

# Lansing Spoofof Journal

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## WHINNER SHE SHED

**BY GOTYA COVERED CHERYL**  
**O**ver the past several months, many of you may have seen construction taking place at the Capitol. The Office of Miscommunications at the Capital insists that the project is to install solar heating and improved utilities.

Many Michigan residents are quick to point out that there aren't enough days of sun in Michigan to power the entire Capital. Pundits of the Michigan legislative process counter that there isn't a need for a great amount of electricity as the legislature isn't in session long enough to require it.

After challenging the true reason for the continued con-

struction, it's been discovered the Governor Gretchen Whinner is looking to build a structure large enough for her stash of The Gov. That's the beverage produced by Lansing Beverage Co. to honor her.

Prior beverages have included Sour Schor Cream Ale in honor of current mayor Andy Schor and DIRDAWIO, the beverage named in honor of former Lansing Mayor Bernardo.

As we'd never heard of DIRDAWIOB, we asked what the meaning of it was. We were told that it's a beverage that's heavy on promises, but leaves you empty in the end. It stands for "Did I Really Do Anything While in Office Bernardo."

When Whinner was advised that there are several existing structures that could house her beverage, she insisted that they be kept on the Capitol grounds, so the beverage was readily available for her consumption. She then told of the horrible accident that took place when fireworks were on display over the Capitol building. One of the rounds mis-fired and never took flight.

It exploded on the ground causing a small fire. Before the fire could be extinguished, the fire burned down Gretchen's she-shed. After calling the insurance company and finding out that it was covered, Whinner authorized emergency funding to build a larger she-shed in order



to store more of The Gov.

When challenged over the increased price of the she-shed versus fixing the damn roads, she replied it's all part of her plan. She's going to propose a beverage tax since she can't get

the gas tax passed. Her current plan is to gather enough of the beverage to store that, when she proposes her new beverage tax, she will already have an ample pre-tax supply. We're so happy that her she-shed is covered. ■

## Lansing Very Walkable

LANSING — Lansing is following the new trend of becoming a "walkable city" according to the only 3 residents that actually walk. James Michael of the East-side said he walks to work every morning. "It's very nice. It's only

me out here" Michael told us, yelling over the sound of cars driving by. "It's great having the sidewalk to yourself."

Downtown resident Megan Hayden loves the ease of going to her favorite restaurant. "It's won-

derful to just put on my sneakers and go!" At this moment she was interrupted by the driver of a car that had driven by 3 times. "What? No. This isn't my car. Sorry! Good luck finding a space!"

Robert Sievert has just recently begun walking to his favorite small store. "It's good exercise, it's good for the en-

vironment, and it's just a nice way to get some fresh air." Robert decided to start walking last month when he realized his favorite store was only 2 blocks away, and it took him a good 20 minutes to find a parking spot.

"It was just silly, and I realized I could make a difference in my life, and for the planet if I de-

ecided to walk. I've only been hit by 4 cars so far."

The three walkers are all aware of each other. They say they are planning on starting a walking group if they can find a central location that has decent parking where they can drive to and meet up before taking their walks. ■

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— LANSINGOLDNEWSBOYS.ORG —

# Shore called 'hangriest mayor in America'

BY WAIT W. CHERS

After multiple snippy exchanges with cable news hosts, Lansing Mayor Dandy Shore is earning a reputation as America's hangriest mayor.

"Well, maybe you should have spent 18 seconds Googling that before we went on the air, Neal," Shore snapped at Neil Catviewtoe, after the FOX News host mistakenly called Lansing the home of Michigan State University during a segment aired last week.

Shore apologized the next day, saying he'd skipped breakfast and had just "a couple bites of a sandwich" for lunch.

But, in the following days, an underfed



Shore told a CNBC reporter to "ask questions like you work for a real network," referred to CNN's Woolf Blaatzter as "beard boy" and kicked a HOMTV intern.

"I'm really sorry," Shore said Monday, after being force-fed a cruller by his chief of staff. "My blood sugar was just really low." ■

## MSU ANNOUNCES NEW SLOGAN

BY HUGLESS

Michigan State Mooniversity has officially adopted a new slogan.

When translated from the Latin, it says "We're sorry."

That was a compromise, MSU spokesman Richard Spokesman said, from the proposed: "We're REALLY sorry."

When asked why this isn't more specific, Spokesman explained:

"New things seem to come up so often. We thought a blanket apology was needed."

The new slogan replaces:

- The football team's separate slogan. It appears on a patch on each player's sleeve, saying: "My bad."
- The previous school slogan of "Spartans will." That's the problem, Spokesman said. "We know they will. That's why we're sorry." ■



## LANSING LOOSES IT'S BALLS ORNAMENTS

BY ADMIT U DUNNIT

Mayor Sandy Shores confirmed that the City's ornamental balls on the Circle at Washington and Michigan are broken beyond repair.

Mayor Shores claims that the balls may have been cracked during the Bernero administration.

Said Shore, "I wouldn't put it past the former administration to have left us broken balls."

In the interest of total transparency, the Mayor

wants The Board of Running Waters and Lights to once again move the Secret Sunken Gardens to the Downtown Circle.

The Board has appointed former Acting CIA Director, Major Hugh Doneitt the task of digging up and moving the Secret Sunken Gardens to the Circle. The Acting City of Lansing Traffic Czar I.M.A. Maze will install 2-way traffic around the Circle to allow as many people as possible to view the Secret Gardens.

What will become of

the cracked Balls you may ask? The Old Newsboys Spoof Paper Paper will expose its location in our next edition (1 year from now).

**Story Update:** Lansing to get it's balls back.

Paul Genitalozzi has donated \$7,000 to fix the balls. Logan, the Old Newsboys mascot, will provide security detail for the balls.

In the non-holiday season, the balls will be stored in the City's secret server location. ■

# East Lansing Building Boom

BY HUGGIES

As the East Lansing building boom continues, some officials are having second thoughts.

"This was supposed to bring a mixture of people, young and old, to downtown," Albert Angry said. "But the developers only aim for students; all they're doing is moving the dorms across the street."

A developer disagreed, saying the projects "reach out to people of all ages." However, Angry pointed to one that rents by the bed and has:

- No stoves or ovens, but massive refrigerators and wine coolers.
- Three communal spaces, labeled "Party Room," "Another Party Room," and "Whoopie Party Room."
- Two in-house pizza places, but no vegetable stands.

• A 24-hour pharmacy, specializing in Plan B birth control and in penicillin shots.

• And a specialized cable system. It has no news channels, no History or Discovery or Hallmark. It does, however, have seven sports channels, four music channels, the Playboy Channel and one channel that shows only funny cat videos, monster trucks and guys being inadvertently hit in the groin. ■



# Mooshigan State trustees reject open presidency

BY L. SIMON

Despite persistent calls from campus activists, Mooshigan State University trustees say they don't plan to reveal the identity of the person hired as MSU's president in July.

"We wanted to attract the most qualified candidates, and that includes candidates who told their families they were running out for a pack of cigarettes and never came back. It includes candidates who've had trouble with organized crime syndicates," said board Chair

Deanna Buy-Rum.

"I can't tell you if the current president falls into one of those categories, of course, but someone who did simply wouldn't be able to lead the university if they were constantly hounded by questions like, 'Mommy, when are you com-

ing home?' or 'Where did you bury Carmine's nephew?'"

Some members of the campus community contend that knowing the identity of the person who has been leading the university for the past several months is essential to evaluating his or her job

performance.

"You should be able to pick the university's president out of a line-up. No, it's not listed as a best practice because literally no one disputes it. I can't believe I'm explaining this," said Antje Gorton-Pelgar, a Mooshigan State professor.

The university did say in a press release that the president is "uniquely qualified to chart a path forward for Mooshigan State and to help the university carry out its mission of transforming lives, communities, and society" and that he or she will earn \$850,000 a year. ■

## LANDSLIDE MARK WINS BY TWO VOTES

BY WHOS

As Mark Meadows – now redubbed "Landslide Mark" – continues in office, people are re-examining the close call.

Meadows got the third and final spot on the East Lansing City Council, edging Erik Altmann by two votes.



LANDSLIDE MARK

"I'm really glad it was two votes," said a non-voting Altmann supporter, who asked to remain anonymous. Had it been one vote, said the supporter, whose name is Eric Zalinsky, "I might have felt bad. But two? Hey, my vote wouldn't have mattered anyway."

A poll asked people why they didn't bother to vote. The second-most-frequent answer was "no Trump to vote for"; the most-frequent was "no Trump to vote against."

Other reasons for not voting included:

- "Bad hair day."
- "Jeopardy had just started its Tournament of Champions."
- "Confused by Daylight Savings Time."
- "Thought you needed a pencil. Couldn't find one."
- "Couldn't decide what to wear."
- "Procedure is too complicated. You should be able to just say something in your phone, like Alexa does."
- And, because this is East Lansing, several more-complex replies. They referred to "Southern diaspora," "middle-class mélange" and, inexplicably, "oedipal issues." ■

## Better roads? Nope. Softer slogan? Yep.

As it becomes clear that lawmakers and Gov. Graspin Whatmor can't reach a deal to repair Michigan roads, the governor is poised to ditch her famous slogan.

Instead of "Fix the damn roads", Whatmor's staff are tweaking the slogan with some kinder, gentler — and less decisive — versions.

Among the leading contenders:

- "Golly, it sure would be nice to patch up some of those darn roads."
- "Let us endeavor to improve the driving experi-

ence as best we can."

- "Say, why not hold a contest to see which pothole gets the most complaints, and we'll fix that one."
- "Doggone it, let's roll up our sleeves, sit down and discuss what we can do about those roads."
- "Maybe if we ignore them, they'll just go away."
- "Visit Florida. They have nice roads."

In response to Whatmor's watered down sloganeering, legislative Republicans signaled plans to lower corporate tax rates, which they say will eventually, somehow, fix the roads. Eventually. Somehow. ■

## Miracle! Missing man found safe

In what local authorities are calling nothing short of a miracle, a missing hiker was found safe on the back porch of his Dansville home.

Police were notified last week that Herbert Humdrum had gone missing after a 15-minute walk around the block. A huge manhunt ensued.

Finally, nearly a week after scouring the rugged soybean fields of rural Dansville, volunteer searchers found Humdrum sitting on his porch, sipping a double latte. Humdrum said he

had been sitting on his porch for several days — he couldn't remember exactly how long — and only left the porch to use the bathroom or order a pizza.

"I'm grateful for everything folks did to help me," Humdrum said. "I mean, I could have been on my porch for weeks and weeks if rescuers hadn't come along."

His family was ecstatic at finding him safe and sound. "We figured he got lost or turned around. Even though he has a cell phone, he doesn't know



how to use it, so, yes, we were very worried," said Humdrum's uncle.

The community response was also phenomenal. In addition to

helping with the search, neighbors started a go fund me campaign to hire a tree sloth to show Humdrum how to order pizza using a cell phone. ■

# New Marijuana Laws Effecting Drivers

BY MCHUGH

The Michigan State Police are secretly revising their method for determining if people are driving while high on marijuana.

"This has always been a problem," Jack Trooper explained. "We don't have an easy test, like the breathalyzer for alcohol.

As pot becomes legal, we'll need a better approach."

The current methods, considered unscientific, include:

1) Counting the number of times the driver says "dude" and/or "like, man."

2) Casually asking his favorite movie. Those who reply, "The Big Lebowski," "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" or any Tim Burton

film are brought in for further tests.

3) Asking his favorite music act, with answers judged on a sliding scale. At one extreme are people who reply "Grateful Dead" or "Phish"; at the other, those replying Mormon Tabernacle Choir are immediately set free. Anyone mentioning a country act is assumed to be merely alco-



holic and thereby OK. (Due to a successful American Civil Liberties Union suit, police are no longer able to automatically arrest anyone who mentions a rap act.)

These methods haven't

held up in court, so now a new plan has been developed:

The suspect will be left in a small office, with a sign asking him not to eat the chips, cookies, crack-

ers or candy.

"We judge according to how long it takes before he starts grabbing the munchies," Trooper said. "So far, the quickest time is 11.3 seconds." ■

## GREENLAND TO BE 51ST STATE???

BY HUGE MICHAELS

A simmering controversy – Donald Trump's efforts to buy Greenland – has a proposed solution:

As a compromise, Mackinac Island might be sold to the United States.

"It's an almost-perfect plan," said Raymond Source, an inside source. "The only catch is that Mackinac is already in the United States. But he doesn't know that."

The president feels he should be able to buy Greenland because ... well, because he's Donald Trump. By coincidence, that's the same reason Greenlanders are opposed to it.

"At first, he said he really only wanted the green parts," Source said. "We tried to explain that Greenland is almost all snow and ice.

"We thought that would discourage him, but any real-estate guy admires the art of giving a bad place a good name. He's had 'river view' apartments that should have been sold with binoculars."

But Greenlanders have resisted, so the Mackinac Island idea is being suggested.

"Trump is going to love that porch," Source said. "And the fudge. And the no-cars rule. He'll land in Air Force One, step into Golf Cart One and race through the streets, honking for bikes to get out of the way." ■

## Students open 'Lisstone' at Dreslin Center

BY COWLE MELK

EAST LANSING — Students at Michiganian State's University have recently opened the "Lisstone" student section at the Mack Dreslin Student Events Center on its East Lansing campus.

The section is named in honor of Lisso, the breakthrough singer known for her hits "Facts Harm" and "Great as Heck."

"Originally, the student section here was named for the basketball coach but wanted to change things up

a bit," said sophomore and "Lisstone" section leader Katie Datey. "Lisso is so talented and inspirational we felt we had to implement this change."

To receive entry to the section, students must toss their hair and check their nails in front of the bouncer, who is donning a jersey from the professional football team Minny Shy Kings. They also wear the signature "Lisstone" student section T-shirts with the phrase "Our Queen" written on the front.

Throughout out the game, students chant Lisso lyrics, such as

"Why guys good 'til they have to be good" and "It's OK, he's already in my messages on my favorite social media app."

"We just really love Lisso here on campus so this is definitely 'great as heck,'" Datey said.

Head coach Dom Isso said the section fires up the team to play well, and players sing Lisso lyrics in the locker room after games while showering.

"I know we're a No. 1 team but Lisso is also No. 1," Isso said. "I hope the students keep this around for a long time." ■

## 'OKBoomer,' and 'Yesterday's Underwear' among new vape flavor names

BY IMA SMOKEN

A compromise has been reached in the legal tug-of-war over flavored e-cigarettes. Gov. Gretchen Whiplash, who banned flavored vaping in Michigan, and The Coalition of Really Very Disgruntled and Upset Vape Store Vendors, agreed to settle the dispute in a case in federal court. Flavored vaping will be allowed, but e-cigarette flavors will be branded in a way to discourage use by youth.

Here's a list of the most popular vape flavors and their agreed-upon new names:

- Bubblegum; Sole gum
- Buttered popcorn; Slimy kernels

- Menthol; Ye old tobacco spit
- Blue raspberry; Purple pain
- Cinnamon; Armpit hair
- Vanilla; Yesterday's underwear

And the state's most popular vape flavor, strawberry watermelon, will now be known as OKBoomer.

"By branding these products in a way that still allows their use by responsible adults who understand the health risks but discourages use by teens turned off by their disgusting or uncool names, we believe we've reached a fair settlement," the parties said in a e-joint statement. (Get it, joint statement, lol) ■



# ROGUE REINDEER STILL ON THE RUN!

BY DARIUS LETSGETHIM

**W**anda Doph, a.k.a., “Grandma” got run over by a reindeer walking home from our house Christmas Eve, you can say there is no such thing as Santa, but as for me, Grandpa, & the gang we BELIEVE!

Born December 6, 1924 in Snow Goose, MN to her proud parents, Anne T. Lope and Hugh Dunit. Grandma suddenly passed away after being struck by a reindeer while walking home from our house on Christmas Eve.

She had a little too much eggnog, forgot her medicine, and staggered out into the snow. We found her Christmas morning at the scene of the attack. She had hoofprints on her forehead and incriminating claw marks on her back.

She is survived by her loving husband, Noah Count; her grand-



son, John Wayne Deere, his wife Jane and their twins Mossy and Oak; and cousin, Melbert and his wife Melberta. Grandpa has been taking all of this very well. He has been enjoying life while watching football and playing cribbage with Cousin Melbert.

We still feel the loss of Grandma this year; the entire family is dressed in black, camouflage, or seasonal orange. We can't help but wonder, should we open all her gifts from last year or send them back?

We put the Omaha Steak feast on the table, with the rum cake that tastes like fig, we noted the

blue and silver candles would have matched the hair on Grandma's wig.

Please warn all your friends and neighbors, better watch out for yourselves, the DMV should never issue a license to a large man who drives a sleigh & plays with elves!

A memorial service will be held on January 9, 2020 at the Amigone Funeral Home on Goa Way Lane. Condolences can be made at [www.darnreindeer@dec.com](http://www.darnreindeer@dec.com).

Contributions can be made to the city of Snow Goose, MN. The family wishes to raise money for reindeer crossing signs to prevent future tragedies such as this. ■

# Butt callers ...butt out!

BY GLUTEUS MAXIMUS

A mid-Michigan lawmaker has introduced a bill to outlaw phone calls made by mistake. So-called “butt calls” would be illegal and “butt callers” would face fines and/or imprisonment.

Rep. Mitch Agander (C-Rearville) says butt calls are not merely a nuisance but a growing menace. “There are an estimated 3 billion butt calls made annually in the United States,” Agander said. “I

alone have received thousands of such calls, most of them from myself.”

Economists estimate that lost productivity due to these calls negatively impacts the nation's economy to the tune of \$7 billion annually.

Said Agander: “These egregious calls are a pain in the butt, and we have to send a clear message that, even if these calls are accidental, there is no reason society should turn a blind eye, or deaf ear, to people's butts. Um,

that is, butt calls.”

Agander is butting heads with critics who cite studies that conclude most butt calls are made by people the victims know.

“So, are we going to send Aunt Sally to prison for accidentally calling Cousin Jenny, using a cell phone that has too many buttons, which Aunt Sally has no hope of comprehending?” said Jim Prim, director of the National Fanny Forum.

Prim cited scientific

studies indicating that butt callers are themselves victims — of their own genetic make-up. “There is compelling evidence that some people are cursed with what scientists now call the BC chromosome.

As evidence continues to mount, it will become clear that butt-callers are merely acting out what their DNA dictates. Our society must find a way to nurture and support those handicapped by BC, not ostracize them.” ■

## ACTUAL HEADLINES W/ REMARKS

### Students Cook & Serve Grandparents

- I can think of better things to eat

### “We hate math” says 4 in 10 students - a majority of Americans

- The last I knew, the majority was the greater number

### Statistics show teen pregnancy drops up significantly after age 25

- Shouldn't it drop off after age 20 since you're no longer considered a teen after 19?

### Oxygen was discovered in 1772

- This guy was probably the same person that discovered that drinking water can avoid thirst or eating is the answer to hunger

### Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee

- I'm sure they'll have fun with that. Don't forget to bring the snacks.

### Woman in sumo wrestler suit assaulted her ex-girlfriend in gay pub after she waved at man dressed as a Snickers bar

- Do you really need to read the article? I think the headline tells the entire story

### Federal Agents raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons

- What did they expect to find?

### Woman missing since she got lost

- No offense to the woman, and I hope she's okay. But this article must have been written by Captain Obvious

### Republicans offended by the size of Obama's package

- No comment needed

### One-armed man applauds the kindness of strangers

- This story warms the heart, but how does he do that?

### According to Nike, Tiger Woods plays with his own balls

- Again, no comment needed

### Study shows that cell phones raise cancer risk in rats

- I've seen some big rats, but none of them were using a cell phone

# HORRORSCOPES

BY I.M. NUTTIN



## ARIES

At long last you've finished your memoir, "How I Scammed The World and Got Away With It."

With that chapter of your life complete, you can indulge in your true passion – redecorating your jail cell.



## TAURUS

Nearly everybody has an unnatural fear of something. Don't feel ashamed about your

phobia. Embrace it, and proclaim to the world: "I am afraid of strawberries, but I won't let them get me!"



## GEMINI

Love is kind and gentle. Love is understanding.

Love is not having to explain to your mate why you are hoarding 723 cases of dehydrated guacamole in the basement.



## CANCER

Those pesky government regulators want to know why your fortune rocketed

from \$38.72 to \$5 billion in growth. Obviously, they do not comprehend the "magic" of adding zeroes to your portfolio's bottom line.



## LEO

Your pithy sayings are the highlight of every social gathering. Like the one you uttered last night: "Wisdom

is a raindrop on knowledge." That is so impactful, so insightful. Even though no one has the foggiest what it means.



## VIRGO

You have an adventurous streak in you. Don't fight it; embrace it. Your idea to skydive using a laundry

bag as a parachute ... Brilliant! Just in case, where is the deed to your home?



## LIBRA

Today, you will meet a stranger – tall, dark and handsome. You may feel a spark; a connection. Best

not surrender to those feelings. Meet your new parole officer.



## SCORPIO

Some day soon, the world will realize you are kindness and modesty personified, always willing

to help others. Today, unfortunately, you remain the obnoxious, greedy skinflint you have always been.



## SAGITTARIUS

Your feelings of alienation only increase each time you walk out the door, dressed as The Mummy.



## CAPRICORN

Your first novel is getting mixed reviews. Some critics applaud the groundbreaking notion

of a "contained mystery about a non-living object." Others found the plot – a cracker trapped inside a canning jar – a bit unsatisfying.



## AQUARIUS

Do not be too disappointed that Denmark would not sell you Greenland. Instead,

focus on other properties. Mars, for instance, is just waiting for a shrewd developer to create golf courses. Bonus: There are sand traps galore!



## PISCES

Don't think of failure as the opposite of success. No, failure is a stepping stone toward success.

Keep telling yourself that as you fine tune your latest invention, the solar-powered shovel.

## RECIPE

# Filet du Moi

Here's a super-easy recipe that can be tossed together for a scrumptious weeknight meal – from the kitchen of Master Chef Pierre L'maird.



### Ingredients

- 1.25 grams of pollen from Peruvian Mountain Dahlias
- 3 medium free-range eggs, speckled brown, from Dorchester hens fed exclusively on organic pistachios
- 2 filets of Labrador Iceberg Cod, (reserve bones for another use)
- 1 tsp. Le Garlique hand-crafted by Mongolian monks
- 1/8 tsp. Hand-ground white pepper, preferably Bolivian
- Pinch of Sonoran Pink Salt

Combine all ingredients except the cod in a 19th century Waterford bowl. Toss gently with a bamboo whisk, preferably Ming Dynasty.

In a 16-inch, pumpkin oil-seasoned Cape Cod iron skillet, lay the two filets at a 45-degree angle to each other. Lightly dust the cod with the other ingredients, then quickly flash fry over extremely high heat for 17,347 seconds. (Anything more will ruin this exquisite but simple meal).

Serve immediately over a bed of Tamari-infused rice which you should have prepared the night before.

**OPTIONAL:** Call Grubhub and order a large pizza.

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Have fun finding a range of words related to the Old Newsboys Assn. Search frontward and backward horizontally, vertically and diagonally for all 12 words. See how many you can find!

- Boots
- Children
- Community
- Donor
- Generosity
- Need
- Old Newsboys
- School
- Shoes
- Support
- Thank You
- Volunteer

# SOMETHING WE CONTINUE TO BE THANKFUL FOR - YOU!

BY CASSANDRA BECKER TRAWITZ  
PRESIDENT

**Y**ou just purchased a Newspaper from one of the oldest charities in the Lansing area. Why? Well, most likely because that individual – standing on a street corner, at local business or your place of work – was shaking a large orange container and yelling, ‘Shoes and Boots for Kids!’ Maybe it was because you have been reading and donating to the Old Newsboys Association for years. Maybe it was because once upon a time, you also received shoes or boots from us- and now you want to help another child. For whatever reason you chose to donate this year, we THANK YOU!

For 96 years, our all-volunteer organization has sold an annual “spoof” newspaper on the streets and in offices across the Greater Lansing area. We rely on donations collected during our annual ‘Sales Day’. The money we collect is used to buy shoes and boots for deserving schoolchildren in our community.

We couldn’t do this without your kindness and generosity. Our organization is able to continue to provide shoes and boots because of your generosity. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude and know how thankful we are for people like YOU.

In addition, we thank the multiple organizations who know that our mission is an important one. Special thanks to:

- **City of Lansing Resources and Community Services:** \$10,000 grant
- **Meijer, Inc. through the #Meijergives program:** \$10,000 donation
- **The UAW Region 1D golf outing:** \$5,000 donation
- **Auto Owners and Associates:** \$8,000 donation
- **The Bennie C. Wickens Foundation:** \$5,000 grant
- **The Capitol City Old Car Club:** for raising and donating \$2,500
- **Two Men and a Truck:** \$5,000 donation

We would also like to thank and recognize the Lansing State Journal, which as been a

faithful Old Newsboys partner since the 1930s. The LSJ assists our organization in getting the Lansing Spoof Journal printed and into the hands of our Sales Volunteers. We are deeply grateful.

If you haven’t visited our website lately, you may have missed our newly refurbished website. We thank the team at DesignIQ and Bridget Sparks for making this happen. You can check it out at [www.lansingoldnewsboys.org](http://www.lansingoldnewsboys.org) and see for yourself what amazing work they’ve done.

Last year’s fundraising efforts collected more than \$173,000 to benefit over 7,000 area children. Our goal this year is \$175,000. As always, we never put a price on the Lansing Spoof Journal.

The front page says it all: ANY DONATION. Just know that your generosity makes a big difference to thousands of mid-Michigan children. Please consider an additional donation by using the coupon below or the text-to-donate option.

Thank YOU!!!

## Old Newsboys Association

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(We’re not still not sure what the 2nd VP does, but getting closer to solving)

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## KINDA RECENT PAST PRESIDENTS

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