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# LIVE - Cook - SHOP

Get your scares and apple fixes right in mid-Michigan!

⇔ by Gretchen Smith

Why wait until Hallowe'en Eve to get turned around in corn mazes, conquer your terror fears, and then catch your breath with apple cider and donuts? Starting in mid-September through the end of October, check out these four October haunts:

# **BEST MAZE**

Owner Mark Benjamin has hosted thousands of visitors. often year-after-year repeats from many states, for the last 16 years. Seventy-five percent of the three-mile corn maze and "Trail of Terror" are changed every year. The maze is wheelchair-accessible, and "spotters" are high above the maze, to help guide the truly bewildered, and find the lost child that strayed away from the family. Trails and drainage systems are designed to keep trails as dry as possible. There are signed optional exits and shortcuts, in case Susie has to go to the bathroom.

Get ready to scream in the "Trail of Terror." This is separate from the corn maze. Enter a vortex tunnel that spins around you. They use the same great animations you would expect to see only at Disney World or similar theme parks. Nothing is a cheap handmade cheesy item.,

After your heart returns to normal, enjoy homemade donuts and cider. Private security is on duty in the free parking area, maze and "Trail of Terror." A few rules – no pets, no children carried in arms, and cash only. Maze is \$8 per person, 4-10 people is \$7 person with group rates available. The Trail of Terror is \$15 per person" Want to do both? Combo ticket is \$20 person.



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This is Jackson Underworld's seventh year, and visitors know no year is the same with Lance and Susan Cuffle at the design helm. Visitors can go six per group, starting Sept. 9 until Oct. 31. Doors open at 7 p.m. and stay open until the last

person is scared out. Check the website calendar – some nights begin at 6 p.m. There is a large waiting area inside, so no weather excuses. Pregnant women and those with heart conditions are excused from being scared.

Tickets are \$25 for the Extreme haunt, \$20 for PsychoVision 3D or \$40 for a combo ticket. Jackson Underworld also has a family four pack special, 4 tickets for \$75 Monday -Wednesday only. Don't want to wait in line? You can upgrade your tickets to VIP. Coupons are on the website. Buy online or at the door. Cash or credit cards (American Express, VISA, MasterCard and Discover) are accepted. First 100 people within the first hour will receive a FREE I Survived T-Shirt!! Don't let the weather stop you from coming out, our waiting area is inside the building so you will stay dry if its raining.

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# SHAWHAVEN HAUNTED FARM

Shawhaven's Haunted Farm begins its 11th season with 140 acres of fear, starting Sept. 30 and every Friday and Saturday (up to Oct. 27), from dusk until the last living spirits leave.

This year's special for kids and kids-at-heart is a 1:30 p.m. Oct. 27 matinee showing of "It's A Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," commemorating the 50th anniversary of Peanuts™ Great Pumpkin movie. Before or after, young people can go through a non-scary adventure through "Samara's Boarding House." The cost is \$5 per person.

Back with more Zombies, dark boarding house scares, fear wagons, burial simulator, corn maze, and escape rooms, there are plenty of chills to make your spine shiver. Samara's Boarding House was for short-term boarders who seem to have stayed for years and years. Their spirits wander and call out for help. Will you be able to check out?

Get on a wagon of fear and venture through the dark field and woods, where those who went mad trying to find their way out are heard at nearly every turn. This attraction is weather-dependent.



Attempt The Dead Maze, where the corn, turned red by a special chemical applied to save the crops failed, and Zombies began seeking humans as prey. Will you escape their clutches?

Climb in a casket, the door closes, the casket moves, and in darkness, music plays, and you try out your final resting place. Say the magic word, and the casket opens just as you pray this is not really happening.

Choose from three different escape rooms, with three minutes to figure out how to open the door. If you make it out, you win a prize.

Come on the first two Fridays and muster courage for all three attractions and one escape room is free. For the older crowd, there's a twisting-turning corn maze trail. Be careful who you bring with you, and grab a flashlight so you don't get lost...or we'll find you when we combine the corn.

Check out the website coupons which must be brought with you to get \$3 off specials. Shawhaven accepts cash or major credit cards. Tickets can be purchased online or at the farm. A \$30 combo ticket covers Samara's Boarding House, Wagons of Fear and Dead Maze, or bought separately for \$12 each. The Last Ride is \$4 per person or \$6 for two. Family rates for the Corn Maze (three children and two adults) are \$25 per family, or \$6 for individual tickets. Discounts for groups of 15 or more are eligible for \$1 off per person, as long as one person pays the group admission.

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Those who dare can see if they feel the presence of Frank-n-Seed. For the more timid, take a twist of turns through the corn maze, or pick apples, berries or peaches.

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☆ by Gretchen Smith

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Noses twitch upon entering The Coffee Barrel greeted with delightful aromas. Customers can choose from over 150 varieties of unflavored, flavored, decaf and Fair Trade & Organic coffees. Shawn says if a customer asks which coffee to try, she asks them what flavors they prefer in coffee - light, medium or dark roast, specific tastes. She can usually help them find their perfect cup. "Sometimes", Shawn adds, "customers say 'Surprise me!"

The Coffee Barrel encourages patrons to buy whole beans and grind just enough for each day's use. "You get the maximum flavor by grinding the beans just before brewing them," says Tim. But for those who just want to turn on the coffee in the morning, The Coffee Barrel is happy to grind your beans at the counter as you purchase them.

#### A SUBSCRIPTION FOR YOU

Much of their roasted coffee production is shipped across the United States. The Brenner's do not broadcast which restaurants or businesses purchase their coffees because they want the loyalty to remain with their customers. In short, they are in business to keep their customers in business.

One does not have to travel to the corner of Cedar and Aurelius to get coffee. Their subscription service lets you choose amounts and types of coffee to have shipped to you and/or your loved ones by going online at

www.TheCoffeeBarrel.com.

Specialty coffees for the holiday season are favorites many customers wait all year for. This fall, flavored coffees include:

**APPLE CRUMBLE** — Delicious apple pie with a light drizzle of caramel and a hint of cinnamon.

#### **BLUEBERRY CINNAMON CRUMBLE** —

Think of fresh blueberry muffins straight from the oven.

**CARAMEL APPLE** — Creamy thick caramel over a tart apple.

**HARVEST SPICE** — Hints of nuts, cinnamon, ginger, spices and orange peel.

**MAPLE PECAN** — Sweet, creamy maple flavor with a touch of pecans.

**PUMPKIN SPICE** — Imagine fresh pumpkin pie right from the oven.

**SALTED CARAMEL** — A touch of sea salt brings out the rich taste or pure caramel.

In November and December, they bring out **15 holiday flavors** perfect for entertaining and gift giving.

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#### **COFFEE CURIOSITIES:**

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**Jamaican Blue Mountain** is the rarest of coffees available at The Coffee Barrel.

Every coffee bean has its own premium roasting potential. Roasting is a science of time temperature, weight and potential loss of moisture through the roasting process. Different roasting processes are used for each type of coffee.

Check out **The Coffee Barrel blog** online to learn how to grind your own coffee, find out about the different types of coffee, and peruse a study on how coffee has been shown to protect against type two diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

# HOWL-O-WEEN #





#### WHEN THE DOGS COME TO OLD TOWN

☆ by Gretchen Smith

Watch out on October 21st- you just might be nuzzled by a Labrador Retriever dressed as a "minion." Jana Nicol, former owner of Gone 2 the Dogs in Old Town, has been coordinating "Howl-o-We'en" since 2006. Dogs and owners gather near Sir Pizza Café's parking lot around 4 p.m. and get a number for the competition. Old Town business owners are encouraged to set out water and hand out treats to "little and big beggars."

Tim Barron, host of TimBarronsRadioMichigan.com, a live-stream radio internet show from 7-10 a.m. each weekday morning, coordinates judges for the costumed dog walk at 6 p.m. First, second and third place winners get pet-appropriate gifts.

"This event has grown each year," says Nicol." The owners love it, probably more than the dogs. We have 200-300 dogs traipsing Old Town in search of treats."

Afterward, Preuss Pets hosts "Yappy Hour", with pet portraits, drinks and desserts from 7-9 p.m.

While Old Town Commercial Association does not sponsor this event, it supports the "Dog Crawl" as yet another opportunity to connect Lansing residents with Old Town business owners.



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# JUSTIN CAINE

#### ADVOCATE FOR EMPOWERING THE DISABLED WITH BOOM AWARDS

☆ by Gretchen Smith

There is a reason Justin Caine talks a mile a minute and with such enthusiasm for the "Be Our Own Motivation" (BOOM) awards, held in November at re:con, The Convention of New Beginnings. Justin had a cancerous brain tumor hemorrhage at age 10. He had to re-learn everything since his toddler days. He was Sparrow Hospital's 1994 "Miracle Child".

#### **ACHIEVING GOALS**

Justin decided he was going to be independent, earn a living as an entrepreneur, advocate for the disabled to be recognized for excellence in sports, employment, education and creating entrepreneurial opportunities. He was also intent upon competing in the Paralympics, starting a flag football fundraiser, getting married and having a family.

He's exceeded those goals and more. He co-owns Good Fruit Video, which assists companies, organizations and individuals in telling their stories through video. The client comes with an idea and a message. Good Fruit deploys trained video journalists to record the story and conduct interviews. The footage is edited and a professional video is ready for the client to use.

Iustin has also created a website

- Beyond Our Barriers (BOB)
- that invites employers to post jobs, and individuals with disabilities to post their video resumes. This includes those born or with acquired disabilities and veterans.



Among BOB's supporters are the Autism Alliance of Michigan,

Dean Transportation, Good Fruit Video, MARO, Michigan Rehabilitation Organization and MSU Federal Credit Union. Employers join for free to list iobs, and search through video resumes to find the right job candidate. A video resume costs \$600, which can be paid in installments. Contact http://bob4mi.com



JUSTIN AND HIS DAUGHTER, FELICITY

#### **BOOM AWARDS**

What really gets him pumped are the BOOM awards, which he designed to recognize role models that have not allowed their disabilities to keep them from achieving excellence. Three awards are given at re: con, The Convention of New Beginnings, in Traverse City, Nov. 2-4. They are:

#### **Employee of the Year**

Individual has made significant contributions at their place of employment, displaying initiative and drive.

#### **Entrepreneur of the Year**

Individual has started and run a successful business for at least one year, showing inventiveness, tenacity and determination.

#### Athlete of the Year

Individual who competes and excels in a team or individual sport, with a high skill level, continuous improvement and exceptional performance in a series of competitions.

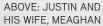
To nominate a candidate for any of these awards, go to: BOOM Awards (Be Our Own Motivation) Facebook Page or call (517) 484-5588. Award sponsors are MARO and the Michigan Rehabilitation Organization.



Along with the awards, a Micro Enterprise Mall is an opportunity for small business exhibitors, owned and operated by those with disabilities, to sell products and market services. A scholarship fund supports these entrepreneurs, and contributions help create opportunities for those experiencing barriers to employment. MARO had a relay team run in the Capital City River Run marathon in September. The team raises scholarship funds, which covers re:con, The Convention of New Beginnings exhibit fees and overnight accommodations at the Grand Traverse Resort for micro business owners.

He serves on the Small Business Association of Michigan's Leadership Council. He's also a Paralympic athlete, ranked #1 in the U.S. for shot put, discus and long jump. He attributes much of his success to his wife, Meaghan, and his inspiration to his daughter, Felicity. \( \psi \)





BELOW: JUSTIN'S PARALYMPIC MEDAL.



#### JUSTIN IS ALWAYS IN MOTION.

He started Battlefield Brawl, an all-day flag football fundraiser that benefits several charities. This event pits amateurs with professionals, with teams of 8-10 raising \$500 or more for the chance to play. Check out the 2017 event scheduled for late April.



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The two-woman team that oversees evolving community development products and services initiatives are Karen Casler and Norma McGarry. "Trust is huge in working with communities that traditionally have not trusted other financial institutions," Karen notes, "We deal with individuals who, for example, never had the family discussion about managing finances."

"Our members own CASE Credit Union, and it's our duty to serve our members and help them become and stay financially secure." Our community outreach matches our mission - to assist members and employees in achieving financial success. \( \pi \)



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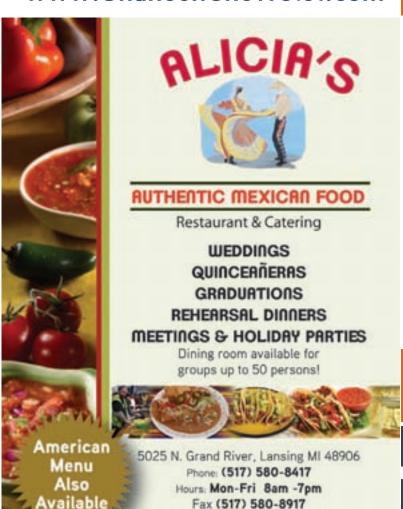
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# H & H Jewelry Design LOOKS FABULOUS AT 70

☆ by Kelly Rogers

H&H Jewelry Design has long been a staple in the Greater Lansing jewelry market. The history of this local gem dates back to 1946 when Ford Hurlbutt began repairing jewelry in the Lansing area. Hurlbutt and Keith Harsh established H&H Jewelry in 1971, and this year they celebrate their 70th anniversary as a family-owned and operated business.

H&H Jewelry's Saginaw Highway location is beautifully designed; combining both modern jewelry display techniques with elegant traditional touches like wood trimmed display cabinets. H&H Jewelry Design takes great pride in offering timeless quality and a distinctive approach to the selection or design of your perfect piece.

H&H Jewelry Design does all repairs in house which is a rarity in the local area. Both Jannine and Ron Alexander have a combined 65 years of experience and both are certified goldsmiths.

Three generations later, and part of an elite group of true custom design jewelers, H&H honors the history and tradition of the current owner's father and grandfather by offering a delightful range of unique jewelry. Whether a customer is looking for an affordable statement piece to accent evening wear or a one-of-a-kind design to marry the love of their life, H&H Jewelry Design approaches each individual with a vested interest in offering a piece which works for their life, their story, and their style.

Owner Jannine Alexander recalls the excellent craftsmanship of her grandfather, Ford. Ford enjoyed working meticulously on each piece of jewelry, sometimes working well beyond normal hours to get a piece right. He was also passionate about transferring

his knowledge. His son-in-law and business partner, Keith Harsh, would be the beneficiary of this knowledge transfer. Her father, Keith, Jannine's father, would continue Ford's legacy of production as well as offered his patient and consistent nature for every customer.

Keith retired from serving the country as a World War II veteran at 48 years young and poured his energy into H&H Jewelry and his family. He walked tall, looked regal, and brought decorum to everything he did, including growing the business. Jannine recalls Keith presenting to her son Jacob's classroom, insisting on a hats-off policy and sharing his rich history of serving the country and operating the business. Keith's quiet, focused manner did not detract from his enthusiasm when elaborating on his H&H story. In fact, this quiet focus has served his family well as they continue to run the business today.

For a business to make it 70 years, especially in an industry where big box stores and online shops are prevalent, H&H Jewelry is thriving under the care of Jannine and her husband Ron. Ron, also an Army veteran like Jannine's father, is an expert in jewelry repair and appraisal services, carrying the craftsmanship and fastidiousness tied to the H&H brand forward. When asked how they are making it in this tough market, the H&H team points to its consistency in service delivery, a

strong social media presence and a jewelry selection process that appeals to all ages.

More importantly, H&H Jewelry credits the diversity in their staff and the close knit family connection to their success at serving a variety of clientele. It is not uncommon for third generation customers, influenced by their grandparents, to walk through the door of H&H on a given day. The H&H Jewelry team cares for each other, their customers, and the community the company has called home for 70 years. Success to them is capturing a customer's story and reflecting it in the pieces they sell or design.

Jannine says, "We ask a lot of questions when a customer comes in. Sometimes it surprises them. By learning someone's story and things like how they use their hands if they are looking for rings, we offer a level of service they might not find otherwise. We then help reflect their story in the jewelry."

It just takes one visit to see that H&H Jewelry has the skill and heart associated with 70 years in a business, and the energy and relevancy to rock out another 70.





#### **CARE TIPS FOR YOUR JEWELRY**

Have your jewelry professionally cleaned and inspected every 3 to 6 months (depending on frequency of wear).

Treat your jewelry with care. It is best to remove your jewelry when cleaning, exercising, gardening or swimming in chlorinated water. Over-exposure to lotions, facial cleaners, hair-sprays and perfumes could also lead to problems.

Have your jewelry insured and update your jewelry appraisal every five years to keep up with the current market replacement value.

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Every year there are smoke detectors that don't warn occupants during a fire. That's usually because the batteries were dead or removed, the detector was expired, or was located where they could not be heard.

Learn how to properly care for your detectors to keep your family safe:

Replace your smoke detectors every 10 years. A smoke detector loses 3% of its reliability every year of life from dust and debris getting into the unit.

#### Yearly maintenance is important.

Replace the batteries and use a vacuum cleaner to suck the dust out of the unit twice a year. If you don't like changing batteries, purchase a 10 year sealed smoke detector that is maintenance free, or install hard wire smoke detectors.

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Fall is quickly approaching! Here are some fall car care tips to help you prepare your vehicle for winter.

- Wash all the exterior grime off with a good hand wash
- Coat with a protectant! A careful cleaning followed by a good coating of a sealant or wax will help keep salt, road dust and dirt from sticking to the vehicles paint.
- Clean your windshield and protect it with a treatment of Rain X. This will help keep frost, rain, and snow off your windshield. Who doesn't want that?
- Get the bugs off the front of your vehicle before winter so they don't stick to the paint and leave a lasting impression.
- Clean out your door jambs, and sill plates. This will help protect your doors from freezing shut.
- Spray a little WD40 in your door lock cylinders. This will free them up and make it so they don't freeze as well.
- Lastly, change your windshield wipers. It is best to change them now, so they are dependable during the heavy fall rains when you will need them most!

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#### 2. CONSIDER AN ALL-CASH EXPENSE PLAN

Like many people, overspending can be your worst enemy. Moving to an All-Cash Plan will allow you to set limits on your spending by simply managing the cash you carry. It sounds a little intimidating, but it can really change your perspective on spending.

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# Did you know that using the correct oil is often mandatory to maintain the vehicle factory warranty?

As a consumer you do not have to take your vehicle to the dealer for oil changes to maintain the factory warranty. However, if you experience a warranty covered engine failure, you may be asked by the dealer to provide proof of regular scheduled oil changes. The type of oil, the weight and grade of the oil and the vehicle mileage must be documented from day one to show that you have taken care of the vehicle as outlined in the owner's manual.

Today's modern engines usually require a synthetic blend or full synthetic oil, which cost more than standard conventional oil. It may be tempting to use conventional oil to save a few dollars but I would advise to only use the type of oil recommended by the manufacturer.

My 35+ years of working on vehicles has convinced me that keeping your vehicles oil and filter changed is the best thing you can do to ensure reliability and longevity of your vehicles engine. Don't be tempted to "stretch out" oil change intervals, your vehicle knows the difference!

~ Troy Sika, Owner

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October means beautiful colors and clogged gutters.

It is important to clean out your gutters after the leaves have fallen. When clogged, water spills over the edge and causes excessive water along your foundation wall- causing your sump pump to run excessively. If you have an older home it may even cause water to seep into your basement or crawl space. The leg at the bottom of your down spout, known as a kicker, needs to be 4' or longer. Sometimes burying these and running them further from the house will help with some damp and wet basements. Always make sure when cleaning out your gutters you have the proper equipment and safety gear.

Most home owners should use a professional to clean there gutters... especially when you have a two or three story house and/or a steep sloped roof. There are some great gutter guards available that are good ideas to install. We don't recommend using any screened materials or systems. Use a solid gutter helmet that allows the leaves to run right off the roof, a screened gutter guard can still clog and cause damage to your home, roof or foundation. If you have a damaged gutter or missing downspouts this could lead to ice dams to form in the winter which could result in some costly repairs come spring. For any concerns with your downspouts or gutters, give us a call at 517.896.5692.

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

- 1. Plan a route in advance. Trick-or-treating could take you several streets away from your house, which can cause sore legs and a bit of frustration. Avoid getting lost by sticking to the paths your know.
- 2. Wear comfy shoes. Make sure you and your children are in comfortable, well-fitting shoes. Girls in dresses should avoid heels, and all shoelaces should be double-tied to avoid tripping in the dark.
- **3. Stay well-lit**. Apply reflective tape to your child's costume to ensure they are seen by drivers on the road. Make sure to carry a flashlight with you to keep your child's path lit at all times.

4. Make sure all costumes are short.
Long costumes that drag on the ground
can be dangerous, especially at night.
Make sure when you purchase it's an
appropriate length - hem anything
that's too long to avoid tripping.

**5. Avoid masks.** Masks can make it difficult for your child to see or breathe. If possible, skip the mask altogether and use non-toxic make-up to complete the costume instead.

**6. Use flexible props.** Try to avoid costumes with weapons as accessories. If your child's costume isn't complete without a weapon, make sure it is rubber or plastic to help avoid potential injury.

7. Check your child's candy.
Be sure to throw away any candy that is not in its original wrapper, or looks as though it has been opened.







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