?

A: Spending more taxpayer dollars (investment) on top down one size fits all academic programs (Common Core) will not improve education, but more competition by increasing the number of nonpublic schools will. As governor I would support a Scholarship Tax Credit (STC) program that grant tax credits to individuals and/or corporations who donate to non-profit scholarship organizations that fund low to middle-income students attending independent or home schools. STC programs do not use public funds and could pass constitutional muster. They would empower parents to decide which is best for their children not government.

3. ECONOMY: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: Michigan maybe on the road to recovery, but our politicians in Lansing are wasting this opportunity for true economic growth. Stop growing government by taking money from the many and bestowing it on a chosen few. Return surpluses to the taxpayer. Michigan taxpayers have been promised an income tax cut for years and those promises have continued to be broken. As governor I would cut to eliminate the state income tax. Putting money where it belongs in the private sector will stimulate investment and create more jobs. It will give workers an incentive to produce more because they can keep more of what they earn.

MARK McFARLIN, U.S. Taxpayers
Running Mate: Richard Mendoza
DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR

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INCLUSION

PAUL HOMENIUK, Green
Running Mate: Candace R. Caveny
Campaign Website: www.paulhomeniuk.org
Facebook Page: [facebook.com/paulhomeniukforgovernor](https://www.facebook.com/paulhomeniukforgovernor)
Occupation / Current Position: Founder & owner of Practical Education Solutions, LLC. Part-time instructor at Washtenaw CC
Education: Grand Valley State Colleges - Earth Sciences

Qualifications / Experience: A varied career working in education and business that includes multiple start-up companies, Marketing, Education Director for Junior Achievement, Instructor at LCC and through them Eaton ISD as well as WCC. Visit my website and click on the picture of me and you can learn more than this space allows.

Questions:

1. **PRIORITIES:** What are your top three state priorities? Why did you select them?

A: Education, Infrastructure and Jobs. The truth is I picked these because they are on people's minds and they have a profound effect on nearly every area of Michigan's challenges. There are no issues in a free society that you can "solve" independent of each other as though you are moving down a checklist. Anyone that tells you otherwise is lying. We need to reform our entire tax system not just raise taxes. We need to focus on jobs already in Michigan and small businesses in our communities that actually create jobs here. We need to lower the cost of college and prepare our K-12 students better. They are all connected

2. **EDUCATION:** The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?

A: We need to return control of our schools back to the local communities. When you tell our educators; you must use this curriculum, and teach it this way or you will not get the money you need, innovation, creativity, and learning go out the window. It is diversity of ideas that educate people. When they are good ones they will be rapidly copied without anyone having to tell them to. We need to reclaim the billion dollars a year going to charter schools whose only innovations are new ways to profit. We need to address the societal issues that hurt children's education as a united people, not put it all on the schools.

3. **ECONOMY:** What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: We have to quit weakening the Free Enterprise system with corporate welfare. Support the small, local businesses that create most jobs. They do not want a corporate hand-out just access to small amounts of capital. We need to create opportunity for the long term unemployed not pretend they no longer exist once they fall off our spreadsheets. We need to recognize that we have a consumer driven

economy and when you allow companies to shift to part-time jobs you harm the workers and the economy. Start from zero and design and build a tax system that is fair, equitable, and able to address the people's priorities.

LT. GOVERNOR

Candidates for Lt. Governor are nominated at their party convention to run as a team with the candidate for Governor (ONE vote elects BOTH).

Duties: There are three main duties assigned to the Lieutenant Governor:

(1) to serve as acting Governor while the Governor is out of state;

(2) to become Governor in the event that the Governor is unable to serve due to death, illness or incapacitation; and

(3) to preside over the Michigan Senate.

Qualifications: A Lt. Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years.

Term: 4 years May serve a maximum of two full terms.

BRIAN NELSON CALLEY, Republican
Running Mate: Rick Snyder
Campaign Website: www.Rickformichigan.com
Facebook Page:

[facebook.com/brian-calley](https://www.facebook.com/brian-calley)
Occupation / Current Position:

Lt. Governor
Education: B.S. Business Administration, Michigan State University; MBA, Grand Valley State University



Calley

Qualifications / Experience: Autism Advocate, Former Community Banker, Former County Commissioner, Former State Representative

LISA BROWN, Democrat
Running Mate: Mark Schauer
Campaign Website: www.markschauer.com
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SchauerForMichigan>
Occupation / Current Position: Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor
Education: Graduate of Michigan State University and Detroit College of Law



Brown

Qualifications / Experience: I served 2 terms in the MI House, where I fought for a high-quality education for all kids, women's rights, consumer protection and greater government transparency. As Oakland County Clerk/ROD, I was 1 of 4 clerks in the state to marry same-sex couples after a court ruled the state ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. I'm also fighting to end real estate fraud and make voting more accessible.

SCOTTY BOMAN, Libertarian
Running Mate: Mary Buzuma
Campaign Website: www.electmarybuzuma.com
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/scottyboman
Occupation / Current Position: Community College Professor: Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy. HFCC, MCC, and WCCCD.

Education: Western Michigan University. BS in Physics & Philosophy. MA in Physics. Wayne State University: MAT in Secondary Science and Mathematics education.

Qualifications / Experience: * I have been endorsed by "Liberty Candidates." * Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan * I am currently Vice President of the MEC neighborhood patrol. * I am a member at large of the Morningside Community organization. * I was on the AFT-200 Election Committee. * I was elected to the Wayne State University Student Council in 1999.

RICHARD MENDOZA, U.S. Taxpayers
Running Mate: Mark McFarlin
DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

CANDACE R. CAVENY, Green
Running Mate: Paul Homeniuk
Campaign Website: www.candacecaveny.org
Facebook Page: None
Occupation / Current Position: Licensed MI physician
Education: Specialty certification by Am Bd of PM & R after graduation from Residency WSU Med School, D.O. Midwestern University, A.B. University of California, Major, USAR

Qualifications / Experience: Co-Chair of Flint Area Greens, past campaigns for US Congress as an anti-war candidate, and for MI State Bd of Ed as supporter of innovative offerings, for increased parental/student choice, member of Genesee County Safe Schools Coalition, Lapeer Co Equal Rights Alliance

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

General Election: November 4, 2014
 5 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: Attorney General is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the state of Michigan.

Qualifications: Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

Term: 4 years VOTE for ONE (1)

BILL SCHUETTE, Republican
Campaign Website: www.BillSchuette.com
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/BillSchuette
Or Twitter @SchuetteOnDuty.
Occupation / Current Position: Proudly serving as a Voice for Victims as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General.

Education: Graduated cum laude from Georgetown with a Bachelor of Science in the Foreign Service. Studied at University of Aberdeen in Scotland before earning my law degree from the University of San Francisco

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney-General and explain your reasons for running.

A: No candidate for attorney general has had a greater breadth of experience. Following service as a congressman, state senator, director of the Department of Agriculture and judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, I have served with honor as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General for nearly four years. I feel now, as I did four years ago, that public safety in Michigan must be improved for Michigan to move forward and that is why I am running for reelection as your Attorney General.

2. Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?

A: As Michigan's chief law enforcement officer, my priority is public safety and serving as a voice for the victims of crime, and the constitution. We must increase the number of police by at least 1,000, keep violent criminals behind bars, stop the scourge of human trafficking and ensure the testing and prosecution of abandoned rape DNA evidence kits in Michigan. Defending our constitution is part of the oath I took and I have fought to do so, including protecting the Natural Resources Trust Fund, the equal admission clause and the pensions of public safety officers, and will do so in the future.

3. What recommendations would you make to the State Legislature for improving the administration of justice in Michigan?

A: Being careful about any revisit of sentencing guidelines. The safety of our streets and schools is key to our recovery. And, we must continue to secure justice for victims and their families. Victims were made a promise by the criminal justice system that those who were convicted of crimes would kept behind bars. Second, the legislature should increase the number of police. We remain thousands of officers short compared to a few years ago and this has repercussions for public safety, longer 911 response times, a feeling that criminals can act with impunity, but also in fewer crimes being discovered or reported.

MARK TOTTEN, Democrat
Campaign Website: www.marktotten.com
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/electmarktotten

Occupation / Current Position: Prof. at MSU College of Law. Former Federal Prosecutor, U.S. Appeals Court clerk, Justice Dept. Atty
Education: Juris Doctor from Yale Law School and Ph.D in Ethics from Yale University.

1. Describe your qualifications and experi-

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SAVE OUR SAFETY NET. VOTE YES TO RENEW THE INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MILLAGE ON TUESDAY, NOV. 4.

Supporters of the Ingham County Health Services millage include:



INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, residents of Ingham County will be asked to vote on the following proposal:

For the purpose of reauthorizing and continuing a millage at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2012 for funding of providing basic health care services to Ingham County residents who are not eligible for Medicaid under the Federal Affordable Care Act, and whose individual income is less than \$28,000 and who do not have medical insurance, including use of these funds to help pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications, and essential care such as preventative testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses for low-income residents, shall the

previously approved millage above the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, be continued and renewed at up to 0.52 mills (\$0.52 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation) for a period of five years (2015-2019), inclusive?

If levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$3,425,803 in the first calendar year.

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INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MILLAGE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Why is a millage renewal needed?

- Even with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and expanded Medicaid in Michigan, thousands of Ingham County residents still lack access to care and are unable to afford insurance.
- Projections show that health insurance premiums in Michigan are expected to rise by 9 to 15 percent in 2015.
- Continued funding of IHP will maintain Ingham County’s health care safety net.

What is the purpose of the millage?

- People without health insurance often go without necessary medical care. They develop chronic medical issues, have poorer health outcomes and require more expensive care. As a result, the cost of uncompensated care will continue to rise.
- If the millage is renewed, Ingham County will continue to put the funds raised to work – helping to pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications and essential care such as preventive testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease, mental illness and other serious illnesses.
- IHP has earned a national reputation for sound fiscal stewardship and as a model community-sponsored program for those without medical coverage. Millage money supports access to medical care.

Who are the people the millage assists?

- The Ingham County Health Services Millage pays for no-frills medical care for low-income workers who earn less than \$28,000; are not eligible for Medicaid, the state’s Healthy Michigan plan or federal marketplace insurance; don’t receive health insurance through an employer; or can’t afford to purchase coverage.
- Examples of the types of people whom Ingham Health Plan serves include waitresses, mechanics, hairdressers, construction workers, convenience store clerks and small-business owners and their employees.
- Ingham Health Plan also offers health care coverage during transitions that leave people temporarily uninsured. For example, IHP is offering temporary coverage for residents who were eligible for health insurance on the federal marketplace but did not sign up during open enrollment because of the confusion and difficulties that accompanied the marketplace’s rollout. Ingham Health Plan will assist individuals to enroll in a marketplace plan when the marketplace is open again, starting Nov. 15, 2014.

How much is the millage?

- The millage is not a tax increase. It is merely a continuation of a millage Ingham County voters overwhelmingly approved in 2012.
- Voters are being asked for the continuance of a 0.52 millage on the amount of property taxes assessed each year for a period of up to five years. The levy would raise about \$3.4 million annually.
- The millage equates to \$26 per year on a home with a market value of \$100,000.

Who supports the millage?

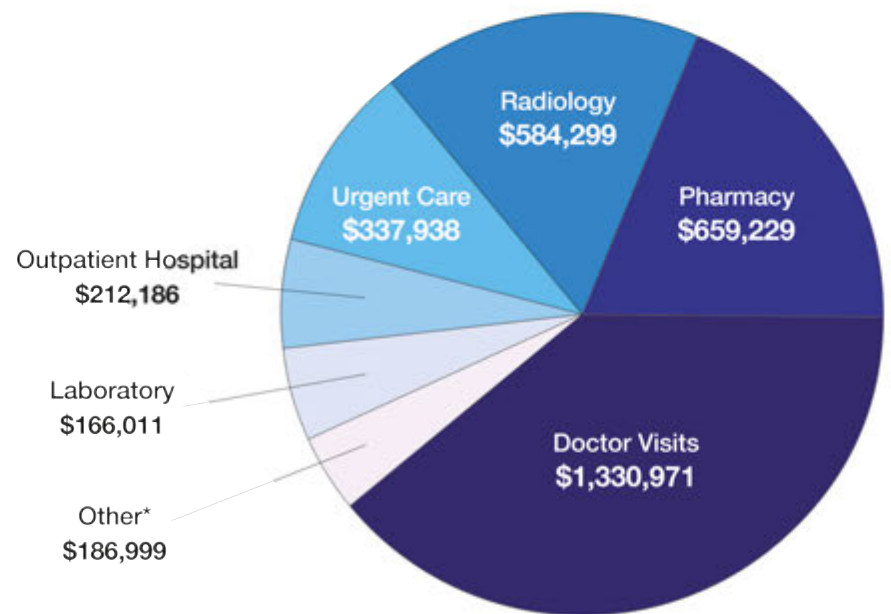
- Sparrow Health System, McLaren Greater Lansing, the Capital Area Health Alliance and many other health care leaders in Ingham County support this effort. They understand the health, social and economic benefits this millage will provide to the residents of Ingham County.
- State Reps. Andy Schor and Sam Singh; Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, director of the City of Lansing’s Human Relations & Community Services Division; East Lansing Mayor Nathan Triplett; Ingham County Register of Deeds Curtis Hertel Jr.; and Peckham Inc. President and CEO Mitchell Tomlinson all endorse the millage, as well as many others.
- Area business, labor and government leaders also understand the value of Ingham Health Plan. They know that a healthy workforce is a productive workforce.

How will Ingham Health Plan play a role in health care as provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) continue to go into effect?

- The need for IHP to continue its critical role within the Ingham County health care safety net will persist – no matter what the future of national health care reform holds.
- Thousands of Ingham County residents still do not have access to health insurance due to cost or other considerations.
- Ingham County’s goal should be 100 percent access to health care for all Ingham County residents.
- Beyond ensuring access to basic health care, Ingham Health Plan also provides other services that control medical costs and help keep the community healthy, including:
 - Case management of members with chronic conditions
 - Disease management
 - Basic dental care (beginning Oct. 1, 2014)
 - Health literacy education
 - Collaboration with Community Mental Health for substance abuse detox services
 - Emergency department case management
 - Narcotic-dispensing policy and tool kit for local hospitals
 - Narcotic-prescribing tool kit for primary care providers

How We Keep the Community Healthy

In 2013, the Ingham Health Plan spent \$3.4 million from the Ingham County Health Services Millage to provide basic, medically **necessary** services to its members. The chart below shows how the **taxpayer funds** were used:



*Includes physical therapy, immunizations, limited medical supplies

IHP | There is still a need.



Renewal of the Ingham County Health Services Millage will allow Ingham Health Plan to continue providing access to basic, medically necessary health services for low-income workers.

Due to provisions within the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), Ingham Health Plan will no longer receive federal funding support after 2014. Beginning in 2015, the Ingham Health Plan will be funded solely through the Ingham County Health Services Millage.

Even with implementation of the ACA and expansion of Medicaid in Michigan, Ingham Health Plan (IHP) will continue to play a critical role in the community's health care safety net.

In 2013, IHP's membership was slightly less than 11,000. We also had the opportunity to work with our hospital partners to reduce unnecessary emergency department use by 23 percent in the county. In addition, we have partnered with the Ingham County Health Department and a variety of other county or community-based organizations in the implementation of the Ingham Pathways to Better Health Care Coordination program for individuals who need additional assistance to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

As it has since 1998, IHP is providing access to medical services for low-wage, uninsured workers who lack access to affordable health care.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters will have a chance to ensure that Ingham Health Plan can continue to fulfill its mission.

Renewal of the Ingham County Health Services millage will allow IHP to continue to pay for medical care for low-income workers who earn less than \$28,000 and who are not eligible for any other health coverage. If the millage – which voters overwhelmingly approved in 2012 – is renewed, the funds will continue to go toward providing access to medical care for the uninsured who don't qualify for expanded Medicaid and have no other health insurance options available to them.

Ingham County has long demonstrated a commitment to its residents' health and well-being. Please be sure to vote on the Ingham County Health Services Millage on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Robin Reynolds is the executive director of Ingham Health Plan.



Heather Rae McAlvey | Michigan State University student and community health representative

As an aspiring dentist and a worker currently without employer-provided medical coverage, Heather Rae McAlvey fully understands the importance of staying healthy.

"I just really appreciate the fact that good health really makes a difference in your life," said McAlvey, an Ingham Health Plan (IHP) member since 2012 who's pursuing an undergraduate degree at Michigan State University in preparation for eventually attending dental school.

"I mean if you have health, you have everything," she said. "So thankfully Ingham Health Plan has made it possible for me to stay healthy and not have to make those decisions as to whether I can afford health care or cut other things out of my budget that I need."

And McAlvey said that once she enters the medical field, she intends "to someday help the community and return the favor" for making it possible for her to receive the basic medical care that allows her to remain productive.

She recalls the care she received after coming down with pneumonia.

Thanks to Ingham Health Plan, she was able to receive prompt treatment. Rather than "being sick for days and for weeks, I could get the care I needed fast, and I was able to get back to work as well," McAlvey said.



Rita Scott-Emuakpor | Self-employed health care worker

Rita Scott-Emuakpor knows from experience that Ingham Health Plan (IHP) provides a hand up, not a handout, to working people.

"I have been with the Ingham Health Plan since the mid-'90s," said the self-employed health care worker. "Ingham Health Plan is a very good plan to me. It helps working-class people that cannot afford insurance."

Although she has worked steadily at various jobs

over the years, not all employers have provided affordable insurance coverage, and she has consistently earned too much to qualify for government health plans, she said.

Scott-Emuakpor said she looked into purchasing insurance on the federal marketplace created under the Affordable Care Act but found that it was too expensive, especially for a single person.

"If not for IHP, I would probably not be seeing any physician," she said.

And, as a result, she wouldn't be receiving in-depth screenings that are intended to keep her healthy and productive and ward off potentially costly diseases.



Liudmila Bondar | Musician and music instructor

For Liudmila Bondar, an adjunct music professor at Lansing Community College and a piano instructor at the Michigan State University Community Music School, Ingham Health Plan (IHP) is perfectly in tune with her health care needs.

"I am a professional musician, and I worked two part-time jobs, none of them providing health insurance," said Bondar, adding that access to low-cost health care is especially important during the summer, when her hours drop during the seasonal academic lull.

Bondar is quick to stress that she takes responsibility for her health and seeks medical care only when absolutely necessary.

"I am the type of person who would not go to the doctor if I just have a cold or sore throat," she said.

In that regard, Bondar said, IHP and its focus on preventive procedures that keep people from contracting serious – and costly – illnesses is perfect for her.

Bondar falls into a gap that is common to many IHP members: Being gainfully employed, she makes too much to qualify for government health plans but finds private medical insurance cost-prohibitive.

As a result, if not for IHP, she would have no access to health care. "I would do nothing, because I know that I cannot afford medical insurance," she said.

Here are 10 great reasons to continue support of the Ingham Health Plan

- 1 Maintain Safety Net** – Even with the rollout of the federal Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medicaid in Michigan, thousands of Ingham County residents either aren't eligible for or can't afford health insurance. Ingham Health Plan will continue to be the "safety net" for the uninsured in Ingham County.
- 2 Ensure Basic Health Care** – The Ingham County Health Services Millage allows the Ingham Health Plan to provide access to basic health care services to Ingham County residents whose individual annual incomes are \$28,000 or below.
- 3 Continue IHP's Mission** – The millage is not a tax increase. Rather, this renewal would simply allow Ingham Health Plan to continue to receive funding that voters overwhelmingly approved in 2012.
- 4 Less Than \$1 Per Week** – The millage costs the typical Ingham County homeowner less than \$1 per week. The ballot proposal is asking for the continuation of a 0.52 millage on the amount of property taxes assessed each year for five years (2015–2019).
- 5 Sound Fiscal Stewardship** – The millage raises an estimated \$3.4 million annually that goes to support access to medical care.
- 6 Support Hardworking Residents** – Without continued funding of IHP, hardworking, low-wage Ingham County workers may face choices between skipping care and staying sick (or becoming sicker), or seeking treatment that they are unable to pay for.
- 7 Control Uncompensated Care** – Ingham County families with health insurance wind up paying approximately \$1,000 per year in uncompensated care costs. Ingham Health Plan helps control these costs.
- 8 Decrease ER Usage** – An Ingham Health Plan case management program helped decrease member emergency room use by 50 percent from fiscal year 2012 to 2013.
- 9 Cost-Saving Preventive Medicine** – Between Oct. 1, 2012, and June 30, 2014, Ingham Health Plan funded more than 6,000 preventive wellness consultations and procedures, including mammograms, colonoscopies, blood tests and pap smears.
- 10 Healthier Workforce** – Access to medical care through Ingham Health Plan improves workforce productivity by lowering absenteeism and sick days.

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PLEASE HELP OUR COMMUNITY ENSURE THAT IHP CAN CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS ESSENTIAL ROLE IN INGHAM COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET. PLEASE VOTE YES ON TUESDAY, NOV. 4.

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ence for the office of Attorney-General and explain your reasons for running.

A: I'm running because Michigan families deserve an Attorney General who will protect them from crime – street crime as well as economic crimes – and never let partisan interests get in the way. For the past four years we've lost our way, as the office has waged one extreme partisan crusade after another leaving every family less safe. As a prosecutor I protected the public from armed criminals, women from domestic abusers, children from sexual predators, and seniors from predatory lenders. As Attorney General I'll focus on what matters most: taking on the criminals and powerful interests that threaten our families.

2. Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?

A: As a prosecutor I helped strengthen the law against child predators and I'll work to make sure kids are safe. I will go after sex offenders who fail to register and aggressively prosecute crimes against kids. I'll take on corporations that profit while harming Michigan families. When corporations pay women less than men they'll answer to me. I'll fight to overturn the law – passed by my opponent – that leaves victims powerless if they are harmed or killed by defective medicine. I'll lead the charge to strengthen consumer protection laws. I'll protect our Great Lakes, holding corporate polluters accountable.

3. What recommendations would you make to the State Legislature for improving the administration of justice in Michigan?

A: I'm not an attorney. I'm not a politician. We need people that are connected with the people in all elected offices and not just Big business. The State government must have an understanding of the fight families are having, and as Attorney General I would focus on removing the State from family matters

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A: Look at way to get back to common law, and restructure the way the court system is funded.

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JUSTIN M. ALTMAN, Libertarian
Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/AltmanForAG>
Occupation / Current Position: General Practice Attorney, Sole Practitioner
Education: B.S. and M.S. from The University of Michigan; J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney-General and explain your reasons for running.

A: I have a philosophical commitment to

protecting people's rights against private and public intrusion. I am running because people are agreeing with these conclusions more and more every day. I am running to give those people exposure to resources that go beyond electoral politics.

2. Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?

A: I don't know. No one does. Any candidate for any office that pretends to know what needs the most attention and resources over the next four years would be founding businesses and community funded cooperative projects, not running for office. That being said, the important issues in these tough economic times are based on returning power to the people of Michigan by reducing state burdens that prevent new businesses from growing, creating jobs, and evolving the market to more sustainable and efficient configurations. If a person is not infringing the rights of others, there is no need for interference by the State.

3. What recommendations would you make to the State Legislature for improving the administration of justice in Michigan?

A: Stop trying to design to provision of an essential service. Entrepreneurs serve an important role in finding better ways of doing everything. Administering justice is no different. Any top-down design can't meet the evolving needs of a population of 10 million people who each have different needs in the area of justice. I leave it to those running for legislature to devise a system that appeases partisan interests while also taking steps to allow individual's needs for justice to be met.

GERALD T. VAN SICKLE, U.S. Taxpayers
Campaign Website: ustpm.org
Occupation / Current Position: Machanic

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JOHN ANTHONY LA PIETRA, Green
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/jalp4thePeople
Occupation / Current Position:

Attorney, solo practice; focus on Constitutional/civil rights (also document review, esp. Japanese).
Education: BA cum laude, Macalester College (St. Paul), 1978; major: planning/public administration. JD cum laude, Cooley Law School, 2008; **Concentrations:** administrative law & Constitutional law/civil rights.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney-General and explain your reasons for running.

A: I've worked 6 years as an attorney, with a focus on civil rights – and 10 years each in government, non-profit, and private sectors. I've learned to manage a budget on the "bohemian easy-payment plan": 100% down, \$0/month. I know government should be businesslike, but it's not a business. And anyone who puts law and order before justice has it wrong: justice comes first – and it comes from balancing rights and protecting against wrongs. I'm running to make Michigan's Attorney General the top attorney FOR THE PEOPLE. (And I'm already doing the job that way; see the Benton Harbor recall case on my Facebook page.)

2. Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?

A: Michigan's Constitution starts: "All political power is inherent in the people." But those in government have been stealing that power. They've toyed with initiatives and referenda – medical marijuana, wolf hunts, emergency managers, etc. They've insulated themselves from recalls and fair competition. They've changed voting and election rules for their own benefit. But government must be FOR THE PEOPLE. I'll address this by bringing Michigan a court case, State ex rel Ohioans for Fair Districts v Husted, 130 Ohio St 3d 240 (2011), that told Ohio's Legislature to stop weaseling out of listening to the people.

3. What recommendations would you make to the State Legislature for improving the administration of justice in Michigan?

A: Many government agencies have inspector generals or other ombudspersons. Most often, they watch how public money is spent. That's necessary. But it's not enough. We also need someone to watch how elected officials use the power entrusted to them by the people to bring justice FOR THE PEOPLE. We need independent oversight of county prosecutors, sheriffs, courts, even the Attorney General's office. I pledge to take seriously any credible claim of abuse of power, and I will urge the Legislature to empower and protect citizens who make such claims – so our state will have justice we can trust . . . FOR THE PEOPLE.

MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE

General Election: November 4, 2014
 5 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: Secretary of State serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for Michigan and also maintains the state's official repository of records and certifies documents as Keeper of the Great Seal.

Qualifications: Candidate for Secretary of State must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

Term: 4 years VOTE for ONE (1)

RUTH JOHNSON, Republican
Campaign Website: www.rj4mi.com
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ruthjohnsonsos/
Occupation / Current Position: Michigan's Secretary of State
Education: Bachelors from Oakland University; Masters from Wayne State University

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running.

A: I want to continue to build on our success increasing access to the ballot box while securing Michigan elections, fighting fraud and delivering faster, more convenient service. Our accomplishments include: More transparency and tougher rules for campaign reporting; the first-ever post-election audits; help for veterans; historic expansion of organ donor rolls (27% to 48%); tripling online services and an appointment system in our busiest branches. We've done this despite budget cuts and having 25% less staff than a decade 10 years ago. Michigians deserve the best possible service at the lowest possible price.

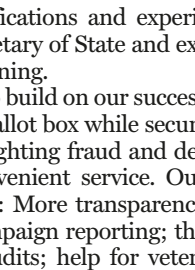
2. What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?

A: Michigan, with a 98% voter registration rate, was recently named No. 1 in the country for registering voters through our office. We were also named 6th highest in election administration. We engage voters with college registration drives, by offering registration to new citizens and asking eligible voters at our counters. I support no-reason absentee voting and online registration for convenience and access, but only when it is paired with tested, secure technology to ensure integrity. America works best when every eligible voter, who has a right and a responsibility to vote, casts a ballot on Election Day.

3. What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?

A: • Continue to improve service. Today customers have more options, 24/7 service, shorter lines and a better experience, thanks to technology, training and our partnerships. We've looked hard at our operations. I'm proud of my staff. • Continue to protect consumers against fraud, including costly auto insurance scams. We reduced fraudulent/invalid certificates by more than half by working with police and more staff training. • Continue to work for elections that are convenient and secure as possible. I've successfully pushed for more transparency, tougher reporting and online training for 38,000 poll workers.

GODFREY DILLARD, Democrat
Campaign Website: <http://godfreydillard.com>
Facebook Page: Godfrey Dillard
Occupation / Current Position: Attorney; Principal, Law Offices of Godfrey Dillard
Education: BA, Philosophy Eastern Michigan JD, Univ. of Michigan MA,



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International Affairs, George Washington Univ.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running.

A: I am an attorney with over 40 years of civil, criminal, international, litigation and transactional experience. I have executive and management experience as Deputy Counsel General at an overseas Consulate General of the US; general counsel for a million dollar non-profit health agency; and project director for an educational development totaling 40 million dollars. I am running to enhance the fundamental right to vote by increasing voter participation at the ballot box, improve enforcement of campaign financing laws, protect the data of citizens, reduces fees and improve the quality of SOS services.



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2. What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?

A: Currently, the SOS's budget only allocates 3% (\$7 million) of its total budget of \$224 million to elections. This is totally inadequate to improve the access to voting. I will lobby the legislature to authorize absentee ballot voting for any reason; institute voting pilot programs to evaluate voting by mail, early, same day voting and registration proposals, etc.; improve services for seniors and the physically challenged; improve SOS private data protection and audit current technology and voting machines to ensure authenticity of the vote,

3. What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?

A: 1. Increase voter participation at the ballot box with increased funding allocations to election operations; 2. increase enforcement of campaign financing laws with additional funding and 3. reduce fees paid by the public via an across-the-board assessment of the necessity of current SOS fee schedules. Funding will come from decreases in the Legal Services and Executive Direction Divisions. I will improve election support services with increased employee training and out reach to citizens. Finally, I want to implement a super center concept, which will provide additional capacity and reduce wait times.

JAMES LEWIS, Libertarian

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/James-Lewis-for-Secretary-of-State
Occupation / Current Position: Printer/Production Supervisor at Cascade Printing and Graphics in Grand Rapids.
Education: Graduate Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School. Attended Grand Rapids Junior College and Western Michigan University.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and ex-

plain your reasons for running.

A: 15 years supervisory experience in the private sector. Volunteer and leader in many community, educational, religious and fraternal organizations over the years. Running for Secretary of State to ensure that all candidates and parties are treated fairly and equally in Michigan, and to give voters a pro individual liberty choice on the ballot.

2. What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?

A: Expand time frame for elections. End the practice of only having one day to vote in Michigan. Remove all restrictions on eligibility for absentee ballots. Have minimum thresholds for participation so small groups can't dictate tax policies. Many times poorly publicized tax votes result in only those benefiting from the increase turning out to vote. A new tax should only be approved if a minimum number of voters participated in the vote.

3. What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?

A: As Secretary of State I would lobby the state legislature to make the following changes to election law. 1) Elections are an essential part of our civil society- Too important to restrict to a 12 hour window. Adopt a 30 day election window where voters can either vote anytime at their city or township office or, on the last day at the regular polling locations. 2) Every voter in Michigan should have the option to receive an absentee ballot by mail and shouldn't need any reason for selecting that option. End all eligibility requirements for absentee ballots. 3) Adopt a minimum 15% voter turnout for any tax increase.

ROBERT GALE, U.S. Taxpayers

Occupation / Current Position: Self employed businessman
Education: I attended MCC and MSU

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running.

A: I am successful self employed businessman in the private sector with a background in management. Unlike my Republican opponent, I am not a career politician. The dismal policies of this individual are a disgrace, as are the stale ideas of the Republican party whom she serves.

2. What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?

A: All current policies and procedures will all be put under review.

3. What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?

A: My main objective as Michigan's New Secretary of State is to dismantle,abolish and privatize the SOS office as it is known today. The SOS office is too costly for us the taxpayers, and the service is pathetic. The sun will set on the SOS office as I propose to completely privatize it. Career politicians and special interest groups will be on the run, as the SOS office is privatized saving us the taxpayers millions of wasted dollars and improving everything.

JASON ROBERT GATTIES,
Natural Law
Campaign Website:
<http://www.gatties.org>

Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/votegatties
Occupation / Current Position: Freelance Writer & Security Consultant
Education: St. Joseph Senior High School - 1994

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running.

A: The Secretary of State's office should become modernized and streamlined. As a former small business manager, I was able to do exactly that, streamline and modernize what was a very out dated security guard company. Democrat? Republican? Why should that matter when it comes to this position? I think it's time we bring common sense back to the office, which can only be accomplished by voting for a third party candidate who will not be influenced by either major party.

2. What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?

A: I'm a proponent of Election Day voter registration. Last year, I was unable to vote in our municipal elections due to the fact that I moved after the registration cutoff date. My voice didn't matter and I know I'm not a lone. Every year, this happens to many Michigan voters and I feel everyone's voice should be heard on election day. Voter turn out in the nine states that allows Election Day Registration have shown an increase in voter turn out. Modern technology would allow poll workers to register voters on the spot with a few simple strokes of a computer keyboard.

3. What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?

A: Election Day Registration: This would need to happen via our legislators in Lansing, but I would attempt to influence this change. If that failed, I would call on a citizens referendum and bring this to a vote in a future election. License Plate Fees: I would advocate Michigan revert back to a fee system based on the weight of the vehicle instead of the current system None of the Above: I would advocate that Michigan voters have the option to vote "None of the Above" in election in the State of Michigan. If "None of the Above" wins, a special election should be called with a brand new slate of candidates.

U.S. SENATOR - MICHIGAN

General Election: November 4, 2014
 5 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.

Qualifications: A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

Term: 6 years VOTE for ONE (1)

Terri Lynn Land, Republican
Campaign Website:
www.terrylynnland.com
Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner
Education: Bachelor of Arts,

Hope College

Qualifications / Experience: I am a mom and small business owner. I served as Kent County Clerk for 2 terms and as Michigan Secretary of State from 2003-2011.

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?

A: My #1 priority is putting the people of Michigan back to work by putting Michigan first. That means reforming the tax code, balancing the budget, paying down the debt and repealing and replacing ObamaCare. First, we need economic growth and job creation. Families and businesses need lower, fairer, simpler taxes. We can hold Washington politicians like Congressman Peters accountable and rein in spending with a Balanced Budget Amendment. Finally, 225,000 Michiganders have lost their health insurance; many more their doctors. By repealing and replacing ObamaCare, we can have the best health care system in the world again

2. ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: To strengthen the economy, we need to get the federal government out of the way. Taxes are too high, regulations are increasing energy costs and rising education and health care costs are hurting families. To reduce unemployment, we need to free our Michigan job creators from the burdens of Washington overreach. Business owners across Michigan have told me that Washington policies are making it difficult to hire more workers, invest in capital improvements and grow their businesses. I believe we need to strengthen our job-training programs, so our great Michigan workforce can match the demands for the 21st Century.

3. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?

A: The high cost of energy has had a dramatic impact on Michigan jobs and the middle class, hurting families and manufacturers. We need more affordable, domestic energy production. I will always oppose oil or gas drilling in or under our Great Lakes, but other states should be able to decide what's best for them. Build the Keystone XL Pipeline, which will create thousands of good-paying jobs; some right here in Michigan. I oppose the Obama EPA's strict new regulations, which will raise energy prices and cost jobs. Michigan energy companies are already making progress on their own. Let's help them, not punish them.

4. MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?

A: I strongly oppose the Disclose Act, which is a piece of partisan legislation designed to unfairly benefit certain special interest groups. As Michigan's next U.S. Senator, I will support fair, strong and bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation.

5. IMMIGRATION: What specific changes,



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if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain.

A: As the granddaughter of Dutch immigrants, I understand how important legal immigration is to a strong America. But our immigration system is broken, because President Obama and Congressman Peters have failed to enforce our laws and secure our border, resulting in lost Michigan jobs. As a mom, I'm saddened by our current border crisis. We need to help get these undocumented children back to their parents. We must enforce our immigration laws, make the system more efficient, increase high-tech visas and secure the border. My plan puts Michigan First, protects our middle class jobs and helps Michigan businesses grow.

6. HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.

A: I support fully repealing ObamaCare and replacing it with market-based reforms to make healthcare less costly and more accessible. President Obama and Congressman Peters promised us that with ObamaCare, our costs would be lowered, we could keep our plan, and we could keep our doctor; yet 225,000 Michigan families lost their health insurance. Many more lost their critical doctor-patient relationship. We must solve these problems. My Michigan First plan includes allowing insurance to be sold across state lines, allowing small businesses to purchase insurance in groups and allowing portable insurance for young workers.

Gary Peters, Democrat

Campaign Website: www.petersformichigan.com

Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative (MI-14)

Education: I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Alma College. I earned an M.A. from Michigan State University, a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School, and an M.B.A from the University of Detroit, Mercy.

Qualifications / Experience: I have served on the Rochester Hills City Council, in the Michigan State Senate, as the Commissioner of the Michigan State Lottery, and I am now in my third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. I also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and held the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?

A: First, my top priority is working to reinvest in Michigan's economy and grow jobs. I will continue to focus on expanding access to capital to small businesses like through my SSBCI program and encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship by expanding R&D tax credits. Second, our economy is only strong when our middle class is strong. I support raising the minimum wage, reforming our tax code to stop giving outsourcers special tax breaks, and making education and skills training affordable. Third, I want to make sure seniors can retire with dignity. I will fight efforts to privatize Social Security and Medicare.

2. ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national econo-

my, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: The federal government can grow our economy by increasing small businesses' access to capital and encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation. We should make targeted investments in next-generation manufacturing and infrastructure, roll back outdated regulations, and reform the tax code so it's fair for middle class families and Michigan businesses. We should also work to close the gender-pay gap by passing The Paycheck Fairness Act and raise the federal minimum wage, which has not kept pace with inflation so folks can support their families and save for retirement.

3. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?

A: I am confident we can make conservation and jobs a priority so that we are protecting our Great Lakes and expanding our clean energy sector. With our tradition of innovation and our incredible natural resources, Michigan is uniquely positioned to lead the country in securing our energy needs. Our automakers, manufacturers, universities, and our talented workforce can continue to lead in clean energy development and technology to create jobs, reduce greenhouse emissions, and lower costs for consumers. We must continue to invest in clean energy to transform these challenges into an opportunity for Michigan.

4. MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?

A: I am very concerned about the lack of oversight and accountability stemming from the Citizens United decision. Our nation was founded on the democratic principle that everyone has a vote, but the sheer level of spending from outside parties with interests that clash with the needs of Michiganders can have a corrupting influence on our elections. I strongly support improving transparency in campaign spending and I helped introduce the DISCLOSE Act. I am a cosponsor of the Fair Elections Now Act and the Government By the People Act, both of which take steps to empower more Americans and democratize political campaigns.

5. IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain.

A: We need to find a responsible way to fix our immigration system and protect national security. I support bipartisan solutions to comprehensive immigration reform like the proposal that passed the U.S. Senate last year, and I was proud to vote for the DREAM Act. Border officials need to have the tools to secure our borders and crack down on illegal immigration, and employers should be able to attract the best and the brightest from all over the world. I also believe undocumented immigrants can have the opportunity to earn citizenship if they are willing to go to the back of the line, pay taxes, and learn English.

6. HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.

A: The ACA takes an important step to en-

sure people have access to affordable, quality health care, and now we should focus on improving the law so it works for Michigan. I'm proud of new consumer protections that stop discriminatory practices and close the Medicare donut hole. After hearing folks' frustrations, I worked to support bipartisan, common-sense ways to fix the implementation process. In addition, I proposed The Small Business Insurance Affordability Act to expand tax credits for small businesses. In the Senate, I will continue to work to overcome politics, move forward on health reform and protect Medicare.

JIM FULNER, Libertarian

Campaign Website: www.jimfulner.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/libertarianjim

**Occupation / Current Position: Systems Engineer, Automotive Supplier
Education: Software Engineering, Oakland Community College, BS Northern Michigan University (2005)**

Qualifications / Experience: My qualifications stem from my God given Natural Rights and my commitment not to violate yours. I understand the Declaration of Independence and believe it may be time for another. I will not advocate nor initiate force for political nor social gain.

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?

A: Separation of Marriage and state: The government should treat everyone as individuals whether single, married, gay or straight. Doing so practically eliminates the same sex marriage argument, and liberals and conservatives will eventually agree. End War: The US has no business being the world's policeman. If those in power had to find volunteers to fight and fund their operations, they'd likely find better more peaceful solutions. Promotion and use of Free Software: Using Free Software (www.fsf.org) allows individuals to inspect the source code and verify that what were seeing is really what we are getting.

2. ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: Many of the problems in today's economy are caused by the privately owned federal reserve, and the laws established to keep away competition. In a libertarian society everything currently provided for by government would likely be better provided by a free market, regardless everything would be funded by either user fees or donations. Short of a libertarian society, I recommend the adoption of the People's Central Bank as defined by Eric WhoRU, funding all four levels of government with interest on loans to private sector borrowers. Interest on your mortgage could be used to fund roads, instead of funding bankers.

3. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?

A: Most everyone wants clean air. Private property rights are the key to achieving such. The largest polluter is the U.S. Government, yet its illegal to sue them. Allowing individuals who own the water, and land that are touched by our air to hold responsible all: governments, corporations, and individuals, who pollute on a dollar for dollar basis will force these polluters to change their ways. Current legislation at-

tempting to do so always includes caveats for job-producers and others already in existence, leading to further problems not only caused by those that already pollute, also stopping new market competition.

4. MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?

A: I highly encourage voluntary disclosure. Most voters would want to know which people support a candidate or committee that they are interested in, and it would be in the benefit of most to allow others to opt in to such a program (and the opt out of such used against them by their political opponents). However, requiring disclosure can be detrimental to free speech. For example, if a group of workers is trying to unionize their shop, and makes large contributions to political organizations that support such, disclosure can cause these folks to lose their job before their dream becomes a reality.

5. IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain.

A: It is immoral to treat individuals differently based on what side of an artificial line used to control people one happens to have been born. If elected I would work across the aisle to make it as easy as possible for people to come to the nation legally. So-called illegal aliens risk their life to get to the U.S. and stay away from services they are paying for in hopes of not being caught being here. I understand those who would like to see the welfare state downsized before loosening immigration policy, but lives are at stake. Jesus taught us to welcome the visitor and care for him, I will do all I can to that end.

6. HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.

A: The government struggles to even take care of our roads, why would we invite them to take care of our health? The U.S. has a sick care system, not a health care system, because we aren't focused on preventative care. In order to achieve a true health care system, we must open the market and allow competition. Providers should share their prices prior to services being rendered, so consumers can make better more informed choices. It wasn't that long ago that health insurance didn't exist, doctors still made house calls, almost no one went bankrupt paying their health care bills, and neighbors helped voluntarily.

RICHARD A. MATKIN, U.S. Taxpayers

Occupation / Current Position: U.S.

Army (Ret). AIRBORNE!

Education: BA University of Detroit Mercy (Summa cum Laude). MA University of Detroit Mercy

Qualifications / Experience: Lifetime member of the Jesuit National Honor Society. Lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans. Lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. I have taken the pulse of friend and foe of this great nation under often challenging conditions, I have learned from many of the finest minds in their chosen fields of expertise and what I am sure of is that America is the destination of choice.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?

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A: 1. Education in all its forms. Nothing is more important. 2. National Security. From space defense to border crossings, from cyber security to water treatment plants and the list goes on. This is paramount to any nation's survival over time. 3. Quality friends on international issues, we must bind government with chains to the constitution and at all cost confine government to the will of the governed.

2. ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: This is America, the federal government only needs to be clear with laws and then enjoy the bounty American industry will provide. Strong industry and equity of opportunity in the free markets home and overseas will reduce unemployment and help keep productive employees in house. Compensation should and I believe will go up across the board according to skill set and responsibility.

3. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?

A: This is when our best and brightest can and should excel, protecting our health and natural resources while at the same time using our nation's geographical assets is a fine line that truly must be respected and utilized to the fullest extent. Only the most skilled can maximize this effort and not mis-use or abuse what has been freely provided to this in my opinion greatest nation on the planet.

4. MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?

A: Yes, simply for accountability.

5. IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain.

A: We have an immigration system that is second to none, no more laws needed only quality enforcement of what is already in place.

6. HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.

A: I utilize the VA system and when procedure is followed it has met most of my expectations. VA is a large federal health system that has many of the same challenges as many large organizations, as will the entire federal health care program, we as a consumer must be vigilant and keep those paid to work for us accountable for their actions.

CHRIS WAHMHOFF, Green

Campaign Website: <http://Wahmhoffsenate.com>

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/chris.wahmhoff

Occupation / Current Position: I currently work for A+ Nursing as a home health aide, in Kalamazoo county

Education: I have a large Arts and Psychology majored education. Through employment I have taken numerous, proficiency, healthcare and legal documentation trainings as my work is funded by legislation

Qualifications / Experience: I have over 15 years in healthcare and social services, I also have been active in my community putting in 40 plus hours a week into local and community efforts. I feel what is important as a politician is to listen and serve. I feel I have an exceeding level of experience at these 2 components of this position. I also have seen how 1 law can cost 1000's essential services. I believe I am ready

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?

A: Money out of Politics and more importantly campaigns - I feel as though the root of all our branches of problems stem from money in campaigns and politics. To combat this I have chosen to donate any incoming campaign money to help stop gang violence in my home neighborhood of Edison. Also if elected to donate my home, and any wages surpassing the MI poverty level. I have challenged other candidates to also take both steps, because I believe it will take people of conviction to stop corporate corruption. 2nd: Transitioning from fossil fuels (see energy) 3rd: Cutting corporate welfare (see economy)

2. ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

A: Cutting Corporate welfare is the most effective step we can take for our economy. The disparity of wealth has grown in this country to the point that 95% of our new sector growth from 09-12 went to the top 1%. Over 30 companies like DTE, GE, Verizon, and the NFL pay no taxes and get billions in subsidies. Banks that were bailed out in 08 are 33% larger after doubling our nation's debt and gave out 26 billion in bonuses in 2013 (more than every federal annual minimum wage salary combined), most of these companies pay both major parties and receive no sincere accountability. Accountability must be our 1st step

3. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?

A: Transition is essential to get away from short term investments we are told are sustainable. A pipeline running under the straits of Mackinac can spill 1.5 million gallons of oil in 8 minutes by the owning company Enbridge's own admission. A spill would cost us 20% of the entire world's fresh water supply. New gas fracking methods used over 22 million gallons of water in Kalamazoo. Transitioning to existing models like high speed solar trains used in Europe, and localizing industrial hemp that has the adaptability of an estimated 30,000 industrial products would create a new local focused industrial revolution

4. MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?

A: I believe all politicians should work for minimum/poverty wage I support the Disclose act, but feel there must be a moral precedence taken in politics to realistically change the landscape of a government that is more up for auction then vote. 20 year studies from Princeton and other universities have boldly said we are not a democracy based on the influence of power and legislative representation in our laws and government. Countless other Universities, articles, and legislative and economic minds

and reaffirmed these statements. We need a moral change in Washington for a legislative one to take effect

5. IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain.

A: I feel immigration is something that must be addressed, while I feel the large scale answer will require work. structural changes to I.C.E are paramount. Michigan is seeing an increase of gang violence from cartels that ultimately come from the lack of security and accountability from programs like Fast and Furious as arms, and drug deals our government continues to build with out worth weight convictions. This is the area I would like to see enforced and families allowed to fill out required paperwork and payment plans for expiring visa's. Allowing families to stay together and Citizens to get increased funding

6. HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.

A: I feel the AFA was a band aid approach to appease Insurance companies, I want to see universal healthcare that focuses on preventative holistic medicines, and restrictions put on pharmaceutical sponsorships with hospitals and doctors. Sliding scale rates pending amount of exercise, diet tracking, and check ups would give multiple levels of incentive for every sector of our population to live a healthier approach. Further more I would demand the labeling of GMO's and double blind studies on the health effects of most chemicals used in industrial food operations. pushing for local farming, as it is related to health.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT FULL TERMS

General Election: November 4, 2014

5 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts.

Term: 8 years

VOTE for no more than TWO (2)

RICHARD BERNSTEIN

Campaign Website: www.bernsteinforjustice.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/BernsteinForJustice

Occupation / Current Position: Attorney/Partner at the Sam Bernstein Law Firm

Education: B.G.S. University of Michigan '96; J.D. Northwestern University School of Law '99

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: As an attorney handling complex civil litigation for 15 years, I've fought and won landmark, precedent-setting cases through the public service practice I founded. As the former chair of the WSU Board of Governors, I acquired the administrative experience necessary to best serve on the Court. My work has been recognized with several community and legal awards, including Michigan Lawyers Weekly's Leader in the Law award, Detroit News Michiganian of the Year, the State Bar's John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award, Crain's Detroit

Business "40 Under 40" Award, and the State Bar's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: To have a fair judiciary is to have Blind Justice. As a Justice, I will know I have done my job when a reading of my opinions gives no indication of whether I am a liberal or conservative, or a man or woman. I will be guided by the rule of law, precedent, and the belief that justice is for all. While I've been very careful not to state opinions in this campaign that would require recusal in the future on any issue - I will say it is important to me that campaign finance laws should foster transparency and enable voters to make informed decisions. Citizens need to know that elected officials are working only for them.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: As a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, my top priority is to promote justice and fairness for all the people of this State. I will achieve this goal by coming into every case with an open mind, listening to all sides, and applying the facts of each case to the law of the land.

DOUG DERN

Campaign Website:

<https://m.facebook.com/votedern>

Facebook Page: <https://m.facebook.com/votedern>

Occupation / Current Position:

Self employed attorney

Education: Cooley law school

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: My qualifications are field experience. I'm a lawyer in the trenches. I'm not a big firm back ground I'm a solo practitioner. I'm in touch with the people. I'm in touch with real world justice.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: Fair and impartial has to be for the greater good. The people in power at local or national levels are there because someone had a financial interest. Its been that way since time began. There is so many reforms I can't begin to discuss them.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: To bring a balance back to the halls of justice. And if you want to know what I mean take a good look at how out of sack the system is and ask yourself is this fair.

BILL MURPHY

Campaign Website: www.electjudgemurphy.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/judgebillmurphy

Occupation / Current Position: Chief Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals

Education: Michigan State University,

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1967, Bachelor of Arts Wayne State University Law School, 1970, Juris Doctor

Questions:

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: As a Michigan Court of Appeals judge for almost thirty years, I am the most experienced candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court. My track record as a fair and impartial jurist and administrator has led me to be appointed Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals three times. Under my leadership the Court has been recognized as a national leader in efficiency in business practices. As a member of the Supreme Court, I hope to continue my service, providing an impartial ear and just voice from the bench.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: I believe that a fair legal system grants all citizens access to the courts and affords all equal protection under the law. It requires a judge to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: As a member of the Court, I will walk into every case with an open mind and I will use my extensive experience to provide insight and knowledge in order to reach a just outcome.

JAMES ROBERT REDFORD

Campaign Website: <http://judgeredford.com/candidate-bio/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/JamesRobertRedford>

Occupation / Current Position: Kent County Circuit Court Judge, Chief Judge Pro Tem 17th Circuit Court

Education: University of Detroit School of Law JD 1985 John Carroll University BSBA 1982 U S Navy JAGC Lawyer's Course 1985 U S Army JAGC Military Judge's Course 2006 Detroit Catholic Central HS 1978

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: I am running for the Supreme Court because I have a passion for justice under the law and a lifelong commitment to public service. My 11 years as a State Circuit Court Judge in Grand Rapids overseeing in excess of 8,000 cases, 28 years in the U. S. Navy JAGC including 5 years as a military judge and my years as a Federal Prosecutor



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and in private practice give me a unique depth and breadth of legal experience to bring to the Court. The values learned from growing up in a large family in Detroit, from being a husband and father, an Eagle Scout and lifelong Boy Scout also prepare me for this important office.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and

independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: 2. A fair, impartial and independent judiciary applies the law as it is plainly written; giving the ordinary and everyday understanding to the statutes and Constitutional provisions they are applying or interpreting. It respects the separation of powers and understands it is the duty of the judiciary to apply the law fairly and equally, regardless of claim, party or the personal feeling of any judicial officer themselves; not to create the law. It must be completely independent of influences separate from the facts of a case or the applicable law which applies to the matter under consideration

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: As a Justice of the Court to be faithful to the Constitutions of the United States and Michigan. To evenly and fairly apply the law as it is plainly written. To issue clear and logical opinions based solely on the requirements of the law as applied to the facts of each case. I will also strive to help the Judiciary improve our system of justice to make it more efficient and fair with greater access and transparency throughout the State so as to assist citizens' ability to utilize the Courts when they find it necessary to do so in their personal and business responsibilities.

BRIAN ZAHRA

Campaign Website: www.Zahraforjustice.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/JusticeBrianZahra

Occupation / Current Position: Justice, Michigan Supreme Court

Education: JD, University of Detroit School of Law, 1987; BGS, Wayne State University, 1984

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: I have been privileged to serve the people of Michigan for 20 years; 4 years as a circuit court judge; 12 years as a Judge of the Court of Appeals; and 4 years as a Justice of the Supreme Court. I am running because of my passion for the rule of law. When the rule of law is followed, a person's case will be decided exclusively on the legal merits of the claim and not on a judge's subjective view of which party is more sympathetic or deserving. This is the best way to ensure an objective and balanced approach to the interpretation of law. More importantly, this is the only way to ensure equal justice under law.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: A fair, impartial and independent judiciary is one that interprets the law as it is written without rewriting it to state what a judge believes the law should be. Lower courts should follow the precedent established by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court should follow its own precedent unless prior cases were wrongly decided and correction of those cases serves the best interest of Michigan. Judges



Zahra

must always be mindful of their constitutional duties and insure that they fulfill those duties without exceeding them. When the system works in this way equal justice under law is achieved and no reforms are necessary.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: My continuing priority will be to ensure that the law is interpreted as it is written. This approach promotes the rule of law so that all who come to court receive equal justice under law. From an administrative point of view, I will continue to address upgrading the technological capabilities of Michigan courts. A party should be able to e-file pleadings and have electronic access to public records across Michigan. Local funding of our courts makes implementation of such a statewide system complex. Nonetheless, next year my Court expects to propose to the Legislature a comprehensive statewide e-filing plan.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT PARTIAL TERM TO 1/1/17

General Election: November 4, 2014
3 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts.

Term: 2 years

VOTE for no more than ONE (1)

KERRY L. MORGAN

Campaign Website: democracy.com/MorganforJustice

Occupation / Current Position: Attorney. pview.findlaw.com/view/2750666_1

Education: Regent University, M.A. Public Policy, magna cum laude, 1985. Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1981 Michigan State University, B.A. Political Science and Criminal Justice, honors, 1977.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over thirty years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that judges are reluctant to simply apply the law as written. I can bring a balanced respect for the written law and the Constitution in particular, to the bench so that Justice may be done.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: A judiciary cannot be fair unless it is governed by the law itself. It cannot be impartial unless it is no respecter of those who stand before it--either rich or poor, citizen or alien. It cannot be independent unless it first accepts the idea that the law is its sole master and not the other branches of the government. A judiciary cannot do justice even in basic human terms, unless it embraces the idea that the civil government has no compelling interest whatsoever, other than the preservation and protection of our rights.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: The future of the judicial system is for the People to decide, but that future must recover a solid commitment to the rule of law, not the law of judges. Michigan Lawyers must also be freed from the politicized State Bar of Michigan, by elimination of its compulsory membership requirements. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar in compelling lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. Securing our rights is the states only compelling interest.

DEBORAH A. THOMAS

Campaign Website: www.JudgeDeborahThomasForJustice.com

Facebook Page: Deborah Thomas
Occupation / Current Position: Judge, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

Education: J.D. Valparaiso Univ. School of Law, Master of Arts, Criminal Justice, Univ. of Detroit, Bachelor of Arts, Education, Western Mich. Univ., Diploma, Cass Technical High School, Certificate, US Air Univ

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: Currently serving 19th year as a Judge in the Wayne County Circuit Court. Prior to taking the bench, practice law as a private attorney, staff attorney with Oakland County Legal Aid Society and the UAW legal Services Plan. I also acted as house council with Michigan Department of Labor, and SEMTA, now known as SMART transportation. The Michigan Supreme Court is the administrator for all Michigan courts. I would like to increase the number of speciality courts in Michigan including Veterans Courts, Drug Court, Mental Health Courts and Restorative Justice Programs.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: The role of a judge is to follow the law as set by our founding father's. Every citizen has the right to impartial and expeditious justice, without worry of personal, social, or political views clouding the landscape. The courts must protect the Bill of Rights and the rights of Michigan Citizens conferred by the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: Work toward increasing the number of speciality courts in Michigan. Also work to expand the use of restorative justice projects utilized by the courts. Enhance accessibility of the courts for all of its citizens. Explore alternative dispute resolution programs which will provide more efficient means of reaching resolutions of disputed matters while protecting the constitutional guarantees of citizens.

DAVID VIVIANO

Campaign Website: <http://vivianoforjustice.com/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/vivianoforjustice>

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com/JusticeDavidViviano
Occupation / Current Position: Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court
Education: B.A., Hillsdale College; J.D., University of Michigan Law School

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.

A: In addition to my service on the Michigan Supreme Court, I served as a trial judge and later as the Chief Judge of the Macomb County Circuit and Probate Courts. Along with my administrative duties, as a trial judge I managed a busy docket consisting of civil and criminal matters. I have very diverse legal experience, having worked for two nationally-recognized law firms and started my own firm before taking the bench. I am running to retain my seat because I believe that I have the moral foundation, legal training, and life experience to serve as a thoughtful, passionate and principled justice.

2. Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.

A: I believe that equal justice under law means that the party with the better argument on how the law applies to a given set of facts must prevail, without consideration of status, wealth, or influence and without reference to popular sentiment or political expedience. A judiciary that adheres to the rule of law, interpreting and applying the law according to the law-maker's intent and not the judge's own policy preferences, is the fairest legal system because it provides a principled and predictable basis for settling disputes.

3. What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?

A: If retained, I will continue to decide each case according to my rule of law judicial philosophy. This approach has brought clarity and consistency to the law, and I will work with my colleagues to continue that trend. I will continue to press for administrative reforms and technological innovation within the court system. We need to expand e-filing and improve our capability to manage electronic content by, among other things, making court filings available on the internet. We need to make sure we are doing more with less and not using scarce resources as an excuse for poor performance.

MICHIGAN APPEALS COURT DISTRICT 4

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General Election: November 4, 2014

2 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: The Michigan Appeals Court is the primary appeals court of the state. There are 4 Appeals Court districts.

Term: 6 years

VOTE for no more than THREE (3)

Candidates Unopposed on the ballot.

No questionnaires were sent.

Michael J. Kelly

Amy Ronayne Krause

Patrick Murphy Meter

MICHIGAN SENATE DISTRICT 22

November 4, 2014 General Election

3 Candidates for ONE 4-year term

Duties: The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Questions: (625 character limit for each)

1. Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?

2. Education: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?

3. Economy: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?

Joe Hune, Republican

Campaign Website: www.joehune.com

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Shari Pollesch, Democrat

Campaign Website:

www.voteforshari.com

Facebook Page: Shari Pollesch

for State Senate

Occupation / Current Position: Partner, Burchfield, Park & Pollesch P.C.

Education: Juris Doctorate

Qualifications / Experience: I have a proven record of being a strong advocate and having a commitment to social justice. These qualities will guide me to policymaking that puts people before special interests.

1. The results are all around us. We have tried cutting our way to prosperity - it is not working! Instead, it has left us with crumbling roads and bridges, essential services reduced to unsafe levels, struggling schools, and the sale of Michigan's natural resources to the highest bidder. We have to invest in our communities. No one wants to pay wasted tax dollars, but an overwhelming majority of citizens support smart government that invests taxes responsibly to keep our communities safe and thriving.

2. Michigan has not invested a new dollar into k-12 education since before 2004.

Outside of family, our public schools provide our children with their most important path to opportunity. Again, we are not going to "cut" our way to achievement. Our children deserve teachers that are well trained and properly supported in the classroom with reduced classroom sizes. We need to implement more project based learning like STEM curriculum and do a better job of offering vocational and trade education for students who are not college bound. Our children deserve our investment.

3. The aggressive growth in the income gap is a defining issue of our time. Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 is a start but we also need to put our neighbors back to work. Investing what we should in our roads and bridges would create 119,000 good paying jobs while making them safer. Michigan also needs to commit to becoming a blue economy and an alternative energy leader. When we passed energy efficiency standards in 2008, we created 20,500 good paying jobs and 4 billion dollars in economic activity. A 25% RES and 2% Energy Efficiency standard is projected to create over 44,000 new

jobs in Michigan.

Jeff Wood, Libertarian
Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

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Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inducts 11 new members

On Thursday, 11 women will be inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. This year's collection of notable Michigan women includes an historic equestrian, a revolutionary biology researcher and a real mover and shaker. Well, not so much a shaker, but she is the founder of the country's largest franchised moving company.

Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Awards Dinner & Induction Ceremony

5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
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\$125
(517) 484-1880,
michiganwomens
halloffame.org

organizations and works in a variety of areas, including healthcare, education and community service.

Davis was the first woman to serve as a legislative liaison officer at a public university in Michigan and she was the first woman to serve as a secretary of the MSU Board of Trustees. Davis offered a few words of advice to young women.

"Dare to dream, believe in yourself and choose your friends wisely, because the people with whom you spend a lot of time will have a tremendous impact on your life," she said.

Jeanne Findlater was the first woman to lead a major TV station in 1979 as vice president of ABC Television and general manager of WXYZ-TV in Detroit. She spends most of her time staying involved in civic organizations and leading WXYZ.

She oversees original content programs such as "Best of the Class," which puts the

spotlight on high school valedictorians.

"(We use) the reach and power of the station to perform a kind of magic," Findlater said. She also created a literacy program for adults, called "Learn to Read."

When **Dorothy A. Johnson** was in the third grade, she said her teacher asked everyone in the class to bring in 10 cents so they could buy a harmonica. Johnson knew 10 cents was too much for one of her classmates, so she asked everyone to chip in a penny so their classmate could have one too. At the time, she didn't know the meaning of the word philanthropy, but even at a young age, Johnson displayed the heart of a leader who made it a priority to give to others.

"I always had a desire to do what I could do to help other people," Johnson said. She served as a leader in a number of statewide nonprofit and community service organizations, and is president emeritus of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University. Johnson is constantly improving philanthropy in the state of Michigan as she co-shares an initiative called "Learning to Give" where she works with K-12 students to teach young people how to give.

In 1979, **Julie Krone** won 20 horse races on the Michigan fair circuit. Quite an accomplishment for anyone, but Krone did it at 16, destroying the notion that jockeying was a man's sport.

"People would think I was weak physically because I was a girl," Krone said. "But I surprised them with my endurance, agility and the speed with which I could communicate them to a race horse."

Krone, 51, was the first woman to win thoroughbred riding championships in the toughest competitions across the country, and is the only woman to win a Triple Crown race. She's been acknowledged by the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame, the National Women's Hall of Fame, the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

"This is a wonderful honor," Krone said. "And it's made even more special because my father still lives in Michigan and gets to attend the ceremonies."

Barbara Roberts Mason served 24 years on the State Board of Education, promoting foreign language education, global studies and exchange programs. As an advocate for international understanding, Mason, 74, has done educational consulting and research in Germany, Japan and Korea.



Johnson



Davis



Findlater

"Like many women who were firsts, the greatest challenge I faced was men — and some women — thinking a woman should stay in her place," Mason said. "The glass ceiling was and still is a reality and protected by the status quo."

Mason is an active leader of the Democratic party; she has spoken at four National Democratic Conventions and seconded the nomination of vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro in 1984.

"I learned early that you should not try to change who you are," she said. "It's better to learn the system and work from the inside to open it up."

Marylou Olivarez Mason was named Hispanic Woman of the Year in 2000. She was the first Hispanic woman on the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees, and she also started the Michigan Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, the Hispanic Student Summit and Legislative Advocacy Day at the Capitol.

Mason, 78, is also the executive director of the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan and has received recognition from the president of Mexico.

Andra M. Rush, 53, is chairwoman and CEO of the Rush Group Family of Companies, which consists of Rush Trucking, Dakkota Integrated Systems and Detroit Manufacturing Systems. The enterprise is one of the largest Native American-owned businesses in the country. Rush received personal acknowledgement from President Barack Obama at this year's State of the Union Address for being a jobs creator.

Mary Ellen Sheets is the founder of Two Men and a Truck, the nation's largest franchised moving company that celebrated its 5 millionth move earlier this year. Not bad for a \$350 investment made in 1985.

Sheets used the company's first \$1,000 profit by distributing it among 10 local charities, and that spirit of giving back has been a hallmark of the company's SOP: It still donates 10 cents from each move to the American Cancer Society, and has given more than \$16 million to various causes in the last 29 years.

"To me it's one of the most important things," Sheets said. "It's our home, it's where we live. I have been so fortunate and lucky so why not help others?"

Sheets said she's honored to be part of this year's batch of inductees.

"The other ladies are very impressive," she said. "I am kind of shy. No one wants to stand in front of a large group of people and talk

about themselves."

Elizabeth Lehman Belen (1886-1975) was the second woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. She was the founder of the Eleanor Roosevelt League of Women, the League of Women Voters and the Lansing Visiting Nurses Association. Belen also established Willow Wood Manor (originally the Lansing Woman's Home), an assisted living center on Lansing's north side.



Belen

But while being successful in politics, education and healthcare, Belen still found time to stop and smell the roses — literally. She started Belen's Flowers, a floral shop that has been in business in Lansing for more than seven decades.

As part of the Sisters of Mercy, **Sister Mary Carmelita Manning** (1888-1962) founded the first central school of nursing in Michigan and built and opened Mercy College of Detroit in 1941. She also helped with the administration of 25 hospitals in the Mercy system, the sixth largest Catholic healthcare structure in the U.S.



Manning

The national bird bounced back from the threat of extinction with some help from **Lucille Farrier Stickel** (1915-2007), the first woman to direct a major federal laboratory. Under Stickel's direction, it was discovered that the pesticide DDT was causing the eggshells of bald eagles to become too thin, which was leading to the bird of prey's dwindling population. Her research was the basis of the landmark 1962 book "Silent Spring," which has been credited as brining environmental science and wildlife conservation to the mainstream. She was awarded the Federal Woman's Award in 1968. Her research continues to influence pesticide regulations.



Stickel

(Anne Abendroth, Beth Waldon and Krista Wilson contributed to this story)



Sheets

1st Sunday gallery walk & other exhibitions

New Exhibits

Clinton County Arts Council Works by various artists. **Reception: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.** Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Clinton County Arts Gallery, 215 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns. (989) 224-2429.

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery "Chewable and renewable," hardwood puzzles by Larry Bourland. **Reception: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.** Hours: 3-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; noon-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-8 p.m. Sunday. 4906 W. Mt. Hope Highway, Lansing. (517) 708-7350.

East Lansing Public Art Gallery "A Lighthearted Look at Life," photography by David Smith. **Reception: 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.** Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166.

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum "Future Returns: Contemporary Art from

China," by various artists. **Reception: 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30.** Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday-Sunday; noon-9 p.m. Friday; closed Monday. 556 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-3900.

Belen Gallery (inside the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame) "Fragmented Realities," collage and mixed-media pieces by Jessica Kovan. **Reception: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.** Hours: Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2-4 p.m. Sunday. 213 W. Malcolm X St., Lansing. (517) 484-1880.

Great Lakes Artworks Jewelry by Sandy Leister and Middy Church. **Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.** Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293.

Grove Gallery and Studios "Holiday Show and sale," featuring 25 guest artists. **Reception: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7.** Hours: Noon-6 p.m.

Thursday-Friday; noon-4 p.m. Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. 325 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 333-7180.

Lookout! Art Gallery "Tapestry as Testimony: Arpilleras of Chile," from the collection of Eliana Loveluck. Also: "Broken," an installation addressing human trafficking by Sally Thielen and Susan Clinthorne. **Reception: 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.** Hours: 1-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at MSU, 362 Bogue St., Room C210, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-0210.

Lansing Art Gallery "2014 Holiday Exhibition" featuring various artists. **Reception: 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13.** Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 1-4 p.m. Saturday and First Sunday. 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400.

Ledge Craft Lane Mixed media paintings by Kerri Goodman, Carol Emerson, Kim Conklin, Arlene Bragg and Mike Sciezka. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. 120 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9843.

MICA Gallery "Holiday Art Market" by various artists. Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-4600.

Neighborhood Empowerment Center "Artists for Empowerment," by members of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980.

(SCENE) Metrospace "Substrate," featuring independently published zines, art books and more by various artists. Hours: 2-5 p.m. Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832.

Ongoing

Craig Mitchell Smith Glass Indoor and outdoor glass art creations. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; Noon-6 p.m. Sunday; or by appointment. 1220 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 349-1345.

Mackerel Sky "Crop Circles," carvings and mixed-media sculpture by Maureen Bergquist Gray. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10



Courtesy photo

"Bridge" by David Smith, part of East Lansing Public Art Gallery's November exhibit.

a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 211 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2211.

MSU Museum "Earth Stories," art quilts celebrating sustainability. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 409 W. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474.

Neighborhood Empowerment Center "Artists for Empowerment," by members of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 600 W. Maple, Lansing. (517) 372-5980.

Peculiar Perspectives Fantasy/wildlife/landscape art and photography by Tony Steele and Matt Mulford. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday & Saturday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. First Sunday; appointment only Sunday-Tuesday. 107 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 485-6277.

Riverwalk Theatre Paintings by artist Jeannie West. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-9812.

Saper Galleries and Custom Framing Hand-painted wooden boxes from Brazil. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday; 1-4 p.m. First Sundays. 433 Albert Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-0815.

Strange Matter Coffee Co. Art and photography by Debbie Carlos. Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 2001 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

TIC Gallery "Gift," multi-media exhibition by various artists. Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Technology Innovation Center, 325 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 319-6861.

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CURTAIN CALL

Smells like team 'Spirit'

Supernatural comedy benefits from solid ensemble, classic script

By TOM HELMA

It's been 73 years since Noël Coward debuted his supernatural romantic comedy "Blithe Spirit." In the years since, there have been multiple permutations, both on stage and in the movies, on the theme of one's spouse coming back from the dead to haunt them.

So the question is: Can a community theater bring an elderly stage play back to life, overcoming the notion that the theme has been done so many times that the original has entirely lost its luster?

Yes, it can.

Riverwalk Theatre's audience respond-

ed to this production with many rumbling chuckles and several murmurs of satisfaction, with a few snickers and snorts throughout the play, as Coward's articulate and witty dialogue was presented crisply and clearly.

"Blithe Spirit"

Riverwalk Theatre
7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30; 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2
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Central to the energy and movement of the play was the performance of Erin Hoffmann as the eccentric psychic Madame Arcati, a lithe and blithe spirit flitting and flying across the stage with a dramatic flair and a comic characterization that brought applause regularly. Hoffmann, who was outstanding this year in Over-the-Ledge Theatre Co.'s drama "The Vibrator Play," demonstrated that she can handle comedy as well.

Sarah Hauck, as Elvira, the spouse brought back from the dead, brought additional electricity from the spirit world. She was appropriately loopy and loose, gliding in from the mysterious ether of "the other side" to create emotional havoc in the stoic household of Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth (Lynn Culp). Laughs abounded

Timothy Muffitt tosses the keys to MSU's director of choral studies, David Rayl, and this year Rayl is unleashing a rarely performed, thundering masterpiece. The other composers on the program — Schubert, Mozart and Beethoven — aren't exactly slouches, but Rayl chose them because they all influenced Bruckner.

"None of the other pieces have the same kind of overwhelming grandeur that the Bruckner has," Rayl said. "It's a very powerful and spiritual work."

Somewhat ominously, Rayl said the Bruckner is "not impossible for the chorus."

"The most challenging thing about it is the range and the tessitura," he said.

Think of tessitura, the average vocal range of a piece of music, as a readout of the RPM required from the pink little gears inside the singers' necks. For this music, the needle is stuck in the red.

"The sopranos have to sustain a high G sharp forever, high A forever, and then they have to sing a couple of measures of high C, which is pretty much unheard of in choral music," Rayl said.

Bruckner's disregard for human limitations may be explained by the Austrian composer's background as an organist. While taking in the "Te Deum's" mighty blasts, it's not hard to picture a 100-foot-tall bald guy, playing the chorus as if it were a giant keyboard, leaning on the high notes to his heart's content.

"He doesn't care how hard it is," Rayl said. "He certainly treats the wind instruments like a big organ. They play big, sustained chords, and when he adds brass, it's just like pulling out organ stops."

The experience can be exhausting for the singers. So far, Rayl has had to pace the chorus-only rehearsals carefully. Performance is another matter. Adrenaline and High C make a fine cocktail.



Photo by LukeAnthony Photography

Noël Coward's classic supernatural comedy "Blithe Spirit" plays at Riverwalk through Sunday.

as the audience noted that Charles could see Elvira but Ruth could not.

The steady-as-she-goes demeanor of Culp was an effective counterpoint to the mischievous Elvira, and with the even-tempered stance of the staid Charles (Greg Pratt), she balanced out the oddball eccentricities of Arcati and Elvira.

Pratt and Culp also demonstrated they

"When you get the orchestra underneath you and you sing it straight through and don't have to stop and start and repeat things, it's not tiring," he said.

For the audience, a rare, live performance of a massive work like "Te Deum" offers the kind of visceral experience no record can equal.

"Recordings never struggle," Rayl said. "There's something about the physicality of singing and playing you don't get when listening to a recording."

From "Te Deum," Rayl worked backward to program music by composers who influenced Bruckner, beginning with Beethoven. Muffitt helped Rayl put the program together.

Beethoven's popular chorus, the "Hallelujah" from "Christ on the Mount of Olives," seemed a natural opener. Unsurprisingly, it's the most densely orchestrated piece on the program and, as Rayl said, "an attention grabber." Strangely, Rayl has never conducted it before, even though it's among the most often performed orchestra-and-chorus works.

As a foil to the gargantuan Bruckner, Rayl chose Franz Schubert's tender, lyrical Mass No. 2, usually heard with only chorus and strings.

Recently, an authentic set of trumpet and tympani parts were discovered for the Schubert, and Rayl will add those to the mix for the first time in his career.

"I'm sure that Bruckner, growing up, knew that piece," Rayl said. Listeners Saturday will be struck by the way Bruckner picked up one of Schubert's favorite harmonic turns, an unorthodox combination of notes, which Rayl described as "like turning the lights on in a room."

"We were just in rehearsal today, struggling with a little place where he does that," Rayl said. "It's not a shock, just more of

could dish out angry, engaging dialogue as they pranced across the stage with worthy wordplay.

Costumes, in the capable hands of Nancy Sisson, were attended to well. The carefully designed set put together by Leroy Cupp and Eric Chatfield helped set the tone for a living room suggestive of the early 1900s.

John Liskey and Jacqueline Payne, as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, best friends of the Condomines, added additional stiff-upper-lip supporting roles. Chanae Houska, as the maid Edith,

was a properly officious maiden.

In the hands of a less capable director, this play might have dragged into a sleepy, never-ending saga. But director Susan Chmurny pulled off something of a coup here, matching the theme of the play, bringing someone — in this case, something — back from the dead with a stylish production.

Kudos.

an 'Oh.'"

Bruckner lived and worked in Linz, Austria, so Mozart's "Linz" symphony seemed an apt palate cleanser between the heavier courses.

"It's a little livelier than the Schubert," Rayl said. "On the other hand, it's a nice foil because it's a typical (scaled-down) Mozart orchestra."

Saturday's vocal soloists draw from the ever-widening spill of talent infiltrating the nation after graduating from Michigan State University's music programs.

Soprano Elizabeth Toy Botero, a recent grad, is remembered by local music lovers for several coruscating performances for the MSU Opera Theater.

Mezzo-soprano Meg Bragle, a graduate of the University of Michigan's vocal and violin programs and MSU's choral conducting program, has gone on to very big things. She has sung with many top conductors and orchestras, including John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists. (A critic from BBC Music Magazine called her aria in Bach's B Minor Mass "spine-tingling.")

Andrew Crane, another MSU choral conducting grad, sang several oratorios during his time in East Lansing. Bass soloist Dan Ewart, a doctoral student at MSU, was a robust Marcello in "La Bohème" last spring. But can this able crew of soloists do justice to the gentle Schubert and the stormy Bruckner? Rayl said it's not as much of a stretch as it may seem.

"You'd think you'd need big, loud, honking voices in the Bruckner, but everything the soloist sings is quite simply orchestrated," he said. "There's no need for big, Wagnerian voices. They can have the lyricism they need for the Schubert and be just fine in the Bruckner."

Rayl paused a few seconds. "Maybe I shouldn't have said 'honking.'"

Adrenaline and High C

Symphony unleashes Bruckner's 'Te Deum' in massive choral program

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Nobody reads the arts section to find more things to worry about, but here's one anyway.

Let's say you go to Saturday's annual Lansing Symphony choral blowout. Overwhelmed by the sight of some 200 massed choristers and musicians from

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

MSU Choral Union, University Chorale, State Singers
David Rayl, conductor
Elizabeth Toy Botero, soprano
Meg Bragle, mezzo-soprano
Andrew Crane, tenor
Dan Ewart, bass-baritone
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
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the MSU Choral Union, State Singers, University Chorale and the full orchestra, you drop your program under the seat. The lights go down.

How will you know when the night's major work, Anton Bruckner's "Te Deum," has begun? Two quick anecdotes will put this fear in perspective. In grade school sex education class, one of my classmates timidly raised his hand and asked how he'd know when he was having an orgasm.

"You'll know," the teacher said.

One more: A few years ago, before GPS and smart phones, I drove down a dirt road in northern California, wondering if I'd know when I found the grove of redwood trees I was looking for.

I knew.

Once a year, Lansing Symphony maestro

ELFF DISCOVERY: MID-MICHIGAN GETS ITS CLOSE-UP IN 17TH ANNUAL EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL

By **ALLAN I. ROSS**

Now that Batman and Superman have returned to their respective secret hideouts, East Lansing residents who'd gotten starry-eyed about being part of a blockbuster cinematic universe are suffering a hype hangover. But a phalanx of filmmakers at the 17th Annual East Lansing Film Festival have trained their lenses on the capital area, keeping that Hollywood sparkle alive.

"(The Lansing area) is in the spotlight in this year's festival more than in any other year," said festival director Susan Woods. "It's really quite

extraordinary. It wasn't planned this way, it just came together."

The documentary "Second Shift: From Crisis to Collaboration," produced by MessageMakers in Old Town, depicts the work of former Lansing Mayor David Hollister and a team of public and private entities who convinced General Motors to stay in Lansing when the automaker considered pulling up the stakes in the late '90s. Another doc, "Elderly Instruments: All Things Strings," goes behind the scenes of the Old Town music store to reveal an institution that's world renowned for the

breadth and quality of its stringed instruments. The religious-themed feature "Ashes of Eden" was shot in nearby Portland and the short "Unplugged" follows some Michigan State University students who've challenged themselves to live off the electronic grid.

"The interesting thing is how different all these films are," Woods said. "It really shows how diverse this area is for filmmakers, actors and (filming) locations."

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East Lansing Film Festival

Thursday, Oct. 30-Thursday, Nov. 6
Wells Hall: \$5/\$3 students and seniors; Studio C!: \$10/\$8 seniors/\$7 students (\$8 upcharge for premium seating); \$15 opening night feature; \$180 VIP Festival Pass
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"THE FORGIVING EARTH: VOICES FROM DETROIT'S URBAN FARMERS"

(30 min., dir. by H. James Gilmore)

This under-edited, overly sympathetic film about urban farmers in Detroit suffers most from presumptuousness and lack of objectivity. Gilmore's camera jumps from person to person, self-described "urban farmers" ranging from interesting and eloquent to paranoid conspiracy theorists. They're all working to rebuild the city into a "green and pleasant land" while unsparingly criticizing city officials. Savvy Michigan audiences will certainly appreciate this unfiltered point of view, but the film's lack of counter voices or a contextual frame for its argument ultimately devalues the film from its "documentary" aspirations to "comment board" that just preaches to its choir. — PW

"LETTERS TO ASHLEIGH"

(23 min., dir. by Kyle Olson)

In 2009, there were 13,000 murders in the United States. One of those victims was 19-year-old Ashleigh Love, the subject of this poignant and brief glimpse into the life of a beloved Milwaukee-area teen and the aftermath in her still-unsolved murder.

An array of news clips show coverage of Ashleigh's murder case with less and less frequency, and the fear that Ashleigh's life will be forgotten nearly outweighs the fear of her murderer(s) going uncaught.

Part of the grieving process for Ashleigh's friends and family was to write her letters, which are opened by her family years later on camera. Emotional narration of the letters alternates between her parents and their various authors, from Ashleigh's devastated grandparents to her boss from her first job at Arby's. It's a device that delivers a layered, beautiful eulogy, interspersed with photos and family video showing all of the life in Ashleigh's life.

Nearly 300 people have written letters to Ashleigh, many of whom never knew her; with her untimely and unexplained death, many have been inspired to act in her memory. But the film seems to demand of us: Now that we know her story, what will we do? — SLP

"BUTTERFLY FLUTTERING"

(24 minutes, directed by Roman Kayumov)

Elegant and voyeuristic, "Butterfly Fluttering" follows its young female narrator through years of relationships and sowing her wild oats, all seen through intimate moments of kissing in stark black and white. It's akin to the viral video "FIRST KISS" — with each pairing showing a different level of passion, timidity or curiosity — even though our narrator remains constant.

The "Wizard of Oz"-ian play on color and black and white, with the film's opening and closing shots a stained-glass kaleidoscope, makes more sense as time passes. What feels like a litany of experimentation and self-discovery for much of the film gets grounded in the unearthing of true love and loss.

That feeling of rapid-fire flutters of butterfly wings, we discover, is not only left to the teenage romances and affairs of the past. We must know of the juicy, diary details in her catalog of loves before getting to the next big chapter. — SLP

EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

STUDIO C! MERIDIAN MALL

Thursday, Oct. 30

7:10 p.m.: "Keep On Keepin' On" (84 min.)

Friday, Oct. 31

11:30 a.m.: "A Cat in Paris" (70 min.)

2 p.m.: "Ernest & Celestine" (80 min.)

4 p.m.: "The Jewish Cardinal" (96 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "A Summer's Tale" (113 min.)

9 p.m.: "Only Lovers Left Alive" (123 min.)

Saturday, Nov. 1

11:30 a.m.: "A Cat in Paris" (70 min.)

2 p.m.: "Ernest & Celestine" (80 min.)

4 p.m.: "Stories to Tell" Shorts Program (120 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "A Summer's Tale" (113 min.)

9 p.m.: "Pechorin" (97 min.)

Sunday, Nov. 2

11:30 a.m.: "A Cat in Paris" (70 min.)

2 p.m.: "Ernest & Celestine" (80 min.)

4 p.m.: "American Revolutionary: Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs" (82 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "Meet the Patels" (88 min.)

9 p.m.: "Closed Circuit" (120 min.)

Monday, Nov. 3

4 p.m.: "Stories Forlorn" (85 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "Second Shift" (94 min.)

9 p.m.: "Barbara" (105 min.)

Tuesday, Nov. 4

4 p.m.: "Stories to Tell" Shorts Program (120 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "Pie Lady of Pie Town" (29 min.)/
"Busker" (49 min.)

9 p.m.: "Stories Forlorn" (85 min.)

Wednesday, Nov. 5

4 p.m.: "The Overnights" (90 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "Zero Motivation" (100 min.)

9 p.m.: "Pechorin" (97 min.)

Thursday, Nov. 6

4 p.m.: "The Frontier" (90 min.)

6:30 p.m.: "The Evolution of Bert" (88 min.)

9 p.m.: "Only Lovers Left Alive" (123 min.)

WELLS HALL

Friday, Oct. 31

7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m.: "Imagination Abounds" Shorts Program (120 min.) — Theater A; "Oculus" (114 min.) — Theater B; "Let Me In" (116 min.) — Theater C

Saturday, Nov. 1

2:30 p.m. Filmmakers Panel Discussion (FREE) — Theater B

4 p.m.: "The Jewish Cardinal" (96 min.) — Theater A; "American Revolutionary: Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs" (82 min.) — Theater B; "Elderly Instruments: All Things Strings" (57 min.) — Theater C; "Project: Ice" (119 min.)/
"80 TO 90 FT" (8 min.) — Theater D

6:30 p.m.: "Barbara" (105 min.) — Theater A; "The Frontier" (90 min.) — Theater B; "Pie Lady of Pie Town" (29 min.)/
"Busker" (49 min.) — Theater C; "Meet the Patels" (88 min.) — Theater D

9 p.m.: "The Overnights" (90 min.) — Theater A; "Closed Circuit" (120 min.) — Theater B; "Imagination Abounds" Shorts Program (120 min.) — Theater C; 9 p.m.: "Zero Motivation" (100 min.) — Theater D

Sunday, Nov. 2

Noon: "Perseverance" (52 min.)/
"Open Tryout: Chasing the Dream" (11 min.)/
"Go Far" (21 min.) — Theater A; "Mutt" (93 min.) — Theater C; Student Shorts (87 min.) — Theater D

2 p.m.: "Essential Arrival" (60 min.)/
"Migrations of Islam" (56 min.) — Theater A; "Twenty Years Later" (104 min.) — Theater B; "Pattern of Practice" (70 min.)/
"Johnny's Speakeasy" (11 min.)/
"Anatomy of Anatomy" (45 min.) — Theater C; "Letters to Ashleigh" (23 min.)/
"These Hopeless Savages" (88 min.) — Theater D

4:30 p.m.: "Party Time Party Time" — Theater A; "Detroit Living In Between" (33 min.)/
"The Forgiving Earth" (30 min.)/
"R. Stern" (15 min.) — Theater B; "Connected by Coffee" (70 min.)/
"Espresso Manifesto" (7 min.) — Theater C; "Ashes of Eden" (106 min.) — Theater D

Schedule is subject to change.

"LOVE IN THE KITCHEN" (3 min., dir. by Theresa Hayer)

Little more than a single scene, "Kitchen" wants to be a darkly comic snapshot of an utterly devoted but heavyhanded beau. But his nauseating (literally and figuratively) actions read more like vaguely misogynistic belittlement that approaches emotional abuse. She would be better off taking the milk from the refrigerator door and heading for the hills. — SP

"ESPRESSO MANIFESTO"

(7 min., dir. by Shaun Pitz)

Filled with arresting visuals, the animated "Espresso" looks to brew a surreal, sci-fi take on the origins of java. That narrative is a bit hard to follow, though, and it's best to let the compelling animations (a rolling sea of grass is particularly memorable) and kinetic robotic inhabitants locked in a seemingly eternal struggle carry the show. — SP

"STORIES FORLORN"

(85 min., dir. by Uri Schwarz and Jason A. Sankey)

"Stories Forlorn" gives a fresh treatment to the classic coming-of-age film. All the pieces are in place: The impressionable young narrator learning to cope, the bad influence best bud, the seemingly effortless but imperfect first love. However, this glimpse at a summer of teenage debauchery and discovery isn't about jumping fences. Instead, we see young, malleable minds led towards the underworld of drugs. Oh, and the sweet love interest is a hooker.

Set in 1997 Hong Kong, with transfer of sovereignty from British rule to Chinese rule looming, the film gives us a look at life from the perspective of a population seldom seen in Western cinema: Non-Chinese native Hong Kongers. The film's directors draw from their own experiences of being part of that subset in their youth, and it feels authentic even without personally being familiar with this world.

Elegant cinematography juxtaposes scenes of gritty, back alley drug dealing with colorful streetlights and the pulse of city life. Both the narrator and Hong Kong are at a crossroads at a key moment in history. But the "stories forlorn" aren't what we see on screen. Rather, they're the abandoned memories of the summer yet unwritten by the aspiring writer protagonist. — SLP

"PIE LADY OF PIE TOWN"

(33 min., dir. by Jane Rosemont)

In a documentary that gives us Southwest New Mexico's answer to Linda Hundt of Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe, Kathy Knapp's Pie-O-Neer Café in Pie Town becomes the newest entry on the foodie road trip checklist. Is Pie Town for real? You bet. As one resident says, if you want to go shopping and get your hair done, you won't do well in Pie Town. But if you want "the best pie on Earth," it's worth the trip down U.S. "Pie-way" 60.

In 1995, Knapp's family bought the defunct trading shop that once sold pies when the town was established in the 1920s, and her mother's creations drew in local residents and travelers from all over. When Kathy took over the business, Pie-gasm apron and all, it became her mission to make her pie mentor mother and grandmother proud.

Pie is the currency of love in her small town, and this little slice of heaven proves to be quite the goldmine. — SLP

"THE FRONTIER"

(90 min., dir. by Matt Rabinowitz)

Managing to squeeze fresh life out of the term "ponderous," this would-be character study of an estranged father and son attempting to reconcile is more of a sedative than the whiskey of which they're both so fond.

Sean Sr., retired professor and expert pontificator, sends a pleading missive to Sean Jr., who goes by his middle name Tennessee, though Walt or Jameson or Stoic Meaningless Gazing would be more appropriate. He implores his son to ditch his ranch hand gig and return home to make up. Make up for lost time. Make up for being a mostly absentee father. The usual.

In the meantime, he's working on his memoirs, which seem to be little more than Whitman quotes and What Does It All Mean 101 musings. Nina, Sean's physical therapist and four-decades-younger object of his fairly inappropriate affections, moves in to help transcribe the proceedings. And, once Tennessee arrives, to be a handy facilitator for the Great Reconciliation.

Convinced it's a slow-burn character study, "Frontier" struggles to reach a simmer. Seemingly 80 percent close-ups, the film feels claustrophobic without any real tension to warrant it. The acting is competent, though ripe with melodrama, and the pedestrian emotional journey it endeavors to take you on melts like ice at the bottom of a tumbler, forgotten the moment it's gone. — SP

"PERSEVERANCE: THE STORY OF DR. BILLY TAYLOR"

(52 min., dir. by Daniel Chace, Bob Hercules)

A textbook feel-good tale, "Perseverance" relates the familiar (at least to sports fan from that "other" school) saga of former University of Michigan running back Billy Taylor. It follows him from his extraordinary seasons as a Wolverine to his fall into substance abuse and ultimate rehabilitation and triumphs.

Under Coach Bo Schembechler, Taylor was a record-breaking running back and Ann Arbor celebrity. After a series of personal tragedies, depression and alcohol dependency consumed him and he lost his passion for the game. In 1997, homeless and an alcoholic, Taylor heard what he believed was the voice of God, turning his back on the bottle and entering rehab.

Today Taylor has a doctorate in education and works in Southeast Michigan, counseling and mentoring at-risk youth and current and former addicts.

It is impossible not to be moved by Taylor's achievements and indomitable will, and the film confidently avoids heavy-handedness in his tale of redemption. Full of archival football footage and modern interviews with Taylor's friends and family, "Perseverance" has plenty to offer sports fans and anyone that wants to see how one can truly accomplish almost anything. — SP

"LAST CALL"

(8 min., dir. by David Zorn)

It's closing time at the Hideaway Saloon and love, betrayal, and revenge have all stopped by for one final round. There is some meat to this neo noir-tinged tale, but too long is spent (which is saying something with an 8-minute runtime) ratcheting tension that never manifests. "Last Call" mistakes sketches of characters and lack of narrative propulsion for mystery. Double its length to breathe a little, and "Last Call" could have been a taut, grimly humorous potable. — SP

"80 TO 90 FT"

(7 min., dir. by Jason Kohl)

This intimate portrait of a Native American fishing couple hides a loud environmental message in its soft-spoken subjects. The epitome of working-class heroes, the couple never complains that warming lake temperatures force whitefish to live in deeper, cooler depths, which make them harder to catch. These details are just facts of life. There are no clever camera angles or artistic editing; just direct storytelling that allows the audience to draw their own conclusions. — PW

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There will also be a handful of films from Detroit, Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan, including "Anatomy of Anatomy," a short doc about the making of the Jimmy Stewart film "Anatomy of a Murder" in the Upper Peninsula. All of this Michigan-centric talent will pool together at 2:30

p.m. Saturday for the Filmmakers Panel Discussion, where they will talk about the challenges of funding an independent film and getting it distributed.

Also on Sunday, the winners of the 5 Days/5 Minutes Film Contest will be announced. Contestants had 140 hours to craft a film that is 5-minutes or less adhering to a shared set of elements. Past winning entries will also be shown. Don't be surprised if you spot some familiar locations in any of them — they were all shot in and around

mid-Michigan.

"It's always a popular contest," Woods said. "It's a good motivator for someone who's always wanted to make a movie but need a push."

This year's opening night film "Keep On Keepin' On," which focuses on 93-year-old jazz icon Clark Terry who mentored Miles Davis and Quincy Jones. The film follows Terry's work with his newest protégé, a blind, 23-year-old piano prodigy.

"It's heartbreakingly beautiful," Woods

said. "I fought hard to get that here. I think a lot of people are going to love that one."

But Woods said that despite the area's recent brush with fame, the local movie scene has always been strong and will continue to be so.

"There's an insatiable hunger for independent movies that may be seen as experimental or challenging," Woods said. "Every year people tell us how happy they are that we've made these kinds of films are available to them."

THE SCREENING ROOM

by ALLAN I. ROSS

Deus ex McKenna

Bill Murray reveals gets a shot at redemption in 'St. Vincent'

Bill Murray doesn't have an agent. If you want to reach him about a movie project, you have to leave a message at his personal 1-800-number. It's true. If he likes your spiel, he calls you back. If not ... well, that's probably the reason "Ghostbusters 3" still hasn't happened.

Which is why "St. Vincent" is such a fantastic surprise. Somehow Theodore Melfi's concept for the movie made it through the

glut of script ideas that presumably clog Murray's voicemail, and he accepted the first-time feature filmmaker's pitch. It's a perfect fit for Murray, and if his name doesn't pop up come awards season it will be a crying shame.

It's not a flattering role for Murray to be sure, or even the most original concept: A vice-ridden Brooklyn washout with a negative bank account and a bevy of addictions is befriended by his 11-year-old neighbor. You've seen this character before. (I'm surprised there's not been a character named Oscar Bait who fits the profile yet.) Clint Eastwood's version barked at the kids to stay off his lawn in Detroit. An animated Ed Asner bonded with a Boy Scout in a flying house. And Jack Nicholson won an Academy Award for playing an OCD variation on the theme.

But that's just what it is, a theme, and like a fine jazz musician who makes a standard his own, Melfi takes some longstanding dramatic tropes — the wiseass misanthrope, the stressed-out single mother, the hooker with a heart of gold — and works them into an original piece that zags when you think it's going to zig, even if you see where the road

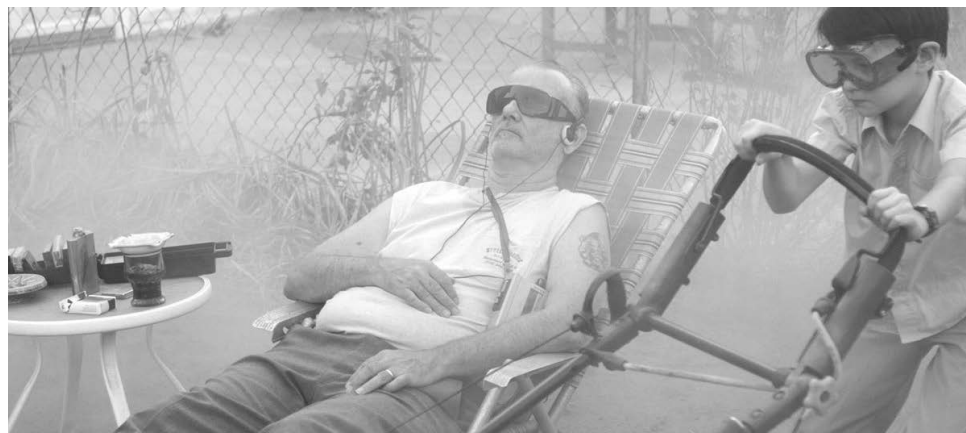
is headed.

Time isn't on the side of Vincent McKenna (Murray), a boozing, gambling, chain-smoking Vietnam vet. His bookie (Terence Howard) is threatening his life, his wife's nursing home is threatening to evict her and even his pregnant Russian prostitute girlfriend (Naomi Watts) is denying him sex until he can pay up. But his horses haven't been coming in and his bar bill is through the roof —

needs redemption. See where this is going?

Maybe, maybe not. Although the film suffers from a couple deus ex machina plot contrivances, the characters are fresh enough to keep you from worrying about convention.

McCarthy, who's become known for her broad comedic chops, downplays Maggie's dire situation, to great benefit. You see her desperation, but she's strong enough to avoid warranting your pity. You just pull for her.



Courtesy photo

Bill Murray and newcomer Jaeden Lieberher bond in "St. Vincent."

he's at the end of his rope.

Enter Maggie (Melissa McCarthy) and her 11-year-old pipsqueak son, Oliver (newcomer Jaeden Lieberher), his new next-door neighbors who are insufferably twee — to Vin, at least. The rest of us easily identify with the beleaguered single mother trying to rebuild her life after a devastating divorce and a shy, intelligent middle schooler who's never known anything but the business end of bullies' fists. Oliver needs a father figure; Vin

And Lieberher kills it as Oliver. With a preternatural emotional intelligence and earnest courtesy, you feel every damaging word — and dodgeball — that slams against his head. He doesn't so much pull Vin out of his cantankerous, self-destructive shell, as he does hypnotize him through his willingness to take his verbal abuse.

It's like stone soup for the soul. Oliver pulls a little bit more emotion out of Vin every time they hang out, little by little, until their friendship is a rich, simmering mélange of stories and decidedly not-safe-for-kid moments.

If you've ever had a shred of love in your heart for Murray, then you owe it to yourself to see "St. Vincent." It's almost as if he saves roles like this every 10 years or so; he hasn't been in this form since 2003's "Lost in Translation," and before that he single-handedly created the existential comedy genre with the genius "Groundhog Day" in 1993.

And Bill: If Ted Melfi ever calls again, please pick up.

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Wednesday, October 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954, fcgl.org.

Drop-in Figure Drawing. Easels and drawing boards provided. 7-9:30 p.m. \$7/\$5 students. Kresge Art Center, 600 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1170, artmuseum.msu.edu.

E-Pathways Info Session. Training opportunities in the IT industry. 1-2 p.m. Capital Area MichiganWorks, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing, epathways.org.

HERO: Basement Waterproofing. Call to register or email bruce@glhc.org. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St. Lansing. (517) 372-5980, glhc.org.

Spirituality for Atheists. Self-transcendence outside of religion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc.com.

Lutheran Refugee Center. Lansing as a major resettlement city. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

EVENTS

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Farmers Market at Allen Market Place. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Monster Mash Family Halloween. Halloween dance, DJ, refreshments, games & more. 7-9 p.m. \$5. Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks/events.

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This is Halloween ...

• • • Friday, Oct. 31 & Saturday, Nov. 1 • • •

Halloween won't fall on a Friday again until 2025, and who knows — by then an actual zombie apocalypse could turn every day into Halloween. If you're still looking for something to do for this Friday, however, here's a guide to some of the things going on in mid-Michigan.

The Monster Mash Family Halloween is a family-friendly dance with a DJ, refreshments and games. 7-9 tonight. \$5. Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks/events.

The sixth annual **Haunted Aud** is presented by Michigan State University's Department of Theatre. This year it's "The Hostile," a haunted hotel. 8-11 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. \$10, MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing.

The **Glitter Disco Inferno** at Spiral Dance Bar on Devil's Night will be a night of drag, burlesque, "boy-lesque" and sideshow entertainment. 9 p.m. Thursday. \$5. 18 and up. Spiral Dance Bar, 1247 Center St., Lansing. (517) 371-3221, facebook.com/magickittenglitterdisco.

You can let your inner devil out at the **Avenue on Devil's Night**. Get bad with Jonica Blu from the Bad Girls Club, then get down with DJ Eclipse Beats. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday. \$15. The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. avenuelansing.com.

Shawhaven Farm in Mason has five spooky attractions: Wagons of Fear is a haunted hayride; the Dead Maze will have you running for your life in a corn maze infested with zombies; Samara's Boarding

House may not be your best bet for a place to stay; the Last Ride simulates a casket trip into a grave; or if that's all too much for you, there's also a scare-free dark corn maze. 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. \$10 each attraction. 1826 Rolfe Road, Mason. shawhavenhauntedfarm.com.

You can put your survival skills to the test at the third annual **Zombie Shoot**. Hosted by T.C. Paintball in Lansing, the event is a combination of a haunted village and paintball. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. 3262 McConnell Highway, Charlotte. \$18. (616) 249-8227, tcpaintball.com.

After the kids go trick-or-treating, it's time for the parents to have a little treat. Sixteen of Lansing's downtown bars are participating in the **Tour of Terror Bar Crawl**. Get your free wristband punched by at least eight bars to be entered to win prizes. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. FREE wristbands. facebook.com/downtownlansing.

At the **Dia de los Muertos Cemetery Stroll**, you can investigate the signs and symbols of nature that surround life and death. 6-8 p.m. Saturday. \$5. 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. mynaturecenter.org.

In "**The Gravedigger**" at Williamston Theatre, a gravedigger digs up different type of friendship in this "sidequel" to Mary Shelley's classic novel, "Frankenstein." 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$22. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

Trick or Treating times for East Lansing, Lansing, Okemos, Grand Ledge, Mason and DeWitt are 6-8 p.m. Friday.

— CITY PULSE STAFF

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY ALEXANDRA HARAKAS

INTERVIEW: MATTHEW MILIA OF FRONTIER RUCKUS

Frontier Ruckus has been known for its lyrically intense and dense folk records since it formed in 2003. But the band's new record, "Sitcom Afterlife," shows chief songwriter Matthew Milia scaling back his poetic verbiage and delving into his pop sensibilities. The Michigan-based band releases the new 10-song record, its fourth full-length, Saturday at Mac's Bar. Milia chatted with City Pulse about the new disc and that time Alanis Morissette appeared at one of their gigs.

This new album seems to be going into the pop genre. What made you move in that direction?

For whatever reason I've just been gravitating toward, or finally fully indulging in, melodies that are deliberately catchy or sweet sounding in a more immediate classic pop sense. It's always been in my DNA to flip out over super hooky, poppy melodies, from the first cassette tape I owned, R.E.M.'s "Green." And for the past four years or so, my musical curiosities have been way more directed toward exploring bands with those gratifying, jangly melodic sensibilities: Big Star, Teenage Fanclub, Matthew Sweet. Even things I loved from the radio growing up, like Oasis or Gin Blossoms. It really stems from classic '60s power pop or folk pop that I think had an awesome re-flowering in the '90s.

How did switch up your writing style changed for this record?

The only real change might be in terms

of tapering back the sheer quantity of lyrical content and relying on choruses more often, or some might say, for the first time ever, really. I've never been big on choruses because I never could justify repeating something when I could use the space to say something new. But in embracing more conventional pop structures, the idea of using choruses came along with it, and they've been fun to work with. We also deliberately made a much shorter record to contrast our last album, "Eternity of Dimming," which was a 20-song double-album of some 5,600 words.

What inspired the lyrics?

It's very much the result of a relationship abruptly ending and trying to grapple with those feelings. It was the first time I'd really been on the losing end of a breakup and I was dealing with quite a lot of grief and a bit of resentment. Each song deals with the situation with a varying amount of earnestness, humor or vitriol. It was therapeutic and interesting to approach heartbreak from a multitude of angles.

What was the songwriting process?

When you're using songwriting as a sort of dire, immediate self-therapy, the songs come pretty quick. I remember just pacing around the neighborhood of my dad's house in the dead of winter full of anxiety and grief and putting words together in my head. By

the time I'd get back inside I'd have three verses fully written in my head — exactly the way I wanted them phrased without changing a word. Emotional necessity really streamlines things sometimes.

This album is sonically different from past LPs. Will it affect your live set?

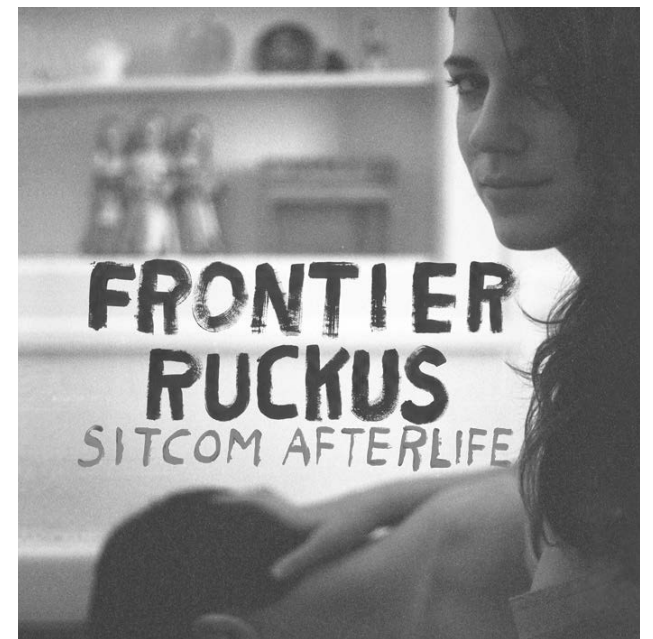
I think these songs are the most naturally geared toward a dynamic live performance than any I've written. That may have been a consideration in the back of my mind. Overall, they are shorter tunes with upbeat tempos and catchy repeating parts — classic elements to an immediately accessible and fun live show. Until now we've been known for our intensely lengthy and circuitous songs that require pretty diehard fandom to access. And it's always stunned me to see people emphatically singing along to those tunes with like 10 verses and no chorus.

If you handle the creative vision, who is handling everything else behind the scenes?

William Morris Endeavor books us. It's funny because it's basically the biggest talent agency in the world. It's what the show "Entourage" was based on. So we joke around about being really "showbiz" all the time. The fact that we're next to the Foo Fighters on the roster is very surreal to us.

Have you ever been star-struck while on the road touring?

We definitely cross paths with famous



Frontier Ruckus' "Sitcom Afterlife" LP

people and I end up talking very quickly and getting all hyper. Alanis Morissette was at our first ever show in L.A. She was smaller than I'd imagined. Ryan

Adams came to one of our shows,

which spurred an ongoing correspondence. We

shared a festival stage in England with Belle and Sebastian, which is one of Zach's all-time favorite bands.

What are some favorite cities to play on tour?

We do well in most of the big cities, by our standards at least. We just did a solid two-night stand in Manhattan/Brooklyn. London shows are always wild. My favorite towns to play in are New York, Boston and Seattle. But I think it's because my favorite sitcoms are based in them.

Frontier Ruckus

"Sitcom Afterlife" Release Party
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8 p.m., all ages, \$15 \$12 adv.

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LIVE & LOCAL

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Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Blue Hair Bettys, 9 p.m.	DJ Jimmy, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka, 9 p.m.	Showdown, 9 p.m.	Showdown, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.		Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Blue Wednesday, 8 p.m.	Skoryoke Live Band Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 8 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 8 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	DJ Dazzlin Dena, 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 8 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 8:30 p.m.	Global Village, 9 p.m.	Global Village, 9:30 p.m.
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.		Open Mic w/Hot Mess, 9 p.m.	Karaoke	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Lights & Caves, 7 p.m.	Knowlyfe, 6:30 p.m.	Ultimate Painting, 7 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Captured by Robots, 9 p.m.	The Dopamine Knights, 9 p.m.		Frontier Ruckus, 8 p.m.
Marc's Watershed, 5965 Marsh Rd.	Jake Stevens, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLaughlin, 7 p.m.		
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.		Devil's Night Party, 10 p.m.	The DeWaynes, 10 p.m.	Charlie Horse, 10 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.			Kathy Ford, 7 p.m.	Life Support, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Bobby Scandal, 8 p.m.	The Tenants, 8 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27			The Bear Band, 8 p.m.	Well Enough Alone, 8 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.		Dave Floyd, 8 p.m.	
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.			
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	Electronic Dance Party, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

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Teen Crafternoon. Teens create a variety of crafts. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Trick or Treat Main Street. Along Main Street Eaton Rapids, 5-7 p.m. FREE. Downtown Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids. (517) 663-8118 ext. 8178, cityofeatonrapids.com.

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Fusion Shows presents. Live music. 21-up. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. cadl.org.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave., Mason. (517) 853-1675, quanamtemple.org.

Tarot Study Group. With Dawne Botke. 7 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3619, triplegoddessesbookstore.net.

Lansing Area Codependent Anonymous. Held in room 214G. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

EVENTS

Spanish Conversation. Practice listening to and speaking Spanish. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public

FRIDAY, OCT. 31 >> SUSAN WERNER AT TEN POUND FIDDLE

Since her 1993 debut, "Midwestern Saturday Night," Susan Werner has been considered one of the brilliant songwriters in contemporary folk scene. Her distinct Americana sound is a fusion of jazz, pop, blues, country and agnostic gospel. The Chicago Tribune called her "one of the most innovative songwriters working today." Friday she plays a Ten Pound Fiddle concert at the MSU Community Music School. Werner has released 12 full-length LPs, including her 10th album, 2011's "Kicking the Beehive." The disc was produced by Rodney Crowell and features Keb' Mo and Vince Gill. The Iowa native's latest is 2013's "Hayseed." The concept album tells small-town stories of rural farm towns. The website praised Warner: "When it comes to crafting a song, Ms. Werner's only peers are Jimmy Webb and Paul Simon." 8 p.m. \$18/\$15 members/\$5 students. MSU Community Music School, 4930 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing.

SATURDAY NOV. 1 >> HORSEPOWER & HOPS

I'm a Beer Hound continues to treat the Lansing area with festivals that feature craft brews and cider. This weekend, beer hounds can attend Horsepower and Hops at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in downtown Lansing. Guests can choose from 10 beers and cider from Atwater Brewery and Uncle John's Cider Mill as they walk through local automotive history. Admission includes 15 3-ounce samples and a customized sampling glass. \$5 from every ticket goes to the museum. Local talents Joe Wright and Mark Warner will perform during the festival. 5-10 p.m. 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. \$35-\$50. (517) 372-0529, imabeerhound.com.

THEATER

Haunted Aud. Haunted house to support students. 8-11 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-6690, theatre.msu.edu.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

George Ellenbogen Reading. Poetry reading and reception. 7 p.m. FREE. RCAH Auditorium in Snyder-Phillips Hall, 362 Bogue St., MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-1932, poetry.rcah.msu.edu.

Thursday, October 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Contact Jan. 5:15 p.m. \$5. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 349-9183, newhopehaslett.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m. FREE to visit. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080, stdavidslansing.org.

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes

Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Euchre. No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

Dimondale Farmers Market. Live music, locally grown produce. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Bridge Street, Dimondale. (517) 646-0230, villageofdimondale.org.

Devil's Night Party. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

Student Organic Farm Farmstand. Shop for local, organic fruits and vegetables. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Erickson Hall, 620 Farm Lane, East Lansing. (517) 230-7987, msuorganicfarm.org.

Smith Floral Harvest Basket Sale. Fresh produce grown on site. 3-7 p.m. Smith Floral, 1124 E. Mt. Hope, Lansing. (517) 484-5327, smithfloral.com.

Glitter Disco Inferno. Halloween burlesque, games, drag and more. 9 p.m. \$5, ages 18 and over. Spiral Dance Bar, 1247 Center St. Lansing. (517) 371-3221, facebook.com/magicalkittenglitterdisco.

VINTAGE JUNKIES



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Aimée Macklin (left) and Amy McMeeken are the owner/operators of the Vintage Junkies in REO Town.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

Last week, REO Town gained a new business that will anchor its southern edge: **Vintage Junkies**, a vintage clothing, furniture, home décor and jewelry store, moved into the former Kwast American Bakeries on South Washington Avenue. The store is the brainchild of friends Amy McMeeken and Aimée Macklin, who take the business' name to heart.

"I've loved vintage things since I was little," said McMeeken, 35. "My grandmother took me to a garage sale and I bought a bracelet for 25 cents. I still have it."

"I just love '50s and '60s styles," added Macklin, 41. "I think it's great how fashions come back around."

The two met through their husbands, who work together at **Wolverton**, a Lansing-based pet supply

wholesaler. Both families live near the store.

"My aunt actually used to work here when it was the bakery," Macklin said. "I've been coming in this building my whole life. It felt like coming home."

The interior needed significant upgrades, including cutting through the concrete floors to accommodate heating vents; as a bakery, a furnace was unnecessary. They also had a fair amount of cleanup, as the building had been vacant for about 10 years, they have divided the space neatly into a retail floor, storage space and workshop area.

In addition to selling vintage goods — which the women buy online, find or have donated to them — they also feature original paintings and photography works and "upcycle" beat-up furniture and other items into art. And they plan to take full advantage of their position across the street from **REACH Art**

Studio to collaborate on a wooden sign for the side of the building that reads, "Welcome to REO Town."

Vintage Junkies will have a ribbon cutting on Saturday. (The time wasn't set as of press time, but Macklin estimates it should be around noon.) The daylong event will include giveaways, refreshments, live music and a classic car show. It was also going to serve as the official opening of the store, but it ended up opening unexpectedly a week early.

"My sister-in-law posted last Saturday that we were open before we were quite ready for it," McMeeken said. "But I said, I guess we're open now. So here we are."

Vintage Junkies

1829 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; closed Sunday-Monday
(517) 894-6732, reotownvintagejunkies.com

Muslim World Series. A Tour of the Muslim World through Music Videos. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Teen Game Haven. Play a variety of games; board, cards and video. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Duplicate bridge. All skill levels welcome. 4:30 p.m. Table fee: \$3/\$2 members. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1113.

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Rally In The Alley Open Mic. 6:30 p.m. FREE. American Legion Post 48, 731 N. Clinton St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-1232.

{REVOLUTION} at Tavern. Electronic music, 21-up. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Tavern on the Square, 206 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-5555.

THEATER

Haunted Aud. (See details Oct. 29.) 8-11 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-6690, theatre.msu.edu.

Eisenhower Dance. Lasers, light and innovative

dance. 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$20/\$15 MSU Student. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (734) 660-6686, whartoncenter.com.

"The Gravedigger." A new perspective on the classic Frankenstein tale. 8 p.m. \$22. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

Friday, October 31

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed women's meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.

MAEAP Certification. Free resources on farm, food, environmental safety, 1-3 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing. (517) 367-2468.

EVENTS

Lansing Bike Party. Bike ride with TGIF stop. 5:45 p.m. FREE. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing, facebook.com/groups/

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lansingbikeparty.

Old Town Farmers Market. Featuring local foods and products. 3-7 p.m. Corner of Turner Street and Grand River Avenue, Lansing. (517) 485-4283.

StoryTime. Stories, songs and crafts for ages 3-6 years. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Teen Tech Time. Teens have access to a cluster of laptops. 3-5 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Thrift/rummage sale. Household, clothes, shoes, decorative, books, misc. 9-6 p.m. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-3139, mayflowerchurch.com.

MUSIC

Dewaynes Halloween Party. Live music. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

THEATER

Haunted Aud. (See details Oct. 29) 8-11 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-6690. theatre.msu.edu.

"The Gravedigger." (See Oct. 30 for details.) 8 p.m. \$27. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

Saturday, November 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Domestic Violence Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

Tai Chi in the Park. Free class for beginning and experienced tai chi players. Now at winter location. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Learn to Weave. Woven Art will be on hand to teach weaving. 1-3 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/maker-studios.

Brownie Badge Workshop. Brownie Scouts can earn hiker badge. 10 a.m.-noon, \$4.50. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Creationist Summit. Conference series promotes "intelligent design," attacks eminent MSU scientist. 10 a.m. Business College Complex, Room N130, MSU campus. goo.gl/lh6Ocz.

Medicare Workshop. Optimize Medicare benefits. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. Mindful Movement & Physical Therapy, 2740 East Lansing Drive, East Lansing. (517) 853-9139, mindfulmovement.biz.

EVENTS

2014 Annual Family History. James Beidler: Family history & German immigration. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets starting at \$49. Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-1300. mimgc.org/2014fallevent.

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

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Supports OHS Choirs. 2-4 p.m. Okemos High School, 2500 Jolly Road, Okemos.

Children's Art Show. Art for Charlie Foundation Children's Art Show, 12-4 p.m. Free. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing, artforcharlie.org.

Horsepower and Hops. Featuring Atwater & Uncle Johns. 5-10 p.m. \$30 advance. RE Olds Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 372-0529, horsepowerandhops.com.

Artists and Crafters Needed. Space available to sell art. 3-8 p.m. FREE. Christ Community Church of Greater Lansing, 227 N Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-0600, christcommunitylansing.org.

Thrift/rummage sale. Household, clothes, shoes, decorative, books, misc. 9-6 p.m. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-3139, mayflowerchurch.com.

Day of the Dead Fiesta. Mexican fiesta with food, mariachis, and dancers. 6 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. (517) 351-7160, allsaints-el.org.

MUSIC

Matt LoRusso Trio. Jazz. 9 p.m.-midnight, FREE. Troppo, 111 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-4000.

Lansing Symphony MasterWorks 3. Annual concert of choral and sacred music, 8 p.m. \$15-50. Wharton Center, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 487-5001, lansingsymphony.org.

Halloween Metal on the River. Live metal music on the Michigan Princess. 8 p.m. \$10. Michigan Princess Riverboat, 3004 W. Main St. Lansing. (517) 627-2154, michiganprincess.com.

THEATER

"The Gravedigger." (See Oct. 30 for details.) 3 p.m. 8 p.m. matinee \$24, evening \$27. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Reversible Me"-- they can go either way.

Matt Jones

Across

- 1 He had quite a few words
- 6 Vantage points
- 11 Jazzman's job
- 14 Dangly throat thing
- 15 "It's Your Thing" singers The ___ Brothers
- 16 Bird on the ground
- 17 Two-time U.S. Open champ
- 19 Decide
- 20 Voight's daughter
- 21 Niacin's vitamin number
- 23 Ate just some
- 26 Alabama Slammer ingredient
- 27 Area code 801 resident
- 28 French film nominated for five Oscars
- 29 Estonia or Latvia, once: abbr.
- 30 Like Pac-Man and bell bottoms
- 32 "Melrose Place" actor Rob
- 35 Items that sometimes get lost together
- 37 "Beetle Bailey" figure
- 39 Caterpillar's structure
- 40 Like caviar
- 42 They may be sordid
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- 45 Word that turns sarcastic when said blandly

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- 47 Upbeat
- 49 Plugs the battery in
- 51 Snack that leaves a residue
- 52 Alert while driving
- 53 Nash of "Reno 911!"
- 54 Cloud chamber particle
- 55 "War of the World" actress
- 60 Number cruncher
- 61 Absinthe flavoring
- 62 "Hey, Soul Sister" band
- 63 Louisville Slugger wood
- 64 Diplomatic skills
- 65 Get the feeling
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- 3 Magazine holder
- 4 Wood known for a ring
- 5 Place to serve your own guacamole and salsa
- 6 Drop in
- 7 "That makes sense"
- 8 Letter between "kay" and "em"
- 9 Toy that won't fall down, per its ads
- 10 Part of a heartbeat
- 11 CIA Director, 1997-2004
- 12 Pyramide du Louvre architect
- 13 "___ Tag!"
- 18 Some dresses
- 22 "Ocean's Eleven" job
- 23 Corn covers
- 24 On a ship
- 25 Actress in "Splash"
- 26 Urban pollutions
- 28 Impressive display
- 31 Barcelona bar food
- 33 First month, in Mazatlan
- 34 Goes no farther
- 36 Baby bird?
- 38 Cut into glass
- 41 Surface for some stretching
- 43 Toms' mates
- 46 Eye part
- 48 Donkey with a pinned-on tail
- 49 Girl, in Guatemala
- 50 B-ball
- 51 French movie theaters
- 53 Conde ___ Traveler
- 56 Flair of pro wrestling
- 57 Leather color
- 58 Follow-up to "Angela's Ashes"
- 59 Number that's its own cube

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Sunday, November 2

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 371-5119, ruetenik@gmail.com.

Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 7 p.m. FREE. Self realization meditation healing centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. Third floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Highest Divine Expression. Activate the higher chakra to connect. 1:30-5:30 p.m. \$40. LotusVoice Integrative Therapies, 4994 Park Lake Rd. East Lansing. (517) 897-0714, davidwinfree.com/hde.

EVENTS

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:30 p.m., dance 7-10 p.m. \$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson/students FREE. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.

Greater Lansing Vegan Meetup. Everyone welcome. Bring a passing vegan dish. 6-8:30 p.m. FREE. Clerical Technical Union of MSU, 2990 E. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing. (517) 332-7898, meetup.com.

Truman Morrison Memorial Lecture Series. 'Truth to Power and the Cost of Doing So. 4 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-8693, edgewoodocc.org.

Christmas Bazaar. Crafts, international Baked Goods and more. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost varies. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 882-6330, liederkrantzclub.org.

THEATER

"The Gravedigger." (See Oct. 16 for details.) 2 p.m. \$24. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

Monday, November 3

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group. Registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163

Job Seekers Support Group. Finding the right career. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

EVENTS

Social Bridge. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Mac's Monday Comedy Night. Hosted by Mark Roebuck and Dan Currie. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795, macsbar.com.

Club Shakespeare. 6-8:45 p.m. Donations. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Saints, Sinners & Cynics. Lively conversation, variety of topics, no judgment. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

FREE. Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 882-9733, saintmichaellansing.org.

Duplicate Bridge. Mondays. All skill levels welcome. 1-4 p.m. Table fee: \$3/\$2 members. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East

Better Living Book Club. "Attitudes of Gratitude" by M.J. Ryan, 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

French Club. Practice listening to and speaking

SATURDAY, NOV. 1 >> ULTIMATE PAINTING AT THE LOFT

For anyone who has ever thought the art world could use a dash of fierce competition, the Loft hosts "Ultimate Painting" on Saturday. Local artists sign up to pit their talents against one other, having only 20 minutes to paint a masterpiece. The audience decides the winner by voting on their favorite piece once the clash of canvases has ended. The winner gets a cash prize and advances to the state finals, which will take place next July. All the paintings will be auctioned off at the end of the evening with the proceeds benefitting the artists and local charities. 7 p.m. \$10. The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 913-0103, theloftlansing.com

SATURDAY, NOV. 1-2 >> ART FOR CHARLIE CHILDREN'S ART SHOW AT THE BROAD

Art for Charlie, a nonprofit organization founded to raise funds through art events and sales for families who need help with hospice care or are grieving the loss of a child, holds its fourth annual art show and auction at the Broad Art Museum on Saturday. After everyone votes for their favorite piece from the children's show, the winners will be displayed the following day. The exhibit will then be moved to the East Lansing Marriott's lobby where the art will be available for purchase on Nov. 11. Noon-4 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 763-4413, artforcharlie.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2>>AUTUMN POPS CONCERT

Lansing has its own version of "America's Got Talent" coming this weekend to the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. A wide range of artists will deliver pop, classical and jazz performances on a variety of instruments. Those who attend are invited to stick around after the concert for coffee, cider and cookies. Donations will be accepted to benefit the American Guild of Organists' Scholarship and education fund. 3 p.m. 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 321-4973, or more information elsbethw2@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2>>UMIT ISGORUR: TURKISH CELLIST

Whenever MSU violin Professor Walter Verdehr welcomes back far-flung alumni from his 40-plus years of teaching, sweet music making is in order. But even by Verdehr's standards, a chamber concert at the MSU Auditorium's Fairchild Theatre will be a rare treat. After studying at MSU in the 1980s and serving as principal cellist of the Lansing Symphony, Turkish cellist Umit Isgorur went on to international success as a soloist with orchestras and chamber groups. Isgorur heads the String Department at Dokuz Eylul University State Conservatory, where he founded a symphony orchestra and became the first full professor of cello in Turkey. Sunday, he will reunite with Verdehr and pianist Ralph Votapek for a generous program that will include Bach, Schumann and a fantasy by Saint-Saëns with new MSU faculty harpist Chen-Yu Huang. The capstone will be the grand and lovely piano quintet of Cesar Franck, with Verdehr, Isgorur, violist Yuri Gandelsman and violinist Fangye Sun, another alumna of Verdehr. 3 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium MSU campus, East Lansing. \$8-10. (517) 353-5340, music.msu.edu.

Lansing. (517) 337-1113.

BabyTime. Intended for ages 1-18 months with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Monday Movie Matinee. Movies intended for an adult audience. 1 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

French. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Homework Help. Free drop-in tutoring provided by MSU's SMEA. K-8, 5-7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Tuesday, November 4

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Have a support system, lose weight. 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

Not So Happy Endings Support Group. For women ending relationships. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 896-3311.

Hopeful Hearts Grief Group. Learn, grow and heal together. 10-11 a.m. FREE. The Marquette Activity Room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. (517) 381-4866.

Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Speakeasies Toastmasters. Improve listening, analysis, leadership & presentation skills. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Bldg. 5303 S. Cedar St. Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

Transgender Support Group for families.

Discussion for parents and guardians. 7:15 p.m. FREE. Call for location. (517) 927-8260.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Compassionate Friends of Lansing. Support for parents who have lost a child. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army (South) Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 351-6480.

Intro to Sewing/Quilting. Learn basic sewing and quilting techniques. 6-8 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/maker-studios.

Business Start-up Basics. Steps, costs, planning and financing. 6-7 p.m. FREE. MSU Federal Credit Union, Corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane, East Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

Ask a Business Librarian. Market research and more. 1-3 p.m. FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC, Suite 110, 309 N. Washinton Square, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

E-Pathways Info Session. Training opportunities in the IT industry. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing, epathways.org.

EVENTS

Bible and Beer. Discussion of scripture in everyday settings. 6 p.m. Midtown Brewing Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600, bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org.

"Sporcle Live!" Trivia. Win Crunchy's gift certificates. 7 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

Artists and Crafters Needed. Space available to sell art. 3-8 p.m. FREE. Christ Community Church of Greater Lansing, 227 N Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-0600, christcommunitylansing.org..

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Workshop with Susan Tekulve. Workshop. Room C210H Conference Room. 3 p.m. FREE. Snyder/Phillips Hall, MSU Campus, 362 Bogue St., East Lansing. (517) 884-1932, poetry.rcah.msu.edu.

Wednesday, November 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9

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p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954, fogl.org.

Capital for Small Businesses. An overview of funding sources for small business. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. The Marc, 4675 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 483-1921. www.sbdcmichigan.org.

Drop-in Figure Drawing. Easels and drawing boards provided. 7-9:30 p.m. \$7/\$5 students. Kresge Art Center, 600 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1170, artmuseum.msu.edu.

Elections, Democracy & Spirit. Faith and politics. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc.com.

International Speaker. MSU International student sharing their culture. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Greater Lansing Rose Society. Winterization of roses. 6 p.m. FREE. Grand Traverse Pie Company, 1403 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 651-6793. greaterlansingrosesociety.lifeyo.com/Home.

Start an Etsy Store. How to start an Etsy shop and improve existing shops. 6 p.m. FREE. call to register. CADL Holt-Delhi Library, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351 ext. 3, cadl.org.

EVENTS

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Farmers Market at Allen Market Place. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Fall Soup and Sandwich Lunch. Soups, sandwiches and desserts. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$8. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 882-6330, liederkrantzclub.org.

Drop-In Writer's Workshop. 30 minutes of writing followed by discussion. 6-9 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Teen Movie Mania. Watch a blockbuster hit on the library big screen. 3-5 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

MUSIC

Fusion Shows presents. Live music. 21-up. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

Open Jam Night. Join other local musicians and get heard. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Richard Mulkey & Susan Tekulve. C210H Conference Room. Reading: RCAF Theater. 3-8 p.m. FREE. Snyder/Phillips Hall, MSU campus, 362 Bogue St., East Lansing. (517) 884-1932. poetry.rcah.msu.edu.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsny

Oct. 29-Nov. 4

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you live in Gaza, you don't have easy access to Kentucky Fried Chicken. The closest KFC restaurant is 35 miles away in the Egyptian city of El-Arish. But there was a time when you could pay smugglers to bring it to you via one of the underground tunnels that linked Egypt to Gaza. Each delivery took four hours and required the help of two taxis, a hand cart, and a motorbike. (Alas, Egypt destroyed most of the tunnels in early 2014.) I recommend, Aries, that you be as determined and resourceful to make your longed-for connections as the KFC lovers in Gaza were. Halloween costume suggestion: smuggler, bootlegger, drug-dealer, black-marketeer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's urgent that you expand your options. Your freedom of choice can't lead you to where you need to go until you have more possibilities to choose from. In fact, you're better off not making a decision until you have a wider selection. To playfully drive home this point to your subconscious mind, I suggest that this Halloween you consider disguising yourself as a slime mold. This unusual creature comes in more than 500 different genders, at least 13 of which must collaborate to reproduce. Here's a photo: bit.ly/yellowslime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In the animated sci-fi TV sitcom *Futurama*, Leela is the mutant captain of a spaceship. In one episode, she develops an odd boil on her hindquarters. It has a face and can sing. The actor who provides the vocals for the animated boil's outpouring of song is Gemini comedian Craig Ferguson, whose main gig is serving as host of a late-night TV talk show on CBS. Telling you this tale is my way of suggesting that you consider going outside your usual niche, as Craig Ferguson did, to offer your talents in a different context. Halloween costume suggestion: Kim Kardashian as a nurse wearing ebola protective gear; science educator Neil deGrasse Tyson as a male stripper; a cat wearing a dog costume, or vice versa.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Native American hero Sitting Bull (1831-1890) was a renowned Lakota chief and holy man. He led his people in their resistance to the U.S. occupation of their land. How did he become so strong and wise? In large part through the efforts of his doting mother, whose name was Her-Holy-Door. Let's install her as your exemplar for now. May she inspire you to nurture beauty and power in those you love. May she motivate you to be adroit as you perform your duties in service to the future. May the mystery of her name rouse you to find the sacred portal that ushers you to your next big gift. Halloween costume suggestion: a sacred portal, a divine gateway, an amazing door.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is one of those rare times when it's OK for you to just throw out the dirty dishes that you are too lazy to wash. It's also permissible to hide from a difficult person, spend money on a supposedly foolish indulgence, eat a bowl of ice cream for breakfast, binge-watch a TV show that provokes six months' worth of emotions in a few hours, and lie in bed for an extra hour fantasizing about sex with a forbidden partner. Don't make any of these things habits, of course. But for now, it's probably healthy to allow them. Halloween costume suggestion: total slacker.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Our evolutionary ancestors *Homo erectus* loved to eat delicious antelope brains. The fossil evidence is all over their old stomping grounds in East Africa. Scientists say that this delicacy, so rich in nutrients, helped our forbears build bigger, stronger brains themselves. These days it's harder but not impossible to make animal brains part of your diet. The Chinese and Koreans eat pig brains, and some European cuisines include beef brains. I'm confident, however, that your own brain will be functioning better than ever in the coming weeks, even if you don't partake of this exotic dish. Be sure to take advantage of your enhanced intelligence. Solve tough riddles! Think big

thoughts! Halloween costume suggestion: a brain-eating *Homo erectus*.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "The egromenious hilarity of psychadiscal melarmy, whether rooted in a lissome stretch or a lusty wobble, soon defesterates into crabolious stompability. So why not be graffenbent?" So said Noah's ex-wife Joan of Arc in her interview with *St. Crocodile* magazine. Heed Joan's advice, please, Libra. Be proactively saximonious. I'M KIDDING! Everything I just said was nonsense. I hope you didn't assume it was erudite wisdom full of big words you couldn't understand. In offering it to you, I was hoping to immunize you against the babble and hype and artifice that may soon roll your way. Halloween costume suggestion: a skeptic armed with a shock-proof bullshit-detector. (For inspiration, check out these visuals: <http://bit.ly/bsdetectortv>.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In AMC's famous TV drama, a high school chemistry teacher responds to his awful luck by turning to a life of crime. The show's title, "Breaking Bad," refers to what happens when a good person cracks and veers over to the dark side. So then what does "breaking good" mean? Urbanictionary.com defines it like this: "When a criminal, junkie, or gang-banger gets sweet and sparkly, going to church, volunteering at soup kitchens, and picking the kids up from school." I'm concerned that you are at risk of undergoing a similar conversion, Scorpio. You seem so nice and kind and mild lately. I guess that's fine as long as you don't lose your edge. Halloween costume suggestion: a criminal with a halo, a sweet and sparkly gang-banger, or a Buddhist monk junkie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I've got two possible remedies for your emotional congestion. You might also want to make these two remedies part of your Halloween shtick. The first remedy is captured by the English word "alocchezia." It refers to a catharsis that comes from uttering profane language. The second remedy is contained in the word "tarantism." It means an urge to dance manically as a way to relieve melancholy. For your Halloween disguise, you could be a wildly dancing obscenity-spouter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are at a point in your astrological cycle when you deserve to rake in the rewards that you have been working hard to earn. I expect you to be a magnet for gifts and blessings. The favors and compliments you have doled out will be returned to you. For all the strings you have pulled in behalf of others' dreams, strings will now be pulled for you. Halloween costume suggestion: a beaming kid hauling around a red wagon full of brightly wrapped presents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Two physicists in Massachusetts are working on technology that will allow people to shoot laser beams out of their eyes. For Halloween, I suggest that you pretend you have already acquired this superpower. It's time for you to be brash and jaunty as you radiate your influence with more confidence. I want to see you summon reserves of charismatic clout you haven't dared to call on before. Costume suggestion: The X-Men mutant named Cyclops or the legendary Native America creature known as the thunderbird, which emits lightning from its eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The African nation of Swaziland has passed a law prohibiting witches from flying their broomsticks any higher than 150 meters above ground. That will be a big problem for Piscean witches. There is currently an astrological mandate for them to swoop and glide and soar as high and free as they want to. The same is metaphorically true for all Piscean non-witches everywhere. This is your time to swoop and glide and soar as high and free as you want to. Halloween costume suggestion: high-flying witch, a winged angel, the Silver Surfer, or a mythic bird like the Garuda.

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Halloween started early this year, with events in Old Town, East Town and East Lansing. City Pulse captured some of the action.



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1. Sara Austin with Jazzy at the Doggie Costume Contest in Old Town on Saturday.



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2. Also at the contest were Baxtor, Ace and Sasha as DC's "Holy Trinity," with their owners.



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3. Sarah, 2, gets up close and personal with a Mexican red-knee tarantula at the Arachna-Broad-ia event last Thursday at the Broad Art Museum.

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4. Mo Brownies attended Thursday's Tease-A-Go-Go Halloween party on Thursday at the Avenue Café as Blanka, one of the characters from the Super Street Fighter II video game. (Top two images by Ariniko Artistry, bottom two pictures by Candice Wilmore)



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5. Steve Ross, aka DJ PURPLA, kept the crowd moving at the Ingham Country Animal Control's "A Night of Hollywood Horror" Halloween Party at the Lansing Center.

6. Party on! Kim and Jared Clapsaddle as Garth and Wayne took home one of the night's costume prizes for their "Wayne's World" get-ups. (Photos by Jessica D. Cowles)



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