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Keynote Speaker, Lieutenant Gov. Garlin Gilchrist is coming to Winter Rally! RSVP today!



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One year after MSU shooting, Michigan changes its gun laws.



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signs a series of gun control-related bills which include universal background checks on the sale of all firearms in Michigan, and mandating they are safely stored around minors.

The bills go into effect on February 13, 2024 – the one-year anniversary of the deadly school shooting at MSU.



### **CAMPAIGN KICKOFF DINNER**

8:30 pm April 26th, 2024 The Northern Center Ballrooms I & II Northern Michigan University Marquette Reserve your spot using ActBlue at https://bit.ly/mcdp24 Deadline for ticket purchases is April 18<sup>th</sup>

Joe Biden needs our votes! HIGH TURNOUT BRINGS DONATIONS Let's be sure Biden gets the most votes of the day!



Gov. Whitmer's FY25 Budget is a Roadmap for Making it in Michig

Whitmer's Budget will -

- lower costs,
- power economic development, and
- guarantee pre-K through associate degree

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer released her sixth executive budget recommendation today, once again prioritizing the issues that make a real difference in people's lives. This balanced, fiscally responsible budget proposal lowers costs for Michiganders, helps every child succeed from pre-K through postsecondary, and ensures any person or business can "make it" in Michigan.

click here to read the full release

SPOTLIGHT: "the Inflation Reduction Act is the single most important piece of legislation that's ever been passed in the United States to encourage clean energy development" -- Sec.

Full CBSNews Story here



# The UP200, Midnight Run And Jack Pine 30 Have Been Canceled

**NOT CANCELLED:** "Festival of the Sled Dog Powered by NMU" will take place Friday, Feb 16th downtown Marquette.

The arch will be up, the streets will be filled with snow for sledding and there will be sled dog demos, meaning: there will be sled dogs! There will also be live music and other activities."

Upper Peninsula Sled Dog Association President Darlene Walch states, "Due to deteriorating trail conditions and concern for the safety of mushers and dogs, the UP200 has canceled the UP200, Midnight Run and Jack Pine 30 scheduled for February 16-18, 2024."

"Sled dog races across the Midwest have been canceled this winter due to lack of snow and warm temperatures. ...



## **February**

(\$) 21-Brew & Stew S-4:00-5:30, 224 Newman St. Hosted by Rose & Harry

#### March

**5**- General Membership Meeting 5:30-7:00, 224 Newman St. Hosted by Jesse

**(\$) 20** -BS-4:00-5:30, 224 Newman St. Hosted by Carole

- **(\$) 23** Italian Night at Jose Lake. 5:00-8:00 Hosted by Gloria and Michael
- (\$) = fundraiser Suggested donation minimums for Brew & Stew \$15





# \*\*\* Primary August 6, 2024 \*\*\*



Elissa Slotkin Candidate for U.S. Senate from Michigan

Elissa has dedicated her career to serving the country she loves. She happened to be in New York City on September 11, 2001, and by the time the dust cleared, Elissa knew she wanted to go into national security to protect our homeland. She was recruited by the CIA to be a Middle East analyst, and within a year she was sent on the first of three tours in Iraq alongside the U.S. military.

Her time in a combat zone led her to national security roles at the White House, where she worked as a civil servant, for whoever was the Commander-in-Chief. Elissa worked for President Bush as a member of his national security staff and was asked to stay on when President Obama took office. In the Obama Administration, she helped negotiate some of the Pentagon's most sensitive national security matters from the fight against ISIS to the U.S. response to Russian aggression. No matter the issue, the values Elissa learned growing up in Michigan – a straightforward, common-sense approach – were what helped her succeed as a national security leader.

But the reason she first decided to run for office was more personal: her mom. Elissa's mother died of ovarian cancer in 2011. She struggled to afford healthcare for years because of an early case of breast cancer, and at the time, the insurance companies had gouged her for years based on that pre-existing condition. The same month that the family got her mother's terminal diagnosis and was desperately trying to get her life-saving care was the same month that they were also filling out the paperwork for her to declare bankruptcy. Protections for people with pre-existing conditions and the exorbitant cost of healthcare and prescription drugs got Elissa into politics, and it remains one of her top priorities.

Elissa has spent her time in Congress working on the issues that she hears about most from people across Michigan: bringing down the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs, bringing critical supply chains back to the U.S., creating jobs with dignity, and getting money out of politics. Now, she's ready to fight for all of Michigan's working families in the U.S. Senate.

https://elissaslotkin.org/



Hill Harper
Candidate for U.S. Senate from Michigan

Hill Harper is a lawyer, union organizer, actor and single father who owns a well-known coffee shop in Detroit. He's not a politician, but he's running for U.S. Senate anyway to ensure every single Michigander has economic security and real representation focused on the people, not lobbyists or wealthy donors. Raised in the Midwest by two doctors, Hill learned early on the importance of public service, and that the purpose of life was to make life better for everyone. Throughout his life, whether on the campus of Harvard Law School or on the set of The Good Doctor, Hill Harper always kept alive that passion for service. It took him to lowa and then across the country as he campaigned as a top surrogate for his law school classmate, President Barack Obama. That passion for service led him to sit on President Obama's Cancer Panel, to write several best-selling books aimed at empowering marginalized young people, and to establish a charitable foundation that helps young people achieve their dreams through scholarships, mentorships and grants. Now, Hill is running for U.S. Senate because he believes the depth of the challenges facing our nation demands independence over conformity, and service over personal ambition.

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