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I haven't really written anything in a while. Honestly between all that is going on, I've really, had a hard time focusing on any particular thing. Between Ukraine, Gaza, the elections, and the litany of things that Christians Nationalists have put forth to confuse average Americans, it's all so overwhelming. And I feel a bit disappointed in myself and many Americans for the outcome of the election. The fact is that just because Kamala (pronounced CommaLa) lost doesn't mean the people made the right choice. Many people that voted for Trump will suffer along with the many people who didn't. There will finally be some commonality amongst the divided, but unfortunately for all of my friends, particularly those of us who have the most privilege (defined as having the least amount of obstacles to overcome to achieve our dreams), we will witness people struggle and some will not survive. I implore anyone who feels desperate in the coming days, months and years to find someone to lean on and try to survive. We need you and there is someone in your life who can't live without you. If you're all alone, I will lend an ear personally.

Take care everyone, and thank you for voting for All Star Mechanical as the best HVAC company in Lansing during City Pulse's Top of the Town contest. Again. I think it's a threepeat.

Lastly, cling on to something you've enjoyed. Something that you can look forward to find some joy in. As a lifelong sports fan (much less so in the last 15 years due to prioritization) I'm truly excited about my Detroit Lions. My favorite joke in years past is as follows:

When I die, I'd like the Detroit Lions to be my pal bearers at my funeral so they can let me down one last time.

I hope this season they can win the Super Bowl so I have to find a new joke to tell at parties.

This message is brought to you by a left leaning, good-for-nothing, elitist, lazy tree hugging liberal businessman who believes completely that Black Lives Matter, that women should have complete bodily autonomy and that love is love. To my trans friends, I know you are watching us go backwards, that progress seems impossible, but I love you, and I'm terrified of the anger people who don't understand your struggle. I and others will continue to show up for you; this fight is not over.

To anyone reading this and not in agreement, I just would like to you to consider that maybe there's a way you could try to understand, talking, listening, and learning. We are not the enemy within.

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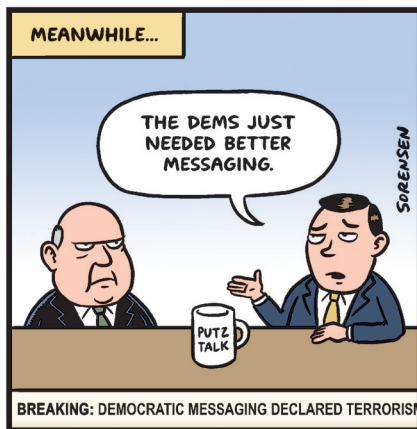
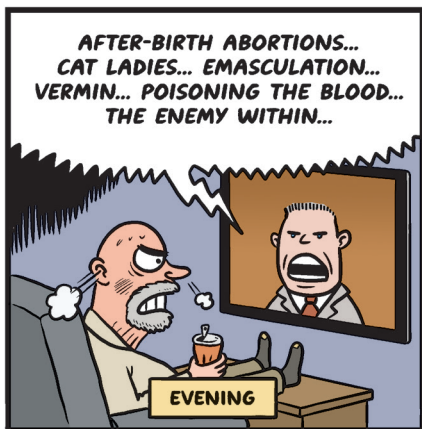
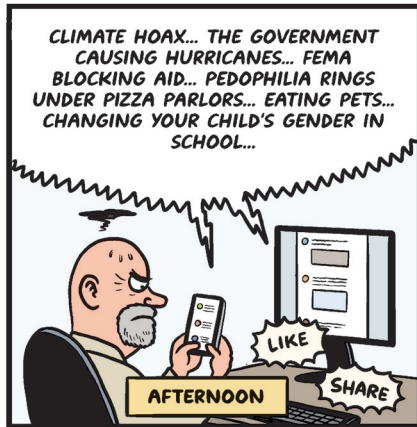
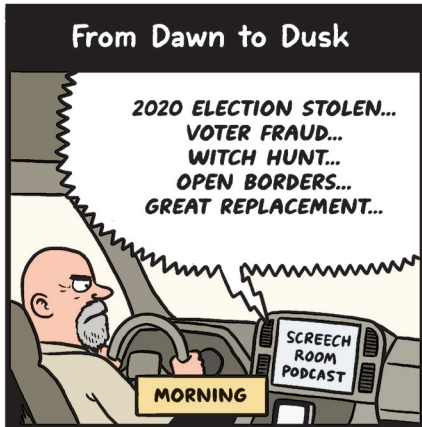
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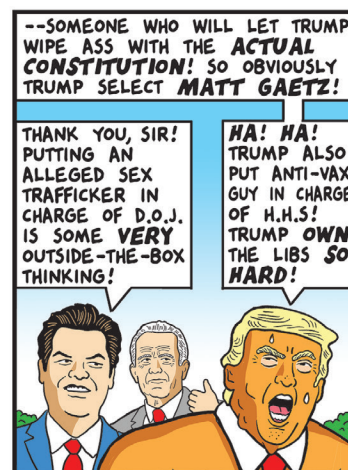
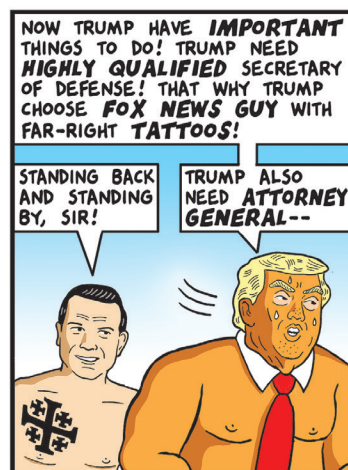
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NEWS &amp; OPINION

# Election fallout

## Local leaders prepare for uphill funding battle

Greater Lansing may be on the tail end of a recent funding renaissance seen under the Biden administration and Michigan's historic Democratic trifecta.

At the state level, the gains included a pair of \$40 million grants to help Lansing build a new City Hall and a three-building, 460-unit downtown housing project known as New Vision Lansing. Those funds were part of a historic \$150 million for Greater Lansing in the state's 2024 budget, while the 2025 budget will add nearly \$80 million more to the region's coffers.

Federally, the Grand River Assembly Plant gained a new lease on life this summer when the U.S. Energy Department issued a \$500 million grant to General Motors to facilitate its conversion to an electric vehicle manufacturing hub and preserve 650 jobs at the plant. Biden's Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill have also led to local highway projects and green energy initiatives.

The true impact of the Nov. 5 election remains to be seen. But with a second Trump term and an incoming Republican majority in Michigan's House of Representatives on the horizon, local Democrats are preparing for a shift in how grants and other state and federal programs and departments operate under the coming regime.

"My suspicion," speculated Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox, "is that in the next few years, we're all going to have to be talking about making better use of local resources and how the tax system in the state works, because federal assistance is likely to dry up in a lot of different areas like housing, health and the environment."

State Sen. Sarah Anthony, D-Lansing, and state Rep. Angela Witwer,



Courtesy Gentilozzi Real Estate

Winning a \$40 million grant as part of \$150 million in state support to Lansing area projects in the fiscal 2024-'25 budget was instrumental to the Gentilozzi family's New Vision Lansing plan, a \$270 million project that includes Tower on Grand, shown in this rendering.

D-Delta Township, have chaired their respective appropriations committees since Democrats won all three state government branches in 2022. Under their fiscal leadership, Greater Lansing saw its chunk of the pie increase dramatically.

It was the first time in nearly four decades that Michigan Democrats held unilateral control over the Governor's Office and state Legislature. However, now that House Republicans have won a 58-52 majority next year, a Republican appropriations chair will displace Witwer.

"With the house flipping, I will be negotiating the budget alongside a Republican state representative who will likely be coming in with a differ-

ent set of values. I anticipate there being some tension points on the issues we are trying to negotiate," Anthony said.

While this means that Greater Lansing communities will lose some influence over that process, Anthony also noted that, regardless of how the state and national races played out, some reductions were unavoidable.

"Things were inevitably going to change from an investment standpoint, because much of our one-time COVID money from the federal government has largely been spent," she said.

Anthony said her party will need to emphasize working across the aisle in order to try and preserve some of the

progress over the last few years.

"Whether it is environmental protections or the education budget, the Republicans have by and large voted against most of these measures. I can't predict how they'll vote in the future, or what things that they may look to cut, but I'm open to doing things that don't completely reverse what we've been able to uplift," she said.

One positive for Anthony is that she and her Democratic peers "are already used to being in the minority."

"This is the first time in a generation that any of us have had any power, and that has also been a testament to the fact that we are used to working across the aisle to still be effective. So, I don't want it to feel like doom and gloom quite yet, because we still have some work that we can get done — even within a split government," she said.

She cited the Michigan Reconnect Program, which provides free tuition at select Michigan universities and colleges for adults without college degrees, as one "nonpartisan" effort both parties agreed on in the past.

"Most of us are now laser focused on economic issues," she said, citing it as a key area for compromise in the coming term. "If the Republicans at the state level are echoing the same message that their federal colleagues were on the economy, then I'm assuming we can focus on those issues and stay away from some of the other pieces."

With the state's 2025 budget already locked in, Greater Lansing has one more guaranteed year of state-funded projects on the way. However, now that the Republicans have taken control over the White House and both chambers of Congress, changes at the federal level could also trickle down into local af-



Alan Fox



Sarah Anthony

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## CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Transformational Brownfield Plan #87 – New Vision Lansing pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for properties commonly referred to as New Vision Lansing Project located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

Address	Legal Description	Parcel ID
125 EAST WASHTEN-AW	E 63 FT LOT 6 BLOCK 114 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-404-151
217 SOUTH GRAND	COM AT SW COR LOT 4, TH S 12 FT, E 91 FT, N 74.9 FT, W 30 FT, S 5 FT, W 61 FT, S 57.9 FT TO BEG; BLOCK 113 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-402-041
213 SOUTH GRAND	COM SW COR LOT 2, TH E 31 FT, N 10 FT, E 65.07 FT, S 03DEG 05MIN E 79.8 FT +/- TO A PT 3.75 FT S OF N LINE LOT 4, W 9.1 FT +/- TO A PT 91 FT E OF W LINE LOT 4, N .65 FT, W 30 FT, S 5 FT, W 61 FT, N 74.1 FT TO BEG; BLOCK 113 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-402-032
0 EAST WASHTEN-AW	PART OF LOTS 3, 4 & 5, BLOCK 113, ORIGINAL PLAT, CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3, BLOCK 113; THENCE S89°54'07"E, 30.73 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 3; THENCE N00°05'53."E, 10.00 FEET; THENCE S89°54'07"E, 65.07 FEET; THENCE S02°51'46"E, 13.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE CONTINUING S89°54'07"E, 46.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 4 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK 113; THENCE S02°10'40"E, 140.03 FEET; THENCE N89°54'29"W, 57.39 FEET; THENCE N00°00'00"E, 74.25 FEET ALONG A LINE 91.0 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF GRAND AVENUE; THENCE S89°54'07"E, 8.77 FEET ALONG A LINE 3.75 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 4, BLOCK 113; THENCE NO2°51'46"W, 79.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.	33-01-01-16-402-064
222 S GRAND	S 1/2 LOT 4 BLOCK 114 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-404-171
211 S WASHINGTON	LOTS 3 & 10 ALSO N 1/2 LOT 4, N 32 FT OF E 40 FT LOT 8, S 2/3 OF E 50 FT LOT 9, N 1/3 LOT 9 & S 21 FT LOT 11 BLOCK 114 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-404-031
209 S WASHINGTON SQ	W 117 FT OF N 45 FT LOT 11; BLOCK 114 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-404-022
203 S WASHINGTON SQ	S 2/3 OF W 6 R LOT 12 BLOCK 114 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-404-011
108 S WASHINGTON SQ	S 44 FT LOTS 1 & 2 ALSO N 64 3/8 FT LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 110 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-325-051

100 S WASHINGTON SQ	N 48 1/8 FT LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 110 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-325-081
221 N WALNUT ST	LOT 3 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-131
215 N WALNUT ST	LOT 4 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-121
209 N WALNUT ST	E 87.5 FT LOT 5 & W 28 FT OF N 54 FT OF E 7 R LOT 5 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-111
201 N WALNUT ST	E 83.5 FT LOT 6 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-101
406 W OTTAWA ST	S 12 FT OF W 28 FT OF E 7 R LOT 5 & W 32 FT OF E 7 R LOT 6 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-091
412 W OTTAWA ST	W 3 R LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-081
416 W OTTAWA ST	W 1/2 OF E 2/3 LOTS 7 & 8 & COM AT NE COR LOT 8, TH S 34 FT, W 40 FT, S 98 FT, W 15 FT, N 132 FT, E 55 FT TO BEG; BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-071
420 W OTTAWA ST	W 1/2 OF E 2/3 LOTS 7 & 8 & COM AT NE COR LOT 8, TH S 34 FT, W 40 FT, S 98 FT, W 15 FT, N 132 FT, E 55 FT TO BEG; BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-061
426 W OTTAWA ST	W 55 FT LOT 7 & W 55 FT OF S 23 FT LOT 8 BLOCK 93 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-158-051
1223 Turner Street	LOT 11 & N 22 FT LOT 12, MOSELY, HOWARD & OTHERS SUB OF A PART OF BLOCK 11, & LOTS 2, 3 & 4, BLOCK 11 ORIG PLAT, ALSO VAC STS & ALLEYS THEREIN BLOCK 11 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-09-254-011
Cesar Chavez Ave	COM AT SE COR LOT 1, MOSELEY, HOWARD AND OTHERS SUB; TH N89°47'55"W 109.15 FT; N00°46'31"E 122 FT; TH N89°47'55"W 2.63 FT; TH N00°03'47"W .57 FT TO POB; TH N89°13'29"W 36.96 FT; TH N00°46'31"E 4.58 FT; TH N89°13'29"W 19.16 FT; TH S 00°46'31"W 4.58 FT; TH N89°13'29"W 5.73 FT; TH N 02°29'37E 119.38 FT; TH S89°47'55"E 56.52 FT; TH S00°03'47"E 119.90 FT TO POB.16 ACRES CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY SPLIT/COMBINED ON 01/10/2019 FROM 33-01-01-09-254-021;	33-01-01-09-254-023
Turner Street	LOT 1 & S 78 FT LOT 2 MOSELY, HOWARD AND OTHERS SUB OF A PART OF BLOCK 11	33-01-01-09-254-031
116 W. Ottawa Street	E 43 FT LOT 7 BLOCK 96 ORIG PLAT	33-01-01-16-181-051

Approval of this Transformational Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Chelsea Dowler, Projects Coordinator, Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq, Suite. 101, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-898-1709.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov).

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airs.

Based on comments by Vice President-elect JD Vance on the campaign trail, the Grand River Assembly Plant grant could be on the chopping block. This fall, both floated the possibility of pulling back those funds and other unspent Inflation Reduction Act funds.

“They said they couldn’t guarantee the money was still coming, but I have not heard anything new since the election,” Lansing Mayor Andy Schor

Trump



Andy Schor

said. “I will say that having the ability to make batteries here in Lansing for EV cars is a big deal. People can still choose internal combustion, of course, but it’s great if they choose electric. With the GM grant, we’ll have options.”

Though he acknowledged the possibility of Trump following through on revoking those funds, Schor said he’s still confident at this point that they’ll be disbursed as promised. If they’re not, he added, GM could take legal action.

Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce President Tim Daman said he’ll

be keeping an eye on how that saga unfolds.

“I look at the EV industry as being a very early market right now, and it’s only going to continue to grow. We think it’s certainly important for our region,” he said. “Unfortunately, that industry has become a bit of a political hot potato, and there was a lot of speculation



Tim Daman

on both sides on what that future looks like. We’re going to be following it closely.”

The possibility ties into a larger Republican effort to cut down

on Biden-era green energy initiatives. According to a 2021 New York Times report, Trump rolled back over 100 environmental regulations and policies during his first term. The majority were tied to emissions standards, which Trump has said hurt the auto industry.



Soren Anderson

Michigan State University economics Professor Soren Anderson, who studies energy and the environment, said Trump wouldn’t have much trouble reversing or loosening environmental protections.

“At the federal level, under the existing regulatory authority of the EPA, there’s broad authority for

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the presidential administration to be able to scale back environmental regulations. Without doing any legislation at all, they can just revise the regulations on how stringent environmental policy should be," he said.

Because Michigan communities

"depend" on federal dollars to fund a sizable portion of their environmental programs, Anderson said state leaders will need to "be more active and decisive on what levels of environmental protections we want" during Trump's term.

Another federal agency that could be gutted is the U.S. Education Department.



Josh Cowen

Trump and his allies, including Michigan native Betsy DeVos, his first-term education secretary, have proposed abolishing it altogether.

Josh Cowen, an MSU education policy professor, said doing so would be "a heavy lift" for Republicans.

"They want to do it. But

even if they're unable to directly eliminate the department, they're going to try, and probably succeed in some cases, to get rid of funding for programs that monitor discrimination against vulnerable kids," Cowen said.

Most of Michigan's education funding comes from the state or local sources, Cowen explained, but the department remains the "chief anti-dis-

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## **CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

**Date of Publication:** 11/20/2024  
City of East Lansing  
410 Abbot Road  
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On or after Tuesday December 3, 2024, the City of East Lansing will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** CAHP Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

**Purpose:** The City of East Lansing will enter into a subrecipient contract agreement with Capital Area Housing Partnership (CAHP) to administer the City's Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

**Location:** The City of East Lansing's Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is available City-wide to income-eligible East Lansing homeowners.

**Project/Program Description:** The City of East Lansing Homeowner Rehabilitation Program provides up to \$24,999 in CDBG funds for weatherization, lead-based paint remediation, and home improvements/code violations. The program is available city-wide, to income-eligible households. Common projects include roof replacements, energy efficient windows and doors, electrical and mechanical upgrade. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

**Level of Environmental Review Citation:** 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

**Tier 2 Site Specific Review:** The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

- Flood Insurance [Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [24 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]]
- Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]
- Endangered Species [Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402]
- Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55]
- Historic Preservation [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly section 106 & 110; 36 CFR Part 800]
- Noise Abatement and Control [Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B]
- Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 & 5]
- Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898]

### **Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):**

- **Flood Insurance:** Staff will work with Capital Area Housing Partnership to analyze the specific property location and determine whether it is within a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. Under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, properties located within a designated 100-year floodplain, as indicated on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map published by the Federal Insurance Administration, are not eligible for program participation.
- **Contamination and Toxic Substances:** Staff will work with Capital Area Housing Partnership to determine whether each specific property location is located near toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants.
- **Endangered Species:** Given that there are no critical habitats located within the City of East Lansing, staff believe it is unlikely that a specific property rehabilitation would have a significant, adverse impact on a listed species or habitat. However, the site location and project scope will be analyzed to ensure there is no significant, adverse impact on a listed species or habitat.
- **Floodplain Management:** Staff will work with Capital Area Housing Partnership to analyze the specific property location and determine whether it is within a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. Under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, properties located within a designated 100-year floodplain, as indicated on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map published by the Federal Insurance Administration, are not eligible for program participation.

- **Historic Preservation:** Staff will work with Capital Area Housing Partnership to submit a Section 106 review to the State Historic Preservation Office on each property to determine whether the rehabilitation project will have any impact on historic properties.
- **Noise Abatement and Control:** Based on what homeowner rehabilitation work is being done on the specific property, that will impact whether standardized noise attenuation measures are being met as encouraged by HUD.
- **Wetlands Protection:** Staff will work with Capital Area Housing Partnership to analyze the specific property location and project scope to determine whether the project will have an adverse impact on wetlands within the City of East Lansing.
- **Environmental Justice:** Once all other factors are analyzed, then staff will work with Capital Area Housing Partnership to analyze the environmental justice impact of each property rehabilitation.

**Estimated Project Cost:** Up to \$252,369.66 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per give citation listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at East Lansing City Hall (410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. You may also view this ERR on the City of East Lansing website at the following link: <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/2458/Active-Public-Notices>

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of East Lansing. All comments received by Monday, December 2, 2024, will be considered by the City of East Lansing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of East Lansing certifies to HUD that Robert Belleman, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of East Lansing to use HUD program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the *name of RE*; (b) the *RE* has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or [DetroitCPD@hud.gov](mailto:DetroitCPD@hud.gov)**. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Date: November 20, 2024  
Robert Belleman, City Manager (Certifying Officer)  
City of East Lansing  
410 Abbot Road  
East Lansing MI 48823

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crimination authority in schools.”  
 “Michigan is no longer going to be able to count on the federal government to protect every program that supports low-income, minority and special needs students. That means we’re going to have to double down to make sure those kids are taken care of, if it comes to that, even if it means we’ve got to spend our own money,” he said.



Chuck Alberts

Additionally, Cowen added, “high needs districts” like Detroit, Flint and Lansing benefit more from federal funding than others in the state.

Lansing Schools Education Association President Chuck Alberts said this is especially the case for local

students through the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which provides free accommodations for special needs students.

Alberts noted that more than 1,000 district students are in special education programs, while roughly 15% of Michigan’s total special education funding comes from federal sources.

“Whenever you have any candidate talking about dismantling the U.S. Department of Education, that’s something to be concerned about,” he said. “It goes way beyond funding. It’s about equal access to services and rights for families and kids. I think we have to treat it as if it’s real until we see otherwise,” he said.

At the county level, Fox is preparing for the possibility that Trump’s term could also include efforts to scale back public funding to bolster the nation’s aging housing stock.

“The bulk of the money that has come into housing recently has been federal money funneled through the state,” he said. “The real question is, what’s going to happen with that money in the new administration?”

Fox suspects that projects like the ongoing conversion of the old Walter French school to a housing complex for low-income renters, which was partially funded through federal American Rescue Plan Act money, will be far less common under a GOP trifecta.

“There are worries that the new Congress and administration could pull back money that hasn’t been spent yet, even if it’s already been committed for projects that are already underway. That’s the most ex-

treme possibility right now,” Fox said.  
 The county is at least partially insulated against those concerns, thanks to its Housing Trust Fund, established in 2022 through a \$9 million ARPA grant, as well as a recently approved county housing and homeless millage increase that’s expected to add \$5.6 million annually through 2027.

Ingham County Chair Ryan Sebolt echoed Fox in noting that most of those funds were intended to be paired with state and federal matches.

“We use that money, in part, to help leverage additional funds to make those projects go forward,” Sebolt said. “Will we be able to stretch those dollars as far as we could have? Or are we going to

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

### PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING STARTS AT 6PM

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Boyd Rentals located at 445 Division Street. The applicant is requesting approval for new metal roof edging and to add gutters and downspouts.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Prudence Fowler located at 1023 W. Grand River Avenue. The applicant is requesting approval for the addition of wood railing to the previously approved wood front porch and installation of a six-foot wood privacy fence along the east side of the property.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the City of East Lansing located in the public right of way at 207 and 211 N. Harrison Road. The applicant is requesting approval to replace the deteriorated retaining wall with stacked block.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Susan Whalls located at 352 University Drive. The applicant is requesting approval to install a six-foot wood privacy fence on the sides and rear of the property.

Owners of structures containing more than four (4) dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons are requested to post this notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for the public hearing will be published on the City’s website the Friday before the meeting. To locate staff reports, please visit the City’s public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/> and select the meeting date.

For more information on the request please contact Alycia Reiten at (517) 319-6941 or [areiten@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:areiten@cityofeastlansing.com). Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City’s website located at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications). Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to [coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com).

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building, and Development Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at [ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com).

Marie E. Wicks  
 City Clerk

Dated: November 14, 2024  
 East Lansing, MI 48823

### Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA), Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Water Resources Division (WRD) and the City of Lansing, Michigan.

This is to give notice that HUD under 24 CFR Part 50 has determined that the following proposed action under HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program is located in the 100-year and 500-year floodplains, and HUD will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is at 220 E. Kalamazoo Street in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. The extent of the Special Flood Hazard Areas was determined using FEMA National Emergency Flood Hazard Layer Map 26065C0131D effective 8/16/2011 and confirmed through an ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey. The proposed project includes the demolition of the current (vacant) commercial building which is currently partially located within the 100-yr floodplain and the existing parking lot, and the construction of a new 4-story, approximately 20,406SF building containing 63 residential units and approximately 2,130SF of commercial space. The proposed project will provide 28 RAD Project-based Rental Assistance (PBRA) units, 28 project-based Voucher (PBV) units and 7 market rate rental units. The proposed building will be constructed in the western portion of the site, outside of the 100-yr floodplain; however, the northern portion of the proposed paved parking lot and the driveway off will be Cherry Street will be located within the 100-yr floodplain; the remainder will be developed with sidewalk or maintained as landscaped yard

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts within the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in a floodplain it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by HUD at the following address on or before November 28, 2024: HUD Office of Recapitalization, Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 W. Jackson Blvd, Room 2301, Chicago, IL 60604, Attention: Ladrenna A. Figueroa, Branch Chief or via phone at (312) 913-8290. A full description of the project may be reviewed upon request from the HUD Office of Recapitalization at the address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [Ladrenna.A.Figueroa@hud.gov](mailto:Ladrenna.A.Figueroa@hud.gov).

Date: November 13, 2024

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have to be more narrowly focused?”

If housing grants do wane under the GOP, Fox said the county’s housing efforts “will just have to happen more creatively.”

“We always knew that at some point the politics wouldn’t be as good as they’ve been for the past two years. Now is that time,” he said. “In the past, there was a sense that you could rely on agencies continuing to do what they’ve been doing. Now, you have people around Trump who say they’re going to make radical changes from the get-go by installing new people and disrupting how things are done normally. I take those as serious possibilities.”

Going forward, Fox added, local municipalities will likely have to lean on

even more private investment to secure the proper funding mix. While losing Witwer’s appropriation authority “is a blow,” he said, “we still do have a considerable amount of influence and ability to find resources. It’s just going to happen in different ways.”

While Lansing stands to lose the most in the tri-county region, smaller nearby municipalities like Meridian Township tend to be more “self-sufficient,” Supervisor Scott Hendrickson said.

“By and large, we’re not reliant on federal funding. The takeaway for us is that it’s nice to have those dollars, but we don’t budget around it. At moments like this, when there’s such upheaval at the federal level, we’re very glad that we don’t,” Hendrickson said.

However, both Schor and Hendrick-

son agreed that some programs, like state revenue sharing, remain important to both communities.

“We saw stagnating revenue sharing coming down from the state over the course of the Republican trifecta years, and we’d obviously prefer to continue the trend of the last couple of years where we saw increases,” Hendrickson said.

Schor noted that some Republican leaders may resist major cuts to policies like the Inflation Reduction Act, of which

“more than half has gone to red states and communities.”

“My expectation is that Trump’s administration will look at those numbers, see that it actually has been fair across the board and keep that money coming. If they don’t, there could be significant pushback from Republican mayors and legislators,” Schor said.

At the state level, longtime Ingham County Commissioner Mark Grebner said Michigan Democrats need to “grab everything they can” in the lame duck period before the party’s trifecta expires. Once it does, he added, incoming Republican Michigan House Speaker Matt Hall “can simply not allow something to be scheduled or voted on.”

“That means the only things they’ll get through will be deals cut between

the two parties. Everything is going to be either minor or a compromise where the Republicans gain something out of it,” he said.

There is one facet of state government where he believes the Michigan Democrats are flying high, however.

“People ought to realize that the Republicans have now been completely run out of the Supreme Court,” he said, noting that the recent election of judges Kyra Harris Bolden and Kimberly Ann Thomas has ushered in a 6-1 liberal majority.

“It’s kind of like the U.S. Supreme Court in reverse. The courts here are just getting better all the time for Democrats,” Grebner said. “I don’t know when the Republicans can ever take it back.”

Grebner believes the court will be able to use that majority to strengthen individual rights and protections through a “very deliberate interpretation of the state constitution.”

“We’re going to find all kinds of rights and protections in it. I think the state courts have already been leaning in that direction, but they’re going to lean a lot further now,” he said.

Aside from the courts, however, Democrats like Anthony are preparing for an uphill climb.

“By and large, most folks on the Democratic side are doing a lot of soul searching right now,” she said. “What are the issues that we should actually be championing going forward?”

— TYLER SCHNEIDER



Ryan Sebolt



Scott Hendrickson



Mark Grebner

### NOTICE OF CITYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY NEEDS HEARING

TO: Citizens of the City of Lansing

FROM: Andy Schor, Mayor

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing Planning Board will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities and economic development. As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Lansing is in the development stages of its Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 which covers the time period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

The annual planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the following block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These program funds have been historically used for such activities as: housing rehabilitation, weatherization, public services, economic development, public improvements, new construction, down payment assistance and programs/services to assist the homeless.

The City encourages participation at public hearings to allow citizens an opportunity to provide input and indicate needs, views and proposals for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG program funds, more specifically regarding housing and non-housing community development needs within the City of Lansing relevant to preparation of the plan.

Comments received will be considered in drafting the City’s Annual Action Plan. The proposed use of CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds will be submitted to Lansing City Council for approval. Please note that identifying housing and community development needs in the Lansing area is a community effort and public participation is strongly encouraged.

*This is an opportunity for all citizens and neighborhood organizations to participate in the planning process and influence future programming and use of these federally funded programs.*

PLACE: Neighborhood Empowerment Center  
600 W. Maple Street  
Lansing, MI

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

If you cannot participate in the hearing and wish to submit comments, or if you have questions about the public hearing, please contact Doris Witherspoon, Senior Planner of the City of Lansing Planning/Development Office, 316 North Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI, [doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov](mailto:doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov), (517) 483-4063.

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### WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting November 13, 2024 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Eyster, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Budget Amendments
- Revisions to Neighborhood Road Policy
- Revisions to Wind Energy Regulations (dated 7-27-24), Section 8.02, Subsection KK
- Revisions to Solar Energy Regulations (dated 7-27-24), Section 8.02, Subsection QQ
- Revisions to Energy Storage Facilities Regulations (dated 7-27-24), Section 8.02, Subsection TT
- Request to ICRD for road improvements to Barry and Turner Rd., & revert Hart Rd. to gravel, at an estimated total cost of \$293,745
- Obligation of ARPA funds of \$127,543 to revenue loss and roadwork via Resolution #133-2024
- Planning Commission appointments of Jill Cutshaw & Gwen Brandon (both expire 2027)
- Compensation Commission re-appointment of David Foran (expires 12-5-29)
- Compensation Commission appointments of Jill Cutshaw (expires 12-5-28) and Mickey Martin (expires 12-5-25)

The next regular Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit [williamstownmi.gov](http://williamstownmi.gov) for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193. Robin A. Cleveland, Township Clerk

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# On the election: 'Headwinds,' Arab Americans, ineffective messaging

(Matt Grossman is a political science professor and director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University. His interview with City Pulse editor and publisher Berl Schwartz has been edited for clarity and condensed.)

## Surprises?

The main surprise is the paucity of Harris' gains.

We had been in a realignment for two presidential elections in a row, which meant that although there was a shift overall, there usually were some shifts in the other direction. They were quite limited this time, basically with up around Traverse City moving toward Harris. There were no compensating gains for the losses that the Democrats had.



## Why didn't Arab Americans come home to the Democrats?

There are plenty of Arab American voters who are relatively conservative. Gaza pushed them to the Republican side even if they usually vote for Democrats. In addition, there was a high third-party support (for Jill Stein) that presumably had more of a straight line from those uncommitted voters.

## Why didn't Michigan Democrats turn out for Harris in the numbers they did for Biden?

We were one of only seven states with increased turnout. There were high levels of participation, although it was down in Detroit. You can't just conclude from vote totals that there weren't high levels of participation because those vote totals also include people who switched sides, and there was some of that as well. The thing people get

wrong is they think that there's a big trade-off between mobilization and persuasion when, actually, the kinds of things that make people turn out to vote for your candidate also make them swing toward your candidate.

In this election, the explanation that people were upset with the Biden administration and upset with the inflationary economy applies to both. It applies to winning over more swing voters to the Republican side and mobilizing more people to the Republican side than the Democratic side.

## Why else did Trump win?

The closing message was the most normal in a presidential election. It was, "OK, just compare my administration to the Biden administration, and mine was better." He could move the debate to just having people compare things, especially because people now view the first Trump administration with rose-colored glasses.

Democrats said, "Look at all these horrible things that Trump has done," even though they repeatedly hear back in research that those aren't the

most effective messages. The most effective messages are about what Harris would do because people have already made up their minds about Trump and hadn't about Harris. They took those to heart, but that doesn't mean it was enough to switch people.

However, we always want to take the losing campaign and say what went wrong. But in this case, Harris overperformed in the swing states, as did Democratic Senate candidates. It could be that everything the campaigns were doing on the Democratic side worked better than what they were doing on the Republican side. It's just that it was not enough to overcome national winds that were moving toward the Republicans.

## What national winds?

Every incumbent party this year has lost vote share worldwide, and voters tend to credit themselves with wage gains and blame the government for price increases. Also, Biden's approval rating would've been the lowest on which the incumbent party has been

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## INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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Please call Berl Schwartz at (517) 999-5061 or email him at [publisher@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:publisher@lansingcitypulse.com).

Gimlet

Meet Gimlet! This sweet 1.5-year-old Rottweiler mix is looking for a loving forever home. Gimlet was rescued from a tough situation and is still gaining back his strength, but his loving spirit is already shining through. He's a social guy who absolutely loves people and is always ready for some cuddles and attention. While he's still working on getting to a healthy weight, his playful personality and affectionate nature will win you over in no time.

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Minotaur

and his siblings are older kittens who came to us from another shelter. We don't know much about their past but they said they are sweet friendly cats, They are a little scared right now from all the changes but they are already settling in and are anxious to find new homes!

In memory of Rodica's cats

Lizard Man

came to the shelter with his friend Faun when their owner moved and left them behind. They were pretty scared at first but once they settled in they became outgoing friendly boys. They love attention and should do well in just about any cat loving home!

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Pear Blossom

Meet Pear Blossom, a 3-year-old Beagle mix who is looking for a fresh start! Pear Blossom is as sweet as her name suggests, though she's a bit shy and fearful in the shelter environment. She's curious about other dogs and would likely enjoy the company of a dog sibling to help her feel more comfortable and confident. With time, patience, and gentle care, Pear Blossom is sure to become a loving and loyal companion.

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Not all cats are great candidates for living in a home full time. Our "Blue Collar Cats" are working cats who are used to being outside and would love a warehouse, barn, garage, etc where they can stay out of the weather and get fed but still have access to roam. They are friendly but have definite ideas on how much attention they are interested in getting at any particular time!

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Mojito

came to the shelter with his friend Whiskey Sour when they were left behind when their owner moved away. They were a little worried when they first came to us but have blossomed into friendly cats who love attention. They are not pushy about but if you open the kennel and reach in to pet them, they come out to give you gentle head butts asking for more!

Sponsored by Susan's cats

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reelected. So that was also a significant headwind for the Democrats.

### Why did Slotkin win, albeit narrowly?

We have survey data that asked people to rate the candidates on an ideological spectrum, and they did rate Harris substantially more liberal than Slotkin and Biden between them. The median voter placed themselves closer to Trump and closer to Slotkin than Rogers. She won over more Trump voters than Rogers won over Harris voters. But there's also just who is voting in each election, and it appears that more Trump voters didn't make it further down the ballot than Harris voters.

### Did Michigan Democrats dwell too much on abortion, which was settled in 2022?

We definitely learned that the 2022 election was an aberration because of the abortion referendum on the ballot. It led to a different electorate than normal that was younger and cared more about abortion. We learned that it didn't benefit Democrats as much as they expected in this cycle. Overall, though, the evidence is not strong that it helped even in the states where it was under a potential threat. So, I don't know that that specific circumstance made it ineffective.

I think it's just a different environment where other issues were higher

on the voters' agendas, and I will say Trump also did his best to try to inoculate himself. He knew this was an area of vulnerability and tried to make it clear that he was not for a national abortion ban. There's a long-running pattern where he can get away with seeming more moderate on this issue because no one ever believes he was a strong pro-lifer.

### What advice do you have for Democrats for 2026?

The main thing that helps in the midterms is that you have an incumbent party at the national level to run against. And chances are strong that Trump will continue to make unpopular moves while in office, that the Republican Congress will make unpopular moves as well and that they will overshoot the voter and swing things back in the other direction. That is the normal pattern. That's not advice to the Democrats, but it's just to say that history already favors the Democrats to win the next election.

They have to do something to go back to these Arab-American voters, potentially making use of what happens in the Trump administration, where I don't expect them to get what they want, and try to rebuild that relationship and trust.

They also need to stop assuming that young voters will vote for them and vote in large numbers.

The 2022 election was, as I said, an aberration because of that abortion referendum, and so I don't think they can count on that same electorate showing up in 2026. They have

to be in better touch with those potential voters earlier in the campaign. In terms of issue coverage, the Democrats should finally learn the lesson about talking about Donald Trump, even though there are tons of things that people hate about him personally. Those kinds of messages just have not been as effective as the more traditional policy messages.

So, suppose Donald Trump personally does a bunch of crazy things in office, and the Republican Congress passes bills that reduce, say, Medicaid funding. There'll be the temptation to focus on the crazy things that Trump is doing personally. But it's the direct policy backlash that is the more likely scenario.

### We have already seen Trump seek recess appointments and offer a few controversial nominations – Gaetz, Hegseth, RFK Jr. Are you confident or even hopeful that systems will keep us from veering far off path?

There's definitely a reason to be concerned about democratic backsliding in the U.S., especially about the fact that Trump is very prepared to expand executive power under the second administration and test the limits more than he did in the first administration with more compliant executive branch officials and more assurance that Congress will back him up.

I don't expect Trump to be able to get all his executive branch nominees through in recess appointments or outside of recess appointments. The House Republican majority will be small and prone to factionalism as it has been, and the

legislative calendar is such that the expiring tax cuts at the end of the year will be the main subject of policy discussion for the next year.

I think Congress will change less than people expect from the previous Trump term. However, the executive branch changes are potentially more severe, especially if they succeed in reclassifying many employees and then engaging in mass firing. That would signify more possibility for change in the Executive Branch.

### How significant a role did misogyny and racism play in the election?

Misogyny, racism and other kinds of related attitudes are already strongly related to partisanship and partisan voting patterns. I don't think they made any more of a difference in this election than in previous elections. Kamala Harris ran a very different campaign than Hillary Clinton in not emphasizing that she would be the first woman president and placed even less emphasis on race than Obama '08.

Also, even among racial minority voters, there are divisions about racial issues that correspond to broader cultural disagreements and where there are conservative members. Some people in all minority groups are slowly moving toward the party with which they agree on those and other issues.

That said, I think it's going to be a while before the major parties nominate a woman candidate again because they tend to interpret these losses along those lines.

#### CITY OF GRAND LEDGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, 25 November 2024, to consider and receive public input on an ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 24 – Parks and Park Facilities. The proposed ordinance is available for review on the City's website at [www.cityofgrandledge.com](http://www.cityofgrandledge.com) and at the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The online stream can be accessed at <https://www.zoom.us> with the Meeting ID: 896 5001 1666, or by calling +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 305 224 1968 US, +1 309 205 3325 US, +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 507 473 4847 US, +1 564 217 2000 US, +1 669 444 9171 US, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose), +1 689 278 1000 US, +1 719 359 4580 US, +1 253 205 0468 US, +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma), +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), +1 360 209 5623 US, +1 386 347 5053 US, +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) with Meeting ID: 896 5001 1666.

The City Council invites anyone interested to attend in person and offer comments at the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed or delivered to Elected or Appointed Officials at 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, placed in the drop box in front of City Hall, or emailed to [cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com). All written comments will be considered if received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing. Please call (517) 627-2149 or email [cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com) for further information or to request accommodations for disabilities.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

CP#24-730

#### ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, December 3, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the Oneida Charter Township Hall, located at 11041 Oneida Rd., Grand Ledge, Michigan, 48837 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is for the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear and decide upon an interpretation of the text of the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Sections 10.04, 11.04, and 12.04 concerning parking lot location.

The above-referenced Zoning Ordinance Sections are available for review in the office of the Zoning Administrator Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Anyone having questions or needing assistance during or prior to the hearing can contact the Zoning Administrator, Melissa Goschka at 517-622-8078.

Written comments concerning the zoning text interpretation will be accepted until Monday, December 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Oneida Charter Township Clerk's Office.

Jacqueline Kilgore  
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**Clifton Wharton Jr., MSU's president from 1970 to '78 and the first Black president of a major university, died Saturday at 98. The Wharton Center for Performing Arts was named after Wharton and his wife, Delores, in 1982.**

He oversaw building MSU's first superconducting cyclotron, creating the MSU Foundation and launching its first capital campaign. Wharton also served as chancellor of the State University of New York, CEO of

a Fortune 500 company, TIAA-CREF chairman and CEO and deputy secretary of state in President Clinton's administration. His wife of 74 years and son, Bruce, survive him. The family requests gifts go to MSU's Clifton and Dolores Wharton Legacy Fund, which benefits the Wharton Center's endowment fund.

**Holy Cross Services fired CEO Ryan Kunzelman, who said it was for disagreeing with board members over services to the LGBTQ+ community.**

Board attorney Kathleen Klaus' termination letter gave no specific reason, but Kunzelman said the board instructed employees to no longer promote the "lifestyle" of LGBTQ+ people, including not recruiting foster care parents at Pride events and restricting purchases for transgender youth.

More than a dozen employees protested outside Holy Cross, advocating for LGBTQ+ people. Klaus said the board named Steve Adamecyk interim CEO and Sharon Berkobien interim president.



**Former Delta Township Supervisor Ken Fletcher waived his right to a preliminary examination in Eaton County District Court and will fight criminal charges in circuit court.**

He resigned in September after arraignment on allegations of accosting a child for immoral purposes and using a computer to commit a crime. Fletcher was reelected Nov 5 with 89% of the vote. He can be sworn in on

Jan. 1, either to serve or resign, or vacate the position. Township Clerk Mary Clark has served as interim supervisor.

**The MSU chapter of Turning Point USA has urged the university to discipline tenured psychology Professor Alexa Veenema after she sent a post-election email to students calling supporters of President-elect Donald Trump "naïve."**

She also said they supported "misogyny, racism, xenophobia, hate, and violence." Alex Bitzan, the conservative political organization's president, said the email violated three faculty policies and initiated making a formal complaint against Veenema. No disciplinary actions against Veenema have been reported.



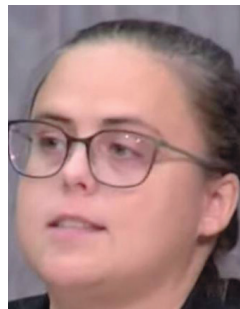
**A 13-year-old Onondaga girl was killed in a crash between two SUVs at the intersection of Holt and College roads.** Her father was driving one of the SUVs and he and his three children were hospitalized for seemingly non-life-threatening injuries, Ingham County deputies said. But the girl died after surgery for an unspecified injury or ailment. A 20-year-old Delhi Township woman was driving the other vehicle eastbound



on Holt Road when she turned northbound into the path of the westbound SUV. She did not need medical attention.

**Lansing Charter Commission members voted unanimously Nov. 12 to recommend allowing some candidates with felony convictions to run for or be appointed to public office.**

Several residents have called for commissioners to eliminate a charter provision prohibiting anyone with a felony conviction from holding any city office "for a period of 20 years from the date of conviction." But the commission's attorney said the state Constitution contains less restrictive guidelines.



**The Lansing Board of Water & Light raised its new 2.5-million-gallon water storage tank Monday at the intersection of Wood Street and Lake Lansing Road.**

The 100-foot-tall tower "will increase reliability for BWL customers by maintaining water pressure to support daily water use, such as regular water consumption, fighting fires and sanitary purposes," when it's completed by next fall, the BWL said. A loan forgiveness grant and low-interest loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is paying for the tank.

**MSU is investigating hazing complaints after a video of an alleged incident at the Beta Zeta chapter of the Theta Chi fraternity surfaced online last week, said The State News Monday.**

The video allegedly shows four people on their hands and knees eating something off the ground. Someone out of view can be audibly heard telling them to "win that s—," and "you better eat my f— eggs, b—." The MSU Office of Student Support and Accountability met Tuesday to determine whether "interim disciplinary action" would be taken against the fraternity, MSU spokesman Mark Bullion told News 6.



### Window painting

Olivia Capodilupo is a long way from where she started painting storefront windows. But she jumped right into the local art scene and painted one of the 11 Christmas-themed windows in downtown Lansing. She was among artists who recently worked furiously like Santa's elves in time for Silver Bells, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary Friday.

Capodilupo, from Gladstone in the Upper Peninsula, moved to Lansing at the end of September. Her window at the Downtown Lansing Inc. headquarters at 112 S. Washington Square depicts a winter woodland scene with a snowman and little critters along with a bonfire.

"It's a more cute story-book vibe, and it attracted a lot of attention from children while I was painting it," she said.

Capodilupo began window painting in the U.P., and it took off from there. "It was an untapped market, and I was the only one doing it," she said.

"When I started it, I had no idea what I was doing. Now I do tutorials online — there's a lot of tricks," she said.

In addition to window painting, Capodilupo also does corporate branding, graphic design and illustration work for businesses.

This is the third in the series of holiday window painting coordinated by Bob Rose for Downtown Lansing Inc. Rose likes the ephemeric nature of window painting. As Capodilupo said, "If you don't like it, you can scrape it right off."

The new window painting display in downtown Lansing is worth a trip, especially if you have little children, who will appreciate the giant window holiday cards.

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Public Art of the Week is a new feature that rotates with Eyesore of the Week. If you have an idea for either, please email [eye@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:eye@lansingcitypulse.com) or call (517) 999-6704.

### Correction

Because of a reporting error, last week's Eyesore of the Week incorrectly reported that the home's owner is deceased. City Pulse regrets the error.

Like many progressives, we're still licking our wounds after the devastating Kamala Harris loss and the nationwide Democratic electoral collapse that has put Trump and MAGA Republicans in charge of The White House and both houses of Congress.

How did this happen? Theories abound. Pundits told us in the home stretch that the Harris campaign was surging and the Trump campaign was collapsing into a racist, misogynist, hateful train wreck that the American people would surely reject. They badly misread the moment.

They were not alone. Democrats across the board vastly underestimated the appeal of Trump and his MAGA narrative to ordinary Americans. And we vastly underestimated the extent to which Trump, the Fox News Network and its complementary social media echo chamber have successfully conspired to create an alternate reality based on a heaping pile of bald-faced lies and blatant misinformation. It is real and continues to be dangerous beyond comprehension.

Against this backdrop of pervasive and persuasive propaganda, the most convincing diagnosis of the election outcome is that the Harris campaign failed to connect with the angst many working-class Americans feel about simple pocketbook issues like the price of groceries and gas. Amid relentless attacks blaming her and Biden for inflation, Harris didn't have much to say about the cost of living until the campaign's final weeks, when her commercials mentioned lowering the cost of groceries.

But it was too late. To make matters worse, Harris had little to say, other than passionate but abstract calls for unity to counter the disgusting Republican attacks that sowed hatred toward immigrants and transgender citizens, to name just a few. It was all part of an insidious MAGA narrative that convinced a majority of voting Americans that Democrats are out of touch with their daily lives and values. It worked.

We assign at least some of the blame to the abject failure of our educational system to imbue young Americans with a basic understanding of our democratic form of government, what terms like "fascism" and "authoritarian" really mean (and historical examples of their consequences), and why character, integrity and decency matter in the people we choose to hold our nation's highest elected offices.

It is telling that the Jan. 6 insurrection, which should have hung like a millstone around the neck of Trump and his allies, was irrelevant and barely mentioned during the campaign. If you don't understand the meaning and function of our democratic institutions and why the peaceful transfer of power is important, events that shocked the conscience of the left caused barely a ripple on the right.

Our nation's founders knew that the ultimate success of the American democratic experiment would depend on an educated populace. In that endeavor, we have largely failed. Tellingly, one pollster noted during the campaign that when surveys asked voters what they thought about authoritarianism, the most common response was: "What is authoritarianism?"

Now, we are self-aware enough to understand that we are part of the liberal elite. We live in a bubble of progressive values; we move in circles that

# Is there hope for America?



## The CP Edit

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reinforce our worldview and policy choices, just like the people whose enthusiastic vote for Trump we simply cannot comprehend. Our liberal college education, where we studied world history, makes us keenly aware of the fragility of our democracy because we learned long ago how easily it can be corrupted and how readily charismatic figures with evil intent can mislead large masses of people. Too many of our non-college-educated compatriots lack this foundation, making them unable to recognize the signs of fascism and autocracy when they are all but slapping them in the face.

For a bunch of rich, white guys living in colonial America two centuries ago, our nation's founding fathers were rather prescient in cautioning us, as the Federalist Papers say, about "particular moments in public affairs when the people, stimulated by some irregular passion, or some illicit advantage, or misled by the artful misrepresentations of interested men, may call for measures which they themselves will afterwards be the most ready to lament and condemn. In these critical moments, how salutary will be the interference of some temperate and respectable body of citizens, in order to check the misguided career, and to suspend the blow meditated by the people against themselves, until reason, justice, and truth can regain their authority over the public mind."

Is there any hope of restoring reason, justice and truth to American politics? We're not optimistic. As long as the right-wing propaganda machine continues to amplify and rationalize the house of lies they so artfully built during the campaign (and the decade before it), we will always have to contend with a large contingent of voters who will abandon their self-interest to support candidates who could not care less about them and will actively work against their social and economic interests.

That Trump was so successful in making Americans hate each other again (which was precisely the point) is a worrisome harbinger of the terrible price marginalized people are likely to pay over the next four years. Unsurprisingly, Trump's early picks for key positions in his administration are only con-

firmed our worst fears — his motley collection of billionaires, grifters, neo-fascists, alleged sexual predators and climate-denying Big Oil executives will soon have absolute power to decimate the progressive agenda in ways we can barely fathom.

Our best hope is that Trump and his MAGA minions will do what they usually do, what they can't help but do: In their fervor to remake the world in their ugly image, they will cross the line over and over again. They will enact policies that kick working people in the teeth to deliver bigger profits to billionaires and corporate America. In so doing, they are likely to anger the people who provided their winning margin.

It happened four years ago, when the American electorate grew sick of Trump's lies and incompetence and kicked him to the curb in favor of Joe Biden. It can happen again. A few voters in a handful of battleground states decide presidential elections. The demographic groups that flipped from Democrat to Republican this time — or who stayed home altogether — can be brought home two years from now in the midterm elections, which almost always disfavor those in power. That can pave the way for more success in 2028.

Looking ahead, Democrats should take some lessons from U.S. Sen.-elect Elissa Slotkin, who barely but deftly beat back a vicious, well-funded campaign by Mike Rogers and his MAGA allies. How did she do it? By hewing closer to the center, where elections are won or lost. By connecting with working-class citizens across the state in her messaging and her relentless ground game. She effectively pushed back on Rogers' false narrative around "EV mandates" by insisting on making electric vehicles in Michigan instead of China. She stood her ground, fought back against the lies and didn't compromise her principles.

In short, all is not lost for Democrats. The party will rise from the ashes, learn from its mistakes and find a way to win back the hearts, minds and votes of a working majority of working Americans. The next four years are likely to be the most painful progressives have experienced in our lifetimes. Yet we are a strong, smart and resilient bunch. As surely as the pendulum swings, we will continue to beat the drum for our values and keep fighting to take back our nation. In two years, we will have the opportunity to elect a Democratic majority in Congress that will keep in check the worst tendencies of our new fascist overlord, just as our nation's founders intended it to do.

In the meantime, buckle up, friends. We're in for a rough ride.

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# LET'S BOOGIE! **Bob Baldori & David Small**



One way to look at it: In 1,531 days (as I write this) he will be gone. At least with some degree of certainty, although the parallels with 1933 Germany are frightening. But the Pollyanish among us can start counting.

The U.S. has now experienced a monumental setback for Martin Luther King Jr.'s hope that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Installing the incompetent sociopath in the Oval Office for four years – and possibly longer – will be a massive bending towards injustice from which the U.S. and the world may never recover.

Of course, the inevitable damage Bozo and his criminal minions will do between now and then will be horrific. There will be endless turmoil, graft, corruption, environmental catastrophe, official lawlessness on an unprecedented scale, wealth transfer to the super-rich and massive hardship and suffering wrought upon the population (and the world) in general, and especially upon those who voted for him.

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A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the Oneida Charter Township Hall, 11041 Oneida Rd., Grand Ledge, Michigan, 48837 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to notify the public of a variance request for parcel #030-076-600-140-00 at 4797 Burt Avenue, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The request is for a Non-Use Variance to park a utility trailer in the side yard setback area.

The application and site plan are available for review in the office of the Zoning Administrator Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Anyone having questions or needing assistance during or prior to the hearing can contact the Zoning Administrator, Melissa Goschka at 517-622-8078. Written comments on this proposal will be accepted until Monday, December 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Oneida Charter Township Clerk's Office.

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I've been following the explosion of "what went wrong?" opinions. For the most part, the critics are nibbling at the periphery of the real problem. The problem is systemic, and until that problem is dealt with, it won't matter much who the Dems or anyone else runs for public office.

One example: Elon Musk invested \$130 million of his own money and used billions of tweets from the most powerful information source in the world to help buy the Oval Office for Bozo. That is only one of dozens of similar examples of how Bozo's cabal flooded the zone with falsehoods, disinformation and propaganda to edge the vote count a point or two away from Kamala and toward the convicted felon and serial sexual predator. And as the dissection shows, it was mostly minor shifts of a point or two across the board, that gave the edge to Bozo.

Kamala ran a great campaign and was by far the superior candidate by ANY measure. Would it have made a difference if the Dems had not run a black woman? Or fashioned a different message? Or recruited Joe Rogan or RFK Jr.? Probably not. (I know the quibble knives are out for everything that she "should" have done differently.) However, the cabal outspent Kamala about 7 to 1, according to Thom Hartmann, if you track the dark money and other financial resources invested to achieve this outcome.

All of these resources were used to create an entirely false, dark narrative and picture of America (and Kamala and Joe) that doesn't exist in the real world.

I've always agreed with Thomas Jefferson's view that democracy must have a well-informed electorate to be functional. I still believe that.

But, unfortunately, there is a corollary that is also true: If the electorate is not well informed, is in fact overwhelmed with lies, falsehoods, disinformation and propaganda, putting democracy is at serious risk.

But having noted the systemic problem that resulted in this deplorable outcome, it still leaves one dispirited at the apparent obtuseness of our fellow citizens. There is a glaring moral and ethical failing in an electorate that supports a criminal of such magnitude, no matter the excuse.

We have crossed a line from which there may be no return. The Supreme Court has suspended the constitutional protections against dictatorship. How long will it be before Bozo establishes concentration camps? How long will it be before he installs a corrupt justice system to do his bidding? How long will it be before he totally destroys what's left of an already cowed and compliant mainstream media? How long will it be before he starts prosecuting his political enemies?

He has promised to do all of these things. Or should I say, he has never stopped doing all of these things? And is certain to continue.

When I wake up tomorrow – 1,530 days left. Here we go.

*(The Boogie Kings is an e-newsletter written by Bob Baldori, with art by David Small. The Boogie Kings Newsletter is published several times a week. To subscribe, go to [theboogiekings.substack.com](http://theboogiekings.substack.com).)*

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## Q: What do Democrats need to do? A: Stand around and wait.

By **MARK GREBNER**

*(The writer is a longtime Ingham County commissioner and founder of Practical Political Consultants.)*

The election results could not be worse. Trump will try to destroy government professionalism, wipe out NATO, abandon Ukraine, persecute his enemies, eliminate serious programs to limit global warming ...

But that's only half the problem. We liberals must face the fact that half the American public is basically OK with fascism.

The first step toward repairing the damage is finding Trump voters who can be convinced to switch sides — people for whom rational argument seems like wasted effort.

We're stunned, but we're still rational actors, and being stunned isn't productive. We need to ask: What's the best use of our time, money and attention right now?

First, we need to understand what just happened to us and why. The public blames us for the economy, even though: Unemployment is barely above 4%, inflation is below 2.5%, jobs are plentiful and corporations are spending on new technology at record levels. The economy is objectively very healthy — yet people are angry.

We lost the presidency, Congress and the Michigan House because economic conditions were so bad for 3-to-4% of the public that they switched parties, or decided to vote, or not to vote, to punish us. It makes no sense, but that's how politics works.

But WHY are people so angry? I have long believed it's not unemployment or inflation statistics that drive voters' attitudes, it's how their situations compare with 12 or 24 months ago. Are their credit cards maxed out? Is overtime available at the plant? Is paying for gasoline or groceries suddenly a struggle?

Usually, national statistics reflect the answers. But due to COVID, those statistics produce the wrong answer today.

People barely remember that three years ago, the federal government gave trillions of dollars to essentially everybody to prevent an economic collapse. Most people continued drawing paychecks at about the same level, even working at home. Person-

al expenses dropped dramatically. Unable to travel, and with many goods in short supply, the average household paid down their debts, and even put away some savings.

The result was an almost giddy feeling of financial ease in 2022 and 2023. Today, with those excess funds spent, people remember "the good old days" wistfully. For millions, the Democrats seem like the culprits.

If Trump had won in 2020, voter ennui would have attached itself to him and the Republicans. The recent elections would have seen huge Democratic wins, and the Republicans would be wondering how to recover and rebuild.

Instead, we've been blessed with four years of Biden and partial Democratic control of Congress, so voters blame us.

What should we do to get ready for 2026?

Just standing around and looking concerned is probably adequate.

Trump returns to office with a historically low approval rating for a winning presidential candidate. Barring war, the trend line for almost all presidencies is a steady slow decline.

The Trump presidency seems likely to be especially disastrous, in many ways. For one thing, Donald Trump has shown that he doesn't care what public opinion is, unless it's going to stop him from getting what he wants. If the result of some action might damage the prospects of Republican office holders, it just means they're suckers.

Like any good fascist, Trump doesn't represent a coherent set of views or policies. It's all about the glorious myth of One Strong Man. Naming Gaetz and RFK Jr. to the cabinet was a great start — and he's not even in office yet. The grift and the graft and the general wackiness may make the MAGA crowd happy, but it's going to wear badly over time.

My advice to Democratic candidates: Make pious speeches about good governance, honesty, the rule of law, that sort of thing. Keep your powder dry, and watch for opportunities, which may appear in some unexpected places. When elections come round — assuming Trump and the Republicans haven't started a war — you've going to be a sideshow, not the main event.



Opinion

## Lame duck season is so big, it can only do one thing: Fail

It's lame duck time in Lansing — that special time of year lawmakers love to hate ... until it's their bills they want passed.

It's literally the last chance for a bill to get passed by the Legislature before the whole process starts over again. For outgoing lawmakers, it's their last chance to pass any legacy policy they might have.

This year's lame duck season is even more special.

Michigan Democrats have effectively three weeks to clear the decks of any bill they want passed that doesn't have a prayer of passing when Republicans take control of the state House on Jan. 1.

And unlike the 2018 House and Senate Republican caucuses, which sent 401 bills to outgoing Gov. Rick Snyder in lame duck, the 2024 Democrats are all over the place with their priorities. That's a problem for the 56-member House Democratic caucus, which needs every single member's support to pass a bill unless Republicans get on board.

With so many of their ideas, getting support will be a struggle.

I started a list of the bills that emerged just last week that won't get many (if any) House Republican "yes" votes if they were put on the board:

- Revision of sex education requirements
- Allowing private citizens to sue any regulated Michigan business
- Pro-worker changes to workers' compensation
- Paid family leave
- A state law banning guns at the Capitol
- New registration process for stores selling tobacco and vapes
- Removing work requirements for Medicaid recipients
- Having Michigan join the National Popular Vote Interstate compact
- Expanded transparency measures for charter schools
- Ending all cash bonds for criminal suspects

That's only one week. There's a big agenda out there. Too big not to fail.

When you're trying to overturn 12 years of Republican policy in three weeks — that is, where the Democrats haven't already done so during their two-year House reign — there's not much you can do if everyone isn't on the same page.

And Democrats aren't on the same page. Rep. Dylan Wegela, D-Garden City, said last week that he's a "hell, no" on the governor's top priority of creating a permanent revenue stream for the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve (SOAR) Fund.

This \$55 billion microchip project in Genesee County that requires a bunch of money and tax cuts from the Legislature to make it happen? The governor wants it, but Wegela and other House Democrats aren't enamored.

Rep. Betsy Coffia, D-Traverse City, posted on X last week that "Big Corps run Michigan" and lame duck needs to be passing unfinished business for the people.

So, this means Republican "yes" votes are needed if Michigan taxpayer money is going to spur economic development. That isn't coming without bringing Republicans to the table.

Could that happen? Sure. It would be a departure from past practice, when Democrats have tried to pick off a GOP member or two rather than deal with their hard-wired political GOP leader, Matt Hall.

Democrats could scrap Republican involvement all together and go it alone. But that hasn't worked in about a year ... unless organized labor and/or the trial lawyers pushed the envelope.

Rep. Rachel Hood, D-Grand Rapids, threatened not to show up for session if the Democrats didn't start passing "significant legislation." Of course, if one Democrat doesn't show up to House session, nothing gets passed without Republicans' help.

The day before Hood said this, Rep. Karen Whitsett, D-Detroit, wasn't at session due to a crippling migraine. Hood confronted Whitsett, who has worked with Republican lawmakers in the past, about her absence. The conversation didn't go well.

The next day, two other Democrats joined Whitsett in not showing up to session. Again, no Democratic priorities passed that day.

Meanwhile, there's a report that at least one House Democrat who lost a competitive seat but plans on running again in 2026 isn't supporting any overtly liberal policy that will hurt him in the next election.

It's hard to imagine lame duck is going to soar in 2024, isn't it? Maybe a weak waddle?

*(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol news service MIRS. His email address is melinky@gmail.com.)*



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## Lansing Matinee Musicale expands outreach in wake of pandemic

By NICOLE NOECHEL

Like many arts-focused institutions, the Lansing Matinee Musicale has suffered its share of pandemic-related struggles, but that hasn't halted the organization's longstanding streak of support for the local arts. In fact, its outreach has only grown.

Founded in 1894 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 1951, the musicale hosts monthly performances by a variety of local and regional artists during its September-through-April season. These events also offer performance opportunities for members of the musicale's Performing Arts Students Club, which is open to local youth. Participants of the student club are able to apply for scholarships to attend private lessons and summer programs at institutions like Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake and Interlochen Center for the Arts.

The pandemic led to a significant drop in membership for the musicale, multiple board members said. In response, the organization decided to move in a new direction, issuing a new mission statement: "To provide experiences and opportunities in the performing arts to mid-Michigan students and young professionals through education, performances and community service."

It dove head-on into the community service aspect in 2022 with Project Crescendo, an effort to bring more music education to Lansing School District students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The musicale is largely made up of current and retired teachers, who noticed that the district was struggling in its music programming.

"They didn't have enough elementary music teachers, they didn't have music teachers in every school, and they weren't doing middle school bands and orchestras, which they used to really thrive in," Mary Anne Larzelere, the musicale's program director and co-chair of Project Cre-

scendo, said. Larzelere was a special education teacher at Dwight Rich Junior High School prior to her retirement.

The musicale donated \$10,000 to nine elementary school teachers in the district — a little more than \$1,100 each.

"They could do whatever they wanted with it. They could bring in a program, they could buy instruments, they could provide lessons, whatever they wanted to do. We met with them, and that was their desire," Larzelere said.

At the end of the school year, the musicale again met with the teachers, who suggested that a better direction for the program's second year may be to provide live musical performances for the students. The musicale hosted three performances at each teacher's school throughout the year.

"We brought in all kinds of performers," Larzelere said. "We had percussion, we had a couple of bands that came in, we had some strings programs, we had some vocal music, we brought in an opera, and they were all fabulous."

This year, the musicale has allocated \$20,000 for the program, which will offer grants of up to \$2,500 to kindergarten through eighth-grade music teachers in the Lansing School District looking to expand their programming.

"Out of all the districts around, Lansing is hurting the most as far as a budget for teaching music. The goal is to get kids interested and let them know what's out there — let them know what's possible in music and expose them to different aspects of it that they may not have known about," musicale President Laura Stebbins said.

Another gap the musicale has noticed is a lack of support for post-grad-



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The Plasticity Saxophone Quartet performs at a 2021 Lansing Matinee Musicale program at Frances Park.



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Local youth explore the wonders of the organ at the Lansing Matinee Musicale's October Pipe Organ Walk.

uate students and young professionals. It aims to help this group through its Emerging Artists awards, a talent contest it's been hosting periodically for decades.

"We've done it in voice, piano, strings, dance, woodwinds, brass, all those various disciplines, and we're continuing that," Stebbins said.

This year's contest focuses on musical theater. It's open to applicants ages 20 through 28 across the country, but preference will be given to those with Michigan connections. Registration is open through Jan. 31 at [lansingmatineeemusical.org](http://lansingmatineeemusical.org). The first two rounds are virtual, and the final round will be held in Lansing. The winner will receive \$2,500, the runner-up will receive \$1,500, and the third-place finisher will receive \$500.

"A lot of these people have already gone to school for it or studied for it, and then they've gone off to New York or Los Angeles or someplace, and they're trying to be young professionals. Our goal is to give them a little boost, especially if they're from Michigan, because it is a really hard field to succeed in," musicale Vice President Patrice Van Voorhees said.

Through its efforts to rebuild after the pandemic, Stebbins said things are looking up for the musicale.

"We're working on attracting great

programming, which we already have this year: We've had a new piano professor in town, Shannon Sadler, perform. We've had the Capital City Ringers. We organized an organ walk for students and adults at the downtown churches in Lansing. We've seen the numbers at our monthly performances go up, so it's going in the right direction, and it's really exciting."

However, Van Voorhees emphasized that cultivating new membership is still a priority.

"Some of our membership is aging out, and we need fresh people who want to do something important with their time," she said. "There's basically just a few people doing all of this, and we could do so much more if we had more help, we had more members."

She noted that the \$40 annual membership fee is well worth the price.

"We have some amazing professionals come and perform, just extraordinary stuff that you would see at Wharton Center. It's amazing, but our goal is to get it out to more people," she said.

# MSU Libraries unveils new Special Collections space

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Somewhere in heaven, Russel B. Nye, considered one of the fathers of popular culture, is smiling down on his beloved Michigan State University, where he was a professor of English for nearly 40 years.

The reason for Nye's celestial smile is that MSU Libraries' Stephen O. Murray & Keelung Hong Special Collections, which contains more than 500,000 printed works as well as ephemera, archival material and manuscripts, is moving from the basement to the third floor of the Main Library, thanks to a \$13.8 million renovation project that increases the scale of the collection to 26,000 square feet and adds climate control and fire suppression.

"The new space prioritizes the physical care and security of the collection while simultaneously creating a synergy among the staff who support the research and engagement of our students and scholars," head of Special Collections Leslie McRoberts said.

The opening of the new space will be recognized with a ribbon-cutting celebration from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday (Nov. 22).

As a co-founder of the Popular Culture Association with Ray B. Browne and Marshall Fishwick, Nye was a leader of a movement that brought respectability to the study of mass culture, which was once considered low brow. He wrote more than a dozen books in his career, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography "George Bancroft: Brahmin Rebel" and "The Unembarrassed Muse" which was one of the first textbooks on popular culture, covering television, radio, music, movies, theater, fiction and comics.

While at MSU, Nye gifted the school his ever-growing comic book collection and other materials, like copies of the pulp magazine *Weird Tales*. It became the spark for the Russel B. Nye Popular Culture collection, which today comprises a comic art collection containing more than 300,000 items, including 45,000 foreign com-

## Special Collections ribbon cutting and tour

2-3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22  
MSU Main Library  
366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing



Courtesy MSU Libraries

The new space features a vinyl collage on the outward-facing edge of the aisles.

ics; a major collection of cookbooks and cooking ephemera; an extensive collection of the papers of Pulitzer Prize-winning authors Richard Ford ("Independence Day") and Robert Coles ("Children of Crisis"); a burgeoning collection of graphic novels; a major collection of radical literature; an ever-growing collection of Michigan rock 'n' roll history; one of the world's largest collections of almanacs; and some amazing early examples of printing, dating to medieval times.

The collections have been used for research by scores of scholars, authors, students and community members. For example, the cookery collection proved useful for Candice Goucher, author of "Picnics and Porcupines," about the history and popularity of picnicking in the Upper Peninsula. MSU Associate Professor Helen Zoe Veit utilized the same collection for her books on historical foodways, as did theater Professor Rob Roznowski to write his original play "Comfort Food."

The collection of materials on radicalism is especially vibrant due to MSU's active role in anti-war activities of the 1960s. As an example, there's a collection of anarchistic survivalist literature published by Loompanics Unlimited in East Lansing beginning in the mid-1970s, covering



Courtesy MSU Libraries

Leslie McRoberts, head of MSU Libraries' Special Collections, pulls books to move from the basement of the Main Library to the collections' new space on the third floor.

topics such as "counterfeit IDs made easy." However, Special Collections has also been accumulating material relating to the radical right, thanks to an endowment established in honor of the late Beth Shapiro, a longtime MSU librarian who was an officer in MSU's Students for a Democratic Society as a student.

Today, Special Collections is the embodiment of Nye's active mind. He was a heck of a professor — in addition to English, he taught classes on popular culture and every now and then took a run at Civil War history, which I can attest was a heck of a class for a freshman at MSU to stumble into.



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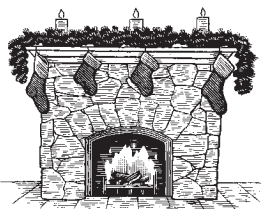

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# The Hummingbird brings fresh fare, frozen treats to Stadium District

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Southfield native Roshan Ahadi began her career in food service while studying English literature at the University of Michigan in the late '90s.



## The Hummingbird - Sundaes & Takeaway

316 N. Cedar St., Lansing  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday  
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Pizza. She moved to Lansing in 2014 and launched her own catering company, Building Blocks of Michigan, two years later.

Ahadi closed the business when the pandemic hit, but she kept an eye out for a new culinary opportunity in the years after. Earlier this year, she discovered a 578-square-foot space in the Stadium District between Lansing Brewing Co. and Jackson Field.

"For me, it was about finding the right fit in the right place. There are new apartments going up, and it's in close proximity to the university, the state of Michigan buildings and nonprofits. It was just kind of ideal," she said.

In August, after several months of renovation, The Hummingbird - Sundaes and Takeaway opened its doors. It serves house-made frozen custard, sundaes and floats, baked goods, coffee and other beverages as well as seasonally informed sandwiches, wraps, salads and soups. It also offers catering, which must be ordered at least 24 hours in advance by phone, email or through the ezCater app or website. Both the regular and catering menus are available on The Hummingbird's website.

Popular sandwich orders include the caprese melt, pulled-pork grilled cheese and the restaurant's signature street-corn sandwich, which contains braised pork, pepper jack cheese, a spicy corn-and-pepper spread and sliced avocado.

"We have several loyal customers already that seem to have found their favorites, and that feels really good," Ahadi said.

In choosing a name for her new ven-

ture, Ahadi took inspiration from the space itself.

"It's a small building that's very much dwarfed by the stadium next door and Lansing Brewing Co., and we're kind of tiny in comparison. In addition, our main focus is on sweets, so the name really just seemed to fit the space," she said. "I like the idea of people being able to flit in and out of here and being able to be a part of the daily slice of our community."

In an effort to give back to the community, Ahadi donates 10% of her catering profits to the Greater Lansing Food Bank — something she began doing under her former catering company — as well as \$1 from every house-made ice cream sandwich sold at the eatery.



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After working in the food service industry for nearly three decades, Roshan Ahadi opened her first brick-and-mortar eatery, The Hummingbird, earlier this fall near Jackson Field.

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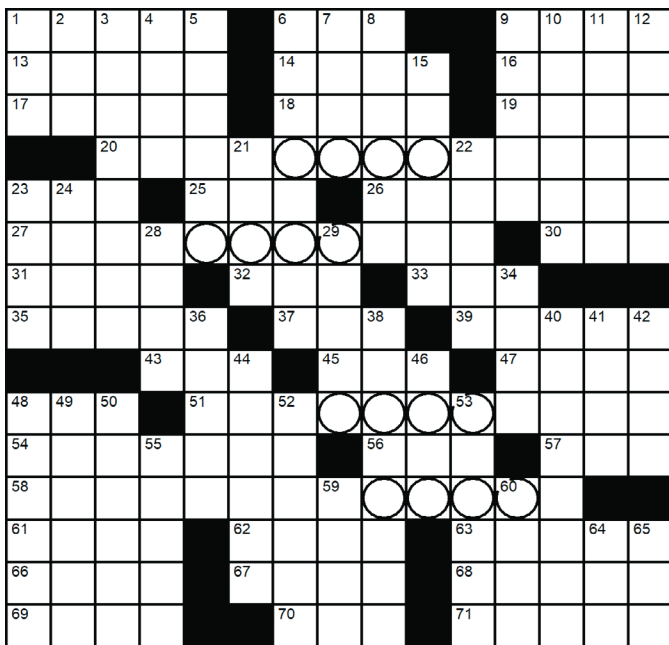
# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Whole Grains" -- wordplay that's good for you.  
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### ACROSS

- 1. No longer dangerous
- 6. Cut (down)
- 9. "Take \_\_\_ from me ..."
- 13. Pizza topping, technically
- 14. "Lucky Jim" novelist Kingsley
- 16. Salacious
- 17. True to a cause
- 18. "Archer" character Kane
- 19. Night, at the Mus e
- 20. 2002 Disney title duo
- 23. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 25. 1960s TV Tarzan Ron who died in 2024
- 26. "Didn't see you there!"
- 27. Almost there
- 30. Kyoto currency
- 31. Think ahead
- 32. Title for Galahad or Guinness
- 33. Singer Sumac
- 35. Place to get the highlights?
- 37. Statute
- 39. Make happy
- 43. Grass roll
- 45. Brain activity meas.
- 47. Volunteer's offer
- 48. Abbr. in many Black church names
- 51. '70s sitcom character always talking about "the big one"
- 54. 1930s world heavyweight champion whose son was on "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 56. Mid-afternoon drink
- 57. High points
- 58. Terrain that's



- tough to predict, or a representation of the circled letters
  - 61. "Monsieur Hulot's Holiday" writer Jacques
  - 62. Cold cuts shop
  - 63. Out of style
  - 66. Ht. above sea level
  - 67. Aspiring DA's exam
  - 68. Greek salad item
  - 69. Mineral deposit
  - 70. U.S. Election Day, e.g.
  - 71. Command to an attack dog
- DOWN
- 1. Gallaudet University subj.
  - 2. Confucian principle
  - 3. Support small businesses, perhaps
  - 4. Berry in a bowl
  - 5. Former Fed head Janet
  - 6. Kuala Lumpur's country
  - 7. Muscat's country

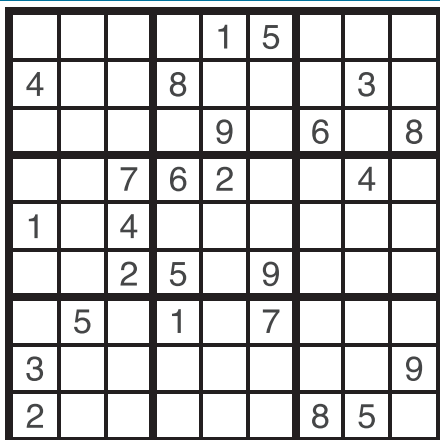
- 8. Schedule space, metaphorically
- 9. "L.A. Law" character Becker
- 10. Without slack
- 11. Christmas tree decoration
- 12. Slithering constrictor
- 15. Strut about
- 21. Former American automaker
- 22. Herb in stuffing
- 23. Hooded vipers
- 24. "3 Feet High and Rising" group \_\_\_ Soul
- 28. Hawaiian mackerels
- 29. Took a curved path
- 34. Arabic alphabet starter
- 36. Jack Sprat's dietary rule
- 38. Experiment area
- 40. Word that forms a retronym when appearing before "guitar"
- 41. Baseball field cover
- 42. Concludes
- 44. Hanukkah toy nobody actually plays with, spelled more Yiddishly
- 46. Earth goddess of Greek mythology
- 48. Beer brand from Holland
- 49. Hawaiian "thank you"
- 50. Left
- 52. Jim Varney's movie series alter ego
- 53. South African restaurant chain known for peri-peri chicken
- 55. Pantothenic acid, in a vitamin complex
- 59. Actress Summer of "Firefly"
- 60. "Giraffe in Flames" painter
- 64. Brink of a holiday
- 65. FDR or JFK

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## Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Nov. 20-26, 2024

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Award-winning Aries filmmaker Quentin Tarantino was born and raised in the United States. But he has said, "I don't make movies for America. I make movies for planet Earth." I applaud his expansive perspective and recommend you cultivate your own version of it in the coming weeks. You will generate good fortune for yourself as you enlarge your audience, your range of influences and your sphere of activity. It will be an excellent time to transcend previous notions of who you are and what your life's assignments are. The frontiers are calling you to open your mind wider than ever as you leap to the next-highest octave of your destiny.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** "Earth knows no desolation. She smells regeneration in the moist breath of decay." Author George Meredith said that, and now I'm conveying it to you. Why? Because you're entering a phase when you will have maximum power to ensure that decay leads to regeneration. My advice: Instead of trying to repress your awareness of what's decomposing, tune into it energetically. The sooner you embrace the challenging but interesting work to be done, the faster and more effective the redemption will be. Here's your battle cry: Turn rot into splendor!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Mercury will be your slippery but sticky companion in the coming weeks, Gemini. Whether or not you believe he is a literal god who abides in the spiritual realm, I trust you will acknowledge that he is a vivid archetype. He symbolizes forces that facilitate communication and promote connection. Since he is constantly traveling and conversing, he also represents boundary crossing and thresholds. I encourage you to summon his assistance whenever you want to lubricate links and foster combinations. He can help you unify disparate influences and strengthen your network of allies.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Utility and telephone poles may seem to be indestructible towers, but they have a limited life span. A prime factor in their gradual demise is woodpeckers. The birds drill holes that weaken the wood over time. Their handiwork allows moisture to seep in, causing rot, and creates access points for small animals to burrow in and cause further disintegration. I bring this to your attention because I want to encourage you to launch a woodpecker-like campaign against any seemingly impregnable structures that oppress and restrict you. It might take a while to undermine their power to interfere with your life, but now is an excellent time to begin.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** As an American, I'm jealous of how many festivals the Japanese people celebrate. By some estimates, there are more than 100,000 events every year — an average of 274 per day! They may feature music, theater, dancing, entertainment, karaoke, sumo matches, games, delicious food, colorful costumes, spiritual observances and parades of floats and shrines. If you are a Japanese Leo, you're in luck. The astrological indicators suggest that in the coming months, you should take extra advantage of your culture's revels, parties and social merriment. If you're not in Japan, do your best to fulfill your cosmic mandate to frolic and carouse. Start as soon as possible!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** "The Flintstones" was an animated TV show broadcast in the U.S. from 1960 to 1966. It was colossally silly and wildly popular. It portrayed cavemen and cavewomen living suburban lives with dinosaurs as pets and cars made of wood and rocks. The chirpy theme song for the show was stolen from a piano sonata written by the classical composer Ludwig van Beethoven. In the coming weeks, Virgo, I invite you to steadily carry out the opposite of that conversion. Transform what's daft or preposterous into what's elegant and meaningful. Change superficial approaches into righteous devotions. Move away from trifling diversions

and toward passionate magnificence.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Even if you're not a professional writer, I invite you to compose three lyrical messages in the coming days. One will be a psalm of appreciation for a person who enchants your imagination and inspires you to be your best self. Another will be a hymn of praise that you address to yourself — a gorgeous, expansive boast or an outpouring of gratitude for the marvel and mystery of you. The third salutation will be an address to a higher power, whether that's a god, goddess, nature, your guardian angel, your higher self or life itself. If you can find it in your brave, wild heart to sing or chant these exaltations, you will place yourself in close alignment with cosmic rhythms. (PS: In general, now is a fantastic time to identify what you love and express your feelings for what you love.)

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The Greek term "pharmakon" has a complicated set of meanings: scapegoat, poison, remedy and recipe. According to my astrological analysis, all of these could soon be operative in your life. One surprise is that a metaphorical "poison" you are exposed to may ultimately serve as a remedy. Another curiosity is that a scapegoat may reveal a potent recipe for redemptive transformation. A further possibility: You will discover a new recipe for a very fine remedy. I'm not certain exactly how the whole story will unfold, but I'm betting the net effect will be a lot of healing.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** The Museum of Broken Relationships is in Zagreb, Croatia. It collects castaway objects left behind after intimate relationships have collapsed. Among its treasures are love letters, wedding rings, jars of bitter tears, stuffed animals, feather-filled quilts and matching sweaters. Inspired by this sad spectacle, I invite you to create a very different shrine in your home — one that's dedicated to wonderful memories from times of successful togetherness. Making this ritual gesture of hope and positivity will prepare you well for the potential relationship growth available for you in the coming months.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** It's the Soul Retrieval phase of your long-term cycle, Capricorn. Have there been people, either alive or dead, who wounded or pirated parts of your treasured essence? Have you experienced painful events that weakened your connection to your inner riches? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to undertake meditations in which you carry out repair and restoration. You will summon curative agents whenever you reclaim lost and missing fragments of your soul. Be aggressive in seeking helpers who can synergize your own efforts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The Wistaria Vine in Sierra Madre, California, is the world's biggest blooming plant. Spread over an acre, it weighs 250 tons and teems with more than 1.5 million blossoms. I propose we regard it as your inspirational symbol for the coming months. Why? I expect you will be more abundantly creative and generative than maybe ever before. Your vitality will overflow. Your vigor will be delightfully lavish and profound. Homework: Start planning how you will wield and manage all that lushness.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Piscean playwright and songwriter Robert Lopez is the only person to have won all four of the following awards more than once: Oscars, Tonys, Emmys and Grammys. He's also the youngest person to have won all four. I propose we make him your inspirational role model in the coming weeks and months. According to my astrological analysis, you are primed to ascend to new levels of accomplishment in your chosen field — and to be acknowledged for your success. Think big! Then think even bigger.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsky's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

# OUT on the TOWN

## Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Nicole at (517) 999-5066.

### Wednesday, Nov. 20

**"A Course of Love" Zoom Discussion Group, with Lucille Olson and Bill Dietrich** - Group reads a section of the book each week and discusses the insightful ideas. 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**"A Joyful Line"** - Dorothy Hughes Engelman exhibits her zentangle-inspired art at the Okemos Library through Dec. 31. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Amythyst Kiah** - Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Amythyst Kiah returns to East Lansing for an intimate solo show. 7:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org).

**BCC Youth Thanksgiving** - Thanksgiving meal for sixth through 12th graders. Attendees are invited to bring a dish to pass if they're able. 7 p.m. Believers Christian Church, 10837 W. Grand River Hwy., Grand Ledge. 517-940-7220. [believerschristianchurch.com](http://believerschristianchurch.com).

**Beginning Ballet for Adults** - 6:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](http://dancesingact.com).

**Beginning Tap Dance for Teens & Adults** - 7:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](http://dancesingact.com).

**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**CharLit Adult Book Club: "There There," by Tommy Orange** - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Code Club** - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Emergency Services** - 6 p.m. LSW Emergency Services, 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg. [laingsburg.us](http://laingsburg.us).

**Emilio Pino Bookend Gallery Display** - Enjoy Pino's paintings during the month of November. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Financial Literacy Workshop: Navigating Money Challenges** - Learn tools to help you manage your finances and debts. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class,

meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Lansing Live Open Stage Night** - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Matthew Shannon at Dublin Square** - 9 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. [facebook.com/dublinsquare](http://facebook.com/dublinsquare).

**Meridian Historical Village Speaker Series** - Patrick Reynolds, assistant director of the Friends of Historic Meridian, presents on the history of the spiritualist camp that took place at Lake Lansing from 1880-1891. 7 p.m. Village Chapel, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridianhistoricalvillage.org](http://meridianhistoricalvillage.org).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [lmc.info](http://lmc.info).

**MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment Center's 2024 'Tis The Season Party** - Spend the evening with our medical aestheticians as they break down the latest skincare trends. Enjoy door prizes, treatment deals and much more! 6-8 p.m. 4660 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. [facebook.com/msucosmetic](http://facebook.com/msucosmetic).

**MSU Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble** - Tuba-euphonium quartets, as well as the full 18-member Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble, perform original and transcribed works. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**MSU Women's Basketball vs. University of Detroit Mercy** - 6:30 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball](http://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball).

**Tap II for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Walk-in Wednesday** - Make a work of art, then take it home! This week's theme Basquiat dinos. All ages welcome. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [reachstudioart.org](http://reachstudioart.org).

**Weaving the Web: Divination** - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

### Thursday, Nov. 21

**Acting 101 for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp** - Four-month roller derby training course. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing.

### Silver Bells in the City

5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22  
Downtown Lansing

Silver Bells in the City returns 5 to 9 p.m. Friday (Nov. 22) across downtown Lansing to kick off the holiday season. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the annual event, which attracts an average of 40,000 people to the capital city each year. It will feature the typical entertainment attendees have come to know and love, including the electric light parade, commencing at 6 p.m. at the corner of Lenawee Street and South Washington Square, which will be followed by the lighting of the state Christmas tree; the community sing, headlined by singer-songwriter and "American Idol" season seven runner-up David Archuleta; the drone light show, synchronized to music; and a fireworks display to cap the evening. The vendor village on Allegan Street between Washington Square and Grand Avenue will offer food, treats, holiday gifts and this year's Silver Bells commemorative ornament.

New this year are commemorative LED wristbands, available on a first-come, first-served basis at booths along Washington Square and Capitol Avenue as well as the Silver Bells ornament booth. The wristbands will synchronize with the evening's musical performances.

Several downtown businesses will offer additional entertainment throughout the evening, including a holiday open house at Grewal Hall at 224 from 5 to 9 p.m., visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Lansing Center from 5 to 8 p.m., the Glen Erin Pipe Band's annual performance at City Hall at 7:15 p.m. and much more. Additionally, the Reutter Park ice skating rink will be open from 4 to 7 p.m., the Lansing Art Gallery's Michigan Made Holiday Exhibition & Market will be open from 3 to 8 p.m., Mott Campus Clowns will be walking around the parade route from 6 to 7 p.m. to take photos and hand out red noses and stickers, and free milk and cookies will be available at a booth on the 200 block of South Washington Square from 5 p.m. until supplies run out.

Don't forget about the Silver Bells 5K, which begins 9 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 23) at the Capitol. Participants can register at [rnsignup.com/silverbells](http://rnsignup.com/silverbells) or on site the morning of the event. There will be a costume contest with three categories: holiday traditional, festive sweaters and holiday movies.

For more information on all the Silver Bells activities, including a detailed map, visit [silverbellsinthecity.com](http://silverbellsinthecity.com).



[lansingrollerderby.com](http://lansingrollerderby.com).

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**Al-Anon Meeting** - 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Alexandria McMath at the Graduate Rock Bar** - 8 p.m. 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing. 517-348-0900. [facebook.com/graduaterockbar](http://facebook.com/graduaterockbar).

**"A Very Williamston Christmas"** - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

**Absolute Music Chamber Series: An Evening of Song** - Featured performers Elden Little, piano; Candice Burrows, mezzo-soprano; and friends. Doors 5 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Beginning Hustle Group Dance Class** - Seven-week class. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

**Beginning Ukulele Workshop for the Family** - Six-week class. Learn a brief history of the instrument and all the basics you need to start playing. Ages 8+. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org)

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PARTY at Alpha Kappa Alpha, Chi Epsilon Omega Jazz Brunch with Tiffany Gridiron! Saturday 12/7, 10am-1pm, Kellogg Center. Ticket deadline-11/25. <https://tinyurl.com/akacejazzbrunch24>

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**Bridge Street Merchants Night Owl Shopping** - A variety of stores will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. with sales, specials and snacks! Bridge Street, downtown Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

**Charlotte Community Library Board Meeting** - The board meets the third Thursday of every month in the library's Spartan Room. 7 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

**Crafty Vibes** - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

**Emilio Pino Bookend Gallery Display** - Enjoy Pino's paintings during the month of November. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club** - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ice Cube, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiessilverblades.org.

**Michigan Made Holiday Exhibition & Market** - Shop for fine art and creative gifts by more than 50 Michigan artists! 3-7 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Lansing. lansingartgallery.org.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**"MSU UnScripted"** - 7:30 p.m. Studio 60 Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

**MSU Women's Volleyball vs. University of Oregon** - 6 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball.

**Nation Outside Chapter Meeting** - We'll discuss barriers that community members face and explore potential solutions. We'll also highlight upcoming events and initiatives. 5 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. For more information, email trishaw@nationoutside.org.

**North of Five at Dublin Square** - 9 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. facebook.com/dublinsquare.

**Parkinson's Exercise: Boxing** - Exercise program proven to help enhance strength, balance and agility. Free for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsq.org.

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal** - We're an inclusive community of women who sing a capella in the barbershop style. We welcome all levels of musical experience. 6:45 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, 4851 Holt Road, Holt. spiritofmichiganchorus.com.

**Tambuco Mexican Percussion Ensemble** - Tambuco is celebrated globally for its innovative repertoire and electrifying performances using diverse instruments and unconventional objects. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 452 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Thursday Night Open Forge** - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal masterpieces! 6-9 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly** - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

**Tri-County Office on Aging 39th Annual Dinner & Auction** - Enjoy exquisite food and a cash bar while participating in live and silent auctions featuring a range of exclusive items and experiences. 6 p.m. Kellogg Hotel, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tcoa.org/tcoa-events.

### Amythyst Kiah 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 University Lutheran Church 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing



After a lengthy summer tour supporting indie-folk musician Iron & Wine, Tennessee singer-songwriter Amythyst Kiah hit the road to promote her new album, "Still + Bright," released Oct. 25. Her tour will bring her to East Lansing's University Lutheran Church 7:30 p.m. tonight (Nov. 20) for an intimate solo show hosted by the Ten Pound Fiddle.

Kiah's 2021 album, "Wary + Strange," earned her praise from The New York Times, Pitchfork and Rolling Stone, plus performances on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and "CBS Saturday Morning." The follow-up, "Still + Bright," explores the musician's "deep-rooted affinity for Eastern philosophies and spiritual traditions, a near-mystical connection with the natural environment, the life lessons learned in her formative years as a self-described 'anime-nerd mall goth' and much more," according to her website. It takes a "darkly cinematic twist" on her previous rootsy alt-rock LP, "with its sonic palette encompassing everything from fuzzed-out guitars and industrial-leaning beats to gilded pedal steel and exquisitely graceful banjo work."

Kiah is also a member of the all-women-of-color folk quartet Our Native Daughters, whose song "Black Myself," written by Kiah, earned a 2020 Grammy nomination for best American roots song. Kiah has been described as a "fantastic finger-picker, dynamo singer and profound songwriter [who] defies all sorts of stereotypes" by Guitar Player magazine and "one of Americana's great up-and-coming secrets" by Rolling Stone.

Tickets for the East Lansing show are \$25 for the public, \$20 for Ten Pound Fiddle Members and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org).

### Friday, Nov. 22

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**An Evening of Acting & Improv** - Our Acting

Ensemble will present "Bachelor Holiday" for the first act, and the improv actors will entertain you in the second act with skits. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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## Starlight Dinner Theatre returns to the stage with delightful musical mystery

By KAREN RICH

What happens when American chocolatier Milton Hershey travels to Victorian London and meets renowned detective Sherlock Holmes and his best mate, Dr. John Watson? A duke is murdered, a palace is robbed, a new candy is invented, and a literal wild goose chase ensues.

Combining humor, mystery and a dash of historical charm, "Sherlock Holmes and the Great Royal Goose Chase" is an inventive and entertaining addition to the Holmesian canon. Nearly five years after COVID shuttered venues around the world — and in the wake of having to cancel two-thirds of its 2023-'24 season due to difficulty finding a performance space — Starlight Dinner Theatre has returned to its home base, Waverly East Intermediate School, with this delightful musical farce.

The audience is immediately

drawn into the fast-paced plot, which begins with a robbery at the home of Queen Victoria (Cheryl Sheridan) herself, Buckingham Palace. The action doesn't slow down as Holmes (Edward Heldt) and Watson (Paul Levandowski) have lunch with a mysterious masked stranger



Review

### "Sherlock Holmes and the Great Royal Goose Chase"

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 (dinner at 6:30 p.m.)

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 (dessert at 1:30 p.m.)

Waverly East Intermediate School  
3131 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
[facebook.com/StarlightDinnerTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/StarlightDinnerTheatre)

before attending American singer Irene Adler's (Jacqueline Lutz) final London performance, where the Duke of Wessex is murdered by ... sorry, no spoilers. What was the valuable treasure stolen from Buckingham Palace? Will it ever be returned to its rightful owner?

Who murdered the duke? How many people will die? And what exactly is Hershey's relationship to Adler? You'll need to buy a ticket to find out.

It's impossible not to have fun while watching Holmes and Watson outsmart the thief and the murderer while running circles around inept police officer Inspector Lestrade (Michael Hays). Their witty banter and camaraderie as they work to untangle the webs of deception draw delighted laughter from the crowd. You'll absolutely adore Laura Johnson as Holmes's protégé, William, and Lutz's performance as the intriguing songstress is also not to be missed. Clever lyrics and catchy tunes make for memorable musical numbers that move the story forward at a satisfying pace until the mystery is ultimately resolved aboard the RMS Oceanic.

It's always a delight to watch the



Courtesy Starlight Dinner Theatre

Edward Heldt (left) as Sherlock Holmes and Paul Levandowski as Dr. John Watson in Starlight Dinner Theatre's production of "Sherlock Holmes and the Great Royal Goose Chase."

iconic detective's legendary sleuthing skills in action, and this whimsical adaptation is no exception. Whether or not you decide to have dinner, you'll want to take this opportunity to stop by 221B Baker St.

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**“A Very Williamston Christmas”** - 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

**An Evening of MSU Chamber Music** - Featuring Arnold Bax's Oboe Quintet and Antonin Dvorak's String Quintet No. 1. 5:30 p.m. Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, 640 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [frib.msu.edu](http://frib.msu.edu).

**Cowboy Christmas Open Horse Show** - Noon-6 p.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. [facebook.com/cowboychristmas2022](http://facebook.com/cowboychristmas2022).

**Dylan Raymond** - Known for his baritone voice, energetic performances and Midwestern charm, Raymond is bringing his own sound to country music. 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. [lansingbrewingcompany.com](http://lansingbrewingcompany.com).

**Emilio Pino Bookend Gallery Display** - Enjoy Pino's paintings during the month of November. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**“Into the Woods”** - Presented by the Charlotte High School drama department. 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. [charlotteperformingartscenter.com](http://charlotteperformingartscenter.com).

**LCC Concert Choir** - Stop by LCC's Silver Bells in the City watch party and listen to the holiday sounds of LCC's Concert Choir. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gannon Building Commons, 422 N. Washington Square, Lansing. [lcc.edu/showinfo](http://lcc.edu/showinfo).

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**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**MSU Football vs. Purdue University** - 8 p.m. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/football](http://msuspartans.com/sports/football).

**Parkinson's Exercise: Movement for Vitality** - Free group class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lpsg.org](http://lpsg.org).

**UrbanBeat Walter Blanding Series: Soul Station** - Experience the magic of Blanding's music up

close and personal. Featured performers: Jim Alfredson, organ; Chris Minami, guitar; Randy Gelispie, drums; Blanding, saxophone. 7:30 p.m. 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Village Crafters Holiday Craft Show** - Shop for handmade items provided by more than 30 crafters, bakers and artists. Kids can write a letter to Santa and make ornaments. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, 4667 N Gunnell Road, Dimondale. [villagecrafters.net](http://villagecrafters.net).

## Saturday, Nov. 23

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**Divination Roundtable** - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

**Emilio Pino Bookend Gallery Display** - Enjoy Pino's paintings during the month of November. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day** - An intimate gathering to remember loved ones who have passed and honor survivors. Registration req. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. [lansing-michigan.isosld.afsp.org](http://lansing-michigan.isosld.afsp.org).

**“Into the Woods”** - Presented by the Charlotte High School drama department. 3 and 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. [charlotteperformingartscenter.com](http://charlotteperformingartscenter.com).

**Lansing Dragons Ball** - Mingle with fellow dragon enthusiasts and prepare to be mesmerized by breathtaking decorations, captivating performances and delicious treats. Ages 25+. Lansing Liederkrantz, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. [eventbrite.com/e/lansing-dragons-ball-tickets-1008740880127](http://eventbrite.com/e/lansing-dragons-ball-tickets-1008740880127).

**“Light Through the Darkness” Opening Reception** - Meet the artists behind our new exhibition, which features themes of hope, contrast and transition. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Art Williamston gallery, 3845 Vanneter Road, Williamston. [facebook.com/ArtWilliamston](http://facebook.com/ArtWilliamston).

**Mason Symphony and Philharmonic Concert** - Program includes Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, George Hue's “Fantaisie,” Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5 and Scott Joplin's “Easy Winners.” 7 p.m. MacDonald Middle School, 160 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. [masonorchestras.org](http://masonorchestras.org).

**Matthew Shannon at El Azteco East** - 9 p.m. 225 Ann St., East Lansing. 517-351-9111. [facebook.com/elaztecoeast](http://facebook.com/elaztecoeast).

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 10 am.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. [meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket](http://meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket).

**Michigan Made Holiday Exhibition & Market** - Shop for fine art and creative gifts by more than 50 Michigan artists! 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Lansing. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**MSU Symphony Orchestra: “Bohemian Soul”** - Program features Dvorak's Symphony No. 7, Zoltan Kodaly's “Dances of Galánta,” a tuba concerto by retired Professor Ronald Newman and a student-composed fanfare. 8 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

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**MSU Women's Volleyball vs. University of Maryland** - 1 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball](http://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball).

**Rich Phelan Author Visit** - Phelan will discuss his thriller novel, “Edge of Darkness,” released in April. 11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop** - Join us for a make-and-take Thanksgiving centerpiece class, just in time for the holiday! 2 p.m. Van Atta's Greenhouse, 9008 Old M-78, Bath. [vanattas.com](http://vanattas.com).

**Village Crafters Holiday Craft Show** - Shop for handmade items provided by more than 30 crafters, bakers and artists. Kids can write a letter to Santa and make ornaments. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, 4667 N Gunnell Road, Dimondale. [villagecrafters.net](http://villagecrafters.net).

**Wellness Day at Hidden Grove Estate** - Join local beauty and wellness professionals for a day of learning, rejuvenation and networking. Reconnect with your well-being and gain tools and strategies to thrive in your business. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 2335 N. Williamston Road, Williamston. [eventbrite.com/e/wellness-day-at-hidden-grove-estate-tickets-1054139061309](http://eventbrite.com/e/wellness-day-at-hidden-grove-estate-tickets-1054139061309).

## Sunday, Nov. 24

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**“A Very Williamston Christmas”** - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

**“The Bountiful Harvest, the Story of Demeter,” SALT Presentation by CJ Pratt** - Through mythology, Pratt will teach the spiritual importance of agriculture and a bountiful harvest. 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Cat Yoga & Snuggle Session** - A Purrfectly relaxing time! 45 minutes of gentle yoga, followed by 30-45 min of rescue cat snuggles! 4 p.m. 621 S. Grand Ave., Fowlerville. [eventbrite.com/e/cat-yoga-snuggle-session-tickets-1080104213779](http://eventbrite.com/e/cat-yoga-snuggle-session-tickets-1080104213779).

**Compton & Newberry at Elderly Instruments** - Mike Compton and Joe Newberry's music rings true to fans of bluegrass, early country, blues, gospel and string-band music. 2:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. [elderly.com](http://elderly.com).

**Cowboy Christmas Open Horse Show** - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. [facebook.com/cowboychristmas2022](http://facebook.com/cowboychristmas2022).

**Euchre** - 6 p.m. Esquire Bar, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. 517-487-5338.

**FREE Gentle Nidra Yoga Class** - Designed for all levels to ease you into deep relaxation and stillness. Noon. Firefly Hot Yoga Barre, 118 S. Washington Square, Lansing. [fireflyhotyogabarrefitness.com](http://fireflyhotyogabarrefitness.com).

**GLAD Drum Circle** - We offer a welcoming space for all, from beginners to advanced drummers. Bring your own drum or borrow one! 2-4 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. [facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers](http://facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers).

**Harmony Sundays** - Weekly DJ event featuring Aura the Brave and special guests. 9 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. [instagram.com/macsbarmu](http://instagram.com/macsbarmu).

**JUGGLERS AND WOULD-BE JUGGLERS** - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. [mike-marhanka@gmail.com](http://mike-marhanka@gmail.com).

**Karaoke Kickback** - Ages 21+ welcome. Hosted by Genesis Terrell. 9:30-11:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**LCC Jazz Band** - The Jazz Band is back on campus to bring you the sounds of the big-band era! Free admission. 3 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [lcc.edu/showinfo](http://lcc.edu/showinfo).

**“MSU UnScripted”** - 2 and 6 p.m. Studio 60 Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com).

**MSU Wind Symphony and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony** - Program includes works by Bach, Shostakovich, Sousa, Steven Bryant and more. 3 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

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**Lansing's Autumn Favorites!**

**QD Quality Dairy**

**IN QD STORES NOW!**

The advertisement features a variety of QD products including:
 

- Apple Cider (various sizes)
- QD Eggnog (various sizes)
- QD Ice Cream (Peppermint Stice and Pumpkin Pie flavors)

 The background is decorated with autumn leaves and pumpkins.

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**Red Cedar Quaker Friends Worship** - A welcoming community where you can think deeply, develop spiritually, love fully. 10:30 a.m. 1400 Turner St., Lansing. [redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship](http://redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship).

**Searching for Dark Matter with the Universe's Highest-Energy Light** - Presentation by theoretical physicist and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Tracy Slatyer. 1 p.m. Virtual - register at [frib.msu.edu/gateway/events/talk-24nov2024](http://frib.msu.edu/gateway/events/talk-24nov2024).

**Summerlands Sunday Brunch** - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](https://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

**Viridis and Campus Choir** - Experience a rich tapestry of choral music performed by MSU's treble glee club, Viridis, and the Campus Choir. Program delves into the theme of "new beginnings." 7 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

## Monday, Nov. 25

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**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class** - Eight-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

**Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 8-9:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlands-brewing](https://facebook.com/summerlands-brewing).

**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Department of Public Works Meeting** - 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. 517-651-5374. [laingsburg.us](http://laingsburg.us).

**Emilio Pino Bookend Gallery Display** - Enjoy Pino's paintings during the month of November. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**"The Four Agreements" Zoom Book Study, with Kathi Frederick** - 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Jazz/Ballet II for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Joseph Luloff, Saxophone** - MSU saxophonist Joseph Luloff, guest pianist Yu-Lien The and saxophonist Jordan Luloff perform two newly commissioned saxophone duos as well as works by Amanda Harberg and others. 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**Make a Mini Snow Globe Ornament** - Ages 6+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladd.org](http://gladd.org).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - 9 a.m.-5

p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Open Mic Night, hosted by Kathy Ford** - 6:30-9:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. [onenorthdining.com](http://onenorthdining.com).

**"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Zoom Book Study, with Jeff Benoit** - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Yoga for Parkinson's** - Free group class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](http://lapsg.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 26

**"A Course in Miracles," with Lisa Schmidt** - Group reads a passage from the book and discusses its meaning and how to apply it to real-life situations. 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Acting 101 for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**"A Joyful Line"** - Dorothy Hughes Engelman exhibits her original zentangle-inspired art at the Okemos Library through Dec. 31. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Beginning American-Style Rhumba Group Dance Class** - Eight-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

**Emilio Pino Bookend Gallery Display** - Enjoy Pino's paintings during the month of November. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Jazz Tuesdays** - Weekly series showcasing the best and brightest mid-Michigan jazz musicians. 7 p.m. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/jazztuesdaysatmoriarty](https://facebook.com/jazztuesdaysatmoriarty).

**Level I Dance for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 5-8. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**MSU Symphony Band** - Program includes "George Washington Bridge," by William Schuman; "Elegy," by John Barnes Chance; "The Gallant Seventh," by John Philip Sousa; and "Ecstatic Waters," by Steven Bryant. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**One More Chapter Book Club** - Participants read the same book beforehand and come to the meeting ready to chat, eat snacks and have book-related fun. Grades 2-4 with a caregiver. Registration req. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Parkinson's Exercise** - Free group class for people with Parkinson's, led by exercise professionals. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](http://lapsg.org).

## 'MSU UnScripted'

7:30 p.m. Thursday,  
Nov. 21

2 and 8 p.m. Saturday,  
Nov. 23

2 and 6 p.m. Sunday,  
Nov. 24

Studio 60 Theatre  
542 Auditorium Road,  
East Lansing



Each fall, freshman theater students at Michigan State University stage an improv show featuring a blend of classic and innovative improv games utilizing on-the-spot audience suggestions. This year's performances run 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 21), 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 23) and 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 24) at the school's Studio 60 Theatre.

"The personalities of our newest students come together like a puzzle ... there isn't a script; the performers are making everything up off the top of their heads," director Sarah Hendrickson said. "We strive in the Department of Theatre to help students push the boundaries of discovery to become artists and find the humor in things whenever possible."

To prepare for the shows, the cast has been practicing their improvisational skills in class.

"One of my favorite principles of improvisation is the idea that there are no mistakes, only opportunities to explore a new idea," Hendrickson said. "Improv comedians are constantly looking at given circumstances with a new perspective and working as an ensemble to achieve a common goal."

Tickets are \$20 for the public, \$15 for seniors and faculty and \$10 for students. They're available at the Wharton Center Ticket Office, online at [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com) or by calling (517) 432-2000.

**The Poetry Room Presents: "Say Something"** - Join us for an evening of lyrical expression and artistic camaraderie at the Poetry Room's open mic! Sign-up begins at 7 p.m., event runs 7:30-9 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/The517PoetryRoom](https://facebook.com/The517PoetryRoom).

**"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Book Study, with Rev. Sharon Ketchum** - 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Summerlands Karaoke Night** - Family-friendly until 9:30 p.m. Enjoy food and beverages, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic. 7:30-11 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](https://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

**Trivia at Lansing Shuffle** - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansingshuffle.com](http://lansingshuffle.com).

## Wednesday, Nov. 27

**Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

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**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

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Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Henry Herig at El Azteco East** - 9 p.m. 225 Ann St., East Lansing. 517-351-9111. [facebook.com/elaztecoeast](https://facebook.com/elaztecoeast).

**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**JP & The Energy Pre-Thanksgiving Bash at Mash Bar** - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. [mashbar.net](http://mashbar.net).

**Lansing Live Open Stage Night** - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeat-events.com](http://urbanbeat-events.com).

**Mixed Flavors at the Irish Pub** - 9 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. 517-253-8713. [facebook.com/IrishPubLansing](https://facebook.com/IrishPubLansing).

**MSU Women's Volleyball vs. Northwestern University** - 6 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball](http://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball).

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**Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [iamc.info](http://iamc.info).

**Tap II for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Weaving the Web: Life After Death** - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

Since taking office as a county commissioner following the 2022 election, I spend a few evenings each month in Mason, which, as it turns out,

is adorable. There's a combination independent bookstore and coffee shop, several unique gift shops, a taco truck and, in the coming weeks, there will be an enormous Santa Claus and a mailbox where kids can drop off their North Pole-bound letters. There's also a locally owned brewery, a historic courthouse and Westside Deli, the now-defunct Frandor location of which I remember frequenting during my childhood. The pizza and breadsticks still slap.

But my attention this month was turned to the Tippy Nickel Bar & Grille, which used to be Darb's Tavern & Eatery, but that was before my time in Mason. The Tippy Nickel looks like a log cabin and is accordingly cozy on the inside, with limited seating, a playlist that isn't too country-focused and an attentive waitstaff. One busy Friday a few weeks ago had me running from court to court between Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties, and while in Mason, I decided to place a takeout order for dinner.

Mr. She Ate and I swapped roles that day. He chose the steak cobb salad (\$20), which was underwhelming. The lettuce wasn't crisp, and while the addition of chickpeas was tasty and welcome, he didn't care for the balsamic vinaigrette at all. But, as I told him, that's what he gets for ordering a salad at a bar.

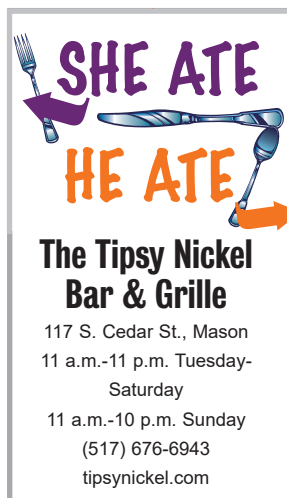
I had the pork tenderloin melt (\$15) and fared much better. At this time of year, if a food item has cranberries, apples, cinnamon, butternut squash, rosemary or any other late-fall or winter flavor incorporated into it, I'm in. East Lansing's new Trader Joe's absolutely loves to see me coming — if you haven't had the almond-butter-stuffed pretzels or the maple-spiced nut mix, please add them to your list of snacks to pick up.

The sandwich wasn't something I'd typically choose, but I'm glad I did. The tenderloin was thickly sliced and juicy, and the creaminess of the mascarpone played nicely with the cranberry relish, with a light hint of spice from the poblanos. I stood over the stove and ate much of it before Mr. She Ate asked me if I was going to join the rest of the family at the table, which pretty well encapsulates how frantic life has been in the She Ate household lately.

I will admit, I tore into the takeout containers and started eating the fries during the drive from Mason back to north Lansing. I justified it by telling myself that fries are best when they're fresh, and I owed it to the Tippy Nickel to eat them as soon as possible. While this is true, I also didn't have enough self-control at the time to smell the fries and drive 20 minutes without eating them. I'm happy I did — they were shatteringly crisp and well-seasoned. The children gobbled the rest of them up, along with the additional order of fries I got for them.

On a return trip for lunch, I chose the Thai chicken peanut wrap (\$15). I don't typically love wraps (too

## From creative handhelds to sizeable salads, Tippy Nickel elevates the basics



The staff is attentive, friendly and genuinely seem to enjoy what they do. Whether you're seated at the bar or in the dining area, you'll soon be greeted with a smile and offered prompt service. The bartenders are skilled drink crafters, and servers are efficient



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

A favorite of local foodies, the Tippy Nickel's signature PB&J burger melds an array of flavors into a cohesive, delicious sandwich.

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

I don't get over to Mason much. My professional roles don't require me to engage with county government very often, unless I'm popping in to see my dear mentor



Beverly

Derrick Quinney, register of deeds. On those few visits, I've noticed a sprinkling of interesting food options around the courthouse. So, when my co-reviewer and I landed on the Tippy Nickel as our destination this month, I was excited to step into an unknown-to-me corner of the community.

Standing at the site of the former Darb's Tavern & Eatery and on the shoulders of its sister restaurant, Dansville's Wooden Nickel II, the Tippy Nickel is a family-owned business serving higher-end pub fare and signature cocktails to treat locals and new visitors alike. Nightly specials include prime rib and seafood boils, and the autumnal drink is hot apple cider.

The restaurant has a classic bar feel with modern touches and an intimate vibe. I saw customers having both dinner with friends and casual drinks. The dim lighting and rustic decor create a welcoming atmosphere, ideal for unwinding after a long day. It also has an outdoor patio, which offers a more relaxed space to enjoy your meal or sip a cold beer while people-watching in downtown Mason — weather permitting.

without being overbearing. I just wish someone would've stepped in when one seemingly regular bar fly pontificated about his relationships and political beliefs at decibel levels unbefitting for others wanting to enjoy their own thoughts.

### What's OK

I've tried a lot of brisket over the years — it's one of my favorite things to order off any barbecue menu. Typically, the meat is smoked for many hours, creating a flavorful crust and a deep smokiness that transports you to the middle of West Texas or another barbecue haven with every bite. Sadly, the brisket tacos (\$16) lacked those notes of true brisket. Perhaps the smokiness was masked by the competing flavors of the apple-kale slaw and tzatziki sauce, but when examining the overly gray chunks of meat, I couldn't discern any seasoning on the meat itself. The tacos were stuffed full, and three would be enough for a solid meal.

### What's good

The calamari appetizer (\$15) was fried perfectly and arrived as a generous portion. I paired it with a seasonal beer and really appreciated how the black pepper on the calamari balanced so well with the orange marmalade dipping sauce. A little citrusy kick went a long way.

Also quite yummy was the spinach salad (\$19), which contained a perfectly medium salmon steak, green apples, dried cranberries and candied pecans. The star was the apple cider vinaigrette, which should be bottled and sold separately.

### Best bite

The signature PB&J burger (\$16) has been a topic of discussion in local foodie circles for a while, and it did not dis-

# Prepare your belly for holiday warfare

By **ARI LEVAUX**

The most popular New Year's resolutions each year, according to polls, relate to diet, exercise and weight loss.

It makes sense that people would resolve to turn the ship around after finding themselves at the end of the holiday season. Alas, by the time New Year's Day rolls around, the damage has already been done. Losing weight is a lot harder than avoiding it in the first place.

That's why now, rather than January, is the time to craft a plan that will help you navigate the treacherous temptations of the holiday food table. Here

are some thoughts on the subject, followed by a recipe for massaged kale salad that's guaranteed to leave your belly happy and full of fiber.



1. Treat your stomach space as the most valuable of real estate, like Victorians treated virginity. Don't just give it away to the first hors d'oeuvres tray that floats by. It's easy to surrender to filling your belly with whatever's within arm's reach, but if

there's nothing good to eat, then don't eat. Take a breather. Something more worthy of your belly will be around soon enough.

2. The day after a feast, wait until lunchtime to eat breakfast. Some people

worry that skipping breakfast leads to more eating later in the day to compensate, which can supposedly cause weight gain. But the most recent evidence suggests that response is rare. In any case, during the holidays you already know you're going to eat more later in the day, so skipping breakfast to compensate for the gluttony to come makes sense. And after a night of feasting, you might just sleep in until lunchtime anyway.

3. Up the activity. I don't mean to im-

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Photo by Ari LeVaux

This massaged kale salad is guaranteed to leave your belly happy and full of fiber during the often-gluttonous holiday season.

## She Ate

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much bread), but I was intrigued by these flavors. I appreciate the intention with the dish, but the vegetables weren't crisp or flavorful enough, and the whole thing would have benefited from a healthy infusion of ginger. I would stuff the wrap with thinly sliced purple cabbage, cucumber and carrot and add the peanut sauce, chicken and

edamame for textural contrast.

Mr. She Ate had a club sandwich (\$16), a favorite of his and his litmus test for a good sandwich restaurant. This one looked mediocre, and the taste supported that impression. Elevated ingredients would go a long way in improving the experience, such as thick, bakery-style bread; vibrant, crunchy lettuce; and maybe a garlic aioli to add more flavor. But the fries remained excellent, and as I suspected, the side of ranch into which we dipped them was fantastic.

## He Ate

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appoint. The half-pound handheld was well seasoned and served on a pretzel bun. Usually, that would be enough for a winner, but the Topsy Nickel took it up several notches with cheddar cheese, maple-bacon jam, caramelized onions and

maple syrup.

You might be asking yourself, "But what about the peanut butter?" Let me say, it was a high note among all those other delicious melodies. It offered a creaminess and earthiness that you wouldn't think you'd need, but given all the other components, it helped to marry everything together.

State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 24-000452-DE-P33 - Estate of Richard D. Heater, Sr. Date of Birth: 4/8/1956. Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Richard D. Heater, Sr., died 3/26/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen Heater, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, Nov. 20, 2024. Karen Heater, 2001 W. Mt. Hope, Apt. 331, Lansing MI 48910.

CP#24-732

State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 24-833-DE - Estate of Jimmy Lee Norris. Date of Birth: 9/1/1948. Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Jimmy Lee Norris, died 7/1/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kim Smith, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, Nov. 20, 2024. Kim Smith, 640 W. Berry Ave., Lansing MI 48910, 517-202-1584.

CP#24-738



### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP BOARD NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Charter Township of Meridian Township Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1:30pm, at the Meridian Municipal Building-Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864. The purpose of the public meeting is to interview final candidates for the position of Township Manager.

Interviews will be held from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm and will be televised on HOMTV. Following the last interview, a public reception will be held in the Town Hall Room from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm where the public can meet with the finalists.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Interim Township Manager Timothy R. Schmitt, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP BOARD NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Charter Township of Meridian Township Board will hold a special meeting on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 10:00am, at the Meridian Municipal Building-Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864. The purpose of the public meeting is to discuss the township goals for 2025.

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ply that you can exercise away the excess — unless you're an endurance athlete, your workouts probably won't compensate for the level of gluttony typical of the holidays. But exercise is always good for you and will help you build some discipline that you can put to work at the holiday trough. And if you're skipping breakfast, you have that time slot available ...

4. Pre-party with green plant fiber. If you show up with something in your belly, you won't be that guy crowding the food table before its time to eat. Arriving at a lavish buffet with fiber in your belly has other benefits, too. Greens are generally digestive aids that will help move along all the custard puffs, pumpkin pies and cookies that might tempt you. So, start the evening with bowl or two of this massaged kale salad — and maybe bring some to the potluck if you think the other guests might want some tasty fiber in their lives.

The action of squeezing the leaves in salt and lemon juice softens them, almost like a light sauté would. Just remember that, like many salads, this one isn't low in calories. But at least the calories come from fat, which, like fiber, sates the belly and takes the edge off of hunger.

### Massaged kale salad

Use your hands to knead the kale with salt and lemon or lime juice. This breaks down the cell walls, leaving the kale soft, pliable and easier to eat. My kale of choice is the long and narrow-leafed lacinato kale, which also goes by the names dinosaur kale, black kale and Tuscan kale. Curly kale is another good option.

*Serves four*

6 cups kale, center ribs removed, chopped crosswise into 1/2-inch slices

4 tablespoons lime or lemon juice

1 teaspoon salt

One clove garlic, pressed (garlic lovers can multiply as necessary)

1/2 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/4 cup grated Parmesan or crumbled feta

Place the kale, salt and lime or lemon juice in a large mixing bowl. Squeeze handfuls of kale as hard as you can, over and over, for about a minute. Add the rest of the ingredients, toss together and serve.



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