



# Top performances: Airport boys, Huron girls win Huron League jamboree

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## A PLACE TO CREATE



Located at 14 E. First St. Suite B in downtown Monroe, Kindred & Sol offers space that can be rented hourly for photography sessions, workshops and pop-ups. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KINDRED & SOL

### Downtown studio space offers a creative space for artists and makers

**Lisa Vidaurri Bowling**  
The Monroe News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A dream of having a studio space in downtown Monroe has become a reality for Bailey Hall and Stacey Westbrook. Both Hall and Westbrook are professional photographers. Hall, 37 and a resident from Dundee, owns Marble & Wild Photography and Westbrook, a 47-year-old from Monroe, operates BYP Studio. Together they own and operate Kindred & Sol, a studio available seven days a week by appointment or event-based hours. The space can be rented hourly for photography sessions, workshops and pop-ups. Vendor events, creative class-

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Photographers Stacey Westbrook, left, and Bailey Hall own and operate Kindred & Sol, a studio available seven days a week by appointment or event-based hours.

## Halloween, fall events in Monroe County

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Nearly 70 Halloween and fall events will be offered in Monroe County and nearby areas this October. Among the offerings are five trick-or-treat events and 13 trunk-or-treats. Several of the events feature the Lake Eerie Hexenbrut, the popular local troop of dancing witches. Based on a group in Germany, Lake Eerie Hexenbrut was founded by Monroe choreog-

rapher Valinda Jonas. The women create their own outfits, which include pointy hats and long skirts. They carry brooms and lanterns and perform flash mob-styled dances, according to Monroe News archives. Also set for October is Oct. 25's Haunted Tour of Milan. Visitors will ride in Golden Limousine's trolley bus and hear spooky stories. "The Storyteller" will weave chilling ghost tales interlaced with real, spine-tingling history

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Participants at a previous Luna Pier trunk-or-treat are shown. This year's Luna Pier event is Oct. 15. PROVIDED BY LUNA PURE NUTRITION

### ELECTIONS 2025



Rousseau



Kolar

## Rousseau, Kolar are candidates for Milan mayor

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The Monroe News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Voters in Monroe County have several contested races to decide in the Nov. 4 election. Monroe News sent questionnaires to the candidates in contested races. Below are the responses from the candidates for mayor of Milan: Laura Rousseau and Edward Kolar

#### Laura Rousseau

**Age:** 56  
**Occupation:** Licensed builder  
**Spouse/kids:** I am married and we have one child.  
**Government experience:** My experience is limited to working with local government in planning special events, acquiring permits, licenses and coordinating with law enforcement for road closures, for example. I have also maintained a community presence in raising visibility for issues concerning the disability community.  
**Volunteer/community service experience:** For the last several years, I have participated as a volunteer to support various nonprofit efforts initiated by

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