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Lapeer Dems meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm (potluck then meeting) in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building, Lapeer.

Lapeer Democratic Party News:

Monthly Meetings:

June County Committee meeting is 6/11/26 at 6:30pm. The meeting is held at our office in Lyric Mall, Lapeer. Open to members.



June General meeting is 6/25/26. Meetings start with a potluck at 6pm, meeting at 6:30 pm in the Lincoln Room, Lapeer Center Building. **Our new quarterly charity is Wandries Wishes.** In June you can bring new toys for ages 1-17 years old, wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue taper, birthday cards, any flavor cake mixes, any flavor frosting, small containers of sprinkles, or birthday candles. We will also accept cash or gift cards.

Upcoming Social and Fundraising Events for Lapeer County Democratic Party

Social/Community Events (Mark your calendar):

July 25th Democratic Picnic at Monson Home. Details TBA.

Fundraising Events (Mark your calendar):

September 19 Annual Dinner at the Elba Township Hall.

Outreach Events for Lapeer Dems: (Mark your calendar)

August 21-23, 2026 Lapeer Days – watch for announcements.

Save the Date: June 25th General Meeting

Join us for an In-Person Enviro-Presentation!

LAPEER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

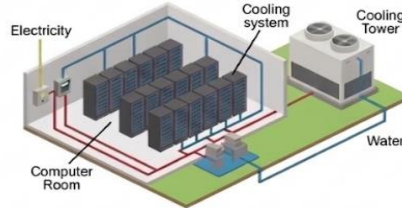


SPEAKER: Mike Buza

TOPIC: "Data Centers in Michigan: There's Still Time"

WHEN: Thursday, June 25th, 6:00 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Speaker and meeting

WHERE: The Lapeer Center building
425 County Center Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446



Recent passage of state tax breaks for data centers has led to an explosion of proposed centers across Michigan. Data centers cause a huge strain on the grid, but the negative effects go far beyond that. Mike Buza, chair of of Michigan Conservation Alliance Legislative Committee, will explain how these behemoths endanger the environment, the economy, and human health. Solutions will be offered on how to avoid these consequences. Mike Buza has written numerous articles and attended over 100 townships meetings to advocate for clean energy in Michigan.



Why Vote for Ray Pooley for Congress?

The Republican incumbent candidate, Lisa McClain should not run unopposed for Congress in District 9.

1. Ray Pooley supports:
 - a. Bringing manufacturing back to USA
 - b. Clean power for energy dependence
 - c. Pro-union

- d. Protecting our environment
- e. Expanding child care support
- f. And more...

For more info: pooley4congress.com

Dems Comedy Night – a Thank You from Laurie Mikus

The Dems Comedy Night was a great success! Saturday, April 25th, at the Lapeer Elks, comedian, Dustin Cole, and several other comedians had the audience of 95 smiling, laughing, and sometimes groaning over their jokes for 1 1/2 hours.

The food was delicious. People had a choice of sloppy joes and chips or nachos. And of course, a wide assortment of homemade cookies.

Thanks to all the people who bought tickets to the Comedy Night Event. It wouldn't have been fun without you. A big thanks to all the comedians who donated their time and talent. And a special thanks to the Fundraising Committee for all their hard work in making this a wonderful and profitable evening!

Lessons from Iran: America's Enemies Know Trump is Weak. Democrats Should Act Like It.

By Alex Diedrich

February 28th 2026, should be a new “day that will live in infamy” such as Franklin D Roosevelt declared after the attack on Pearl Harbor. It should be commemorated and marked as the day America defeated itself so thoroughly, it may take generations to recover, if we ever will. If you aren't following me, February 28th is the day the United States and Israel started the bombing campaign against Iran.

Here is a quick summary of the chain of stupidity so far. Trump starts a regime change war by bombing the home of and injuring the intended new leader. This brilliant regime change plan did not work, and the US and Israel kept bombing, hoping for... something to magically happen? Iran retaliated, closing shipping in the strait of Hormuz and dealing significant damage to the energy infrastructure of many countries across the region, causing a worldwide energy crisis and price spikes. Over the past 2 months Trump has alternatively bluffed about blowing Iran to oblivion and lied about negotiations progressing. Seeing bombing was not working, Trump decided to blockade Iranian ports, and Iran kept the strait closed. During this time, he has exceeded the war powers legislation allowing 60 days of fighting before Congress has to authorize a war. Congressional Republicans still have not voted to stop him. As of this writing, we are in a “ceasefire” where no bombs are being dropped, but shipping is not progressing through the strait. To sum up, we the US are in a geopolitical shitstorm of our own making, and you and I are going to be, quite literally, paying the price.

I've never felt highly of Trump's intelligence, but it sure takes a special someone to take a world superpower and find a way into a lose-lose-lose situation. From where we are at now, the question is just how big of a defeat does the US suffer. Outcome #1, Trump gives Iran a ton of concessions in the form of sanctions relief, and the Iranians open the strait in time to prevent a complete global economic freefall. Outcome #2, Trump invades Iran to control the territory around the strait to keep it open; I find this outcome unlikely because Trump doesn't have the attention span or the intestinal fortitude for an invasion. Outcome #3, Trump keeps pretending things are fine while we all suffer from the protracted energy crisis until... who knows when, he hopes you will forget about the war and distract you with something else.

Now after quickly glossing over the state of play, are the points I wish to drive home. Trump is weak, and has played his uno deck worse than a three-year-old. Trump has emptied the tank of the US military into Iran, and it has accomplished nothing but suffering around the world. Iran is openly mocking the president, and stretching the timeline on negotiations to maximize pain on the US, and Trump is too feeble and incompetent to do anything about it. Iran knows the only way we could force them to open anything militarily is with a ground invasion, and Trump telegraphed from the beginning he didn't have the strength. He has shattered the aura of American superiority. So much so, that during Trump's trip to China, Xi Jinping openly threatened war over American support for Taiwan, and Trump was such a chickenshit he paused approval for weapons to the Taiwanese. Saying it slower, an American president, president of THE global superpower, went to China and came back tail tucked between his legs. It cannot be overstated how diminished American power and influence has been in the last few months.

This is not just another iteration of orange man bad, Trump sucks, that's old news. What's important here is what to do next as the opposition to the orange moron in the oval. My argument is this. For all intents and purposes, Trump is politically dead. Trump's power has been American's short attention span and lack of attention to substance. He is a headline president, he has understood that as long as he can change the news cycle, nothing negative can truly stick. The Iran war is different. Trump is an actual lame duck, he's done when his term expires, if he even lives to the end of it. When Joe Biden ran for a second term, Republicans were able to torch the credibility of the entire Democratic Party for being willing to run someone who was aging out of fitness for the job. Republicans are now making the same mistake.

You may have been reading after Bill Cassidy and Thomas Massie's primary losses that Trump is as strong as ever in Republican politics. I have to tell you; I think that is an extremely poor analysis. Trump and allied groups spent more money than has ever been spent in a house primary race against Thomas Massie, to win 55/45, in a district Trump won by 35 points. After the election, the White House was bragging that the Republican party is "Trump's Party". It is our job to say that they are right. More explicitly, make Republican officials answer for Trump's criminal incompetence. Make Republican candidates and officials answer for not taking away the Mad King's keys when it has been very clear he can't drive the country. Make it clear every single day Republicans haven't lifted a finger as Trump drove the country off a fiscal cliff and wasted our money on monuments to his failures.

We're Experiencing a Third Confederacy. We Need a Second Reconstruction.

Spotlight on Candidates Leslie Getz

By Becky Fitts

I had an absolutely fantastic phone interview with Leslie Getz our Democratic Candidate for Michigan House of Representative, District 67. She is running on the platform that she truly believes in the duty of citizenship and that if and when we can work as citizens to better our communities we should. Which is why she is running this term for a seat in the Michigan house of representatives.

Leslie is a retired teacher so education is a top priority in her campaign. She sees education as an investment in our future that we cannot ignore which puts it at the forefront of her campaign. Along with environmental issues and human rights issues. She believes in the rights of humanity. She believes that healthcare, including mental health care, is an important part of every community as is affordable housing and infrastructure she would like to see rural roads and bridges fixed in the Lapeer County area.

Leslie believes in the common people who work hard to get ahead in life, not the billionaire class who have removed themselves from society and do not understand those of us who work nine to five or two jobs just to struggle each week to budget groceries and gas.

She would like to make it known that while she runs as a democrat, she herself has become disenchanted with all party-line politics, she is a constituent who would reach across isles if she knows it is for the betterment of her community.

So, if you are looking for a candidate that embodies the belief that the betterment of community is the most important reason to run and that for ours to function, we need representatives who care about what affects us every day please vote for Leslie Getze for Michigan House of Representatives 67th Congressional District.

BRING YOUR OWN BUNK - IMAGINING A MAGA TRIVIA NIGHT

By Robert Solomon

On May 7, the Lapeer County Democrats hosted "Pizza and Trivia," at the Tilted Axis. As always, the event was a roaring success, giving players a chance to show off their knowledge and share a few laughs at a great local venue. For information on upcoming events, be sure to check <https://lapeercountydemocrats.com/events>

Now a regular part of the local Democrats outreach, trivia night presents unique challenges for MAGA Republican counterparts, for whom facts are now determined by the whims of the White House. Categories like "science," "arts and entertainment," and "history" are way too "woke" and should probably be avoided entirely. In the spirit of camaraderie, listed below are a few alternatives to get the party started for our fact-challenged friends.

The Price is (Far) Right

Once proud to be called fiscal conservatives, Republicans have abandoned the notion in favor of rampant spending and grift. Can you correctly guess the cost to taxpayers of each decision?

\$29 Billion - The official cost of the war in Iran as of April 30, per the Pentagon (Reuters). Some experts suggest the real cost is closer to \$1 trillion as the conflict continues with no resolution in sight.

\$60 Billion - The estimated cost of extending the expired ACA healthcare subsidies to ensure Americans would continue to be covered by their current plans. (Newsweek)

\$2.25 Trillion(!) - The amount that Trump had added to the national debt after his FIRST YEAR back in the White House (Fortune). For the first time in our nation's history, debt is now outpacing GDP, meaning the country is spending money faster than it makes it. (The Economic Times).

\$4 Billion - While Trump continues to boast about donating his presidential salary, he and his family had used the office to obscenely increase their overall wealth. (New Yorker)

\$1.8 Billion - The size of a new "slush fund" created to reward MAGA loyalists convicted of crimes, including January 6th rioters (The Guardian)

\$1 Billion - The proposed cost to taxpayers for Trump big ballroom bunker, despite earlier claims that construction would be financed by \$400 million collected by private donors (New York Times)

\$85 Billion - Funds allocated to ICE operations for the fiscal year 2026.

The Epstein Files

2024 Presidential candidate Donald Trump called for complete transparency into the Epstein Files and justice for the victims. Since his election, however, the president has said that it's "really time for the country to get on to something else," and lashing out at those who disagree. As House Republicans consider a pardon for Epstein co-conspirator Ghislaine Maxwell, here are some facts about the files that shouldn't be forgotten.

5 - The number of months (and counting) since Congress passed the Epstein Files Transparency Act, requiring the Department of Justice to publish relevant case files

58 - The percent of the six million estimated files that have been release to date. Some estimates suggest that less than 5 percent of relevant digital files have been declassified.

550 - The number of pages that were completely blacked out, with another 200,000 pages withheld.

38,000 - The number of times that Donald Trump is mentioned in the Epstein Files released - at least

5,300 - The number of unique files referencing Trump

10 - The number of alleged Epstein co-conspirators identified by the FBI, according to released files.

1000 - A conservative estimate of the number of victims of Epstein and his criminal network, including over 100 that have come forward publicly to share their stories.

0 - The number of criminal prosecutions by the Trump DOJ resulting from the partial release of the Epstein Files and subsequent public testimony by survivors.

Who Said It?

As the United States commemorates our 250th year, why not remember the inspiring words of some of the most prominent in business, politics and entertainment?

"I go back and forth between thinking Trump is a cynical asshole like Nixon who wouldn't be that bad (and might even prove useful) or that he's America's Hitler," - J.D. Vance, in a private message sent to an associate in 2016. (Reuters)

"The Dow is over 50,000 right now. The S&P at almost 7,000, and the Nasdaq smashing records. Americans 401ks and retirement savings are booming. That's what we should be talking about." - Shrieking Former Attorney General Pam Bondi, at a televised hearing about the Epstein Files investigation.

"Do I believe South Carolina is a racist state? No. Let me tell you why. To young people out there, young people of color, young immigrants, this is a great state, but one thing I can say without any doubt, you can be an African American and go to the Senate but you just have to share our values." - 1950s segregationist. Just kidding. Senator Lindsey Graham in 2020 speaking on the subject of racism.

"Most of the cheap cuts of meat are very inexpensive...you can buy liver or the cheaper cuts of steak that are very, very affordable." - Raccoon curious, roadkill devouring Health & Human Services Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr., suggesting that Americans struggling with high food costs just need to lower their standards.

"We have three, but we expect casualties, [but in the end it's going to be a great deal for the world.](#)" - Donald Trump, addressing the first U.S. military casualties of the unauthorized war in Iran.

"What happened to society? I go into business, I don't make it, I go bankrupt. **I've been on food stamps and welfare**; did anybody help me out? No" - Craig T. Nelson, "Coach" actor in 2009 during an interview with Glen Beck. A classic, but grand old portrait of republican understanding of social programs.

"Time to drop the really big bomb. [@realDonaldTrump](#) is in the Epstein files. That is the real reason they have not been made public. Have a nice day, DJT!" - Elon Musk, June 2025 (ABC News)

"I don't get it...these folks are monsters. They're criminals. They murder. They sexually assault young women. Minors." (Congressman Lisa McClain about immigrants)

Can you think of any that we missed? Feel free to share your thoughts with us at [[@ADDRESS](#)], and follow us on Bluesky at [[link](#)].

Candidates Endorsed at Michigan Democratic 2026 Convention

Watch for these names on your ballot in November.

Attorney General:

Eli Savit

Secretary of State:

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

State Supreme Court:

Megan Cavanagh

Noah Hood

UM Board of Regents:

Paul Brown

Amir Makled

State Board of Education:

Judith Pritchett

Tiffany Hilley

MSU Board of Trustees

Brianna Scott

Kelly Tebay Zemke

WSU Board of Governors

Shereef Akeel

Richard Mack

Candidates Running for Office in Districts Including Lapeer County

Senate District 26 (Northeast Genesee County, Lapeer County, Eastern Saginaw County and Western Tuscola County)

Marty Cousineau- Michigan State Senate District 26



Brendan J. Johnson - Michigan State Senate in District 26

A Bridgeport resident with roots in Fostoria, he's running a fully self-managed, grassroots campaign focused on listening to every community across the district, including those in Lapeer County, so he can help improve things for everyone. Learn more, volunteer, & contribute at: JohnsonForSenate.us

John Hall- Michigan State Senate District 26 JohnHallforMI.com

Senate District 23 (Includes several townships in Oakland County)

Greg Hill- Michigan State Senate District 23 GregHillforMI.com

House District 67 (Includes western Lapeer County, four Townships in Genesee County and Watertown Township in Tuscola County)



Leslie Getz- MI State House District 67

There are so many issues of concern these days. Among Leslie's priorities are public education, our environment, affordable housing and mental health services. Leslie Getz is committed to listening to your concerns, researching the issues and working with others to provide solutions that work for the people in our community. Leslie Getz welcomes your input and your support in any way that you are able. Information is available on Facebook: [LeslieGetz4MIRep](https://www.facebook.com/lesliegetz4MIRep). You can contact Leslie at Leslie4MIRep@gmail.com, P.O. Box 101, Lapeer, MI 48446 or 810-667-3353.

House District 65 (Includes Burnside Township, Goodland township, Greenwood Township, Imlay city township, Almont Township, Berlin Township, and Riley Township)

James Obrien- MI State House District 65

James Andonoff- MI State House District 65

House District 98 (Sebewaing in Tuscola County to Bad Axe in Huron County west to Mayville in Tuscola County and east to Marlette and Sandusky in Sanilac County)

Keith Brusseau- MI State House District 98

Please research your local candidate. Be prepared to cast your vote. Your vote – Your voice!

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