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## Who owns the First Amendment? Nobody, and everybody

Every week, I pay out of my own pocket to take out a full-page ad in this paper. Why? Because someone has to say what's true about this country — what's rotting, what's corrupt and what's being done in our name. I write because silence is complicity. And lately, silence seems to be exactly what some people want.

In the last few weeks, I've gotten half a dozen phone calls from the same coward. No discussion. No argument. "I'm going to fucking hurt you" and then a click. Not even a moment for a response. But it's OK. I have your number, literally and figuratively.

Let me make something clear: I'm not scared. I've lived long enough to recognize a weak man hiding behind a loud voice. You don't call someone six times if you're confident in your ideas. You call because you don't have any ideas. Because you can't stand someone holding up a mirror to you and saying, "This is who you've become."

And whom have you become? A movement that confuses rage for strength and threats for conviction. A movement that waves the flag with one hand while choking the First Amendment with the other. The right loves to shout about "free speech" — until it's speech they don't like. Then suddenly, it's phone calls and violence and keyboard warriors fantasizing about "teaching lessons" to people who dare to think differently.

But here's the thing: you don't own patriotism.

You don't own the Constitution.

You don't own the First Amendment — and you sure as hell don't get to decide who's allowed to use it.

The First Amendment protects my right to write what I write — especially when it makes you angry. That's the entire point. Free speech isn't about protecting compliments; it's about protecting confrontation. It's about the hard conversations that keep this country honest.

And threatening me? That's not "free speech." That's a crime. A true threat, in legal terms — words intended to make someone fear for their life or safety. It's not a debate tactic. It's cowardice. It's what people do when they've run out of arguments but still want to feel powerful.

If you truly believed in this country — if you truly respected the freedom you claim to defend — you'd pick up a pen instead of the phone. You'd argue. You'd write your own damn essay. But you won't, because deep down you know your position can't stand on its own. So, you resort to fear, to rage, to that last desperate instinct of the intellectually bankrupt: intimidation.

Well, congratulations. You've just proven every word I've ever written about you.

The far right loves to play the victim — always screaming about being "canceled," as if someone disagreeing with them is oppression. But they have no problem trying to silence others through threats and violence. They'll tell you they're "defending freedom," when what they're really defending is their shrinking sense of control.

And that's what this is really about, isn't it? Control. You see someone unafraid to speak their mind — someone who won't bow to your holy trinity of grievance, power, and delusion — and it drives you mad. Because you can't control truth. You can only hide from it.

But here's the difference between us: I want a country where we argue. You want a country where only your voice is heard. I believe in democracy; you believe in domination. I believe in dialogue; you believe in threats.

And yet, even now, I'll say this: if you ever want to talk like an adult, I'll listen. I might even print your response next to mine. But if all you've got are threats, you can keep dialing. Just understand that every time you do, you remind me why I'll never stop writing.

Because your rage isn't frightening — it's fuel. It's proof that the truth still burns.

So go ahead. Make your call.

I'll keep writing.

You'll keep proving me right.

You should think twice before you find out what your fucking around costs you.

Thanks to the current president for emboldening so many of you to act like thugs. I guess when you stop thinking critically, when you stop questioning authority, when you let blind loyalty replace independent thought, this is what you get: a mob that mistakes ignorance for patriotism and rage for righteousness. You've been taught that shouting is strength, that cruelty is honesty, and that intimidation is leadership. It's not. It's moral rot dressed up as conviction. So yes, thank your president — he's stripped you of decency, gutted your conscience and convinced you that spite is a virtue. And one day, when the shouting stops and the anger fades, you'll have to stand before the truth you tried to silence — and it will not forgive you.

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MEANWHILE, TRUMP IS GIVING \$40 BILLION TO AN ARGENTINIAN MADMAN WHO WRECKED HIS OWN ECONOMY.

WHEEEE!  
RRRR! RRRR!  
PLEASE HELP.

THERE'S A MORAL IN HERE SOMEWHERE: IF YOU HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO FANTASIZES ABOUT DUMPING FECES ON AMERICANS...  
...THEN DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THAT'S WHAT YOU GET.

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## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

**EFFECT AND CAUSE**

1. DEMOCRAT CITIES ARE WAR-RAVAGED HELLHOLES OVERRUN BY VIOLENT, LAWLESS THUGS!

I SAW IT ON THE TALKING PICTURE BOX ON MY WALL!

2. THEREFORE WE MUST KIDNAP RANDOM PEOPLE OFF THE STREET, SHOOT PEPPER BALLS AT PRIESTS, TEAR GAS ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS!

IT'S CALLED LAW AND ORDER, MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF IT?

3. BIG GOVERNMENT IS A GIANT, DYSFUNCTIONAL MESS CONTROLLED BY IDEOLOGICAL EXTREMISTS!

THEY WANT TO MAKE LIFE WORSE FOR EVERYONE!

4. THE ECONOMY IS A DISASTER! GROCERIES, A VERY OLD FASHIONED WORD, COST TOO MANY PIECES OF MONEY!

ONLY TRUMP CAN GOOD THINGS MAKE HAPPEN!

I WILL DEFUND CANCER RESEARCH, DECIMATE THE C.D.C., AND DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO RESTRICT VACCINES!

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IF YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE ME BEFORE--YOU WILL NOW!

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IF A PROBLEM DOESN'T EXIST--YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT THERE AND CREATE IT!

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# PULSE

# NEWS & OPINION

## New juvenile justice center could be built in south Lansing

A new \$40 million Ingham County juvenile justice center, including detention for 24 youths, could be built in south Lansing, a few miles from the current facility.

It's necessary, said Judge Shanna Dunnings, because the current, 40-year-old youth center is outdated, too small and would be difficult at best to expand while the detention center and youth programs still operated.

However, the new plans would not expand the number of beds, despite a chronic need for more.

Dunnings, the county's chief probate judge, spoke at a community meeting Wednesday (Oct. 15) at the Ingham County Family Center, 1602 W. Holmes Road, to a crowd that included more than a dozen court and youth workers.

The state has given a \$12.5 million grant, and the site would be built on the only county-owned land big enough for the new center, Dunnings said.

"We believe vacant land is the best potential site," Dunnings said.

The current center was evaluated in a 2022 study by Fishbeck and HDR, both engineering and architectural firms, who found that the center was crowded and outdated, with little ability to upgrade without a shutdown.

The new youth center would be located on what is now empty land — including a baseball field — behind the Ingham County Family Center. The site was recommended by the county, and a 2024 site feasibility report by Fishbeck gave the county additional data, such as initial soil samples, and confirmed that a design twice the size of the current facility could fit on the property, with room to expand.

The current center is located near Jolly Road and Pennsylvania Avenue. The new center would be built about 2.7 miles away near Holmes Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The difference of around \$27.5 million after the state grant would be covered by a bond issued through the Ingham County Building Authority, said Gregg Todd, the county's controller and administrator, in an email.



Mike Ellis/City Pulse

A plot of Ingham County-owned land, empty save for a baseball diamond, near Holmes Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, could be the new home for the county's juvenile justice center.

He said additional grants or other funding sources, which have not yet been identified, could reduce the bond amount.

The site has been planned for years. At one point, it would have increased the number of detention beds, but those are now staying at 24 beds, which is well below the number of youths typically detained.

Annette Ellison, deputy court administrator for the juvenile division, said during the meeting that the new building is about better futures for youths. The current building has been deteriorating for years.

She said the building's problems have gotten worse in the three years since a separate Fishbeck building condition study, which found nine of 23 criteria were in a red condition, meaning the issue is more costly to fix than it is worth, and only four criteria were green, or satisfactory condition.

Ellison said the 2022 study reflected serious concerns by court administrators, and the proposal is only coming up after years of study.

She said one of the common misconceptions about new detention cen-

ters is the perception that courts just want to lock up children.

"Over the last few decades, the juvenile division has invested lots of time, resources and money to be a more effective program," she said. The juvenile division spends most of its money and effort on rehabilitation and other programs that have made Ingham County's youth center a model across the nation.

"This is not incarceration, we help kids; this is not residential treatment, it's short-term, statutorily required resources for public safety," Ellison said.

She said many of the staff who work with children have spent more than a decade there, and that shows dedication. Many staff members attended the meeting.

A new center would be able to provide dedicated space for those types of programs — from mental health care, food and nutrition, medical, family visits — instead of the current arrangement where every room serves multiple purposes and must be set up and taken down each time, Ellison said.

Larry Johnson, brother of NBA star

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, spoke at the meeting and talked about his time at "Mason Community College."

"You know what that is, right?" he said, referring to a nickname for the county jail.

Johnson said youth centers, when he was one of the kids being served, were sad experiences that could have been used to promote youth reading, like current programs do.

"It's this small little room, you couldn't even read a book," he said. "It's been 40 years, and when we live somewhere for 40 years, we've got to have a change. A new facility would definitely be a change."

Two residents said they had minor concerns with the project: That officials had not communicated about it previously and that some of the officials who spoke had mentioned that families of the youth could easily visit them locally in detention.

Michael Lynn Jr. said during the meeting that he wanted to support the full project and sees a lot of good in it but was disappointed to hear officials cast south Lansing as an area where youth would commit crimes and could be incarcerated locally.

He declined to talk after the meeting.

Ryan Sebolt, chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, said during the meeting that the next step would be to enter into a lease to manage the project, which would be handled by the Ingham County Building Authority. He said a request for proposals for the management of the project would come first, with design work expected around September 2026, construction ideally beginning early in 2027 and a completion date of around December 2028.

"There are always delays," Sebolt said, "but I think we have a pretty smart timeline here."

Dunnings said the meeting was one of the first steps for the county and there is a website - [https://yc.ingham.org/courts\\_and\\_sheriff/youth\\_center/new\\_youth\\_center\\_project.php](https://yc.ingham.org/courts_and_sheriff/youth_center/new_youth_center_project.php) - with more information.

**MIKE ELLIS**

**NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS**

**Ingham County Drain Commissioner  
Patrick E. Lindemann**

**UNRUH DRAIN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Unruh Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, located at 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854, or at such time and place to which I may adjourn. At the Day of Review, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. I will consider proofs and allegations and I will carefully reconsider and review the apportionment of benefits. I will define and equalize the apportionment as is just and equitable.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the Day of Review at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854 or [drainoffice@ingham.org](mailto:drainoffice@ingham.org), or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

Additional information, including a map of the Drainage District, can be found at:

<http://dr.ingham.org>

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the Unruh Drain Special Assessment District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to-date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

The area served by the Unruh Drain consists of lands situated in Sections 14, 22, and 23 of Meridian Charter Township, T4N, R1W, in Ingham County, Michigan. The following is a description of the parcels of land constituting the "Unruh Drain Special Assessment District":

33-02-02-14-376-020	33-02-02-22-229-015	33-02-02-22-276-006
33-02-02-14-378-011	33-02-02-22-229-016	33-02-02-22-276-007
33-02-02-14-378-012	33-02-02-22-229-017	33-02-02-22-276-008
33-02-02-14-378-013	33-02-02-22-229-018	33-02-02-22-276-010
33-02-02-14-378-014	33-02-02-22-229-019	33-02-02-22-327-008
33-02-02-14-378-015	33-02-02-22-229-020	33-02-02-22-327-009
33-02-02-14-378-016	33-02-02-22-229-021	33-02-02-22-327-011
33-02-02-14-378-017	33-02-02-22-229-022	33-02-02-22-327-012
33-02-02-14-378-020	33-02-02-22-229-037	33-02-02-22-327-013
33-02-02-14-378-021	33-02-02-22-229-038	33-02-02-22-379-001
33-02-02-14-378-022	33-02-02-22-251-002	33-02-02-22-379-002
33-02-02-22-176-010	33-02-02-22-251-014	33-02-02-22-379-003
33-02-02-22-176-012	33-02-02-22-251-015	33-02-02-22-379-005
33-02-02-22-176-020	33-02-02-22-251-016	33-02-02-22-379-006
33-02-02-22-177-011	33-02-02-22-252-004	33-02-02-22-379-007
33-02-02-22-229-013	33-02-02-22-252-006	33-02-02-22-379-017
33-02-02-22-229-014	33-02-02-22-276-004	33-02-02-22-379-018

33-02-02-22-401-008	33-02-02-22-405-001	33-02-02-23-126-008
33-02-02-22-401-009	33-02-02-22-405-002	33-02-02-23-126-009
33-02-02-22-401-010	33-02-02-22-405-003	33-02-02-23-126-015
33-02-02-22-401-011	33-02-02-22-405-006	33-02-02-23-151-007
33-02-02-22-401-012	33-02-02-22-405-007	33-02-02-23-151-008
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33-02-02-22-404-001	33-02-02-23-101-003	33-02-02-23-302-002
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In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the County of Ingham, and Meridian Charter Township will be specially assessed at-large.

**NOW THEREFORE**, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you:

- Clerk of Ingham County;
- Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners;
- Managing Director of the Ingham County Road Department;
- Supervisor and Clerk of Meridian Charter Township;
- Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation;

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said Day of Review may be adjourned, the apportionment for benefits within the "Unruh Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review.

**AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU**, owners, municipalities and persons interested in the aforesaid lands are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of the apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Patrick E. Lindemann, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: October 3, 2025  
Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner  
707 Buhl, Mason, MI 48854  
(517) 676-8395

Lansing voters have two opportunities on Nov. 4 to show their support for historic preservation. One rests with 4th Ward residents, whom we encouraged last week to choose Heath Lowry over Peter Spadafore, a cheerleader for University of Michigan-Sparrow's successful plan to demolish old Eastern High School.

Voters citywide will also have a chance to send a message to City Hall about preservation's importance by turning out of office Jeremy Garza, an at-large candidate after serving the 2nd Ward for two terms.

We note an important distinction between Spadafore and Garza. Spadafore was forthright in his advocacy for UM-Sparrow's plan to tear down Eastern's historic, century-old building on Pennsylvania Avenue to make room for a psychiatric facility. Garza turned tail.

In July 2024, five Council members resolved unanimously to urge UM-Sparrow to save old Eastern. Garza was among them. Spadafore was absent. A month later, though, Spadafore made his position clear in a column in the Lansing State Journal. In doing so, he abetted UM-Sparrow's effective public-relations effort to falsely paint save-Eastern supporters as anti-mental health. (Their ad hoc organization was the Committee to Preserve Historic Eastern AND Promote Mental Health.)

But at least Spadafore was straightforward. Not so Garza.

Garza is vice president of UA Plumbers & Pipe-

fitters Local 333. Yet he claims ignorance of local labor's adamant opposition to saving old Eastern, which threatened nearly \$100 million in construction work and potential jobs. Feigned may be a better word. Most every elected official in Lansing pays heed to the wishes of labor, whose political clout is formidable, but Garza more so. His incentive arrives in every paycheck.

## Send a message: Defeat Garza

### The CP Edit

#### Opinion

proposed that the Council study whether old Eastern should be designated a historic district. At a minimum, that would have slowed the demolition train.

DON'T, a half-dozen local union officials told the Council at its Monday night meeting, City Pulse reported the next day. That killed even an attempt to consider the study. "Union opposition apparently played a prominent role in dooming the effort," the story said, citing a source. "Another source told City Pulse that Council President Jeremy Garza, vice president of UA Local 333 Plumbers & Pipefitters, and At-Large member Trini Pehlivanoglu would oppose a study committee because area unions are

Labor delivered its message loud and clear to City Council in late August 2024 after the Historic District Commission

against it, fearing a loss of jobs if U of M decides to build the mental hospital elsewhere. Another likely vote against it is Adam Hussain, another source said."

It is true that Garza was absent from that meeting. Yet Garza had the audacity to say last month he knew nothing of labor's opposition. "I was not aware of the unions getting involved in that," Garza told City Pulse in his endorsement interview. "And maybe they did, but it wasn't a big subject. I mean, we supported the resolution to look at it. And then it went off into a committee I didn't serve on. And I've heard none of it since."

That we cannot believe. Moreover, the resolution to which he refers was not to "look" at anything. It was "to urge U-M Health to preserve the school building while at the same time supporting plans to convert the Pennsylvania Avenue building into a psychiatric facility, the State Journal reported — exactly the same position as preservationists took. But when labor put on the pressure, Garza caved. And now he wants voters to believe his hands are clean.

Fortunately, voters citywide have better choices two Tuesdays from now in filling two open at-large seats. We recommend they support Julie Vandenberg and Clara Martinez. Both are thoughtful progressives with a desire to serve. Vandenberg just missed being elected to the Lansing Charter Commission. Martinez teaches at Everett High School and is a "proud" union member. They are worthy of your vote.

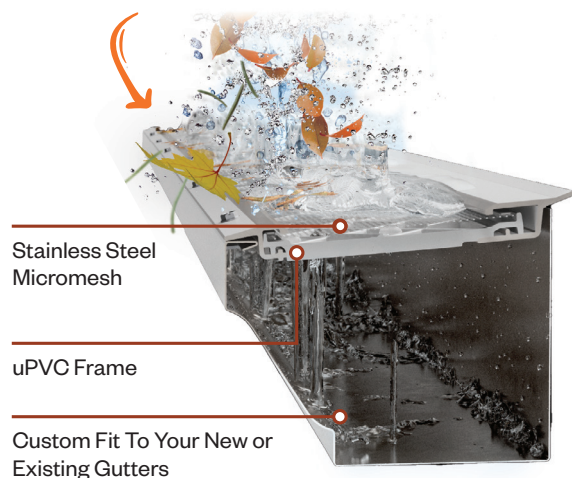
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CP#25-336

**CITY OF LANSING  
NOTICE OF ELECTION  
FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

**For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:**

**City:** Mayor, City Clerk, City Council Member At Large (2), Council Member Ward 2, Council Member Ward 4

**For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:**

**City:** City of Lansing Charter Proposal

**School:** Waverly Community Schools Sinking Fund Renewal Proposal

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lansing, MI 48933, telephone: (517) 483-4131, website: [www.LansingVotes.gov](http://www.LansingVotes.gov).

**Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:**

**Lansing Ward 1**

- Pct. 1 – Gier Park Community Center
- Pct. 2 – Johnson Fieldhouse
- Pct. 3 – Post Oak School
- Pct. 4 – Post Oak School
- Pct. 5 – Foster Community Center
- Pct. 8 – Johnson Fieldhouse
- Pct. 9 – Potter Park Zoo
- Pct. 10 – Potter Park Zoo

**Lansing Ward 2**

- Pct. 12 – Lyons School
- Pct. 13 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Pct. 14 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Pct. 15 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 16 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 17 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 18 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 20 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church

**Lansing Ward 3**

- Pct. 22 – Dr. Halik Professional Development Center (formerly Wainwright School)
- Pct. 23 – Dwight Rich School
- Pct. 24 – Dwight Rich School
- Pct. 25 – Tabernacle of David Church
- Pct. 26 – Tabernacle of David Church
- Pct. 27 – Dr. Halik Professional Development Center (formerly Wainwright School)
- Pct. 28 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center
- Pct. 30 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center

**Lansing Ward 4**

- Pct. 32 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst School)
- Pct. 34 – Bread House Church
- Pct. 35 – Letts Community Center
- Pct. 36 – First Presbyterian Church
- Pct. 37 – Letts Community Center
- Pct. 38 – Letts Community Center
- Pct. 39 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church
- Pct. 40 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church

Sample ballots can be found at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk's Office in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

**To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, please visit [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).**

**Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:**

Under a Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit to receive a ballot.

Anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Location	Address	Regular Business Hours September 25 – October 31
Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm
Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm  Wednesdays 9am – 7pm

**Additional times outside of the above listed regular business hours are as follows:**

Location	Address	Additional Hours
Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	Monday November 3 8am – 4pm  Election Day November 4 8am – 5pm
Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Saturday November 1 10am – 4pm  Sunday November 2 10am – 4pm  Monday November 3 9am – 4pm  Election Day November 4 7am – 8pm

**ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS**

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

The Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application from the voter to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at the locations referenced in the above tables or by visiting our website at [lansingvotes.gov](http://lansingvotes.gov).

Friday, October 31, 2025 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, November 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person, except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, locations referenced in the above table.

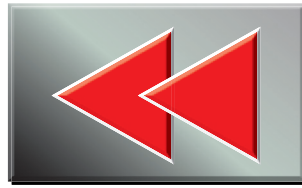
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# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



**A plane crash in a wooded area east of downtown Bath on Thursday killed the two pilots and their mechanic, who were on a test flight following planned maintenance in Battle Creek.** Bath Township officials presumptively identified the deceased Sunday as Rodolfo Pimental Zamora, Francisco Javier del moral Jimenez and Alvaro Espejo

Rodriguez, all of Mexico, based on information provided by the Mexican consulate. Clinton County Chief Medical Investigator Michelle Fox said final identification won't be complete until they finish forensic tests, which could take up to eight weeks. Duncan Aviation, which serviced the plane, said the Hawker 800XP was on a "stall flight" when the crash happened, which is when an aircraft's wing loses lift because the angle of attack becomes too high.

**The East Lansing Independent Police Oversight Commission voted 7-1 in a special meeting Thursday to demand Police Chief Jennifer Brown's resignation.** Last month, Brown told WLNS, "We have a very transient population, and over the last month, starting with Welcome Weekend, we have had a disproportionate number of minorities come into the community and commit crimes, and as police officers we are simply responding to those crimes." Oversight Commission Vice Chair Kath Edsall said Commissioner Mike McDaniel was the only no vote, the Lansing State Journal reported.



**The East Lansing Human Rights Commission, the NAACP Lansing Branch and the Women's Center of Greater Lansing have also called for Brown's resignation, WLNS reported.** That commission called for an external investigation into the Police Department as a whole and use of pepper spray during Welcome Weekend. The chief

apologized for her comments, but the commissioners said she does not have the public's trust.

**City of Lansing officials celebrated in a ceremony Friday completing its \$14.1 million East Michigan Avenue construction project, which stretched from Howard Street to Pennsylvania Avenue and lasted about 18 months.**

The six-phase project included upgrades that planners designed to make the roadway safer, more attractive and more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly. It was reconfigured from five lanes to four, with new sidewalks, traffic signals and updated sewer and water mains. That section of Michigan now has two westbound lanes, a center turn lane and one eastbound lane. Workers added cycle track marks to sidewalks to accommodate bicyclists.



**Punks With Lunch Lansing has filed an amended complaint to a lawsuit it filed in June, seeking to add the nonprofit's co-founder, Martin Mashon, as a defendant and its executive director, Lansing mayoral candidate Kelsea Hector, as a complainant, the Lansing State Journal reported.** The lawsuit,

originally filed against co-founder Julia Miller and former employee Derek Deloof, states that Miller, then the nonprofit's board president and executive director, made numerous "unauthorized purchases ... unrelated to PWL's mission or programs." Those purchases included a Dodge Ram van and a Chevrolet Traverse. The vehicles were titled for Punks With Lunch, but the lawsuit states that Miller fraudulently claimed "a tax exemption reserved for nonprofit entities" and that she and Deloof used the vehicles for personal benefit. It also claims that Miller, Deloof and Mashon have harassed the nonprofit and Hector in social media posts, comments and private messages. Punks With Lunch and Hector are seeking damages exceeding \$25,000.



**MSUFCU said in a statement Sunday that it had detected and quickly removed card skimmers from a "small number" of ATMs.** Card skimmers are devices that criminals can slip into ATMs to gather information from physical credit and debit cards, allowing them to commit fraud. The credit union added that the criminals stole card information from about two dozen of its members, contacted those affected and is working with law enforcement to identify those who placed the devices. MSUFCU said all of its ATMs are operational and secure.



**Clinton and Gratiot counties Judge Cori Barkman has sentenced Ashley Monroe of Watertown Township, 36, to 30 years to 60 years in prison for second-degree murder for killing two and injuring more than a dozen others while driving drunk at a park in Wacousta Township in May 2024.** The judge also sentenced Monroe to eight concurrent terms of two to five years for

driving while intoxicated, causing serious injury. Barkman also ordered Monroe to pay restitution of more than \$73,000 and gave her 515 days of credit for time spent in jail. Monroe pleaded no contest in August to one count of second-degree murder and eight counts of driving while intoxicated, causing serious injury, with an agreement that her minimum prison sentence would be 30 years.



**1423 W. Malcolm X St., Lansing**

This red-tagged property along Interstate 496, about two blocks west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, was one of 26 that was up for auction from the Ingham County treasurer Tuesday (Oct. 21) at the Lansing Center. Anyone who bid on it did so with the understanding that they were dealing with a property with a rather gruesome backstory.

In May 2024, Lansing police found the dismembered body of Zaccari Marquise Taylor in the home's basement. Three men were charged in connection with the murder, one of whom took a plea deal two months ago, while the others' cases are pending.

The home, a rental owned by Charles Hawkins Sr. and Jessen Ayers, was also damaged by a fire about three weeks later, after which time it was red-tagged and placed in foreclosure last April.

The two-story, 1,232-square-foot, three-bedroom, one-bath home was built in 1915. An open house was held for prospective buyers Oct. 14. It was up for auction in September but was not purchased. The opening bid this time, however, was just \$6,000, making it more appealing as a restoration project.

Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox said he didn't think the damage from the fire was structural. "I wouldn't be surprised if it sells at auction now," said the day before the event. "We've sold other properties where murders have taken place ... and even one where the scuttlebutt was that bodies were buried in the backyard."

Readers can view this property and others that were available by going to [bippususa.com](http://bippususa.com).

— STEVE UNDERWOOD

"Eyesore of the Week" is our biweekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Public Art, by Bill Castanier. Have a suggestion? Email [eye@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:eye@lansingcitypulse.com) or call in a nomination at 517-999-5061.

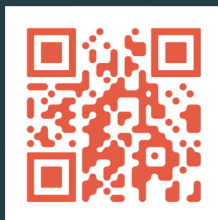
# Your Charter Your Choice!

The proposed Lansing City Charter revisions were shaped by input from residents and seek to strengthen transparency and accountability in city government. Revisions include:

- **Retain a strong elected mayor, not an unelected city manager.**
- **Expand Lansing City Council to nine members by increasing the number of wards from four to five.**
- **Give residents additional chances to have their voices heard on proposed BWL rate increases.**

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## Why all four U.S. Senate candidates can declare victory after finance deadline

Who has the edge in Michigan's competitive U.S. Senate Democratic primary?

U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, state Sen. Mallory McMorrow and Dr. Abdul El-Sayed are all running spirited campaigns in the quest to face (presumably) Republican Mike Rogers a year from now.

There's no public polling to go from, so let's try this: On Oct. 15, the law required that all U.S. Senate candidates release how much money they've raised and spent from July 1 to Sept. 30, and depending on how you want to torture the numbers, you could make an argument that everyone won. Here's how:

**Stevens won because ... she raised the most money.** The four-term House member raised \$1.9 million in total receipts, a bit more than El-Sayed (\$1.775 million) and McMorrow (\$1.7 million).

More significantly, she has amassed \$4.7 million this campaign season because she kicked in \$1.5 million left over from her old congressional account into her Senate race. Stevens is also not too proud to take political action committee (PAC) money, which netted her another \$106,055.

Among those in the Democratic field, she's sitting on \$2.6 million in cash on hand, which, considering her sizable payroll, isn't a small accomplishment.

More dollars today mean more TV and streaming ads tomorrow.

**McMorrow won because ... of the sheer number of people who opened up their wallets and purses to give to any of the candidates, she had the most.**

The Federal Elections Commission only requires that those giving \$200 or more have their contributions publicly reported.

Any way you slice it, McMorrow had more people give to her, which is a sign of not only future giving potential, but future votes ... if you consider that people will vote for the candidate for whom they write a check.

By my count, McMorrow had 1,459 contributors of at least \$200, of which 678 (46.4%) live in Michigan. El-Sayed had 1,253 contributors, of which 508 (40.5%) live in Michigan. Stevens had 1,285 contributors, 396 (31.1%) from Michigan.

Rogers had 1,248 contributors, of which 521 (41.7%) hail from Michigan.



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And these are only the contributions McMorrow was required to report. Her campaign is claiming 50,000 people gave it money this year. It's impossible to verify that, but here's why it's believable: I could only track \$1.14 million of McMorrow's reported \$1.7 million through the data reported through the Federal Elections Commission website. That means there's more than \$500,000 she raised in untraceable small amounts.

For argument's sake, let's say all gave \$20. That gets you 30,000 people, added to the 678 we already know about.

If she did anything close to that in her first quarter of fundraising, McMorrow has a lot of potential voters.

**Rogers won because ... he has \$2.7 million in the bank, more than Stevens, and he doesn't need to spend a dime of it until next summer.**

Since Rogers doesn't have a competitive primary race, he's able to take advantage of a joint arrangement with the D.C. Senate Republicans that gives him access to a bunch more money he can stockpile and spend in August, September and October 2026, when it really matters.

This quarter, he spent 39% of what he raised, a lower percentage than any of his Democratic opponents. The lower burn rate helps keep money around, too.

**El-Sayed won because ... he stayed competitive with the rest of the field.** He raised more than McMorrow, and burn rate is a lot better than hers, too. He also raised more from Michigan voters than Stevens, and his number of contributors was about the same as Stevens' and Rogers'.

Winning by not losing works for El-Sayed. He's easily the race's most progressive candidate, and as long as it doesn't look like he's taking on water, endorsements from progressive groups like the Michigan Democratic Party's Progressive Caucus will keep rolling in.

And as long as Stevens and McMorrow keep their attacks on each other (which they're doing), El-Sayed only needs to run a fiscally disciplined campaign (which he's doing) to win the primary.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Bengt Jansson located at 407 Marshall Street. The applicant request is for installation of a six-foot wood fence on the side yard.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Tracey Mullaney located at 616 M.A.C. Avenue. The applicant request is to replace the rubber roof with composite roofing; replace the wood front door with aluminum clad and replace the shutters with new of the same material.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Kristen Mapes located at 813 Oak Street. The applicant request is to replace the wood retaining wall with linear block and replace the concrete driveway in kind.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Kerri Barrett located at 656 Sunset Lane. The applicant request is for installation of a radon mitigation pipe on the rear of the house.
5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Nicholas Tesseris located at 515 Division Street. The applicant request is for an 180 sf addition to the 2nd floor on the back of the house.

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

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

For more information on the request please contact Alycia Reiten at (517) 319-6941 or [areiten@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:areiten@cityofeastlansing.com). Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing

City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications). Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to [coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com).

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

Dated: October 16, 2025  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon  
City Clerk

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**An Open Letter to the Honorable Tom Barrett**

In the coming year, you will have the opportunity to become an American hero. You will be recognized for standing on principle. You will be praised for your courage. As importantly, you will keep your self-respect.

What do you have to do?

**Become one of the first Republicans  
to Say "No" to Trump.**

Trump is unfit to serve as president. Trump is intentionally attacking democracy, the Constitution, and the rule of law. His cognitive and physical decline grows more apparent every week. Trump will fail. When the rot and corruption of his presidency are fully exposed, there will be Nuremberg-type trials. Those who supported him will use the defense that "they were only following orders."

You and I are military veterans. I appreciate that you are a champion for all military veterans. Both of us took an oath "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." As Congressman of Michigan's 7th District, you repeated the same oath. We didn't take that oath with one hand behind our back and our fingers crossed. When the Constitution is under threat, we have an unwavering obligation to defend it.

During the Korean War, a young American soldier, captured by the North Koreans said:

*"If I can't go back with my self-respect, I won't go back at all."*

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## Local DJ declares a 'golden age' for Lansing's electronic music scene



Courtesy photo

Mike Sherman, also known by his stage name, Big Sherm, delivers a DJ set at The Avenue.

By **LEO V. KAPLAN**  
and **NICOLE NOECHEL**

Mike Sherman's roots run deep in Lansing's hip-hop and electronic music scenes.

The 33-year-old has been DJing at area venues since 2009. His stage name, Big Sherm, originally a nickname from a manager at work, recalls the late Lansing rapper Big Perm, who he said "was going to be the next big guy out of Lansing." His most recent album pays homage to a local scene that originated with the late DJ Crazy Caz.

The electronic scene is still up and coming, Sherman said, but the time for electronic music in Lansing is now.

"We're in kind of a golden era right now," he said. "We have several different regular events and different groups of people that are all doing stuff, and a lot of us know each other."

About an hour away from both Grand Rapids and Detroit, Lansing has always brought in "bigger artists" by proximity alone, he said. However, despite having "so many talented DJs and producers here," he said the scene often existed "in the shadows."

But as electronic music gained popularity on a global scale, that hidden scene provided a perfect foundation for younger artists who became interested in the genre.

"We have OGs. We have experienced

people who have been doing this for 10, 20 years, so there's a really great foundation of DJs here that allows the new DJs to thrive," he said.

At MELT Thursdays, an event Sherman hosts weekly at UrbanBeat in Old Town, established locals spin records side by side with newcomers.

"They've never done anything like this before," he said of the venue. "There's never been a regular electronic night. Honestly, all of Old Town is typically shut down by, like, 10 at night, so this is a first."

He said the series is going well, but he's focused on getting the word out.

"We just need to get more people there and let people know that there's stuff going on in Old Town," he said.

The community's lineage is present in both Sherman's solo music and his hip-hop collective DOPE4EVA. The collective was founded in 2016 to serve as a sort of community record label. Two albums have dropped under the label, Sherman said, but the name has grown to encapsulate an entire scene.

"Anyone can be DOPE4EVA," he said. "It's kind of a mentality or a lifestyle, where if you have the merch or you're coming to events, then as far as I'm concerned, you're DOPE4EVA. You're part of this community, this crew, this larger thing."

Then there's his electronic music



Courtesy photo

Big Sherm (left) with DJs Rob Powell, Jon Salem and Chad Hammond at a MELT Thursdays event.

moniker, URFQKZ, under which he recently released the album "Slurmdawg Billionaire." The album draws from the ghettech genre, a style of hip-hop that originated in Detroit in the early '90s, and the footwork genre, which originated in Chicago around the same time. Both styles of music stem from the "ghetto house" genre.

That older genre choice wasn't just a style preference, Sherman said, but an homage to the local scene.

"Rest in peace, Crazy Caz," he said, referring to local DJ Brandon Henderson, who died earlier this year. "He brought a lot of electro and ghetto house and those kinds of sounds back in the day, so there's actually always been that kind of sound under the surface in Lansing."

Other electronic music collectives are cropping up across the area, Sherman said, including The Cadre, a Michigan State University student-led booking collective that has recently begun collaborating with the MSU Museum to host music events following the popularity of the museum's techno exhibit earlier this year.

Sherman has dedicated himself to putting Lansing on the map, operating as a connector between local musicians. He is friends with Juan Trevino, for instance, who hosts a weekly electronic

music show at Mac's Bar called Unity in Music. He encouraged up-and-coming DJs looking to get involved with the scene to reach out to him.

The hard work is paying off, he said.

"Now that we've been doing so many shows, people in Detroit and Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo and Chicago are aware there's a scene bubbling here, and we've had a lot of those people out," he said.

To have people driving to Lansing from Detroit — the birthplace of techno music — to see a show is already an achievement. But Sherman wants more, and he thinks Lansing is on track to get it.

"I see us, 10 years down the line, doing stuff like the Movement Festival in Detroit," he said. "There needs to be a Lansing electronic festival or show."

As the local scene grows, Sherman is dedicated to keeping the small-scene interconnectedness alive and well.

"We've noticed the difference in the last two years, let alone five years," he said. "Things are really shaping up. I think the city's catching on, and I think it's a very special time. The more we can connect and identify with each other and grow with each other, the better for all of us."



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Thousands came to Lansing's Capitol grounds on Saturday for a No Kings rally.

# Second 'No Kings' protest features local activists, national focus

## Speakers encourage protesters to get involved with other local activist groups

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Protesters, some wearing inflatable frog suits, filled the Michigan Capitol grounds on Saturday with one of the largest anti-Trump rallies this year. The Lansing crowd mimicked others around the nation, with some wearing inflatable frog costumes to add some whimsy to the latest protest.

It was the second "No Kings" protest this year, and it followed a series of decentralized, nationwide protests with a presence in Lansing.

The first, a Feb. 5 protest organized by 50501, originated from a Reddit post suggesting a coordinated protest at every state Capitol on 2/5/2025 to protest Project 2025. That event brought people from all over the state to one hastily put-together rally.

As protests grew, cities across Michigan began organizing their own iterations of the coordinated events. There were over 100 in Michigan on Saturday, organizers said, making the latest Lansing protest more locally focused as others organized

Photos by Raymond Holt



Protesters carried signs, and several wore inflatable costumes.

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in their own areas.

Anyone could see that at Saturday's afternoon Lansing rally, where a group of mostly local speakers addressed several thousand protesters from the Capitol steps. Local political groups, such as the Greater Lansing Democratic Socialists of America and the Greater Lansing Area Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, set up booths on the Capitol lawn.

Several protesters said they came with a variety of ideas, and said they had one primary goal in mind: Get everyone linked up with a group advocating for an issue important to them.

One speaker, identifying himself only as James O., said he is a state committee member for SPARC, the Solidarity, Progress, Action and Resistance Collective. The organization was formerly known as 50501 Michigan and organized the Lansing rally in collaboration with other local groups. He explained that the roughly hour-and-a-half of speeches, a shorter timeframe than some



Pete Souza, former chief White House photographer for President Barack Obama, attended the rally, where he took photos. He has a home in northern Michigan.

previous rallies, was because attendees "already know how bad things are."

James invited people instead to sign ballot petitions, join activist organizations, speak with candidates and attend educational workshops.

A Michigan State Police spokesperson said there were an estimated 3,000 attendees and no incidents were reported to police.

The crowd at Saturday's Lansing protest was similar in size to one in June. Major news outlets estimated a much higher turnout overall nationally for the October protest compared to the June event. Nationally, around 7 million people protested across over 2,500 locations, according to media reports. The June rallies, which coincided with a military parade hosted by the president, brought around 5 million people.

James asked Lansing attendees to have a "productive, face-to-face conversation" with a candidate for local office, encouraging greater collaboration between citizens and politicians. One candidate, Will Lawrence, is running to represent Michigan's 7th district in Congress a seat held by Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte.

"I'm here because this is where the people are," Lawrence said.

Barrett said in a statement that he supported the protesters' right to express their opinions.

Another SPARC state committee member, Jay Gibbs, said in an interview that the number of protests across Michigan "does present logistical challenges," but that he "loves to see local communities taking up the mantle."

Across the state, people were reporting much higher turnout than last time, he said.

"We're really surprised by how many people came out," Gibbs said. "And I really do think having something that is local to you that will likely be tailored to the specific issues in your community probably resonates a lot more with your average person that's just trying to break into getting involved."

One first-time protester was Linda Bader, of DeWitt. She said her daughter told her when Donald Trump took office that she was worried about a crackdown on LGBTQ+ rights, but she had initially been skeptical it would materialize so quickly.

"My daughter and her wife are more in tune with everything, so they let me know, and probably I doubted, that it would get as bad as it is," she said. "But everything they've been worried about has pretty much happened."

Bader added her daughter lives in Chicago, where she has seen Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers in her neighborhood.

Speakers addressed a variety of topics and emphasized the intersectionality among groups targeted by the Trump administration.

Nichole Keway Biber, an Indigenous climate activist based in East Lansing, gave a land acknowledgment and encouraged attendees to plant literal seeds.

Disability rights advocates Keith and Cynthia Burton spoke about threats to social security.

Gaia Herrick encouraged civil disobedience and cooperation among activists, evoking the food and supplies brought by members of the Black Panther Party to participants during a 1977 sit-in for disability rights protesters.

"This makes an excellent example of how different communities can come together in the fight for justice for all," Herrick said. "Eventually, the government relented, and now we all reap the benefits that civil disobedience enacted all those years ago."

A member of Lansing for Palestine, who did not provide a name when speaking at the rally, urged attendees to be skeptical of the Trump-brokered Israel-Hamas ceasefire, which had already begun breaking down over the weekend.

Lorenzo Lopez, a local advocate for LGBTQ+ and Latino rights, called on attendees to "demand immigration reform and stop the criminalization of our own citizens and the undocumented." He called Trump "the real criminal" and critiqued Trump's executive order making English the country's official language.

"I am a native-born Michigianian from Lansing, Michigan, and I am here to tell you that I come from parents who were Texans, who spoke English and Spanish," he said. "That is who we are as American people."

"Silence is not an option," Lopez shouted. Then, he repeated himself as he walked down the Capitol steps, his voice becoming inaudible as he moved away from the microphone. But the symbolism was evident as thousands repeated his inaudible call.

Sam Nelson, Greater Lansing Democratic Socialists of America co-chair, has been involved since the first 50501 protest and has watched the movement grow. He said organizers are beginning to see rallies "as one



Rally-goers wore costumes, flew American flags and waved protest signs.

component of resistance.

"This event's about mobilizing," he said. "It's about getting thousands of people out on the same day." He said smaller groups dedicated to a variety of issues are mobilizing and, "in Michigan especially, we are seeing folks step up and realize that we all have a different role to play."

Like other "No Kings" protests across the country, many protesters wore inflatable animal costumes and other whimsical outfits, as Gibbs said. The costumes reference those worn by protesters in Portland, who donned them to ridicule Trump's deployment of the National Guard to the city, which he called "war-ravaged." After Portland protester Seth Todd, clad in a frog costume, was pepper-sprayed by an ICE agent while protesting outside an ICE facility, the inflatable costumes gained traction as a symbol of peaceful protest.

The inflatable costumes were new, but joyful protesting was familiar to Lansing residents, who organized the June "No Kings" rally as a protest carnival with circus games, stilt walkers and a drag show on the Capitol steps.

Gibbs said the aesthetic "does actively push against that rhetoric coming from the Trump administration, saying that these are unsafe events or that they're fomenting some sort of violent rhetoric."

"Some people may look at it and think people aren't serious, but what it really does is disarm a lot of that rhetoric," Gibbs said.

Aric Nesbitt, R-Porter Township, the Michigan Senate minority leader, posted

photos from the protest website X that showed people holding signs reading "Do the right thing AND DIE."

"As expected, Lansing protesters brought lots signs



Nichole Keway Biber, a m



millions the event was overwhelmingly non-violent. There were no incidents reported at the Lansing protest, according to Michigan State Police Public Information Officer Rene Gonzalez.

The White House responded to protesters' irony with its own sarcasm.

Trump posted an AI-generated video to his social network Truth Social depicting himself wearing a crown, in a fighter jet emblazoned "KING TRUMP," dumping sewage on protesters. Vice President JD Vance posted an AI-generated video of prominent Democratic lawmakers kneeling to Trump, clad in a king's regalia.

The posts make light of protesters' claims that Trump is acting as a king by concentrating power into his office.

Some protesters flew the flag of left-wing anti-fascist movement Antifa, which the Trump administration has branded a domestic terrorist organization. Others flew the American flag, the yellow rattlesnake Gadsden flag and even the Straw Hat Pirate flag from anime series One Piece, which has become a symbol of youth resistance in Generation Z-led protests in Indonesia and Nepal.

The administration's crackdown on far-left ideology did lead to an atmosphere of fear among protesters, several of whom declined to be interviewed by City Pulse. Some cited fears of government retaliation, and one referenced the federal government's call for organizations to fire employees who insulted the late conservative activist Charlie Kirk after he was assassinated last month. Some photos from the protest on Reddit blur out the faces of protesters.

Organizers of the June rally worked closely with local police, even coordinating protesters' marching route with the Lansing Police Department in advance.

No march was planned this time, but thousands still took to the streets after speeches were done, marching east of the Capitol building and over the Michigan Avenue bridge. While the march was less orderly, with many marching in the streets, it went off without incident. Cars stuck behind the protesters generally honked their support through the inconvenience.

"Whose streets?" protesters shouted. "Our streets," others responded.

Gibbs said Monday there was a relatively small police presence at the event.

"I really think that the police did a great job of keeping people safe, or maintain-

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g "DIE NAZI SCUM"  
g TRUMP, EAT SHIT  
g "No Kings" protest-  
calling for more death

and violence," he wrote. "Republicans are NOT the problem."

Barrett said in a statement that "There is no king of the United States of America, which is exactly why people are free to protest peacefully and make their voices heard," he said. "I defended that freedom in the

Army, and I'm eternally grateful for it, even when it means the same protestors show up at cookie-cutter rallies that are funded and organized by far-left groups whose only goal is to sow division in our country."

There were scattered arrests at protests across the country, but with a turnout of



member of the Little Traverse Bay band of Odawa, speaks at the rally.



Many attendees wore yellow at the rally, a symbolic reference to other protests across the globe.



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## NO KINGS

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ing the optics of safety and security, without being heavy-handed or overreaching,” he said.

Before 5 p.m. Saturday, when some marchers had turned around at Cedar Street, rain suddenly began pouring down, defying weather reports that had indicated the weekend storms would not begin until around 6 p.m.

Protest signs became impromptu umbrellas, the marker ink bleeding down.

For some time the marchers continued, but as the rain intensified, they mostly gathered underneath overhangs and continued protesting in smaller groups.

Taking shelter with a few dozen other rain-drenched protesters, 14-year-old Finley and his mother held signs painted with the transgender pride flag high.

Despite being a transgender minor, a group that has been targeted by Trump’s executive orders since the first day of his presidency, the Lansing teen said he was protesting out of solidarity with many groups under attack.

“It’s pretty scary” to be a trans minor, he said, “but I’m mostly angry because I’m around other trans people, and I’m angry for them and for other people. I have disabled friends, and friends who are women, and I’m angry about all of it.”

“Donald Trump is doing so many things, and when you attack one group of people, you attack everyone,” he said. “When one group of people loses their rights, then they can come for any of us.”

Even as most took shelter or



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Several protesters dressed up as handmaidens, in a nod to a dystopian novel by Margaret Atwood.

ran for their cars, a contingent of marchers continued to walk back to the Capitol, joined by a person in an inflatable T. rex costume, as whimsical as wet.

“Trump, Trump, go away, don’t come back another day,” they chanted.

Those with raincoats and umbrellas, and some who simply let themselves become drenched, lined up on the east side of the Capitol grounds and continued chanting to drivers — long after some of their signs were no longer legible.



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The last hour of the three-hour protest included rain that dispersed many of the protesters, although others continued.

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# David McCullough defends importance of history in posthumous book

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Recently, Wall Street Journal opinion columnist Peggy Noonan, who was the primary speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan from 1984 to 1986, wrote about the importance of knowing our history, especially during these “tumultuous times.”

She cited the new book “History Matters,” a collection of musings on the significance of studying and understanding history by two-time Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning historian David McCullough, who died in 2022.

The book comes at a time when telling history with all its warts is under fire and can even get you fired. In the last nine months, we’ve seen numerous attacks on the Smithsonian Institution — a leader in preserving our nation’s history — as well as censorship at libraries and a growing movement to only discuss the good things about our country’s history, eschewing topics like slavery and other uncomfortable truths.

In his foreword to the book, historian Jon Meacham writes that McCullough’s passion was telling the “fascinating story of people — of human beings driven by fear and by hope, by ambition and by altruism, by vice and virtue.” He states that McCullough’s writing gave us “a privileged seat to watch flawed people,” something that is on a questionable path.

Meacham points out to the reader that McCullough could often be heard saying, “History is not the story of heroes entirely. It is often the story of cruelty and injustice and shortsightedness. There are monsters, there is evil, there is betrayal.”

There is a growing national interest in not telling those stories, as well as removing them from museums and libraries. Federally funded programs must comply, or their administrators lose their jobs. A presidential edict recently required a review of all material relating to slavery at national parks and the removal of materials that “inappropriately disparage Americans.”

Last week, hundreds of historians visited Lansing for the Michigan Museum Association’s annual conference. I met numerous attendees, and our conversations revealed that



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The late Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning historian David McCullough, whose musings comprise the new book “History Matters,” would likely be appalled by the way history is being treated in the United States today.

they believe local museums and historical societies may be the last line of defense in telling the complete history of our country.

McCullough’s new book begins with a statement on why telling the stories of history is important. He was blunt in his assessment: “History shows us how to behave. History teaches, reinforces what we believe in, what we stand for, and what we ought to be willing to stand up for. History is — or should be — the bedrock of patriotism, not the chest-pounding kind of patriotism, but the real thing, love of country.”

In a 1995 speech, McCullough cut to the essence of making history “come alive.” Quoting Barbara Tuchman, a fellow two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, he said, “Tell stories.”

In his career, McCullough wrote about John Adams, Harry S. Truman, the Wright brothers, the Johnstown flood and even the Brooklyn Bridge.

His new book gives great insight into his writing process. For instance, when asked if it was possible to do too much research, he answered, “I love the research. And it certainly can become seductive. The tendency is to wander off on tangents, digging into the life of some minor character beyond what is necessary.”

That sentiment will come as no surprise to the hundreds of writers I have interviewed over the last two decades. They all admit to being se-

duced by that one additional story they’ve discovered. This has become even more noticeable with the rise of tremendous online resources like newspapers.com, which can take you down rabbit holes faster than a reading of “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.” But they will also tell you that’s where the real stories of the American people can be found.

Historians across the board will say the key to telling history truthfully and accurately is to listen as people tell their stories. Local community members have an opportunity to do just that on Thursday (Oct. 23) at an event at the Michigan History Museum. Former residents of Detroit’s Black Bottom neighborhood and the Lansing neighborhood that was bulldozed to make way for Interstate 496 will pair up for an afternoon program exploring the impact of urban renewal on Black and brown neighborhoods across the country.

We are at an inflection point in studying and recognizing the history of this country. The new book “History Matters” is worth a read to find out why.



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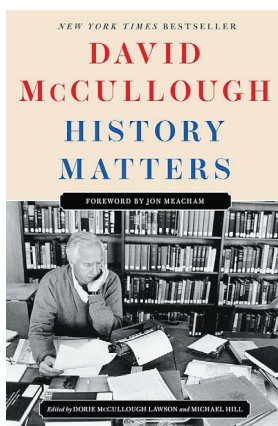
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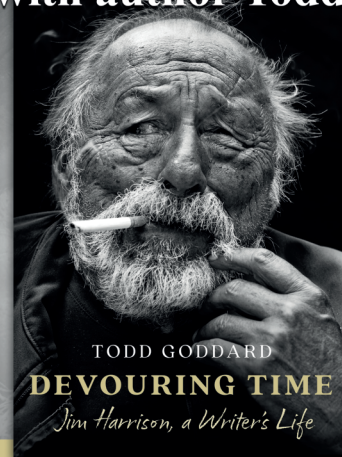
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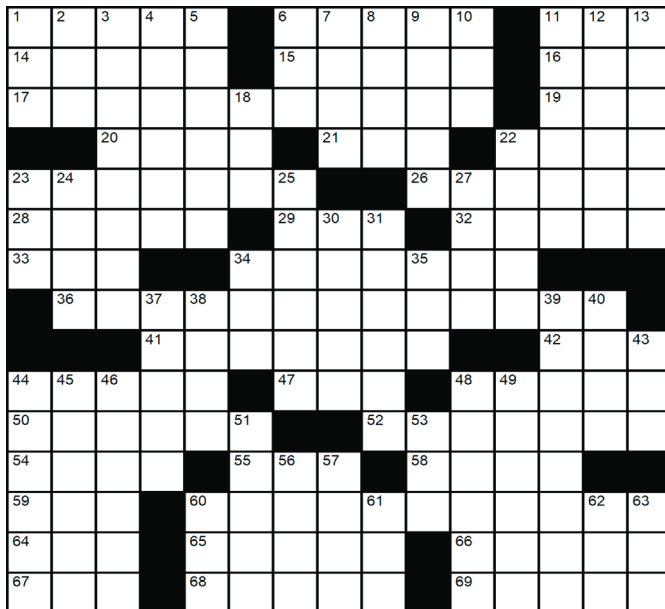
# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

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### ACROSS

- 1. Comic Sans lack
- 6. Gather
- 11. Taste of tisane, e.g.
- 14. KitchenAid competitor
- 15. Dark time
- 16. Prefix for brow or tasker
- 17. Social psychology topic
- 19. Some hosp. staffers
- 20. “Stath \_\_\_ Flats” (Jamie Demetriou Britcom that’s a mouthful to say)
- 21. Concept derived in part from the “I Ching”
- 22. It may be light or dark at Thanksgiving
- 23. Quarter, quaintly
- 26. The magic word?
- 28. “\_\_\_ with the fur”
- 29. Kal \_\_\_ (pet food brand)
- 32. Secret stuff
- 33. AMA members
- 34. Picasso and Braque, for two
- 36. “The Food Lab: Better Home Cooking Through Science” author
- 41. “Hey Ya!” duo
- 42. Sounds in a dentist’s office
- 44. Walk of Fame insignias, usually
- 47. Joan of Arc, e.g., for short
- 48. Jail, slangily
- 50. Barry Manilow’s longtime label
- 52. “It’s a deal!”
- 54. Way serious
- 55. Acting coach Strasberg
- 58. Lackluster



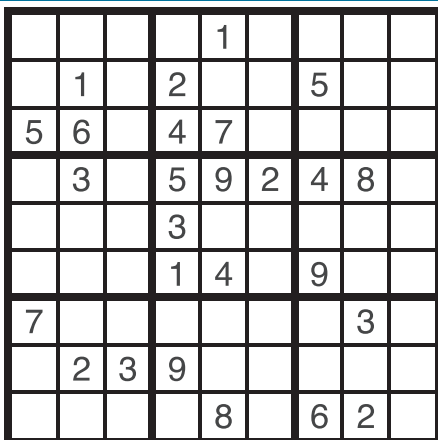
- 59. Arced tennis shot
  - 60. Remove a controversial post without warning (thereby removing the resulting discussion)
  - 64. Academic URL ending
  - 65. Sheepish
  - 66. Senior church official
  - 67. Valentine’s Day color
  - 68. Tablelands
  - 69. Vacuum inventor Sir James \_\_\_
- DOWN
- 1. “Casablanca” pianist
  - 2. Longtime U.K. record label
  - 3. Went astray
  - 4. Owing
  - 5. “Truth be told ...”
  - 6. \_\_\_ Taylor LOFT (clothing brand)
  - 7. Oven protection
  - 8. Indian tourist city
  - 9. 1993 Salt-N-Pepa hit
  - 10. Initials on a Cardinals cap
  - 11. Least tentative
  - 12. From birth
  - 13. Prop for Yosemite Sam
  - 18. East, in Berlin
  - 22. Organization with a lot of tests
  - 23. “We don’t know yet,” on schedules
  - 24. Vocation
  - 25. Moves furtively
  - 27. Cracker brand with seven holes
  - 30. “I’m on \_\_\_” (late-2000s “SNL” song)
  - 31. Late hip-hop phenom Huxsle or comedian/game show panelist Russell
  - 34. Op. \_\_\_ (footnote abbr.)
  - 35. Complete collection
  - 37. Like Yggdrasil
  - 38. Nothing but
  - 39. Locations where silt settles
  - 40. Vincent van Gogh’s brother
  - 43. Thesaurus entry, for short
  - 44. Retired NASCAR driver Elliott
  - 45. Early radio component
  - 46. “Ain’t no rule that says a dog can’t play basketball” movie
  - 48. Made baby food out of
  - 49. By mouth
  - 51. Kicking partner
  - 53. Like 7, but not 6
  - 56. Largest known dwarf planet
  - 57. Sicily’s highest peak
  - 60. Peter DeLuise’s father
  - 61. “That’s correct”
  - 62. Former Notre Dame football player
  - 63. West end?

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## Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

Oct. 22-28, 2025

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** I bet your upcoming night dreams will include marriages, mating dances and sacramental unions. Even if you are not planning deeper mergers with trustworthy allies in your waking life, your subconscious mind is musing on such possibilities. I hope this horoscope inspires you to make such fantasies more conscious. What collaborations and blends would serve you well? Give your imagination permission to ponder new and exciting connections. Visualize yourself thriving amidst new connections.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** In winemaking, malolactic fermentation softens a wine's tart malic acid into gentler lactic acid. This process imparts a creamier and rounder mouthfeel while preserving the wine's structure. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to adopt this as your metaphor of power. See if you can refine your intensity without losing your integrity. Keep things interesting but soften the edges a bit. Introduce warmth and steadiness into provocative situations so they're free of irritation and easier to engage with, but still enriching.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The coming weeks will be an excellent time to practice the art of strategic disruption. One way to do it is to interrupt your patterns so they don't calcify and obstruct you. Just for fun, you could eat breakfast for dinner. Take a different route to a familiar place. Talk to a person you would usually avoid. Say no when you'd normally say yes, or vice versa. Part of your brain loves efficiency, habits and well-worn grooves. But grooves can become ruts. As a rousing spiritual experiment, you could do things differently for no reason except to prove to yourself that you can. Playful chaos can be a form of prayer. Messing with your standard approaches will unleash your creativity.

**CANCERIAN (June 21-July 22):** In Shinto mythology, Ame-no-Uzume is the goddess of mirth and revelry. In one story, she seduces the sun out of its hiding place by performing a humorous and provocative dance. I am sending her over to your sphere right now in the hope that she will coax you out of your comfort zone of retreat, control and self-protection. While I'm glad you have taken this break to recharge your spiritual batteries, I think it's time to come out and play. You have done important work to nurture and process your deep feelings. Now, we would love you to express what you've learned with freewheeling panache.

**LEO (July 23-August 22):** Ancient cultures in Sumer, Egypt and China used willow bark as a pain reliever. Many centuries later, in 1828, European scientists isolated the chemical salicin from the bark and used it to create aspirin. What had been a folk remedy became a widely used medicine all over the planet. Is there a metaphorically comparable development unfolding in your life? I think so. Something you've known or practiced could be evolving into its next form. The world may finally be ready to receive wisdom, a technique, or an insight you've used for a long time. Consider refining and upgrading it. Share it in ways that meet the present moment's specific need.

**VIRGO (August 23-September 22):** In honor of your special needs right now, Virgo, I am coining a new English word: edge-ucation. It's like "education" but with an extra edge. Though book learning is included in its purview, it also requires you to seek out raw teaching in all possible ways: on the streets, in the bedroom, in the natural world, everywhere. To properly pursue your higher edge-ucation, you must hunt down provocative influences, thought-provoking adventures and unfamiliar stimulation. Make the whole world your laboratory and classroom.

**LIBRA (September 23-October 22):** When I began writing horoscopes years ago, I had greater empathy with some of the signs than with others. But I worked hard to overcome this bias, and now I truly love and understand every tribe of the zodiac equally. I attribute this accomplishment to the fact that I have three Libra planets in my natal

chart. They have propelled me to develop a warm, affectionate, fair-minded objectivity. I have a deeply honed capacity for seeing and liking people as they genuinely are, without imposing my expectations and projections onto them. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to tap into these qualities in yourself, dear Libra.

**SCORPIO (October 23-November 21):** Many cultures regard obsidian as having protective powers against negative energy. This makes it popular for healing talismans. Obsidian mirrors have often been used to scry for visions and prophecies. Because obsidian is so sharp, ancient peoples incorporated it into tools used to hunt for food, like knives and arrowheads. In modern times, obsidian is used for its beauty in tabletops, tiles and architectural components. Do you know how this precious substance is formed? It's born in the shock between elements: Molten lava meets water or cool air and hardens so quickly that crystals can't form, trapping a mirror-dark clarity in volcanic glass. I propose we make it your symbolic power object in the coming months, Scorpio.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21):** Medieval alchemists engaged in literal laboratory work as they attempted to create elixirs of immortality, concoct medicines to heal diseases and metamorphose lead into gold. But the modern practice of alchemy is primarily a psychological effort to achieve awakening and enlightenment. In the early stages of the work, the seeker experiences the metaphorical "black sun." It's a dark radiance, the beginning of creative decay, that fuels the coming transformation. I suspect you now have the potential to call on this potent asset, Sagittarius. It's wild, though. You must proceed with caution and discernment. What worn-out aspects of yourself are you ready to let rot, thereby fertilizing future growth?

**CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19):** In Japan, "shakkei" refers to the practice of "borrowed scenery." The idea is to create a garden so that surrounding features become part of its expansive context: distant mountains, an expanse of sky, or a nearby body of water. The artistry lies in allowing the horizon to merge gracefully with what's close at hand. I recommend this approach to you, Capricorn. Frame your current project with a backdrop that enlarges it. Partner with places, influences or long-view purposes that augment your meaning and enhance your beauty. Align your personal actions with a vast story so they send even more potent ripples out into the world.

**AQUARIUS (January 20- February 18):** Computer scientist Radia Perlman is the "mother of the internet." She invented the Spanning Tree Protocol, a component that's essential for the flow of online data. Despite her work's splashy importance, hardly anyone knows of her. With that in mind, I remind you: Some revolutions unfold with little fanfare; positive transformations may be inconspicuous. How does that relate to you? I suspect the next beautiful or useful thing you contribute may also be veiled and underestimated, at least at first. And yet it may ultimately generate a shift more significant than you can now imagine. My advice is to trust the long game. You're doing good work, though its recognition may be late in arriving.

**PISCES (February 19-March 20):** The mystical Persian poet Hafez wrote, "Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I'd like to see you living in better conditions." Picture that shabby room, Pisces: cramped, dim, damp. Now, imagine you have resolved to never again live in such a place. In fact, sometime soon you will move, metaphorically speaking, into a spacious, high-ceilinged place with wide windows and skylights, fresh air flooding through. I believe life will conspire on your behalf if you initiate this bold move. You now have extra power to exorcise at least some of your angst and embrace liberating joy.

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# Sweet Custom Jewelry makes former bank building ‘shine’



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By LEO V. KAPLAN

When jewelers Bob and Alissa Sweet decided to set up shop together 10 years ago, they toured the former bank building at 226 E. César E. Chávez Ave. in Old Town. They were impressed by the historic space, which was built in 1929, but found it too large to start out in.

Sweet Custom Jewelry instead opened on Turner Street next to Blue

Owl Coffee, a space it occupied for over nine years. Then, in 2023, when the arcade operating in the bank building closed its doors, the husband-and-wife team decided the time was finally right to buy it.

“When it came back on the market, it was like fate,” Alissa said.

The Sweets held a grand opening for their new storefront last Thursday (Oct. 16). The shop sells the same handcrafted jewelry as before; however, the larger space has allowed for expanded offerings, including a new purse section and a more substantial estate jewelry collection, as well as more room for designers and jewelers to create the pieces.

Bob said the business has already hired more jewelers to fill the additional workbenches.

Setting up the new shop, which the Sweets said is around four times the size of the previous, took over a year of effort. The business received a \$25,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which helped with renovations. The Sweets also own the building, having rented the previous space, which Alissa said allowed for more creativity in renovations.

“It’s nice because we have freedom. We have the freedom of design and the freedom of just being a standalone building in Old Town,” she said.

The Sweets met at another jewelry shop, where Bob was the goldsmith and Alissa worked in sales. When they decided to go into business together, they toured Michigan’s beach towns, looking for a walkable shopping district. They didn’t want to uproot their family, though.

“When we found Old Town and it had that same vibe — a little community — we knew this is where we wanted to open,” Alissa said.



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Owners Alissa and Bob Sweet at the grand opening of Sweet Custom Jewelry’s new location, a former bank building in Old Town that most recently housed The Grid, an arcade.

She noted the artsy district is a perfect fit for a shop like Sweet Custom Jewelry, where she, Bob and other staff design

items in house.

“They’re all made by hand from start to finish,” she said. “So, it really brings our

artsy side in to fit in with the community in Old Town, which is very art based.”

The Old Town community has been very receptive to this artsier side of fine jewelry, but Alissa said the shop has also brought outside foot traffic to Old Town.

“We have definitely become more of a destination store,” she said, “so that really brings people to Old Town.”

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Mayor Andy Schor praised the Sweets’ renovations before scattering lab-grown diamonds and other gemstones in a sandbox for a “diamond dig,” with proceeds benefiting the Capital Area Humane Society.

“Look at this space,” he said. “It’s been so many things, but honestly, I’ve not seen it really shine like it is right now.”



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## 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, Oct. 22

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

**Adult Craft: Mini-Pumpkin Decorating** - Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation and a fun seasonal craft! 2:30-3:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

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

**Allen Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. [allen-neighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market](http://allen-neighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market).

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

**Broadway Jazz Dance Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 7-8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**CharLit Adult Book Club: "The Return of Ellie Black," by Emiko Jean** - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

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

**Downtown Fall Cut Back and Clean-Up** - Join Downtown Lansing Inc. as we clean up and beautify our downtown district to cultivate a welcoming and attractive space for the cooler months. Noon-1 p.m. 214 S. Washington Square, Lansing. [facebook.com/downtownlansing](http://facebook.com/downtownlansing).

**Falling for (Wine) Cocktails — Elite Club Event** - Enjoy conversation and community while sampling our new autumn wine cocktail and food menu! 5-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. [facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs](http://facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs).

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

**Group Dance Class: Beginning Salsa** - Salsa is a dynamic, vibrant dance characterized by its energetic footwork, fluid turns and rhythmic hip movements. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.

**"It Is in the Name: The Michigan Meridian Land Survey and How Meridian Township Got Its Name"** - Free presentation by LCC history Professor David Siwik. 7-8 p.m. Meridian Historical Village, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridianhistoricalvillage.org](http://meridianhistoricalvillage.org).

**Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle, with Big Man Genesis** - 9-11 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. [lansing-shuffle.com](http://lansing-shuffle.com).

**Korean Traditional Music Orchestra for the Blind** - This ensemble of visually impaired musicians blends traditional Korean instruments with diverse styles, delivering a powerful program celebrating resilience, hope and the unifying power of music. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**Lansing Live Open Stage Night** - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

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

**MMAG Fall Art Show** - The artists of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild invite the community to visit their "Black and White" exhibition, featuring art created with just those colors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**MSU Concert and Campus Bands** - Program includes "Iridescent," by student composer Katahji Copley; "Valdres," by Johannes Hanssen; "Unquiet Hours," by David Biedenbender; and "Scenes" from "The Louvre," by Norman Dello Joio. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

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

**Tap II Class for Teens & Adults** - 6-7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

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

**Women's Healing Circle** - A space for women to share their stories, inspire each other and lift each other up. 8:30-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Youth Group Dance Class: Beginning East Coast Swing** - East Coast Swing is considered a relatively easy swing dance to learn, making it popular for beginners. 4 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.

### Thursday, Oct. 23

**Acting 101 Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 8-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

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

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

**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. [shopbfm.org](http://shopbfm.org).

**Bike Night at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Stop by for a bit and relax with some great food and drink specials! It's also Taco Thursday! 6-10 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](http://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

**Blood Drive** - Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: Service) or call 1-800-733-2767. Noon-5:45 p.m. Delta Township Administration Building, 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. [facebook.com/deltatownship](http://facebook.com/deltatownship).

### Michael Daugherty concert series

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24

7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26

Wharton Center

750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing

7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27

Fairchild Theatre

542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing



From Friday through Monday, the Michigan State University College of Music will host six-time Grammy Award-winning composer Michael Daugherty as a guest artist in residence. Daugherty, a professor of composition at the University of Michigan, will work with student musicians and composers at MSU in workshops, seminars, rehearsals and live performances.

"Having Michael Daugherty on campus provides our students with invaluable insight into the creative process of one of today's most iconic living composers," composition area Chair David Biedenbender said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to explore his music not only as performers but as emerging composers and artists."

The live performances will highlight Daugherty's compositions, which are known for being "vibrant," "rhythmically charged" and "inspired by American culture," according to the College of Music. The concerts will also showcase the creativity and range of instrumental ensembles within the College of Music.

Friday evening, the Symphony Band and Wind Symphony will perform Daugherty's works "Lost Vegas," "Reflections on the Mississippi" (with a solo by faculty artist Chance Huiet) and "Fifteen: Symphonic Fantasy on the Art of Andy Warhol," as well as Bach's "Fugue à la Gigue" and Holst's "Hammersmith."

The Symphony Orchestra's performance Saturday night will span centuries and styles, featuring Daugherty's "Lift up Thine Ears," Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B Minor (with a solo by faculty artist Suren Bagratuni) and a student-composed fanfare.

Finally, Monday evening, contemporary music ensemble Musique 21 will perform Daugherty's "Firecracker" and "Steamboat," plus two works by former students of Daugherty: "Dani's Dance," by Paul Dooley, and "Migration," by Shuying Li.

"Our ensembles are energized by this collaboration," bands director Kevin Sedatole said. "It's a wonderful way to bring our college and audiences together to celebrate new music."

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for students and youth. They can be purchased at [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu), by calling (517) 353-5340 or at the door.

**Class Series: Beginning Ukulele for the Family** - Participants will learn a brief history of the instrument and all the basics they need to get started playing. Ages 8+. Registration req. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Candle Making Class** - Create two scented candles, perfect for gifting or creating a sweet-smelling ambiance in your home. Enjoy \$1 off wine during the event. 6-8 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. [facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs](http://facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs).

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

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

**"Every Brilliant Thing"** - Based on true and untrue stories, "Every Brilliant Thing" is a life-affirming story of how to achieve hope through focusing on the smallest miracles of life. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. [williamston-theatre.org](http://williamston-theatre.org).

**The Flip Cocktail Class** - Join us for a fun and interactive cocktail class where you'll learn how to mix, shake and sip delicious drinks with friends! 6-8 p.m. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. [eventbrite.com/o/bordeaux-79341388013](http://eventbrite.com/o/bordeaux-79341388013).

**From Lansing to Black Bottom: The Impact of Urban Renewal** - Program will include screenings of oral history interviews, as well as a panel discussion with former residents of Black Bottom and Lansing's I-496 neighborhood. 1-3 p.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. [michigan.gov/mhc](http://michigan.gov/mhc).

**Gavin McDonnell** - Enjoy an evening of live music, great food and handcrafted cocktails in an intimate, all-ages setting. No cover. 9:30-11:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Group Dance Class: Beginning American-Style Rhumba** - A rhythmic dance with a "slow, quick, quick" step pattern, emphasizing hip movements and a flowing, rocking motion. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.

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**Halloween Beaded Bracelets** - Make a bracelet or two with Halloween-themed beads! Ages 13+. 2:45 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**Intro to Acting/Improv Class for Kids** - Ages 5-12. 4-4:45 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Ladies' Silver Blades** - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. All skill levels welcome. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Biggby Coffee Ice Cube, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiessilverblades.org.

**MELT Thursdays** - UrbanBeat turns up the heat with a weekly electronic music series. No cover. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**MMAG Fall Art Show** - The artists of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild invite the community to visit their "Black and White" exhibition, featuring art created with just those colors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**MSU Men's Basketball vs. Bowling Green State University** - 7 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-basketball.

**Rakes, Rogues and Romantics** - MSU tenor Richard Fracker and pianist Elden Little present an evening of opera, art song and musical theater, exploring timeless stories of love, mischief and passion from both classic and contemporary works. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble: Performing Group for All Ages** - Meets twice per week. 5:30-7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

**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.

**Thursday Night Open Forge** - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal master-

pieces! 6-9 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

## Friday, Oct. 24

**All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: "A Wrinkle in Time"** - 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. alofuxpress.org.

**Beach Glass Christmas Trees** - Each participant will be given a personalized kit with step-by-step instructions and all necessary supplies. 6-8 p.m. B's Artistic Studio, 1699 Lansing Road, Ste. 3, Charlotte. eventbrite.com/o/beach-glass-crafting-party-77050402593.

**Brushes with the Beyond: A Halloween Happening** - Join our Student Creatives for a mix of eerie vibes, sweet treats and creative mischief, like screen printing your own glow-in-the-dark pillowcase. 7-10 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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

**Cooper Johnson wsg Gunnar & The Grizzly Boys at Mash Bar** - 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

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

**Cursed Cabaret: Under the Ghost Light** - Join our host and a frightfully fun crew for a night of wicked music and scary stories! 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

**"Every Brilliant Thing"** - Based on true and untrue stories, "Every Brilliant Thing" is a life-affirming story of how to achieve hope through focusing on the smallest miracles of life. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Fall Swing Fling** - The LCC Jazz Band will perform big-band-era classics by Duke Ellington, Count Basie and many more. Professionals from Greater Lansing Academy of Dance will offer swing dance tutorials. Free. 6-9 p.m. LCC Gannon Commons, 422 N. Washington Square, Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

**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.



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## The Mammals

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24  
University Lutheran Church

1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing

In celebration of its forthcoming double album, "Touch Grass Vol. 1 & 2," New York indie-roots band The Mammals will perform Friday evening at University Lutheran Church. The group, led by folk singers Ruth Ungar — daughter of folk musician and composer Jay Ungar and singer-songwriter Lyn Hardy — and her husband, Mike Merenda, began in the early 2000s and has since made a name for itself in the folk circuit with its emotional, political, genre-blending songs, as well as its electric live performances. Lauded as "a national treasure" by singer-songwriter and playwright Anaïs Mitchell, the band has shared its music on three continents and hosts a biannual folk festival, "The Hoot."

"Touch Grass" is hailed by The Mammals as its "most expansive and soul-nourishing offering to date." Recorded over four years at the band's Humble Abode Music studio, it reflects on the political and societal turbulence of the past few years, with Volume 1 serving as a rage-driven rallying cry and Volume 2 offering more empathy and introspection. Altogether, the album is "equal parts protest anthem and love letter to community, healing and the messy beauty of being alive," according to the group.

"I want the thoughts in my head to be there because I put them there," Merenda said. "That realization is the seed this album grew from."

The band has released five singles on streaming platforms. The full album, sold as separate volumes, will be available for purchase at Friday's show. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Fiddle members and \$5 for students and can be purchased at [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org) or at the door.

**Frog & Koop Live at the Peanut Barrel** - 8-10 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

**The Greatest Flow on Earth: 10 Years of Helping Women Period** - Enjoy food, games, live music by the Garage Sale Band and DJ WhitneyWho, permanent jewelry and more. 6-10:30 p.m. The Cadillac Room, 1115 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/helpingwomenperiod.

**Haunted Harvest Carnival** - This all-ages event requires a ticket, which can be picked up at the youth desk. Dress in your favorite costume for the photo contest, trick-or-treat throughout the library, see what your future holds, spin the prize wheel and more spooky fun. 6-8 p.m. Portland District Library, 334 Kent St., Portland. facebook.com/PortlandDistrictLibrary.

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**Haunted Library!** - Young children and their parents can visit our “gently” haunted library to collect treats from costumed characters before heading out to trick or treat on Bridge Street! 4-6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**The Mammals** - Led by Ruth Ungar, daughter of Jay Ungar (“Ashokan Farewell”) and singer Lyn Hardy, and her husband, Mike Merenda, The Mammals are indie-roots trailblazers, offering high-octane Americana. 7:30-10 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

**Max Gage Live at D’Nuffos** - 9-11 p.m. 1351 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-483-2793. facebook.com/dnuffos.

**MMAG Fall Art Show** - The artists of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild invite the community to visit their “Black and White” exhibition, featuring art created with just those colors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**MSU Symphony Band & Wind Symphony** - Guest composer Michael Daugherty joins MSU bands for a program showcasing some of his works, as well as Bach’s “Fugue à la Gigue” and Holst’s “Hammersmith.” 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Return of the King: An Unrivaled Tribute to Elvis** - Tyler Christopher is an award-winning, internationally recognized Elvis tribute artist and performer. 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. charlotteperformingartscenter.com.

**Sultry Salsa Fridays** - Dance salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia, cha-cha and a touch of reggaeton to songs by the hottest Latin music DJ, Incognito.

9 p.m.-2 a.m. La Mulata Restaurant & Bar, 5334 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. sultrysalsa.com.

**Todd Martin Youth Leadership Champion’s Reception** - Spend an evening with special guest Todd Martin, enjoying cocktails and celebrating TMYL’s impact on Lansing’s youth. 6-8 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. tmyl.networkforgood.com.

**Tomás Esparza Blues Band** - Known for his electrifying energy and deep Chicago blues roots, Esparza has opened for legends like Charlie Musselwhite and performed at top blues festivals and venues across Michigan and beyond. 7-10 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Trick or Treat on the Square** - Kids can visit more than 30 vendor tables and participating businesses to collect free candy, play games and enjoy other fun surprises! 5-7 p.m. South Washington Square, downtown Lansing. facebook.com/downtownlansing.

## Saturday, Oct. 25

**Blues Night at The Irish Pub** - Featuring Capital Area Blues Society member Just Magnetic. 8-11 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. facebook.com/IrishPubLansing.

**Candlelight: A Haunted Evening of Halloween Classics** - Enjoy a curated selection of songs played in a way you’ve never heard before. Classical music, reimagined. 8:45 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. candlelightexperience.com.

**Candlelight: A Tribute to Queen and More** - 6:30 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. eventvesta.com. candlelightexperience.com.

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

**Cursed Cabaret: Under the Ghost Light** - Join our host and a frightfully fun crew for a night of wicked music and scary stories! 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

**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.

**Doggie Trick or Treat and Costume Contest** - Pre-register for this event online at masonchamber.org or in person at the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce. Noon-2 p.m. Downtown Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

**“Every Brilliant Thing”** - Based on true and untrue stories, “Every Brilliant Thing” is a life-affirming story of how to achieve hope through focusing on the smallest miracles of life. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Intermediate Ballet Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Jazz Night at D’Nuffos, with Sean Lebita** - 9-11 p.m. 1351 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-483-2793. facebook.com/dnuffos.

**Jeremy Kratky Live at Graham Vineyards** - 6-9 p.m. 8920 W. Britton Road, Laingsburg. 517-741-0805. facebook.com/grahamvineyards.

**KeyForge Certain Darkness Archon Tournament** - This is an Archon deck tournament. Players will compete for prizes while helping to determine the direction of future decks. Noon-4 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.

**Kinshop Birthday Book Fair Bash** - A Novel Concept and Dear Ollie & Co. will turn into a high school gymnasium (metaphorically) with hella books for you to peruse and purchase, as well as classic (but elevated) book-fair-themed treasures and tchotchkes. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 222 S. Washington Square, Lansing. anovelconcept517.com.

**Mastermind Prayer Circle on Zoom** - Support each other in envisioning our hearts’ desires. Facilitator Lisa Schmidt. 8 a.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

**Meet Your Doula** - This event is held speed-dating style, so come any time during the event and spend some time with each of our available doulas. 4-5:30 p.m. Willow Tree Family Center, 1141 N. Pine St., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingDoula.

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

**MSU Football vs. University of Michigan** - 7:30 p.m. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/football.

**MSU vs. UM Tailgate** - Go green or go blue! Don your colors and show off your team spirit. Enjoy \$1 off glasses of our A Maize’n Blue, Spartan White, Spartan Red and Spartan Reserve. Noon-9 p.m. Burgdorf’s Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

**Powerlight Band** - Feel the soulful energy as Powerlight Band brings the best of Motown, funk and R&B to the stage! 7-10 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

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

**Taste of Woodworking: Long-Grain Cutting Board** - Learn the basics of using the woodworking equipment at Lansing Makers Network and leave

with a project everyone will be jealous of! 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. lansingmakersnetwork.org.

**Taylor Swift Engagement Party** - Step into Taylor’s newest era and celebrate the engagement heard around the world! Dance the night away to every iconic song and memory from the world’s biggest pop star. 8 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

**Youth Dungeons & Dragons Campaign** - Our youth campaign offers new and experienced players a chance to meet every other week for adventure. Ages 11-14. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.

## Sunday, Oct. 26

**All-of-Us Express Children’s Theatre Presents: “A Wrinkle in Time”** - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

**ArachnoBROADia!** - Get creative with creepy crafts at the MSU Broad Art Museum (547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing), then visit your favorite crawly creatures at the MSU Bug House (288 Farm Lane, East Lansing). 1-4 p.m. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Artist Reception** - The Fine Arts Committee invites you to a reception honoring our current exhibiting artist, David Youngman. David will give a live drawing demonstration and share insights into his creative process. Beverages and desserts will be provided. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. thepeopleschurch.com.

**Boos & Brews Family Fest** - Grab your goblins, big and small, we’re brewing up some fun for all! Snacks to munch and crafts to make, silly games and sweets to take. Grown-ups sip, the kiddos play, it’s spooky fun the brewery way! Noon-4 p.m. Ellison Brewery and Spirits, 4903 Dawn Ave., East Lansing. facebook.com/ellisonbrewery.

**Disney Sing-Along, with Katie Thorington** - Calling Disney fans of all ages! Join us for a magical evening of music, memories and sing-along fun. 4-7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

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

**“Every Brilliant Thing”** - Based on true and untrue stories, “Every Brilliant Thing” is a life-affirming story of how to achieve hope through focusing on the smallest miracles of life. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

**Fall Gnome Paint Party** - Get into the fall spirit with us! Dansville artist Heather will guide you step by step. 2:30-4 p.m. Wooden Nickel II, 1029 Jackson St., Dansville. paintyourpoison.com.

**Grand Sousa Concert, Presented by the Meridian Community Band** - Featuring flute soloist Virginia Caldwell. Selections by Sousa, Offenbach, Strauss, Dvorak, Wagner and more! 3-5 p.m. MacDonald Middle School, 1601 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. meridiancommunityband.org.

**Great Pumpkin Walk** - Children can trick or treat at more than 30 downtown businesses. Attendees can also enjoy entertainment, decorate a pumpkin and witness the 26-foot inflatable giant pumpkin. 1-4 p.m. downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

**Homebrew Potluck** - Join us for our monthly get-together. Bring a dish to pass. Gaming is free. You’ll also get a chance to meet other members of our gaming community. 5-8 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.



**HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**[HRCS]**



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES

### HRCS GRANT APPLICATION TRAINING

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm via Zoom**

**Registration is required and attendance is strongly recommended for new and returning agencies planning to apply for the Community Empowerment or Human Services Grant.**

**For Funding Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 (FY 26 – 27)**

**TO REGISTER,**  
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**LANSINGMI.GOV/1059/HRCS-GRANT-APPLICATION**  
Human Relations and Community Services Department  
Kimberly A. Coleman, Director



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**Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge** - Teams of up to three members will assemble a 300-piece puzzle in the fastest time possible. First-place team members receive a one-month Elite Gamer membership. 1-2:30 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrew-gamelounge.com.

**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 Symphony Orchestra** - The Symphony Orchestra presents a powerful program spanning centuries and styles. Highlights include Dvořák's expressive Cello Concerto in B Minor and "Lift up Thine Ears," by guest composer Michael Daugherty. 7 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, 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. redcedar-friends.org.

**Six Voices in Autumn: Writers Speak** - In this episode of Six Voices, Writing at the Ledges offers six of our writers. Each will read a poem or short writing on one topic, then the group will move on to another topic. 2-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**Trunk or Treat** - Get ready for a free, spooktacular event with candy stations, amazing vendors, a costume contest and more! 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Zap Zone XL, 5220 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. zapzonexl.com.

**Welcoming the New Neighbor: A Christian Dialogue on Refugees and Immigrants** - This six-week session is facilitated by Stephanie Nawyn, an MSU associate professor who specializes in migration and refugees, human trafficking and resettlement. 11:30 a.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

## Monday, Oct. 27

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

**Broadway Jazz Dance Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 7-8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Downtown Development Authority Meeting** - 7 p.m. City Hall, 259 Kent St., Portland. 517-647-5027. portland-michigan.org.

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

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

**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 Class for Teens and Adults** - 8:30-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Level I Dance Class for Kids** - Ages 5-8. 4-5 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**MMAG Fall Art Show** - The artists of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild invite the community to visit their "Black and White" exhibition, featuring art created with just those colors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**Musique 21** - Program features works by guest composer Michael Daugherty and his former students Paul Dooley and Shuying Li, showcasing a rich spectrum of contemporary American music. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble: Performing Group for All Ages** - Meets twice per week. 5:30-7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East 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, Oct. 28

**"A Course in Miracles" with Lisa Schmidt** - Each week, the group reads a passage together from the book and discusses its meaning and how to apply it to real-life situations. 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

**Acting 101 Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 8-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

**Building and Retaining Diverse Talent** - Learn strategies for building a strong, inclusive talent pipeline while creating the conditions that encourage diverse talent to connect, grow and thrive within our region. 10-11:30 a.m. Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Lansing. facebook.com/LansingChamber.

**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.

**Dave Keller and Greg Nagy Duo** - Catch two powerhouse performers in one unforgettable night. 7-10 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Emi Ferguson and Ruckus: "Fly the Coop: Bach's Sonatas and Preludes"** - Award-winning flutist Emi Ferguson and genre-defying ensemble Ruckus reimagine Bach with a vibrant, playful program blending baroque instruments and bold arrangements. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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## Souls to the Polls Trunk or Treat

1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25  
Lansing Elections Office  
701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing

Saturday afternoon, the Lansing City Clerk's Office will host its annual Souls to the Polls event, a Halloween celebration that also promotes voter participation. In the parking lot of the Lansing Elections Office, kids are invited to collect candy, toys and other goodies from several community organizations. Inside, attendees can learn about the voting process by participating in a mock special election, with categories such as favorite Halloween character, favorite candy and a "proposal" about sharing candy with kids who are unable to trick or treat. Meanwhile, adults will have an opportunity to vote early for the November election.

"We are so excited to be able to work with community partners to engage the community and educate our youth about voting," City Clerk Chris Swope said. "At the same time, we can provide this new option for early voting, which will be convenient for many people with very busy schedules."



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# UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>10/23</b> ANDREW CONN	<b>11/07</b> RODRIGUEZ FEST
<b>10/25</b> TAYLOR SWIFT DANCE PARTY	<b>11/15</b> THE SLOPPY BOYS PODCAST
<b>10/30</b> ASHLAND CRAFT	<b>11/20</b> BLACKHAWK
<b>10/31</b> ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW	<b>11/22</b> KOO KOO
<b>11/01</b> ROCK CITY'S THRILLER NIGHT	<b>11/28</b> THE VERVE PIPE
<b>11/02</b> PLAIN WHITE T'S & WE THE KINGS	<b>11/29</b> BINGO LOCO'S NAME THAT SONG
<b>11/06</b> RITZ	<b>12/5</b> HEARTSICK

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# Events

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**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.

**HELO Club Fall Luncheon** - Annual October luncheon for members and member guests with confirmed reservation. Free — includes presentation by fiber artist Kathy Rohac. 12:40 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. heloclub.org.

**Intermediate Ballet Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 5:30-7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**LAGE Game Night North** - Lansing-Area Games & Events offers free board/card gaming experiences for diverse people and cultivates a safe, inclusive, fun community. 6:30-11 p.m. Reno's Sports Bar, 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. meetup.com/lansing.

**LAGE Game Night West** - 6:30-11 p.m. Frank's Press Box, 7216 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing

**Level II Dance class for Kids** - Ages 9-12. 4-5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**MMAG Fall Art Show** - The artists of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild invite the community to visit their "Black and White" exhibition, featuring art created with just those colors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**Open Mic Night at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Whether you're a seasoned performer or stepping onto the stage for the first time, we provide a welcoming environment for you to showcase your talent. 7-10 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

**PEARS Deeper Dive: Indirect Activities** - This Deeper Dive should be attended after the PEARs Crash Course. Participants will learn how to enter a variety of indirect activities. 11 a.m. Virtual

— register at canr.msu.edu/od/planning\_evaluation\_and\_reporting.

**Preschool Family Storytime** - Join us for fun stories, songs and a simple craft! Ages 1-6 with a caregiver. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**Service Industry Night at UrbanBeat** - 50% off for hospitality professionals. One verified industry discount per check. Please present proof of employment. 7-11 p.m. 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**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 Briggs District Library through Nov. 4. 1:30-2:30 p.m. 108 E. Railroad St., St. Johns. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

## Wednesday, Oct. 29

**Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids** - Ages 5-12. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

**Allen Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allen-neighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

**andPlay: "Drifting Landscapes"** - New York duo andPlay — violinist Maya Bennardo and violist Hannah Levinson — perform a bold program of contemporary chamber music exploring texture and resonance. 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Beach Glass Windows** - Create an eye-catching beach glass wall hanging, the perfect addition to any Michigander's home. 6-8 p.m. Nina's Notions, 104 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns. eventbrite.com/o/beach-glass-crafting-party-77050402593.

**Bingo** - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Se-

nior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

**Broadway Jazz Dance Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 7-8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Code Club** - Learn to make apps, animations and more! No coding expertise necessary. Drop-ins welcome. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org/project/learncoding.

**Downtown Eaton Rapids Trick or Treat** - The first 100 kids in costume at City Hall get a free trick-or-treat bag! 5-7 p.m. facebook.com/CityOfEatonRapids.

**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.

**Gavin McDonnell** - Stick around after Lansing Live for a special late-night set with Gavin McDonnell. No cover! 9:30-11:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Group Dance Class: Beginning Hustle** - The hustle originated in the 1970s, closely tied to the disco music craze of the era. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.

**Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle, with Big Man Genesis** - 9-11 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

**Lansing Live Open Stage Night** - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

**Michigan's Dark Places: Murder, Mystery & True Crime** - Using archival photographs, crime-scene sketches and documents, author Tobin T. Buhk will guide attendees on a journey to the most infamous spots in the Great Lakes State. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

**Mindfulness Lunch & Learn: Laughter is the Best Medicine** - Explore the social, emotional, mental and physical benefits of laughter. 11 a.m.-noon. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/stress\_less\_with\_mindfulness/index.

**MMAG Fall Art Show** - The artists of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild invite the community to visit their "Black and White" exhibition, featuring art created with just those colors. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**Tap II Class for Teens & Adults** - 6-7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Understanding Extremism** - Learn to identify the

hidden signs of extremism. Presented by Michigan Country and the Community Advisory, Resource and Education (CARE) Centers. 5:30-8 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlotteilibrary.org.

**Waxing Moon Ritual** - 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.

**Wine Down Wednesday** - Enjoy \$1 off glasses of wine all day! Come wine down with us! Noon-6 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

**Women's Healing Circle** - A space for women to share their stories, inspire each other and lift each other up. 8:30-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

## Thursday, Oct. 30

**Acting 101 Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - Meets twice per week. 8-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. cmialanon.org.

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cmialanon.org.

**All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: "A Wrinkle in Time"** - 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. alloufsexpress.org.

**Ashland Craft** - Rising country star Ashland Craft brings her "Dive Bar Beauty Queen" tour to Lansing, with support from Caleb Lee Hutchinson. 7 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

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

**Bike Night at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Stop by for a bit and relax with some great food and drink specials! It's also Taco Thursday! 6-10 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

**Class Series: Beginning Ukulele for the Family** - Participants will learn a brief history of the instrument and all the basics they need to get started playing. Ages 8+. Registration req. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

# SOULS TO THE POLLS

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*Thank You for Supporting Women in our Community*

Additional Ways to Support IBT:

- Donate to IBT through the IBT webpage (Scan the QR Code on the left)
- Donate to support October Fundraiser Event
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# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

### Sparty's chili-cheese omelet melds breakfast with a Michigan staple

By LIZY FERGUSON

In my 20s, breakfast at Sparty's Coney Island in Frandor was a once-a-week-end necessity after a night out. Somewhere along the line, my go-to spots changed, and before I knew it, it had been close to a decade since my last visit. I recently returned and realized just what I had been missing all this time.

Coney Island restaurants originated in Michigan, started by Greek and Macedonian immigrants whose first stop in America after Ellis Island was often the Coney Island neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York,

where hot dogs are a signature beach-front dish. The Coney Island hot dog is traditionally topped with Coney sauce — a reduced, cum-in-forward, meat-based concoction that's similar to chili — as well as diced onions and yellow mustard.

Sparty's has taken this noble concept and translated it into a breakfast dish: the chili-cheese omelet.

Though there's no hot dog, this omelet — made with three eggs, filled with gooey cheddar and topped with a healthy portion of Coney sauce — is

equally memorable. I order mine with

yellow mustard, which heightens the flavor of that tasty sauce. I also used to get raw onions to approximate the dog as closely as possible. At some point, though, I switched to ordering the onions (and feta cheese) on the accompanying potatoes.

The main thing I missed out on in my years of absence was the potatoes. Sparty's makes the best American fries I've ever had: Slices of whole potato are cooked until crumbling and then fried on a flat top, with plenty of crispy bits throughout. Top with raw onions, feta and ketchup, and they would be a satisfying breakfast all on their own.

The omelet also comes with a choice of toast, but what you'll want to do is substitute the bread for a pancake. It



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

Though there's no hot dog, the Coney-style omelet at Sparty's Coney Island is equally memorable.

provides a sweet counterpoint to this very savory, zesty dish and, in my case, completes the classic order of my hungover youth, which tastes just as good after an evening of drinking La Croix and watching Netflix.



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# TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE READERS

## TOP 5 RESTAURANT BEER LISTS

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2024 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

### 1. BAD Brewing Co.

Microbrewery serving a full food menu and up to 24 rotating draft beverages

440 S. Jefferson St., Mason  
(517) 676-7664

badbrewing.com

3-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday

Noon-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday

Noon-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Noon-8 p.m. Sunday

### 2. Crunchy's

Watering hole in old-school digs famous for burgers, buckets of beer and karaoke

254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing  
(517) 351-2506

crunchyseastlansing.com

11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Wednesday

11 a.m.-1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday

### 3. EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

Microbrewery offering craft beers, wines and sodas, plus casual Italian fare

4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing  
(517) 708-7350

eaglemonkbrewing.com

3-10 p.m. Tuesday-Friday

Noon-10 p.m. Saturday

Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

### 4. HopCat

Brewpub with a massive beer list serving creative pub fare and brunch items

300 Grove St., East Lansing  
(517) 816-4300

hopcat.com

11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday

11 a.m.-midnight Friday

10 a.m.-midnight Saturday

10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday

### 5. Lansing Brewing Co.

Brewery and eatery offering a large patio, beer flights, cocktails and handcrafted grub

518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing  
(517) 371-2600

lansingbrewingcompany.com

11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday

11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

# Halloween gets a little sweeter

## From METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Looking for a homemade Halloween treat? Try this recipe for cheesecake truffles from "Jane's Patisserie," by Jane Dunn.

### Cheesecake truffles

Makes 25

300 grams (10 ounces) full-fat soft cheese, like cream cheese or mascarpone

50 grams (2 ounces) icing sugar

176 grams (6 ounces) cookie crumbs, finely crushed

#### Decoration

200 grams (7 ounces) milk chocolate, melted

50 grams (2 ounces) cookie crumbs, finely crushed

Add the cheese to a bowl and mix briefly until smooth. Add the icing sugar and mix again until combined.

Pour the crushed cookie crumbs into the mix and fold together until combined. Refrigerate the mixture for at least two hours.

Take the chilled mixture out of the fridge and scoop into truffle shapes using two teaspoons or a melon baller, then place on a tray lined with parchment paper. Return to the fridge for another hour or the freezer for 30 minutes.

To decorate the truffles, carefully dip each into the melted chocolate and place back on the lined tray. You can use small spoons or forks to help with this. Once dipped, sprinkle with the extra crushed biscuits.

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**STRAWBERRY GLOW:** A blend of almond milk, organic strawberries, bananas, avocado, dates, maple syrup, collagen peptides, hyaluronic acid, sea moss gel, and coconut cream.

**COBALT COCONUT:** A blend of organic almond milk, pineapple, banana, avocado, almond butter, and coconut cream for a smooth, nutrient-packed base. Enhanced with organic vanilla collagen and blue spirulina.



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