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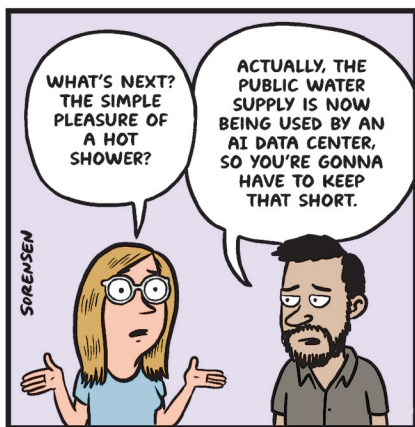
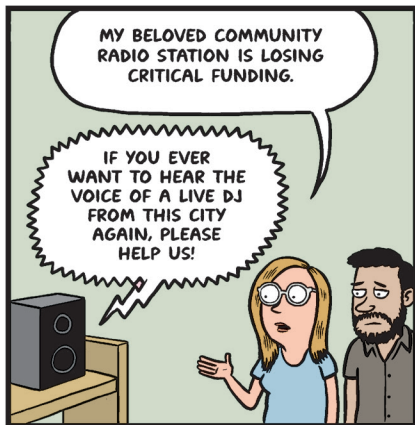
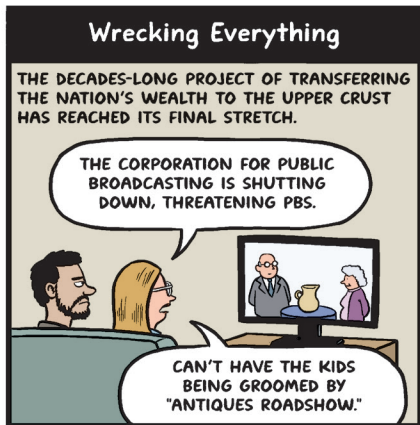
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# PULSE

# NEWS & OPINION

## Despite reform, tenant advocates see more work ahead

In 2022, Lisa Sadler and her children relocated from Waverly Place Apartments to a hotel after her unit was red-tagged. Three years later, it happened again.

After black mold was discovered in her home following a leak that went unfixed for months, a doctor told Sadler not to go home. She said one of her sons, who has mental and physical disabilities, had been experiencing breathing problems for months. The doctors believed the mold may be the culprit.

Sadler and her children have been living in the Homewood Suites Hotel in Lansing Township July 13. The Lansing Housing Commission, which manages Waverly Place, is paying for it.

That was already the commission's practice. But now all tenants in Lansing can count on their relocation costs being covered in such circumstances, thanks to an ordinance the City Council passed last week. The ordinance requires landlords either to obtain an insurance policy that covers emergency tenant relocation costs or agree to reimburse the city up to \$2,550 of those costs. The ordinance is meant address situations like Sadler's.

However, Sadler said the free hotel stay is far from a solution. She said if maintenance requests had not been ignored or put off for months to years, it would never have been necessary.

"If we had the right to repair, we could have those things repaired within 24 hours," she said.

That right is one of many tenants' rights issues that advocates say is still needed in the Lansing area. While a "Renters' Bill of Rights" proposed in 2023 by state Rep. Emily Dievendorf, D-Lansing, never went anywhere, the local The Rent Is Too Damn High chapter is working to get similar protections before the City Council.

"If you look at different cities' municipal codes around Michigan, you'll notice Lansing has a lot less on the books when it comes to tenant protections," said the group's co-chair, Ross Fisher. He said the City Attorney's Office is reviewing five "big tenants' rights ordinances that we're pushing to Council right now."

Those protections are the right to repair one's own property, the right to legal representation in eviction proceedings, the right to renew a lease when in good standing, discrimination protections for formerly incarcerated people seeking housing and protections against retaliation for tenants who organize for better housing conditions.

City Council President Ryan Kost said he was proud of the recent ordinance "because I don't want to get a phone call ever again where someone says there's 2 feet of sewage in their basement backed up and the landlord won't do anything," but that though "this piece of legislation is the right step forward, it's not the last step."

He confirmed "several pieces" of suggested legislation were being reviewed. While the legislation is sourced from other Michigan municipalities, he said that was no guarantee that they are possible here. He said he spent three years working with the city attorney to get the current ordinance approved, though a similar ordinance is on the books in Ann Arbor and Jackson.

"The response was always that because they're doing it in Ann Arbor or Jackson doesn't mean it's legal."

After a new city attorney and some wording workarounds, Kost was able to get the green-light, but other proposed legislation may face similar troubles.

He said that "the next thing that needs to be addressed" is adding tools for the Code Enforcement division to "catch up on backlogs and move forward."

In an interview, Dievendorf said tenants' rights and homelessness were inextricably linked, adding that "when people lose access and housing, there is not currently enough housing to give those folks a place to go" in Lansing.

But Brad Simtob, managing partner of Simtob Management Investments and Flatz Living and a board member of the Rental Property Owners Association of Mid-Michigan, said the discus-



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Lisa Sadler stands in her hotel room at the Homewood Suites Hotel in Lansing Township, where she and four of her children have been housed since July 13. She said her displacement could have been avoided with the "right to repair" a leak in her basement, which led to the growth of black mold.

sion failed to take into account a simple, difficult fact: Tenants are defaulting in increasing numbers, making money tight for landlords. He attributed the issue to "a really tough job market" and increased layoffs.

"If the resident loses their job, it's almost impossible for them to catch back up on their rent," he said. "It makes it really hard to maintain buildings properly when we do have more and more tenants defaulting and losing their jobs."

Both Kost and Dievendorf said current and proposed policies target "bad landlords," and that "good landlords" would be mostly unaffected. Simtob said he supported cracking down on "bad landlords," but it wasn't quite that simple.

"We want them to understand how these ordinances affect good and bad landlords alike," he said. "Because you can't just pass an ordinance that only goes after bad landlords, right? It goes

after everyone."

Simtob declined to answer a question about a lawsuit Simtob Management settled with the city of Lansing in 2023, in which it agreed to pay \$10,091 of hotel expenses for tenants displaced when the entire Holmes Apartments complex was red-tagged. He said his current portfolio is "100% compliant."

In terms of the right to repair, he said a relevant policy already existed.

"When repairs aren't made up to a tenant's standards, they can withhold their rent in an escrow account until the landlord fixes any of the issues," he said.

Sadler said she had done so before while living in Kalamazoo County and was considering doing so at Waverly Place. But she said having the right to repair her home would be a simple solution and would mean necessary repairs could be made immediately.

Another local problem is the continued deterioration of Lansing's aging housing stock, which everyone interviewed for this article mentioned as a pressing issue. Kost said it made absent landlords especially dangerous.

"Nothing is more dangerous than an absent landlord who has not invested in that property at all," he said.

"We need the right to have someone come in and repair those things the landlord just doesn't care about," Sadler said.

As she looks forward, Sadler is considering moving to another apartment complex, but she worried it will have the same issues. She said she hopes city and state leadership will use the power they have to help people in her situation.

"You have to help the poor and the needy," she said. "You'll have them with you always."

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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A15-13	AURELIUS AND DELHI CONSOLIDATED DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
A18-00	ALTON DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP CITY OF LANSING
B02-00	BARNES AND CARPENTER DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP
B04-00	BATEMAN DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
B05-00	BATES DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP INGHAM TOWNSHIP VEVAY TOWNSHIP WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP
B35-01	BARNES, WAVERLY COMMERCE PARK BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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B69-00	BOBOLINK DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP
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F07-11	FOSTER, GEORGETOWN BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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P24-02	OAK GROVE DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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July 28, 2025

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# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



**Lansing police are investigating vandalism of several Old Town businesses on July 30.** One or more individuals tried to break windows at Odd Nodd Art Supply on Cesar Chavez Avenue, wrote expletives on those windows and desecrated at least five other buildings with hate speech and symbols that the Old Town Commercial Association called “racist, xenophobic, and homophobic graffiti” on its Facebook page. The association added that its members are working with Lansing police and the city to “bring the perpetrator to justice.” Lansing police are collecting video evidence and investigating the incidents as hate crimes. Lansing police ask anyone with information or who may have witnessed the incident to call 517-483-4600.

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**An Aurelius Township couple has filed a federal lawsuit against a township code enforcement officer and the township for conducting multiple allegedly warrantless searches of their trailer in violation of the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.** The plaintiffs, John and Betty Argersinger, allege that Michael Lam and the township “have a practice and custom of warrantlessly and permissionlessly entering private properties to conduct unlawful searches contrary to the Fourth Amendment.” Township Supervisor David Droscha declined to comment. See the full story at [www.lansingcitypulse.com](http://www.lansingcitypulse.com).

**Ninety-four MSU Extension employees will lose their jobs, and nutrition and physical activity programming previously provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) program will be discontinued on Oct. 1, Extension Director Quentin Tyler said in a letter to staff.** Stricter guidelines for who can access SNAP benefits were signed into law by President Donald Trump last month. The new SNAP rules also included cuts to all funding for SNAP-Ed, which provides nutrition and active lifestyle information to low-income families, including a \$10-plus million grant.



**Earnestine Hayes of Lansing, 34, has been charged with violating Michigan’s Firearms Safe Storage law following a July 14 incident when a 5-year-old child suffered a non-life-threatening injury when a gun went off in a home on the 800 block of Vincent Court.** Hayes pleaded not guilty. The charge is a felony offense punishable by up to five years in prison. Police said they believe the gun went off unintentionally and are not saying who pulled the trigger or how it went off.



**MSU has also laid off Dr. Swapna Hingwe, its director of Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS), and other psychiatric staff as part of other university-wide cuts, The Detroit News reported.** Lay-off opponents launched an online petition with more than 1,200 signatures as of Tuesday. The petition stated the decision to terminate Hingwe, the first woman of color to lead CAPS, and CAPS’ psychiatry services was “abrupt” and would hurt the care students received on campus. MSU spokesperson Amber McCann said the university will still prioritize psychiatric care through MSU Health Care and CAPS will still provide counseling services.

**Steve “Wordsmith” Sarder of BOP (harvey), a key figure in Lansing’s progressive music scene during the 1980s and ‘90s, has died.** The news, announced Tuesday on the band’s Facebook page, read in part: “We’ll all be chiming in over the days ahead with our various memories as we grapple with this monumental loss and reflect on the many years of crazy musicmaking the cosmos afforded us. For now, we’ll be cranking up some of his best songs and shedding more than a few tears as we dance him into the Great Beyond.” After forming at Michigan State University in 1984, BOP (harvey) perfected its unique mix of reggae, soul, Latin, funk and psychedelic rock. The band was featured on MTV and “Late Night with Conan O’Brien,” and played at Bill Clinton rallies in 1992, including his presidential inauguration. The band broke up in 1994 but reunited for its 25th anniversary.



**Delta Township and Eaton County have signed a contract to preserve the Sheriff’s Office patrols in the township after county voters rejected a 2-mill tax increase for sheriff’s deputies and road patrol, as well as animal control and other services, back in May.** Delta Township will pay \$8 million annually for police services over the next 10 years. Township officials have been working on a plan to fund the new police services contract with a special assessment in which they would assess township property owners 1.5 mills, about \$150 per \$100,000 of taxable value annually, beginning this year. The township board is planning public hearings in August and September, hoping to adopt a final resolution by Oct. 20 that would place the assessment on winter tax bills.



**Ingham County Circuit Judge Wanda Stokes sentenced former Lansing Community College faculty member Jonathan Tenbrink, 43, to concurrent sentences of three to 20 years in prison for charges of child sexually abusive activity and using a computer to commit a crime.** Tenbrink, who was faculty chair of LCC’s music program, was charged with four counts, including child sexually abusive activity and accosting a minor for immoral purposes, after a sting operation involving Lansing police and the Eaton County Sheriff’s Office in July 2024.





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C16-00	CLINTON DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP
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G22-00	GRANDY DRAIN	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
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L17-00	LYON DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP
L42-00	LOCKE DITCH NUMBER TWO DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP

L44-00	LOCKE TOWNSHIP DRAIN NO. 6	LOCKE TOWNSHIP
M05-00	MARSHALL AND WILCOX DRAIN	INGHAM TOWNSHIP LEROY TOWNSHIP WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP
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M39-00	MILLIS DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP
M54-00	MCCLUSKEY NO. 2 DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP
N04-00	NEU DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP
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R17-00	M. M. ROSE DRAIN	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
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# Local malls face high vacancies — but comeback hints are emerging

By **ANDREW GILLFILLAN/WKAR**

*(Editor's note: As part of "Michigan's Mall Meltdown | WKAR News In-Depth," the WKAR News team spent one month on the ground visiting malls across Mid-Michigan — from Lansing to Jackson — and making dozens of calls to mall owners, local leaders, tenants and retail experts. Here is a report based on some of what WKAR found.)*

In the Lansing area, two major indoor malls offer a snapshot of the broader transformation facing brick-and-mortar retail.

At the Lansing Mall on West Saginaw Highway, roughly 33% of storefronts were vacant during a WKAR News visit July 16. The mall has seen a visible decline in foot traffic, and empty storefronts and faded interiors reflect the challenges of an aging retail model.

"It truly does need some love," said Delta Township Supervisor Fonda Brewer.

The mall is owned by New York-based Summit Properties, which did not respond to multiple requests for an interview. Brewer said the company has shown some interest in redevelopment, but no formal plans have been shared. Local leaders have floated ideas like adding housing or business space alongside retail.

At Meridian Mall in Okemos, WKAR News found a similar situation, with a 34% vacancy rate during a July 11 visit. But some changes are already underway.

Meridian Township Supervisor Scott Hendrickson said Schuler Books recently relocated to a larger space in the mall, and Ashley Furniture is moving in as a new anchor store. Developers have also expressed interest in reshaping the site into a mixed-use development that could include housing and new retail concepts in the large surrounding parking lots.

CBL Properties, the Chattanooga-based company that manages Meridian Mall, did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

The challenges seen locally reflect national trends. Since the 1980s, the U.S. has lost more than 1,800 malls, according to a 2022 report from consulting firm SiteWorks. A 2024 Globe Street analysis found mall vacancy rates are up 9% nationwide this year alone.

Still, some tenants at Lansing Mall are working to breathe life back into the space.

Shirley Carter-Powell runs two non-profit storefronts — the Against All



For-lease signs, like this one in Meridian Mall in Okemos, are common there and Lansing Mall. WKAR's report "Michigan's Mall Meltdown" found a third of their storefronts empty in July.

Odds Foundation and a free boutique called Lillian's. She says shopping in person still offers something online retail can't.

"We're like their personal shopper," Carter-Powell said. "We help them find sizes, colors that look good on them — because that's what it used to be like."

Lansing Mall is also experimenting with new attractions: MMA fights, trading card shows and arts-and-crafts events aimed at drawing in crowds.

*(To explore more, visit [wkar.org](http://wkar.org) to read the full story, view photo galleries, and see how other malls across Michigan are trying to bring back business. Dive into Michigan's Mall Meltdown | WKAR News In-Depth.)*

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Matt Maasdam at a recent 7th Congressional District town hall in Lansing sans U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett. Maasdam is one of five Democrats who have filed to run in next year's Democratic primary in the hope of defeating Barrett, a Charlotte Republican.

# Democrats drawing largest field in 90 years to challenge Barrett

By **KYLE MELINN**

Given the chance, Matt Maasdam can tell you a story.

How he walked onto the University of Michigan water polo team as a freshman and told the coach he'd be the captain by his senior year.

How he met his wife, Laura, at "survival school," where the U.S. Navy uses starvation and sleep deprivation to teach military how to act as prisoners of war.

How President Barack Obama asked his assistant in the Washington Hilton before a correspondents' dinner if he was going to be remembered in history or lost in obscurity like Millard Fillmore.

The former Navy SEAL will have another story about a year from now.

How a former ambassador; Betsy DeVos' harshest critic; a perennial candidate; a furry; and himself all ran for the Democratic nomination in Michigan 7th Congressional District.

Unlike the prior three stories, Maasdam doesn't know how this will end. Nobody knows.

We know how it started, though.

Michigan's 7th Congressional District — Ingham County and the counties surrounding it — was drawn politically competitive. Last year's race was close. The 2022 race was close. Actually, they've all been close since 2018.

Democrats lost the seat in 2024. D.C. Democrats want it back. Some of the best in the business have lined up clients to run. Some queued up behind Bridget Brink, the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, who moved to Lansing this year to make the run.

Some like Josh Cowen, a Michigan State University professor and education policy expert.

Yet, other have hitched their wagon to Maasdam, a hockey dad who regularly drives his sons from their Ann Arbor home to East Lansing's Biggy Ice Cube.

The winner of next year's August primary will face first-term U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte, in November 2026. It will be one of a couple dozen races that will decide if Republicans stay in power for two more years or if Democrats can be a road block to President Donald Trump.

"There are a lot of Democrats calculating — damage to their brand notwithstanding — that the party of the

president in their second mid-term is going to struggle," said Adrian Hemond of Grassroots Midwest.

As of today, five Democrats have filed paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission to raise money to run in this seat.

Can activist/furry Elyon Badger (otherwise known as Samuel Smeltzer) or repeated candidate Muhammad Salman Rais round up 1,000 valid signatures to get on the primary ballot? We'll see.

In the meantime, the Lansing congressional seat will feature an expensive, high-profile Democratic primary for the first time since maybe the 1950s. Like the Kalamazoo-based 4th District or the Macomb County-based 10th District, there's no shortage of Democratic candidates.

"I think it says good things about the Democrats," Maasdam said. "I think it says we're ready to fight to win this race. I want to bring some alpha energy and some fight to this race. I think we, as Democrats, probably didn't bring enough of that fight over the last few years.

Cowen, the East Lansing resident and MSU profes-

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making his first run for public office, has a different take.

“Anybody with even a passing interest in the district can see that Tom Barrett has completely abandoned his role representing us,” he said. “Lots of people want to stand up and try to stop this guy, and that’s certainly what I’m doing.”

Where are Barrett’s town halls? Why is he voting as if the 7th district is a “Super Trump” district?

Cowen wants to know.

He’s not alone. Democratic interest groups, led by a pro-clean energy group called “Protect Our Jobs,” have dumped \$830,000 into TV and internet ads so far this year, claiming Barrett voted to raise electric rates and cut clean energy production.

“It’s all just giving rich people another big tax cut,” the ad’s narrator says.

That’s just one interest group’s line of attack. More will follow.

The Barrett campaign is preparing for it.

As of today, they’ve raised \$2 million after having raised a combined \$5.1 million for the entire 2024 campaign. The goal is to get to \$10 million. Barrett consultant Jason Roe said he doesn’t see why that isn’t achievable.

“This is one of the purplish seats in the country, and the Democrats have no path toward retaking the majority that doesn’t involve winning this seat,” he said. “Obviously Congressman Bar-



Photos courtesy the Maasdam campaign

rett is a first-term member who hasn’t had an opportunity to solidify his hold on the seat, so obviously the Democrats would come after him.”

Three weeks ago, City Pulse featured Brink, the 56-year-old former ambassador to the Ukraine, who moved her family to the Moores River neighborhood a few months ago after disagreeing with Trump’s approach with Russia.

Who most observers see as her top primary opponent is Maasdam. He’s the 50-year-old from SEAL originally from Nebraska, who grew up on the edge of a cornfield with his doctor father and his middle school music teacher mom.

A state champions swimmer, he fell

in love with the state after attending the University of Michigan in the ’90s.

His physiologist professor was helping the Navy SEAL teams with hypothermia. While assisting with some work in San Diego, Maasdam was enamored.

“I’m like, ‘This is amazing,’” he remembered. “You know what I mean? These are like superheroes. They’re warriors in the water protecting America with guns.”

Maasdam gave it a try after graduation. Of the 116 in his SEAL training class, 16 graduated on time. He was one of the 16. From there, he served the United States in Asia, Africa, Afghani-

stan and Iraq.

He and Laura married and got jobs together in San Diego. He trained the SEALs, “the best warriors on earth.” She trained helicopter pilots. They moved to Boston, where he went to business school at Harvard. Then he took an assignment at the U.S. Navy’s Central Command Center in Bahrain.

After that, Maasdam was selected to be Obama’s military aide, the guy charged with carrying the nuclear football. He ended up leading the 3,000-person White House Military Office, coordinating the president’s emergency responses.

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Josh Cowen (foreground right), a Michigan State University professor and education policy expert, shaking hands at a 7th Congressional District town hall in Lansing last month. Cowen is one of the five Democratic candidates campaigning to run against Barrett next year. Maasdam is standing on the left. In the distance and looking over Cowen’s shoulder are cardboard cutouts of Barrett, who has declined all invitations to attend live town halls, preferring phone-in ones.



Photo by Raymond Holt

Cowen and his wife, Emily, shopping recently at the Meridian Township Farmers Market. Cowen lives in East Lansing, which is part of the congressional district he wants to represent. Maasdam lives outside the district in Ann Arbor, although he said he is looking at property in Brighton, which is part of the 7th District.

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When it came time to settle down to raise their family, the Maasdams picked Ann Arbor. He said they wanted Midwest values. It was only a few-hour drive to her parents' home.

Over the last 10 years he's done e-commerce for Under Armour, was the COO for Revtown, and then co-founded PE-COS Outdoor. The company sells portable outdoor tables. For the last couple of years, he's given leadership speeches

and done some writing.

When he got the idea to run for Congress, he bounced the idea off then-U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, being a national security person; former Naval officer U.S. Rep. Chris Deluzio, D-Pa., and former U.S. Army military intelligence officer U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan, D-N.Y..

He pushed back on the presumption in Michigan's political circles that he's "Slotkin's pick," even though his launch manager, Emma Grundhauser, is a Slotkin alum.

"She and I traded phone calls from time to time," he said. "It's more that

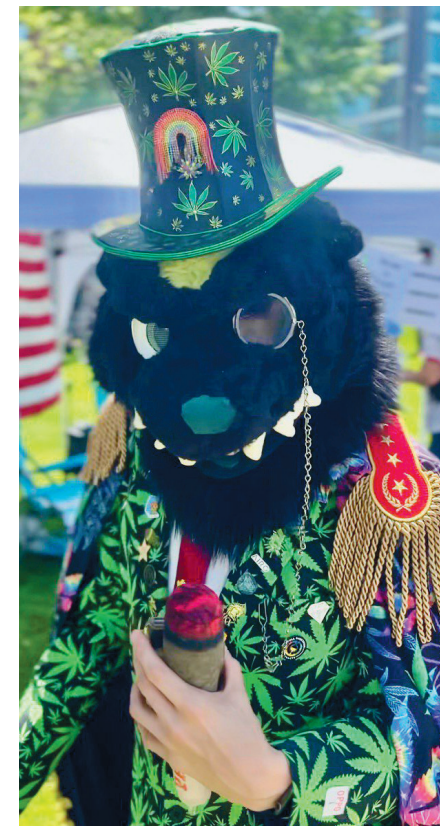


Courtesy Brink campaign



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Bridget Brink (left) pictured in June in downtown Lansing, where she moved after quitting as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine in April to protest President Donald Trump's policy at the time. (Above) Brink, a native Michiganian and career diplomat, is pictured with President Obama in the White House.



Eylonbadger.com image

Another of the five candidates is Eylon Badger (whose given name is Samuel Smeltzer). Badger, who lives in Sturgis, Michigan, is a self-described Michigan Army National Guard veteran, LGBTQIA+ activist and small contractor. He describes himself as a "furry," a subculture that celebrates animals with humanlike characteristics.

we know of each other than know each other."

He's running in the Lansing-based 7th District, not the 6th, where Ann Arbor is located. It's a public relations hurdle, not a legal one. As long as you're at least 25 years old, a Michigan resident and have been a U.S. citizen for seven years, the Constitution lets you to run in whichever district you want.

The Maasdam clan is looking at places in Brighton. He ends up spending a lot of time there with one of his boys playing a lot of hockey at Brighton's ice arena. It's more centrally located to everything. And it is in the 7th district.

"I love, love, love the folks here. It's just great," he said. "I like that it's a purple district. It's a 50/50 seat. I think that's good for Michigan. I think it's good for America. I'm really motivated by service to the country, so this is one of those spots where you can make a difference."

So, what makes him a Democrat? "I want to help people who need the help," he said.

A candidate with arguably deeper ties to the area is Cowen, 46, a Michigan

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**IN THE 30<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM**

CITY OF LANSING, a Michigan municipal corporation, Case No. 25-2686-CZ  
Plaintiff, Hon. Rosmarie E. Aquilina

v. Defendant.

113 W MICHIGAN LLC,  
JAJ PROPERTY LLC.

Defendants.

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**ORDER ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE**

At a session of said Court,  
held in the 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court for the  
County of Ingham, State of Michigan  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

**PRESENT: HONORABLE JUDGE ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA**

This Honorable Court having considered Defendants' Motion for Alternative Service and brief in support, and this Court being fully advised in the premises thereof:

**THIS COURT HEREBY FINDS:**

1. Service against Defendant JAJ Property, LLC cannot reasonably be made pursuant to MCR 2.105;
2. The below ordered methods of service are reasonably calculated to give Defendant JAJ Property, LLC actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Plaintiff's may effectuate service pursuant to MCR 2.105(J) by doing all the following:
  - a. Posting a copy of the Verified Complaint, Summons, Motion for Preliminary Injunction and brief in support thereof, and Notice of Hearing, and this order at the Ingham County Courthouse, the subject property at 1611 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI, and the listed address of the Registered Agent, 5682 Silver Pond, West Bloomfield, MI.
  - b. Mailing a copy of all the above listed documents to P.O. Box 251443, West Bloomfield, MI, the listed mailing address for JAJ Property, LLC via LARA.
  - c. Publishing a copy of this order in a newspaper as defined in MCR 2.106(F) in Ingham County and Oakland County.

*This is not a final order and does not close the case.*

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

*Rosmarie E. Aquilina 37670*  
Circuit Court Judge  
**JUDGE ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA P37670**

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State University education policy professor who came to East Lansing via the University of Kentucky, where he taught for five years.

A Chelsea native, Cowen earned a bachelor's at U of M and a master's at Georgetown University in Washington. He joined a U.S. Education Department program that bankrolled aspiring educators through higher education training. The goal was to help these future professors educate policy makers on how to improve education across the board.

He finished his training with a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin and, up until recently, has made a living as an academic who guides public officials, future superintendents and teachers with their education policy.

What programs are working? What programs aren't working?

He's investigated school vouchers quite a bit that would pay parents to send their children to private schools. This is where his passion against former U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos comes from.

The wealthy DeVos family of Grand Rapids tried for years to steer public dollars into private schools through a few different initiatives. Cowen calls these attempts tools used to disinvest in working families. He's been to 23 state legislatures and numerous media outlets to talk about it.

He wrote "The Privateers: How Billionaires Created A Culture War" on

the "dangers of education privatization."

Now Cowen sees these same tactics being used in different arenas. The "Big Beautiful Bill" is bound to suck health care and food assistance away from those who need the help more than anyone else, he said.

"It's the same playbook," Cowen said. "We're going to take something that's really bad for the middle class, really bad for working families, or at least for some, and we're going to call it a policy solution for the working class."

"That exactly what they're doing with the voucher stuff."

It's this mission creep that Cowen said drove him to a congressional run. He brought on veteran elections adviser Jeremy Levinson to help with the effort. Levinson was campaign manager for 11th District U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens of Oakland County.

They're raising dollars through the regular avenues. He sent out the standard fundraising email pitch last week about needing to raise just a "little" more to show "that this campaign has the grassroots power to win. That MI-07 is ready for change."

Cowen explained what's driving him.

"People have a right to be successful, to build out our families' future," he said. "And just because you've amassed billions of dollars, you shouldn't get an extra seat at the table and call the shots while families in our communities get screwed."

Another person inspired to throw his hat into the ring is an LGBTQIA+ activist and small IT security company owner, Samuel Smeltzer, who is

running under the name Elyon Badger. A 14-year Lansing area resident, he served in the Michigan National Guard from 2009 to 2011, when he received a medical discharge.

He told the Clinton County Democratic Party his goal is to make universal health care a constitutional amendment and to build a high-speed elevated rail service along the interstate.

He's on social media wearing a badger-looking head-covering. He says he's a "furry," who "has some real teeth that are gonna bite back at the Republican fascists that are f\*cking over this country."

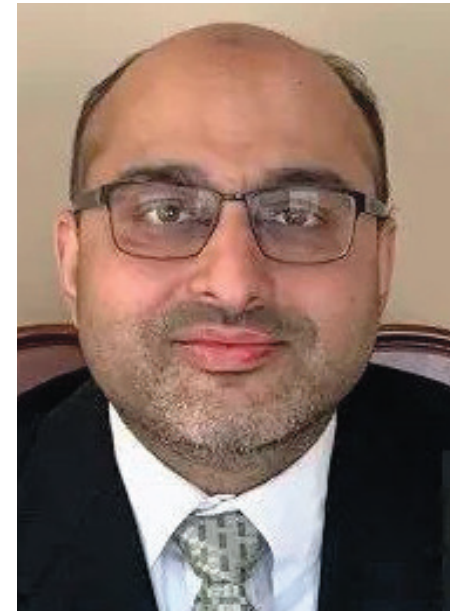
A fifth candidate to file paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission is a familiar candidate, Muhammad Salman Rais, 49, of DeWitt, a physician for the past 25 years who is affiliated with UM-Sparrow Hospital and other Lansing-area medical centers. He works primarily with underserved populations.

He graduated with honors in 1999. He did his residency at Loyola University and Forest Park Hospital. The Pakistan native did his medical school training at Nishtar Medical Center in Pakistan.

The 2026 race would be Rais' fourth straight cycle on the ballot. He ran unsuccessfully for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners in 2024, the state Senate in 2022, the state House in 2020.

If all five make the ballot, it will be the first time since 1936 the Democrats have fielded that many candidates for a Lansing congressional seat.

Taking a final stab at what's stirring



Also running is Muhammad Salman Rais, a family medicine doctor in DeWitt.

this excitement is Josh Hovey, a partner at Bellwether Public Relations:

"Take your pick of the issues: Maybe it was Republicans voting to gut Medicaid funding while adding trillions of dollars to the deficit. Or maybe it was the Trump administration denying people their constitutional right to due process."

"It also could have been Trump's tariff chaos hurting the economy or his peddling of meme coins in clear violation of the emoluments clause."

"Democrats aren't just 'enthusiastic.' They're enraged."

That's the story for now.

*(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol news service MIRS. His weekly column will return next week.)*

## CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to Amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances amending Chapter 1610, Section 1610.01 by updating the International Fire Code (IFC) and standards (adopted by reference) from the 2018 IFC to the 2021 IFC and amending Section 1610.02 by renumbering IFC section to the 2021 code.

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

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An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 210, to add Section 210.06, to provide censure, penalties, and forfeiture of office for nonattendance of Council members at meetings, pursuant to the authority in Section 3-204 of the City Charter.

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# LAFCU traveling art exhibit Free Little Art Galleries

When LAFCU sponsors a local event, it takes with it a customized logo painted by Lansing-area muralists and artists, including Ryan Holmes, Brian Whitfield and Nevin Speerbrecker. Each artist applied their personal touch to a single letter from the LAFCU logo. The letters stand 6 feet tall and altogether span 35 feet.



Holmes painted a pleasant flower in a natural field for the letter L, while both Whitfield and Speerbrecker turned to expressing themselves with musical instruments, a perfect fit for the recent JazzFest Michigan, where the photo was snapped.



The letter C, illustrated by LAFCU creative director Kellie Swiger, and the U, created by Lansing artist Samia Muhammad, are more abstract in nature, with the C reflecting waves of a

sunburst and the U a floral print of a tree.

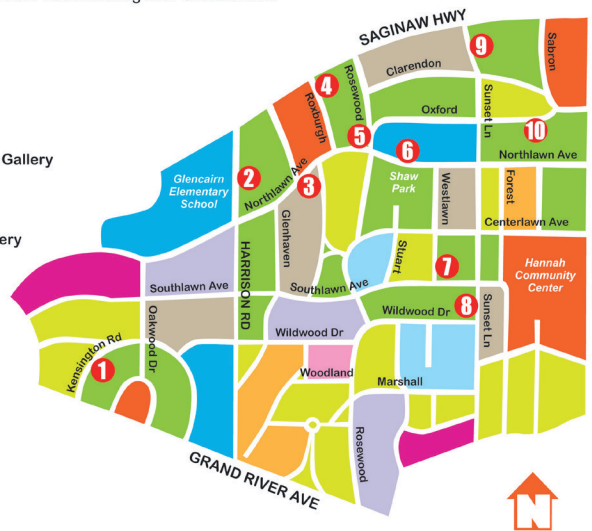
The “LAFCU Serves Series” is a traveling art exhibit showcasing the vast talents of local artists, Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, the credit union’s chief marketing officer, said. The project began in 2016. Over the years, scores of mid-Michigan artists have participated in LAFCU art projects.

— BILL CASTANIER

## Glencairn Little Art Galleries

Supported by a grant from the East Lansing Arts Commission  
East Lansing, Michigan

- Doodle Den**  
626 Kensington
- The Art Rocks Box**  
946 Harrison Rd.
- Gallery 601**  
601 Northlawn Ave.
- Glencairn Free Little Art Gallery**  
1068 Roxburgh
- Artful Exchange**  
500 Northlawn Ave.
- Second to the Right Gallery**  
404 Northlawn Ave.
- Tiny Hands Art Gallery**  
812 Westlawn
- Fringe Tree Gallery**  
711 Sunset Ln.
- Last Light Gallery**  
1126 Sunset Ln.
- Oxford Art Gallery**  
205 Oxford



One of the hippest neighborhoods in East Lansing just got hipper. Building on the immensely popular Little Free Library program, the East Lansing Arts Commission, in cooperation with 10 Glencairn homeowners, has launched Free Little Art Galleries.

The concept is simple: Visitors can take a piece of art from the miniature galleries or leave one behind. The idea is to engage the community in creating and sharing art.

So far, the art has been quite creative, from hand-painted rocks and flowerpots to small watercolor paintings and line drawings.

“The turnover is great,” Arts Commission Chair Barbara Worgess said. “If people see something they want, they can take it, or they can put something in if they like.”

She said other Glencairn homeowners have contacted the Arts Commission to

see if they can get one.

Worgess recently saw two little girls standing in front of one of the boxes, looking at the art. “It was so cute,” she said.

There are other places around the country that have similar programs, but nothing like this exists in Michigan, Worgess said.

“We wanted to make the boxes look like a gallery, and other neighborhoods are showing an interest,” she said. “The little box projects required some changes at the city level, which gives us more flexibility.”

She said it takes close to an hour to visit each box. Maps are available at the front desk of the Hannah Community Center from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday or at the East Lansing Public Library from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

— BILL CASTANIER

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

### CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE #1336

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, section 1460.49(a), to add a requirement that rental dwellings have insurance covering tenant relocation costs prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Effective date: Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

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Together we can.

Location: CMHA-CEI G11C, 812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, MI 49810  
When: Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at 4:30 P.M.

For Zoom information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/CMHA-CEIBudgetHearing>

Public hearing will include a presentation of priority needs and proposed budget for fiscal year 2026 and opportunity for public and board comments related to the budget proposal. This meeting is open to the community.

If you need accommodations in order to fully participate in this meeting, please email [echols@ceicmh.org](mailto:echols@ceicmh.org) or call 517-346-8238. If, however, you are deaf/hard of hearing or deaf/blind, please call Michigan Relay Center, TTY/Voice by dialing 711 or 844-578-6563 and ask them to forward your message to 517-507-6771. This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan’s Open Meetings Act.

[www.ceicmh.org](http://www.ceicmh.org)

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### CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE #1338

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to update and correct internal references located in Section 1460.44, subsections (a) and (i), and 1460.50.

Effective date: Upon publication

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# ARTS & CULTURE

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## Back to the old school

### Hometown hero Tim Cunningham headlines Smooth Jazz Fête

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The return of a hometown musical hero, mellifluous saxophone master Tim Cunningham, will add extra zest and a bit of drama to Phil Denny's Armory Smooth Jazz Fête this weekend.

Denny, the festival's founder and guiding spirit, was barely 15 years old when he first met Cunningham and is elated to welcome him to the event for the first time.

"He's someone I've idolized over the years and always looked up to as a fellow Everett High School grad," Denny said. "I thought, 'God, if I could do what he's doing, it would be awesome.'"

Denny described Cunningham's style as "R&B, old school."

"He has a very unique tone," Denny said. "He's always captivated audiences. I remember him filling the streets at the Old Town jazz festival. People crammed the streets to see him."

Cunningham moved to St. Louis in 1994 and has been based there ever since, but he's kept an eye on Lansing and taken special notice of the Smooth Jazz Fête, an all-day festival that draws smooth-jazz aficionados from across the country.

"It's a great event," Cunningham said. "It's in its seventh year, so he must be doing something right."

A football scholarship put Cunningham through college at Michigan State University, but music was always his first love. He passed up a free-agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys to pursue a musical career.

He picked up the saxophone in seventh grade at Walter French Junior High School, at the encouragement of band instructor Amel Eiland. Eiland, who still lives in the area and just turned 82, introduced Cunningham to the leading R&B-oriented saxophonists of the day, like Grover Washington Jr. and David Sanborn.

"I loved those two guys, even though I started out playing bebop stuff," Cunningham said. "I listened to John Col-

trane, but it wasn't something I wanted to pursue as a jazz musician. I always found myself turning back to contemporary jazz."

In the mid-1970s, Cunningham played in the jazz band at Everett. Eiland moved to Everett at the same time and continued to encourage him.

In the 1980s, when Cunningham was defining his own saxophone sound, mainstream jazz seemed to be splintering into mutually antagonistic camps. Traditionalists, rock-fusion rebels and avant-garde fire breathers fought over dwindling, niche audiences, leaving a big opening for a more laid-back, crowd-pleasing, R&B-based "smooth" jazz style to blossom.

"Guys like Najee, Gerald Albright and Kirk Whalum started coming out," Cunningham said, naming three smooth-jazz saxophone icons. "I thought, 'That's something I'd love to do.'"

Washington Jr. is still the leading inspiration for Cunningham's "R&B jazz," a term he prefers over "smooth."

"I only saw him once, at the Wharton Center," Cunningham said. "He died on my birthday in 1999."

Cunningham made demos and sent them to several labels, but he got no reply.

"They didn't even say, 'We can't use them,'" he recalled.

He kept up a consistent schedule of performances, including gigs at the old Tango's club in downtown Lansing, and raised his profile by moving to Chicago in 1992.

From 1994 to 1999, he was the opening act at the Cincinnati Jazz Festival. In 1994, with the support of pioneering recording industry executive Sylvia Rhone, later the first Black woman to head a major label, Cunningham signed with Atlantic Records.

Jumping out of the gate, he recruited top-name bandmates like pianist Brian Culbertson and singer Will Downing to play on his first album, "Right Turn Only," in 1996. A

single from the album, "This Is the Life," climbed the national charts and got international airplay.

Since then, Cunningham has recorded several best-selling albums, including a live set in 2012 and his most recent album, "Freedom," in 2022.

Along the way, he's put together a multi-faceted musical life, supplementing his income with a day job as an insurance adjuster.

He also worked as a composer and performer in various TV series and films, including three episodes of the 1993 series "The Untouchables."

In the St. Louis area, Cunningham plays a wide variety of venues, from jazz clubs to wineries to private events, with periodic visits to places like Benton Harbor's Lake Breeze Music Festival, where he played in mid-July, and Syracuse, New York, where he's playing for the first time this fall.

It's the perfect balance for Cunningham, a rooted family man who's been married for 32 years with three children and has no interest in the year-round touring grind.

"Self-employed musicians don't get benefits, unless you're Darryl Jones, playing bass for \$80,000 a week on tour with the Rolling Stones," he said. "In and out of hotels, you're playing the same solos every night — it's not for me."

Cunningham is bringing a band of St. Louis colleagues to Lansing, including keyboard man Darius Savage and drummer J Alex Bruce.

Saturday's slate of performers all fit under the big umbrella of smooth jazz, but Denny likes to program a mix of instruments, styles and regional flavors. He's playing a strong pair with the duo of Baltimore guitarist Kevin Jackson and Florida trumpeter Rob Zinn.

"Rob blends a lot of old-school sounds, from Chuck Mangione to Herb Alpert, and there's an appealing pop undertone to his music," Denny said.

Versatile Detroit vocalist Angela Davis is a familiar mainstay of Motown and soul tribute groups and a recognizable face at high-profile events such as Detroit Tigers games, where



Courtesy photo

Lansing native Tim Cunningham brings a unique style of jazz, described as "R&B, old school" by Smooth Jazz Fête founder Phil Denny, to Saturday's event.

she belts out the national anthem with summery gusto, and the Thanksgiving Day parade.

"She brings a lot of soul, a lot of power," Denny said.

Of course, Denny himself is among Saturday's featured artists, and this year's event finds him in a confident, relaxed mode. He's working on a new record, honing his songwriting and producing skills and enjoying becoming a grandfather for the first time.

To put some fire under the proceedings, he's bringing out a secret weapon in guitarist JJ Sansaverino, a virtuoso graduate of Berklee College of Music.

Sansaverino is a busy Billboard-charting artist with wide-ranging touring experience, including 20 years of touring with reggae icon Maxi Priest.

"He's charismatic and a great musician, just a ball of energy," Denny said. "Whenever I do these shows, I think, 'Who's the cannon? Who's the fireball?' That's JJ."

#### Phil Denny's Armory Smooth Jazz Fête

3-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9  
Marshall Street Armory  
330 Marshall St., Lansing  
smoothjazzfete.com

#### Smooth Jazz happy hour, with saxophonist Deon Yates

6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
AC Hotel  
3160 E. Michigan Ave.,  
Lansing

# Bare Bones Improv eagerly anticipates second run at Riverwalk

By NICOLE NOECHEL

Since the group's debut in April at Riverwalk Theatre, the members of Bare Bones Improv have continued to hone their skills at private events and were even invited to open for Detroit comedy troupe Ants in the Hall at the Robin Theatre. This weekend, they'll show off that growth as they make their return to the Riverwalk stage.

"Audiences can expect a comedy show where they really get to feel involved. We like to continuously ask for prompts or input from the audience and use it in our scenes. We're very big on that," Bare Bones co-founder JT Tosolt said. "It's a very fast-paced show with a lot of laughs to it."

Friday and Saturday's performances will be tailored to the 18-and-older crowd, while Sunday's matinee will be family friendly.

"Our Friday and Saturday shows are 18-plus, just to have a little bit of crude language and humor involved," Tosolt said, laughing. "The Sunday show will be a clean version that's more appropriate for younger audiences."

Bare Bones was founded about a year and a half ago by Tosolt, Katrina Robinson and Naomi Collazo. Tosolt was acting in a show at Riverwalk that had improv elements to it, and one of their castmates suggested that they would be a good fit to lead a troupe. Collazo, who had done improv as a student at MSU, and Robinson, who had stage-managed the Riverwalk show that inspired the idea, signed on to help Tosolt get the group off the ground.

At first, Tosolt found the experience of coming up with material on the spot somewhat daunting. Like Collazo, they had only done improv at MSU. However, they eventually came to love it.

"When I started out, I was really nervous about not being funny enough, but as I've grown with time, I've realized just how much fun it can be — the zaniness of it and how it just naturally devolves into funniness," Tosolt said. "A big thing I teach is that improv is about storytelling, not about comedy, and once you get those core principles, the funny bits come naturally. I love being able to just jump in and build these characters and really funny moments organically."

At Bare Bones' first meeting in April



Courtesy Bare Bones Improv

From left: Bare Bones members JT Tosolt, Oskar Milton, Naomi Collazo, Adonis Ortiz and Cats Maris perform at the Robin Theatre in REO Town.

2024, five people showed up. Since then, the group, which meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Riverwalk, has grown significantly.

"Last week, we had 25 people there," Robinson said.

Many of the attendees are repeat participants, she said, members of a core team that comes every week. Others pop in and out based on conflicts with other rehearsals or shows. New faces are always welcome.

"It's been a good mix of folks who are there just for improv, folks who are regulars in the Lansing theater scene

and new folks coming in almost every week," Tosolt said. "It's a very, very nice community."

The group works to be as accessible as possible and meet people where they're at, experience-wise.

"Theater is a really awesome art form, but it's not exactly the most open one all the time. If you want to be in a show and you want to perform, you have to make it through an audition. That's not a guarantee for anybody," Tosolt said. "It's really nice to have a constant open door to practice acting, performing and storytelling without an audition. You can just show up."

Those who are new to improv are typically paired up with another group member who can serve as a mentor.

"They can learn directly from someone who has theater or improv ex-

perience, and it helps acclimate them to performance. A lot of our members aren't theater people, so it's kind of brand new to them," Robinson said.

Not all members participate in live shows. Those who would like to perform at an event must first audition during regular rehearsal time. Non-members are also welcome to audition. Those who are cast stay for an extra hour of rehearsal on Tuesday evenings for about a month. That process repeats for every show, with a new cast every time.

Even those who aren't interested in acting can join Bare Bones.

"I don't play. I get really nervous, so that's not the thing that I contribute to the group," Robinson said. "I'm the producer. I take a lot of pride in being the person who's making sure programs are made and we have a space to rehearse. There's space for anyone, whether they want to play or they want to be creative in another way."

Both Robinson and Tosolt praised the community the group has built.

"We're very tight knit," Robinson said. "We're probably the friendliest community you can find as far as a theater group goes. Everyone's interested in each other's growth."

"It's a nice way to make friends as an adult in a setting that doesn't require a huge price tag for entry," Tosolt said. "It doesn't require drinking or any other social pressures that are usually common around adults. It's just a nice, fun community setting for adults to hang out and make friends."

Robinson hopes that as the group

continues to grow, more venues will take notice.

"I want to see us grow to a point where more theaters are aware of us and want to host us or have us open for something," she said. "The more opportunities we have for performance and play time the better, because we have a lot of people who want to play, a lot of great improvisers who need some stage time to get used to it and enjoy it."

## August theater productions:

### "Annie Jr."

Transcendence Performing Arts Center  
7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9  
Everett High School  
3900 Stabler St., Lansing  
tpacworldwide.org

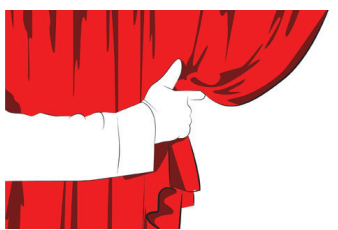
### Bare Bones Improv

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8–Sat., Aug. 9  
2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10  
Riverwalk Theatre  
228 Museum Drive, Lansing  
riverwalktheatre.com

### "The Little Mermaid Jr."

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre  
7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9–Sunday, Aug. 10  
Hannah Community Center  
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing  
allofuxpress.org

## BEHIND THE CURTAIN



# MSU program to tell first-person stories of Vietnam War

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Using the written word, combat veterans, authors and an anti-war activist will present a program Friday underlining how the Vietnam War permeated our nation's culture and Michigan State University's role in the world.

The program, hosted by MSU Libraries and the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, serves as the opening reception for the ongoing exhibit "A Campus and a War: Michigan State University and Vietnam," curated by MSU Special Collections head Leslie McRoberts, librarian Garrett Sumner and archivist Jennie Rankin.

The event is free, and visitors are encouraged to arrive early to view the exhibit on MSU's complex relationship to the Vietnam War, from its Cold War-era technical assistance programs to campus activism. Through archival materials and historic media, the exhibit traces how MSU's global ambitions collided with a divisive conflict, leaving lasting marks on the universi-

ty and the Lansing community, including refugees, service members and protesters.

East Lansing author William Murphy, who has written two books on his combat experiences in Vietnam, "Not for God and Country" and "Souvenirs of War," remembers waiting on the tarmac at the Marine Corps Air Station in El Toro, California, on Feb. 17, 1968, for his unit to ship off. President Lyndon B. Johnson had flown west to address the men. Following his short speech, Johnson began to shake hands with the Marines; Murphy remembers Johnson shaking his hand while looking directly into his eyes.

"Johnson had tears in his eyes," Murphy said. "He was very troubled."

Shortly after, Johnson announced he would not be running for reelection.

In addition to short passages from his books, Murphy will read a poem he recently wrote for the veterans' magazine *Dispatches*, published by the Military Writers Society of America. The poem is a reflec-

tion on a brutal battle in which 80 of his fellow Marines were killed while protecting the Da Nang Air Base during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

"It was a very bad day," he said.

Another area author, Nancy Vogl, will read a passage from her forthcoming children's book on Jan Scruggs. In 1979, Scruggs was a 29-year-old Vietnam War veteran still carrying shrapnel around with him when he watched the war drama "The Deer Hunter" while drinking whiskey. The next morning, he told his wife he was going to build a national memorial that would list the names of all those killed in the war. By 1982, the first portion of the memorial had been erected.

The Vietnam memorial, like Arlington Cemetery, the Sept. 11 memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield and Omaha Beach, is one of the most hallowed places you can visit. It grabs you and doesn't let you go. Instinctively, you find yourself looking for a person you knew and tracing their name with your finger.

The MSU program will also feature readings of poetry written by two veterans, one in the heat of battle and another 50

## "Vietnam Dispatches from the Front and Home Front"

3-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
Green Room, MSU Main Library  
366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing  
bookings.lib.msu.edu



Courtesy photo

East Lansing author William Murphy, a former Marine, poses in front of the Rockpile, a rocky hill just south of the former Vietnamese demilitarized zone, in 1969.

years later, and of seminal documents relating to the war, including a somber draft notice and a prison letter written by Saginaw native Alan Schultz, whom I met in 1966 at Abbot Hall. Then, he was a gung-ho Marine ROTC student. Four years later,

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# The long road to redemption

## From West Virginia cannabis prisoner to dispensary owner

By **CHRIS SILVA**

The cannabis industry is full of stories about entrepreneurs chasing the "green rush," but few are as powerful, or as locally resonant, as the one unfolding for Redemption Cannabis founder Ryan Basore. For this Dansville native, the company's expansion into West Virginia is the culmination of a decade-and-a-half-long journey that began with a federal prison sentence.

A little over fifteen years ago, Basore was one of the "Okemos 7," a group of Michigan medical marijuana caregivers who were targeted by federal authorities despite operating in compliance with state law. The case became a flashpoint for cannabis advocates, a stark example of the conflict between state-legal cannabis and federal prohibition. Basore was sentenced to four years in a federal facility in Morgantown, West Virginia, for conspiracy to manufacture marijuana.

Now, through a new partnership with cannabis giant Trulieve, Redemption's flower and strain-specific Rick Simpson Oil are available in that very same state. It's a poetic twist of fate that the brand

Basore built on the principle of redemption would eventually find its way to the place where he lost his freedom for the very plant he now legally sells.

The move is a testament to the seismic shifts in cannabis law, but it's also a powerful reminder of how far there is to go. As Basore has often stated, the name Redemption isn't just about his story. A portion of the company's revenue goes to the Redemption Foundation, which provides financial and legal assistance to people formerly and currently incarcerated for nonviolent cannabis offenses.

This mission-driven approach to business is what makes the Trulieve partnership especially significant. The corporate giant has its own history of working with cannabis activists and formerly incarcerated individuals. For example, Trulieve partnered with Richard DeLisi, believed to be the longest-serving nonviolent cannabis prisoner in U.S. history, to launch the DeLisioso brand.

The company also worked with Robert Platshorn, the leader of the notorious Black Tuna Gang, a massive marijuana smuggling operation in the 1970s. Af-

ter serving nearly 30 years in prison for his role, Platshorn became a leading advocate for medical cannabis use among seniors. His partnership with Trulieve to release a Black Tuna-branded strain brought his story back into the public eye.

These and other initiatives, such as partnering with the Last Prisoner Project and sponsoring expungement clinics, demonstrate a commitment to social justice and the long-overdue work of repairing the damage caused by the war on drugs. In this context, the partnership with Redemption is not just a strategic alliance but a logical extension of shared values.

While Basore's story is one of second chances, it also highlights the stark paradox of an industry built on the backs of those who were punished for the same thing. The very product that created this multi-billion-dollar market is the same one that kept a Lansing entrepreneur in a West Virginia prison.

Beyond West Virginia, Redemption continues its national expansion. The brand is already available in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and it has been bring-

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in Review:  
Redemption comes full circle



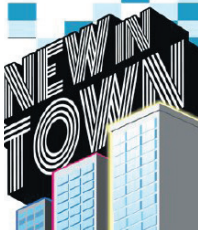
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Redemption Cannabis founder Ryan Basore served time in a federal facility in Morgantown, West Virginia, for conspiracy to manufacture marijuana. Now, through a partnership with cannabis giant Trulieve, Redemption's flower and strain-specific Rick Simpson Oil are available in that very same state.

# Charlotte Pottery fires artwork and memories

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Charlotte resident Brian DeWaters and his family have been enjoying relaxing, creative outings at paint-your-own-pottery studios for years. However, they noticed that the studios often fell short on space.



## Charlotte Pottery

118 E. Lawrence Ave.,  
Charlotte  
10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Monday-Tuesday,  
Thursday, Saturday  
10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday  
Noon-6 p.m. Sunday  
(517) 604-1413

That led DeWaters, alongside his son, Dylan, and stepdaughter, Mikaela Hoyt, to start looking for a space big enough for their ideal studio — one where customers could drop in at any time to relax and just enjoy painting.

“The demand for space was pretty big,” DeWaters said. “A lot of places we went to were turning people away because they didn’t have enough seating.”

That led DeWaters, alongside his son, Dylan, and stepdaughter, Mikaela Hoyt, to start looking for a space big enough for their ideal studio — one where customers could drop in at any time to relax and just enjoy painting.

When they found a former car dealership in downtown Charlotte that could hold up to 200 people, they decided it was time. Charlotte Pottery opened in that space on June 12, with DeWaters and his son at the helm. Hoyt, the self-described “creative one out of the family,” is the studio manager.

“There are a lot of creative people in this town, but there aren’t a lot of spaces to accommodate their creative escapes,” Hoyt said.

Customers can purchase bisqueware — already-fired but unpainted pottery — off the shelves and paint it using food-safe glaze. The cost to buy, paint, fire and take home an item is fixed at 1.5 times the item’s shelf price, meaning customers can hang out as long as they’d like while they work on their keepsake at no additional cost.

There’s even a rack for works in progress, which some people work on for several days. DeWaters said some customers have begun coming in to chip away at a project for an hour or so every day, working the studio into their routine as they

would a coffee run or morning walk.

“We get everyone,” Hoyt said. “We do get a lot of families and kids, but we’ll even have teenagers that come in on little date nights, and then adults as well.”

On the first and third Fridays of each month, the studio hosts an adult night. Customers can “go solo at it,” Hoyt said, or staff members such as herself can teach them different methods of glazing. For her, showing newcomers the ropes, then setting them free and seeing what they come up with, is particularly gratifying.

“They always think, ‘Oh, I’m not creative, I don’t know if I can do a good job,’ and it comes out a lot better than they think it will,” she said. “It’s cool to see people get in the zone and have a relaxing experience making something completely unique.”

She said some customers have used the studio to make keepsakes for events such as weddings and birthdays, which was her ultimate goal with the studio.

“Kids that are coming here now will grow up in this town and remember



Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

Examples of painted items are displayed on a shelf at Charlotte Pottery to provide inspiration. The glaze is food-safe, making plates and mugs a popular choice.

coming here as a child, and hopefully they’ll bring their own kids in the future,” she said. “That’s my end goal: to be a memory-making spot for the locals.”

As for out-of-towners, DeWaters said the studio aims to provide a needed family attraction in Charlotte.

“We want to bring people into town, not just for a restaurant or bar,” he said. “We want to bring them in and hold them here for a while, so they can just paint something, do something creative and spend time in Charlotte.”

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he was on his way to a federal penitentiary in Milan, Michigan, for refusing induction.

Also to be read is a love letter from a combat zone; dispatches from Jim Sterba, a former State News writer who became a Vietnam War correspondent for The New York Times; and both formal documents and casual letters from then-MSU President John Hannah and professors revealing MSU’s ill-fated role in anti-communism dealings in Vietnam. Diane Harte, who served as a nurse in Vietnam, will tell of her experiences saving the lives of young soldiers, and a photographer will showcase five images that helped end the war. MSU graduate and Army combat veteran Ron Springer of East Lansing will close the program with a letter he received from his mother and an emotional poem written by another veteran.

The mostly straightforward, mundane letters, speeches and documents of the Vietnam War era take on a different light, often a darker one, 50 years after the war ended. From 1955 to 1975, the war permeated our lives and, unfortunately, still does in ways we are only beginning to understand, from the long-term effects of post-traumatic stress disorder to the legacy effects of chemical weapons. Music, literature and student activism were profoundly changed by the war, and the then-nascent mistrust of government continues to this day.

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ing flower to the Oklahoma market for years through an agreement with ALTVM Genetics. This long-term strategy demonstrates the company’s clear and consistent vision for national growth.

As for what’s next, Basore’s vision for Redemption is multifaceted. He’ll continue to expand the brand into new states, carrying his mission of advocacy and restorative justice with him. He remains dedicated to supporting nonviolent cannabis prisoners, both current and former, providing them with the resources they need to navigate the legal system and find their own redemption.

And, for himself, Basore has set a personal goal: pursuing a federal pardon for his conviction. While President Joe Biden issued pardons for possession, Basore’s specific charge of conspiracy to manufacture marijuana is more complex and typically requires filing a more detailed, case-by-case application with the U.S. Office of the Pardon Attorney. Though a pardon wouldn’t erase his record, it would be a symbolic legal victory, a final act of closure that would formally acknowledge the injustice of his past conviction in the eyes of the federal government. It’s a final, personal fight for justice in an industry that owes him, and so many others, an overdue measure of it.

Notice is hereby given that Ingham Conservation District will conduct their annual election on Thursday September 25th at 6pm. Meeting location will be 1031 W Dexter Trl. Mason, MI 48854

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedents Estate. File No. 25-1048-DE. Estate of Terrance Michael Henigan. Date of birth: 02/15/1946. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Terrance Michael Henigan, died 07/02/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kara Hope, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 08/06/2025. Personal Representative: Kara Hope, 1891 Maple St, Holt, MI 48842, 517-648-6970.

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Lansing, MI 48912  
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Bids must be submitted by 8 am 8/25/25  
at 1500 Haslett Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823  
For more info go to www.hhmobil.com

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### WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting July 30, 2025 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 with Supervisor Poth, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Interim 6in. X 6in. flush memorial stones in the Green Burial section for non-pathway spaces until the memorial wall is constructed
- Discontinuing monthly recycling at the Township Hall after December 2025 or as soon as any arrangements with Granger will allow

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 13th, 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

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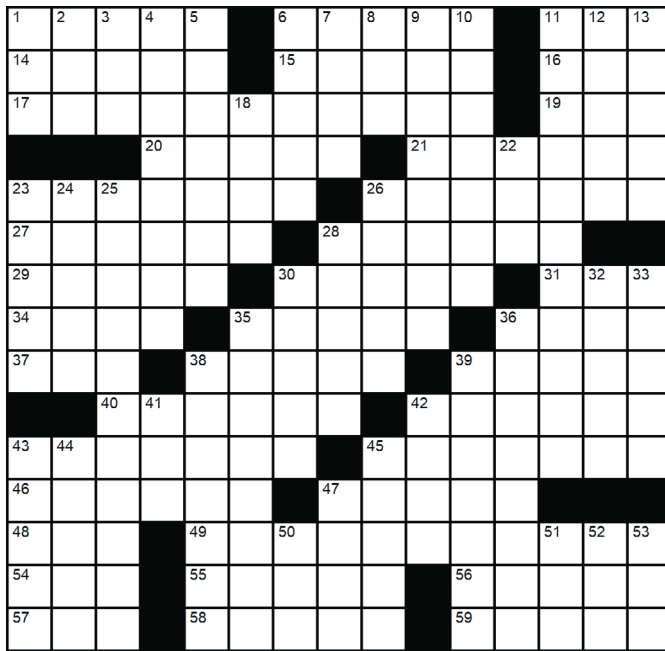
# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Meaningful" -- that's what I think.  
by Matt Jones  
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Former Swedish imports
- 6. Budhaditya Mukherjee's instrument
- 11. Nose around
- 14. Roman courtyards
- 15. Steaming
- 16. "Smoke and Pickles" cookbook author Edward
- 17. It means a lot
- 19. Title before "Khan"
- 20. Cheeses in red wax
- 21. Places for competition
- 23. TV's "Teenage Witch"
- 26. Molybdenum, e.g.
- 27. Tartan patterns
- 28. "Can do"
- 29. Recurring-theme composition
- 30. Get up
- 31. Direct deposit abbr.
- 34. "Dies \_\_\_\_" (Latin hymn)
- 35. Ziggy Stardust's alter ego
- 36. Actress Delevingne
- 37. Cable channel whose first aired show was a rerun of "What's My Line?"
- 38. Rafael, the "King of Clay"
- 39. "Air Music" composer Ned
- 40. Yoga postures
- 42. Rogers \_\_\_\_ (retractable roof stadium in Toronto)



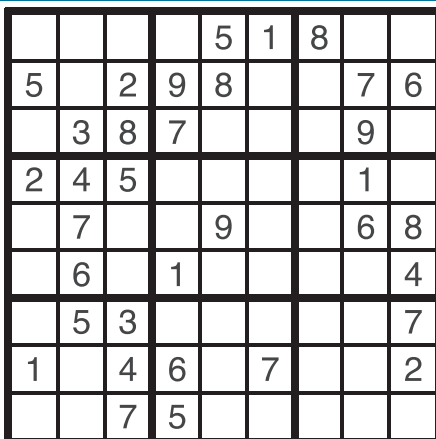
- 43. Letter sign-off
  - 45. Placated
  - 46. Part of an intro for a local hero, maybe
  - 47. "Clue" weapon
  - 48. Precious metal, to Mateo
  - 49. It means a great deal
  - 54. \_\_\_\_'wester (waterproof hat)
  - 55. BP acquisition of the late 1990s
  - 56. Atlantic feature
  - 57. 1/6 of a fl. oz.
  - 58. Smallest amount
  - 59. Bring up
- DOWN**
- 1. Pine goop
  - 2. \_\_\_\_ moment's notice
  - 3. Abbr. at Midway
  - 4. Two-wheeled excursion
  - 5. Got hitched
  - 6. S as in Socrates
  - 7. 401(k) alternatives
  - 8. Pine goop
  - 9. Had a table for one
  - 10. Bum
  - 11. It means the world to me
  - 12. "King Lear" daughter
  - 13. Vintner's supply
  - 18. Grandmas, to some
  - 22. Radiohead's former record label
  - 23. Bit of basil
  - 24. "Zut \_\_\_\_!"
  - 25. It means a bunch
  - 26. BCCed message
  - 28. "\_\_\_\_ a dark and stormy night ..."
  - 30. Drink dispenser options
  - 32. "\_\_\_\_ Jacques" (children's song)
  - 33. Made docile
  - 35. It may be enhanced by metal umlauts
  - 36. "The Barefoot \_\_\_\_" (Bogart film)
  - 38. "Unicorn of the sea"
  - 39. Buyer's ploy
  - 41. \_\_\_\_ Tome and Principe
  - 42. Hairdo
  - 43. Pigeon's perch
  - 44. Peseta replacements
  - 45. Boopable body part
  - 47. Franchises with buckets
  - 50. Mauna \_\_\_\_
  - 51. "\_\_\_\_ was saying ..."
  - 52. \_\_\_\_ Cruces, N.M.
  - 53. Ophthalmologist's concern

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## SUDOKU

## Beginner



### 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

Aug. 6-12, 2025

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The Tagalog word "gigil" refers to the urge to squeeze or pinch something adorable. It's an ecstatic tension that verges on overflowing the container of decorum. In the coming weeks, you Aries could feel gigil for the whole world. Everything may seem almost too vivid, too raw, too marvelous and altogether too much. I advise you to welcome these surges and allow them to enhance your perceptions. Laugh hard. Cry freely. Invite goosebumps. Please note: Don't actually squeeze anyone without their permission.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** In Japan's snow country, artisans practice yuki-sarashi. It involves laying woven cloth on snow under sunlight to bleach, brighten, purify and soften the fibers through the effects of snow, sunlight, cold and ozone. Because this process doesn't require harsh chemicals, it helps maintain the fabric's strength and prevents it from yellowing over time. I propose you make yuki-sarashi a useful metaphor, Taurus. Something fragile and fine is ready to emerge, but it needs your gentle touch and natural methods. You are often grounded in the adept manipulation of raw material — what works, what holds, what can be relied on. But this burgeoning treasure needs maximum nuance and the blessings of sensitive care.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** When African American dancer Josephine Baker arrived in Paris in 1925 at age 19, she was seeking refuge from her home country's racism. Her electrifying performances soon made her a celebrity. Author Ernest Hemingway said she was "the most sensational woman anyone ever saw." As she grew wealthy, she donated generously to French charities, hospitals and schools. Her compassionate works evolved further, too. During World War II, she worked as a spy for the French Resistance against the Nazi occupation. Later, she became a civil rights activist in the U.S. Can you guess the astrological sign of this multi-faceted star? Gemini! I hope you will be inspired by her in the coming weeks. May you, too, use your natural gifts and stylish flair to serve the greater good. Look for opportunities to mentor, encourage and advocate for those lacking your advantages.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** When a glacier moves, it doesn't rush. It presses forward incrementally, reshaping mountains, carving valleys and transporting boulders. In a metaphorical sense, Cancerian, you are now in glacier time. A slow, relentless and ultimately magnificent process is afoot in your life. Others may not yet see the forward momentum. Even you may doubt it. But the shift is real and permanent. Trust the deep, inexorable push. Your soul is hauling whole landscapes into new configurations.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** In the Arctic, the sun shines for 24 hours a day during midsummer. There is no night, only the surreal glow of prolonged gold. The human body, confused by the unending day, may be confused about when to sleep. For some, this creates disorientation, and for others, a strange euphoria. In my astrological opinion, Leo, you have entered a metaphorical version of this solar dreamscape. Your creative powers are beaming like a relentless sun. There may be little darkness in sight. So, how will you rest? How will you replenish under the glow of fervent possibility? Be wisely discerning with your energy. Don't mistake illumination for invincibility. Bask in the light, yes, but protect your rhythms.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Now is an excellent time for you to swear sacred oaths. I suggest you get less comfortable with transitory arrangements and short-term promises. The near future will also be a ripe phase to make brave commitments that require you to go further and deeper than you've dared to before. I recommend you forgo the cheap thrills of skipping along from one random moment to the next. Embrace a game plan. Finally, I urge you to cast magic spells on yourself that will release your unconscious mind from old fixations

that subtly drain your power to fulfill your dreams. Please, please, please surrender trivial obsessions that distract you from your life's key goals.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** In West African traditions, griots are key figures in their communities. They serve as storytellers, oral historians, poets, genealogists and advisors. Their presence is often central to events like weddings, funerals and ceremonies. In the coming weeks, Libra, I hope that you will embrace a role that resembles the griot. Your ability to enhance and nurture your network is at a peak. You have extra power to weave together threads that have become frayed or unraveled. Given your potential potency as a social glue, I advise you to avoid gossip and instead favor wise, kind words that foster connection.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The phrase "elegant sufficiency" is an old English expression meaning "just enough" or "a sufficient amount in a refined or tasteful way." I am expanding it to also mean "the simplest solution that solves a problem completely without unnecessary complexity." It's your power phrase, Scorpio. What you need is not intricate perfection but elegant sufficiency, or enoughness. I suggest you welcome this gift with enthusiasm, not in a resigned way, but with a quiet triumph. Maybe your plan doesn't need more bullet points. Maybe the relationship doesn't require further analysis. Maybe your offering is already thorough. Allow yourself the sweet satisfaction of having just the right amount. What you have created may be more organically whole than you realize.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** How do you become a maestro of desire? What must you do to honor your beautiful yearnings and cull your mediocre ones? What's the magic that will help you fulfill your life's purpose by trusting your deepest cravings? Here are some tips. First, jettison your inessential desires and cherish the precious yearnings that are crucial. Second, dispose of outmoded goals so you can make expansive space for robust goals that steer you away from the past and guide you toward the future. These are challenging tasks! The very good news is that the coming weeks can be a turning point in your quest to claim this birthright.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** I'm writing a fairy tale about an ancient land whose queen regards poetry as essential to the public good. She often invites poets to perform for her and her court. When they finish a stirring passage, they bow — not to the queen or other observers, but to the silence they mined to access their inspiration; to the pregnant chaos from which the poem was born. The pause is a gesture of gratitude and acknowledgment. I invite you to partake in similar acts of appreciation, Capricorn. Bow toward the mysteries from which your blessings flow. Honor the quiet sources that keep you fertile. Praise the treasures in the dark that fuel your intense activities.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** When I advise you to get naked, I'm not necessarily suggesting that you doff your clothes. What I primarily mean is the following: Shed the armor around your heart; strip off your defense mechanisms; discard knee pads you wear while kissing butt or paying excessive homage; recycle shoes, jackets, pants and opinions that don't fit you; and discard pride-spawned obstacles that impede your communions with those you love.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The Finnish word "sisu" describes a radical, unglamorous persistence. Those who possess sisu can summon extraordinary determination, tenacity and resilience in the face of confusion or difficulty. It's not about bravado or flair, but about soulful gutsiness. I suspect it's time for you to draw on your sisu, Pisces. It will empower you to tap into reserves of strength that have previously been unavailable. You will activate potentials that have been half dormant.

# 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, Aug. 6

**"A Joyful Line" Art Exhibition** - Dorothy Hughes Engelman will display her zentangle-inspired art at the Brick Wall Gallery in the East Lansing Public Library throughout August. All pieces are for sale. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [facebook.com/ajoyfulline](https://facebook.com/ajoyfulline).

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

**Allen Farmers Market** - Craft vendor: Yart by Laura. Live music by Forest Road Ukulele Club. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. [allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market](https://allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market).

**"Alluring Nature"** - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. [framersedge.net](https://framersedge.net).

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

**Bookend Gallery Display** - The Bookend welcomes fiber and paint artist Cindy Mielock for the month of August. She's sharing a variety of recent works that are influenced by nature. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](https://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](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**Diabetes PATH** - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 1:30-4 p.m. UM Health-Sparrow Lansing Health Center, 2909 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email [histedc@tcoa.org](mailto:histedc@tcoa.org).

**"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](https://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](https://meridian50plus.com).

**Informed Renter** - This workshop from MSU Extension will equip you with valuable information about the rental process that will help you navigate technicalities and avoid costly mistakes. 10-11 a.m. Virtual — register at [canr.msu.edu/mimoneyhealth/index](https://canr.msu.edu/mimoneyhealth/index).

**Lansing Concerts in the Park: Lansing Symphony Orchestra** - Free. 7 p.m. Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing. [lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park](https://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](https://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Meridian Summer Concert Series: Rear View Mirror (party band)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us](https://meridian.mi.us).

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

**MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series** - A laureate of the 2024 Queen Fabiola Competition, Anne Lu's colorful recital will move from Disney and floral-themed works to reflective pieces by Mendelssohn, D'hollander and Leonard Cohen. Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](https://music.msu.edu).

**Northern Nut Growers Association and Chestnut Growers of America Joint Conference** - Conference is open to everyone with an interest in trees and shrubs managed for their nuts or native woody fruits. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. DoubleTree by Hilton, 111 N. Grand Ave, Lansing. [nutgrowing.org](https://nutgrowing.org).

**Play 4 JA Family Field Day** - Activities include a backpack giveaway, a basketball competition, field day games, face painting, inflatables, food trucks, music and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Best Furniture Outlet, 5700 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. [midmichigan.ja.org](https://midmichigan.ja.org).

**Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Kick Back (classic rock/country)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. [facebook.com/MIPortlandDowntown](https://facebook.com/MIPortlandDowntown).

**SRP Colorful Finale Carnival** - Enjoy bounce houses, carnival games and treats! Each reading log you complete earns you more carnival tickets to spend. There will be many non-ticketed activities as well. 5-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](https://gladl.org).

**St. Johns Concerts in the Park** - On the Lash offers a thrilling blend of Irish heart and classical precision that will put a spark in your soul and a jig in your step! Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. [facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell](https://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. 10-11:30 a.m. 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. [elpl.org](https://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](https://cmsaemusic.weebly.com).

**Weaving the Web: Honor** - 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](https://weaversoftheweb.org).

### Thursday, Aug. 7

**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](https://ruhalacenter.com).

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### Mint Festival

1-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10  
St. Johns City Park  
801 W. Park St., St. Johns  
Clinton County Fairgrounds  
800 W. Sickles St., St. Johns



St. Johns' annual Mint Festival returns this weekend, offering daily entertainment such as a carnival, a craft show, a flea market, food trucks and a mint ice cream booth, plus a slew of special events.

Friday brings an afternoon tailored to seniors, featuring bingo games, wellness screenings, free snacks and other activities. At 5:30 p.m., kids are invited to join in on a foam party, with family-friendly dance music to keep the fun going.

Saturday begins with the Grand Mint Parade at 10 a.m., starting on Clinton Avenue near Oakview Elementary School and traveling to Railroad Street downtown. Live performances throughout the day include the Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe at noon, School of Rock East Lansing at 1 p.m. and Kanin Wren's popular Taylor Swift Experience at 5 p.m. A car show will run from noon to 4 p.m. along North Clinton Avenue downtown, offering several awards, door prizes, dash plaques, live music and hot dogs for purchase.

Those seeking more adult-oriented entertainment can head downtown from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday for block parties with live music, food trucks and \$5 alcoholic beverages.

Wrapping up the weekend on Sunday is a community Christian church service at noon, an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. and the beloved Peppermint Patty Plop at 3 p.m.

For more information on all the weekend's happenings, visit [mintfest.org](https://mintfest.org).

Library throughout August. All pieces are for sale. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [facebook.com/ajoyfulline](https://facebook.com/ajoyfulline).

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**Bridging Opportunities Summit** - A one-day experience designed to connect, elevate and empower BIPOC (and allied) professionals in economic development, community building and small business support. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lansing Community College, 600 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. [eventbrite](https://eventbrite).

[com/o/leap-74222847293](https://com/o/leap-74222847293).

**Capital Area Modelers Society Meeting** - Learn about building scale models, display what you're working on and get to know others interested in the hobby. 6:30-8 p.m. Judson Baptist Church, 531 Glendale Ave., Lansing. [capitalareamodelerssociety.wordpress.com](https://capitalareamodelerssociety.wordpress.com).

**Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Detroit Social Club (blues)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. [facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce](https://facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce).

**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](https://weaversoftheweb.org).

**DeWitt Concerts in the Park: Kathy Ford Band (variety)** - Free. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. [dewittareacc.org](https://dewittareacc.org).

**Dimondale Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. [facebook.com/dimondalefarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/dimondalefarmersmarket).

**East Lansing Downtown Management Board Meeting** - Noon. City Hall Room 209, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com](https://cityofeastlansing.com).

**Evening of Excellence** - Help DLI celebrate the volunteers, businesses, partners and neighbors who support our mission to illuminate the path forward for downtown Lansing. 5 p.m. La Fille Gallery, 336 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/downtownlansing](https://facebook.com/downtownlansing).

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**Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Global Village (variety), opener 11 Across** - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music\_in\_the\_park.php.

**Holt Music in the Garden: The Classic Women of Country** - 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. ruhalacenter.com.

**Laingsburg Music in the Park: Universe Band (party band)** - 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** - Los Águilas Calvos is a Lansing-based band specializing in Spanish, Mexican, Cuban and Latin American music. Free. 4:30 p.m. 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/NelsonGalleryLansing.

**Michigan Railway Co. Book Talk** - Join the Historical Society of Greater Lansing for a talk with Norman Krentel, author of a new book on the history of the Michigan Railway Co. 6:30 p.m. Rogers-Carrier House, 528 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lansinghistory.org.

**Moonlight Film Festival: “Wicked” (2024)** - Movie will start at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.). Free. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

**Paint & Sip Summer Landscape** - Patrons 21 and up can enjoy an alcoholic beverage while painting a colorful summer landscape. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**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.

**Pearls & Glow: Celebrating 5 Radiant Years** - Celebrate Skin Boss Med Spa’s five-year anniversary with delicious food, an open bar, service promotions, giveaways, a photo booth, live music and more. 5:30-8 p.m. Copper Moon, 1247 Center St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/skin-boss-med-spa-45407703413.

**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. glad.org.

**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.

**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 Church Hill 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.

**Williamston Summer Concert Series: Tony Thompson & Friends (funk/Motown)** - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

## Friday, Aug. 8

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**“Annie Jr.”** - This version of “Annie” is shortened for young performers, making it perfect for audiences of all ages. 7 p.m. Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing. tpacworldwide.org.

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**Cruise to Holt** - All types and years of cars, trucks and bikes welcome. No entry fee Spectators encouraged. 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers Market parking lot, 2150 Cedar St., Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov.

**Divination Roundtable** - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

**East Lansing Summer Concert Series: The Rev. Robert Jones & Matt Watroba (roots)** - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

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**Five Elements Dance & Drum** - Intuitive movement and music in a supportive, sober environment. Bring a yoga mat, dancing socks/slippers and a drum or rattle if desired. 6:30 p.m. The Light House Chapel, 1501 Windsor St., Lansing. facebook.com/lansinglighthousechapel.

**Lake Lansing Bandshell Concert Series: The Insiders (Tom Petty tribute), Opener Atomic Annie Duo** - 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/Lakelansingbandshell.

**Leslie Area Garage/Yard Sales** - Sales will be throughout the Greater Leslie area, including the townships of Leslie, Rives, Onondaga and Bunkerhill and the city of Leslie. General sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For a list of locations, visit facebook.com/LeslieChamberofCommerce.

**Messy Play Day** - Kids can play with chalk, bubbles, goop, squirt bottles, big trucks, mud and more. Different activities each week throughout August. 2-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. glad.org.

**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.

**Moonlight Movies: “Mufasa”** - Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy a family movie under the stars! Popcorn will be available for donation. 9 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 N. Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

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**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.

**“Practical Operational and Cyber Security for Queen, Trans, and Feminist Activists”** - Lansing 2600 will host a free talk (with Q&A) by Eva Galperin, director of cybersecurity for the Electronic Frontier Foundation. 7-9 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. lansing2600.org.

**Recorruptor** - Don’t miss Recorruptor’s “Sorrow Will Drown Us All” album release show with Throne, Boreworm, Mouthful of Locusts and Krocophile. 7 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

**The Shellouts Live at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - 7:30-10:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

**TGIF Dance Party** - Doors open at 7 p.m., line dance lesson at 7:15 p.m., dance runs 8 p.m. to midnight. Blind Ambition band on the patio, DJ Pat Johnson in the house. Dinner buffet provided. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

## Saturday, Aug. 9

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**“Alluring Nature”** - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers’ Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

**“Annie Jr.”** - This version of “Annie” is shortened for young performers, making it perfect for audiences of all ages. 3 p.m. Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing. tpacworldwide.org.

**Art Among Friends Exhibition** - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

**Bookend Gallery Display** - The Bookend welcomes fiber and paint artist Cindy Mielock for the month of August. She’s sharing a variety of recent works that are influenced by nature. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**Breathe, Learn, Grow: A Morning of Mindful Connection for Moms** - A rejuvenating morning designed for moms of little ones (ages 0-6). This unique experience blends self-care with practical parenting wisdom. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nurture Studios, 257 S. Bridge St., Dimondale. eventbrite.com/o/compassionately-bri-53247017153.

**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.

**The HBCU Initiative: Empower, Educate & Excellence** - A free event aimed at introducing local students to historically Black colleges and universities. The event will feature reps from HBCUs, Divine Nine orgs and a student panel. 1-4 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/nasaan.jackson.

**Leslie Area Garage/Yard Sales** - Sales will be throughout the Greater Leslie area, including the townships of Leslie, Rives, Onondaga and Bunkerhill and the city of Leslie. General sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For a list of locations, visit facebook.com/LeslieChamberofCommerce.

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

**Phil Denny’s Armory Smooth Jazz Fete** - Featuring performances by acclaimed cross-genre jazz musicians, plus food trucks, beer, wine, local art and more. 3-9 p.m. Marshall Street Armory, 330 Marshall St., Lansing. smoothjazzfete.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. homebrew-gamelounge.com.

**Sounds of Summer: Beach Boys Tribute** - Sounds of Summer has been playing across the nation since 2015, taking audiences back to memories of the 1960s. 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. charlotteperformingartscenter.com.

**Sweet C and the Sunset Riders Live on the Patio at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - 5-8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

**Young Eagle Rally** - Local pilots will offer kids an opportunity to fly in a general aviation airplane. Following their flight, kids will receive a certificate making them an official EAA Young Eagle. Free. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mason Jewett Airport, 655 Aviation Drive, Mason. chapters.eaa.org/eaas5.

## Sunday, Aug. 10

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**Balance & Brews** - Join us for a revitalizing yoga session, then head to Dimes Brewhouse to enjoy your complimentary beverage and create your own grilled cheese. 11 a.m. Nurture Studios, 257 S. Bridge Street, Dimondale. eventbrite.com/o/compassionately-bri-53247017153.

**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.

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# Events

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**Garden Edition: Deep-Rooted with Beal Botanical Garden** - In this ongoing tour series, art and plants intertwine in a conversation about the ways our natural world has influenced human societies throughout history. 1 p.m. Beal Botanical Garden, 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Ingham County Parks/Mason Optimist Club Youth Sports Event** - Kids can enjoy fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, air rifle, archery, face painting, lunch, giveaways and more. Free. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Burchfield Park, 881 Grovenburg Road, Holt. facebook.com/MasonOptimistClub.

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

**MSU Music and the Garden** - Featuring the Mia Chinni Trio, performing a mix of Latin and bossa nova jazz, this event explores the theme "Wild at Heart." Family-friendly activities at 1 p.m., concert at 2 p.m. Beal Botanical Garden, 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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

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

**Tyler Hilton Celebrates the Music of "One Tree Hill"** - Hilton brought some of the most iconic moments and songs to the OTH universe, and now he's bringing them to Lansing! Special guest Ryan Dunson (Rookie of the Year). 7 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

**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.

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**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/summerlandsbrewing.

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**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**Improv Acting Camp for Kids & Teens** - Students will work with a variety of theater games to develop characters and scene work. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursdays. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Lansing Kiwanis Putt-Putt Golf Fundraiser** - Gather your friends and form a team of four for just \$160 — dinner included! Every putt you make helps support kids in need in the Lansing area. 5:30 p.m. 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. facebook.com/Lansingkiwanis.

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

## Pilgrim Fest

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9  
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
5200 Pleasant Grove Road, Lansing

Described as "the ultimate day of blessings, fun and community love," Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church's Pilgrim Fest will provide free clothing, shoes, backpacks, school supplies, health screenings, haircuts and meals to as many Lansing-area residents as possible. Items will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees are encouraged to arrive up to an hour early.

The event will also offer activities such as a bounce house, a video game truck, basketball, a DJ, live entertainment and a space where guests can pray for peace, hope and healing.

"You don't want to miss this time to be blessed!" Senior Pastor Ed Rockett said. "We're excited to serve, celebrate and love on our community in a big way."

For more information, visit facebook.com/PRBCLansing.



Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**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, Aug. 12

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**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.

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

**AI-Anon Meeting** - 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. cmialanon.org.

**"Alluring Nature"** - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

**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.

**Book Binding Adult Craft Program** - Appearance of books will vary. Please bring your own paper if you came to the paper-making class in July. Registration req. 6-7:30 p.m. Charlotte Com-

munity Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Bookend Gallery Display** - The Bookend welcomes fiber and paint artist Cindy Mielock for the month of August. She's sharing a variety of recent works that are influenced by nature. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**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.

**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.

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

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons** - Every Tuesday home game, enjoy \$5 tacos (includes 2 tacos) and \$5 16-ounce tall boys. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

**Lansing Open: Little Hawk Putt-Putt Course** - In addition to our classic 18-hole tournament, we're introducing a brand-new twist: the Lansing Mini Open! Grab your foursome and join us for a laid-back competition. 12:30 p.m. Hawk Hollow Golf Course, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. facebook.com/LansingChamber.

**Minecraft Mania** - We'll have our Minecraft server set up and laptops ready to go. No experience needed — all levels of players/builders welcome. Ages 8-12. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## THE PULSIFIEDS

A. J. Boggs & Company is looking for a UI/UX Research Specialist for its Okemos office. Reqmts: Master's deg in Human Computer Interaction, Visual Design or rtd & 2 yrs of exp as UX Designer, Graphic Designer or rtd. Qualified candidates to mail resumes to Mindy Hatch at 4736 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI 48864.

# FOOD & DRINK DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

## Jollof is a refreshingly unique addition to our dining scene

By **COURTNEY BOWERMAN**

I always meant to give Tatse a try. Despite not being fond of spicy food, I was curious about West African cuisine. Unfortunately, the downtown restaurant closed before I could work up the nerve to actually go inside. So, when Jollof Afro-Caribbean Lounge opened in its place a few months ago, I took that as a sign to seize the moment.

Jollof has a very laid-back atmosphere, with music and flat-screen TVs for guests to enjoy from the bar or their own seating area, complete with cushioned armchairs. Designed to be a hangout for downtown residents and commuters alike, the lounge has begun hosting live music and other late-

night events to draw in more business. If that's not their speed, customers can simply unwind and admire the African American art proudly displayed on the walls as they wait for their order.



Those who aren't familiar with Afro-Caribbean cuisine will be surprised by the variety of exotic dishes. I was tempted to try the snapper, but since it's cooked whole and I can't eat something that's staring at me, I decided to order the jerk chicken and jollof rice combo instead. The

chicken consisted of several wing pieces that were fire-cooked with jerk spices. You don't get a lot of meat with wings, but that didn't make them any less delicious. The jollof rice, the West African specialty dish from which the restaurant gets its name, was cooked in a rich tomato sauce and a blend of spices. Neither item seemed that spicy at first. It took a few seconds for the effect to fully kick in, building up an aftertaste that left my lips burning and my nose running.

The only thing that wasn't spicy was the side of sweet plantains that were served with the meal. As I wrote in my La Cocina Cubana review, I don't normally like anything banana-related, but I was surprised by how much I enjoyed them. Contrary to what people have told me, they didn't taste anything like bananas. I'm not sure if it was because they were fried, or perhaps my taste buds were still searing from the chicken and rice. Either way, I can finally say I've tried them.



Courtney Bowerman for City Pulse

Those who aren't familiar with the cuisine will be surprised by the variety of exotic dishes at downtown Lansing's Jollof Afro-Caribbean Lounge.

Jollof Afro-Caribbean Lounge is a unique addition to the dining scene that any adventurous foodie will enjoy. Although the prices are a little high, it's worth it for the experience. Hopefully, it will become a much-needed staple for the downtown area.

**Jerk chicken and jollof rice**  
\$18  
Jollof Afro-Caribbean Lounge  
221 S. Washington Square,  
Lansing  
11 a.m.-midnight Tuesday-  
Thursday  
11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday  
Noon-10 p.m. Sunday  
(517) 220-4650  
jollofafrocaribbean.com

### Events

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#### Wednesday, Aug. 13

**Adult Bingo** - Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo, complete with light refreshments and prizes for the winners! 2:30-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. glad.org.

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**AI-Anon Meeting** - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

**Allen Farmers Market** - Craft vendor: Slick Beauty Oils. Live music by Groove Doctors 3. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

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**August Summer Social and Scholarship Fundraiser** - Join NACW Lansing for an evening filled with good food, drinks and networking. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Reno's North, 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. facebook.com/NACWLansing.

**Ballet for Teens & Adults** - 10-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 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.

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**Lansing Collage Club** - Join fellow collage enthusiasts for an evening of cutting, pasting and creating! Bring supplies to share or come as you are. Free. 6-9 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/HookedLansing.

**Lansing Live Open Stage Night** - No cover, all ages welcome. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons** - Game highlight 1: Every Wednesday home game, dogs are welcome at Jackson Field. Game highlight 2: Impression 5 will offer interactive kids' activities on the concourse. 1:05 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

**Meridian Summer Concert Series: Electric Flower Co. (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.

**Parkinson's Support Group: Informal Discussions** - Small discussion groups. People with Parkinson's meet in a separate room from caregivers for confidential conversations. 1 p.m. Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

**Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Portland High School Marching Band** - Free. 6:30 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

**St. Johns Concerts in the Park** - By popular demand, Detroit Retro Society returns to crank up the heat with a variety of pop, funk, rock — you name it! Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

**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.

**Weaving the Web: Rituals** - 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.

#### CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE #1337

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to renumber 1460.51 to 1460.52; to add a new section 1460.51 to create a tenant relocation fee; to provide that the fee only be assessed when the City pays for a tenant's relocation resulting from a required vacation from residential premises because of a condition making the premises unsafe to occupy; to provide for fee waiver when the relocation costs are otherwise covered by insurance; and to provide for calculation, billing, and collection of the fee.

Effective date: Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk  
www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk

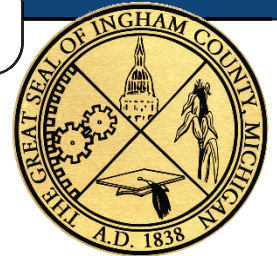
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# REAL ESTATE AUCTION

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

*By Order of the County Treasurer of Ingham County*

### INCREDIBLE LOW RESERVES!!



*Below are a few of the many properties offered in this incredible auction!*



*Property 3323 - Lansing*  
918 Shiawassee St.



*Property 3324 - Lansing*  
1127 E. Malcolm X St



*Property 3325 - Lansing*  
3310 Nonette Dr.



*Property 3326 - Lansing*  
1836 Old Oakland Ave.



*Property 3327 - Mason*  
842 Eugenia



*Property 3328 - Lansing*  
920 Clyde



*Property 3329 - Lansing*  
1222 E. Kalamazoo



*Property 3331 - Lansing*  
3515 Sheffer Ave.



*Property 3332 - Lansing*  
406 Magnolia Ave.



*Property 3333 - Lansing*  
1418 Keeney Court



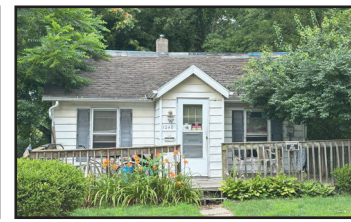
*Property 3339 - Lansing*  
2812 Cynwood St.



*Property 3340 - Lansing*  
1320 Glenrose



*Property 3341 - Lansing*  
2335 Commonwealth



*Property 3342 - Lansing*  
1240 Bensch St.



*Property 3343 - Lansing*  
1524 N. High St.



*Property 3344 - Lansing*  
1213 S. Holmes St.



*Property 3345 - Lansing*  
3100 Ingham St.



*Property 3347 - Lansing*  
562 E Willard Ave



*Property 3349 - Lansing*  
1325 S College Road



*Property 3351 - Lansing*  
229 S. Detroit St.

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