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The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) promotes economic development through business attraction/retention programs and works to foster investment within the DDA district. It strives to increase the township's tax base and strengthen the local economy while maintaining those qualities that make Delhi Township a desirable place to live and work.

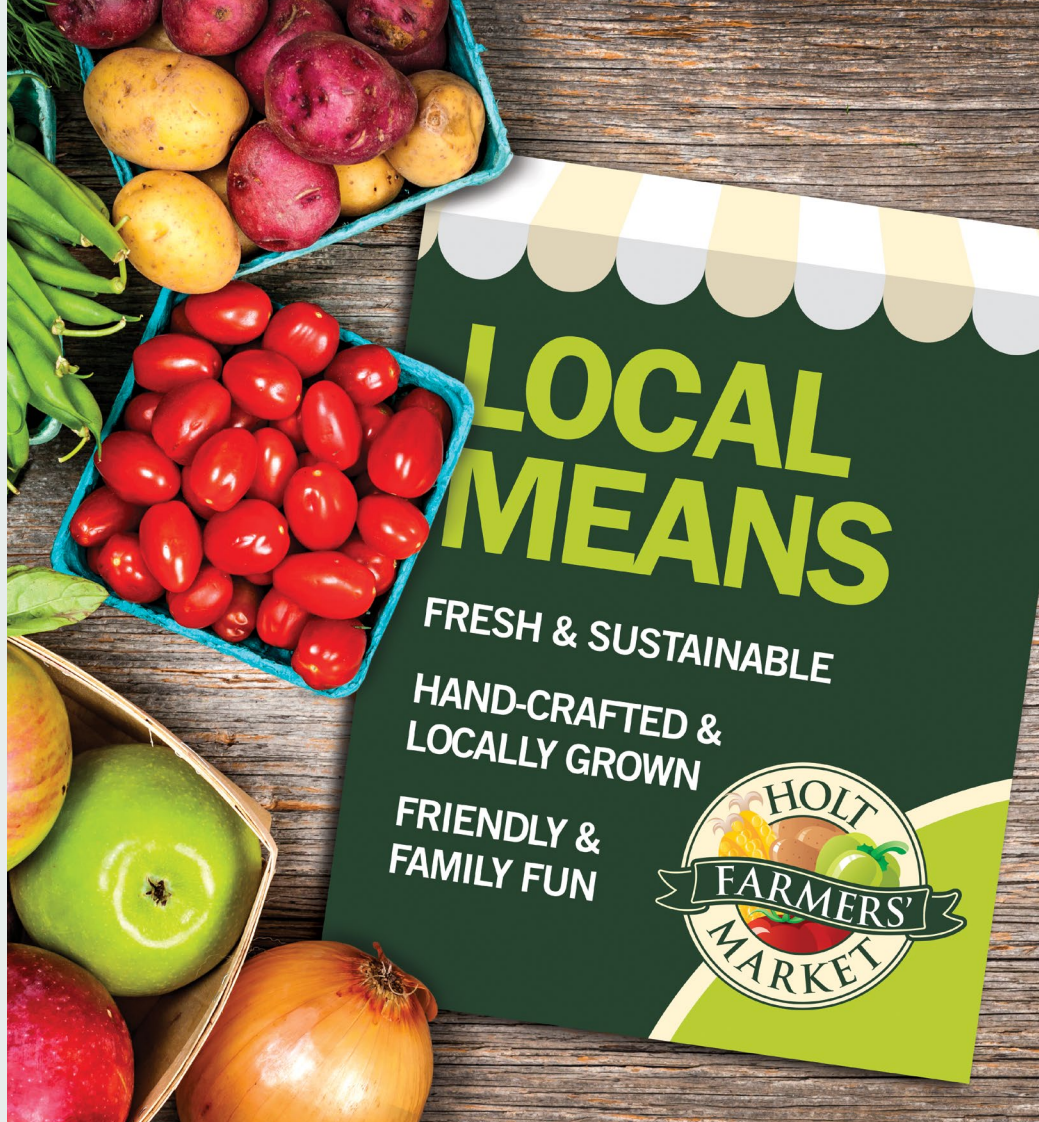
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## Visit your local market

Join us at the Holt Farmers' Market every Saturday this spring to support local vendors and enjoy homemade goods, locally-produced foods, and so much more!

**Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**[holtfarmersmarket.org](http://holtfarmersmarket.org)**

# Holt Biggby plans to move to new location in 2022

Residents of the Greater Lansing area are no strangers to Biggby Coffee. One of the important parts of the Biggby structure is being a locally-owned, franchise-based organization. People like Anthony (Andy) Bunnell, owner and operator of Biggby Coffee in Holt, hope when people come to his shop, they know they're coming to Andy's Biggby.

Biggby has been an important part of the Bunnell family since 2009 when Andy opened his first coffee shop on Jolly Road in Delhi Township. But as a resident of Holt, Andy was especially excited when the opportunity came to open another Biggby in Holt. After initially opening in 2019, the new shop got off to a slow start due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But Andy and his team weathered the storm and have been serving customers in Holt for three years.

Both before and after the pandemic, Andy and his team were listening closely to their customers and figuring out what changes needed to be made. One message became clear - customers wanted a drive-thru. It was a must for everyone from week-day work commuters to parents with children. After the shutdown in 2020, it was even more apparent that in order for a coffee shop like Andy's Biggby to survive, a drive-thru was imperative.

The current Holt location on Cedar Street does not have a drive-thru, which forced Andy to shut his doors for several months in 2020. The space was also in need of renovations. That's when Andy started talking to another small business owner, Gravity Smokehouse & BBQ, about their previous location in Holt. Andy and his team made the decision to move the Holt Biggby to this building and make it a drive-thru only with a walk up window.

"We wanted to move to a place with a drive-thru to better serve our customers," said Andy. "We heard from our customers that this was something they really wanted. We searched through the area and came to know Gravity, which had moved."

While the new outdoor only format is going to be a change for some customers, Andy, his team, and some of their customers have been brainstorming ways to still make it a gathering place where people can stay and visit. Andy envisions an outdoor space that will work in all seasons; a place where they can host special events or people can play a game of cornhole. The new location is right next to the river trail walk/bike path which connects Lansing to Holt to Mason.

Andy and his team have also been trying out a drive-thru-only and walk-up format at their newest



Biggby location in South Lansing on Pennsylvania Avenue, which they opened in Oct. 2021. Andy's daughter and son-in-law opened this location and have seen a very positive response.

The new Holt location is set to open in summer/fall of 2022, depending on supply chain availability for updating the new space.

"We want to be a strong part of the community," Andy said. "It's like any relationship, you have to work at it. We're trying to do the right thing we can for the right reasons."

***Biggby Coffee of Holt is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., 517.709.3923, biggby.com.***





# Estes-Leadley Funeral Home continues a legacy in Holt Chapel

Whether residents know it as the Holt Chapel, or by its previous name of the Logan Funeral Home, this community-minded business has been a legacy in Holt for generations. The Estes-Leadley Funeral Home acquired the property in the 1950s in order to continue providing services to Holt.

Legacy isn't something new to the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home, which also has a location in Lansing. The funeral home first started in 1914. Nor is legacy something new to Holt Chapel Funeral Director, Steven Morgan.

"I actually began working for the funeral home when I was still in high school," Morgan says. "I mowed the lawn at the Holt Chapel. That's how

I got started in the business. Then eventually I ended up helping with funerals and decided to pursue that as a career." Morgan has been with the Holt Chapel since 1980.

Estes-Leadley offers all services related to funerals including burials, cremations, and merchandise sales. They also offer prearrangement services. Their licensed professional, Sue Knowles, has been on staff with Estes-Leadley since the 1980s as well. The funeral home is always accepting appointments for pre-arrangements for anyone interested. Both the Lansing location and Holt Chapel also offer live stream services at both of their locations.

When asked what he feels sets Estes-Leadley apart from other

funeral homes, Morgan says, "Our focus on detail. We look at details maybe a little more closely than some of our competitors. We're still a small enough business to give personalized attention to work we do as well as to the families we serve."

And Morgan understands that people appreciate using a funeral home in their own local community. "While Holt is a suburb of Lansing, it's still its own community," Morgan says, "I think people in Holt choose to use a funeral home in Holt more because it's their home."

***The Estes-Leadley Holt Chapel is located at 2121 N. Cedar St. in Holt, 517.694.7614, [estesleadley.com](http://estesleadley.com).***

# Local paper florist creating business that lasts

**F**or Holt native Liz Carter, Founder and Creative Director of Unwilted, all roads lead back to flowers. Carter graduated from Michigan State University and moved out west, where she started her own live flower shop. After 10 years, she was exhausted from the industry and decided to move back to Holt to be closer to family and try a new career path.

"I moved back and thought I could be done with flowers, maybe find a different career path," says Carter. "It turns out I really love them, so I started figuring out how to make paper flowers. Turns out it's a very old craft in a lot of different ways. It's like an art form in some ways."

What started as a small internet following has expanded into a successful online business. Carter makes and ships paper flower bouquets to all over the United States and internationally. Anyone looking to send a bouquet as a gift, whether it be anniversary, birthday, housewarming, etc., can send an Unwilted bouquet.

The bouquets are unique for a number of reasons, including their longevity and the specialty paper they are made from. "We create paper flowers that are long lasting. They look like the real thing, but they last long beyond what a fresh bouquet would," says Carter.

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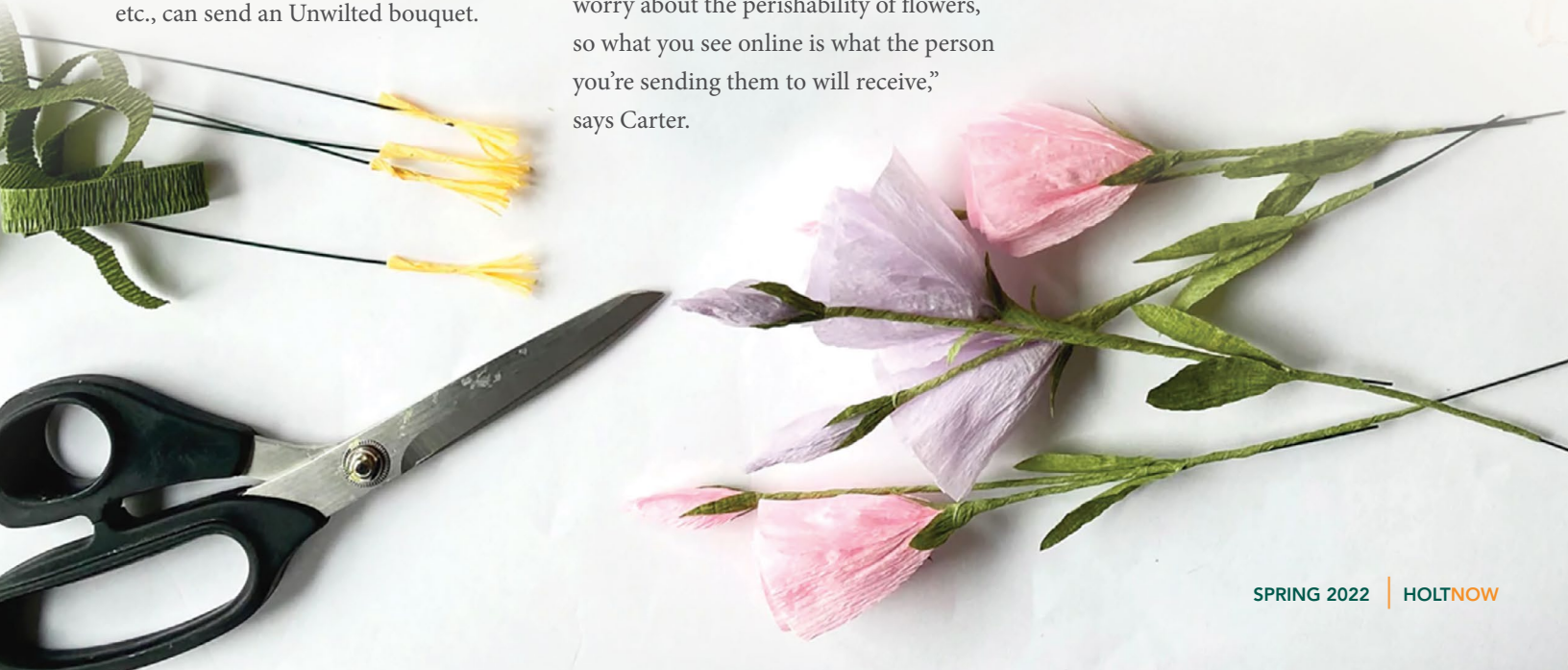
Unwilted offers a large variety of bouquets at all times since they aren't restricted to what's in season, which also means they can guarantee that what a customer orders online is exactly what the bouquet will look like when it arrives.

"A lot of times when you order flowers from a florist they'll make substitutions based on what they have available and in stock. With Unwilted we don't have to worry about the perishability of flowers, so what you see online is what the person you're sending them to will receive," says Carter.

Since the flowers are made of paper, there is no water needed, simply put them in a nice vase and enjoy for years to come! These also make great gifts to send to people with allergies or to hospitals that often have restrictions for what's allowed.

While Carter imagined a career path in something away from flowers, she has definitely found a unique niche in the marketplace. "I have been so grateful for the Holt Post Office and other Holt businesses," Carter says. "Everybody has been so welcoming and kind. It's a really lovely place to have a business in. I live in Holt but it's just been really easy and relaxed to start a business here and that's nice considering all the stressors that go into starting a small business."

***Unwilted is an online-only operation. Customers can view the online store and Unwilted orders ship out next day and arrive within 3-5 business days. Visit Unwilted at [unwilted.com](http://unwilted.com).***





# Children's Therapy Corner helps each child reach their full capacity

**C**hildren's Therapy Corner (CTC) believes in creating a family, home-like atmosphere where children and families can get the rehabilitation and therapeutic services they need. CTC began serving the Greater Lansing Area in 2013. This organization offers services and support for children and their families facing a variety of challenges. CTC provides services such as physical, occupational, and speech-language therapies, specialized treatment for autism spectrum disorders, feeding difficulties, sensory processing, and orthopedic therapy, among others.

According to their website, CTC has been widely received in the Greater Lansing area and has been focusing on expanding their services even more in that region. One area they hope to expand in particular is pediatric services.

With locations in Midland and Traverse City, CTC provides models of care focused completely on each child's specific needs. Those interested in care from the Lansing location can start with a no cost consultation where the team at CTC can get to know each child's history and specific needs and families can learn more about the services available. After the initial consultation, if families decide to move forward with care, the team will put together a customized treatment plan for the child.

CTC has been expanding its Greater Lansing location as well. According to their website, "Our building designs and decorating decisions were made for therapeutic reasons. However, we also created a homelike atmosphere at each location which is conducive to learning and growing while having fun." This includes many different types of spaces, everything from sensory gyms with climbing

platforms, swings, and pillow pits to small quiet rooms for children who need to feel calm and comfortable, to kitchens where children can work on fine motor skills.

***Children's Therapy Corner is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. It is located at 4285 Development Drive in Lansing, 517.706.0421, [childrenstherapycorner.com](http://childrenstherapycorner.com).***





## 2022 SCHEDULE

### April 13, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
To go only - no seating available

### May 18, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
To go only - no seating available

### June 15, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Live Music:** Kathleen & The Bridge Street Band

Limited on-site seating available.

### July 13, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Live Music:** The New Rule

Limited on-site seating available.

### August 17, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Live Music:** Bypass

### Comedy Magic Show

(for the entire family)

Show begins at 5:00 p.m.

Limited on-site seating available.

### September 14, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Live Music:** Showdown

Limited on-site seating available.

### October 12, 2022

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Live Music:** Jake & Shelby

### Spooky Monster Magic Show

(for the entire family)

Show begins at 5:00 p.m.

Limited on-site seating available.



## Holt Food Frenzy

FOOD, FUN & MUSIC!

After a long winter, the Holt Food Frenzy is back this spring and better than ever with a lineup of food trucks, entertainment, and new additions you won't want to miss!

There will be seven Food Frenzys this year instead of six, with an additional event in April due to the overwhelming popularity. April and May will be to-go only, with 15 food trucks in attendance. For the rest of the year, there will be limited seating available and 22 food trucks.

"We're excited to add our new April date and entertainment," said Chuck Grinnell, market manager. "We have a lot of really great things happening this year, and we're looking forward to getting everything back into full swing."

For all news about the Food Frenzy including weather updates, follow along on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HoltFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/HoltFarmersMarket).

*The Food Frenzy is at 2150 Cedar Street in Holt, 517.268.0024,  
[www.holtfoodfrenzy.com](http://www.holtfoodfrenzy.com)*





Delhi Township's first police officer Alvin Hartig (left) with longtime Delhi Township supervisor John B. Fay standing alongside Hartig's patrol car in front of Delhi Township Hall in 1951.



Delhi Township and Ingham County officials posing with the new Oldsmobile patrol car purchased by Delhi Township in 1954, painted to match Ingham County patrol cars.

Delhi Township hired its first police officer, Alvin Hartig, in 1951. Hartig had been a justice of the peace for Delhi Township and a sheriff's deputy for Ingham County for several decades. When he became Delhi Township's first road patrol officer, he was tasked with patrolling the community during the periods of heaviest traffic and reducing accidents in the downtown area. The Township Board purchased a police car in 1951 for Officer Hartig. He was the only officer for just over two years when he resigned and was replaced by Andrew Harton at the end of 1953.

By 1954, Delhi Township had two officers, Harton and Ward Curry. They were placed under the supervision of the Ingham County Sheriff, and the department's new Oldsmobile patrol car was painted to match the county's patrol vehicles. This arrangement was brief, as an independent Delhi Township Police Department was established at the end of 1954. Over the subsequent decades, Delhi Township was policed by an independent department, also under the supervision of the Michigan State Police and Ingham County Sheriff during different periods. Since 1990, Delhi Township has retained a contract with the Ingham County Sheriff's Department for a Delhi Division responsible for the policing of the community.

## Check us out on social media!

Spring time brings Farmers' Markets, Food Frenzys and other local events. Follow us on social to learn more!

Your local resource for all things Holt!

