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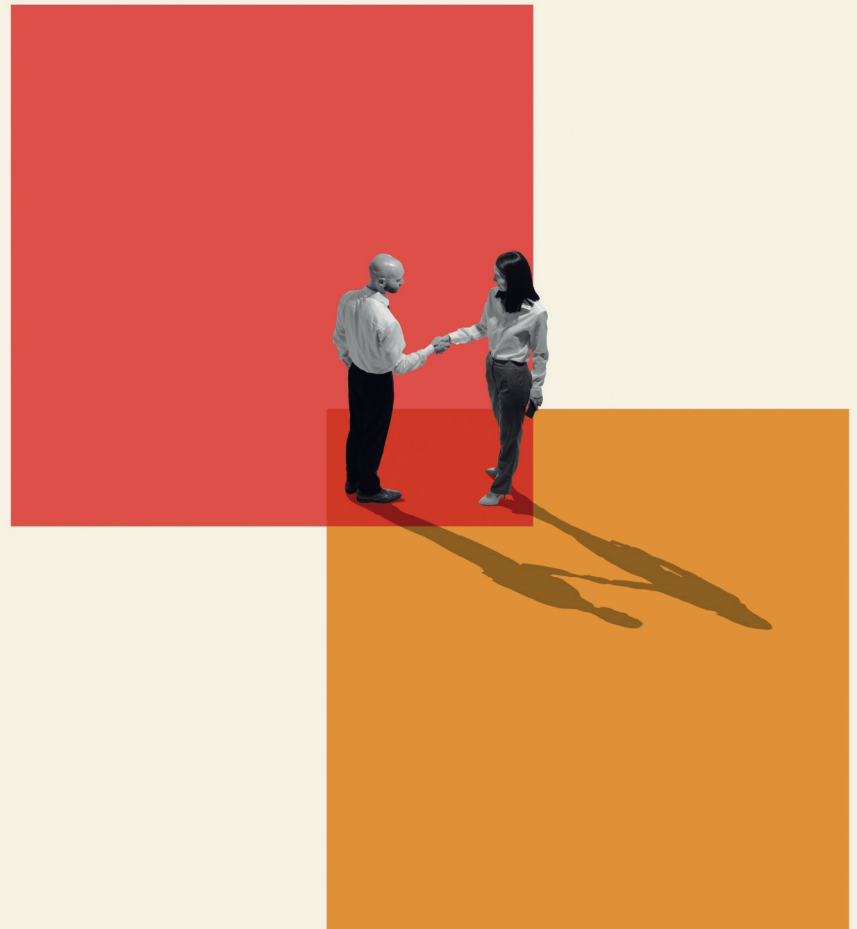
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by TOM TOMORROW

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# PULSE

# NEWS & OPINION

## Supreme Court decision hangs over Lansing Township special election

### Proposal asks residents to confirm current fee that is likely illegal

After East Lansing settled for \$7.8 million over a 5% fee on Lansing Board of Water & Light bills deemed to be an illegal tax, Lansing Township is trying a different approach to keep a similar fee in force.

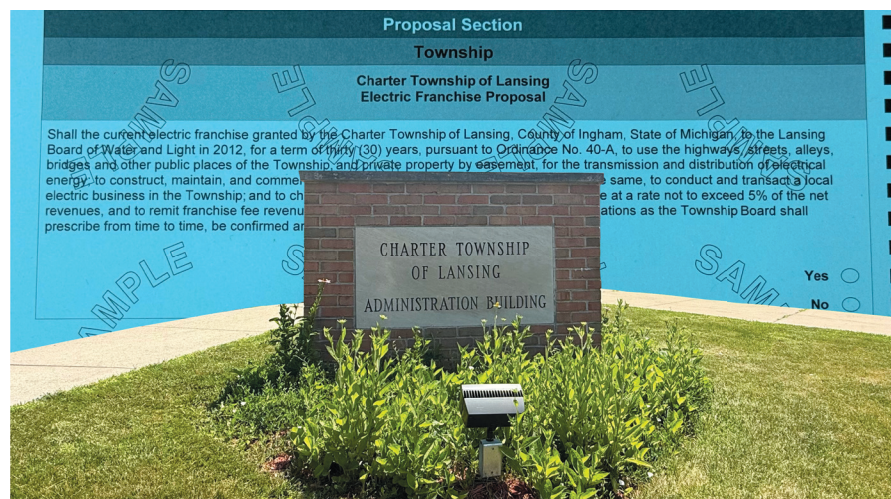
An Aug. 5 special election has only one proposal, which asks voters to confirm a franchise agreement with the BWL for the next 30 years. The agreement includes a 5% franchise fee on customers' electric bills, which BWL pays to the city. It has been active since 2012, though without voter approval — a practice forbidden by Michigan's 1978 Headlee Amendment, which requires voters to approve municipal taxes.

In an interview, township Supervisor Maggie Sanders said the proposal "is not a request to legitimize" the fee. Instead, it seeks an "irrevocable" franchise agreement, which would make the agreement more difficult to terminate. State law mandates that voters must approve irrevocable franchise agreements. But some are worried a "yes" vote would legitimize an illegal tax and make a lawsuit more difficult.

"It seems the basic thrust of this entire thing is to cover them, even retroactively," said Lansing Township resident Jane Dailey. "East Lansing and Delta Township were able to sue for it and get reimbursed millions of dollars, as it was declared an illegal tax in the Michigan Supreme Court."

Erika Rosebrook, the director of MSU's Extension Center for Local Government Finance and Policy, said there was nothing in the proposal's language to indicate a retroactive effect. But Dailey and other residents said avoiding a lawsuit was the obvious intention.

The BWL serves 5,179 customers in Lansing Township. The public utility has participated in franchise agree-



Lansing Charter Township is holding a special election Aug. 5 to confirm its 2012 franchise agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light, which likely runs afoul of Michigan law because it was not then passed by voters.

ments since 1986, when it entered them with DeWitt and Windsor townships. Franchise fees, which BWL collects and pays to the municipalities, are active in DeWitt, Meridian, Watertown and Lansing townships, BWL spokesperson Amy Adamy said.

A particular gripe for Dailey is that the fee, which is meant to cover expenses the BWL incurs for operations in the township's public right-of-way, seems too high considering how few services she gets from the township.

"We get almost no services from the township," the Groesbeck neighborhood resident said. "The Ingham County Road Department plows my roads and takes care of the trees, and then we have to pay Granger to pick up our trash. We don't get any recycling or any of that stuff."

She added she struggles to trust the township after multiple financial mishaps in her 30 years as a resident. A settlement last year got the township out of \$250 million in financial liabilities over The Heights at Eastwood, a residential and commercial development built using public bonds — but Dailey is not convinced township leadership has learned its lessons. Sanders, who was elected supervisor in 2022, is the daughter of Kathy Rodgers, who was treasurer

during the development and oversaw some of the fallout during her 2012-2016 tenure as supervisor. Sanders also sued the township over debt she owed in 2018, and her mother remains treasurer.

"These are the same players," Dailey said. "I don't know why anyone would think we should trust them to manage our money."

But another Lansing Township resident, Joel R. Brouwer, said the township's financial situation was his reason for voting "yes" on the proposal.

"I don't want the township to be sued and have to give all that money back, because the township is broke," he said. "And as a Lansing Township resident and taxpayer, one way or another, I am responsible for that debt."

While he is unhappy about the township's financial woes, he said, the township needs all the money it can get, including the franchise fee. Beside that, the cost litigation and paying back the fees collected since 2012 would probably fall on taxpayers anyway, he said.

"I don't know how else the township is going to raise that money."

Sanders called the primary motivation of the ordinance to "maintain the franchise fee," but she said it was not a reaction to the East Lansing decision.

In its current state, she said, the franchise can be revoked by a petition or lawsuit. With an irrevocable franchise agreement approved by electors, the township would gain peace of mind in knowing that funding was secure.

While money collected from the fee goes into the township's general fund, Sanders said it is directed toward areas affected by BWL's operations.

"When utility companies use our public streets, our highways, our alleys, our right-of-ways, our public places within the township, they do damage they're not necessarily fixing," she said.

"It goes into the general fund, then those funds are spread out within different cost centers," she continued. "So, some of it goes into sidewalks and roads, and some of it goes into police and fire because they are also responding to these utility company areas. So, it assists with the purchase of equipment for response for our police and fire departments."

She said the township made around \$600,000 from the fee in 2024.

Complicating the issue is the general lack of information around the ballot proposal. Dailey and Brouwer both said they had heard nothing from township officials about why the proposal was on the ballot and what it entailed. Dailey said the wording was confusing.

"I think it was written by a package of lawyers, and it's designed to be slightly confusing, frankly," Dailey said. "It's kind of hard to figure out."

Rosebrook said researching the proposal had been difficult because information about township meetings is sparse.

"I haven't run into a government of that size with as little information about their meetings and things like that online," she said. "I was surprised."

"There's so little explanation in the minutes and no agenda packet with additional details, it's hard to react to anything other than hypotheticals."

— LEO V. KAPLAN

# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



**The Gillespie Group agreed to purchase the City Rescue Mission's six adjacent buildings on the 600 block of East Michigan Avenue.** The mission's men's shelter is relocating to a new facility under construction on West Kalamazoo Street. The Gillespie Group seeks to redevelop the six buildings into restaurant and retail storefronts on their first floors and up to 16 apartments above, for an estimated \$8 million. The group is seeking approval from the City Council, and CEO Pat Gillespie said it will also request a residential brownfield incentive, which will require approval from both the city and the state.

Downtown Lansing Inc. has been awarded a \$100,000 Small Business Accelerator Grant from The Hartford, in partnership with Main Street America, to launch The Macotta Club, a culinary accelerator housed in the historic Knapp's Centre on Washington Square. The grant will support the club's initiative to support 16 different concepts by providing a 36-month accelerator program that includes a shared concept kitchen, business training and the production of a variety of dining experiences. The club aims to serve as a launching pad for diverse culinary startups, helping them transition from early-stage businesses to successful ventures poised for market expansion.



**MSU education policy Professor Josh Cowen announced he's entering the 2026 House of Representatives race, the third Democrat planning to challenge Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte, in the state's 7th Congressional District.** Cowen, who is also a visiting senior fellow at the Education Law Center in New Jersey, is an author, researcher and opponent of private school vouchers, which allow the use of taxpayer funds to help pay for nonpublic schools. He has argued that data shows they haven't improved students' academic outcomes. Cowen will face former ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and former Navy SEAL Matt Maasdam for the Democratic nomination in August 2026.

**The Michigan Court of Appeals has set Aug. 6 to hear oral arguments regarding whether a felony count of hazing against Ethan Cao and two others, resulting in the death of MSU student Phat Nguyen in 2021, is constitutional.** Prosecutors say that Cao and people at a Pi Alpha Phi fraternity party pressured Nguyen and others to drink to dangerous levels, resulting in Nguyen's death. Cao's attorney, Edwar Zeineh, argued that the statute that created the hazing causing death felony charge violates the First Amendment because it includes references to specific types of groups or associations — fraternities, sports teams, etc. — that would violate the protection of free association.



**An Ingham County Circuit Court jury convicted Christopher Palazzolo of Williamston, 44, of torture and domestic violence in the May 2021 death of his wife, Elise, from a drug overdose.** Palazzolo will go before Judge Rosemarie Aquilina for sentencing Sept. 3. He admitted to causing numerous injuries to his wife but produced a handwritten form in which she supposedly gave him permission to physically discipline her for lying. A pathologist said Elise died from ingesting multiple prescription drugs, including antipsychotic drugs. He was unable to determine whether the manner of death was suicide or homicide.

**Former Lansing police Lt. Ryan Wilcox racked up \$105,000 in charges on a city credit card, reported the Lansing State Journal after a review of documents obtained through public records requests.** The city also paid Wilcox \$122,000 in overtime between 2020 and 2025, when he retired. State Police records show Wilcox used a city gas card and vehicle for personal reasons, was paid overtime for work he didn't do and stored lawn mowing equipment for his personal business at the Police Department's firing range. City Council President Ryan Kost told the Journal that he was surprised by how aggressive the city was about not wanting to release public records involving Wilcox. An internal investigation is ongoing, and Lansing Police spokesperson Jordan Gulkis said the department will not release the findings to the public.



**Bath Township police officers arrested a man after an extended chase through a quiet neighborhood Saturday.** They say he stabbed a resident inside a home on Nichols Road and later entered

properties on English Oak Road before being stopped. They fired their weapons during the encounter, then subdued the suspect with a taser. Emergency medical officers treated the stabbing victim for a nonfatal wound. The department placed the officers involved on paid administrative leave, in accordance with its policy for any officer-involved shooting.

### Public safety

An 11-year-old boy helped rescue his mother, another adult, and two children when he called 911 to report they were stranded on an inflatable raft on Lake Lansing. The Ingham County Sheriff's Office said only one of them had a life preserver and praised the boy for calmly and clearly explaining the situation to dispatchers. ... A 44-year-old Charlotte homeowner died when the Bobcat machinery he was operating tipped into a tree trunk, causing it to crash through the windshield of the Bobcat and strike him. EMS personnel pronounced the unidentified man deceased at the scene. ... Lansing police responded to a call on Vincent Court in south Lansing Monday and found a 5-year-old boy with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. They believe a firearm went off unintentionally inside the home and struck the child.

## The sad net product of the Legislature: Six bills

To fully appreciate the historic dysfunction of the current state Legislature, simply look at how many bills it's sent to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's desk as of July 15, the day I'm writing this column.

The Republican-led House and the Democratic-led Senate have managed to get six bills to the Romney Building this calendar year. Six.

The number doesn't include a school budget. It doesn't include any budget at all, in fact. (That's a violation of the Legislature's own law passed after the disastrous 2019 budget cycle.)

During the 188 days that the Legislature could meet, according to the Constitution, they agreed to pass:

- Making the state's new mandatory sick time law less of a headache for business owners.

- Taking restaurant waitstaff off the regular minimum wage so they can continue to live off tips.

- Allowing state-elected officials to file their personal disclosure forms late because the secretary of state's contractor screwed up the reporting website.

- Allows state-elected officials to email their personal disclosure form instead of fighting the broken website.

- Giving Northern Michigan school districts a bunch of extra snow days after that ice storm dropped a ton of trees on their roads.

- Selling a jail to the city of Detroit.

That's it. That's all of the public acts sent to the governor by our 147 legislators in 2025. The average over the last 80 years is 182.

To give this number "six" more historical context, consider this:

The last time the Michigan Legislature passed fewer bills was 85 years ago, when lawmakers passed zero bills. They passed



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zero because they never attended a session.

Back in the days of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and before, the Michigan Legislature met every other year. They met every odd-numbered year except in special circumstances. That tradition ended in 1952.

However, in 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948 and 1950, the Legislature met for a few weeks in “special sessions.” Even in those five abbreviated session years, lawmakers still managed to pass, on average, 43 bills per year by July 15.

The second fewest number of

bills signed into law since 1940 was in 1946, when then-Gov. Harry Kelly signed 30 bills over two special sessions by July 15.

Before Interstate 96 was built, before people started using personal computers, before the Mackinac Bridge was constructed, and back when rotary phones were in use, lawmakers passed more laws than this current crop of legislators.

This is what political polarization gets you. It gets you a paralyzed legislative body. It gets you public officials who feel as if they can't get anything done because “the other guys” are in charge of the other chamber.

It's not as if the House and Senate haven't done anything. They've passed several bills. They've held several committees. But the

stuff they're talking about, like an income tax cut or expanded social programs, aren't going anywhere in the other chamber. And everybody knows it.

Senators and state representatives are talking about expanded gun control and election reforms that bolster their conservative/progressive credentials. The bills that aren't politically toxic don't pass because the House speaker and the Senate majority leader didn't have a one-on-one conversation until around Memorial Day.

Now they go into a room and look at each other. Neither trusts the other, so nothing gets done. Go figure.

The House has activated a level of executive branch oversight that I've never seen in my 25 years of doing

this job. House Speaker Matt Hall has held more press conferences than any elected leader since Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Those are good things.

However, the inability to work together to solve problems is not good. It's forced gridlock designed to make the other bend to their will. It's not working collaboratively to solve problems. It's about power and scoring points.

It's not only taking bad government to a historical level, but it's also taking bad government to a point where the government has stopped functioning. Literally.

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# ARTS & CULTURE

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## Lansing made Local artists suggest fellow local musicians to stream

BY RICH TUPICA

The Lansing music scene is alive, weird and thriving — and who better to map it out than the artists themselves? From busy, locally based rappers and synth-pop gems to holiday comp albums and 15-piece vaudeville troupes, this is Lansing's soundtrack, according to some locals who help make it happen. In their own words, here's who you should be listening to right now. There are some new suggestions, some throwbacks, but all Lansing-made.



### Ozy Moore on Kwaj

Moore is an emcee and the executive director of *All of the Above Hip Hop Academy*.

If you haven't tapped in with Kwaj yet, now's the time. This incredibly gifted emcee has been putting in serious work — releasing song after song, crafting thoughtful visuals, and showing up with a consistency that's hard to ignore. His lyricism, storytelling and dedication to the craft reflect a deep love for hip-hop and a real commitment to growth. As someone who cares deeply about the creative pulse of this city, I encourage Lansing to show up for Kwaj. Stream his music, share his work and support a local artist who's truly moving with purpose. Let's lift up our own.

### Mandy Waltz on James Gardin

Waltz is a drummer who works at the *School of Rock*.

As short as a Michigan summer, and



Courtesy photo

Hip-hop artist James Gardin performs at Trail's End Camp in Pennsylvania.



as sweet as Sunday morning, "Kick It," James Gardin's newest single (2025), is my favorite Lansing-produced and recorded summer track of the year. James always impresses me with his lush poetry and quick bars, but this one is, as he puts it, "a little different."

I love how lighthearted, happy and fun "Kick It" is — especially juxtaposed next to my Lansing summer tax bill. You can tell the influence of A Tribe Called Quest and maybe even some Rico Nasty in the intro. It also reminds me (and James) of Saturday morning cartoons. The track evokes a mix of nostalgia, optimism and a reassuring and palpable hope for the

future. An invitation to listen and actually enjoy yourself, James raps, "Yeah, this might feel a little different, but I don't want you to miss it. C'mon and kick it with me." Truth.



### Lindsey Taylor on Crystal Drive

Taylor is the guitarist-vocalist of *La La Delivery*.

My favorite album made by a Lansing artist is the 2018 self-titled album by Crystal Drive. I discovered it through the local music scene, being shared by friends. The album stands out to me because it has a classic synth-pop feel with elements of David Bowie and Gary Nu-

man. I also hear some slightly modern psychedelic elements, such as MGMT and Ty Segall, in the way the vocals are mixed. I've always been a big lover of guitar-driven rock, but in recent years my appreciation for synthesizers has grown. I have a friend who owns vintage synths from the '70s. It's exciting to identify the songs on which musicians used them at the height of their popularity. In my own recordings, I usually find myself using synths as a textural element in music, but it's extra cool when they take center stage! The Lansing scene is full of talented artists, and it's inspiring to hear someone close to home make a great piece of music.



Courtesy photo

### Masaki Takahashi on The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle (LUVS)

From 2022 to 2024, Takahashi served as the Lansing-area poet laureate. He also hosts *The Poetry Room open mic*.

Before The Robin Theatre, before Super Secret Cult Band, there was The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle — Lansing's own version of the Wu-Tang Clan. Fronted by Dylan Rogers, LUVS, as they were affectionately known, was a 15-person whirlwind of music, skits and chaotic joy. They were more than a band — they were an event. Watching them in action taught me everything I needed to know about putting on a show and building community. With that many members, if each person brought

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two friends, you already had a packed room. Genius. The first time I saw them was outside near the art festival. Dylan was drumming on a luggage case emblazoned with their logo. It was clever, fresh and totally them. Their shows were part vaudeville, part variety hour, and all heart. You had Scotty, the World's Strongest Man. You had dancers, saw players, xylophonists — everyone had a role. There were costumes, storylines and a uniquely LUVS sense of humor, especially during their legendary holiday shows. No one did Christmas like they did. Like all great things, the run eventually came to an end. Their last performance was a virtual holiday show in 2020, right in the heart of the lockdown. But what they left behind was a blueprint for community, creativity and what can happen when 15 friends get together to make something weird and beautiful. You didn't just watch LUVS. You wanted to be in LUVS.



### Danielle Gyger on the “Bermuda Snowhawk” compilations

*Gyger is a vocalist, musician and songwriter in the Wild Honey Collective*

When asked what my favorite Lansing record of all time was, my mind went through a Rolodex of the countless bands from this city that I've seen and enjoyed over the years. Under the GTG Record label alone, I couldn't just pick one. But then I remembered the annual compilation of Christmas songs from various (mainly) Lansing-based artists called “Bermuda Snowhawk.” Started by Cale Sauter, guitar player from Cavalcade, in 2006, with compilation assistance from Tommy Plural from GTG Records. This album consists of various bands and solo artists covering and writing their own songs, with the only prompt that it should at least slightly resemble a Christmas theme. It's a unique concept because it forces a different creative guideline

than a lot of songwriters are used to.

Artists like Ben Hassenger Sr. & Jr., The Cartridge Family, Calliope, Flatfoot, The Plurals, Wild Honey Collective, Jackpine Snag, Cutlass Supreme, A Rueful Noise, Dasterds and many other Lansing musicians have been a part of this compilation. Sometimes the songs are sincere and euphonious, like one of my favorites, “Wonderful Way,” written by Hattie Danby of The Plurals, from the perspective of a Christmas Tree. Other times, submissions have me hysterically laughing, like Marco Urabazzo's ad libitum sort of absurd spoken word poetry, or Nicholas Richard, also of The Plurals, and his experimental, sometimes anxiety-inducing noise project “Cabin Fever.” In 2021, I wrote a new “Happy Birthday” song, dedicated to everyone born on Christmas.

“Bermuda Snowhawk” may not be my favorite Lansing album, per se, but I think it encapsulates a lot of what makes the local music scene so unique and beautiful. If you want to submit a song for this year, start writing the “Jingle Bells” of our generation right now.



Courtesy photo

### Taylor Taylor on her song “Love Lansing”

*Taylor is a Lansing-native singer-songwriter now living in Los Angeles. She performs 8-10 p.m. Thursday (July 17) at the Graduate Rock Bar, 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing, and 7-10 p.m. Aug. 2 at Cleats Bar & Grille, 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing.*

Funny enough, I wrote my own song about Lansing for 517 Day a couple of years ago! It's cute because there are details in the lyrics that you'll only really understand if you know about Lansing. The song mentions the Capitol, the smokestacks, Logan vs MLK and Michigan State. One of my favorite lines is “it's where magic is born.” And indeed, it is. I love playing it live when I come back home to visit. Wherever I travel, Lansing will always be home. “Ain't no place like it. You can try, but you won't find it.”

**Led by Mrs. Nancy Lange, The Lange Choral Ensemble is a Lansing-based choral ensemble comprising 24 to 28 area vocalists. This season's performances will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in December 2025, and First Presbyterian Church, in May 2026. All are welcome.**

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# 'The best thing to happen for local music'

## Michigan Country Entertainment helps artists achieve their dreams

By **NICOLE NOEHEL**

Lansing is known for olive burgers, Oldsmobile and jazz, thanks to Michigan State University. But for country music fans, the capital city doesn't typically come to mind. Al Garcia, owner of Lansing-based Michigan Country Entertainment, wants to change that.

Through his booking and promotion company, founded three years ago, Garcia works to support and showcase the talent of country musicians across the state, including several from the Lansing area. His roster includes big-name artists who have lived and recorded in Nashville, such as Madison Olivia, McKayla Prew, KayLyn Pace, Keegan Jacko and Cooper Johnson, as well as up-and-coming acts, such as MSU student Evan James and recent Fowlerville High School graduate Blake James, both favorites in Lansing's country scene.

Jacko, one of the first artists to join the roster, called Michigan Country Entertainment "the best thing to happen for local music."

"We're now all connected so effortlessly when it comes to talent in Michigan, which helps a ton when it comes to booking or any other music-related conversations," he said. "I think once more venues realize Michigan Country Entertainment exists, it'll take the hassle of finding high-quality talent away from venue owners. There's only one place you need to go now: the MCE team. I'm already seeing it happen around Lansing and surrounding areas."

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Country hasn't always been Garcia's go-to genre. Raised in Flint, his fondness for music began with the mariachi and Tejano songs his father would play him as a child. As a teenager, his taste transitioned to Bob Seger and other '80s rock. He developed a love for the Grateful Dead, Phish and similar groups after moving to Maine, even taking a month off work to follow a Grateful Dead tour along the East Coast.

"I got into the culture and really enjoyed the music and the easiness of it," he said of his jam-band era.

In the end, it was love that sparked the connection with country music.

"It just so happened that I met a guy — who eventually became my boyfriend — who was a country music DJ, and it sort of expanded from there," he said. "I'm able to go to a lot of shows, and I really enjoy the sounds of current country."

Moving from Maine to Lansing, the couple found that staple venues in the area's country scene, such as the Whiskey Barrel Saloon, Tequila Cowboy and the Junction, had closed their doors, forcing the local crowd to travel to other parts of the state to see a show.

"That's sort of how I started with what I'm doing now," Garcia said. "I got to know quite a few local country bands and started a Facebook page for local artists to share where they're having shows."

Garcia encourages artists interested in joining the Country Music Entertainment roster and venues or events looking to book country music to call him or use the contact form on the website.

"I think I've established a reputation



Courtesy photo

Michigan Country Entertainment owner Al Garcia (center) poses with MCE artist Cooper Johnson (left) and headliner Louie Lee at a show at Mac's Bar.

of bringing quality country entertainment to different venues, and I think people respect and value that," he said. "If they want some good country music, they know they can always call me."

Eleven Michigan Country Entertainment artists were slated to perform at the inaugural Country Roads Music Festival in Brooklyn, Michigan, a planned successor to the annual Faster Horses festival, which was canceled this year. On Monday, the Country Roads festival was postponed to next year, with a Facebook post stating organizers "want to give it the time and care it deserves."

"I'm assuming they wanted to bring

a quality festival to country music fans in Michigan, and if the numbers aren't there, it's not feasible to do it," Garcia said. "It's unfortunate that they waited until the week of. I'm sure there's going to be a lot of upset fans, and I'm up hearing some of that, but it was solely the decision of the Groves of Michigan not to have the concert.

"My group of artists are busy, and they're committed," he continued. "They're gonna move forward and move past this. Obviously, a lot of them are heartbroken. They were looking forward to this, but it is what it is."

The cancellation comes on the heels of another setback. The week Michigan Country Entertainment began its summer concert series at Hidden Creek Farms in Charlotte, the farm was struck by a tornado. Garcia was able to find another venue, Maple Brook Golf Course, to host the remaining shows, which continue through July.

Despite a somewhat tumultuous summer, Michigan Country Entertainment is resilient. Garcia is already planning a fall concert series and is booking into next year. He also mentioned he's in talks with the Old Town Commercial Association to potentially host a two-day country music festival next year.

"We do our damndest at promoting our shows. We want people to enjoy some damn good country music, and I think my team is able to deliver," he said. "They're just getting better each time they're out there. I want to see them grow professionally. I want to help them attain whatever dreams they have."

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# Reclaiming country music's Black history

By **BILL CASTANIER**

When you think about country music, you think white. But Alice Randall moved to Nashville in 1983 as a young Black songwriter fresh from Harvard to change that dynamic.

"For 20 years, I lived in Nashville working with mainstream white artists like Johnny Cash, Reba McEntire, Trisha Yearwood and Glen Campbell," Randall said.

Her 1994 song "XXX's and OOO's," sung by Yearwood, was country's first No. 1 hit co-written by a Black woman.

Following that milestone, Randall quit writing country music and began moving in different directions.

"In 2018, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and I figured if I only had a short time to live, I wanted to tell the story of Detroit as an art and music center and to tell people about Black people in country music. I thought I was staring at the gun barrel of fate," she said.

Randall, who recovered from her illness, accomplished the first goal with her book "Black Bottom Saints," a fictionalized life of Ziggy Johnson.

A Detroit legend in the arts and music industry, Johnson helped lead Detroit's own Harlem-type renaissance.

Now with the publication of her new book, "My Black Country: A Journey Through Country Music's Black Past, Present, and Future," and an accompanying album of the same name, Randall is well into achieving her second goal of reclaiming the Black history of country music, which she says has been "whitewashed."

Randall, 66, who was among the first women admitted to Harvard, is a professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Her classes include one on Black country music.

Along her journey, she's done some remarkable things to achieve her goals. They include what she called "breaking into the house" of the megastar Quincy Jones to pitch him on a movie.

As she relates the story in her new

book, a friend told her he can arrange a meeting with Jones. But when she arrived at the Los Angeles airport, she learned he could only get her into Jones' house because he knew the guard. There was no meeting scheduled, and she was on her own once she was in the house.

Her story of meeting Jones and talking him into partnering to produce a documentary short is a feat of literary bravado. The 2007 film told the story of Detroit native Herb Jeffries, a singer who starred in several "race" westerns in the 1930s. Randall is working on a one-man play about Jeffries, with plans to have it open in Detroit.

Much of Randall's inspiration for her quest to discover the roots of Black country came from Detroit, also her hometown, where growing up she heard stories of Black country from her father.

It makes sense. Detroit was the home of thousands of Southern transplants who came there during the Great Migration. "Of course they listened to country music. I've been documenting the gossip I was told. It meant so much to me," she said.

She pointed out that "Charlie Pride came out as Black at a concert in Detroit."

Many Detroiters had cottages in the Up North community of Idlewild. It attracted many Black performers, including Louie Armstrong and his second wife, Lil Harden, who was known as the mother of Black country. Hardin made country music history in 1930 by playing piano on the song "Blue Yodel #9," written and recorded by Jimmy Rodgers (accompanied by Armstrong on trumpet). Also known as "Standing on the Corner," it was the first country song to sell a million copies.

Randall recalled accompanying her parents as a young girl on a trip to New York, where she saw the Supremes perform "Queen of the House" at the Copacabana nightclub.

"It's a country song, and it's a portrait of a Black housewife whose husband works on an assembly line and about getting a new wig, and the Supremes were singing it," Randall said.

Randall said she is working on her

next book, which will dig deeper into Black country artists who were on the periphery of stardom. She is very interested in the Lansing Black instrument maker Robert Taylor, who was profiled in an early 20th century book on "freedmen's progress." Taylor was also known for inventing a guitar that was much like a banjo, a staple of Black country.

Randall's new book is a fascinating look at Black country stars like Deford Bailey, the father of Black country who for 14 years played on the "Grand Ole Opry" radio show; Esley Riddle, who worked closely with the Carters, the first family of country; and her personal inspiration, Lil Hardin.

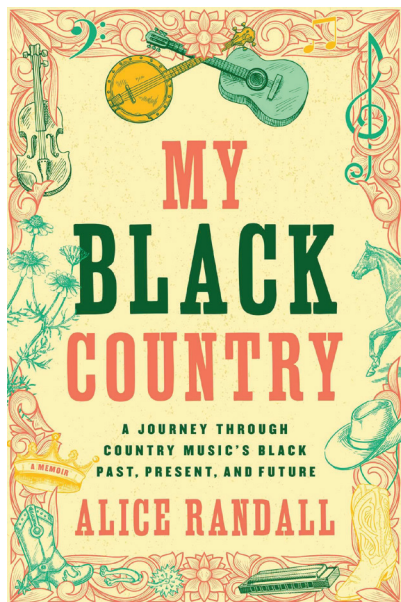
Randall has come a long way from her first song pitch and subsequent rejection letter, which exclaimed, "You have no talent whatsoever."

In her first year in Nashville, she began to hang out at the legendary Bluebird Café, a venue for country music industry insiders. "That first year was like a graduate degree in song making," she said.



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After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018, songwriter and author Alice Randall had two goals: "to tell the story of Detroit as an art and music center and to tell people about Black people in country music."



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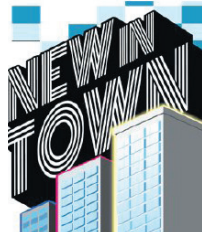
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# Owners bring Music Instrument Swap closer to home

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Around 20 years ago, a trip to the Chicago Drum Show changed Shawn VanSteeland's life.



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on March 24, celebrating its grand opening May 29. The shop offers used instruments, with a focus on drums and guitars, alongside amplifiers, pedals and other equipment, as well as in-house guitar repairs.

The shop's all-used offerings mean

customers are both allowed and encouraged to try anything and everything before they make a purchase.

"If you go to a normal guitar shop, they just have new things on the wall," VanSteeland said. Rather than buying something in a box or ordering online, he believes musicians should experiment before pulling their wallets out.

"You should pick them up and try to play them and make sure it's what you really want," he said. "So many times, people will see, like, a Zildjian K cymbal posted online and come in to play it. And then they'll play, like, an old Zildjian Amir from the '70s, which was a student-level cymbal, and they'll like it more.

"It doesn't matter how expensive it is, it's just about finding what you absolutely love," he continued.

While the drum kits vary in price, the guitars are generally in the \$300 to \$500 range, which VanSteeland said is the Lansing area's "sweet spot." He prefers to sell used instruments, which he said are more accessible for beginners and can retain their value better than new-in-box items.

The move to Holt is largely about convenience for the VanSteelands, who live about five minutes away from the shop and keep it open daily. The new store-



Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

Co-owner Shawn VanSteeland stands behind the counter at Music Instrument Swap's new Holt location.

front is smaller than the previous West Saginaw Highway spot, but VanSteeland said size and location are less relevant for a "destination shop" like his, which brings in people from all over the state via its online catalog.

"West Saginaw has a lot of traffic, but what we learned was that people don't drive by at 50 miles an hour and decide they need to buy a drum set," he said. "People find us online and through word of mouth."

But talk to VanSteeland long enough, and it will become clear that he's not just in the scene to turn a profit. A veritable

expert on local music, he set up Grand Ledge's Music in the Park concert series 15 years ago, helps put on similar events across the area and even keeps an extensive local music calendar on the Music Instrument Swap website.

The local band tees hanging behind the shop's guitars, each with its own unique story, are a reminder of VanSteeland's passion for local music.

"My whole being is about getting people to come out," he said. "People complain that there's nothing to do. Are you kidding me? There's all this stuff, and most of it is absolutely free."

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Pavel Stolarczyk & Madison Melton, property owners of 1014 Rosewood Ave. The requested dimensional variance is to exceed the maximum 25% front yard paving allowed by Section 50-816(3) in order to expand the driveway on the property.

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for each 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.

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 Zoning Board of Appeals, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to [coelzba@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:coelzba@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 Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at [gwhitney@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:gwhitney@cityofeastlansing.com).

**This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.**

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# Greater Lansing music scene directory

The Lansing area is awash with resources for performing and recording musicians, burgeoning artists looking to hone their craft, live music fans, record and CD collectors and beyond. If you consider yourself a music aficionado, you may want to keep the following guide handy.

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- Charlotte Performing Arts Center**  
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- Elderly Instruments**  
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- The Fledge**  
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thefledge.com
- Grand Ledge Opera House**  
121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge  
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- Moriarty's Pub**  
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facebook.com/moriartyspub
- MSU College of Music**  
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music.msu.edu
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therobintheatre.com
- Sirens Bar**  
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750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing  
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williamstonroadhouse.com
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Monthly — see EagleMonk Pub on Facebook for dates
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PUBLIC HEARING ON ITS PROPOSED FISCAL 2026 BUDGET**

Capital Area Transportation Authority hereby provides notice to the public and to private providers of its proposed fiscal 2026 program of projects and public hearing on its fiscal 2026 budget.

The proposed fiscal 2026 program of projects follows:

**PROGRAM OF PROJECTS CAPITAL**

**Section 5307 Formula Funding**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Less Than 30-Foot Replacement Bus With or Without Lift	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,000,000
40-Foot and Greater Replacement Bus With or Without Lift	\$ 7,200,000	\$ 9,000,000
Van Replacement, Any Size With or Without Lift	\$ 576,000	\$ 720,000
Safety and Security Equipment – Facilities	\$ 176,000	\$ 220,000
Support Vehicle Replacement	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,792,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,990,000</b>

**Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Funding**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Van Replacement, Any Size With or Without Lift	\$ 348,000	\$ 435,000
Facility Improvements	\$ 448,000	\$ 560,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 796,000</b>	<b>\$ 995,000</b>

**Section 5310 Funding Request**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Less Than 30-Foot Replacement Bus With or Without Lift	\$ 450,000	\$ 562,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 450,000</b>	<b>\$ 562,500</b>

**OPERATIONS**

Federal Share Section 5307 and Other*	\$	1,710,000
State Share*	\$	19,071,000
Local Share	\$	28,146,000
Farebox and Other	\$	9,403,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>58,330,200</b>

**Total Capital/Operations** **\$ 70,877,700**

The proposed program of projects will constitute the final program of projects if there are no changes. Additional details on the proposed fiscal 2026 program of projects and a copy of the proposed fiscal 2026 budget are available for public inspection at CATA's Administration Building, 4615 Tranter St., Lansing, MI 48910.

CATA will hold a public hearing on its proposed fiscal 2026 budget Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025, at 4 p.m. at the Lansing Center Governor's Room, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. This will be a levy under the current authorized millage. There is **NO** proposal for a new millage.

Written comments on the program of projects or the budget should be addressed to CATA Marketing, Attn: Program/Budget Comments, 4615 Tranter St., Lansing, MI 48910, or emailed to [marketing@cata.org](mailto:marketing@cata.org) and must be received by 4 p.m., Aug. 20, 2024. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and should be requested by Aug. 18, 2025.

Capital Area Transportation Authority  
Bradley T. Funkhouser, AICP, Chief Executive Officer



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[lansing501.com/events/dam-jam](http://lansing501.com/events/dam-jam)

**Eastside Summer Fest**

Noon-6 p.m. Aug. 23  
Michigan Avenue, from Foster to Clemens avenues  
[517eastside.org](http://517eastside.org)

**Michigan BluesFest**

Sept. 17-20  
Old Town, Lansing  
[micharts.org/about-bluesfest](http://micharts.org/about-bluesfest)

**JazzFest Michigan**

July 30-Aug. 2  
Turner Street, Old Town  
[micharts.org/jazzfest-about](http://micharts.org/jazzfest-about)

**Sun Dried Music Festival**

Aug. 22-24  
Downtown Mason  
[sundriedfestival.org](http://sundriedfestival.org)

**Diaz School of Piano**

3355 Duncel Road, Lansing  
(517) 896-2346  
[diaz.school](http://diaz.school)

**SCHOOLING**

**Miller Music Studio**

4450 W. Holt Road, Holt  
(517) 694-7000  
[millermusicstudio.com](http://millermusicstudio.com)

**MSU Community Music School**

4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing  
(517) 355-7661  
[cms.msu.edu](http://cms.msu.edu)

**Okemos Music Academy**

2220 University Park Drive, Okemos  
(517) 664-1110  
[lansingmusiclessons.com](http://lansingmusiclessons.com)

**The Roth Academy of Music**

820 Charlevoix Drive, Suite 240, Grand Ledge  
(517) 626-1168  
[rothacademy.com](http://rothacademy.com)

**School of Rock**

2037 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos  
(517) 220-7625  
[schoolofrock.com/locations/eastlansing](http://schoolofrock.com/locations/eastlansing)

**Teclado Music Institute**

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(734) 834-0890  
[xaviersuarez.com](http://xaviersuarez.com)

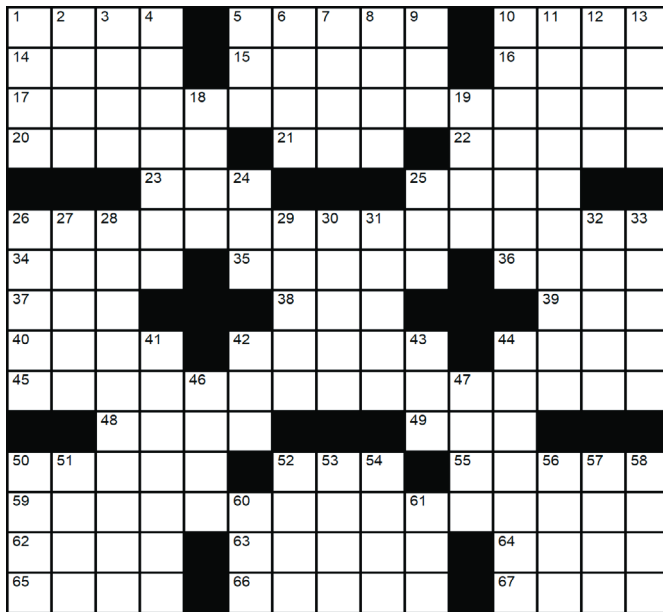
# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Lead with the Lead"--  
oh, those two letters.  
by Matt Jones  
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### ACROSS

- 1. Summer getaway
- 5. Soft-serve option
- 10. Ultra-fast flyers
- 14. Bread spread
- 15. Promising words
- 16. Maui party
- 17. 1998 Barbara Kingsolver novel, with "The"
- 20. 1983 Barbra Streisand musical
- 21. Word symbolized above 7 on a keyboard
- 22. Plant deeply
- 23. Big head
- 25. Mecca pilgrim
- 26. Principals in a company
- 34. "Horrors!"
- 35. They may get bounced around
- 36. "Oracular Spectacular" band
- 37. Dice dot
- 38. Tennis return, sometimes
- 39. Pot-au-\_\_\_\_ (French stew)
- 40. Australian postgrad schools
- 42. Trees with cones
- 44. Duck hangout
- 45. Pool, in other words
- 48. "Here's the surprise!"
- 49. Home of the U.S. version of "Have I Got News For You"
- 50. "A Town Like Alice" novelist Nevil
- 52. Hardwood tree
- 55. Rightmost column in the periodic table
- 59. Temporary place to live before moving out, maybe



- 62. Finito
- 63. Justice Kagan
- 64. "M\*A\*S\*H" actor Alan
- 65. Julia, in "Ocean's Eleven"
- 66. Alaskan carving
- 67. Slovenly sort

### DOWN

- 1. Plagiarize
- 2. Tissue additive
- 3. Chicken chow \_\_\_\_
- 4. "Fifth wave" genre that sounds more like indie rock
- 5. "Carry On Wayward \_\_\_\_" (song that actually doesn't have "My" in the title)
- 6. East Coast convenience store chain
- 7. "Put \_\_\_\_ my tab"
- 8. Welsh comedian \_\_\_\_ Gilbert, former presenter of "Never Mind the Buzzcocks"
- 9. "The Electric Kool-

- Aid Acid Test" subject
- 10. Snack once pitched by Randy "Macho Man" Savage
- 11. Temporarily replacing
- 12. Scheherazade's specialty
- 13. Took to court
- 18. Sister in Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
- 19. With "The," Jeremy Allen White show
- 24. \_\_\_\_-wan Kenobi
- 25. "\_\_\_\_ the Greatest Dancer" (1979 Sister Sledge song)
- 26. Descriptor of some kids' books
- 27. Charging animal
- 28. How a week's news might be presented
- 29. Wing it
- 30. "Madam Secretary" actress Téa
- 31. Wine bottle
- feature
- 32. Fix, as text
- 33. Basic earrings
- 41. Thrasher magazine subscribers
- 42. Org. that might hold a bake sale
- 43. 2002 Winter Games host, initially
- 44. Straw hats
- 46. Idyllic place
- 47. "Bus Stop" dramatist William
- 50. Pick out in a crowd
- 51. Eat
- 52. Harald V's country
- 53. Support unlawfully
- 54. Rapper Big Daddy
- 56. Successfully persuade
- 57. "The Samurai" novelist Shusaku
- 58. Attempt
- 60. Palindromic Vietnamese holiday
- 61. Dropout owner Reich

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## SUDOKU

## Beginner

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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

July 16-22, 2025

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** For the Dagara people of Burkina Faso, the element of fire has profound cultural meanings. It's a symbol of innovation and inspiration. It's a mediator between the physical and spiritual worlds and a conduit for communication with the ancestors. Through rituals, fire is a purifying and renewing force that helps people reconnect with their purpose, heal relationships and catalyze positive change in the community. In the coming weeks, Aries, I hope you will be deeply aligned with all these symbolic meanings. What are you ready to ignite for the sake of nurturing and care? What truths need light and heat? What future visions would benefit from surges of luminosity?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** In the Nahuatl language spoken by Indigenous Mexicans, the word "nepantla" describes an in-between space. It's a liminal threshold where a transition is in process. The old ways have fallen away, but the new ways are not yet fully formed. It's unsettling and perhaps confusing, yet it's seeded with the potential for creative change. I suspect you are now in a state resembling nepantla, Taurus. Please understand that this isn't a crisis. It's a chrysalis. Any discomfort you feel is not a sign of failure, but a harbinger of the wisdom and power that will come by molting the identity you have outgrown. I hope you will honor the rawness and speak tenderly to yourself. You are not lost; you are mid-ritual.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The sea slug Elysia chlorotica is a small, unassuming creature that performs a remarkable feat: It eats algae and steals its chloroplasts, then incorporates them into its own body. For weeks afterward, the slug photosynthesizes sunlight like a plant. I believe, Gemini, that you are doing a metaphorical version of this biological borrowing. Some useful influence or presence you have absorbed from another is integrating into your deeper systems. You're making it your own now. This isn't theft, but creative borrowing. You're not copying; you're synthesizing and synergizing.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Ancient beekeepers in Anatolia carved hives directly into rock faces, coaxing honey from the cliffs. This practice was designed to protect bees from harsh weather and predators while maximizing honey production. The bees adapted well to their unusual homes. I suspect, Cancerian, that in the coming weeks, your sweetness and bounty may also thrive in unlikely structures. It could take a minute or two for you to adjust, but that won't be a problem. Your nectar-making instincts will guide you. So, I advise you not to wait for the perfect container before beginning your work. Make honey in the best available setting.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** I laughed until I sobbed as you earnestly played the game of love even after the rules had changed. I sighed till I panted as you dredged up a new problem to avoid fixing an overripe hassle. I rolled my eyes until I got dizzy as you tried to figure out the differences between stifling self-control and emancipating self-control. But all that's in the past, right, Leo? Now, I'm preparing to cheer until my voice is raspy as you trade in a dried-up old obsession in favor of a sweet, fresh, productive passion — and outgrow all the fruitless nuisances.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The ancient scribes of Mesopotamia etched records onto clay tablets with styluses, pressing wedge-shaped marks into wet earth. Once baked, these tablets endured for thousands of years. Some are still readable today. In my astrological assessment, Virgo, you are undergoing a metaphorically comparable process. Messages and expressions that are forming within you are meant to last. They may not win you immediate attention and applause. But you already suspect how crucial they will be to both your own future and the destinies of those you care for. Be bold, decisive and precise as you choose your words.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Is there any aspect of your life or character that is still unripe even though it is critical to your lifelong journey? Have you held on to your amateur status or remained a bit dilettantish beyond the time when you might have progressed to the next highest level? Are you still a casual dabbler in a field where you could ultimately become masterful? If you answered yes to these queries, now is a perfect moment to kick yourself in the butt and leap to the next level. Waiting around for fate to kick your butt would be a mistake.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Many astrologers rightfully say that Virgo is the most detail-oriented, meticulous sign. I think you Scorpio may be the most methodical and thorough of all the signs, which means that you, too, can be meticulous and detail-oriented. A prime example is the Scorpio sculptor Auguste Rodin (1840-1917). Eventually, his work became world-renowned, but his career developed gradually because of his painstaking patience and scrupulous devotion to excellence. I propose we make him your role model for now. Inspired by him, resist pressure for immediate results. Trust in the slow, steady refinement process.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Here are half of your words of power for the coming days: "windfall," "godsend" and "boon." The other half are "potion," "remedy" and "healing agent." If you're lucky, and I think you will be, those terms will blend and overlap. The blessings that come your way will be in the form of cures and fixes. I'm being understated here so as not to sound too wildly excited about your immediate future. But I suspect you will wrangle at least one amazing victory over hardship. Your chances of a semi-miraculous visitation by a benevolent intervention are as high as they have ever been.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The ancient Chinese character for "listening" contains symbols for ears, eyes and heart. I interpret this to signify that it's not enough to seek the truth with just one of your faculties. They must all be engaged and working together to get the full story. You are wise to survey the world with your whole being. Keep these meditations in mind during the coming weeks, Capricorn. Your natural inclination is to be practical, take action and get things done. But for now, your main superpower will be listening to everything. So, my advice is to listen with your skin. Listen with your breath. Listen with your gut. Let your attention be so complete that the world softens and speaks to you about what you really need to know.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** If you would like to glide into rapt alignment with astrological rhythms, give gifts to your two closest allies. These offerings should inspire their ambitions, not indulge their cravings to be comfortable. They shouldn't be practical necessities or consumer fetishes, but rather provocative tools or adult toys. Ideally, they will be imaginative boons that your beloved companions have been shy about asking for or intriguing prods that will help beautify their self-image. Show them you love both the person they are now and the person they are becoming.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Piscean photographer Ansel Adams is so renowned that he's in the International Photography Hall of Fame. We know the moment that his lifelong passion erupted. At age 14, his family gave him a simple camera and took him to Yosemite National Park in California. "The splendor of Yosemite burst upon us, and it was glorious," he wrote later. "One wonder after another descended upon us. A new era began for me." In the coming months, I foresee you encountering a comparable turning point, Pisces — a magical interlude awakening you to a marvel that will become an enduring presence in your life. Be alert for it. Better yet, declare your intention to shape events to ensure it happens and you're ready for it.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsy'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, July 16

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

**Art Among Friends Exhibition** - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos).

**Astronomy on Tap 10th Anniversary Event** - We'll take over the patio at the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy for a night of trivia, talks by local scientists and raffle prizes, plus some night sky observation if weather permits. Free. 7:30-10:30 p.m. 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath. [facebook.com/AoTLansing](http://facebook.com/AoTLansing).

**Ballet for Teens & Adults** - 10-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Bingo** - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. [facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter](http://facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter).

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Lezlee Worthington is sharing several of her fiber arts works with an outdoor theme through the end of the month. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Cedric Burnside** - Grammy-winning blues guitarist Cedric Burnside performs at Grewal Hall. 8 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. [hall224.com](http://hall224.com).

**Chronic Pain PATH** - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with chronic pain improve their health and feel better. 1 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email [histedc@tcoa.org](mailto:histedc@tcoa.org).

**Community Chalk Walk** - Get hands-on with chalk to help create a giant mosaic masterpiece, meet some furry friends at the petting zoo and enjoy sweet treats and free soda pop coupons from Rocket Fizz! 5-7 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. [facebook.com/DowntownEastLansing](http://facebook.com/DowntownEastLansing).

**Diabetes PATH** - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 9:30 a.m. St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Road, Haslett. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email [histedc@tcoa.org](mailto:histedc@tcoa.org).

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

**"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Faux Stained Glass Art** - Use a photo frame, paint and glue to create a faux stained glass art piece. Ages 16+. 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 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**The Healing Feast in Nature** - Monthly event that offers food and community for healing connections with the self, others, the earth and the sacred. 5-8 p.m. Patriarche Park, 960 Alton Road, East Lansing. Register at [eventbrite.com/sari-brown-93689375763](http://eventbrite.com/sari-brown-93689375763).

**Kids' Festival at Allen Farmers Market** - Enjoy breakdancing and multiple fruit-parfait cooking demos. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. [allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market](http://allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market).

**Kindergarten Craft Club** - Make a handprint garden gnome! Registration req. 4:15 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Lansing Concerts in the Park: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)** - Free. 7 p.m. Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. [lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park](http://lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park).

**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. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Meridian Summer Concert Series: Atomic Boogaloo (experimental)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us](http://meridian.mi.us).

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket](http://meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket).

**MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series** - British carillonist Trevor Workman presents a program that bridges classical elegance with show-tune flair, from Bach to the Beatles. Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**Patio Party at UrbanBeat** - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

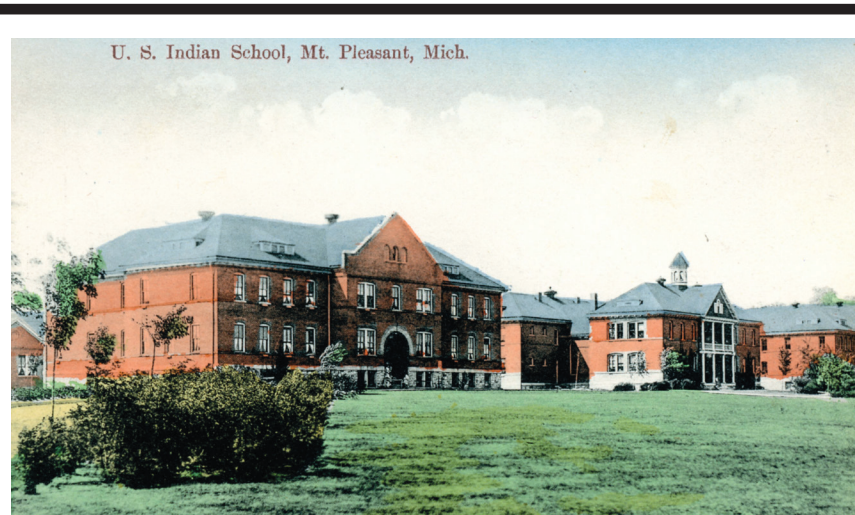
**Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: LaJoye Quartet (jazz)** - Free. 7 p.m. Red Mill Pavilion, 450 N. Water St., Portland. [facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown](http://facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown).

**Selling MI Honey & Maple Syrup** - Learn how to safely handle, package and store honey and maple syrup and understand the exemption guidelines for selling these products in Michigan. Noon. Virtual — register at [canr.msu.edu/isabel-la/index](http://canr.msu.edu/isabel-la/index).

**St. Johns Concerts in the Park: The Schrock Bros., with Peter "Madcat" Ruth (Americana/blues/soul)** - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. [facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell](http://facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell).

**Stories in the Garden** - Explore the MSU 4-H Children's Garden while listening to stories read by teen volunteers and ELPL staff. 7-8:30 p.m. 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. [elpl.org](http://elpl.org).

**Summer Strings Rehearsal** - MSU Community Music School's summer adult orchestra. Open to all adults. You should know the basics of your instrument and be able to read some music. 7 p.m. 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. [cmsaemusic.weebly.com](http://cmsaemusic.weebly.com).



U. S. Indian School, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

### 'The U.S. Indian Industrial Boarding Schools: Resultant Intergenerational Trauma & Healing Ways'

10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 19  
Rogers-Carrier House  
528 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

Noted Native American lecturer and artist Suzanne Cross will shine a light on the history of Indian boarding schools in the United States, with a focus on facilities in Michigan, at a Saturday morning program hosted by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. Some of Cross' ancestors were incarcerated at a boarding school in Mount Pleasant.

Michigan had three federally funded Indian boarding schools. The Mount Pleasant facility was established in 1892 and closed in 1934. Another, the Old St. Joseph Orphanage and School near Baraga, was in operation from 1860 until the 1950s. The third, located in Harbor Springs and run by an order of Catholic nuns, operated for more than 100 years.

The intent of the schools was to train Native children to fit into white culture, but it was a brutal experience for the children, who were often snatched from their homes.

Cross, a social work educator, has taught at Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Arizona State University and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. During her career, she held membership on the National Association of Social Workers' health and aging committee and the Council on Social Work Education's board of directors and Task Force on Native Americans in Social Work Education, receiving the Mit Joyner Gerontology Award from the national Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors for her work with American Indian elders.

Since her retirement, she has continued with research and lectures on Indian boarding schools, heart disease and the value of healing. Additionally, she continues to create Native American beadwork, shawls and skirts, having shown her work in 11 states, Canada and even Venice, Italy.

**Take It from the Top Adult Workshop** - A creative and low-stakes workshop for adults who wish to participate in musical theatre. 7-10 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [whartoncenter.com/education-engagement/take-it-from-the-top](http://whartoncenter.com/education-engagement/take-it-from-the-top).

**Weaving the Web: Wheel of the Year** - 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).

**Wine Knot** - Love knitting, crocheting, weaving or other forms of fiber art? Love wine? This is the event for you! Connect with others and work on

projects while sipping wine! 5-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. [facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs](http://facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs).

### Thursday, July 17

**Acting Scene Study Class** - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

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

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**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. shopbfm.org.

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Lezlee Worthington is sharing several of her fiber arts works with an outdoor theme through the end of the month. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**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. charlottelibrary.org.

**Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Lajoye Quartet (jazz)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce.

**Create Like a Famous Artist** - We'll make art inspired by the work of Mexican artists Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera! We'll learn a bit about the artists before we get started creating. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.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. weaversoftheweb.org.

**Daquiri Cocktail Class** - Join us for a fun and interactive cocktail class where you'll mix, shake and sip delicious drinks with friends! 6-8 p.m. Bordeaux, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/bordeaux-79341388013.

**DeWitt Concerts in the Park: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)** - Free. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. dewittareacc.org.

**Dimondale Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. facebook.com/dimondalefarmersmarket.

**East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band Family Pops Concert** - Enjoy the sounds of summer with this free performance. Bring blankets or lawn chairs and your family. Kids are welcome! 7 p.m. Green Elementary School, 1811 Pinecrest Drive, East Lansing. k03414.site.kiwanis.org.

**East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority Meeting** - 11 a.m. Water Treatment Plant, 2470 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

**"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Garden Glass Art** - Craft a vibrant masterpiece while enjoying a glass (or two) of wine! 6 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

**Grand Concert Series: BIG L & Code Blu (soul/funk/R&B/rock)** - Free. 6 p.m. Lansing Center riverfront plaza, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/GrandConcertSeries.

**Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Shakedown (Bob Seger tribute), opener Chris Milbourne** - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music\_in\_the\_park.php.

**Holt Music in the Garden: Stone Street Revival (harmonies and horns)** - Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhala-center.com.

**"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help"** - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Karaoke at the Marketplace** - Unleash your inner rockstar and choose from a variety of karaoke hits. Attendees 21 and older are welcome to bring alcoholic beverages. 6-9 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

**Laingsburg Music in the Park: Mixed Flavors (funk/R&B)** - Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. Free. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburgbusiness.org/music-in-the-park-1.

**Live Music Thursdays at Nelson Gallery** - The Townsman brings together two incredible mid-Michigan solo artists, Carl Pawluk and Lonnie Spangler, in a dynamic power duo. Free. 4:30 p.m. 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/NelsonGalleryLansing.

**Mason Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic** - The 52nd Annual MACG Golf Classic includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch, a golfer's "goodie bag," beer and wine on the course and door prizes. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Eldorado Golf Course, 3750 W. Howell Road, Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

**Matter of Balance** - Eight-session workshop designed to improve balance, flexibility and strength, helping older adults reduce fall risks and become more active. 10 a.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

**Moonlight Film Festival: "The Goonies" (1985)** - Movie will start at dusk (approximately 9:30

p.m.). Free. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

**Nation Outside Chapter Meeting** - We're a statewide advocacy organization working to drive policy and practice innovation that builds systems of support for justice-impacted families and communities. 5 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. trishaw@nationoutside.org.

**Open Jam! | Third Thursday of Every Month** - Whether you play guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro, bass or another instrument, you're invited to join in — even if you know only a few songs or chords. 5-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

**Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing** - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

**Patio Party at UrbanBeat** - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**The Shuffle Jazz Band & Cocktail Class** - 7-10 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

**South Lansing Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Feeders Pet Supply parking lot, 5016 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. facebook.com/SouthLansingFarmersMarket.

**Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal** - We're an inclusive community of women who sing a cappella 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.

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## Help Cats and Dogs Find A Home

### INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

TO ADOPT ONE OF THESE PETS, VISIT ICAS AT 600 BUHL ST., MASON, CALL (517) 676-8370 TO MAKE AN APPT. OR GO TO AC.INGHAM.ORG



Sponsored by Anne and Dale Schrader

Bangalore

is a sweet, neglected boy who came to us from another shelter. He came to them with a couple of other dogs but he seems to prefer female friends. He has painful ears and missing hair and looks a little worse for wear. We suspect he may have allergies so he will need a family willing to do a little extra to keep him healthy and itch free. He's had a rough go of it and deserves a great ending!



Sponsored by "The Fonz"

Leon

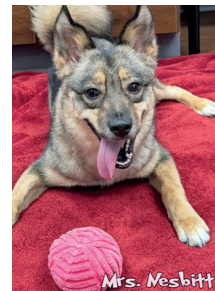
is a big handsome tabby who came to the shelter after being found lying on a towel in a parking lot. We suspect that he was an indoor cat who found himself outside and was too terrified to move. It took him a few days to settle in but once he felt safe he was a typical outgoing orange tabby. His new family should be prepared to give him a couple of days to get used to things before his personality really shines through!



Sponsored by Rodica's Cats

Titanium

Titanium came to the shelter when his elderly owner could no longer care for him. He is scared and confused but trying really hard to be brave! He is looking for a quieter home and would love to keep another elderly person company!



Sponsored by Kato and Mouse

Mrs. Nesbitt

is a friendly, outgoing tiny furball with personality plus! She came to us from another shelter so we don't have a lot of background on her other than she likes other dogs (based on our brief time with her, we'd put money on her being more tolerant and polite to polite dogs but no nonsense with the bouncy ones!) The girl has strong feelings on certain subjects but communicates pretty clearly and is very tolerant of handling as long as you give her plenty of warning about your intent (sudden grabs without warning are a firm no so probably no grabby little humans). She loves balls and is the cutest thing ever when she has one! We love her already with her sassy personality and her gorgeous coloring. She's bound to go quickly!

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**Summerlands Brewing Co. Crossword Challenge** - Each team is given a copy of the same crossword puzzle. The first team to complete the crossword correctly wins a \$10 certificate valid for a future visit. Start at 7 or 8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

**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.

**UrbanBeat Presents: Blue Denim** - Formerly known as The Local Group, this Lansing-based band blends blues, rock, R&B, funk and jazz into one dynamic live performance. Opener Katie Thor. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Williamston Summer Concert Series: Chelsea House Orchestra (Celtic)** - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

### Friday, July 18

**Art Among Friends Exhibition** - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

**Ballet 4 All Dance Class, with Cristina Perera** - All ages and skill levels welcome. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Lezlee Worthington is sharing several of her fiber arts works with an outdoor theme through the end of the month. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**Car Cruise-In** - Bring your wheels, stroll the lot and enjoy an evening of engines and community. Stop by Burgdorf's Tasting Room and enjoy a glass of wine while you're taking in the classics. 5-8 p.m. Choice Farm Market, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. choicefarmmarket.com.

**Country Night at Lansing Shuffle** - Enjoy line dance instruction from 8-9 p.m., followed by modern country music playing until midnight! We'll have drink specials all night. No cover! 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

**East Lansing Summer Concert Series: Pinter Whitnick ('80s-'90s)** - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

**"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group** - The Meridian

Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

**"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help"** - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Kelsey Lynn** - Singer-songwriter and rapper Kelsey Lynn brings her "This Is Life" tour home to Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

**Lake Lansing Bandshell Concert Series: Global Village (rock/funk/R&B), opener 11 Across** - Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles at the tricycle track, a bounce house and a giant inflatable slide! Free. 6 p.m. 1621 Pike St., Haslett. facebook.com/Lake-lansingbandshell.

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps** - Game highlight: Christmas in July! The team will wear special Christmas sweater jerseys, and the first 1,000 fans will receive a Santa Big Lug bobblehead. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

**Minecraft Club** - Join other kids and play Minecraft on the library's private server! Laptops will be provided. 3-4 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Open Irish Jam! | Third Friday of Every Month** - Open jam session focusing on Irish traditional music. All skill levels welcome. Bring your instruments and we'll share some tunes. 5-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

**Parkinson's Exercise: Movement with Vitality** - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

**Parkour for Littles at ALIVE** - You and your little one will learn to safely maneuver obstacles using the whole body. Build strength, balance, focus and problem-solving skills after listening to related stories. Ages 2-6. 10 a.m. 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Patio Party at UrbanBeat** - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Summer Family Movies at Eaton Theater** - Enjoy a free showing of "Sing 2." Noon-1:30 p.m. 235 Cochran Ave., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Summer Red Cross Blood Drive** - Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit our Red Cross donation page (sponsor code GLADL) to schedule an appointment. 10 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**The UrbanBeat Walter Blanding Series: "Monk's Dream"** - Join acclaimed saxophonist Walter Blanding for a powerful tribute to jazz legend Thelonious Monk. Opener Clique Vocals. 6 p.m. 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

### Ten-minute play festival

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 23-Sunday, July 27

LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium)



Photo by Kevin Fowler

For the second and final production of its Summer Stage Under the Stars series, Lansing Community College will present a 10-minute play festival, featuring four works written by students enrolled in the school's introduction to theater class and one work written by LCC employee and artist Fred Engelgau.

Directed by Paige Tufford and Chelle Peterson, the plays span a variety of styles and concepts, including "Please Silence Your Cellphones," by Natalie Kowalsky; "In the Closet," by Stephanie Morales; "Bonded Souls," by Sierra Barrix; "All These Buckeyes," by Joshua Thompson-Linton; and Engelgau's "Fred Side Story."

In the event of inclement weather, performances will move to Dart Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, including short plot descriptions for each play, visit lcc.edu/showinfo.

### Saturday, July 19

**The Venue Live: Monthly Music Series** - Experience the sounds of Tony Thompson & Friends, bringing a dynamic blend of funk, Motown, R&B and dance music to The Venue Live. 8 p.m. The Venue by Eleven 11 Events, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. venue1111.com/venuelive.

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### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 28, 2025, 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 Brownfield Plan #80 Amendment #1 – Pleasant Grove & Holmes Mixed-Use Redevelopment Project 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 2130 W. Holmes Road, Lansing, Michigan 48911 located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

**Parcel 33-01-01-29-305-123:** COM SW COR SEC 29. TH E 283 FT, N 214.5 FT, E 267 FT, N 247.5 FT, W 550 FT TO W SEC LINE, S 462 FT TO BEG; SEC 29 T4N R2W SPLIT/COMB. ON 2/7/2025; PARENT PARCEL(S): 33-01-01-29-305-122; CHILD PARCEL(S): 33-01-01-29-305-123, 33-01-01-29-305-124;

**Parcel 33-01-01-29-305-124:** COM SW COR SEC 29. TH E 283 FT, N 214.5 FT, E 267 FT, N 247.5 FT, W 550 FT TO W SEC LINE, S 462 FT TO BEG; SEC 29 T4N R2W SPLIT/COMB. ON 2/7/2025; PARENT PARCEL(S): 33-01-01-29-305-122; CHILD PARCEL(S): 33-01-01-29-305-123, 33-01-01-29-305-124;

Approval of this 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 Kris Klein, Vice President, Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq, Suite. 101, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 599-1136.

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.

**Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk**  
www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk  
www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope

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Abandoned Vehicle Auction will be held at PJs Towing 2200 Olds Ave Lansing MI 48915

on 7/24/25 @12pm NO PHONE CALLS

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2011 Jeep Cherokee 1J4RR6GT8BC628755

2018 Dodge Ram 1C6RR7NTXJS148890

2019 Nissan Altima 1N4BL4BV0KC234310

2011 Chrysler Town & Country 2A4RR8DG4BR618122

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2013 Chrysler 200 1C3CCB7DN7152113

2009 VW Tiguan WVGBV75N29W536722

2014 Chevrolet Equinox 2GNALBEK3E6324499

2001 Mercedes CL500 WDBPJ75J11A0107

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**Campfire Program: All About Wild Canines** - We'll make s'mores and learn about Michigan's Wild Canine species, including foxes, coyotes and wolves. Participants will also enjoy a guided walk along the trails. 7-8 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

**Chill Out with Art** - Join the Broad Art Museum and MSUFUCU for a celebration of art, food and community. Explore the exhibition "Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty," connect with local growers, and enjoy creative activities highlighting the journey from farm to table. 1-3 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Cocaine Anonymous Meeting** - "We are here and we are free." 10 a.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing.

**The Dinner Detective** - We offer an amazing murder mystery experience paired with a fantastic dinner. Anyone in the room can end up being part of the show, including YOU! 6:30 p.m. AC Hotel, 3160 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. thedinnerdetective.com.

**EL Fresco Fitness: Outdoor Boxcercise, Hosted by Flex and Nala Fitness** - Free. Noon. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

**"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Game Night** - We'll provide a selection of games, but you're welcome to bring your own to share and teach. You can also bring snacks or drinks for yourself or to share. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

**"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help"** - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps** - Game highlight: Olive burger night, with Joey Chestnut Bobblehead Giveaway, Chestnut meet & greet and LAFUCU fireworks! 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/Farmers-Market.

**Partnering Dance Class, with Cristina Perera and Thomas Ruhala** - Learn touch, response, body weight, tension and relaxation. All ages and skill levels welcome. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Patio Party at UrbanBeat** - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Red Cross Babysitting Workshop** - Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, age-appropriate activities and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Ages 12+. Registration Req. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**Ritual Mastery: The Keys of Hekate Weekend Intensive** - Over two days, dive into the foundational components of creating Wiccan ritual based in the British Traditional System. Noon-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

**Saturday Night Social Club** - If you'd like to meet some new folks and play a few games, stop on by. \$10. 7-11 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.

**Science Alive** - Science Alive presentations are designed to stimulate further learning for families with youth ages 3 and up. Participants will visit with live animals. Registration req. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or noon. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Tiger and Dragon Kenpo Martial Arts Training** - Based on a variety of martial arts systems, tiger and dragon kenpo is designed to develop self-confidence in the warrior. 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

## Sunday, July 20

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**Attune: Yoga and Sound** - Relax into gentle poses while singing bowls and rain drums create the refuge you've been looking for. 4 p.m. Nurture Studios, 257 S. Bridge St., Dimondale. eventbrite.com/o/compassionately-bri-53247017153.

**Beyond The Rainbow: Music from "The Wizard of Oz" and Much More** - Bassist, bandleader and

## Michigan Ecovillages and Intentional Communities Tour

**10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday, July 21**  
Multiple locations



In an effort to promote eco-friendly living, Community Energy Solutions LLC is touring the state, inviting those curious about low-impact lifestyles to explore existing and planned ecovillages and intentional communities. According to Community Energy Solutions founder Tom Stanton, an ecovillage is a community that includes "one or more practices for local agriculture and food production, land-use protections for valuable natural habitats and building practices to help residents lower utility bills and use local renewable energy where practical."

"A major premise for this project," Stanton said, "is that all Michigan communities want to learn about sustainable and restorative projects. Ecovillages and intentional communities already use many well-proven solutions that are poised for implementation in all communities."

The tour will hit the Lansing area on Monday, beginning with visits to a local co-housing neighborhood, a community composting project and an urban agriculture project. Afterward, Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann will join the group for a tour of the Montgomery Drain Project, with an opportunity for participants to visit a second project built to prevent stormwater overflows on their own. After an hour-long lunch with representatives from Lansing's Sustainability Office, the group will head to Michigan State University to see its eco-friendly facilities, including a large-scale anaerobic digester, a brand-new experimental dairy farm and the STEM Building, made from sustainable mass timber. A dinner will cap the event.

The tour is free, apart from meals. For more information or to RSVP, visit [communityenergysolutions.info/events](http://communityenergysolutions.info/events).

composer Paul Keller and his extraordinary crew will present their Keller-ized versions of the classic 1939 movie score, plus songs from "The Wiz," "Wicked" and a few extra Judy Garland gems. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Conversations with the Runes: Spirits, Symbols and Practice** - This ongoing workshop series is designed to deepen your connection with the runes through history, storytelling, animism and hands-on practice. 3 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

**Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North** - Join the Greater Lansing Area Drummers for a fun and energetic afternoon of rhythm and drumming. All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

**East Lansing Farmers Market** - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket.

**EL Fresco Fitness: Yoga on Albert, Hosted by Yoga State** - Free. 10 a.m. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

**Green Man Work Day** - We'll get together and take care of some projects that need doing, either

at the church building or on our property. We'll finish the day with a shared feast. Noon-5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

**"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help"** - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Jugglers and Would-Be Jugglers** - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House at 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. mike-marhanka@gmail.com.

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps** - Game highlight: Wackadoo! Bluey is returning! Bring the kiddos to Jackson Field and meet everyone's favorite healer. 1:05 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

**Latin Jazz Dance Class, with Cristina Perera** - Class is based on all different types of Latin music. Play with loosening the body, with an emphasis on hips, footwork and rhythm changes. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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### WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting July 9, 2025 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 with Supervisor Poth, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Wamhoff Farms Special Use Permit, with conditions
- Cremer Farms, LLC application for Farmland Development Rights Agreement (PA 451)
- Appointment of Supervisor Poth to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Planning Commission Annual Report
- Declining the EGLE recycling grant (previously approved) for construction of a recycling building near the Township Hall

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 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, MiPMC  
Township Clerk

CP#25-228

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**Mega Mall Outdoor Flea Market** - There will be tons of vendors, antiques and unique finds, plus food vendors and a DJ. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 15487 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. 517-487-3275.

**Quaker Meeting for Worship** - Rich communal silence that invites thinking deeply, developing spiritually, loving fully, speaking our truths. 10:30 a.m. Red Cedar Friends Meeting House, 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org.

**Ritual Mastery: The Keys of Hekate Weekend Intensive** - Over two days, dive into the foundational components of creating Wiccan ritual based in the British Traditional System. Noon-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

**Summerlands Sunday Brunch** - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

**Williamston Farm & Artisan Market** - Shop for produce, baked goods, handmade artisan products and more while enjoying live music, craft activities for the kids and interactive art. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. williamstonfarmmarket.org.

## Monday, July 21

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. cmialanon.org.

**Art Among Friends Exhibition** - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

**Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 7-8:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlands-brewing.

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**Broadway Summer Performance Class** - Designed for teens and adults, this 10-week class will develop skills and techniques for singing and acting on stage. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Embellished Photo Art** - Embellish a black-and-white photo with embroidery floss and yarn to give the picture a whole new look. Ages 13+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladdl.org.

**Euchre** - 1-3 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/Eaton-RapidsSeniorCenter.

**Fiber Circle** - Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels welcome. Although formal instruction isn't provided, attendees assist each other with techniques and skills. 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

**Parkinson's Exercise: Yoga** - Free exercise class

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**Positive Mental Toughness for Athletes & Performers Camp** - Learn to use your thoughts wisely and create healthy thinking habits. Ages 5-18. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers** - Caregiving is rewarding but can also be stressful. Attend a six-week workshop that can help. 1-2:30 p.m. Redeemer Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

**Reiki for Kids & Teens** - Fun, engaging, hands-on activities will teach students about reiki energy and its history. 10-week class. 5 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Shape Note Singing** - First and third Mondays, free, loan books available, beginners and the curious are welcome. 7 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Rosad, East Lansing. fasolam-ichigan.org.

**The Weekly Crunch** - Laugh your ass off with the best local comedians every Monday night. 8 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. crunchyseastlansing.com.

**Women's AA Meeting** - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. lansingdistrict6.org.

## Tuesday, July 22

**Acting Scene Study Class** - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. cmialanon.org.

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**Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW Meeting** - Meets in person and virtually. 5:30 p.m. St. Jude Catholic Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. For Zoom info, call 989-620-0448 or go to ceahow.org/en/find-a-meeting.

**EL Fresco Fitness: Outdoor Mat Pilates, Hosted by Recharged Pilates** - Free. 6 p.m. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

**Family Happy Hour** - Join us every Tuesday for a free, all-ages playgroup in our safe and welcoming space. 4-7 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

**Grow with Color!** - In this hands-on workshop, kids will explore basic drawing and watercolor techniques using a fun wax-resist method. Ages 8-12. Registration req. 2 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedent's Estate. Case No. 25-000-979-DE-P33. Estate of Nancy Elaine Albert - Date of Birth: 06/08/1946. Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Nancy Elaine Albert, died 1/27/24. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dr. MaryAnne Walker, 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, July 16, 2025. Personal representative: Dr. MaryAnne Walker, 1470 Ivywood Drive, Okemos, MI 48864.

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice of Filing. Case #13-000916-GM-P33. Judge: Richard J. Garcia. In the matter of Izmeal Clairance Escobar: To all interested persons, including but not limited to: Dove Escobar and William Magee, whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: Take Notice: The guardian will file an annual report of guardian on condition of minor with Ingham County Probate Court, 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI, 48933, 517-483-6300. July 18, 2025. Guardian: Angela M. Parmelee, 5830 Durwell Dr., Lansing, MI 48911, 517-894-2222.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY**  
**LEGAL AD NOTICE: WETLAND USE PERMIT #25-02**  
**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS**  
**BENNETT ROAD PATHWAY**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Wetland Use Permit #25-02 – Meridian Township Public Works**  
**Public Comment**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Community Planning and Development for the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 2:00PM p.m. in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Administrative Conference Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos to hear all persons interested in a wetland use permit request. The Meridian Township Public Works Department has requested a wetland use permit to fill in 28.36 square feet of regulated wetland to construct a paved pedestrian-bicycle trail project. The trail will fill in a gap in the existing non motorized system along Bennett Road.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to Director of Community Planning and Development Timothy Schmitt, AICP, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to schmitt@meridian.mi.us.


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# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

I write this column having just inhaled a No. 7 from one of my favorite downtown

Lansing lunch spots: The New Daily Bagel. I could tell you that it was research for this month's article, and while that's technically true, it was also my third No. 7 of the week. The bagel shop

(which most people, including myself, just call "The Daily Bagel") is next door to my office, and there are few things I love more than enjoying a quick, easy lunch and being able to get right back into the swing of lawyering.

I've been hanging around downtown Lansing for a long time. As a Cooley student, my favorite haunts included Brannigan Brothers, Byblos and Decker's, which had a frosted brownie that was to die for. The common theme is that all of those businesses are now shuttered. The Daily Bagel, however, seems to be part of the triptych of lunch spots that have survived the pandemic and beyond. When paired with Sultan's Express and Jalapeños, both mainstays of Washington Square, a hungry person is sure to find something that can scratch whatever kind of itch they have.

When I was a kid, my mom would occasionally buy croissants for the family. They probably came in a multipack from the grocery store, but I was convinced I was the fanciest 9-year-old on the block, with the most discerning of palates. But, like most kids, I didn't appreciate textural differences in my food and can distinctly remember peeling off the outside layer of croissant before eating the soft, pillowy center only. (Don't worry. I've changed. During our recent trip to France, I ate my favorite croissant aux amandes every morning because I couldn't get enough of the buttery pastry filled with rich, nutty almond paste. Vive la France.)

These memories came flooding back to me last week as I ate my croissant, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich (\$4.14), which I grabbed from The Daily Bagel on my way into the office. The croissant's texture was perfect, with just the smallest amount of crispiness. As the sandwich melted in my mouth, I remembered my other weird childhood food behaviors, like trying to eat chili without ingesting any beans and only eating the chocolate part of Neapolitan ice cream.

The No. 7 (\$9.35), a turkey Reuben, is my favorite sandwich at The Daily Bagel. While I like it with corned beef, I prefer it with turkey. On paper, the combination of your choice of protein, Russian dressing, sauerkraut and Swiss cheese likely sounds weird. This combination shouldn't necessarily work together. But that briny sauerkraut alongside the tangy, creamy dressing and the richness of the meat just makes flavor sense. It's imperative that the bread is grilled because not only does the structural integrity of the sandwich rely on having something to hold it together, but the light crunch is an

## New Daily Bagel a morning oasis for hungry downtowners

Some of my earliest memories are of a slice of pie, sprinkled with extra parmesan, and taking in a real ball game. (Full transparency, I'm a Yankees fan. Sorry, Tigers peeps.)

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headache, I stumbled upon this shop and was greeted ever so graciously by Basil,



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

From breakfast sandwiches to deli-style lunch options, The New Daily Bagel offers fast, on-the-go, hearty fare perfect for downtown Lansing workers.

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

My father is a New Yorker, and I've always cherished times in the city with him and my late grandparents.



Beverly

Of course, NYC is famous for many other delicacies, but chief among them are its bagels. New Yorkers take their bagels seriously, whether from a storefront or a street cart. They better be fresh, doughy inside and slightly crispy outside. Often served with a cup of joe in the famous Greek-themed "we are happy to serve you" cup, bagels can be eaten plain, buttered, schmearred with cream cheese, stuffed with egg or meat, or topped with lox, red onion and capers.

But where does one go in Greater Lansing for authentic bagels? And can I even get a cup of coffee downtown anymore? These are real-life questions I faced recently as I had to serve jury duty. The latter query came about last Monday as my jury pool was finally given reprieve for lunch and set loose on downtown Lansing. I never thought the day would come when downtown Mason's courthouse would have more walkable coffee options than the Ingham County Courthouse on Kalamazoo Street.

Enter the lifesaver that is The New Daily Bagel and its assortments of bagels, customized cream cheeses, hot and cold sandwiches and, yes, coffee. After walking several blocks to try to cure my caffeine

who assured me that they had coffee. His soccer jersey let me know he was a fan of the beautiful game, but I enlightened him that he should root for Chelsea FC (2025 Club World Cup champs). On my return visits, I was helped by Joseph, who was knowledgeable about the menu and kind. Michael Mahdi, who has run the business since 2005, has clearly created a family atmosphere among his staff and even still makes sandwiches himself.

### What was necessary

I'm a two-cup-a-day kind of coffee drinker. So, when the judge finally let our jury pool out for lunch well after noon, I went full-on Indiana Jones searching for an antidote to my hankering. The iced latte with oat milk and caramel was perfectly timed for a summer afternoon and a several-block walk back to my return destination. At first, I was disappointed when a small, 12-ounce cup was the only option, but the coffee was deep and punchy. The caramel was sweet enough not to require additional sweeteners, and the oat milk proved just creamy enough to make for a lush treat.

### What was really good

The bagels ... honestly. I ordered several variations to get a wider perspective on what New Daily has to offer. First, the Cinnamon Crunch bagel with apple cinnamon cream cheese (\$4.29) was very enjoyable. Sweet, but not overpowering with the added bliss of the crunchy topping, this bagel was pleasing.

The same can be said for the nova lox on a gar-

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## She Ate

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important part of the No. 7 enjoyment.

I gravitate toward the grilled and hot sandwiches because I feel like a heated sandwich is worthy of buying in a restaurant. If it's just a normal cold sandwich, I can much more easily talk myself into making my own at home because even if I have no bread, meat or cheese in our house, I can scrounge something up. My runner-up is the No. 14 (\$9.31), the grilled chicken club, because although I will frequently discard the third slice in a club sandwich, I do

love the combination of multiple proteins and the hearty amount of mayo.

I would be remiss if I didn't bring to the forefront the chocolate chip bundt cake for sale by the slice (\$3.73). If downtown Lansing had a most valuable player award, this cake should be the recipient. It's the moistest cake I've ever had, and the crispy outer layer tells me that it's prepared with plenty of butter. When asked for my lunch order for a work meeting, I've repeatedly risked humiliation by ordering my sandwich along with a piece of the cake. I don't care if the boxed lunch is also coming with chips and a cookie; I'm getting my cake, and you should, too.

## He Ate

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lic bagel (\$11.99). Creamy cheese and scallions joined slices of cold-smoked salmon, red onion and capers. New Daily Bagel also serves it with the devil's fruit (raw tomatoes), but I politely set that aside. The garlic bagel offered a nuanced flavor profile, and the lox was slightly sweet, which was perfect with the crunch from the onion and capers.

I'm a big fan of breakfast sandwiches. On most weekends, I can be found constructing them in my own kitchen. New Daily Bagel offers a choice of meat on its breakfast sammies. I opted for a cheddar bagel stuffed with fried eggs, bacon and cheddar cheese (\$4.19). The bagel's own cheddar had a nice pungency to it that elevated the sandwich overall. It was nearly better than my own, thanks to the light veggie cream cheese, which brought fresh, earthy flavors to the mix.

### Best bite

The onion roll that accompanied The Journal (\$9.35) was incredible. The specialty sandwich was packed with seasoned corned beef and mustard, but the combo of mozzarella and cheddar cheese was the star. The melty mix pulled apart like pizza in a TV commercial, and the yum that followed was superb.

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# Events

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**Mediterranean Summer Cooking Class** - We'll cover a variety of staple flavors and ingredients, celebrating the unique food this region has to offer. 6-8 p.m. Brady's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/bradlys-hg-58347119703.

**Paper-Making and Book-Binding Class** - Intended for adults. Registration req. 6-7:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Parkinson's Exercise: Balance, Conditioning and Strength** - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. laps.org.

**Rock Painting in the Park** - All supplies will be provided. Noon-1:30 p.m. Grand Woods Pavilion, Grand Woods Park Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/deltatowship.

**Savvy Caregiver Program** - Are you caring for a loved one with memory loss? Attend a six-week workshop to help reduce caregiving stress. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Virtual — to register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@coa.org.

**Stress Reliever with Golden Retrievers** - Join us for a gentle yoga practice filled with playful interactions with golden retriever puppies. 7:15 p.m. 3 Legged Dog Yoga + Strength Studio, 117 W. Main St., DeWitt. eventbrite.com/o/3-legged-dog-yoga-strength-studio-33758942911.

**Summer in the Park: Scales and Slime** - This lesson will feature stories about reptiles and amphibians, helping us learn about the characteristics that make them similar, different and im-

portant. 11 a.m. Oak Park, corner of Clinton and Seminary streets, Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Switch Gaming: Players' Choice** - Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly Switch gaming! All skill levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**Trivia at Lansing Shuffle** - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

**Walk with Ease** - Walking exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. Group will meet Tuesdays at Schmidt Community Center through Aug. 19. 1-2 p.m. 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@coa.org.

## Wednesday, July 23

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmlalanon.org.

**Allen Farmers Market** - Craft vendor: 1991 Greenery. Live music by the Jeff Shoup Jazz Trio. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

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**Bingo** - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

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**CharLit Adult Book Club: "The Last Murder at the End of the World," by Stuart Turton** - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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**Lansing Concerts in the Park: Frog & the Beeftones (blues rock)** - Free. 7 p.m. Fulton Park, 4300 Sheffield Blvd., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

**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. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Meridian Summer Concert Series: Full House (party band)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

**Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences** - More than 400 MSU and visiting students will showcase their research and creative scholarship. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. STEM Teaching and Learning Facility, 642 Red Cedar Road, East Lansing. urca.msu.edu.

**MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series** - A laureate of the 2024 Queen Fabiola Competition, Claire Janezic offers an expressive and eclectic program spanning Baroque, modern and original works. Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Parkinson's Social Lunch** - Join us for a relaxed social time. Order off the menu and pay your own bill. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Coral Gables, 2838 Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-449-1722. laps.org.

**Patio Party at UrbanBeat** - Join us every Wednesday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: We Three Strings** - Free. 7 p.m. Red Mill Pavilion, 450 N. Water St., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortland-Downtown.

**Solarize Ingham County** - Community-based program designed to help residents, businesses, nonprofits and places of worship in the county learn about and purchase solar energy for their properties. 6-8 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. 2glrea.org.

**St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Toppermost (Beatles tribute)** - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY  
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY  
TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT  
DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

Meridian Charter Township  
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment  
Friday, July 18, 2025

To the qualified electors of Meridian township, Ingham County, State of Michigan; Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the August 5, 2025, Special Election for registered voters in the Charter Township of Meridian, has been scheduled for **Friday, July 18, 2025 at 11:00 am, in the Municipal Building Townhall Room, at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.** The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Angela Demas  
Township Clerk

CP#25-234



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY  
LEGAL AD NOTICE: ORDINANCE 2025-04  
SEC. 86-755 – SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING SPACES

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE

Zoning Amendment #2025-04 (Sec. 86-755 – Schedule of Requirements for Parking Spaces)

The Township Board at its regular meeting on July 8, 2025 approved for final adoption Ordinance 2025-04 to amend the Zoning Ordinance at Section 86-755, Schedule of Requirements for Parking Spaces to update the standards therein

A complete copy of the amendment may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Angela Demas  
Township Clerk

CP#25-221

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