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This is a line in the sand.

What is being done in the name of immigration enforcement is not security. It is not justice. It is not governance. It is state violence—deliberate, escalating and aimed at people least able to defend themselves. It is terror as policy. And it is pushing this country toward a breaking point that polite language can no longer conceal.

I refuse to accept it.

Masked federal agents roaming neighborhoods, ripping people from their lives without warning, accountability or dignity is not normal. It is not lawful in any moral sense. It is the behavior of a system that has abandoned restraint and is testing how much cruelty the public will tolerate. Children are learning fear before safety. Elders are treated as obstacles. Workers are brutalized and discarded. Entire communities are conditioned to live in a state of constant dread.

This is not collateral damage.

This is the mechanism.

The lie we are told is that this violence keeps us safe. Safe from whom? From caregivers. From laborers. From families. From people whose only crime is existing on the wrong side of a border they did not draw. If the goal were public safety, due process would be sacred. Warrants would be mandatory. Innocence would matter. Instead, the dragnet widens, because intimidation—not justice—is the objective.

Dehumanization is not an accident. It is preparation.

First, the language shifts. People become “illegals,” “invaders,” “animals.” Then rights become conditional. Then abuse becomes routine. Then the public is told to look away. This pattern is ancient. Every society that has collapsed into cruelty followed it. Anyone claiming this is different is either ignorant or lying.

I will not participate in that lie.

I am a revolutionary because I refuse obedience to a system that requires terror to function. Not because I crave chaos. Not because I glorify conflict. But because compliance with injustice is itself a form of violence. Silence is not neutrality. Waiting politely while people are harmed is not moral high ground—it is surrender.

Public pressure matters. Exposure matters. Resistance matters. I have put myself in the public eye because retreat is a luxury some people cannot afford. I believe that mass refusal can still force change. I believe that policies built on fear are ultimately fragile. I want that collapse to come through relentless pressure, not further suffering.

But I will not pretend patience is infinite.

There is a limit to how long people will watch their neighbors terrorized while being told to stay calm. There is a limit to how long communities will accept raids while politicians issue statements and billionaires issue excuses. The architects of this cruelty will never pay its price. They hide behind walls, guards and private security. They demand sacrifice without risk. They profit without consequence.

That cowardice is the rot at the center of this system.

When institutions abandon morality, responsibility does not vanish—it transfers. It falls to ordinary people forced to choose between conscience and comfort. And there comes a moment when standing aside becomes indistinguishable from participation. And when silence becomes endorsement. When watching becomes enabling.

That moment is approaching.

People will refuse to cooperate with their own dehumanization. People will stand in the way. People will place their bodies where their values are—not because they are reckless, but because they are human. Because the instinct to defend the vulnerable is older than any law written to excuse their abuse.

This is not extremism.

This is solidarity.

The tipping point is not chaos. The tipping point is clarity. It is the realization that compliance has brought nothing but more violence, that fear is a tool with diminishing returns, and that history does not remember those who waited for permission to act humanely.

This manifesto is not a threat.

It is a refusal.

A refusal to accept terror as governance.

A refusal to trade humanity for comfort.

A refusal to let billionaires and bureaucrats decide who deserves safety.

A refusal to pretend this ends with “them.”

There is still time to pull back. But that time is shrinking. And if those in power insist on ruling through fear, they should not be surprised when fear stops working.

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

FROST DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Frost 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, 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 and the Notice of Letting (containing the number and length of sections; the average width of each section; whether or not the drain will be closed; the amount and specifications of all tile or pipe required; the location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any; and conditions upon which the contract will be awarded) can be found at:

<http://dr.ingham.org>

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Frost 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 Frost Drain consists of lands situated in Sections 10, 11, 14, 15 and 22 of Wheatfield Township, T03N, R01E, and Section 11 of the City of Williamston, T03N, R01E, in Ingham County, Michigan. The following is a description of the parcels of land constituting the "Frost Drain Special Assessment District":

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In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham, Wheatfield Township, the City of Williamston, and the Michigan Department of Transportation will be specially assessed at-large for benefits in the construction, maintenance, and improvement of the Drain.

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 Wheatfield Township;
- Mayor and Clerk of the City of Williamston;
- Michigan Department of Transportation for benefit to state highways

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 "Frost 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: January 28, 2026

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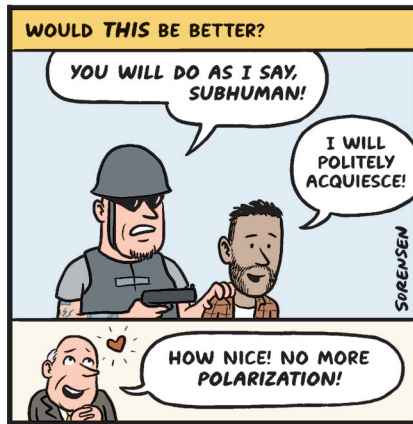
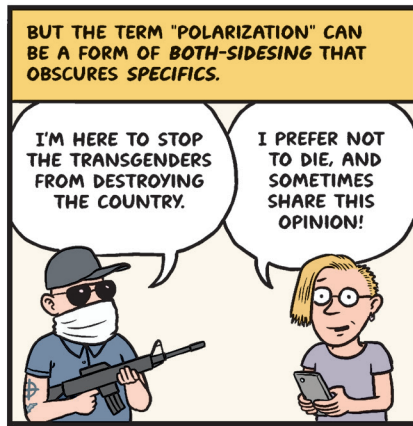
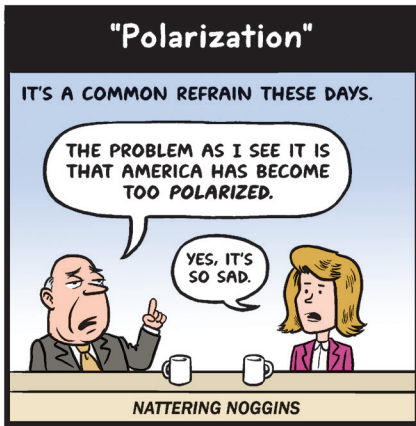
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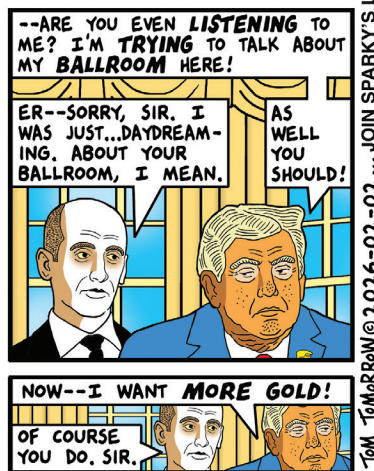
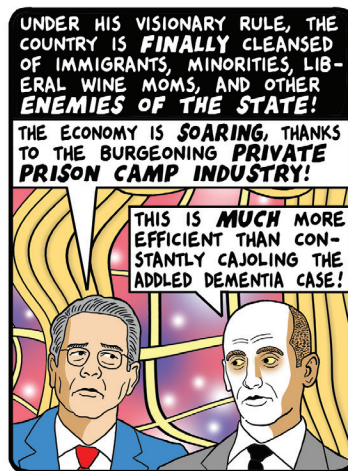
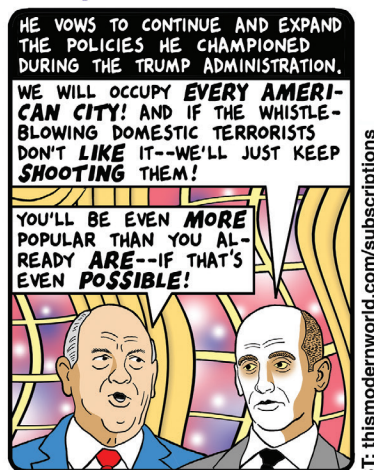


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NEWS & OPINION

Local government, advocates bracing amid national ICE surge Lansing stands by order limiting involvement with ICE

BY LEO V. KAPLAN

As federal enforcement surges amid President Donald Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration, the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center has not heard of Lansing or East Lansing police turning undocumented immigrants over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

That's likely because, in Lansing and East Lansing, police essentially don't look at a person's immigration status unless required to act by judicial warrant. Lansing Police Department calls a person's immigration status "immaterial" in terms of the department's mission and values, and officers do not ask victims, witnesses or suspects about immigration status. A similar policy exists in East Lansing.

A spokesperson for Lansing Mayor Andy Schor said Schor is standing by the city's policy, which stems from a 2017 executive order. The city briefly declared itself a sanctuary city immediately following the order, but City Council reversed course amid controversy, although the underlying executive order and policy did not change.

East Lansing formally declared itself a sanctuary city in 2023, and is the only municipality in Michigan on a Department of Justice-published list of sanctuary jurisdictions that Trump threatened to revoke funding for on Feb. 1. It is unclear whether that has happened.

But as the scope of ICE's operations grows, sanctuary policies only offer so much solace to those worried about ICE activity. "Operation Metro Surge," an ICE operation that began in December and resulted in federal agents killing two civilian observers, targeted Minneapolis, a city that has similar policies.

Michigan also has seen an increase in enforcement. ICE arrested 2,349 people between January and October 2025, according to information obtained by the Deportation Data Project via Freedom of Information Act requests, and detained 3,338. That's around triple the same timeframe in

2024 in both counts.

Around 75% of ICE arrests begin with an interaction with local law enforcement, said MIRC policy and communication manager Christine Sauvé, meaning local protections are comparatively strong amid the crackdown. But operations like the one in Minneapolis, alongside tactics by federal agents including driving unmarked vehicles and wearing masks, have led to an atmosphere of fear and repression among immigrant and Latino communities.

"I have connected with folks who are scared to drive their kids to school," said Lansing City Council member Trini Pehlivanoglu. "We're not Minneapolis today, but there's still that fear there."

"People are scared to go out," said Simón Cardona Perazza, the capital area regional organizing coordinator for Latino-focused Michigan nonprofit MI Poder. "You've got an economic system where you want everybody to be at work, and you're taking people who are at work. They can't drop their kids off at school, they can't go to the doctor. They can't take care of legal things. So what we've seen is a terror, people going underground in the sense that they're not participating in their own lives."

In a statement, the Lansing School District said it was aware that increased attention around immigration enforcement "may cause anxiety for some families," adding that a signed judicial warrant is necessary for access to school district property and district leadership will be notified if any law enforcement agency seeks access to facilities.

Lansing City Council unanimously passed a resolution last week opposing the wearing of masks by ICE officers except when necessary for public safety. An email from City Pulse sent to all council members yielded responses from Pehlivanoglu and Clara Martinez.

Concerns have also erupted across the country about surveillance cameras sold by Flock Security, which a report by 404 Media showed had been

used by local police departments at the behest of ICE. Lansing has around 20 such cameras, according to user-submitted data on deflock.me.

Gulkis said access to the cameras is tightly controlled, even within Lansing's police department, and activity is audited to ensure its use aligns with departmental policy and that data is only saved longer than 30 days when it is part of a criminal investigation.

While local efforts to support immigrant communities have seen a surge in volunteers and donations, such as a benefit dance party at The Avenue Cafe that raised about \$2,000 to help pay travel expenses for people detained in the Baldwin detention center, they have also led to false alarms about ICE sightings.

Pete Vargas, state organizing director with MI Poder, said MI Poder is working to help facilitate networks among trusted messengers to avoid such false alarms.

One network in Lansing is the Lansing Migra Watch, a group on the encrypted messaging app Signal for verified ICE reports.

Cardona Perazza said some resources for those impacted include Raíces Migrantes, a Grand Rapids-based mutual aid group that works with Michigan families impacted by ICE detention; the National Lawyer's Guild, which is hosting a virtual legal observer training on Saturday; and MIRC, a legal resource center for Michigan immigrants.

Sauvé said having an attorney, either through MIRC or elsewhere, is important in advance of a possible detention because people going through immigration court are not given a lawyer as they are in criminal court.

People who want to contribute, Cardona Perazza said, should consider mutual aid. While there has been a lot of talk about protesters physically obstructing ICE's operations with their cars, such tactics could be dangerous as well as unlikely to be successful in Michigan due to the speed of ICE operations. Safer and more effective

ways to contribute include coordinating grocery shopping, accompaniment to immigration hearings, and other methods of keeping people either safe in their home or accompanied while out.

It's also been difficult even for an established organization like MI Poder to respond, Vargas said, because of the unprecedented surge in immigration enforcement.

"We're in a build-it-while-you-fly-it kind of scenario, because we've never, ever experienced something like this to the degree we are experiencing right now," he said.

The atmosphere of fear will have far-reaching consequences, Cardona Perazza said.

"Our state is made of immigrants and small businesses. I can't imagine what we're going to be recording in terms of the economic toll of this."

- Raíces Migrantes, a mutual aid group which works closely with Michigan families impacted by ICE detention

- The Michigan Immigrant Rights Center provides information for detained immigrants in some Michigan and Ohio detention centers at (734) 794-9963 between Monday and Friday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.. Further information for preparing for possible encounters with ICE or detention can be found at michiganimmigrant.org. MIRC also publishes updates on immigration policy and includes a list of resources for immigrants and advocates at <https://bit.ly/MIRCupdates>

- The ACLU of Michigan has a "Know Your Rights" mobile hub webpage and a guide to locating family members, creating an emergency plan and more at www.aclumich.org.

- U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Detroit, and the National Lawyers Guild are hosting a Know Your Rights training for encounters with ICE and other law enforcement on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. There will be a watch party at MI Poder's office in the Allen Neighborhood Center.

Michigan's marijuana black market challenges state's law enforcement

By **MADISON MERRELL**
Capital News Service

LANSING – The state legalized personal use of marijuana in hopes that it would decrease the amount of illegal use and distribution.

However, problems with the black market have increased with the ease of getting access to and purchasing cannabis.

Matthew Saxton, the executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, said police are seeing a lot more illegal black-market marijuana growth around the state.

Calhoun County Sheriff Steve Hinkley said with short staff and few detectives, police agencies are unable to keep up at the pace that illegal grow operations are popping up.

The issue is that laws allowing home growers and commercial marijuana sales didn't provide extra funding so police could catch private growers who sell on the black market.

Illegal farms also undermine licensed dispensaries, harming legitimate businesses in the community, Hinkley said.

The main struggle law enforcement agencies face is locating such operations in the first place. Many are found through word of mouth, like neighbors smelling plants when they walk past a house in their neighborhood or seeing unusual activity at a recently purchased home, Hinkley said.

Hinkley said officers also look for unusually high electricity use or updated electrical services in homes or other buildings, like barns, that normally would not require that much power.

"These aren't short-term investigations. We have to have probable cause. We have to have a search warrant," said Hinkley. "Officers are frequently pulled away to re-



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spond to other calls, so such cases are often not treated as a top priority."

Cannabis dispensaries are huge business on Michigan's borders.

Bridge Michigan reported that dispensaries near Michigan's border with Indiana use signs to attract out-of-state customers, causing Indiana lawmakers to pass a law prohibiting marijuana billboards in the state.

Many residents are concerned that new dispensaries are popping up every month in towns on the border, according to Bridge Michigan. On the Michigan-Ohio border alone there are 45 legal dispensaries.

Manley & Manley, a criminal defense law firm in Flint, says on its website, "The state has yet to pass regulations for selling recreational marijuana. That means that while you are allowed to grow, possess, use and give away marijuana for recreational purposes, you can face criminal charges with significant penalties for selling it."

The state's website says no law requires Michigan residents who grow marijuana at home to declare how much they grow but they are permitted to have only 12 plants on one property.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a bill that imposed a 24% excise tax on marijuana transactions beginning Jan. 1. That's in addition to a 10% excise tax and 6% tax on all marijuana sales, which critics say could drive consumers to untaxed markets.

The new tax is being challenged in court.



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Surge in break-ins, robberies causes marijuana dispensaries to tighten security

By **GEORGIA HILL**
Capital News Service

LANSING — After significant surges in dispensary break-ins and robberies around Michigan, cannabis businesses are adopting stricter security measures.

Since Michigan legalized weed for recreational use in 2018 and the first dispensary opened in early 2019, the state has had frequent, sudden increases in break-ins, according to Calhoun County Sheriff Steve Hinkley.

"There have been record numbers of break-ins all over, and when these robberies happen, they happen in a surge with multiple break-ins all around the state, and then it will be quiet for months," Hinkley said.

The largest number have occurred in Southeast Michigan.

According to an April 2025 report published by the Detroit Metro Times, there have been at least 75 recorded break-ins since January 2024 in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, although the publication said the actual number is probably higher.

It also reported that there were at least 22 dispensary burglaries, 16 of which were in Metro Detroit, in the first three months of 2025.

Elsewhere in the state, for example, local media reported that Noxx Cannabis in Grand Rapids was the target of an armed robbery last November.

In Battle Creek, four suspects were charged last January with breaking into Potter's Cannabis Boutique, news reports said, and in Monroe, two suspects were arrested last July on charges of breaking and entering at a local dispensary.

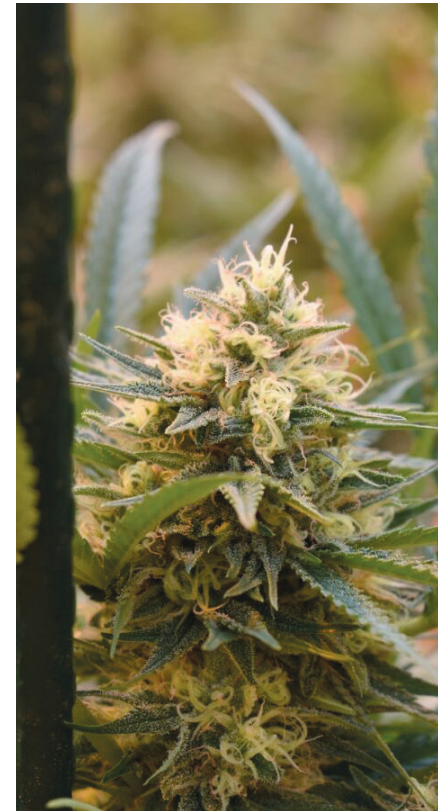
Hinkley said that one reason for the spate of break-ins is that many thieves steal large amounts of product, resell it at a lower-than-retail price and then make their next heist.

"The robberies are rarely cash-grabs," Hinkley said, "The amount of product that they're stealing gives us indication that they're not stealing for personal use."

Methods used in these crimes can range, however. Like many retail robberies, perpetrators are often armed, according to Hinkley.

Because of the use of force, many dispensaries use high-security systems.

"We have panic buttons located



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throughout the store," said Flora Cannabis Co. employee Angie Seranian. "They set off a silent alarm that alerts the police, and a loud alarm sounds throughout the building."

Located in Lansing, the dispensary has a locked door system that opens when reception presses a button. Like many retail stores, when the shop is robbed, the employees are "trained to comply 100%," Seranian said.

Green Acres Cannabis in Detroit has recently updated its locked door codes and outdoor security system.

"The front door is always locked, and we have a remote opener for an impenetrable gate outside that we can open from inside when customers come up," said budtender Jada Tipton.

The executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Ronald Wiles, said law enforcement agencies across the state actively investigate the crimes as they occur.

"We're working with the industry on prevention strategies, including improved security measures," said Wiles. "The goal is to protect employees, customers, and the surrounding community while holding those responsible accountable."

Advisory boards recommend Ingham County Human Services parking lot section for ModPod community

Decision comes after all parks struck from recommendations; final decision rests with mayor

By LEO V. KAPLAN

A city-run transitional housing community of 50 ModPod housing units came a step closer to reality when a joint committee voted unanimously in late January to recommend the parking lot of the Ingham County Human Services Building for the location.

The final location decision for the proposed NOVA Lansing Housing Initiative rests with the mayor.

The parking lot was one of six locations in consideration, it was added after the top five options were largely opposed at previous community meetings.

The lot, alongside being in the shadow of essential services, will be very close to healthcare services and about a mile away from a Meijer, alongside having a bus stop.

Shantel Spears, a formerly homeless resident, said during public comment that she had initially supported Hunter and Stabenow parks due to their proximity to grocery stores, and that she favored the parking lot for similar reasons.

“As someone who used to be unhoused, I do like that site,” she said.

All parks were struck from consideration before a final decision was made, owing to community opposition at previous meetings.

“I heard loud and clear from the public that parks were not intended for this purpose, and that you felt strongly that the integrity of our parks would be compromised if we located ModPods in any of these parks,” said HRCS Advisory Board member Sean Gehle.

Public commenters mostly favored the parking lot location ahead of the vote, with one notable exception.

“I’m completely against having these at the Human Services building,” said Byrd Tanner, who lives nearby and argued a community of homeless residents nearby would “single-handedly destroy property values.”

“The city of Kalamazoo would

not let this happen,” he said, referencing the failed attempt by a Kalamazoo nonprofit to set up a similar community before selling the pods to Lansing at auction. “Being a taxpayer here in the city of Lansing, nobody wants this in their neighborhood.”

Some public commenters also argued that the project did not solve the overarching issue of a lack of affordable housing, which

they said is the primary cause of homelessness.

“This is a Band-Aid on a shotgun wound,” said Shawn Brock, who said he had previously been homeless in Lansing while working a full-time job because housing was prohibitively expensive. “We need to come up with permanent housing for people. What we’re doing right now is just kicking the can down the road. This is a very im-

portant step, but it is a step, and I want people to realize that.”

HRCS Advisory Board member Melissa Horste invoked the “yes, and...” rule of improv comedy in her support for the location, calling it “not a silver bullet.”

“It’s ‘yes, and we’re going to have the conversation around these problems that are facing our community, our city, our country,’” she said.

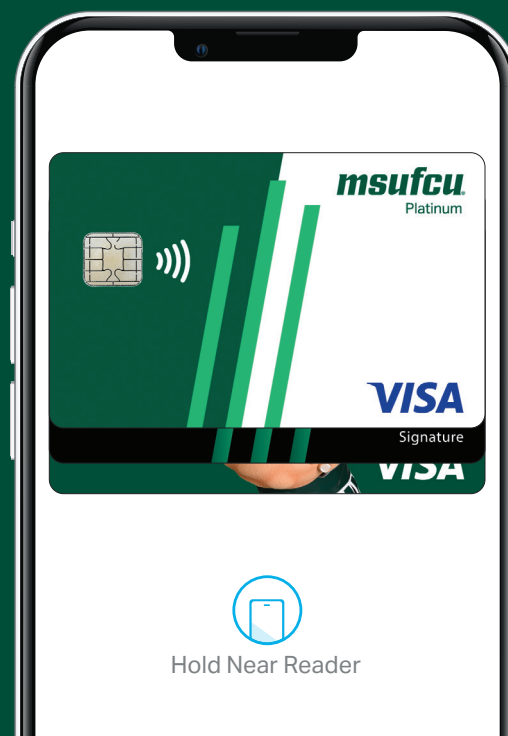
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Hundreds protest ICE in a demonstration outside Michigan's state Capitol grounds

More than 200 people came out during lunchtime on Jan. 29 to downtown Lansing's Capitol lawn to protest immigration policies.

The protest was organized by the local chapter of Visibility Brigade.

One of the local organizers, Kim Smith, said it was important for people to see opposition to the immigration enforcement, especially after several deaths, not just the recent deaths of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti. Smith held up a laminated paper listing the names of seven others she said had also died during the nation's immigration enforcement crackdown.

Smith noted that despite the cold outside — the weather was in the teens, with blowing gusts of wind — there were lots of people who came out to protest Immigration and Customs Enforcement policies and actions.

Smith said she wanted to see more protests.

Her group is part of the national Visibility Brigade. The mid-Michigan participants are planning another demonstration from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the corner of Capitol and Michigan avenues in downtown Lansing.



Photos by Mike Ellis/City Pulse

Kim Smith, an organizer with Visibility Brigade's Michigan operations, chants into a bullhorn during a Jan. 29 protest against ICE while standing between the state Capitol and Lansing City Hall.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the following public hearings will be held by the City of East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** The public hearings will take place at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. A public hearing to consider Ordinance 1563, a request from Volker Development, Inc. to rezone 2900 Coleman Rd. (PN# 19-20-50-350-400-135) from R3* (DeWitt Township Single-Family Residential) to B5 (East Lansing Community Retail Sales Business).

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in all meetings, in person or electronically. Please visit the City's public meeting portal for access to electronic meeting information or contact staff for more information:

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

Materials related to the above items 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. Written comments received by staff prior to 12:00 pm on the day of the public hearing will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

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. Please submit your request to the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building and Development Office, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com.

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Dated: January 29, 2026
East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon
City Clerk

CP#26-029

Eagle Township, Clinton County Board Meeting Synopsis

January 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee M. Hoppes, Trustee Currie, and 12 citizens.

Board Actions:

- 1) Approved payment of January 2026 bills.
- 2) Approved reappointment of Jeffery Oberg to Abrams Airport Advisory Board.
- 3) Approved PA116 applications for Hamlin Farms.
- 4) Adopted Resolution 01-20-2026-03 accepting LEAP Community Enhancement Grant.
- 5) Approved bids for Township hall work to replace the furnace, remove kitchen floor, repair posts under kitchen area of the hall, and install a grate in front of the crawl space.
- 6) Approved an update to the Board Media Policy.
- 7) Adopted Resolution 01-20-2026-02 referring an update to the IZO to the Planning Commission.
- 8) Approved ADA Accommodation Policy and ADA notice to be posted to the website.
- 9) Approved purchases in support of ADA services.
- 10) Adopted Resolution 01-20-2026-01 updating the 2026 Poverty Exemption Guidelines.
- 11) Approved budget amendments.
- 12) Approved a letter of support for the Clinton Conservation District Clean Waters Grant initiative.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is February 17, 2026, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

Prepared by: Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk
Approved by: Troy Stroud, Eagle Township Supervisor

CP#26-028

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



A 51-year-old man died of smoke inhalation after a house fire early Tuesday morning on South Clemens Ave., just off Michigan Ave., according to a statement from Lansing Fire Department. Two other men, ages 49 and 33, were injured. The fire was noticed by a passerby, who entered the home and rescued two people, according to firefighters. Linda Losik, who lives next door, told City Pulse that she was awoken around 3 a.m. Firefighters arrived quickly, she said, stopping the fire and shutting down the street. Losik has lived at her brick home since the early 1990s and said she had seen people coming and going from the home recently but had not met them. One firefighter was given a medical check for non-life-threatening injuries at a hospital and was discharged.

Kim Coleman, the director overseeing Lansing's response to homelessness, has resigned. The resignation of the Human Relations and Community Services director was announced Monday in statements by the mayor's office, which said Coleman will continue to work with the city's Mod Pod/Nova Housing Initiative. Coleman's resignation is effective on Feb. 13 and the city's statement said she resigned to "spend more time with family, pursue other interests and continue to help people in a more targeted way." Coleman was hired in February 2020 after the retirement of Joan Jackson Johnson. Delvata Moses was appointed as interim director.



The statements from the city praised a variety of Coleman's work and says the mayor plans to continue to work with her on the city's Mod Pod community. "I look forward to continuing to work with her on the Nova Housing Initiative and seeing what she does next, for our city and region, as well as with her family," Schor said in the statement. Coleman's resignation letter was included and

said, in part: "I've decided to step down, effective February 13th, to spend more time with my family and pursue partnerships and collaborations that allow me to continue focusing on the issues I am most passionate about, leveraging my background to drive tangible, lasting progress for our community in a new capacity. I'll do everything I can to ensure a thoughtful handover while continuing to work on the Nova Lansing Housing Initiative."



The most famous groundhog saw his shadow on Monday, signaling six more weeks of winter, according to Groundhog Day lore. Punxsutawney Phil, the Pennsylvania-based rodent, is the biggest name brand in groundhog forecasting, but there are somewhere around 90 forecasting groundhogs, according to groundhog-day.com's listing. The organization checked with 74 of those groundhogs in 2026, leaving us with the closest result since a straight-up tie in 2020. The colony of groundhogs gave 'six more weeks of winter' a slight edge, at 53%. Also known as woodchucks, groundhogs are the largest member of the squirrel family and have no formal weather training. Michigan's only forecasting groundhog, Livingston County's Woody the Woodchuck, concurred with Punxsutawney Phil this year. They agreed it's hella freezing outside; neither one wanted to come out. For what it's worth, the human forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information are throwing shade on the rodent's track record. They say Phil has gotten it right in the past decade, but only 30% of the time.



The most famous badger-person saw his shadow last week and will drop out this winter. Samuel "Elyon

Badger" Smeltzer, a long-shot candidate in the 7th Congressional race, often appears in a marijuana-patterned suit topped with a honey badger head. Badger received national attention for his eccentric and inflammatory campaign. He cited supporting his spouse's health as he suspended his campaign and endorsed William Lawrence. Matt Maasdam and Bridget Brink are also leading candidates. Smeltzer said in a video that he endorsed Lawrence, whom he had critiqued, after learning more about him. The colorful former candidate urged Lawrence to "be as feral" as he was about healthcare during the rest of the primary and general campaigns.



MoMo Tea in East Lansing is seeking the return of its larger-than-human-sized teddy bear. The bear has sat on a

chair in the shop for more than a decade, according to Fox 47 News. Security footage from Friday shows someone wearing a mask and sitting in the shop next to the bear. The individual then stood up, grabbed the bear by the neck and heaved it over their shoulder as they casually walked out the door. Baristas told Fox 47 that they hope the bear gets returned or someone shares information with police.

The MSU Board of Trustees plans to vote on the demolition of the IM West building during a meeting Friday, Feb. 6, the Lansing State Journal reported. The Board had originally planned to vote on the demolition a year ago, but the item was removed from the agenda before they could vote on it, due to concerns from some members about the transition process to the new Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Last June, the board approved a planning study to consider whether IM West, built in 1958, should be demolished, refurbished or reused.

Paczkis are starting to arrive. Paczki Day (Fat Tuesday) is Feb. 17 this year. The Lansing favorite, Roma's Bakery, has been closed for years and has left a big



gap that needs to be filled. Just like a good paczki. More than a dozen local shops aim yearly to fill that gap with a variety of, well, fillings. Check out places like Quality Dairy, Groovy Donuts, Bake N' Cakes and more than a dozen other local shops and let us know what you think. Quality Dairy is having a paczki eating contest on Feb. 13 at the REO Town Clubhouse.



Two Michigan natives won Grammy Awards this week. Lansing-born Billy Strings won Best Bluegrass Album for his "Highway Prayers" release. Strings was raised in Michigan and played many of his early shows in and around Lansing. He now resides in Nashville and still pulls off small secret performances near his hometown. Detroit native CeCe Winans won the Best Gospel Performance/Song award for "Come Jesus Come," feat. Shirley Caesar. Lansing resident Sergei Kvitko was nominated for Producer of the Year in the Classical category. Elaine Martone won that honor this year, her third consecutive and fourth time winning overall. The category is dominated by eight producers, who have won all but three awards since 1996. Kvitko is a pianist, sound engineer and owner of Blue Griffin Recording. He told City Pulse prior to the ceremony that being nominated was a tremendous honor.

Michigan high school seniors can enter an essay contest from LAFCU this winter, with applications are due March 31 and four \$5,000 scholarships being awarded. It is the 18th year of the essay contest; this year it requires a 500-word essay on the topic: "Describe a problem facing your community and explain how you would help address or solve it. Discuss the impact your solution could have on others." For full contest details or to submit an entry, visit lafcu.com/write-toeducate.

Proposed 345kV lines are wrong for Meridian Township

Communities throughout the Greater Lansing region have received notice of an upcoming project to install 345kV Transmission lines from Onieda to Sabine by ITC in the coming years. The current proposals have many different pathing options, including one through Meridian Township and Williamstown Township.

It is my assessment that this is NOT an ideal route.

The proposed Meridian Township segment cuts through Legg Park, which is a destination for hikers and users of our pathway system. It runs just to the west of Meridian's Harris Nature Center. To install these lines would require a 200-foot easement, which would require ITC to clear cut mature, old growth trees in both of these parks, which are jewels in our Parks system and enjoyed by all.

The lines run just to the east of the Shoals neighborhood, along the western edge of Wellington Estates, between Ponderosa Estates and Ambassador, and along the south side of Newman Road.

These are five well-established residential areas that would suffer from clear cutting, likely use of eminent domain for the easements necessary to run through their property, and an almost assured impact to their property values.

Meanwhile, alternate proposed routes are available to the south that parallel I-96 and would have far lesser impact on the environment, less negative effects on the character of our neighborhoods, and would be a far more suitable choice for this kind of development.

The Meridian Township Board heard from many residents on this issue, and I urge them to attend ITC's listening sessions and to voice their opinions early and often.

Meanwhile, I have asked that a Resolution be passed by the Board to formally oppose this development through Meridian Township, which we will take up in the near future.

Scott Hendrickson
Meridian Township Supervisor



Opinion

Meeting people where they are ... wherever that is

Back in 2017, an out-of-state signature collector hanging outside the downtown bus station asked me to sign a petition to raise the state's minimum wage to \$9.90 per hour.

I don't sign petitions, but Curious Me looks at them anyway. Someone pushing a minimum wage increase proposal in 2017?

Uh, no.

The petition dealt with a prevailing wage repeal. Completely different issue.

The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) – who paid the signature collectors – were appalled. The petition signature company was horrified.

Ultimately, ABC got the signatures they needed. The Legislature passed the prevailing law repeal in 2018 (which was, in turn, reinstated in 2023).

The story is about one of many issues facing today's petition circulators.

Do you trust what they say about the petitions they're circulating? But let me ask this first: do you see many petition circulators anymore? I don't.

Or, let me turn this around. If I asked you to collect petitions for something, where would you go?

Invest In MI Kids wants a higher income tax on the rich. Signature-gatherers were at those 50501 rallies when those were a thing. The Michiganders for Money Out Of Politics (MMOP) folks, who want severe restrictions on campaign contributions, were there, too.

We haven't had one of those rallies in a hot second.

Let's apply the pretentious, cringy cliché of our time: "Meeting people where they are." Where exactly are the people?

They're not at the malls. People get what they need on Amazon.

They're not at the post office. Pay your bills online.

They're not strolling downtown Lansing anymore at lunch. Most state employees work at home.

Eight years ago, everyone was on Facebook. Voters Not Politicians organized the greatest grassroots operations of the last two decades on Facebook.

Now, some people are on Insta-

gram. Some are on Rumble. Some are on Snapchat. Locals. X. Truth Social. Bluesky. Tiktok. Flickr. Reddit. Tumblr. Substack. A lot of people have simply unplugged from all of it.

Take a trip on the time machine. Put an ad in the newspaper. Like the one you're reading now. Unless you're reading this online.

Radio? We got podcasts. TV News at 6 and 10? I can't get that on Prime or Netflix, can I?

Send an email ... only for it to get buried and mass deleted by the user.

Go old school! Send a letter. Better get the political bulk rate because stamps cost 78 cents each these days.

Call on the phone. If you got time. If they got time. So long as you're not mistaken for spam.

May you need to just send a text message.

Text messaging. The last bastion of direct human contact. Six unread messages are on my phone right now. I'll read the one from my wife and my co-worker after I'm done writing this column. The others? They'll get read. One day.

For as many ways as there are to reach each other, we've all found ways to make ourselves hard to reach, haven't we?

Politics? You want to talk politics? I don't feel like arguing. Tired of the fight.

Fight? You're fighting the gaze of the dingy petition circulator trying to make eye contact with you.

All they want is your signature. It's a matter of \$10 to \$20 for them. The issue itself? They likely don't know it well. That's OK. You'd rather not engage anyway. Odds are high that it doesn't impact you.

Circulating petitions in 2026 is hard. Ask the Ranked Choice voting people. Ask those rural folks who wanted to end property taxes.

Maybe Invest MI Kids, MMOP or "Americans for Citizen Voting" get the signatures to make the ballot.

If they don't, we know why.

(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol news service MIRS. You can email him at melinnky@gmail.com.)



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Patrons enter The Green Door for an indie- and alt-rock show on Friday, Jan. 30.

When one Green Door closes ...

Eastside bar and music venue reopens under new management

By **NICOLE NOECHEL**

Since November, patrons of The Green Door may have noticed some changes to the Michigan Avenue staple. First came a new stage, sound system and lighting. Then came concerts with more diverse, and often younger, artists.

The Green Door closed in late June, apart from its weekly Thursday night karaoke, with owner Jen Costigan announcing on Facebook that she was looking for a buyer to “continue carrying the torch for this iconic music venue.”

She found what she was looking for in Lansing music scene vets Scott Bell and Irving Ronk, who have taken over as booking managers.

Until the end of last year, Costigan continued to book shows and operate the establishment as she showed them the ropes. Now, Bell and Ronk are at the helm, toeing the line between updating the venue and maintaining continuity.

“We turned the place back on and invited a lot of the legendary local and regional acts to come back

and pack the place,” Bell said. “This spring is all about that, and a bunch of cool touring artists, new national acts, and hopefully some exciting formats that folks might not have expected to see from The Green Door in the past.”

A change in leadership

Costigan has been with The Green Door for more than 30 years. She began working there in 1991, selling shots to patrons, and quickly made her way up the ladder to server, then bartender (the first woman ever behind The Green Door’s rail at night), then manager and music booker. Finally, she became an owner.

Her business partner, Jon Woolston, moved out of state about a decade ago, leaving her as sole operator. She was in that position when the pandemic hit and the ensuing year and a half was a “very trying time for The Green Door,” she said.

“I don’t think anybody ever expected to ever deal with something like that,” she said. “Obviously, we

were legally shuttered for quite a long time, and we were the last type of business that was allowed to reopen. So, during that time frame, I just applied for grant after grant after grant.”

She received grants from the city of Lansing, the state and the U.S. Small Business Association. She noted that The Green Door was the only bar venue that received the state grant, with most funds going to larger venues like the Wharton Center, opera houses and theaters.

“That gave us the money to get bills paid while we were shuttered, and then it also gave us an opportunity to get reopened and try again,” she said.

But with the stresses of the pandemic, compounded by a knee injury that resulted in three surgeries and a recent replacement, “the writing was on the wall” for her to step back from running the business.

“Through the years being so active and in the day to day, on top of running the business, but also making sure the business operates, it’s just hard, you know, 35 years working in that type of an establishment,” she said. “So, it was pretty clear it was time I needed to, you know, pass the baton and move for-

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open for events — check
schedule at greendoorlive.com

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Raymond Holt



Town Scratch Football Club performs at The Green Door.

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ward before I blew up my other knee.”

She began looking for a buyer, someone who would keep the venue's music and legacy alive.

“We had a period of almost a year, I would say, of me meeting and entertaining prospects to buy the business. The important thing to me moving forward was that the music played on,” she said. “When I started there at 19, that's why I fell in love with The Green Door.”

Enter Bell and Ronk, who have been booking shows and playing in bands in the area for two decades.

“Irving and I grew up here,” Bell said. “The pandemic led us to being a part of the Grewal Hall at 224 team — him and I do the majority of the talent buying, which is to say, we produce the concerts. We book the bands, but the soul of music is always at the small-capacity dive bar level, and Lansing hasn't had that in a meaningful way in a while. So, it felt very natural when this opportunity came up to say, ‘Hey, we have an opportunity here

to own something, to run it and keep the legacy and legendary aspect of the place intact.”

Though Ronk now lives in Nashville, Tennessee, both parties are deeply familiar with eastside culture.

“I lived just down the street for 10 years in my 20s, so I feel like we understand the east side in a way that other developers and people don't, especially from an entertainment standpoint, and that's what led us to make the jump,” Bell said.

For Costigan, putting her years at The Green Door behind her is bitter-sweet, but she's ready to move on.

“It's been a rocky road, and the last few months have definitely been straining. It's emotional, you know? It's my whole adult life,” she said. “It's just time for me to step back and let the new generation run it into the next era. They've already made a lot of changes, but they'll be continuing to make operational changes. And I'll be rooting from the sidelines.”

Updates and consistencies

With new musical acts comes new faces.

At an indie- and alt-rock show Fri-



day night (Jan. 30), the venue was full of 20-somethings with colored hair, nose rings and trendy clothing, chatting over music by bands not much older than them blaring from the PA system. Most of them were first-time visitors.

South Lansing resident Michael Lepley, whose family has lived in the area for generations, never pictured himself inside The Green Door.

“I saw it closed for a while, and I was like, ‘Oh, there's a show at The Green Door. I want to go!’ he said. “I like it. It's fun. It's a Lansing staple.”

It was many of the band members' first times at The Green Door as well. Town Scratch Football Club, the first band of the evening, praised the venue after their set.

“I know this used to be a blues bar, and now they're kind of catering to just local bands in general,” vocalist/guitarist Ben Machesky said. “I thought it was so kickass. It was such a vibe in there. I mean, all the green, the cool mural on the wall, they've got a really cool space in the front for people to dance. And it was great energy in there.”

Apart from the stage and technical

upgrades, not much has changed in terms of The Green Door's design.

“Part of why we were brought in to be booking partners and managers is that we're not changing a whole lot,” Bell said. “This place has amazing bones. We don't plan on truly changing a whole lot. Maybe we'll update the posters. The website's going to work now. It's the little things, and then the rest of it is just finding the right bands that want to put Lansing first and want to have a cool, clean concert.”

“We did build a brand-new hardwood stage. You know, we're building things that are going to be around for another 30-plus years,” he continued. “New sound and lighting that make Lansing in a competitive place for developing and touring artists, and the kitchen is coming. Everyone keeps asking, and it is, but we have to walk before we can run. It started with inviting all the old staff back, hiring some new blood and getting the concerts done right, getting those trains on the tracks.”

East Lansing resident Matt Rozman, an attendee of Friday night's concert, was drawn in by the décor.

“I feel like it got transferred from about 1998. It's like a weird time void that just happened. You know — the carpet, the old logos, the art on the wall,” he said. “Which isn't to say that it isn't charming. I love this kind of stuff, but if you're looking for something like bright and flashy and modern, this isn't that kind of place. It's a place to enjoy the music.”

He said he would love for his band — Florence, Texas — to play the venue someday.

“We're a country band. Per my dad, this place used to be a country and blues bar,” he said. “I feel like we'd fit



Downtown Lansing residents Jules (left) and Beau quietly sketch as rock 'n' roll rattles the windows at Friday's show.

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in well here, we could definitely get a lot of people out here. I'd be excited."

New beginnings

Not all reactions to the updates at The Green Door have been positive. Comments left on a Facebook post advertising a Charli XCX dance party in January included "Wtf has the green door turned into??" and "This is a disaster waiting to happen..."

Costigan said some of the regulars who frequented the bar during the day or for happy hour have yet to return during the new open hours.

"They're not open until 7 or 8, and so there really isn't an opportunity for some of them to come back," she said.

However, the weekly karaoke night remains, which has been drawing in a group of dedicated patrons for years.

"I partnered up with MiLife Sports club years ago, and I have always given them Thursdays. We sponsor their club, so we get a group of younger people that come out on Thursdays, young professionals," Costigan said. "You're definitely going to see a lot of the same old faces on Thursdays, because that's the one night that has stayed the same. Jason White is the karaoke host, so he's kind of carrying on that tradition for me."

East Lansing resident Christy Jones, a friend of White's, frequents the karaoke night. She said she also enjoys the live music and the com-



A pool table is required equipment at The Green Door. Skill is optional.

munal atmosphere.

"The bartenders are nice, the people are nice. I'm glad it's back in the Lansing area," she said.

Though she hasn't been to many of the new shows yet, she's excited for the change in pace.

"I'm excited that they're trying to do different things," she said. "I saw that they had a Charli XCX party, I saw new dance parties, and they have a comedy night on Tuesday, which I think is good. I'm excited that they're going to bring new developments to Lansing-area nightlife."

Costigan hopes Bell and Ronk will maintain some of The Green Door's regular performers — the local cover bands, rockers, blues masters and funky freestylers who have kept the venue alive for decades.

"The local bands have definitely been a fighting force for The Green Door. They were our bread and

butter for a lot of years," she said.

Bell said those acts will always have a home at The Green Door, but that his and Ronk's goals for the venue don't necessarily revolve around one set clientele.

"Every band that plays in Lansing and East Lansing can find a home here. With that, we will be booking more touring, national and international talent that would normally play other markets," he said. "We're not going to be just one genre. I think part of the magic of working at a venue and in live events is seeing people come into a space and feel like, 'Oh, this is our home. This is our scene. This is my music. The goal is for the crowd to change for every event, to have disparate crowds, different folks."

Costigan said she's seen a lot of new people, especially younger people, at the venue in recent months. "Every band brings their own



DJ Jason White hosts karaoke every Thursday at The Green Door.

following, which is awesome," she said. "So, I do think the changes are going to, and already are, bringing in different clientele, new clientele."

But she made sure to mention that she'll never forget everyone who's supported her over the years.

"I just want to say thank you, not only to the local musicians, but to Lansing, to all the customers who have come in through the years, as well as my staff," she said. "You know, I miss and love everybody, but everybody knows it's time for Mama Jen to take the next steps. But I'm very thankful. I never would have been able to keep this place going through the years without the help of everybody around me."



Friends, family and neighbors gather at The Green Door to solve the world's problems or share some pizza.

Live & Local

CityPULSE

The Avenue

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Town Scratch FC, Two Gifts, Good Decision

Fri., Feb. 6, 9 p.m.

Blue Gill Grill

1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett

Elements of Soul

Fri., Feb. 6, 8-11 p.m.

BrickHaven Brewing Co.

200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge

Piper Avenue

Fri., Feb. 6, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The Westrins

Sat., Feb. 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Chengdu Teahouse

100 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing

Jeff Boog & Friends

Fri., Feb. 6, 5:30-7 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill

16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing

Spellbound

Fri., Feb. 6, 8 p.m.-midnight

Velocity Shift

Sat., Feb. 7, 8 p.m.-midnight

Dublin Square

327 Abbot Road, East Lansing

Ben Awrey

Wed., Feb. 11, 9 p.m.

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing

The Instigators

Wed., Feb. 4, 7-9 p.m.

Songwriters' night, with Cody Wilson

Wed., Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids

Flipside

Fri., Jan. 30, 6-9 p.m.

Travis Faber

Sat., Jan. 31, 6-9 p.m.

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Wavelength

Wed., Feb. 4, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Soccer, Two-Body Problem, Lie

Fri., Feb. 6, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.

Wavelength

Wed., Feb. 11, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Grewal Hall

224 S. Washington Square, Lansing

Horn and Holland

Sat., Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market

7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing

Matt Carlson

Thurs., Feb. 5, 5-8 p.m.

DJ Moon Hop

Fri., Feb. 6, 5-8 p.m.

The Bootstrap Boys

Sat., Feb. 7, 5-8 p.m.

John Beltran

Sun., Feb. 8, 1-5 p.m.

The Irish Pub

1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing

Open mic night, with Scott Seth

Thurs., Feb. 5, 6:30-11 p.m.

Jimmy Likes Pie

Sat., Feb. 7, 8-11 p.m.

Mac's Bar

2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Wix Patton, Hooper James, Forever the Rebel, Normundy

Thurs., Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

Tribute night (Pink Floyd, Tom Waits, Depeche Mode, The Cranberries, Conor Oberst & more)

Fri., Feb. 6, 8 p.m.

Unity — In Music

Thurs., Feb. 5, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Tues., Feb. 10, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Mash Bar

212 Albert Ave., East Lansing

Miranda & the M80s

Fri., Feb. 6, 9:30 p.m.

Moriarty's Pub

802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Open mic night, with Jen Sygit

Wed., Feb. 4, 8-11 p.m.

The Rotations

Fri., Feb. 6, 8 p.m.-midnight

Gina Garner and the All Night Long Band

Sat., Feb. 7, 8 p.m.-midnight

Jazz Tuesdays

Tues., Feb. 10, 7-10 p.m.

Open mic night, with Jen Sygit

Wed., Feb. 11, 8-11 p.m.

MSU College of Music

Newfound Chamber Winds

Wed., Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

MSU Wind Symphony, featuring Newfound Chamber Winds

Thurs., Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing

MSU Symphony Orchestra: Holst's "The Planets"

Fri., Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Wharton Center

Guy Yehuda and Young Huyn Cho:

Il Bellissimo Suono

Mon., Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Cook Recital Hall

Juan Riveros: Latin America & the Harp

Tues., Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Cook Recital Hall

Nico's Pub and Grill

117 S. Bridge St., Dimondale

Universe Band

Fri., Feb. 6, 7-11:30 p.m.

One North Kitchen & Bar

5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing

Rush Clement

Thurs., Feb. 5, 6-9 p.m.

Kathy Ford

Fri., Feb. 6, 7-10 p.m.

Justin Holcomb

Sat., Feb. 7, 7-10 p.m.

Open mic, with Kathy Ford

Mon., Feb. 9, 6:30-9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing

Mark Collins

Fri., Jan. 6, 8-10 p.m.

Jackalope

Tues., Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing

The Dangling Particles

Fri., Feb. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Randy Napoleon Trio

Sun., Feb. 8, 6-9 p.m.

Reno's North

16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing

Crystal Hoffman Band

Fri., Feb. 6, 6-9 p.m.

Full House

Sat., Feb. 7, 6-9 p.m.

The Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

Tune In music showcase (Ten Pound Fiddle)

Thurs., Feb. 5, 7:30-10 p.m.

Pure Winds Quintet: Music for Meditation, part II

Wed., Feb. 11, 7:30-9 p.m.

Sholty's Bar

1819 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

Keith Minaya

Tues., Feb. 10, 6-9 p.m.

Sidebar

246 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing

Aaron Manbeck

Fri., Feb. 6, 7-10 p.m.

Darin Lerner

Sat., Feb. 7, 7-10 p.m.

Stober's Bar

812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Craig Hendershott

Sun., Feb. 8, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Jazz Dogg

Tues., Feb. 10, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.

1957 Cedar St., Holt

Homespun

Fri., Jan. 30, 8-11 p.m.

Martini & Rossi

Sat., Feb. 7, 8-11 p.m.

University Lutheran Church

1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing

Mid-Winter Singing and Folk Festival community sing

Fri., Feb. 6, 7:30-10 p.m.

MWSFF workshops

Sat., Feb. 7, Noon-4:45 p.m.

MWSFF concert: Rev. Robert B. Jones and family

Sat., Feb. 7, 7:30-10 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing

Lansing Live! open mic

Wed., Feb. 4, 6-9 p.m.

Sarah Elizabeth Wallace: Heart of the Lion

Fri., Feb. 6, 7-9 p.m.

Ray Kamalay & His Red Hot Peppers

Sat. Feb. 7, 6:30-9 p.m.

Bleau Otis Band/Larry McCray

Sun., Feb. 8, 3-6 p.m.

Lansing Live! open mic

Wed., Feb. 11, 6-9 p.m.

Wharton Center

750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing

Patti Murin: Once Upon a Stage

Thurs., Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra,

with Wynton Marsalis

Tues., Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse

3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston

Crash Landing

Sat., Feb. 7, 7-11 p.m.

ARTS & CULTURE

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Tranquil triologue

Three artists quietly converse at (SCENE)Metrospace

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Walk into the latest art exhibit at East Lansing's (SCENE) Metrospace, "Things that Stay," and feel your blood pressure go down by about 20 points.

Last week, curator Laurén Gerig was orchestrating the work of three Michigan artists, balancing their affinities and differences to create an absorbing, tranquil triologue.

It's a quiet show, but it's no sleeper. Each artist, taken alone, has plenty to say.

Here there are rooms within rooms, beginning with the bold, colorful interiors of Grand Rapids painter Michael Pflöghaar. Straddling the line between realistic painting and graphic art, Pflöghaar's canvases, splashed with spiky houseplants and crisp modern furniture, catch the eye as soon as you walk in.

A clue to Pflöghaar's message, and that of the entire exhibit, is an abandoned phone on a table. As if the hint weren't enough, the painting is called "Phone Down Look Around."

Pflöghaar said the exhibit is about "stillness, taking time to look at the ordinary, and that's what I use as my subjects — the things around me."

"It's a beautiful meditation on the everyday," Gerig said. "We're seeing corners of rooms, pots, towels, platters, things we know."

The triologue bounces back and forth from every corner of the exhibit. A

selection of vases by Lansing-based ceramic artist Debbie Carlos are positioned in front of Pflöghaar's interiors, almost absorbing one artist's work into another's.

"It's almost like you pulled Debbie's work out of the paintings," Gerig said.

Carlos started taking ceramics classes 10 years ago, not as an academic discipline but informally at the Hannah Community Center and

Reach Studio Art Center in Lansing. She had already worked for a decade as a professional photographer.

"I wanted to work with my hands and make objects I could use," Carlos said.

All of Carlos's creations are functional, at least in theory, from rippled and stippled plates to jagged jewelry holders that spike upward like stalagmites in a cave.

Raised as a Buddhist, she calls herself a "minimalist in general."

"I just like simplicity. I stick to white or more muted colors, and often just leave my pieces unglazed," she said. "Let the thing be the thing. I just love the color of the clay, whether it's speckled, matte, dark or a warm beige."

A half dozen ceramic strips, flattened into a curved V-shape, are designed to hold down the pages of a book while you read it.

In a surge of curatorial creativity, Gerig floated them on the wall like cartoon birds, where they surround a vignette of a woman in a swimsuit, crafted from towels and fabric by Buckner.

To weave the triologue tighter, a painting by Pflöghaar on the neighboring wall sports a wallpaper pattern of V-shapes similar to Carlos's book weights.

Gerig admitted to having almost "too much fun" connecting so many dots. "The more I look, the more I'm seeing," she said.

With their soft colors and yielding textures, Buckner's fabric pieces comfort the eye like a kitchen towel, but upon closer examination, they reveal a wealth of intricate patterns, surprising twists and small details.

"They also drift a bit when the HVAC kicks in, and that adds to the atmosphere," Gerig said.

Buckner taught at MSU from 2016 to 2019, when Gerig was a graduate student. Gerig loved her work from



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Michael Pflöghaar's "Phone Down Look Around" expresses the overall theme of "Things that Stay," a reminder to slow down and explore everyday objects and surroundings.

the start and has wanted to feature it at the gallery for years.

"Her work seems quiet, but there is purpose behind every single cut, every strip, every combination of color and depth," Gerig said. The patterns expand and contract, like a twisty M.C. Escher print, only with the added dimension of subtly applied pastel colors.

"It's very personal to her, but at the same time, it feels like something I'd see in my grandma's home," Gerig said. But only if you have a very cool grandma.

Before Gerig started to plan "Things that Stay," Buckner already exhibited work locally with Carlos. Gerig knew the two artists' work went well together and hatched a plan to bring them in to fill an opening in the gallery's schedule this month.

The third shoe dropped when Gerig saw images of Pflöghaar's work on Instagram, taken from a show in Detroit.

"I was blown away by the form, space, color, complexity," Gerig said.

Pflöghaar said his art is "about relationships," with the furniture, house plants and other objects in his paintings standing in for human figures. The red tulip in "Phone Down Look



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The puckered lip of a ceramic vase by Debbie Carlos seems to talk with a fabric flower from a piece by Anna Buckner, one of many conversations among the three artists featured in "Things that Stay."

Around" bends attentively toward the chair, as if observing or listening.

"Even the plants — each plant is a different person, in a way," he said. "I don't literally set out to do it, but I'm always struck by compositions where there is this conversation between elements."

To Gerig's delight, all three artists happily agreed to exhibit their work together.

They each have their own take on the resulting triologue, and so will each visitor.

"We all deal with personal spaces and domesticity, in a way," Carlos said. "All my pieces in the show have a function. Anna's work is sewn, and that also feels domestic. Michael's work depicts personal spaces as well."

"One of the most rewarding part of my job is pairing artists whose works can be in dialogue in this space," Gerig said.

"Each of them is a strong artist with a very particular language, and together, they just heighten one another."

One for everyone

LCC's 'Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon' fills family-friendly niche

By **NICOLE NOECHEL**
and **MIKE ELLIS**

The Brothers Grimm helped author many of the templates for today's TV shows and movies. With its upcoming production of "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," Lansing Community College is turning all that history on its head.

The play attempts to mash together all 209 Grimm tales. There are the classics everyone grew up with, of course, like "Snow White," "Cinderella" and "Hansel and Gretel."

"Those are probably the big ones that audiences will know," director Blake Bowen said. "Then there are a few off-kilter, different Brothers Grimm tales thrown in there that audiences will have no idea about."

The play dives deep into the Grimmoire, pulling out bizarre and obscure stories like "The Devil's Grandmother" and "The Girl Without Hands."

The actors will take on the Disneyfication of many of the Grimm stories.

"The play talks, in a very fun way, a lot about how those tales have been Disneyfied and have lost some of their meaning," Bowen said. "Most folks think of these as Disney stories, as opposed to folk tales that go back years and years before Disney arrived. It's fun play on what Disney has done to these tales."

The original Grimm tales were designed to go in succession: One character becomes the mother or father of another character in a different tale, and so on.

The playwrights took that idea and ran with it, loosely, "to show some sort of a plot line, although, admittedly, it's just a device to kind of have the zany take on these different fairy tales," Bowen said. "It's very comedic, very family friendly. All ages are definitely welcome."

Bowen said he chose the play because the theater season was missing a much-needed family show. "We had our musical, and then in the black box that we just had the "Five Betties" show, which was definitely for adults," Bowen said. "And

then the next show, "1984," definitely gets into big concepts about modern society. So, we really needed something for the community."

He also wanted to give LCC students a chance to work on a production geared toward children, something that could come in handy once they graduate.

"A primary source of income for young actors is children's theater. Being able to learn those skills and develop how to build large characters and how to work with an audience is important," he said. "There's definitely audience participation. That could be a nightmare for some actors and a lot of audience members, unless you do it the right way and kind of embrace it. So, we're building these skills within our young actors."

However, not all cast members are students, and not all students are studying theater.

"It's a good message that, hey, anyone can audition for an LCC play," Bowen said. "Everyone is welcome. If you want to work backstage — however we can get you in to be a part of this community."

LCC aims to eliminate as many barriers as possible for people who'd like to see its shows, Bowen said. All performances are free to attend, with required tickets that can be obtained at the college's box office. The proceeds from concessions, as well as donations, go toward scholarship funding.

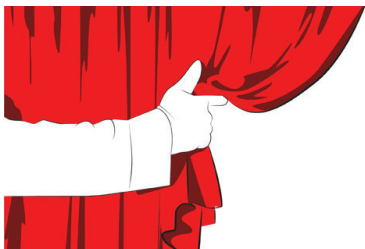
"Especially if you have a family, you're not just paying for your ticket — it's your partner, if you have one, your children, then you go out and there's concessions, and there are T-shirts," he said. "So, one of our main things is really trying to eliminate those barriers. We want folks to come see the theater."

He noted that seating in the black box is limited, and performances of "The Brothers Grimm" are expected to sell out.

"Especially if we have families and people bringing three or four people, which we really do hope they do," he said.



BEHIND THE CURTAIN



February and early March theater productions:

"Dial M for Murder"

Thursday, Feb. 5–March 8
Opening weekend showtimes:
7:30 p.m. Thursday–Friday
2 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
Rest of run showtimes:
2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday–Sunday
7:30 p.m. Friday–Saturday
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

Bare Bones Improv: "Let's Kill Cupid"

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6
7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

"Beetlejuice Jr."

7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6
3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7–Sunday, Feb. 8
Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing
allofusedexpress.org

"Frozen: The Musical"

Feb. 13–15 and 20–22
7:30 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Delta Presbyterian Church
6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing
evolvetheatrics.com

"Echoes from the Banks of the Red Cedar"

Feb. 14–15 and 18–22
7:30 p.m. Wednesday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Fairchild Theatre
542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
theatre.msu.edu

"Sally: A Solo Play"

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19–Friday, Feb. 20
2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21
Wharton Center Pasant Theatre
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

"Frozen: The Musical"

Feb. 20–March 8
7:30 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts
122 E. Main St., Owosso
lebowskycenter.com

"The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon"

Feb. 20–22 and 27–28
7 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
LCC black box theater
411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing
lcc.edu/showinfo

"The Pillowman"

Feb. 20–22 and Feb. 27–March 1
7 p.m. Friday–Saturday
3 p.m. Sunday
Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood
2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
facebook.com/IxionEnsemble

"The Choir of Man"

7:30 p.m. Feb. 24
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

"Jesus Christ Superstar"

Feb. 26–March 1 and March 5–8
7 p.m. Thursday
8 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

"Punchlines and Petty Crime"

6:30 p.m. Feb. 27–28
Howell Opera House
123 W. Grand River Ave., Howell
fowlervilletheatre.com

Dark Nights in Billtown staged reading:

"Brave New World"
7:30 p.m. March 2
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

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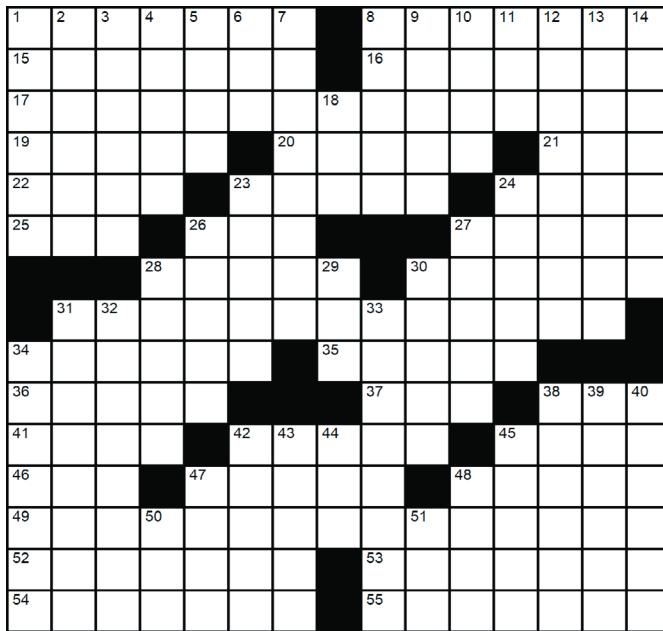
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"Who's Your Baddie?" -- they're villains, to a degree.

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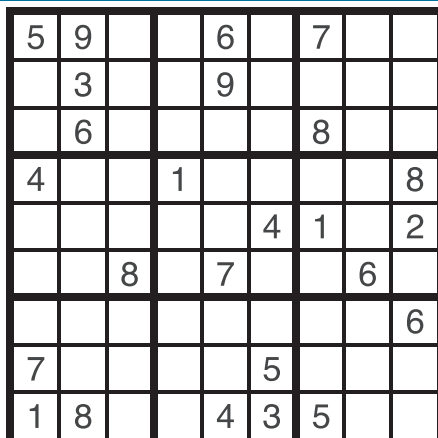
- 1. It may be served with gravy
- 8. Comparative phrases
- 15. Over a third of Earth's land area
- 16. "Will it happen to me?"
- 17. Austin Powers villain who's way more malicious than quirky?
- 19. Things to show newbies, as the saying goes
- 20. Elmo's foil
- 21. "Before," if before
- 22. It's usually blue, green, or brown
- 23. Sandwiches served with tzatziki
- 24. Tide type
- 25. Rogue
- 26. Computer file, informally
- 27. Bayer cramp relief brand
- 28. Margaret Mead study site
- 30. German state whose capital is Dresden
- 31. Inspector Gadget villain who grabs plush toys at an arcade?
- 34. Gave a creepy glance
- 35. Night noise
- 36. "___ if I never left!"
- 37. Square root of nove
- 38. Army officers, for short
- 41. Persist in
- 42. Acrobatic
- 45. Take a big risk



- 46. "I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight ..."
 - 47. Frasier's surname
 - 48. Blender button
 - 49. Spider-Man villain reading apprehensively through social media?
 - 52. Genre for many boy bands
 - 53. Enlighten
 - 54. "In all likelihood ..."
 - 55. Greek counterpart of Ceres
- DOWN**
- 1. Comedian called "The Entertainer"
 - 2. Illinois's second-most populous city
 - 3. Apprehensive (with a more common opposite starting with "in")
 - 4. #1 picks
 - 5. Suffix for many sicknesses
 - 6. OPEC's concern
 - 7. Source of unpasteurized milk
 - 8. 1920s anarchist in a prominent trial
 - 9. Late-'90s Apple products now in their 7th version
 - 10. Fundació Joan ___ (art museum in Barcelona)
 - 11. "Newhart" establishment
 - 12. Jumped atop
 - 13. Spare
 - 14. At an alarming angle
 - 18. "___ should you!"
 - 23. Lose it
 - 24. Undeliverable letter, in post office slang
 - 26. Secluded valleys
 - 27. 1984 Olympic slalom champ Phil (and not the talk show host Bill)
 - 28. Abandon, as a project
 - 29. Breakfast hrs.
 - 30. "Success!"
 - 31. Hindered
 - 32. Sowed again
 - 33. Like a moose
 - 34. Did with relish
 - 38. Cowboy movie prop
 - 39. Thirty, in Paris
 - 40. "If I Had a Hammer" co-writer Pete
 - 42. Mail for a knight
 - 43. Quebec city, its peninsula, or its bay
 - 44. It may be seen at the close of business
 - 45. ___ de leche
 - 47. ___ América (South American soccer tournament)
 - 48. "Clue" professor
 - 50. Tunisian tennis player Jabeur
 - 51. Pindar poem

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Answers on page 20



Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

Feb. 4-10, 2026

ARIES (March 21-April 19): I'm thrilled by your genius for initiating what others only dream about. I celebrate your holy impatience with fakery and your refusal to waste precious life force on enterprises that have gone stale. I'm in awe of how you make fire your ally rather than your enemy, wielding it not to destroy but to forge new realities from the raw materials of possibility. Everything I just described will be in your wheelhouse during the coming weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): How do I love you? Let me count some of the ways. 1. Your patience is masterful. You understand that some treasures can't be rushed and that many beautiful things require slow nurturing through your devoted attention. 2. You have a knack for inducing the mundane world to reveal its small miracles and spiritual secrets. 3. You practice lucid loyalty without being in bondage to the past. You honor your history even as you make room for the future. 4. You know when to cling tightly to what needs to be protected and preserved, and you know when to gracefully loosen your grip to let everything breathe. In the coming weeks, all these superpowers of yours will be especially available to you and the people you care for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In carpentry, there's a technique called "kerf bending." It involves making a series of small cuts in wood so it can curve without breaking. The cuts weaken the material in one sense, but they make it flexible enough to create shapes that would otherwise be impossible. I suspect you're being kerf bent right now, Gemini. Life is making small nicks in your certainties, your plans, and your self-image. It might feel like you're being diminished, but you're actually being made flexible enough to bend into a new form. Don't interpret the nicks as damage. They're preparation for adjustments you can't see yet. Let yourself be shaped.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): In Irish folklore, "thin places" are situations or areas where the material and spiritual worlds overlap. They aren't always geographical. A thin place may be a moment, like the pre-dawn hour between sleeping and waking or the silence after someone says "I love you" for the first time. I believe you're living in a thin place right now, Cancer. The boundary between your inner world and outer circumstances is more porous than usual. This means your emotions may affect your environment more directly. Your intuitions will be even more accurate than usual, and your nightly dreams will provide you with practical clues. Be alert. Magic will be available if you notice it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In traditional Korean jogakbo, scraps of fabric too small to be useful alone are stitched together into a piece that's both functional and beautiful. Every fragment contributes to the whole. I encourage you to treat your current life this way, Leo. Don't dismiss iffy or unfinished experiences as "wasted time." Instead, see if you can weave all the bits and scraps together into a valuable lesson or asset. Prediction: I foresee a lovely jogakbo in your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The Māori people of New Zealand practice mirimiri, a form of healing that works not by fighting disease but by restoring flow. The technique involves removing blockages so life force can move freely again. I think you need the equivalent of mirimiri, Virgo. There's a small but non-trivial obstruction in your life. The good news is that you now have the power to figure out where the flow got stuck and gently coax it back into motion. Let the healing begin! Here's a good way to begin: Vow that you won't hold yourself back from enjoying your life to the max.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In the coming weeks, I encourage you to prioritize mirth, revelry, and gratification. For starters, you could invite kindred spirits to join you in pursuing experimental forms of pleasure. Have fun riffing and brainstorming about feeling good in ways you've never tried or even imagined before. Seek out stories from other

explorers of bliss and delight who can inspire you to expand your sense of wonder. Then, with your mind as open as your heart, give yourself the freedom to enjoy as many playful adventures and evocative amusements as you dare.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In the Inuktitut language of the Inuit people, the word "ajurnarmat" is translated as "it can't be helped." It acknowledges forces at work beyond human control. Rather than pure resignation, it reflects an attitude of accepting what can't be changed, which helps people conserve energy and adapt creatively to challenging circumstances. For example, when hunters encounter impossible ice conditions, ajurnarmat allows them to refrain from forcing the situation and notice what may actually be possible. I suspect you're facing your own ajurnarmat, Scorpio. Your breakthrough will emerge as soon as you admit the truth of what's happening and allow your perception to shift. What looks unnavigable from one angle may reveal a solution if you approach it from another direction. Practice strategic surrender.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your hunger for meaning is admirable! I love it. I never want you to mute your drive to discover what's interesting and useful. But now and then, the hot intensity of your quest can make you feel that nothing is ever enough. You get into the habit of always looking past what's actually here and being obsessed with what you imagine should be or could be there. In the coming days, dear Sagittarius, I invite you to avoid that tendency. Rather than compulsively pursuing high adventure and vast vistas, focus on the sweet, intimate details. The wisdom you yearn for might be embedded in ordinariness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In architecture, a "flying buttress" is an external support system that allows a massive building like a cathedral to reach greater heights without collapsing under its own weight. Because the buttress is partly open to the air rather than solidly built against the wall from top to bottom, it appears to "fly," which is where the name comes from. In the coming weeks, I encourage you Capricorn to acquire your own equivalent of at least one new flying buttress. Who or what could this be? A collaborator who shares the load? A new form of discipline that provides scaffolding? A truth you finally speak aloud that lets others help you? To get the process started, shed any belief you have that strength means carrying everything all by yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The coming weeks will challenge you to think with tenderness and feel with clarity. You'll be called on to stay sharply alert even as you remain loose, kind, and at ease. Your good fortune will expand as you open your awareness wider, while also firming up the boundaries that keep mean people from bothering you. The really good news is that cosmic forces are lining up to guide you and coach you in exactly these skills. You are primed to explore intriguing paradoxes and contradictions that have valuable lessons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In alchemy, "solve et coagula" is a Latin phrase translated as "dissolve and coagulate." It means that transformation must begin with the process of breaking down before any building begins. You can't skip over the dissolving phase and jump straight into creating the new structure. I mention this, dear Pisces, because I believe you're now in the dissolving phase. It might feel destabilizing, even a bit unnerving, but I urge you to stick with it. When the moment comes to construct the beautiful new forms, you will know. But that time isn't yet. Keep dissolving a while longer.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at 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, Feb. 4

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

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.

AI-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. allenneighborhoodcenter.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.

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.

FIERCE Women in Sports - Inspiring women leaders will share insights on the power of mentorship and how sport can serve as a universal language to bring people together. 8:30-11:30 a.m. MSUFUCU Headquarters Building 1, 3777 West Road, East Lansing. lansingsports.org.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at the Meridian Mall food court every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

Group Dance Class: Beginning Salsa - Learn the basic steps of one of the most popular Latin dances. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Show @ Bestsellers Books and Coffee - MMAG members are displaying original works, including paintings, photography, mixed media and so much more. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. 360 S. Jefferson St., Mason. midmichiganartguild.org.

MSU Women's Basketball vs. University of Maryland - 6:30 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball.

PEARS Deeper Dive: Direct Contacts and the CRM - Participants should have attended the PEARs Crash Course. Learn how to enter direct contacts and how to use the Community Relationships Module. 9-10 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/od.

STEM Night - Learn about heat! Try out our thermal leak detector to learn more about how heat leaves a building. To embrace our winter reading challenge, we'll also have some seasonal crafts: weaving and making decorative hats and mittens. 4-6 p.m. Aurelius Library, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason. cadl.org/about/our-locations/aurelius.

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

Weaving the Web: Myth - Join us in person or online for our weekly community night, an open, cross-tradition discussion space where we learn, share and build community together. 6-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Winter Wheat-tastic Wheat Wisdom Wednesday Webinars - Topic: Planting wheat makes cents for growers in crop rotation. Presented by Dennis Pennington, MSU, and Joanna Follings, OMAFA (Ontario). 7-8 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/wheat.

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, Feb. 5

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

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.

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

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

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

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

"Dial M for Murder" - A smart, tight, compelling update of Frederick Knott's tale of jealousy, deception and homicide. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Group Dance Class: Beginning West Coast Swing - A fun, exciting partner dance style to learn. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.


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. ladiesilverblades.org.

Michigan HDD School - The ultimate in-person training event for those in the underground directional drilling industry! 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/32932902825.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Show @ Bestsellers Books and Coffee - MMAG members are displaying original works, including paintings, photography, mixed media and so much more. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. 360 S. Jefferson St., Mason. midmichiganartguild.org.

Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits.



**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
for the ARTS**

MidMEAC Environmental Stewardship Awards and Big Read launch

6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5
Broad Art Museum
547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing
midmeac.org/events/environmental-stewardship-awards

The MidMichigan Environmental Action Council is a nonprofit covering Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. At its annual Environmental Stewardship Awards on Thursday, it will honor Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick Lindemann with its Water Quality Protection Pillar Award for the Montgomery Drain project and environmental educator David Chapman with its Distinguished Service Award.

Music will be provided by country/rock band Whoa, Nellie!

The event will also serve as a launch party for MidMEAC's Big Read program, hosted in partnership with Arts Midwest, the National Endowment for the Arts and Capital Area District Libraries.

Keeping with the theme of the Big Read program, "Our Nature: How Environment Leads Us to Hope, Courage, and Connection," the first 50 guests will receive a copy of "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law," by Mary Roach. Dave Dempsey, author of "Great Lakes for Sale" and "The Great Lakes: Fact or Fake," will give a short reading.

Tickets are \$40 and include hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, with a \$15 discount for students and seniors. Sponsorship packages are available.

1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. laps.org.

Preserving MI Harvest: Planning for Preservation - Topics will include garden planning tips and seed selection as well as timing and management of your seedlings. 1-2 and 6-7 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/food_preservation.

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.

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. spiritofmichigan-chorus.com.

Tai Chi for Better Sleep - This series combines Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention and the Sleep Education for Everyone Program (SLEEP). 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/tai-chi-for-arthritis.

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

The Trick Is in the Cards - 5-11 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.

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Virtual Divorce Workshop - Provides legal considerations, practical financial strategies and emotional resources for those considering or going through divorce. 6:30-8 p.m. Register at second-saturday.com/locations/lansing.

Friday, Feb. 6

2000s Night Dance Party - We're takin' it back to the early 2000s — the vibes, the fashion, the hits that raised us. 8 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

Bare Bones Improv Show - Bare Bones invites you to another night of off-the-cuff comedy. It's spontaneous, unpredictable, and never the same show! 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/BareBonesLansing.

Confident Witch Circle: Wunjo - Wunjo is the rune of joy, mirth, pleasure and deep contentment. We'll work with Wunjo as a stabilizing force to connect us with the joyous flow of life that's required for real magick. 8-10 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Date Night Dance Class for Couples - A fun, engaging experience where partners learn basic steps, build connection through rhythmic movement, and create shared memories. 7-8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8888.

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MSU Women's Tennis vs. Xavier University - 4 p.m. MSU Indoor Tennis Center, 3571 E. Mount Hope Road, Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis.

Open Old-Time Jam | First Friday of Every Month - Join the legendary Mike Ross for an old-time-centric jam. Even if you don't play, feel free to listen along! 5-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com/collections/events.

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

Saturday, Feb. 7

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

APS Chandelour Party - In French culture, this holiday commemorates the "halfway through winter" point and is celebrated with cider and crepes! We're offering three unique events so French connoisseurs of every age can celebrate in a setting that suits them best. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Aux Petits Soins, 2824 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. apsfrenchclass.com.

ASOG XII: "Back to the BASICS" Join us for a day filled with fun, generosity, and community spirit. This year, we're focusing on the simplicity of building a strong inner core system for relevance & clarity. Noon-6 p.m. Delta Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/rhema-word-house-ministries-103355180061.

Bare Bones Improv Shows - Bare Bones invites you to another night of off-the-cuff comedy. It's spontaneous, unpredictable, and never the same show! 7 or 9 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/BareBonesLansing.

Old Town Chocolate Walk - Participants will travel the neighborhood and collect chocolates at each location. This is a fundraiser for the Old Town Commercial Association. Noon-6 p.m. 1232 Turner St., Lansing. iloveoldtown.org.

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

Contra and Square Dance - No partner needed. Come at 6:30 p.m. for a quick workshop on easy contra dance moves. Dance runs from 7-10 p.m. Caller: Jason Little. Band: Pimento Mori. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave, Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

"Dial M for Murder" - A smart, tight, compelling update of Frederick Knott's tale of jealousy, deception and homicide. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

FIERCE Girls in Sports - A dynamic clinic designed to ignite confidence and connection in young female athletes. Participants will rotate through five stations, each featuring a non-traditional sport. 9 a.m.-noon. Don Johnson Fieldhouse, 400 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. lansingsports.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.

Lansing's Official Daddy Daughter Dance - This special event gives dads and father figures the opportunity to treat their daughter(s) to a night in style, filled with dancing, activities and sweet treats. 6-8 p.m. The Venue by Eleven 11 Events, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. venue111.com.

Massage for Beginners - This four-week, non-credit class provides a relaxing way to unwind while learning basic massage techniques and exploring the therapeutic benefits of touch. 11:10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lansing Community College, 600 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. Register at lcc.edu/keeplearning.

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Newfound Chamber Winds recital

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4

Cook Recital Hall

333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

MSU Wind Symphony with Newfound Chamber Winds

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5

Wharton Center

750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing

music.msu.edu

Nationally recognized contemporary wind ensemble Newfound Chamber Winds is in the midst of a weeklong residency at Michigan State University, with two upcoming performances that will allow audiences to experience the group's distinctive artistry.

Led by MSU College of Music alumnus Tyler Austin, Newfound Chamber Winds is known for its flexible instrumentation and commitment to new music. The members perform in constantly evolving ensemble formats, highlighting works by living composers and reimagining traditional chamber music through collaboration and innovation.

The group's recital tonight offers audiences a close-up view of its chamber-based approach, pairing classical repertoire — including Antonín Dvořák's "Slavonic Dances" — with a variety of new works by living composers, such as MSU student composer Carlos Lalonde's "Phantom Limb."

Thursday evening, Austin will guest conduct the MSU Wind Symphony as it joins Newfound Chamber Winds for a program featuring Craig Adams' "Incandescence," Gala Flagello's "The Bird-While," Aaron Copland's "Buckaroo Holiday" from "Rodeo" and the world premiere of MSU alumnus Frank Duarte's "Lenguaje, Symphony No. 1."

In addition to the performances, as part of the MSU Federal Credit Union Entrepreneurial Musical Artist in Residence program, Newfound Chamber Winds will engage with MSU students throughout the week through masterclasses, instrumental and entrepreneurial workshops, and discussions focused on career readiness.

"This residency offers our students a rare opportunity to work closely with an ensemble that is actively shaping the future of chamber music," said Emily Henley, director of career education and entrepreneurship at the College of Music.

Tickets range from \$14 to \$19 for adults, \$12 to \$17 for seniors, and free to \$9 for students and youth. They can be purchased online at music.msu.edu/events, by calling (517) 353-5340, or at the door.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Rezoning #26004 (Capstone)

MONDAY, February 23, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

LEGAL NOTICE

Rezoning #26004 (Capstone)

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a rezoning request. Capstone Collegiate Communities, LLC is requesting to rezone two parcels, approximately 66 acres, located at the east end of Hannah Boulevard, from PO (Professional Office) and RAA (Single-Family Residential) to RD (Multiple Family, maximum 8 dwelling unit per acre) subject to a conditional rezoning agreement.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing in the Department of Community Planning and Development office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, 48864), Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, or on the Township website at the following location: www.meridian.mi.us/businesses/development-projects. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to shorkey@meridian.mi.us.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING NOTICE OF POSTED MEETING MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all meeting minutes for the Charter Township of Lansing are posted to and available on the Township's website at www.lansingtwpmi.gov. Meeting minutes may also be obtained by emailing clerk@lansingtwpmi.gov.

Meeting minutes are also posted in, and available for inspection at, the office of the Township Clerk (located at 3209 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan) during normal business hours.

Cortney Lighthouse, Clerk
Maggie Sanders, Supervisor

CP#25-289

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Meridian Township Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meridian Mall, 1982 E. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Show @ Bestsellers Books and Coffee - MMAG members are displaying original works, including paintings, photography, mixed media and so much more. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. 360 S. Jefferson St., Mason. midmichiganartguild.org.

MSU Men's Basketball vs. University of Illinois - 8 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-basketball.

Preschool & Early Childhood Fair - Families with young children can talk with representatives from area preschools and learning centers to find the program that best meets their needs. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Take Your Child to the Library Day - We'll have self-directed children's activities all day. Pick up a craft or STEAM kits (while supplies last), play with our Manipulative Table, color, hunt for "Hidden Hearts," and register to win free children's books! 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Tease A Gogo Presents: Love Bites! - A steamy night for the lovers and the haters — because why should either side have all the fun? 8-11 p.m. The Studio at 414, 410 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. teaseagogo.com.

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

Valentine's Day Party - Love is in the air, and so is the music! 9 p.m. 5334 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/120728221993.

VERY LAST and ABSOLUTE FINAL Used CD and LP Fiddle Scout Fundraiser - We'll have thousands of folk, Americana and blues CDs and LPs for sale. Most selections will be \$1, with all proceeds going to pay Fiddle Scout musicians. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Xavier University Women's Tennis vs. Gonzaga University - 1 p.m. MSU Indoor Tennis Center, 3571 E. Mount Hope Road, Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis.

Sunday, Feb. 8

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - Noon-8 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

"Dial M for Murder" - A smart, tight, compelling update of Frederick Knott's tale of jealousy, deception and homicide. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

DJ Trivia and Football at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Trivia is free to play, with prizes for the top three teams. Catch the football games while you play. 4-5:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Green Man Work Day - We'll get together and take care of some projects that need doing, either at the church building or on our property. We'll finish the day with a shared feast. Noon-5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Introduction to Seiðr - Many traditions have a magical aspect. Heathenry has two, and one of them is Seiðr. In this beginner-friendly introduction, Snow and Jeremy will discuss the historical texts and descriptions of Seiðr and how Heathens have embraced it (or not!) as part of their modern. 2-4 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

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.

Master the Art of Pasta - Learn how to make vibrant pasta dishes using dried pasta and pan sauces! 2:30-4:30 p.m. Bradly's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Show @ Bestsellers Books and Coffee - MMAG members are displaying original works, including paintings, photography, mixed media and so much more. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 360 S. Jefferson St., Mason. midmichiganartguild.org.

MSU Women's Tennis vs. Gonzaga University - 10 a.m. MSU Indoor Tennis Center, 3571 E. Mount Hope Road, Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis.

MSU Women's Tennis vs. Ball State University - 2 p.m. MSU Indoor Tennis Center, 3571 E. Mount Hope Road, Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis.

Pop-Up Story Time with Capital Area District Libraries - Join Ms. Cassie from Capital Area District Libraries for story time at the Michigan History Museum! Each month, we'll explore a new corner of Michigan's past through stories, songs and hands-on fun. 1:30-2:30 p.m. 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/MichiganHistoryCenter.

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

Refugee Development Center Fundraiser - Love Rose benefit concert — eclectic poetic soul with interpretive dance and audience percussive participation. Silent auction/food drive for the RDC and ceramic art/CD/poster sales. 5-8 p.m. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine, 1312 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. facebook.com/altusetiopiancuisine.

Sunday Brunch at Summerlands Brewing Co. - We've updated our hours and menu to bring you the perfect Sunday experience, whether you're craving something classic, something coastal, or something hearty. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Weekly Drum Circle at Altu's - Get your groove on and de-stress with us every Sunday! This is a free, family-friendly event. All ages and experience levels are welcome. 2-4 p.m. 1312 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

Monday, Feb. 9

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

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

Brewers Meetup at Summerlands Brewing Co. - A discussion group to talk about all things brewing and winemaking. All levels of experience welcome, from pros to those considering taking up homebrewing. 6-7:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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.

DJ Bingo at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Kick off your week with a night of music, laughs, and friendly competition! Join us Monday nights for DJ Bingo, where classic bingo meets your favorite songs. 7-8:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. www.facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian

Daddy Daughter Dance

6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7

The Venue by Eleven 11 Events
5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
venue1111.com/officialdaddy-daughter

The Venue by Eleven 11 Events invites daughters and their fathers (or father figures) to spend a special night together at its annual Valentine's season daddy daughter dance.

"We're incredibly proud to celebrate our fourth year of this cherished tradition," Venue by Eleven 11 Events founder and President Phebeit Ingram said. "Each year, we've watched this event grow, and we're excited to offer even more special touches that make this evening truly magical for families in our community."

The evening will feature live entertainment, a DJ, desserts, drinks, professional photo backdrops, photo booths, caricature artists, henna tattoo stations and prize giveaways.

General admission tickets are \$40 for two, with add-on tickets available for \$10 each. VIP tickets are \$60 for two and include reserved seating. Princess package upgrades, available for \$10 or \$15, offer accessories like tiaras, wands and nail polish.

Attendees are encouraged to dress to impress for the semi-formal celebration.



Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at the Meridian Mall food court every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

Guidance for Food Handlers and the Management of Halal Food - Participants will gain knowledge and confidence in handling halal food safely for consumers while integrating key food safety practices. 3-4 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/washtenaw.

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.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Show @ Bestsellers Books and Coffee - MMAG members are displaying original works, including paintings, photography, mixed media and so much more. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. 360 S. Jefferson St., Mason. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

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.

Serving up Food Safety: Quick Guide to Dehydrating Produce - Discover how to use a variety of food

dehydrators to safely dry produce. Noon-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water.

Winter Seed Sowing Event - Val Reisen of Eaton Conservation will give a hands-on presentation on winter seed sowing of native plants. Soup and sandwich lunch to follow. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. thegardenclubofgreaterlansing.org.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 10

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

A Heartful of Zentangles - Participants will fill hearts with tangles as they explore the zentangle method of drawing. The finished drawing can be made into a Valentine or a notecard. 6-8:30 p.m. EagleMonk Pub & Brewery, 4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing. eaglemonkbrewing.com.

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.

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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.

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.

Dementia Caregiver Series - Three-session series intended to reduce stress for those caring for a person with dementia by providing useful tools and information. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tooa.org.

Game Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Bring your favorite board game, card game, or party game — or jump in on one of the games we already have here. 6-9 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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 - A Meetup group that facilitates free board/card gaming experiences for diverse people and cultivates a safe, inclusive, fun gaming community. 6:30-11 p.m. Reno's Sports Bar, 16460 Old US 27, 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.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Show @ Bestsellers Books and Coffee - MMAG members are displaying original works, including paintings, photography, mixed media and so much more. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. 360 S. Jefferson St., Mason. midmichiganartguild.org.

Minecraft Mania - An evening of fun and friendly competition. We'll have our Minecraft server set up and laptops ready to go. Ages 8-12. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

PEARS Deeper Dive: Success Stories - This Deeper Dive can be attended after taking the PEARs Crash Course. Learn how to enter a Success Story. 11 a.m.-noon. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/od.

Tai Chi for Better Sleep - This series combines Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention and the Sleep Education for Everyone Program (SLEEP). 9 a.m.

or 7 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/tai-chi-for-arthritis.

Take Root Farm Succession & Estate Planning Conference - Join us for a day filled with insightful sessions and expert advice on securing the future of your farm. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/38066582783.

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

Virtual Mindfulness for Better Sleep - This program introduces participants to the experience and practice of mindfulness. Participants will also learn techniques to improve the quality and quantity of their sleep. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mindfulnessforbetterliving.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

"A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden" - 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. dcwgardens.com.

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.

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

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. allenneighborhoodcenter.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.



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FOOD & DRINK DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Jalapeños' breakfast tacos are the perfect wake-up call

By **COURTNEY BOWERMAN**

I was introduced to Jalapeños Mexican Restaurant when I started working in downtown Lansing nearly 10 years ago. Before then, I never understood the appeal of breakfast burritos. Mixing eggs and salsa together sounded disgusting. But I was young and foolish. Now, I'm pretty much addicted to breakfast burritos.

The small Tex-Mex eatery on South Washington Square is one of the oldest restaurants downtown. The menu features burritos, nachos, tacos, enchiladas and other Mexican staples, served with a side of rice and beans, a bag of chips and a choice between mild and hot salsa.

While Jalapeños is a great option for lunch, it's the breakfast menu that keeps most customers coming back. Anyone who works downtown has probably had

breakfast delivered from Jalapeños to celebrate employee birthdays or other special occasions. However, you don't



Veggie breakfast taco

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Lansing
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jalapenostogo.net

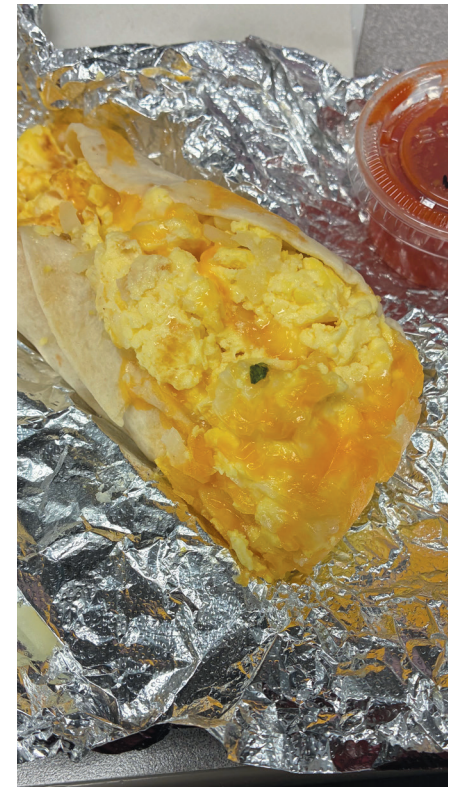
need an excuse to pop in on a work break and grab one of the famous breakfast burritos, whether ham, bacon, sausage, chorizo or vegetarian. All options are stuffed with a basic mixture of eggs, cheese and hash browns. The burritos are already huge, but if you want a little extra, you can add other fillings for an additional fee.

I try to get breakfast from Jalapeños at least once a month as a special treat. Although I love the vegetarian breakfast burrito, it's extremely filling. So, if I want a lighter option, I order a veggie breakfast taco with mild salsa. It's basically a smaller version of

the burrito, and it's just as good, though messier to eat. Since the tortilla isn't fully wrapped around the fillings, they'll probably leak out, especially if you order any extra sauces or ingredients. For that reason, I'd recommend asking for some plastic silverware.

Still, the veggie taco is delicious. The eggs are fried to fluffy perfection, the small hash brown pieces are nice and crispy, and there's plenty of cheese. If you haven't experienced the combination of eggs and salsa, prepare to have your mind blown. What once seemed disgusting to me now feels like the best food pairing since chocolate and peanut butter. The salsa gives the taco an extra bit of spice that really wakes you up in the morning.

It's easy to see why Jalapeños has endured while other downtown Lansing restaurants have come and gone over the years. Hopefully, it will remain a staple for residents and visitors for many years to come.



Courtney Bowerman for City Pulse

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TOP 5 DELIS

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1. Barnhill's Westside Deli

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204 N. Cedar St., Mason
(517) 676-9191
barnhillswestsidedeli.com
8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Saturday
8 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

2. Jersey Giant Subs — all locations

Local chain serving massive, made-to-order sub sandwiches
See jgsusb.com for locations, hours

and phone numbers

3. Monticello's Market & Butcher Block

Upscale market offering specialty meats, deli selections, gourmet cheeses and more
16912 Marsh Road, Haslett
(517) 339-9670
monticellosmarket.com
9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday

4. Stateside Deli & Restaurant

Casual eatery serving classic deli fare such as pastrami, Reubens and omelets
3552 Meridian Crossing Drive, Okemos
(517) 853-1100
statesidedeli.com
8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

5. Westlund's Apple Market

Locally owned, family-operated grocery store with a bakery and a deli
2301 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
(517) 482-3900
westlundsapplemarket.com
8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

A nutritious, flavor-packed pasta primavera



From METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Pasta is the foundation of many delicious meals. When paired with nutritious ingredients, the result is a flavorful meal that won't compromise anyone's diet.

For people seeking to eat healthier, this nutritious and filling recipe for Pasta Primavera with Asparagus, Peas, Leek, and Tomatoes, courtesy of Lines+Angles, is an ideal meal option.

Pasta Primavera with Asparagus, Peas, Leek, and Tomatoes

Serves six to eight

For the pasta:

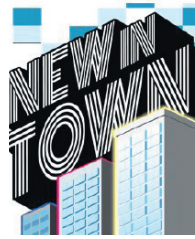
- 16 ounces fusilli pasta
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- One small leek, thinly sliced
- 9 ounces asparagus, trimmed and halved
- 11 ounces frozen peas, thawed
- 8 ounces cherry tomatoes, quartered
- Salt
- Freshly ground black peppercorns

To serve:

- 5 tablespoons grated parmesan, for sprinkling
- One sprig thyme

1. Cook the fusilli in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water until al dente, about eight to 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large sauté pan set over medium heat. Add the leek and a pinch of salt and sweat for five to six minutes, until softened.
3. Add the asparagus and peas. Cover the pan with a lid. Cook for three to four minutes, until the green vegetables are tender. Drain the fusilli, reserving 1 cup of the cooking liquid.
4. Add the fusilli to the vegetables, along with the cherry tomatoes, some salt and pepper, and a splash of the reserved cooking water.
5. Cook for two more minutes, until the pasta looks glossy.
6. To serve: Divide between bowls, sprinkle with parmesan and garnish with thyme.

Exotic Snack Guys has that international snack you heard of



By LEO V. KAPLAN

Have you seen an odd-flavored snack online that they don't carry in any grocery stores? Want to try white peach Pepsi? Oreos flavored with strawberry, blueberry, peach and grape?

Exotic Snack Guys

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 exoticsnackguys.com
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 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday; Noon-8 p.m., Sunday

How about those Propitious brand mango ice cream bars that have been taking the internet by storm?

All of the above and more is sold by the Exotic Snack Guys, a Chicago-based brand that's been rapidly expanding since opening its first location in 2023.

In November, the company opened its first Lansing-area location in the Meridian Mall. The shop sells international food items, including snacks, candy, soda and packaged dinners like ramen. Most items have never been sold in the

U.S. except via import shops, and some, such as lemon Pepsi, have not been sold here for decades.

The offerings mirror what some international groceries already offer, but with a greater focus on snacks from several sources. It's a trade-off of cost for convenience, with the shop offering a laundry list of international items at a premium. Most are from Asia, but not all; the brand's co-founders are Middle Eastern.

The Meridian mall location's manager did not respond to requests for comment.

This year is looking to be a big one for new restaurants in the Frandor Shopping Center and adjacent strip malls. Build-your-own burrito chain Bubbakoo's Burritos, chicken wing chain WingStop, fast casual burger joint Shake Shack, Smoothie King, and returning flame-broiled chicken spot YaYa's Kitchen are all currently in progress, with some projected to open this month. City Pulse will have more information as it becomes available.



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