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We know you love to “own the libs,” but is it worth the cost?

In my life, I've been wrong. Not just in small, forgettable ways, but in moments that forced me to take a hard look at what I believed and why I believed it. And if I'm wrong now, I'll do what I've done before: swallow my pride, admit it and move forward with a clearer understanding.

But I don't think I'm wrong this time. I've spent the last decade saying "I told you so" on a loop, and it's as hollow now as it was then. I didn't want to be right—I wanted you to see it sooner. Now some of you finally do, and even that feels less like vindication and more like loss. Because the warning signs were always there, and the damage didn't have to get this far. And to those still holding on, still refusing to see it, your day will come. Not with applause, not with gloating, but with the same quiet realization: it should never have taken this much to admit what was already true.

Which brings me back to the question that feels increasingly unavoidable: Is owning the libs worth the cost?

Not as a slogan. Not as a punchline. But as a serious question about what we're trading away in the process.

Because at its core, “owning the libs” is about winning—scoring points, flipping narratives, proving the other side wrong in a way that feels satisfying, even cathartic. It's emotional. It's immediate. And in a political environment that often feels like constant conflict, that kind of win can feel like the only thing that matters.

But what happens when the desire to win starts to outweigh everything else?

We all miscalculate sometimes. That's part of being human. Nobody gets it right all the time. The difference—the line that separates growth from stagnation—is whether we're willing to recognize when we've gotten something wrong and adjust accordingly.

That's where things start to feel off.

What's troubling isn't that people support a political movement or a specific leader. That's their right. It's the pattern that's emerged alongside that support—the willingness to back a position one day, only to reverse course the next, not because new evidence has changed minds, but because the narrative has shifted.

Promises are made, loudly and confidently. Lines are drawn. Convictions are expressed with certainty. And then, when those promises are broken or those lines quietly erased, something strange happens: instead of questioning it, many people adjust instantly, as if the original position never mattered in the first place. A full 180°, without hesitation.

And it's here that the cost starts to come into focus. Because if the goal is simply to “own” the other side, then consistency becomes optional. Principles become flexible. Even truth itself can start to feel negotiable. What matters isn't whether something is right or wrong, but whether it delivers a win, whether it frustrates opponents, dominates a news cycle, or reinforces a sense of tribal victory.

That might feel effective in the moment, but it comes at a price. Every time a contradiction is ignored, something erodes. Every time a reversal is defended without reflection, something gives way. Not just trust in a leader, but trust in the idea that truth is supposed to be stable—that it isn't meant to shift depending on who's speaking or what's convenient.

And eventually, that erosion doesn't just affect politics. It affects how we think, how we judge, and how we decide what's real. At some point, it's worth asking: what are we actually defending? Is it a set of principles? Or is it a person? A team? A feeling? Because those aren't the same thing.

There's a difference between changing your mind because the facts have changed, and changing your position because the person you support has. One is growth. The other is alignment for its own sake. And when alignment becomes automatic—when it happens without friction, without even a moment of doubt—that's when judgment starts to slip away.

That's the real cost. Not just being wrong, but losing the ability to recognize it.

And that's not an abstract concern. It shows up in the way contradictions are absorbed without question. In the way that moral lines that once seemed

clear become blurred or redefined. In the way people find themselves defending things they would have criticized not long ago, without ever acknowledging the shift.

That's not strength. That's conditioning. Because real strength—the kind that actually holds up over time—requires the ability to step back and say, “Wait a second. This doesn't line up.” It requires a willingness to sit with that discomfort, to question not just others, but yourself.

And yes, that can be hard. Admitting you were wrong isn't easy. It can feel like losing ground, like giving something up. But in reality, it's the opposite. It's taking ownership of your beliefs instead of outsourcing them. It's deciding that truth matters more than loyalty, more than pride, more than the temporary satisfaction of winning an argument.

So again, the question: Is owning the libs worth the cost? Is it worth the cost of consistency? Of credibility? Of being able to say, with a straight face, that your principles don't change depending on who's speaking? Or is there a line somewhere—a point where the win stops being worth it?

I'm open to being wrong. If the facts don't support my beliefs, I'll adjust. That's the standard I try to hold myself to. The real question is whether that standard still matters in the broader conversation. Because if every contradiction can be explained away, if every reversal is just another opportunity to double down, then this isn't really about truth anymore. It's about loyalty. It's about identity. It's about winning at all costs.

And if that's the case, then the cost isn't just political, it's personal. It's the quiet loss of something essential—the ability to think independently, to question honestly, and to admit, when necessary, “I got that wrong.” If we lose that, then no matter how many arguments we win, we've already lost something far more important.

I ask again, is “owning” the libs worth the cost? Because at this point, or sometime very soon, you might only be able to afford to “rent” the libs.

Consider something Trump said a decade ago, on May 26, 2016. “We're going to win. We're going to win so much. We're going to win at trade, we're going to win at the border. We're going to win so much, you're going to be so sick and tired of winning, you're going to come to me and go 'Please, please, we can't win anymore.' ... And I'm going to say 'I'm sorry, but we're going to keep winning, winning, winning. We're going to make America great again.’”

He was right, I'm sick of winning. It's Sunday morning, April 12, 2026. I wonder what else we'll win before this goes to print on Wednesday. I'm guessing the ink will still be wet before I hear something.

I hate that Donald Trump lives rent-free in my head—but I keep him there deliberately. Because ignoring it all might be easier, and that's exactly why it would be wrong, especially for the people who don't get to look away.

Release the files.

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P.S.: It's Monday morning, and we are currently enforcing a blockade in the Straits of Hormuz, which will range in cost from \$20-\$50 million per day, with little to no support from allies, regardless of what Trump says. But hey, it's down from between \$900 million and \$2 billion per day when we were dropping bombs. Winning, I guess.

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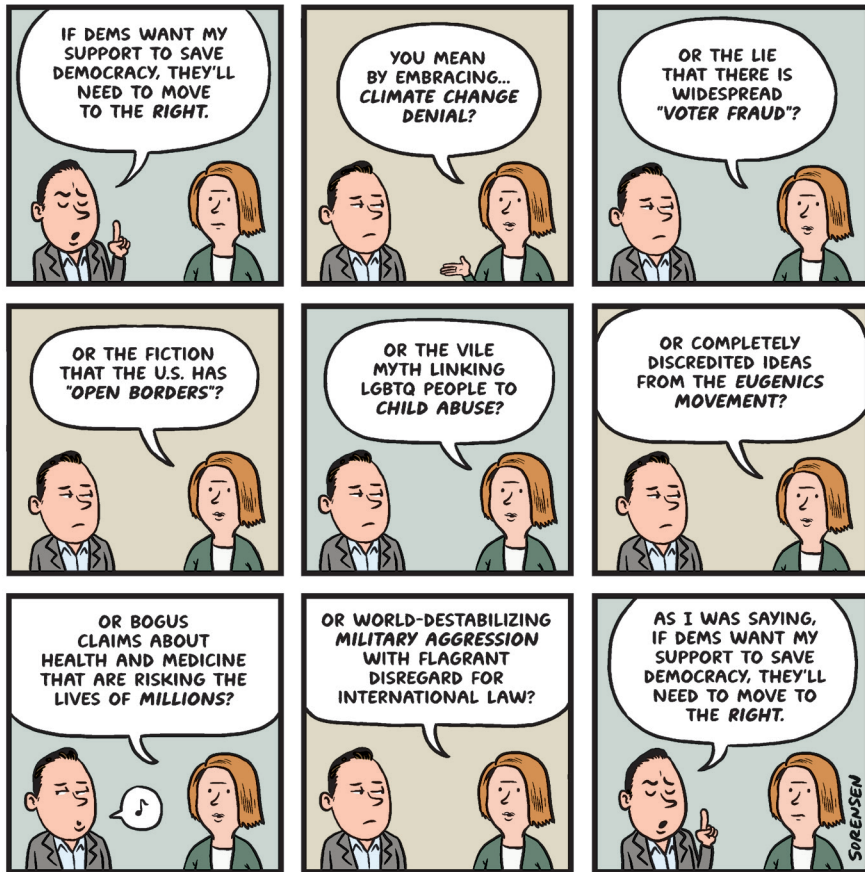
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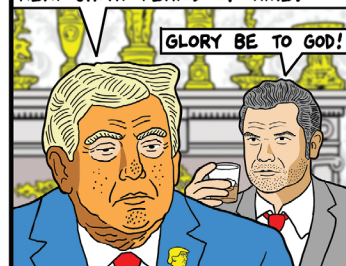
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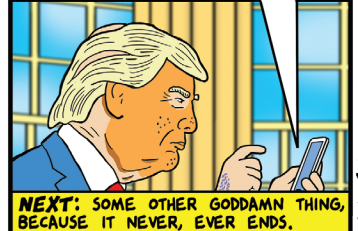
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PULSE NEWS & OPINION

After data center withdrawal in Lansing, activists balance celebration with vigilance

By ERICK DÍAZ VELIZ

When Danny Raymond, 38, learned that a data center had been proposed in downtown Lansing, where she lives, she wasn't particularly surprised. It didn't surprise her that the mayor and the city council would be in favor of a project, but it became increasingly shocking to her as the plan moved closer to becoming a reality.

"Lansing is kind of built on this idea of industry over people," she said, "with all these automotive plants and data centers feel like the next big industry. No one I talked to was happy about it."

The mayor cited economic benefits for the city and at least three members opposed the plan, arguing that better proposals could serve the community. Raymond was relieved when the British tech company Deep Green withdrew its 32-megawatt data center proposal hours before a decisive April vote.

Still, she believes more proposals will come and the future feels complicated.

"A lot of the city council and the mayor were on board, in support of a data center downtown, a power plant downtown. That's the scariest part," Raymond said. "We'll just have to keep being persistent and annoying to push for what we want."

Last Saturday (April 11), several hundred people gathered in six cities across Michigan to protest against data centers, which have emerged as a new threat to environmental activists. The cry of "no data centers" rang out from Grand Rapids through Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Detroit, and as far north as Houghton. In Lansing, a few dozen gathered at The Fledge to discuss what the future will look like.

Local activists, as well as those from other cities, provided and updated information alongside community members. Anthony Hudson, the Libertarian Party candidate for governor of Michigan, also attended the event.

"People are definitely excited to see this win, but are also wary that more data center proposals may come," said Soph Zuber, 20, a biochemistry student at Michigan State University and Spartan Sunrise activist. "We plan to push for a moratorium



Paula Caltridar lives in Mason, near the site of a proposed data center. She is actively fighting it.

on data centers in Lansing through the city council and to work with other communities across the state of Michigan that are being impacted by these projects."

Jerry Norris, founder of the Fledge and one of the rally's organizers, said the Lansing data center proposal was less about digital infrastructure and more about competing corporate interests shaping clean energy policy. He argued that multiple companies were using the project to advance their strategic and regulatory goals in Lansing's energy sector.

"What Lansing almost approved was a convergence of desperate interests dressed up as innovation," he told City Pulse.

He said various interests - Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, local unions and the Lansing Board of Water and Light - "wanted this so badly that they handed the process to Bellwether PR and let a marketing firm run civic decision-making."

Norris said that one of the most concerning aspects of the proposal was the construction of a fuel cell power plant intended to supply 16 megawatts to the data center.

He said people should demand independent evidence, including health impact assessments, noise studies and air quality modeling.

"Listen to the public before the contracts are drafted, not after," he said. "And when a community raises specific, docu-



Anthony Hudson, a Libertarian Party candidate for governor, speaks at The Fledge on Saturday, April 11.

mented, technical objections, the answer cannot be another press release."

In Michigan, proposals for large data centers are exempting major facilities from the state's 6% sales and use tax, under legislation passed last year. To qualify for the benefit, projects must invest at least \$250 million and create 30 jobs paying 150% of the local median wage. The initiative appears to have worked extremely well, as proposals and construction of hyperscale data centers have flooded into the state.

"I think there's going to be significant momentum," said Paula Caltrider, an activist opposed to a potential data center in Mason. "Because when tax breaks were introduced for data centers, what happened was that large tech companies began moving in, drawn by Michigan's Great Lakes, the aquifer beneath our feet, and the availability of fresh water and a cooler climate. And I'm not talking about small, modest data centers; I'm talking about hyperscale facilities, 300 acres in size, taking over farmland and impacting air, water, and soil."

Caltrider said people will begin to learn and understand more about data centers. "The opposition keeps growing, because nobody wants this in our communities or across Michigan."

The future of the Lansing site, a city-managed parking lot previously earmarked for the proposed data center, is now uncertain. Mayor Andy Schor said



Jerry Norris, founder of The Fledge, speaks during a Lansing forum about data centers and next steps.

the city is open to new proposals, including housing and other community-oriented developments and he's challenging and encouraging data center opponents to bring proposals for the site.

Norris is skeptical.

"I don't think the Mayor's challenge to housing advocates was sincere," Norris said. "Asking people who just blocked his project to bring him proposals feels like a deflection, not an invitation. He's still carrying water for the people who got him into this, and until he puts some distance between himself and that operation, I'm skeptical of anything that comes out of his office."

Proposals for the site range from a park or food truck zone to a department complex and community center, reflecting efforts to prevent industrial development from the community. Supporters of a park emphasize that such a designation would block future industrial rezoning and expand green space in downtown. Zuber said there has been strong interest in converting the area into a public park.

"That is not a place for a data center that needs a natural gas power plant to function," Norris said. "That is a place for something people actually want to go to: a brewery, a food truck park, mixed-use housing and commercial. It needs to be a gathering point and it should make people proud of that corner. It needs to take advantage of what is being built around it."

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Lawsuit: Waverly Community Schools failed to protect first-grader from sexual assault on bus

By **HEATHER VANDYKE**

LANSING — A federal lawsuit filed Monday against Waverly Community Schools alleges the district failed to protect a first-grade girl from a sexual assault on a school bus, despite a documented history of aggressive and sexually inappropriate behavior by the older student accused in the attack.

The complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, claims school officials had actual notice of the risks posed by the male student, a third grader, but demonstrated “deliberate indifference” by allowing him to sit next to the girl on a bus ride home in October 2025.

According to the filing, the third-grade student had displayed a pattern of “boundary-violating contact” and unwanted kissing attempts toward female students since the first grade.

The lawsuit alleges that staff at Elmwood Elementary School reported these concerns to administration, but the district’s response was to advance the boy to the second grade while instructing teachers to simply watch for similar behaviors.

The school district maintains the students are its first top priority.

In a statement to the Lansing City Pulse, Glenn Mitcham, superintendent of Waverly Community Schools said the district has “always put the needs of kids first.”

“While I cannot comment on individu-

al cases due to confidentiality rules, I am very confident that Waverly Community Schools has always put the needs of kids first, especially when it comes to issues of inappropriate touch,” he said in the statement.

“All guidelines and rules associated with Title IX are strictly followed and support for students and families are put in place with the utmost care and concern. Kids and their families are who matter most to us and I know of no situations where this standard of care has been compromised.”

According to the State of Michigan, Title IX is a federal law — Education Amendments of 1972 — prohibiting sex-based discrimination in any education program or activity receiving federal funding. It re-

quires schools, districts, and universities to ensure equal opportunity in athletics, academics and employment, while also addressing sexual harassment and violence.

According to the court filing, the situation reportedly escalated on Oct. 13, 2025, when the third grader was involved in a physical altercation on the bus with the girl’s brother. During that incident, the older student allegedly made repeated comments expressing an intent to “marry” the first-grade girl.

Despite this conflict, the lawsuit states the boy was permitted to ride the bus the following day without additional supervision or seating restrictions. On that afternoon, while the girl’s brother was staying late for a school activity, the third grader allegedly sat next to the girl, blocked her from the aisle, and subjected her to a 10-minute sexual assault and offensive touching.

“The bus driver failed to prevent, intervene or otherwise interrupt the assault,” the complaint states, noting that the incident was captured on the vehicle’s surveillance system.

Susanna Pratt, acting as conservator for the girl’s estate, is seeking more than \$75,000 in damages. The lawsuit names the school district, Superintendent Glenn Mitcham, Elmwood Principal Rebecca Hager and Transportation Supervisor Mashaun Trossel as defendants, alongside the student accused of the assault.

The filing further alleges that the district failed to implement an effective safety plan following the report of the assault. The girl was reportedly forced to walk past the older student in the hallways and school office, where he allegedly stared at and intimidated her, creating what the lawsuit describes as a “sexually hostile educational environment.”

Legal claims in the complaint include violations of Title IX, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the constitutional right to bodily integrity. The plaintiff argues the district’s “deficient policies” regarding bus seating and the communication of threats were the result of the girl’s injuries.



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Michigan struggles for next economic development strategy

By **SONJA KROHN**
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House Republicans and Senate Democrats have introduced rival legislation aimed at boosting economic development since the demise, last year, of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's flagship corporate incentive program, the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve.

Both packages would set up a job creation program.

The proposals share some basic similarities: They would allow businesses to capture a portion of the income tax withheld for new employees above a certain wage level.

That's different from the upfront cash-for-jobs strategy previously used by SOAR, which was widely criticized as being costly and not delivering on promised jobs.

According to a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis, SOAR was the state's overarching economic development tool. However, according to testimony, it has not been impactful.

New legislation would be more like Good Jobs for Michigan, the program that preceded SOAR and expired in 2019. It allowed eligible businesses to receive payments equal to the income tax withheld from the new jobs they created.

Still, the two proposals differ vastly and would require negotiations between House Republicans, Senate Democrats and Whitmer. The topic gained momentum towards the end of last year.

House Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland, told WKAR-TV's Off the Record in December that he and Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids, had "made a commitment to each other when we did the budget that we were all going to try to do this by the end of the year."

But they didn't get it done.

Still pending in the Finance Committee, the House proposal – called Real Jobs for Michigan – is sponsored by Reps. Mike Hoadley, R-Auburn Hills, and Mark Tisdell, R-Rochester Hills.

It would let companies that hire new employees keep 50% of their state income tax withholding. Instead of the full 4.25% state income tax going to the government, the employer would keep 2.125% of each new employee's salary.

All businesses that create one or more full-time jobs paying at least 150% of the median hourly wage for that area could apply, but incentives would be capped at \$50 million.

According to Tisdell, the House Republican package includes three key elements: No upfront money, it is run through the Department of Treasury and the benefits are available to any business.

"Something needs to change, and this is just the direction we've decided we want to head," Tisdell said.

The Senate's proposal – called More Jobs for Michigan – is in the Committee of the Whole.

Businesses deemed eligible would sign written agreements with the state and could receive up to 100% of withholding tax capture revenues for new jobs.

The plan targets certain sectors of the economy such as aerospace and defense, life sciences, AI, semiconductors and automotive, according to a presentation by Sen. Sam Singh, an East Lansing Democrat.

His proposal excludes retailers, stadiums and casinos.

Eligibility would begin at 25 new jobs created, with median wage requirements varying between 135% and 175%, depending on the employer's number of jobs creat-

ed, investments made and location.

The legislation would also provide a separate credit for businesses that retain jobs at risk of leaving the state.

A key difference between the two proposals is the agency that would administer the funds. While the House's plan chooses the Department of Treasury, the Senate's version designates the Michigan Economic Development Corp (MEDC).

In the interview on WKAR-TV, Hall said, "I think the big sticking point is that we don't want it to be through MEDC, and traditionally it's gone through MEDC."

MEDC's Vice President of Communications Courtney Overbey Martinez said, "We welcome conversations with legislators from both chambers who are interested in creating the tools necessary to deliver opportunities that will bring good, local jobs to our communities."

Despite an agreement between Hall, Brinks and Whitmer last year to come to a consensus on economic development, Tisdell said, "there hasn't seemed to be the push between those three."

"My guess would be that leadership has moved on from these particular bill packages," he said, adding that House leadership will introduce a more comprehensive economic development plan.

Opinions in the business community differ.

The Detroit Regional Chamber supports the Senate bills, according to written testimony to the Regulatory Affairs Committee by the group's vice president of public policy and business advocacy Brian Shoaf.

"This legislation creates a vital economic development tool designed to ensure Michigan remains competitive in an increasingly aggressive global market," he said.

While the national trend toward bring-

ing back domestic manufacturing presents a "generational opportunity," Shoaf said Michigan must be equipped with the tools to capture that opportunity.

On the other side, the Small Business Association of Michigan supports the House plan.

Because the vast majority of small businesses can't support adding 25 new high-wage employees at a time, they would be ineligible for the credit under the Senate's proposal, the association said in a press release.

"Small businesses account for over half of the private sector employment in Michigan, and we believe that incentivizing growth only for large businesses is not a comprehensive economic development strategy," the association said.

Association President Brian Calley said the House legislation would create an "objective standard" to reward businesses that hire new employees, without being tied to specific industries or players within them.

"It's inherently more fair, but we also think it would be a big benefit to the diversification of the economy," he said.

James Hohman, the director of fiscal policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland said, "People want lawmakers to do something about jobs, so there is a perennial desire from lawmakers to show that they're doing something."

But offering either selective tax credits – as in the Senate bills – or credits for job creation – as in the House bills – would be "unable to give people what they want, which is improved job growth," he said. Instead, the credits would benefit some companies but not others, and such preferences have been shown to cost taxpayers without generating economic growth, Hohman said.

After U.S. Supreme Court ruling, what's next for Michigan's conversion therapy ban?

By **JUSTIN FOX CLAUSEN**
Capital News Service

LANSING – The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that Colorado's ban on "conversion therapy" for minors is unconstitutional.

And that decision has implications for Michigan's own conversion therapy law.

Conversion therapy is the scientifically discredited practice of using therapy to "convert" LGBTQ+ people to heterosexuality or traditional gender expectations. It is occasionally referred to as "reparative therapy" by advocates for the practice.

The 8-1 Supreme Court decision said the Colorado ban violated therapists' First Amendment rights of free speech.

"Talk therapy is a medical treatment. So, why wouldn't such speech-based medical treatments be subject to reasonable state

regulation like any other kind of medical care?" Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson said, in a dissent.

Jay Kaplan, a staff attorney for the ACLU of Michigan's LGBTQ+ Project, said that although the "talk therapy" portion of Michigan's ban appears to be invalid, other forms of "conversion therapy" that involve prescribing medications or adverse therapy remain in effect.

"We know how harmful talk-based conversion therapy is," Kaplan said.

"The ruling still does not give it credibility, and individuals still have a right to bring a malpractice action against a therapist for doing it," he said, although minors cannot bring a malpractice suit on their own.

Kaplan said that even before the Supreme Court's decision, Michigan's law

included provisions to allow counseling aimed at changing a minor's sexuality or gender identity if it took place in a religious setting.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel called the ruling disappointing and harmful.

"Medical experts have long debunked conversion therapy as a destructive, demoralizing and debunked practice which increases depression and the risk of suicide for LGBTQ+ youth," Nessel said in a press release.

Emme Zanotti, the senior director of movement and political affairs for Equality Michigan, said the impact of the Supreme Court's decision is not yet clear.

Equality Michigan is an LGBTQ+ rights advocacy organization.

In December, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction against enforcing Michigan's ban on "conversion therapy" while awaiting the Supreme Court's decision. That case was filed by Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties.

Zanotti said that the next step is to ensure that people who went through conversion therapy have the opportunity to seek justice and damages for the harm caused by the practice.

Zanotti said that the practice of conversion therapy is misleading, especially for parents who lack exposure and education about LGBTQ+ communities and issues.

Zanotti said that parents should know that support for LGBTQ+ youth is connected to lower suicide rates and better mental health outcomes.

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The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances of The City Of Lansing.

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

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CP#26-138

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE STORM WATER DETENTION EASEMENT

The Ingham County Drain Commissioner ("ICDC") has determined that a Storm Water Detention Easement held by the Burgess and Branches Drain Drainage District, a public body corporate ("Drainage District") established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, 1956 P.A. 40, as amended, MCL 280.1 et seq. ("Drain Code"), as amended, is no longer necessary for drainage purposes. The ICDC proposes to release, convey and abandon all of its rights, title and interests in the Release of Right of Way, dated January 9, 2002, and recorded on January 24, 2002 at Liber 2937, Page 796 of the Ingham County Records ("Storm Water Detention Easement"), to the fee owner of the property herein described in accordance with Section 6 of the Drain Code, MCL 280.6.

The Storm Water Detention Easement to be released, conveyed, and abandoned is located over and across the following land in Delhi Charter Township, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, described herein:

Parcel No. 33-25-05-13-182-005

LOT #58 KELLERS RIDGE SUB PHASE #3 SEC. 13 T3NR2W.

Parcel No. 33-25-05-13-182-006

LOT #59 KELLERS RIDGE SUB PHASE #3 SEC. 13 T3NR2W.

Parcel No. 33-25-05-13-182-007

LOT #60 KELLERS RIDGE SUB PHASE #3 SEC. 13 T3NR2W.

Parcel No. 33-25-05-13-182-008:

LOT #61 KELLERS RIDGE SUB PHASE #3 SEC. 13 T3NR2W.

Parcel No. 33-25-05-13-182-009

LOT #62 KELLERS RIDGE SUB PHASE #3 SEC 13 T3NR2W.

The Storm Water Detention Easement to be released, conveyed, and abandoned is described as:

An area of land in the Northwest ¼ of Section 13, T3N, R2W, Delhi Township, Ingham County, Michigan; the perimeter of said area being described as commencing at the North ¼ corner of Section 13, T3N, R2W, Michigan Meridian; thence S 01°38'12" W, along the North-South ¼ line of said Section 13, 1320.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 01°38'12" W, continuing along the North-South ¼ line, 72.00 feet; thence N 88°31'18" W, 400.11 feet; thence N 01°33'13" E, 72.00 feet; thence S 88°31'18" E, along the Southerly boundary of Willoughby Heights No. 2, a subdivision recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, Page 37, a distance of 400.21 feet to the point of beginning. Contains 0.66 acres.

In accordance with Section 6 of Act 40 of the Public Act of 1956, as amended, at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, on May 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Drain Commissioner shall meet upon this proposed release of a Storm Water Detention Easement and any taxpayer may appear to protest said release.

After said date, the Drain Commissioner may release and convey the above-described Storm Water Detention Easement to the fee owner on behalf of the Burgess and Branches Drain Drainage District.

Dated: April 8, 2026

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

CP#26-136

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
CITY OF LANSING'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET**

The City Council of the City of Lansing will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, May 4, 2027, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 10th Floor of Lansing City Hall located at 124 W. Michigan Ave., on the proposed City of Lansing budget and capital improvements. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The proposed budget is available for public inspection on weekdays, in the City Clerk's Office, 9th floor City Hall, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All persons desiring to express an opinion about the proposed city budget, the tax rate, or proposed capital improvements are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments.

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
FY2026, 7/1/2026 – 6/30/27
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on the proposed funding allocations for the City of Lansing's FY 2026 Annual Action Plan which covers the time period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

TO: ALL LANSING CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS
FROM: CITY CLERK
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
PLACE: 124 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, 10th FLOOR LANSING MI 48933
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 20th, 2026

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED OBJECTIVES, GOALS AND PROJECTED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBMISSION FOR FY 2027 (7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027)

PLEASE NOTE – Entitlement Grant Awards for FY 2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) have not been announced by HUD as of the date of this publication. Amounts proposed for FY 2026 CDBG, HOME and ESG activities are based on prior year entitlement awards. If the grant amounts HUD actually awards to the City of Lansing for CDBG, HOME and ESG are different from the previous year, pro-rata adjustments will be made to the budget amounts proposed for each activity.

Further information regarding this issue, Erin Buitendorp, Community Development Manager, Economic Development and Planning, 316 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite D-1, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 483-4050 or erin.buitendorp@lansingmi.gov.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24-hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

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

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Classes were cancelled Monday and Tuesday at Lansing Christian School in response to a staff walk-out after 10 teachers and staff were told their contracts would not be renewed for 2026-27, WKAR News reported. The cancelation was announced in an email from Head of School Jeremy Zajicek. Some staff members, who are calling for Zajicek's and the Board of Trustees' resignations, have alleged that when they asked why their contracts weren't renewed, Zajicek responded that Lansing Christian is "an at-will employment school." A letter sent to the trustees by staff indicated 86% of staff support a vote of no confidence. One staff member said Zajicek removed the word "diversity" from the school's Mission Statement and canceled Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month events. The staff member also cited growing tensions between staff and board members.

The MSU Research Foundation and the Michigan Economic Development Corp. announced Adrenaline Interactive as the grand prize winner of the 2026 PitchMI competition, awarding CEO and founder Max Albert \$1 million, during an April 7 ceremony at Grewal Hall in Lansing. The company, which lets advertisers place dynamic in-game ads inside video game titles such as Fortnite and Roblox, was declared the winner by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in front of a crowd of several hundred people. PitchMI (pronounced "Pitch-Me") is one of the nation's largest founder-focused "Shark Tank"-style startup competitions, designed to identify and invest in Michigan's most promising startups. It aims to highlight Michigan's innovation economy and founders across industries, including space tech, healthcare, clean technology and gaming.



Lansing Police said officials recovered a body from the Grand River on Thursday afternoon, later identifying the body as the remains of a 49-year-old St. Johns man, according to WILX. An individual walking south on the Lansing River Trail near the Brenke Fish Ladder in Old Town saw the body and called police, said Lansing Police Public Information Director Jordan Gulkis. The Capital Area Dive Team gathered the remains and turned them over to the medical examiner's office. Additional circumstances of the man's death were not released.

Metro Detroit native and New Jersey law student Jamie Ding is having one of the most exciting Jeopardy! runs in recent memory. He has won 22 straight times, starting on March 13 and including this past Monday, as he faced two other Michigan natives. Erik Bubolz, originally from Okemos and now a Washington D.C. attorney, and Catherine Hoffman of Clarkston both competed against Ding Monday, making for an all-Michigan trio of contestants. Ding, a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, has now accumulated more than \$672,000 in prize winnings, the 6th best in the history of the show.



Bishop Earl Boyea, who has led the Lansing area Catholics for 18 years, has tendered his resignation, as expected. Catholic bishops are expected to offer to resign at their 75th birthday and Boyea notified his congregation and the pope about his upcoming departure. Boyea was selected by Pope Benedict XVI as the 5th bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing in 2008. Included in the diocese are Clinton, Eaton, Genesee,

Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Shiawassee and Washtenaw Counties. The process typically has the departing bishop submit three possible candidates, who may be nominated by the nuncio to the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome, with screenings happening along the way. The pope will select one of the names, giving the name to the nuncio and the candidate will be asked to accept. The timing of the process could vary.

The Lansing School District broke ground on April 7 on the construction of the Lewton Global Studies Spanish Immersion School, expected to open in the fall of 2028. Lewton, the only Spanish immersion school in mid-Michigan, will educate preschool through 8th-grade students. With classes taught entirely in Spanish to promote bilingualism, the school will teach about 500 students. Lewton students are taking classes at Woodcreek Elementary School while the new building is being built (the former Lewton was demolished last year). Interim Superintendent Jessica Benavides, Principal Dan Gowell and Sergio Keck, deputy superintendent of special populations, were among the district leaders who attended the ceremony. The groundbreaking came after voters supported a \$130 million bond proposal in 2022 and the school board approved a \$26.69 million bid package in January.



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will speak at MSU's Spring 2026 graduation ceremony, set for Friday, May 1 at the Breslin Center, according to an April 10 announcement by university president Kevin Guskiewicz. Whitmer earned both her bachelor's and law degrees from MSU. Speakers for two other graduation ceremonies that day at Breslin were announced, as well: Christopher Fernandez, a member of MSU's School of Human Resources & Labor Relations Advisory Board, will speak at the master's and educational specialist ceremony at 9 a.m.; Ann Austin, distinguished pro-



fessor for the Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education, will speak at the doctoral ceremony at 2:30 p.m.



Eaton County Election Administrator Kimberly Morris was appointed by Eaton County Circuit Judges Janice Cunningham and Kelly Morton to serve the remainder of Diana Bosworth's term as county clerk and register of deeds. Bosworth, the clerk for more than 13 years, has announced she plans to retire at the end of the month, before the expiration of her term in December 2028.

A 62-year-old man was struck Thursday night by a vehicle traveling north on South Cedar Street near Jolly Road, then taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The vehicle was driven by a 32-year-old man who police said was uninjured. Police believe that speed and alcohol were not factors in the crash.



Another crash involving a pedestrian in Lansing occurred Sunday night at the intersection of East Saginaw and North Larch streets. A 32-year-old man was struck by a vehicle driven by a 23-year-old woman and taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A combination of melting snow from last month's record-breaking storm and heavy rainfall has caused numerous crises in northern Michigan. Cheboygan residents near the Cheboygan River dam were asked Monday by the county sheriff's office to be on standby to evacuate as water levels were close to spilling over the dam and causing it to fail. If an evacuation is ordered, residents will receive an IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) alert on their phones. The MSP Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division created a webpage at which to receive the latest information, michigan.gov/cheboygandam. Meanwhile, a section of the Tunnel of Trees on M-119, a 20-mile scenic drive route between Harbor Springs and Cross Village in Emmett County, collapsed due to excessive rainfall and snow melt.



A debt of dignity: Why our most vulnerable students can't wait

Imagine a school where the hallways are so narrow that two students in wheelchairs cannot pass each other without one having to back away. Imagine a classroom where a student's medical needs must be handled in a cramped, repurposed corner because the building wasn't designed for modern care. For Beekman Center and Heartwood School students, this is no hypothetical. It is their daily reality.

As chairs of this advocacy campaign, we have walked these halls. We have seen the incredible spirit of these students and the tireless devotion of their teachers. The Beekman Center was a miracle when it opened in 1968, but today, it stands as a barrier to the very independence we want our children to achieve. This special education facilities bond would provide funds to replace the Beekman Center and renovate Heartwood School. For the average home (median taxable value home in Ingham County), the cost would be about \$42 a year or \$3.50 per month.

Opinion

The special education bond proposal isn't just about construction; it's about creating a safe, accessible and engaging educational space. A school where students can safely practice life skills, have sensory rooms that provide calm in a chaotic world, and a school setting that says welcome, let's learn. All children should be educated in a space that helps them thrive and reach their highest potential.

Because we believe every child deserves a learning environment that empowers them, we encourage you to vote "Yes" on May 5. This bond is our chance to tell these families: Your child matters. Your child's education, safety, and dignity are worth our investment. Together, we can change the trajectory of these children's lives. Let's build a future where every student in our community has a place. Find out details about the proposal at www.inghamisd.org.

Kellie Dean, Lyn Beekman and Rocco Rucinski are co-chairs of the Ingham ISD Special Education Bond advocacy campaign.

Brink's 'Restore and Reform' agenda

Pay-to-play politics, firing independent commissioners and inspectors, promising "rich-as-hell" donors massive tax giveaways, allowing foreign countries to invest billions into a leader's family ventures, and gutting the office that prosecutes misconduct by public officials – these are all tactics I would have expected to come out of the new, struggling democracies I worked in during my 28-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service.

But the reality is that this is just the tip of the iceberg of the corruption that is happening right now in the Trump administration.

In the young democracies that emerged after the fall of the Iron Curtain of communism, I saw firsthand what happens when widespread corruption exists: businesses survive with bribes to government officials, government services decline or stop altogether and people lose trust in democracy. Leaders stopped serving the people and instead started serving themselves. Over the last year, we've all seen it happening right here at the highest levels of the American government. In the country I dedicated my life to serving.

Simply put: the chaos and corruption coming out of Washington is costing Michigan families.

I have been an anti-corruption champion my entire career. In Ukraine, I was even criticized for focusing too intensely on corruption. But when I was responsible for safeguarding over \$100 billion in U.S. taxpayer assistance from waste, fraud, and abuse – I believe there is simply no such thing.

Elected officials should serve the hardworking families they represent, not their own interests. We need leaders standing up for what's right, speaking truth to power, and delivering real results – even if it means risking one's career, like I did when I resigned as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine in protest of the Trump administration.

We need to tackle the corruption coming out of Washington head-on. My "Restore and Reform Agenda" is a blueprint to

clean up Washington and protect our democracy: concrete steps that we, the American people, can take to hold our leaders accountable.

No President, no Supreme Court justice and no member of Congress should be able to use public office for personal profit. That means banning individual stock trading by officials across all three branches of government.

Ending the revolving door with a lifetime ban on members of Congress becoming lobbyists. And going even further by banning immediate family members from serving as lobbyists for the duration of their time in Congress.

A \$20 cap on personal gifts for any federal official – no exceptions. This is the limit I abided by during my time in government and it should include every official. The gifting of a \$400 million plane to Donald Trump by a foreign government is flat-out wrong.

Legislation that clarifies and limits the presidential pardon power so it can't be abused. And a binding code of ethics, with full financial and tax disclosures, for leaders in every branch of government.

It also means overturning the Citizens United decision, which flooded politics with secret, unaccountable dark money. And it means blocking congressional pay during government shutdowns, because members of Congress should not be paid when the government is not working.

We are at a critical moment for our country. We need a principled reform agenda and leaders willing to fight like hell to reform Washington.

That's why now more than ever we need leaders willing to hold the powerful accountable, put power back in the hands of the people, and restore trust in government. I've done that throughout my 28 years of service to our country and I'll do it again in Congress.

Bridget Brink is a candidate for the 7th Congressional District. She was the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine until early 2025, when she resigned.



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A rarity in today's campaigns: The unscripted roundtable

Over at the Flap Jack in DeWitt this week, gubernatorial candidate Tom Leonard spent an hour laying out how he plans to lower auto insurance rates.

Michigan's are really high. Still. Even after that 2019 law that left the catastrophically injured with less care than they had before.

Our rates average around \$1,000 a year more than our neighbors in Ohio and Indiana.



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

Leonard's general idea is to give consumers more coverage-level options. He also wants to return to a tort-like system. If someone hits you, their insurance covers the costs.

It's not necessarily the content that caught my attention. (Although, to be fair, few others are talking in any depth about auto insurance. Why haven't mine gone down much since the 2019 reforms?)

It's who was in the crowd.

Instead of packing the room with bobbleheads, ready to nod in agreement at every word, Leonard brought in ... well ... seemingly anyone who was interested.

We had Tom Judd from the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Clinic. Maureen Howell from the no-fault reform group "We Can't Wait" and insurance agent Bill Brewbaker, among several others.

Their points:

1. It costs much more to repair a vehicle today than it did in 2019. Cars have more sensors. They have more chips. More gadgets. More things can go wrong.

2. Going to court to get reimbursements is not cutting costs. It shifts the costs.

3. Michigan's auto insurance rates are high because we offer far better rehabilitation services for the catastrophically injured than other states. In states like Texas, the families of those badly hurt in crashes go broke paying for care . . . and then their loved one dies quicker.

In short, they didn't see Leonard's plan really lowering rates at all.

They didn't slam in his face, though. They were just happy someone was willing to talk about the issue.

Leonard was admittedly humble about it all. He wasn't defensive. He appreciated everyone's opinion. He said he'd give what they said some more thought. Maybe he'd revise his plan based on the feedback.

I was blown away.

Nobody came in with scripted comments. Nobody kissed Tom's rear.

A gubernatorial candidate in 2026 inviting the press to an open, unscripted skull session on probably one of the most complicated issues in Michigan? A politician opening himself to critical feedback while the press watched? Unprecedented.

The event was everything modern campaigns are not. The policy roundtables of today are:

Candidate A talks vividly for several minutes about a problem, and how something must be done. Invited guests talk about the same subject, often with a horror story baked in.

Candidate A pledges to do SOMETHING about the problem, typically being as vague as possible. Invited guests praise Candidate A for his/her commitment to doing SOMETHING.

Event over.

This isn't necessarily a critical review. We could probably go back to some of the first campaigns in U.S. history and see the same thing.

However, it's so much easier for campaigns of 2026 to play it safe. Got something to say? Go on Instagram and Facebook. Say whatever the hell you want. You don't need the media. If you're creative like Mallory McMorro or charismatic like Abdul El-Sayed, you can get thousands of likes and hundreds of reposts.

Trackers are at all of these big events with their cellphones. They're just waiting for a candidate to mess up. Something they can post and go viral.

Also, if you advertise an event too well, the candidate will get protesters. Hecklers. Ask James Craig about his hijacked gubernatorial announcement of 2022. The media coverage and social media posts became about the circus, not the news of him running.

The more outrageous and obnoxious political hunters can be, the more they're followed.

It forces campaigns to confront today's sad reality. Why deal with weighty issues if they don't poll well? Especially, if they're difficult, if not impossible, to solve? And, to boot, you could be publicly humiliated for trying.

It makes Leonard's decision to say yes, impressive.

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

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CITY OF LANSING PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, MAY 5, 2026, in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing Elections Office located at 701 W. Jolly Road on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

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

We must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at www.LansingVotes.gov or by calling 517-483-4131.

The Lansing City Clerk's Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, will be open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The Lansing Elections Office, 701 W. Jolly Road, will be open:

- Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

to register voters and to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

Friday, May 1, 2026, at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person, except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing Elections Office.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOGIC AND
ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

Meridian Charter Township
Notice of Public Logic and Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment
Friday, April 24, 2026

To the qualified electors of Meridian Township, Ingham County, State of Michigan; Notice is hereby given that a Public Logic and Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the May 5, 2026, Special Election for registered voters in the Charter Township of Meridian, has been scheduled **for Friday, April 24, 2026 at 2:00 pm, in the Municipal Building Town Hall Room, at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.** The Public Logic and Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

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Muddle Dee Puddle

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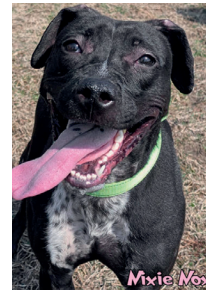


Miss Sneetcher

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Miss Sneetcher

is a sweet momma cat who came to the shelter with her kittens. They are currently in a foster home waiting for their day to be spayed/neutered but Sneetcher is ready for a home of her own. She is more than ready to leave motherhood behind and move on to just being someone's best friend!



Nixie Nox

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Nixie Nox

is a cute little lab/border collie looking teenager who came to the shelter when her owner left her with someone who did not want her. She spent a lot of time in a crate and did not receive any vet care. She has a skin infection causing her to look a little moth-eaten right now, but she's being treated and with a little time and TLC should look as good as new in no time! She loves other dogs but would do best with a gentle friend who enjoys playing games of chase! She can be a bit nervous and would do best in a calmer home, she doesn't like to be left alone and may need some work to work through that.

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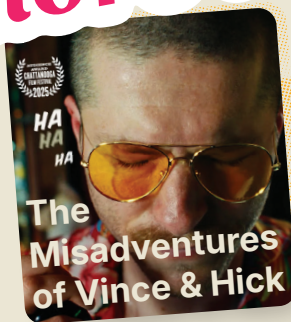
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10 PM | Friday, April 17
Riverwalk Theatre



Closing Night Feature



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Pure Options' grow facility in Lansing, shortly before a harvest in April 2026.



Lexi Carlson, Pure Options' building manager, inspects plants prior to harvest and processing in April 2026.

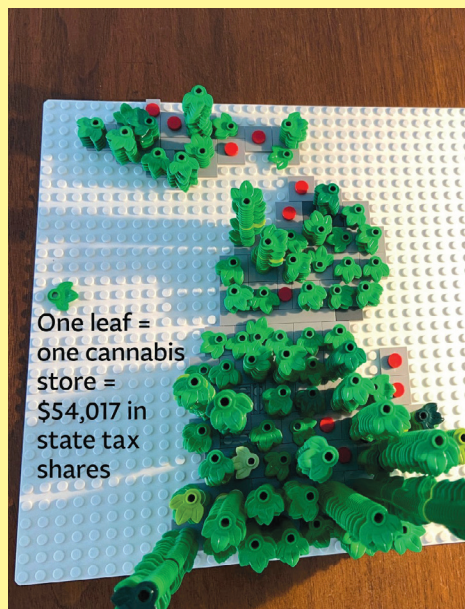


Pure Options' retail facility near Frandor, which has a wide variety of its own cannabis products as well as other brands.



Mature plants are harvested and moved to drying rooms for processing at the Pure Options facility in Lansing in April 2026.

Each cannabis retail store means money for cities and townships



One leaf =
one cannabis
store =
\$54,017 in
state tax
shares

In 2026, Michigan handed out millions to various municipalities, revenue sharing for running a cannabis store. Each cannabis retail store earned an equal share, \$54,017 per store.

East Lansing's six stores brought in \$270,085. Lansing's 26 shops brought in \$1.4 million.

Ingham County got almost \$1.9 million for its 35 stores.

Detroit tips the scale at 61 stores and \$3.3 million. The map of cannabis stores per county shows that the state's retail shops are concentrated in Wayne County, border counties (including with Wisconsin) and areas like Lansing, Mount Pleasant and Ann Arbor that have large universities.

Customers may not have noticed the downturn in Michigan's marijuana market

By MIKE ELLIS

There's been a downturn - a seven-year-itch, a seventh-inning stretch - in Michigan's marijuana market, for the first time ever. And that was before a major new tax kicked in at the start of the year.

But customers may not have noticed one bit.

Michigan's \$250 million-a-month market has contracted a bit, with 3% fewer dollars spent in 2025 than in 2024.

Stores are closing faster than they're opening, again for the first time, but also at 3% fewer and down about 25 stores from the March 2025 peak.

Despite the shrink, there are still about 300 more marijuana retail shops than McDonalds locations in Michigan and you can buy legal weed at more places than you can legally buy Subway sandwiches.

Cheaper weed

Weed prices have slightly increased this year, and after dropping below \$60 an ounce for four months, the latest figures (for March, from the state's Cannabis Regulatory Agency) show it's up to \$62 an ounce.

One measure used by public health officials for a joint is 0.66 grams, so an ounce is about 42 joints or about \$1.50 per joint. That's cheap by just about any standard: it's one of the cheapest legal states and it's cheaper than last year's prices.

Michigan is even cheaper when it comes to secondary products, like concentrates and gummies, said Nathan Joyal, a Northern Michigan University cannabis business professor.

"You can get 200mg gummies for \$3 a pack," he said. "The next closest state is probably around 100mg for \$15/pack. And ultimately, that comes back to subtle differences in regulation from state to state. Michigan is unique; it has made no real effort to cap or regulate the number of any license type. If you have the appropriate property and the fees, you can start a farm or retail operation."

The price wars have led some businesses to drop out.

TerrAscend, a Toronto-based company, announced this summer that it would be leaving Michigan, closing its 20 retail stores and four grow facilities. The company said Michigan's "extremely difficult market" led it to redouble efforts elsewhere. That likely means moving focus to legal states that are less

saturated, Joyal said.

The number of growers, plants and license holders is a bigger factor for the industry than the tax, he said.

Taxes

The tax increase, while substantial, is already baked into an industry that pays a wide variety of taxes, or extra business costs, due to being federally illegal, Joyal said.

Joyal said the low prices in Michigan will help to insulate some of the consumer effects of any tax.

"If you raise prices 24%, the material is very accessible to consumers," he said.

If operators pass the entire cost along, which is unlikely, it'd be a \$75 ounce instead of a \$60 ounce and that's still cheap. People were paying \$75 an ounce on average in October 2024. The last time weed averaged \$100 an ounce was in September 2023 (with inflation, that'd be \$107 today).

A maturing market

The market has reached maturity faster than expected, said Bill Knudson, an MSU agriculture professor who co-authored a 2020 study that anticipated marijuana becoming a \$3 billion industry in the state. It is there now.

"It matured in a hurry, faster than we thought," he said. "There is a shake-out going on, like with all ag businesses, and the less efficient ones don't make it."

Knudson said the Michigan marijuana market is probably near stabilization, when buyers shouldn't expect big price increases or reductions month-to-month or even year-to-year.

He said marijuana is likely less susceptible to oil cost increases than most ag products in part because it is increasingly grown indoors and even outdoors isn't at the scale of corn or soybeans, plus the lack of interstate commerce means that supply chains, and trucking routes, are shorter.

Black market or DIY?

There could be some people who move to the black market or start growing their own.

Joyal said he grows his own personal supply, it costs him about 40 cents a gram, cheaper than Michigan's cheap average weed of a bit more than \$2 a gram, but that doesn't count his labor or rent.

Most people, he said, won't go through the effort of growing even for a 24% increase.

He suspects that medical marijuana, which doesn't have to pay that tax, won't

substantially increase because of the hassle of getting licenses and finding locations compared to the ease of the recreational market, so he expects medical to will continue where it's been for several years: a tiny fraction of Michigan's marijuana market and largely for medical-focused clients and needs.

The tax challenges

The wholesale tax is being challenged in court, with two major pushes. One cites the will of voters and the state's constitutional process, saying that a large tax increase for a voter-approved initiative needs the approval of voters rather than just legislators. The other objection calls the taxes excessive, for adding multiple layers called pyramiding, essentially adding a 24% tax ahead of the typical sales taxes and allegedly violating state rules about tax increases.

Daniel Rosenbaum, an associate law professor at Michigan State University and a municipal attorney, said he doubts either of the major challenges will get traction.

Both of the underlying theories have been tested, or ignored, in the past for other excise tax challenges and other industries, he said.

The voter-initiative argument says voters approved the cannabis laws and only voters can amend the basic laws, including taxes. But Rosenbaum said that would likely only apply to the specific voter-approved laws and could allow the legislature to pass other marijuana-related laws, including ones that deal with taxation and regulation.

Other legal issues

The Trump administration announced plans last year to ask the Justice Department to look into rescheduling marijuana, which could open up banking and interstate commerce, potentially erasing many of the industry's hidden costs.

Joyal said he has heard similar moves before, from the Biden administration and others.

"Historically, they pay lip service and quietly it comes back with nothing," he said. "I'm firmly in the I-will-believe-it-when-I-see-it camp."

Rosenbaum said the other major legal question is how a change in land use policy nationwide could affect the cannabis industry.

Historically, he said, land use decisions like whether a shop or a farm can exist in a city are made locally.

He pointed to a recent Michigan change that moved site approval deci-



sions for some wind and solar locations to a state-wide panel and Rosenbaum said similar reasoning could be applied to cannabis.

"Nationally, there have been housing and zoning changes," he said. "And you can imagine that there are headwinds and tailwinds on the land use front. You can imagine legal changes that would increase or decrease local government power."

Like craft beer

Joyal said a good model for smaller marijuana growers and operators may have an opening in the market and they can look at the craft beer industry as a model.

Craft beer has carved out a niche in the overall beer market, about a quarter, and that's the kind of long-term that Michigan's smaller operations should aim for, he said.

There are craft beers in every bar and grocery store, popular enough to weather yearly ebbs and flows.

"The reduction in (Michigan's marijuana) price is real," Joyal said.

The market in Michigan had for years rewarded vertically-integrated businesses, the kind of operations with growing, processing and retail staff.

Having the grow side was seen as a smart fiscal insurance, but the glut of plants is changing that calculus, Joyal said.


"Up until now, the vertically integrated have had a bigger safety net but as farming becomes less profitable," he said, "that gives a leg up to dispensaries that are not vertically integrated."

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Lansterdam's 2026 4/20 Gift Guide

The industry is under pressure. These four shops are still bringing the heat.

Let's be honest: 420 in 2026 comes with a little more baggage than it used to. Michigan's cannabis industry is bleeding under the weight of a 24% wholesale tax, legal sales are down double digits, and somewhere between the

lawsuits and the layoffs, it can be easy to forget why we got into this thing in the first place. The plant is still here. The people who love it are still here. And scattered across Greater Lansing, a handful of shops are doing what

they've always done — curating great products, supporting local producers, and giving you something worth celebrating on the highest of holidays. This year, I sampled products from four area stores and came away with

some genuine standouts. Whether you're shopping for a flower purist, a vape enthusiast, a first-timer or someone who just wants to disappear into the couch for a few hours, there's something on this list for everyone.

- Cannaisseur | 3200 N East St, Lansing -

If you're not already shopping at Cannaisseur, you're leaving money on the table. This original caregiver store has been doing it right since 2015 — small, family-owned, tax-included pricing, and

a flower selection that consistently punches above its weight class. In a market drowning in corporate dispensaries, Cannaisseur is the real thing. All of the flower below is grown under their house

brand, Insano Farms, and priced at \$10 an eighth. Yes, you read that right. With quality and prices this good, every day is 420 at Cannaisseur. Get there.

Willie's Kush Cake — Insano Farms Deli Flower

\$10/3.5g

The nose on this one hits you before you even open the jar. Amazing taste, strong smell, and a unique high that earns its name. This is the kind of flower that reminds you why you stopped buying from the big chains.



Brittany's Frozen Lemons — Insano Farms Deli Flower

\$10/3.5g

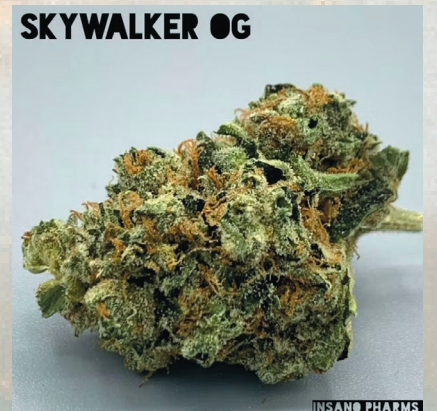
My favorite flower of the year so far, full stop. A unique citrus profile that pulls you right back to old-school Trainwreck territory — bright, sharp, and unmistakably good. If you see it on the menu, grab it.



Skywalker OG — Insano Farms Deli Flower

\$10/3.5g

An old-school Lansing strain done the right way. The bag appeal alone is worth the price of admission — dense, frosty, and exactly what Skywalker OG should look like. This one has history in this town and Cannaisseur is honoring it.



Jelly Roll Injected Joint (Insano Cake) — Infused Pre-Roll

\$10/1.25g

The best infused joint I've had all year. Fred's Lab handles the processing and they do exceptional work. The key here is the injection method — the concentrate is pushed into the center of the joint rather than mixed homogeneously into the flower, which means you get a clean flower burn that opens up into something much bigger. Night and day difference from the typical infused pre-roll. At \$10, it's almost criminal. Don't sleep on this one.

- Ascend Wellness | 1415 E Michigan Ave, East Lansing -

Ascend is a national MSO, and that comes with some built-in skepticism in a market that's watched multistate operators blow in and blow out of Michigan without much regard for the com-

munities they were supposedly serving. But Ascend has earned some credit here — they've genuinely improved their grow, they've built a house brand lineup that's worth paying attention to, and

they've been consistent about supporting Michigan-based brands on their shelves. The East Lansing location is a solid stop.



Mad Rabbid — Deli Flower

\$12/3.5g

Ozone Fruit Quake — Live Resin Disposable Vape

\$14/g



A unique earthy taste with great bag appeal. This is the proof that Ascend's cultivation has turned a corner. If you've written off their in-house flower before, give this one a shot — it's a different animal than what they were putting out a couple years ago.

This cart delivers an authentic weed taste that a lot of live resin disposables promise but don't actually deliver. The hardware is reliable, which matters more than people give it credit for — nothing kills a vape experience faster than a cart that burns hot or clogs up. One note of warning: this one has a strong weed smell. Don't bring it to work.

Effin' Chillin' — THC:CBD 7:1 Vape Cart

\$16



Ascend's house Effin' brand is doing something smart here: a flavored distillate cart with just enough CBD to take the edge off and produce a genuinely balanced high. For people who find straight THC carts a little too much, or for those afternoon sessions when you need to stay functional, this is a great option. Also available in a THC:CBD:CBG version if you want to add another layer.

Effin' Gummies \$6/200mg

At \$6 for 200mg, this is one of the better edible values on the market right now. Ascend's gummy line is organized around a vibe rather than a milligram count — a smarter way to think about edibles than most brands are willing to admit. The lineup covers Sleep (with CBN), Chillin' (THC:CBD), and Hang (CBG:THC), each one targeting a different headspace. The taste is good and the effects are real. Pick your mood and go from there.

- Pleasantrees | 1615 E Michigan Ave, East Lansing -

Pleasantrees has been one of my favorite stops in the Lansing area for a while, and not just because of the atmosphere — though walking into a dispensary that feels like a nature center is always

a good start. What sets them apart is their commitment to quality at the cultivation level. They don't remediate their flower. In a market where cutting corners on testing and remediation has

become alarmingly common, that matters. This 420, they're spotlighting their Death Row brand at 50% off, with 40% off the rest of the store. Plan accordingly.

Crip'd Keeper — Death Row 1g Pre-Roll

\$11

Great taste, smooth smoke, and a wonderfully manageable high with a nice body buzz. Sometimes you don't want to get blasted — you just want to feel good — and this pre-roll delivers exactly that. Sweet taste, even burn, easy afternoon.



Nineteen 92' — Death Row Deli Flower

\$30/3.5g

This strain produced one of the most impressive eighths I pulled this year — a single massive cola that took up nearly the whole container. Bright smell, complicated taste, and the kind of visual presentation that makes you take a photo before you smoke it. Really liked this one.

Pleasantrees Rosin

\$40/g

Here's the thing about Pleasantrees rosin: the manager threw me a free one when I was picking up samples, told me I probably wouldn't be writing a review about it. It was actually really good. They store it in a cooler and take real care to keep it fresh and at the right consistency — the kind of attention to detail that you can taste. Any rosin under the Pleasantrees brand is a solid pick. Consider this a standing recommendation.



West Coast Flow — Death Row Deli Flower

\$30/3.5g

An old-school California strain that takes you straight back to SFV OG Kush days — that dry, piney, West Coast funk that used to define what good weed smelled like before everything became candy. This was the first eighth I finished for the guide. That says everything.



420 Deals:
50% off all Death Row products. 40% off the rest of the store. This is the move.

Commissary Kush — Death Row Deli Flower

\$30/3.5g

Nice bag appeal and an earthy, floral taste that's more subtle than showy. The high is active and motivated — I smoked this before doing dishes the other day and knocked them out without a second thought. Good daytime strain for people who like to stay in motion.

- Local Roots | Laingsburg & Perry -

Five years in Laingsburg. For a small family-owned shop in a small Michigan town, that's not nothing — especially in a market that's been chew-

ing through operators since the 24% tax hit. Local Roots has survived by doing what big chains can't: knowing their customers, supporting local produc-

ers, and keeping the experience personal. This 420 is their anniversary celebration, and they're marking it with 50% off. Go celebrate with them.

Element Astro Pop — Live Resin Disposable Vape

\$37

Element is a Lansing-based manufacturer and they did excellent work on this hybrid live resin cart. The taste and flavor are genuinely nice, and the hardware deserves special mention — it's calibrated to avoid the burnt hit problem that plagues a lot of disposables. Clean from first puff to last.



PopPot Infused Candies

\$16.05

From the same people who make Element comes one of the smartest product concepts in the Lansing market: an M&M-style candy, 1mg THC per piece, roughly 100 pieces per package. Also available in dark chocolate. This is the product you hand to the person in your life who's curious about cannabis but terrified of getting too high. It's also the product you grab when you want to microdose through a long day without committing to anything serious. Great taste, zero intimidation factor. This is a genuine gift guide item.



Redemption Cherry Lime Runtz x Wild Cherry — Live Resin Disposable Vape

\$24.10

Another Lansing-based producer, another dependable live resin vape. Redemption has quietly built one of the better reputations in the state for consistency, and this cart shows why. Worth noting: this is a new hardware version that has been performing very well — stays fresh, doesn't burn. And for what it's worth, this is coming out of Michigan's first GACP, GMP, and HACCP certified cannabis facility. That's not marketing — that's a legitimate quality standard.

Redemption 10-Pack Joints

\$26.75

At under \$3 a joint, this is one of the best values in the guide. But the price isn't the story — the story is who's behind it. Redemption is owned by Ryan Basore, a Lansing cannabis pioneer who had one of the first dispensaries in the state, went to jail for it before legalization, and came back to build a company with his name on it. A portion of Redemption's profits goes toward putting money on the books of people currently incarcerated for cannabis offenses and supporting efforts to free those still behind bars. Buying a 10-pack of Redemption joints isn't just a great deal. It's putting your money where your values are.



My Friend Live Rosin

\$22.40/g

A terrific live rosin option — great taste, beautiful consistency, and a color that tells you immediately this was handled right. If you're a concentrate person and you haven't tried My Friend, this is your introduction. Tasty, clean, and exactly what live rosin should be.

420 Deals:
50% off storewide in celebration of their 5th anniversary in Laingsburg. Support local.

As legal weed sees the sunlight, heady glass heads back underground



Local glassblower Alex Vicknair works on a piece in his home studio.

By LEO V. KAPLAN

When Alex Vicknair moved to Lansing from Seattle in the mid-'90s, the local head shops were full of American, artisan-made glass.

"I got here and went into In Flight to sell some glass, and they bought it," he said, referring to a former East Lansing head shop. "They were like, 'Sweet, we can get it locally now.' They were having to get it shipped from all over the country."

Vicknair built a life blowing and selling glass in Lansing. He met his wife at In Flight, where she was the manager. He built a home studio where he invited other artisans to share their skills.

"It was tight for me," Vicknair said. "I'd just wake up, empty out the kiln and give it to my wife, and she'd take it to work and bring me back cash that day."

Eventually, his wife retired to raise their children, and Vicknair was able to support his family by selling glass at local head shops. All the while, he was fostering a scene out of his home studio.

"People from all over the country, we'd just blow glass all night in this shop," he said. "We'd drink and smoke and eat pizza and share techniques, and that's the main way there came to be a glass scene here. I was an OG, and I always felt like, 'Let's just share techniques and help each other grow. There's enough money for all of us, let's work together.'"

That worked out at the time, Vicknair said, but money's since gotten tighter. Most local glassblowers have moved on to more lucrative markets, leaving the Lansing scene relatively dry. And the head shops that were once excited to have glassblowers in town prefer to order mass-produced, cheap pipes and bongs made by assembly-line workers in China, India and Mexico.

Vicknair hasn't sold a pipe or bong to a local shop in years. For his part, he said the low-end market doesn't bother him. The sweatshop labor, high markups and dishonest marketing do, but he understands head shops' need to cater to customers who want cheap products. The



This glassware, some of which was made by Vicknair and some by his collaborator Fish Scale Glass, would once have lined the walls of a head shop. Now, they sit in a cabinet in Vicknair's home studio, awaiting customers via social media.

products have some "janky" welds, he said, but they serve their purpose for people who only care about function. He's content spending his time on unique, complex items "that China can't rip off, because you're an artist."

The rise of mass-produced glassware has made it difficult for people who want to support their local glass scene to do so, though. Most local shops sell few, if any, American glass pieces. People in the market for a Vicknair original — which can run anywhere between \$100 for a simple piece that takes a few hours to make to more than \$1,000 for a complex piece that takes more than a week — need to reach out directly on Facebook or Instagram, where he posts completed pieces.

The items that once stocked local

shelves now sit in a cabinet full of glass, waiting for their next owners. Local creator Fish Scale Glass, who prefers not to have his name attached to his work, shares the space with Vicknair and sells his pieces the same way.

The shift started not long after Vicknair arrived in Lansing, he said. Gas station owners, many of whom were Indian immigrants, began selling cheap, imported Indian glassware as novelty items. When "Operation Pipe Dreams," the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's 2003 investigation into shops selling illegal drug paraphernalia, hit, it disproportionately impacted American-made pipe and bong supply chains. Local markets took a hit, head shops began stocking more imported glass, and the booming scene of artisans struggled to recover.

But it's legalization, according to the two artisans, that's got the local glass scene "down bad."

"We all thought making it legal was gonna make glass explode," Fish Scale said. "We thought we were going to be able to go into the dispensaries and sell our glass there."

The effect was the inverse, and it happened fast. People smoke out of pipes and bongs less in the era of pre-rolls and disposable vape cartridges, and the flower itself carries some of the status that a heady pipe once did.

That means, ironically, that 2020s Lansing stoners can pick up as much weed as their hearts desire legally, but those who want to support the local glass scene and buy a one-of-a-kind pipe need to do some research and, ideally, know a guy. Vicknair is a good place to start.

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800 Abbot Road, East Lansing
The Coffeehouse at All Saints
Fri., April 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Avenue
2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
CCFF x Nocturne: REBLOOM w/ NO.AH, rinbossanova, Sero, IZOTROPE, DEGEN
Fri., April 17, 9 p.m.
Space Dogg Collective: House Work
Sat., April 18, 9 p.m.
Swamp Rats
Sun., April 19, 7 p.m.

Blue Gill Grill
1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
Roadside Attraction
Fri., April 17, 8-11 p.m.

BrickHaven Brewing Co.
200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
AJ Mayer
Fri., April 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Chengdu Teahouse
100 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing
Jeff Boog & Friends
Fri., April 17, 5:30-7 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill
16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Homespun
Fri., April 17, 8 p.m.-midnight
Just Magnetic
Sat., April 18, 8 p.m.-midnight

Corey's Lounge
1511 S. Cedar St., Lansing
Darin Lerner Band
Wed., April 15, 7-9 p.m.
Chris Corey & Friends (jazz)
Wed., April 22, 7-9 p.m.

Delta Presbyterian Church
6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Capital City Ringers: Handbells Rock
Mon., April 20, 7 p.m.

Dublin Square
327 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Stephen Rahrig
Thurs., April 16, 9 p.m.-midnight

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Chad Benson & Ed Lutz
Wed., April 15, 7-9 p.m.
Bart Moore and the Hot Boyz
Wed., April 22, 7-9 p.m.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Capital City Ringers: Handbells Rock
Sun., April 19, 7 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.
204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
Deacon Earl
Fri., April 17, 6-9 p.m.
Flipside
Sat., April 18, 6-9 p.m.

Graham Vineyards
8920 W. Britton Road, Laingsburg
RavenDay
Sat., April 18, 6-9 p.m.

The Green Door
2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Wavelength
Wed., April 15, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Danger Cat, Premium Rat, Cylindrical Blazingstar
Sat., April 18, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
Elijah, Downswing, Ghosts in Motion, Second Salem
Sun., April 19, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.
May Erlewine, Packy Lundholm, R.O. Shapiro
Wed., April 22, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.
Wavelength
Wed., April 22, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Grewal Hall
224 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Thomas Dolby, Gail Ann Dorsey
Sat., April 18, 7 p.m.
The Lacs, Giovannie and the Hired Guns, Night Shift Special
Wed., April 22, 7 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market
7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Deadly String Band
Thurs., April 16, 5-8 p.m.
517 Funktet
Fri., April 17, 5-8 p.m.
Full House
Sat., April 18, 5-8 p.m.
John Beltran
Sun., April 19, 2-6 p.m.

The Irish Pub
1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
Open mic night, with Scott Seth
Thurs., April 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
School of Rock
Fri., April 17, 6 p.m.
Smokey Bear
Sat., April 18, 8-11 p.m.

Jackson Field
505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Aaron Manbeck
Thurs., April 16, 5 p.m.

Lansing Shuffle
325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
Dave East
Sat., April 18, 7 p.m.

Looking Glass Brewing Co.
108 W. Main St., Dewitt
Ben Awrey
Fri., April 17, 6-9 p.m.
Aaron Manbeck
Sun., April 19, 2-5 p.m.

Mac's Bar
2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night
Mon., April 21, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
Thurs., April 16, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
Tues., April 21, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Mash Bar
212 Albert Ave., East Lansing
Flowers on the Grave
Fri., April 17, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Midtown Brewing Co.
402 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Deer & Elk
Sat., April 18, 7-9 p.m.
Open mic night
Mon., April 20, 6-9 p.m.

Moriarty's Pub
802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
Wed., April 15, 8-11 p.m.
Soul Shake
Thurs., April 16, 9 p.m.-midnight
Dead Honey Collective
Fri., April 17, 8 p.m.-midnight
Spoonful
Sat., April 18, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
Tues., April 21, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
Wed., April 22, 8-11 p.m.

MSU College of Music
Percussion Ensemble
Wed., April 15, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
The Art of Verse and Sound: Debussy's Preludes
Wed., April 15, 8 p.m.
Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing
Concert Orchestra: Kings, Queens, and Variations
Thurs., April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing

Jazz nonets, with Anat Cohen
Thurs., April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Murray Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing
State Singers and University Chorale
Fri., April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre
Jazz Swing Dance
Fri., April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Large Rehearsal Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

Jazz at Lincoln Center: Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Regional Competition
Sat., April 18, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Murray Hall
Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert, with Anat Cohen
Sat., April 18, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre
Musique 21: From Darkness to Light
Mon., April 20, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre
Concert Band and Campus Band
Wed., April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Wharton Center

Nico's Pub and Grill
117 S. Bridge St., Dimondale
Sandra Faye Band
Fri., April 17, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Nuthouse Sports Grill
420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Lucid Vibe
Sat., April 18, 8 p.m.-midnight

One North East Lansing
1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Justin Holcomb
Fri., April 17, 7-10 p.m.
Kevin Nichols
Sat., April 18, 7-10 p.m.

One North Lansing
5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Rush Clement
Wed., April 15, 6-9 p.m.
Kevin Nichols
Thurs., April 16, 7-10 p.m.
Darin Lerner Sr.
Fri., April 17, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Kathy Ford
Mon., April 20, 6:30-9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel
521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Mother's Little Helpers
Fri., April 17, 8-10 p.m.
Jackalope
Tues., April 21, 6-8 p.m.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
5200 Pleasant Grove Road, Lansing
Praise in Lansing: A Spring Concert
Fri., April 17, 7 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits
2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Randy Napoleon Trio
Sun., April 19, 6-9 p.m.

Reno's North
16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Justin Judge
Wed., April 15, 6-9 p.m.
Showdown
Fri., April 17, 6-10 p.m.
Sat., April 18, 6-10 p.m.
Keely Dan Duo
Wed., April 22, 6-9 p.m.

The Robin Theatre
1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Pure Winds Quintet, feat Joe. Luloff
Wed., April 15, 7 p.m.
Jake Blount's Afrofuturist Salon
Sat., April 18, 2 p.m.

Shotty's Bar
1819 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Northside Rhythm Kings
Tues., April 21, 6-9 p.m.

Side Bar
246 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
JP Peters
Fri., April 17, 7-10 p.m.
Darin Lerner Jr.
Sat., April 18, 7-10 p.m.

Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood
2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
The Good Neighbor Concert Series: Audra Kubat
Tues., April 21, 6 p.m.

Stober's Bar
812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
DJ Patino & Friends
Sun., April 19, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Lady Luck
Tues., April 21, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.
1957 Cedar St., Holt
Frog & the Beeftones
Fri., April 17, 8-11 p.m.
Atomic Annie (acoustic duo)
Sat., April 18, 7-10 p.m.

University Lutheran Church
1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing
Emma's Revolution (Ten Pound Fiddle)
Fri., April 17, 7:30 p.m.

UrbanBeat
1213 Turner St., Lansing
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
Wed., April 15, 6-9 p.m.
Absolute Music Chamber Series: Mockingbird Ensemble
Thurs., April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Phil Denny's Urban Suite, feat. Phylicia Rae & Jacob Webb — Double Bass Experience
Fri., April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Walter Blanding's Jazz Ambassadors: Mood Indigo (music of Duke Ellington)
Sat., April 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Rock the Vote
Sun., April 19, 3 p.m.
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
Wed., April 22, 6-9 p.m.

Wharton Center
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
Lansing Symphony Orchestra: The Music of Studio Ghibli
Sat., April 18, 7:30 p.m.
ArcoStrum
Wed., April 22, 7 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse
3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Annabelle Sharp
Wed., April 15, 7-10 p.m.
Velocity Shift
Sat., April 18, 7-11 p.m.
Steve Shelhart
Wed., April 22, 7-10 p.m.

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Building a mystery: Spring book roundup

By KURT ANTHONY KRUG

Now that spring has finally arrived, below is a list of books you can read on your back deck. Just be careful you don't rip any of the pages racing through 'em!

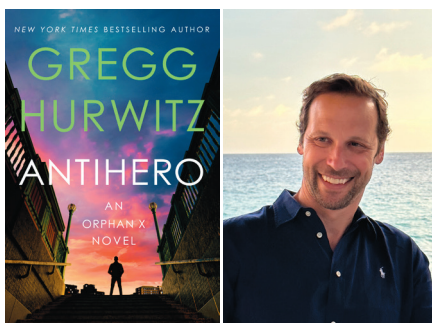


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"Antihero," by Gregg Hurwitz (Minotaur, \$30): From the very first sentence, Hurwitz grabs you and won't let go, immersing you in this gritty thriller. Former black ops assassin Evan Smoak, alias Orphan X, helps a young woman named Anca who was kidnapped off a New York City subway train, assaulted and abandoned. However, Anca — a deeply religious woman — doesn't want Evan to kill her assailants, which puts him in an awkward spot. The 11th novel in his "Orphan X" series, Hurwitz makes this entry as fresh and exciting as when he first started in 2016. His prose style is uniquely his own, his dialogue crackles, the plot is engaging, and the action sequences are high octane. Enjoy this read with some vodka (Evan's beverage of choice). If you can't get enough Hurwitz, his standalone novella, called "The Delivery," comes out in July. *Visit gregghurwitz.net.*

"Served Him Right," by Lisa Unger (Park Row, \$30): Unger is another author with a phenomenal track record of unputdownable novels. She also has some high-profile fans, including



Photo by Brian James

Buffy the Vampire Slayer herself, Sarah Michelle Gellar. In Unger's latest novel, Ana invites her closest friends and sister Vera over for brunch to celebrate her recent breakup with her boyfriend Paul, a real scumbag. However, news about Paul's murder arrives during the brunch, and all eyes are on Ana, who's no innocent either, given her bad rep when it comes to relationships. Vera and Ana must put aside their differences and discover the truth about Paul's murder before Ana goes down for it. Filled with deft prose, amazing dialogue, plenty of angst (nobody can do angst like Unger), realistic characters and a dash of the supernatural, "Served Him Right" is Unger at her finest. *Visit lisaunger.com.*

"Too Old for This," by Samantha Downing (Berkley, \$30): Senior citizen

Lottie Jones is living out her final years in quiet comfort and anonymity, both of which are shattered when investigative journalist/documentary filmmaker Plum Dixon knocks on her door. Plum wants to do a series about Lottie, a former serial killer who has since changed her name and zip code. As much as Lottie begs Plum not to do this, Plum won't budge; therefore, Lottie has no choice but to kill her, old habits dying hard. However, this was so much easier when she was younger. Pretty soon, everyone's knocking on Lottie's door — the police, Plum's boyfriend,



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Plum's mother — and she must deal with them the only way she knows how, but everything is taking a toll on her fragile health. Equal parts disturbing and darkly comedic, this is Downing's best novel to date. *Visit samanthadowning.com.*

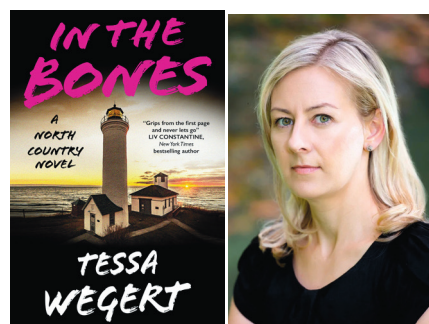


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"In the Bones," by Tessa Wegert (Severn House, \$30): Wegert, the criminally underrated author of the Shana Merchant series, tries her hand at the first installment of a new series called "North Country" — and boy, does she deliver! Former NHL great Mikko Helle moves to a mansion in New York's Thousand Islands. However, this mansion's basement is home to the bones of an unknown woman. It seems everyone in this community has secrets they don't want to see the light of day. Described as "Agatha Christie meets Ruth Ware," Wegert's latest novel is riveting, unsettling and utterly addictive, with an unforgettable ending. This is primo reading — don't pass it up. *Visit tessawegert.com.*

"All the Little Houses," by May Cobb (Sourcebooks Landmark, \$27.99): On the heels of the critically lauded Netflix adaptation of her nov-

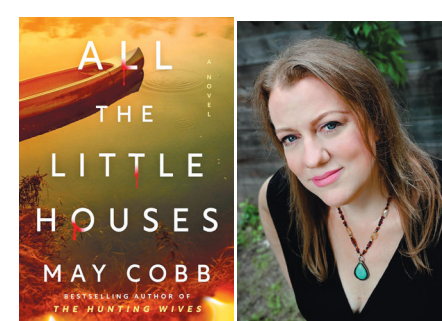


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el "The Hunting Wives," Cobb — the queen bee of "smutty suspense" (her words) — delivers her most sultry novel yet. Set in Longview, Texas, in the late 1980s, mean girl Nellie Anderson, the teenage heir to the Anderson family dynasty, has it all — thanks to her mother, Charleigh. Then the wholesome Swift family comes to town. Even though this family isn't as well off as the Andersons, Nellie feels threatened by them, particularly good girl Jane, and will stop at nothing to destroy them. But Jane seems to have a bit of Nellie in her. Oh dear ... definitely a book that will keep you up well past your bedtime. *Visit maycobb.com.*

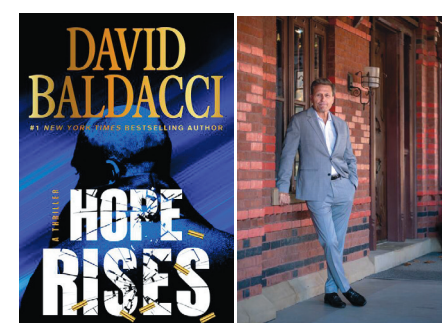


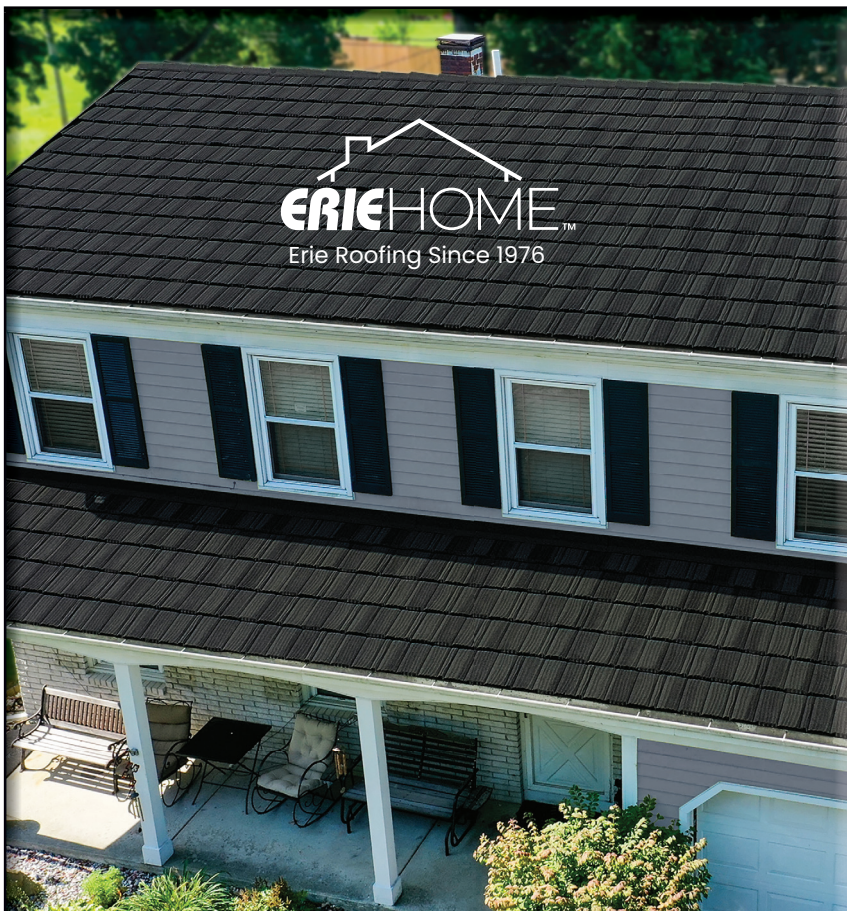
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"Hope Rises," by David Baldacci (Grand Central, \$32): This is the sequel to 2025's "Nash Falls," in which Walter Nash unwittingly becomes an informant for the FBI and loses his family as a result. Nash undergoes a radical transformation from mild-mannered businessman to Dillon Hope, a tattooed, street-smart killing machine. His mission is to take down the person who destroyed his family: international

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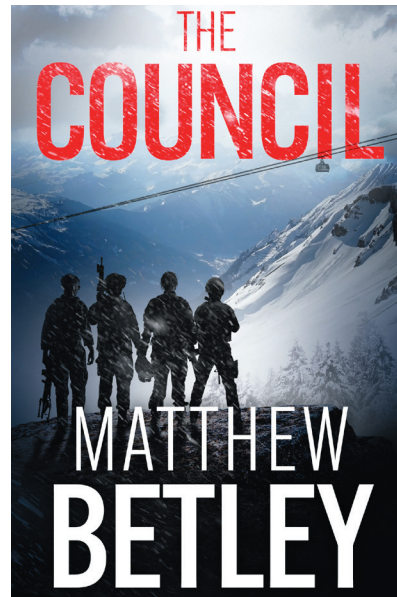


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criminal mastermind Victoria Steers. To do so, he becomes a part of her inner circle. However, Steers hasn't been in power this long because she's stupid. "Hope Rises" is riveting and moves at a breakneck pace. Baldacci is at a stage in his career where he could phone it in, but he refuses to do so. *Visit davidbaldacci.com.*

"The Council," by Matthew Betley (Blackstone, \$30): After losing his daughter to a violent crime, ex-Special Forces operative Owen Pierce is recruited by the Council, a clandestine organization that goes outside the law to stop criminals. The Council gives Owen an outlet to vent his grief and rage. It's a

win-win for both. However, upon completing a mission, Owen discovers the Council is not as altruistic as it appears. Having served in the Marines, Betley's action sequences are fast, furious and grounded in reality. This one's a real page turner. *Visit matthewbetley.com.*

"Murder at 30,000 Feet," by Susan Walter (Blackstone, \$30): Walter puts a new spin on the locked-room mystery — this one occurs on an airplane. Flight 868 to Puerto Rico encounters dangers from within and without. Not only is it flying into some nasty weather, but one of the passengers is murdered when the lights go off for a moment. Panic and paranoia run rampant as passengers from all walks of life begin spouting accusations. The only thing they can agree on is that the murderer is still on the plane, and nobody is safe. You'll burn through this book in one sitting. *Visit susanwalterwriter.com.*

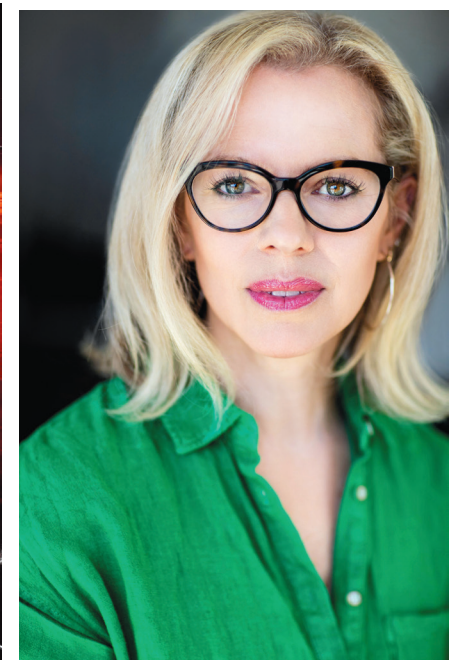
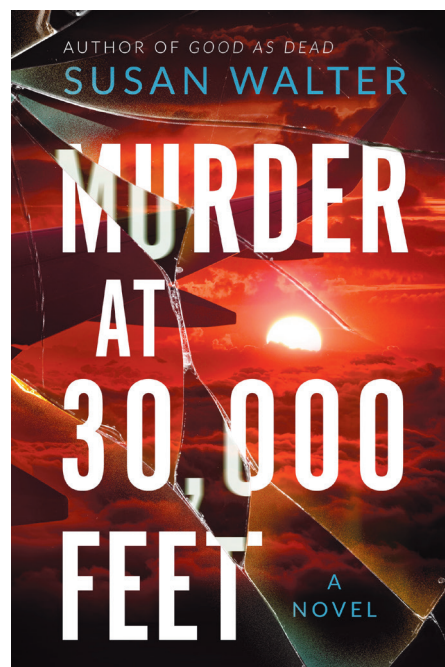
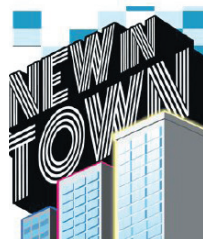


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Tanuki's Trading Post reopens in Old Town



By LEO V. KAPLAN

Tanuki's Trading Post

1236 Turner St.,
Lansing
Noon-8 p.m.
Wednesday-Sunday
(517) 295-3512
tanukistradingpost.com

When Brandon Carlson and Onyx Bart's Japan-centric hobby shop, Tanuki's Trading Post, closed last year due to issues with its Michigan Avenue building, the husband-and-wife team knew their journey wasn't over. Instead, they took a page from their namesake, the Japanese raccoon dog mythologized as a shapeshifter.

"I was too stubborn to let it go under," Carlson said.

After a tumultuous few months, the couple's real estate agent told them the building that then housed Blue Owl Coffee in Old Town would soon be on the market. They jumped at the opportunity.

Tanuki's Trading Post reopened in Old Town March 6, with a grand open-

ing celebration Friday (April 10). The store offers the same anime figures, model building kits, manga and official art as before. The purple walls have stuck around and, most importantly to Carlson and Bart, the shop still has space for a screening room in the back, where regulars can hang out, watch anime and participate in a variety of meetups.

Carlson and Bart set out to build a community with Tanuki's and are excited to say they've been successful. During the four months the shop was closed, the regulars who used to congregate in the back room stayed in touch with each other and employees via the shop's Discord server and even organized hangouts at temporary spots in the interim. When work on the new location took longer than expected, leaving Bart and Carlson with only a day to move into the new shop, a group of customers turned up to help.

Despite the shop's smaller size compared to the last, the new location is an upgrade in many ways, including the types of events it can accommodate.

One of Carlson and Bart's main rea-

sons for opening Tanuki's Trading Post in the first place was to host painting days for model figures, turning a sometimes tedious and difficult activity into a community event. But their former location lacked the necessary ventilation. The back room at the new spot, though, was designed with coffee roasting in mind and has ventilation aplenty.

Carlson and Bart said the Old Town community has been very welcoming, with the Old Town Commercial Association helping spread the word about the move and other shop owners being excited to have Tanuki's in the area.

And moving to Old Town is something of a homecoming for Carlson, whose great-grandfather Cecil LaMana once ran a bar in the neighborhood in addition to the distribution company Service Beer & Wine Sales.

"It only took 100 years," he said, laughing. "And there's a lot less alcohol involved this time."



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Tanuki's Trading Post co-owners Brandon Carlson and Onyx Bart pose behind the counter at their new Old Town location, formerly home to Blue Owl Coffee.

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Dystopian '1984' reflects life as we know it today

By **DANA DEMINK**

The slogans “war is peace,” “freedom is slavery” and “ignorance is strength” are projected on three overhead screens. The floor is a mottled, grey-black swirl speckled with dots of red, redolent of an uneven, drab prison floor. Book pages are strewn about, covering most of the stage. These are treated as disregarded rubbish that the actors walk over. A dissonant, not quite familiar tune evokes despair, anxiety and uncertainty. Several monochromatically clad actors sit in folding chairs, attempting to make themselves look small and unseen. Their eyes dart about as they track the movements of O’Brien, the sadistic torturer and “teacher” of the Inner Party.

George Orwell’s dystopian 1949 novel, “1984,” is about a future in which an overtly totalitarian regime called “Oceania” controls every aspect of human existence, children

are encouraged to inform on their parents, and autonomy is met with death. This 2021 adaptation by Nick Hern, performed at Lansing Community College’s Dart Auditorium, encapsulates the last section of Orwell’s seminal novel. Set in the Ministry of Love’s torture chambers, the protagonist, Winston Smith (Jason Durr and Samuel Barrix), is forced to watch reenactments

of his crimes against the state: his love for another human being, his independent thinking and his anti-party sentiment. Throughout the two-hour production, our protagonist is subjected to a “conversion therapy” of sorts that systematically destroys his identity. He is tortured, coerced and reconditioned.

Durr adeptly portrays the complexity of a man who will not be broken. While his physical presence seems to have become smaller and more frail during the seven years of his captivity, he watches the staged



Photo by Kevin Fowler

Raymon Torres (standing) and Jason Durr in Lansing Community College’s production of “1984.”

vignettes of himself with longing, embarrassment, pride, weariness and terror. Durr conveys to the audience that despite Winston’s ultimate capitulation, his is a mind that must remain free, down to the last flicker of recognition of his love for Julia.

Alternatively, O’Brien, an undercover agent of the “Thought Police” played by Raymon Torres, simmers with a quiet rage. O’Brien tortures Winston to cure his mind of the “false” notion that there is a past to be remembered. He explains that

reality exists only in the human mind, and since the party controls everyone’s mind, it controls reality. As O’Brien, Torres reflects the odd juxtaposition of torturer and “savior” through his alternating bare-knuckled brutality and pleasant appreciation of the complexities of Winston’s mind.

Set against creepy, ponderous and oddly beautiful original music by recent LCC graduate Myka Spoelma, director Paige Tufford’s intelligent and instructive production of “1984” was an intentional choice for life as we know it in 2026. Like a roving eye, always watching the daily stream of information, we can’t help but recognize this cautionary tale of unchecked power, of the manipulation of history, of runaway AI’s evolving ability to rapidly dismantle systems, of forever wars with a rotating cast of “foes” from faraway places. This LCC production serves to remind its students and community members alike that authoritarianism must be disrupted and independent thought must be protected.



Review

“1984”

7 p.m. Friday, April
17–Saturday, April 18
Dart Auditorium
500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing
(517) 483-1122
lcc.edu/showinfo

Ixion captivates with another dark family drama

By **MARY CUSACK**

Hot on the heels of its thrilling production of “The Pillowman,” Ixion Ensemble Theatre’s latest show, “Kindness,” is another dark look at the complexity of familial relationships and how far one might go to save a loved one from an inevitable fate.

Maryanne (Maureen Sawdon) is fighting a losing battle with cancer and has planned a last hurrah weekend in New York City with her teenage son, Dennis (Kyan Camarillo), to see a Broadway musical. After they arrive, though, a sullen Dennis changes his mind about going to the show, and Maryanne instead invites Herman (Ralph Sims), a cab driver she has befriended.

After Maryanne leaves for the play, Dennis is visited by the beautiful and mysterious Frances (Rachel Mender). Frances is hiding out while executing

some scheme, and Dennis is easily maneuvered into being her accomplice. She is charismatic and forthright, challenging Dennis’s ennui. By revealing her own dark thoughts, she pokes and prods him into admitting that he has thought about killing his mother, and from that moment on, the tension slowly builds.

Camarillo captures the complex feelings of a teenager juggling much more than a young man should. With an absent father and a terminally ill mother, Dennis is stuck in the present, unable or unwilling to think about his future. He is at times moody and resentful of the situation his mother has put him in, yet he is obviously concerned and protective of her.

As Frances, Mender is the perfect foil for Dennis. She fills the small hotel room with vivacious energy as she

struts around in her little black dress. She takes over the space, snooping through Maryanne’s belongings as she snoops into Dennis’s mind. When Frances meets Maryanne in the second act, Mender does a fantastic job of exhibiting her character’s disdain for the woman. Although this plot point isn’t explained, it is still intriguing to watch Frances play cat to mousy Maryanne.

In his review of the 2008 premiere of the play for NJ.com, critic Michael W. Sommers referred to Frances as “an edgy Holly Golightly sort of charmer.” That analogy is a bit off. Rather, Frances is a Holly Godarkly. At first, she comes across as an intriguing lost soul, but there is an undercurrent to her actions that suggests she is looking for souls to steal. That ambiguity is what makes this production compelling.

In the second act, Frances tells a heartbreaking story to explain her behavior and seems to show a hint of true empathy for the target of her scheme. Yet keen eyes will notice a few subtle actions that suggest she



Review

“Kindness”

7 p.m. Friday, April
17–Saturday, April 18
3 p.m. Sunday, April 19
Stage One at Sycamore
Creek Eastwood
2200 Lake Lansing Road,
Lansing
(517) 775-4246
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Courtesy Ixion Ensemble Theatre

Kyan Camarillo (left) and Rachel Mender in Ixion Ensemble Theatre’s production of “Kindness.”

is setting Dennis up to take the fall for her, and the pathway she sets him upon will have lifelong repercussions.

“Kindness” does have some weaknesses. The pace is uneven at times, and Herman is a somewhat underutilized or underwritten character. Additionally, there are unanswered questions about Frances’ motives as she manipulates Dennis. Despite those shortcomings, the slowly building tension of the plot and the energy that Mender brings to Frances make the show a captivating experience.

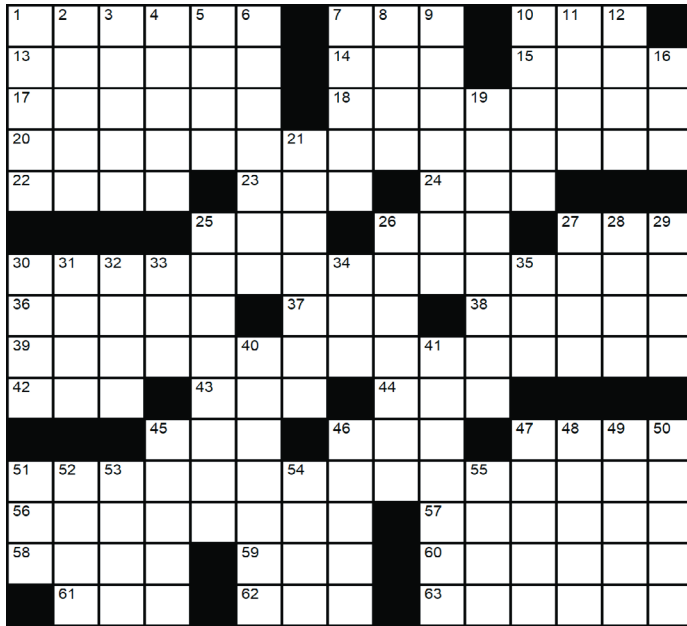
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Miscues" -- yes, I do.
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ACROSS

- 1. Renaissance setting in America
- 7. Shakshouka ingredient
- 10. Batteries for some remote-controlled vehicles
- 13. Chant after a soccer score
- 14. Vientiane language
- 15. Slick, as a speaker
- 17. "The Joys of Yiddish" author Leo
- 18. Be better at evasion than
- 20. "The vest and jacket are itchy and don't fit?"
- 22. "The Facts of Life" mentor Garrett
- 23. Sashimi topper
- 24. Non-dairy milk source
- 25. McKellen of the "X-Men" movies
- 26. More than -y
- 27. "Euphoria" network
- 30. Controversy when a Boston Marathon cheater becomes a TV host?
- 36. Former Chinese leader Zhou
- 37. NBA Hall of Famer Gasol
- 38. Dwight Eisenhower's wife
- 39. Invitee who makes the party suddenly make sense?
- 42. Texting format initials
- 43. Fish that goes with chips
- 44. "Live ____" (Taco Bell slogan)



- 45. ____ Tomé and Príncipe
 - 46. Spam generator
 - 47. Tom kha kai cuisine
 - 51. Where to change direction in your LeSabre?
 - 56. Build up
 - 57. "Steamboat ____" (Mickey Mouse cartoon in public domain)
 - 58. "The Bridges at ____-Ri" (1954 movie)
 - 59. "Golly!"
 - 60. Burning
 - 61. Late Pink Floyd member Barrett
 - 62. "77 Sunset Strip" actor Byrnes
 - 63. Approvals
- DOWN**
- 1. Seattle Slew, for one
 - 2. How some things are read
 - 3. Pine tree secretion
 - 4. Led Zeppelin's "Whole ____ Love"
 - 5. Monthly util.
 - 6. Festival of Lights symbol
 - 7. Skip formal nuptials
 - 8. Asterix's home
 - 9. "Can I bug you?"
 - 10. Painful ordeal
 - 11. Discount grocery chain headquartered in Germany
 - 12. Word with hex or high
 - 16. Ask for table scraps
 - 19. Grade school projects
 - 21. One-legged camera support
 - 25. TV series about hiding edibles?
 - 26. Words spoken before a spell
 - 27. Computer-to-TV cable
 - 28. "Mission: Impossible" actress Barbara
 - 29. Fashion designer Cassini
 - 30. Rules partner, briefly
 - 31. "E Pluribus ____"
 - 32. Spots in the Loire
 - 33. ____ in "zebra"
 - 34. Song subject with the question "What is it good for?"
 - 35. Granny
 - 40. Filmed material
 - 41. Corrode
 - 45. Boston fish specialty
 - 46. Holstein, e.g.
 - 47. Bridge collections
 - 48. Polynesian dances
 - 49. "One-Punch Man" genre
 - 50. Cannes concepts
 - 51. You might commit to one
 - 52. Ones, to Juan
 - 53. Kinda gross
 - 54. Like some textbooks
 - 55. Abundant (with)

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

April 15-21, 2026

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Anthropologist and author Clifford Geertz loved to use "thick description." He wrote detailed reports that captured not just the surface level of what happened but the deeper levels of meaning. Here's an example of thin description: "He winked." Thick description: "He quickly closed and opened his right eyelid in a culturally specific gesture of playfully conspiratorial communication." In the coming weeks, Aries, I invite you to enjoy the sumptuous pleasures of thick description. Unleash your wild curiosity as you dig down into the rich, complex truths about everything. Gleefully explore how the cultural, personal, and historical contexts give each moment its specific, nuanced significance. (PS: This approach will enhance your options for responding.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): New beginnings and final chapters will be overlapping in the coming weeks, and they'll push you in the direction of robust growth. It won't always be obvious which is which, though, so you'll need to sharpen your discernment to read the signs. Here are two contemplations to steer you: 1. Which long-running sagas in your life have finally played themselves out? 2. Which struggling, half-forgotten dreams are yearning to rise again and blossom as if they were brand new? Once you've listened deeply enough to answer those questions, move boldly: Feed and protect whatever is being born, and actively assist in the graceful dismantling of whatever is ready to end.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): One of your go-to tools or assets is still functioning, but now is exactly the time to repair or refurbish it — *before* it breaks. Furthermore: A power outage of sorts may be looming unless you move to head off an impending overload. Wait, there's even more! The monster in your closet is still deeply asleep, which is why now is the perfect moment to summon an exorcist or exterminator, before it stirs. Are you getting the picture, Gemini? The very fact that you're reading this horoscope gives you all the advance warning you need to sidestep potential glitches and diversions.

CANCERIAN (June 21-July 22): According to my reading of the astrological omens, asking the BIG questions is highly advisable right now. Why? Because you are unusually likely to get really good answers to those BIG questions. Want a nudge to get started in this noble enterprise? Here are three recommended queries: 1. "What is the wild meaning of my precious life?" 2. "Who the #@%&! am I, anyway?" 3. "Where is this so-called 'God' I hear so much about?" Dear Cancerian, I will also urge you to formulate humorous, satirical BIG questions that inspire life to be playfully revelatory with you. Here are three: 1. "How can I fine-tune my friends and loved ones to perfection?" 2. "Are there shortcuts to getting absolutely everything I want?" 3. "How do I sign up for a life of nonstop pleasure, free from all discomfort?"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When people finally grasped just how radical Einstein's theory of relativity was, a journalist asked him how he had arrived at such a breakthrough. Einstein said it was simple: He had utterly ignored supposedly fundamental truths. Dear Leo, please notice what that might imply for you in the coming weeks. Einstein didn't dismiss a mere opinion or fashionable theory; he set aside theories so deeply accepted that everyone treated them as obviously factual. He didn't waste energy fighting them, but simply proceeded as if they didn't exist. Consider doing the same: Set aside at least one seemingly incontestable assumption and be alert for the new realities that then become possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The International Space Station orbits Earth every 90 minutes, so astronauts see 16 sunrises and sunsets every 24 hours. It's a challenge to maintain their circadian rhythms. They must be disciplined as they stick to a sleep cycle that human bodies are accustomed to. But there's a wonderful trade-off: the rare privilege of witnessing the rapid cycling of total darkness and brilliant light, which provides a visceral sense

of life's deep cadences at work. Your routine may seem similarly unsettled these days, Virgo. Transitions are coming faster than feels natural. But I suspect this disruptive blessing is giving you access to patterns that aren't intelligible when you're moving more slowly. You're beholding the way things change as well as the changes themselves. This is a valuable gift. The insights will be worth the disorientation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You Libras sometimes get accused of indecision, as if your careful weighing of possibilities were a weakness. But I see a different truth: You aspire to be fair-minded as you honor all the legitimate claims on your attention. So the problem isn't your capacity for considering multiple sides of each story. Rather, I find fault with the culture you live in, which is obsessed with one-dimensional certainty. If I were your coach or therapist, I would give you permission to take your time and resist the rush to resolution. The most honest thing you can say may be, "I'm still deciding," or "Both of these feel true."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.21): You're not a flaming expert at turning tension into treasure, but you have modest skills at that art. And now I'm predicting you will grow these skills. Before you jump to conclusions, though, please know that I'm not implying you will be immersed in stressful melodrama. I'm suggesting you will handle differences of perspective with increasing aplomb and curiosity. Instead of treating conflict as a debilitating hassle, you'll try to find value in it. Some debates may even feel stimulating and fun rather than tiring. To take maximum advantage, enjoy the controversies as exploratory missions rather than as showdowns you must win at all costs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I hope and predict that you will be wildly resourceful as you wisely experiment with love in the coming weeks. I hope and predict that you will research the art of tender, inspiring intimacy in new frontiers. Reinvent passion, you subtle intensity freak! Be a bold explorer who breaks the boring old rules! Dare to break open new varieties of sweetness and companionship that require you to innovate and improvise!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you were on a walk and spied a dime on the ground, would you bend down to grab it? Probably not. Would you feel differently about a quarter? Maybe you have decided that nothing under a dollar is worth your effort. But in the coming weeks, you will be wise to break such rules. Symbolically speaking, the act of stooping down to pick up a dime will set off a chain reaction that ends with you acquiring a hundred-dollar bill. By saying yes to small, unexpected blessings, you'll position yourself to receive larger ones down the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20- Feb.18): The coming weeks will be an excellent time to begin a building project on the scale of Egypt's Great Pyramid or India's Taj Mahal. You should at least initiate work toward *some* magnificent masterpiece or creation, Aquarius. According to my analysis, there's a chance you could coax an armada of helpers to work on your behalf. And as you set out to accomplish your labor of love, I bless your quest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Artists who specialize in origami can create structures far stronger than the flat paper they're folded from. The weakness of being made from thin, fragile material is overcome through strategic creasing. Engineers now use origami principles to design everything from solar panels to artificial blood vessels. Let's extrapolate these facts into a lesson for you in the coming weeks, Pisces. We'll assume that your flexibility is a strength, not a liability. You will wield your pliability to produce a high degree of structural integrity.

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

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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, April 15

"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.

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

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

Artist Talks: 2026 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition - Join Yeroham Ashagre, Hailey Becker, Niloufar Fallahfar, Vadu Rodrigues, and Alex Vlasov as they discuss their work included in the MFA Exhibition. 6-8 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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.

Bookend Gallery Display - The Bookend welcomes the Lansing Women's Art Collective to our gallery wall for the month of April. This presentation by several artists demonstrates the variety that can be seen as art. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

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.

Capital City Film Festival - Screenings of 181 films with more than 90 filmmakers will be held at Central United Methodist Church and Riverwalk Theatre, with special events held at The Robin Theatre and The Avenue. For the full schedule, visit capitalcityfilmfest.com.

Class: Emily Hett Inspired Mug - Join us at Playing Picasso for a fun and relaxing class where we'll be painting an adorable mug inspired by the artist Emily Hett! 6-9 p.m. 300 N. Clippert St., Ste. 15A, Lansing. facebook.com/playingpicasso.

Code Club - Kids of all experience levels will learn fun, kid-chosen tech skills each week using easy, colorful block-based programming. Grades 3+. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Deductions & Delicious Wines - Join us in our tasting room as we celebrate the end of tax season the best way we know how: with wine! We'll pay the tax on glasses of wine and wine cocktails all day. Noon-6 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. burgdorfwinery.com.

East Lansing Public Library's April Art Exhibit - Michigan artist Susan Smith is the artist of the month. Her works include watercolors, acrylics, collage, alcohol inks and more. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Emergency Services - 6 p.m. LSW Emergency Services, 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

EnhanceFitness - Join us for free, fun, core-strengthening exercise. We meet at All Saints Lutheran on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 720 W. South St., Mason. allsaintsmason.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.

Guidance for Food Handlers and the Management of Halal Food - Participants will increase their knowledge and confidence in how to properly handle halal food for consumers requiring a halal diet. 1-2:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/washtenaw.

Impact of Funding Cuts on Global Health: Africa - Join GL-UNA as we learn how U.S. funding cuts and policy shifts are affecting health systems across Africa. 6:30-8 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. gluna.org.

Job Fair - We want to connect members of the community with our local employers. Noon-4 p.m. Consumer's Credit Union, 6935 Cedar St, Lansing. 517-887-8844.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

Life Drawing at REACH Studio Art Center - Build drawing skills through direct observation. We'll start with quick warm-up sketches and move into longer poses with our partially clothed model. 6-8 p.m. 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Mindful Wednesday Lunch & Learn: Laughter is the Best Medicine - Explore the benefits of laughter. We'll share jokes, practice laughter yoga, and learn how to add more laughter to our day. 11 a.m.-noon. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mindfulnessfor-betterliving.

"Moments in Time" - Lansing artist Janis Barr McElmurry invites you to pause and savor life's beautiful, fleeting moments through her vibrant watercolor paintings. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073.

Native Container Gardening Webinar - Dr. Jeremie Fant, conservation scientist with Chicago Botanic Gardens, will share his expertise, based on 15+ years of experience growing native plants in pots. 6-7 p.m. Virtual — register at msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P8C_hx6QQnGXZ5yFbJfbw.

Parkinson's Exercise: Tai Chi - Free group class tailored for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. Improve balance and strength. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Ross Education New Student Orientation - We'll cover everything you need to know for a great start. We'll also give you a tour of the campus and classrooms so you know exactly where you're going. 3-4 p.m. Ross Medical Education Center, 4106 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. rosseducation.edu.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase - Showcase features upcycled furniture and art created by students who sourced materials from the MSU Surplus Store & Recycling Center. Noon-5 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery.

Sporkle Live Trivia - Join us at HopCat East Lansing every Wednesday for trivia! Two rounds, two chances to score prizes. First game: 7 p.m. Second game: 8 p.m. 300 Grove St., East Lansing. facebook.com/HopCatEastLansing.

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



MSU Union Art Gallery // studio apartment vibes!

Upcycle Student Collective exhibit

Monday, April 13-Through May 2

Noon-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday

MSU Union Art Gallery

49 Abbot Road, East Lansing

art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery

Reception: 5-7 p.m. April 21

The Michigan State University Surplus Store & Recycling Center is one of Greater Lansing's hidden gems. It's pretty much a thrift store, but instead of donations, it's stocked with laboratory glass, old computers, abandoned luggage and a near infinite supply of desks. This is where a professor's book collection goes when she retires, where the old riding mower gets auctioned off (along with the old football lockers), and there's even a pile of free stuff outside.

It should come as no surprise that MSU students are taking full advantage of the last-chance-before-the-dump supplies to create art.

The Upcycle Student Collective is exhibiting a showcase of upcycled furniture and art, created by students using the vast bounty of the Surplus Store. The work was primarily done during Student Upcycle Fridays, right next to the store.

Students used basic tools and supplies to show that Spartans don't need to go far or spend big to furnish their living space with style.

Some items, like a suitcase vanity and a tire ottoman, were personal projects. Others were made as a group, including a decoupage fridge turned into an interactive recycling education tool.

The only problem with the store is that it's only open on Fridays and closes at 3:30 p.m. The art exhibit gives you a chance to experience a bit of the store all week.

United Women in Faith Rummage Sale - Sale includes a small area of priced items. Buyers decide the price for all other items. All proceeds support local missions and nonprofit organizations that support primarily women and children. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Delta Mills United Methodist Church, 6809 Delta River Drive, Lansing. 517-402-2722.

Weaving the Web: Earth - 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.

Wine Knot - Bring your current project, learn a new stitch, share a tip, or simply unwind with fellow fiber-loving friends. Glasses of wine will be \$1 off. 6-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. burgdorfwinery.com.

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, April 16

"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.

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Advocacy Day - Help make positive change by speaking with legislators about substance use issues in your community. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Boji Tower, 124 W. Allegan St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/107171105861.

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

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

April Downtown Business Huddle - Start your morning with valuable networking and a great cup of coffee. We'll have refreshments and insightful speakers to fill you in on the latest happenings in downtown Lansing. 8-9 a.m. Strange Matter, 331 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/downtownlansing.

Bike Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Kick back with an ice-cold brew, grab a burger, and check out some awesome bikes while enjoying great company and laid-back vibes. 7-10 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Bookend Gallery Display by Lansing Women's Art Collective - Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

Broad Underground X MSU Film Collective: "The Tower" Preview Screening - Directed by Philip Rabalais and Auden Lincoln-Vogel, "The Tower" is a feature-length fiction film woven from interconnected vignettes devised with untrained actors from Fairfield, Iowa. 7-9 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Capital City Film Festival - For the full schedule, including venues, visit capitalcityfilmfest.com.

Charlotte Community Library Board Meeting - The board meets the third Thursday of every month in the library's Spartan Room. 6-8 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Communication on Tap - Join experts in communication fields for an intriguing night of discussion on topics across communication, health, and more. 5-7:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

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.

East Lansing Public Library's April Art Exhibit - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Field Crops Virtual Breakfast Series: Soil Fertility Considerations in a Down Market, with Dr. Kurt Steinke - 7-8 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/field_crops.

Game Night for Science: Stall Catchers - Contribute to real Alzheimer's research by playing a video game. Participants will look at brain scans to determine if blood is flowing or stalled. Ages 11+. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

History of the Interurban, with Author Norman L. Krentel - Join us for a riveting presentation about the history of the Jackson-Leslie-Lansing Interurban with Norman L. Krentel, author of "Michigan Railway Company: The Northern and Southern Divisions." 7 p.m. Leslie Township Hall, 4279 Oak St., Leslie. cadl.org/about/our-locations/leslie.

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.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mix & Mingle Networking Event - Our Chamber members host networking events on the third Thursday of the month to give the Chamber board an opportunity to meet with members and local residents. 5-7 p.m. Rebel Mimi, 220 Bridge St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

"Moments in Time," Watercolors by Janis Barr McElmurry - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073.

Museum of Alternative History | Gallery Talk with Tim Guthrie - Join Professor Tim Guthrie of Creighton University for a guided tour and gallery talk in the Museum of Alternative History. We'll learn about the motivations to create this uncanny twilight zone of a natural history exhibit. 5:30-7 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. museum.msu.edu.

Online Extension Extras for Professionals Third Thursdays: Screen Time for Young Children - Learn how screen time and other media exposure impacts children and ways to decrease screen time for young children. 7-8:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/parenting_education_classes.

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

Preserving MI Harvest: Modifying Recipes for Preservation - Learn how to modify research-based preserving recipes and have a safe product that fits the needs of you and your family. 1-2 and 6-7 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/food_preservation.

Queer Nature Club: Flower Walk - Let's go for a walk and get to know some spring flowers! This group is open to 2SLGBTQIA+ folks and allies of all ages. Anyone under 18 must be with an adult. 2-4 p.m. Scott Woods Park, 2631 Clifton Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/SalusCenterMI.

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.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase - Noon-5 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery.

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.

United Women in Faith Rummage Sale - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Delta Mills United Methodist Church, 6809 Delta River Drive, Lansing. 517-402-2722.

Weathered Nest Vintage Market Crafting Connection - Free open crafting in our studio. Bring your own crafts to work on or purchase craft supplies here. No cost to participate. 5:30-8 p.m. Weathered Nest Vintage Market 200 S Bridge St., Grand Ledge. 517-918-0529.

Wine Bingo Night - Come play a bit, win some swag, and hang with us. It's free to play. 6-7:30 p.m. Hor-

The Incredible David V. Tinder Collection of Michigan Real Photo Postcards

6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16
Historical Society of Greater Lansing Museum
528 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing



History buffs are invited to swipe through the Tinder collection of photos of Lansing's past ... no, not that Tinder, these photos are pre-cell phone.

Noted postcard historians Christine Byron and Tom Wilson of Grand Rapids will deliver a presentation Thursday exploring the David V. Tinder Collection, one of the most significant collections of Michigan photography ever assembled, with more than 66,000 real photo postcards alone.

The images are contained in a searchable — can we say swipable — database that covers all 83 Michigan counties. There are more than 4,500 images of Lansing-area history.

Photo postcards are photographic prints developed on postcard stock, produced in limited numbers generations ago. They give us a unique and authentic look at everyday life in early Michigan.

Tinder was a Detroit-area engineer and passionate collector who assembled more than 100,000 historical images, including daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, carte de visite, cabinet cards, stereographs and real photo postcards. He also created a definitive reference guide to early Michigan photographers, widely used in historical and genealogical research today.

Christine Byron is a former local history librarian for the Grand Rapids Public Library and Tom

Wilson is a historian and genealogist. They are co-authors of the "Vintage Views" book series.

rocks Wine Bar, 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/HorrocksWineBar.

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"1984" - Constructed almost entirely from dialogue taken from the original novel, this bold and powerful dramatization restores the blazing heart of Orwell's work: a doomed love story, with the lovers at its center. 7 p.m. LCC Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

Audio Air Force Presents "Wuthering Heights" - "Wuthering Heights" tells the turbulent tale of love, revenge, and family conflict centered on Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw, spanning two generations on the Yorkshire moors. 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. audioairforce.com.

Birthday Boozy Book Fair - Celebrate four years of Hooked with our favorite boozy book fair of the year. Enjoy free birthday cake, drink specials, a Hooked quiz and Mad Libs, and 10% off retail storewide. 5-10 p.m. 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/HookedLansing.

Bookend Gallery Display by Lansing Women's Art Collective - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

Broad Underground X CCF: Midwest Experimental Moving Image - What experiments in film and video are being done in the Midwest? Find out at this screening presented in collaboration with the Capital City Film Festival! 7-9 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Capital City Film Festival - For the full schedule, including venues, visit capitalcityfilmfest.com.

Curator Tour: Seeing in 360 Degrees - Join assistant curator Rachel Winter for a tour of the Broad Art Museum's architecture, the Zaha Hadid Design collection, and recent acquisitions of Arab American art in celebration of Arab American Heritage Month. 3:30-4:30 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Double Clutch Free Karaoke - Karaoke is headed to High Caliber! First, second and third Fridays. Bring your friends, significant other, or coworkers and sing your little hearts out! 7-10:30 p.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. highcaliberkarting.com.

East Lansing Public Library's April Art Exhibit - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Emma's Revolution - This duo of award-winning activist singer-songwriters, Pat Humphries & Sandy O, has been writing, performing and leading songs of community and justice singing for more than 25 years. 7:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

EnhanceFitness - Join us for free, fun, core-strengthening exercise. We meet at All Saints Lutheran on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 720 W. South St., Mason. allsaintsmason.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.

The Future of Comedy Show - We're back at Bengel Wildlife Center with nationally touring headliner Mike Ball and FOGS favorites Dave Wellfare, Big Juicy and Mitch Gill! 8 p.m. 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath. facebook.com/thefutureofcomedyshow.

Gimme Gimme Disco - A DJ-based dance party spinning all your favorite ABBA anthems, plus non-stop disco classics from the '70s and '80s. 8 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. greendoorlive.com.

Island City Generations Theater Presents "Twin-derella" - This production includes a cast of 22 children and five adults and is a fun family comedy that will tickle your funny bones! 7 p.m. Greyhound Intermediate School, 805 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/frankboston.

"Kindness," by Adam Rapp - Join Ixion Ensemble Theatre for this drama, directed by Miranda Sue Hartmann. 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/ixionensemble.

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Thomas Dolby

8 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Grewal Hall

224 S. Washington Square, Lansing
grewalhall.com

Best known for his megahit "She Blinded Me with Science," Thomas Dolby is a renaissance man who bridged the early electronic music age and many of today's sounds. Dolby will play an intimate concert Saturday at Grewal Hall, adding bassist/vocalist Gail Ann Dorsey on and multi-instrumentalist Andrew Lipke to what is normally a solo act.

Dolby's shows blend songs, stories and musical notes from the '80s. And if you think he's just a one-hit wonder, let's roll the tape: music professor at Johns Hopkins University, best-selling author (memoir "The Speed of Sound"), session keyboardist for Stevie Wonder and Foreigner, producer for Joni Mitchell and George Clinton, Silicon Valley tech company founder, co-inventor of the Nokia polyphonic ringtone and the music force behind TED conferences for a decade.

Dolby is synonymous with the new wave movement of the early 1980s, a form of pop music incorporating electronic elements, but his work covers a wide range of musical styles and moods distinct from the high-energy pop sound of his better-known commercial successes.



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Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Michigan Pharmacists Association Annual Convention & Exposition - 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Lansing

Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. michigan-pharmacists.org.

"Moments in Time," Watercolors by Janis Barr McElmurry - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073.

New Moon Reiki Sound Healing - Help clear mental clutter so you can feel restored to plant new seeds for new goals! 6-7 p.m. Coyote Wisdom Metaphysical Bookstore, 2338 N. Grand River

Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/CoyotewisdomLLC.

Night at the Museum - Bring the whole family to the MSU Broad Art Museum for a fun exploration of darkness and light! Discover how night and day shape the world around us through hands-on art activities. 6-8 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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. laps.org.

Self-Honoring Circle — Chapter 3: I'm a Good Girl, and You Love Me - A creative healing workshop for women exploring who they are beneath the patterns of people pleasing, perfectionism, and the "good girl" role. 1-4 p.m. Virtual — register at deepsoucreativeart.my.canva.site.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase - Noon-5 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery.

Travelogue - Join Dorothy Huges Engelman on Scotland Folk Tours' "Beyond the Borders" trip with singer-songwriter Kitty Donohoe. Tour begins in Stirling, Scotland, and heads south to the Lake District in England. 7 p.m. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/985/Travelogue.

Saturday, April 18

"1984" - 7 p.m. LCC Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

April Dinner Dance at the Lansing Liederkrantz German-American Club - Enjoy a delicious German dinner and beverages from our fully stocked bar, followed by music by the Chuck Krafft Band and dancing. 5-10 p.m. 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. facebook.com/LansingLiederkrantzClub.

Bengel Wildlife Center Volunteer Tree Planting Day - We'll meet in the circle drive just inside of the entrance. After we're done cleaning up, stick around for a free hot-dog (or veggie dog) cookout! 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath. facebook.com/miwildlife.

Bookend Gallery Display by Lansing Women's Art Collective - Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

Brush Drop-off - 8 a.m.-noon. Recycle Center, 1418 Grovenburg Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov.

Campfire Program: All About Frogs - Join the naturalists around the campfire for a fireside chat, s'mores and a guided walk. 7-8 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Capital City Film Festival - For the full schedule, including venues, visit capitalcityfilmfest.com.

Celery-brate Plants! - Visit the many plant-focused facilities on MSU's campus and explore the wondrous world of plants. Noon-4 p.m. Plant and Soil Sciences Building, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

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: Maeve Devlin. Band: Robin's Nest String Band. Dewitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Road, Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Dinner & Date Night: Cask & Co. - Enjoy a delicious dinner and a creative, hands-on pottery experience, all in one magical evening. 7-10 p.m. 300 N. Clippert St., Lansing. playingpicasso.com.

Document Destruction Day - Similar to last year,

we're asking for a minimum donation of \$5 for unlimited shredding for the day, which will support Mid-Michigan Recovery Services. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friedland Industries, 405 E. Maple St., Lansing. facebook.com/friedlandindustries.

DoNot Stop Half Marathon (5k/10k) - This spring race is the perfect chance to challenge yourself, enjoy creative swag, and be part of an encouraging, affordable, and inclusive community. 8-11 a.m. Adado River Park, 201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/BRC-DonotStop.

Earth Day Celebration - Discover simple ways you can make a difference for wildlife and the planet through interactive activities and educational stations focused on sustainability and conservation. All activities are included with standard zoo admission. Noon-4 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. otterparkzoo.org.

East Lansing Public Library's April Art Exhibit - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Farm Tools 101, w/ Half Barn Farms & Nate Kermiet - Learn what you need for seasonal prep and ongoing farm and garden maintenance. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hunter Park GardenHouse, 500 Clifford St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/26136752469.

Free Meet & Greet with Carmichael Musiclover - Get up close with recording artist Carmichael Musiclover at a free meet & greet ahead of his evening performance at The Venue. A cash bar will be available. No ticket required. 5-6 p.m. The Venue by Eleven 11 Events, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/e11events.

Friends of the Haslett Library Spring Used Book Sale - New memberships and renewals available at the members' reception on April 17. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

Game Night - Our monthly, low-pressure hangout for board games, card games and general nerdy joy, hosted in our witch-friendly community space. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Imperialism in Africa: Historical and Contemporary Manifestations. - This Forum will bring together scholars, activists, and community organizers to examine the ongoing impacts of colonialism and imperialist practices on African nations. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wells Hall, Room B117, 619 Red Cedar Road, East Lansing. africa.isp.msu.edu.

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.

Island City Generations Theater Presents "Tinderella" - 7 p.m. Greyhound Intermediate School, 805 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/frank.boston.

Kids' Night Out: Myth & Motion - A structured drop-off evening built around a kid-friendly version of Tiger & Dragon (movement games, coordination, confidence, and boundaries), plus crafts, mythic storytelling, and dinner. 6-10 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

"Kindness," by Adam Rapp - 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/IxionEnsemble.

The Lansing Independent Comics and Zine Fest - A one-day celebration of self-published and small press creators. With an aim of strengthening the local self-publishing community, LICZF brings together cartoonists, zinesters, artists, local publishing resources and more! Admission is free. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. liczfest.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

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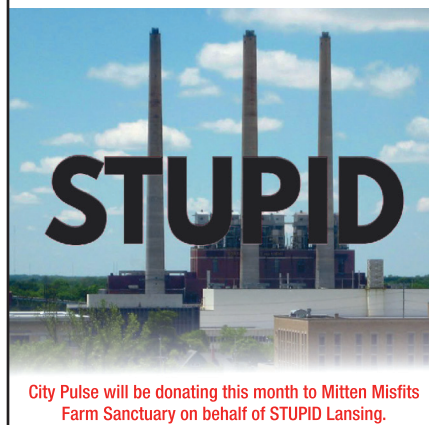
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City Pulse will be donating this month to Mitten Misfits Farm Sanctuary on behalf of STUPID Lansing.

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LivSports 24 Hour Hockey Marathon - Play registration still open. 80+ adult hockey players will come together to raise funds and play a continuous 24-hour hockey game to benefit LivFree, a pediatric cancer nonprofit. 2 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, 509 Birch Road, East Lansing. livfreetoday.org.

Michigan Pharmacists Association Annual Convention & Exposition - 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. michiganpharmacists.org.

MSU Bug House: 6 Legged Saturdays - A free opportunity for families to visit the MSU Bug House. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 288 Farm Lane, East Lansing. canr.msu.edu/ent.

MSU Earth Bash - Celebrate all things reduce, reuse, recycle with a day at the campus recycling center and thrift store. Noon-4 p.m. MSU Surplus Store & Recycling Center, 468 Green Way, East Lansing. msurecycling.com.

National Poetry Month: A Celebration of Poets and Poetry - This event will include readings from two Michigan-based poets, Robert Fanning and Mitchell Nobis, and will also include time for poets and poetry-lovers to mingle with light refreshments. 2 p.m. Schuler Books, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. facebook.com/schulerbooks.

R&B Doormat Paint Party - Pull up with your friends, sing your favorite R&B hits, and create your own custom doormat to take home. No experience needed. 6-9 p.m. Paint with Monet, 909 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. facebook.com/paintwithmonet.

Re.Seed Ceramics Mug Class - Participants will create a hand-built mug using a simple slab method. They will use a variety of underglaze colors and decals to adorn the surface. The completed mugs will be fired with clear glaze for food safety. Noon-3 p.m. Twiggies, 117 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/Twiggies126.

Salamander Plot Setup Day - Join us for a hands-on community science event supporting local salamander research and conservation. 2-4 p.m. Lincoln Brick Park, 13911 Tallman Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Shamanism 101 - Join Sue for an afternoon dedicated to learning the basics of shamanism! This class is a favorite among many, so don't miss out! 3 p.m. Coyote Wisdom Metaphysical Bookstore, 2338 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/CoyotewisdomLLC.

SneakerBall 3 - You don't want to miss one of the most exciting nights of the year supporting Footprints of Michigan! Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with community, celebration, and purpose as we continue making a SOLEful impact across Michigan. 6 p.m. The Cadillac Room, 1115 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/footprintsofmichigan.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase - Noon-5 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery.

Spring Cleaning Conference (Broken Crayons Still Color) - Lady Corrie Craig and the UMBC (Women's) Heart2Heart Ministry will host the conference. Our Featured Speaker will be Trinity 'Speaks' Wallace Ellis of Los Angeles, CA. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. facebook.com/UMBClansing.

Storytime with Lela Nargi - Join us in our Okemos event studio for a storytime with Lela Nargi! Lela will be reading "Miss Betti, What Is This?" 11 a.m. Schuler Books, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. facebook.com/schulerbooks.

Stretch + Sound Bowls - This session is entirely donation based, and every dollar raised will go directly to Northstar Birthing Services for their fourth Annual Community Baby Shower. 11-11:45

a.m. Lovelight Collective, 107 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. blkkyogaco.com.

Tea & Treats with Children's Ballet Theatre, featuring "Snow White" - Enjoy a mini performance of CBT's spring 2024 production, "Snow White." After the performance, enjoy tea & treats and a chance to meet and greet the principal dancers. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. facebook.com/turnerdodgehouse.

Through the Seasons: Marriage Workshop - We're excited to welcome Matt and Stacy Fridley (Chicago Church of Christ) as they share practical wisdom and a biblical perspective on building a resilient, lifelong marriage. 10 a.m. Lansing Area Church of Christ, 1000 Lincoln Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/lansingchurch.

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. manifest-lansing.com.

Village Crafters Craft Supply Clearance - Artists, crafters, makers, bakers and all of you DIYers ... come take advantage of these clearance prices! 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mason Lodge, 840 E. Columbia St., Mason. facebook.com/villagecraftersgroup.

Sunday, April 19

79th Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show - Peruse through specially curated treasures brought by Midwest book and paper dealers and find the things you've always wanted but never knew existed. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing. facebook.com/CuriousBooks.

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

Bottle and Can Collection for Williamston Farm & Artisan Market - We collect your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans from your trunk while you stay warm in your vehicle. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. williamston-farmmarket.org.

Candlelight Yin Yoga, Sound Bath + Cello Experience - Allow your worry and stress to melt away with a journey of slow movement and healing sound as you discover the bliss of deep relaxation. 7:30-9 p.m. Hidden Grove Estate, 2335 N. Williamston Road, Williamston. eventbrite.com/o/31721060899.

Copper Chimney Lounge Poetry Series: Natasha Elle Thomas - An open mic will follow Thomas' reading. 4 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/LansingPoetryClub.

Country Barn Brunch Paint and Sip at Irish Pub - Our talented instructor will guide you step-by-step through the featured painting. No experience needed. Enjoy Irish Pub brunch specials and sip your favorite drink! 1-4 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. wineandcanvas.com/michigan/lansing.

Pure Options Stand-Up Presents: Dustin Nickerson - Comedian Dustin Nickerson brings the laughs to Grewal Hall, with support from Brad Wenzel. 6:30 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

East Lansing Public Library's April Art Exhibit - 1-5 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

The Over-Loaded Spud at GLH Cannabis - We'll be at GLH Cannabis from 10 a.m.-4p.m. (possibly later), so come grab an overstuffed spud and check out the store too! 5245 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-391-6903.

Island City Generations Theater Presents "Twin-derella" - 2 p.m. Greyhound Intermediate School, 805 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/frank.boston.

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

Health and Wellness Fair

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Better Health Market

305 N. Clippert St., Lansing

betterhealthmarket.com/eventmanager

A one-day wellness fair is planned for this Saturday at the Frandor Better Health Market.

Offerings will include complimentary B-12 injections, chair massages, hand massages, pulsed electromagnetic field therapy sessions, frequency therapies, AcuDetox, ear seeds and blood pressure screenings. Local wellness practitioners will be on hand to offer expert advice and health tips. National supplement brands will also showcase their products with live demonstrations, free samples and exclusive event-only giveaways. Kids can get their faces painted from noon to 2 p.m.

"We're proud to create an event where people of all ages can explore wellness resources in an interactive, welcoming environment," Kathleen Freydl, community wellness director and certified health coach at Better Health Market, said.



"Kindness," by Adam Rapp - 3 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/IxionEnsemble.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mega Mall Marketplace & Flea Market Extravaganza - Featuring a live DJ spinning feel-good tunes, delicious local food vendors and treasure hunting at its finest. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mega Mall, 15487 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. 517-487-3275.

Michigan Pharmacists Association Annual Convention & Exposition - 8:30 a.m.-noon. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. michiganpharmacists.org.

"Moments in Time," Watercolors by Janis Barr McElmurry - 9:30 a.m.-noon. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073.

Museum Tour: Deep-Rooted with Beal Botanical Garden - Join us for an immersive tour unearthing the historical, social, and political narratives growing within works of art from the MSU Broad Art Museum's collection. 1-2 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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

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. 5-8:30 p.m. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine, 1312 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. facebook.com/altuethiopiancuisine.

Run for the House - There's something for everyone at this community event, including a 5K run/walk, a 10K run, a 10K ruck and a kids' 1-mile fun run & sprint. 9:15 a.m. MSUFCU Headquarters, 3899 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/EastLansing/RunfortheHouse-Michigan.

SPARTan Wellness: Sun Prints + Self Care - This month, we'll be creating art using the sun — perfect for boosting mood, mindfulness, and well-being. While you're here, learn tips for harnessing natural light to support your overall well-being. 2-4 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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, coastal or hearty. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Weekly Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - Join us every Sunday (weather permitting)

for a fun and energetic afternoon of rhythm and drumming with the Greater Lansing Area Drummers! 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. lansingdrummers.wixsite.com.

Monday, April 20

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

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

Bookend Gallery Display by Lansing Women's Art Collective - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

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.

East Lansing Public Library's April Art Exhibit - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

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

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at the Meridian Mall food court every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Friends Annual Meeting: Safer Migrations for Our Michigan Birds - We'll hear from Nick of Capital Area Audubon on spring bird migrations and why turning off outside lights at night helps migrating birds. Presented by Friends of the Grand Ledge Area District Library. Brief annual meeting and refreshments. 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

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

“Moments in Time,” Watercolors by Janis Barr McElmurry - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073.

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.

Safe Food = Healthy Kids Online Class - Learn the best practices for food safety in order for you to keep the children in your care safe. 6-9 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/isabella.

Serving up Food Safety: Freezer Meals Prep - Learn how to safely prepare meals for the freezer. Noon-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water.

Shape Note Singing - First and third Mondays, free, loan books available, beginners and the curious are welcome. 7-9 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. fasolamichigan.org.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase - Showcase features upcycled furniture and art created by students who sourced materials from the MSU Surplus Store & Recycling Center. Noon-5 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery.

Tuesday, April 21

“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.

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.

Bookend Gallery Display by Lansing Women’s Art Collective - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/haslett.

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

East Lansing Public Library’s April Art Exhibit - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Free Film Screening: “OBSERVER” - Join the MSU Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences for a special Earth Day Eve screening of “OBSERVER,” a new documentary by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Ian Cheney. 6 p.m. MSU Business Complex, Classroom N100, 632 Bogue St., East Lansing. geo.msu.edu.

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.

The Green Door Comedy Showcase - The Green Door features some of the state and beyond’s best stand-up talent every week! Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-482-6376. greendoorlive.com.

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.

Keystone Habits - Keystone Habits explores how small, consistent behaviors can create powerful positive change over time. You’ll learn why habits stick, why change is so difficult, and how to build new routines in a realistic, sustainable way. 6-7:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. 517-321-1963.

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.

Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project: Goal Getters - Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. Youth will learn practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused, and achieve it. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success.

“Moments in Time,” Watercolors by Janis Barr McElmurry - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073.

Online Extension Extras for Parents — Together We Can: Co-Parenting - Build upon your knowledge and skills to promote healthy family

and parenting relationships. This workshop is for all parents (married, divorced, single, step, etc.) 7:30-9 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/parenting_education_classes

Open Swim Improv Comedy - Anyone in the community can come to participate in improv comedy games, or just sit in the audience, suggest prompts, and watch the silliness unfold! The event is free for your first visit and \$20 annually after that. 7-9 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com/barebones.html.

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

Pocket Forests: Tiny Forests with Big Benefits - Pocket forests are cropping up everywhere! These tiny forests offer big benefits. Learn how you can become involved in the pocket forest movement. 6-8 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Preschool Family Storytime - Ages 1-6 and caregivers: join us for fun stories, songs, and a simple craft each week! 11 a.m.-noon. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase - Noon-5 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. art.msu.edu/galleries/msu-union-art-gallery.

Spartan Upcycle Student Collective Showcase: Reception - Stop by the Union Art Gallery for the Reception on Tues., April 21, 5-7 p.m. 5-7 p.m. MSU Union Gallery, 49 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. 517-884-2244. msu.campuslabs.com.

Spring Into Mental Well-Being Part 2: Be Kind to Your Mind - Winter can be a hard season for our mental health. If you’re in need of a boost, join us for Spring Into Mental Well-Being, a four-part series about learning to better understand our mental health and how to care for it. 1-2 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mindfulness-forbetterliving.

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.

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

Wednesday, April 22

“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.

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THE PULSIFIEDS

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FOOD & DRINK DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

La Mulata es muy excelente

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**



Beverly

One of the best parts of being the “She” of “She Ate/He Ate” is that I frequently find myself at restaurants that likely never would have made their way into my consciousness otherwise. That was the case with this month’s subject of review, La Mulata, which was suggested by my illustrious co-reviewer, who was eager to try the new-ish Cuban restaurant.

I met some friends for dinner on a Wednesday evening before we made our way to the Wharton Center, and getting there at 5 p.m. before a 7:30 show meant we had lots of time to order plenty of food, talk our faces off, share a dessert and make it across town in time to grab a water before settling in for “Clue.”

We wanted to sample a wide array of items. We started with the malanga fritters (\$10.99) and a bean-and-cheese empanada (\$4.99). Malanga is like a potato, and the fritters were reminiscent of tater tots. The fritters came with an incredibly pungent, incredibly delicious garlic sauce that we requested more of, though the batter was a bit thicker than I prefer. I quickly moved on to the empanada, which was flavorful and lip-smacking. One more of them and I could have been happily done eating.

I persevered. We decided to try three of the menu items that looked the most delicious and share them. We selected the churrasco (\$29.99), the roast pork cerdo asado (\$16.99) and the ropa vieja (\$22.99).

Churrasco is grilled steak, typically flank or skirt steak, thinly sliced and usually served with chimichurri. I’m a longtime lover of flank steak, but that cut can become tough very quickly and easily, which I experienced here. The chimichurri (an herb-heavy sauce) was to die for, but we quickly abandoned the steak for greener pastures.

The pork was slow roasted until it was luxuriously shreddable, and I happily dunked forkfuls into the aforementioned garlic sauce while alternating between bites of rice and black beans. But the clear winner of the evening was the ropa vieja, a traditional Cuban dish of slow-cooked, shredded beef stewed in a tomato-based sauce. I expected the sauce to be similar to an enchilada sauce, but it was more like a delicious, savory gravy, laced with cumin and oregano.

My side dishes included a fresh green salad with big fat slices of avocado and fried sweet plantains. Historically, I don’t love plantains because I crave more texture with my food, so I saved that stomach real estate for extra bites of ropa vieja and dessert.

One of my dining companions that evening was my fabulous Filipino friend, who was excited to try the flan (\$5) after telling us about

scene, La Mulata offers more than just a meal; it delivers a vibrant cultural experience rooted in authenticity, family and community. Warm lighting, colorful décor and the rhythmic pulse of Cuban music create an atmosphere that feels both transportive and welcoming. It’s the kind of place where dinner easily turns into an evening — where guests linger, sip and eventually find themselves moving to the music.

The menu is a celebration of traditional Cuban cuisine, executed with care and pride. Each plate feels intentional, as though it carries a story from kitchen to table. The drink menu complements the food beautifully, featuring refreshing cocktails that add to the restaurant’s lively, island-inspired spirit.

As a family-run establishment, there is a palpable sense of pride woven into every aspect of the experience. Service feels personal rather than transactional, and there’s an authenticity that can’t be manufactured, coming from people who are deeply connected to both their heritage and their craft.

On any given night, you’ll find a diverse crowd — newcomers and regulars alike — sharing food, drinks and conversation. I even ran into my co-author, Mrs. She Ate, and her dinner companions (and they graciously shared their flan). As the evening progresses, the space transforms into something even more dynamic, with music and dancing bringing people together in a way that feels organic and joyful.

In a city where community matters, La Mulata stands out as a place that nourishes more than appetite. It feeds connection and culture, making it one of Lansing’s most distinctive and memorable dining experiences.

¡Qué es bueno!

I’ve enjoyed many a Cuban sandwich in my life. The combination of soft bread, slow-roasted pork, ham, pickles and mustard just works for me. La Mulata’s Cuban sandwich (\$17) was reminiscent of those I’ve had before, but elevated. The ham slice on this massive handheld was thick-cut and honey-baked. The shredded pork was very garlic-and-onion-forward but wasn’t overpowering. I only wish they had filtered more of the fat out of the meat after shredding it.

The side of fries was also quite good. Thick-cut and fried to a bronze color, the seasoning that was lightly dusted on top provided a hint of smokiness.

¡Más delicioso!

Last October, I was fortunate enough to visit Costa Rica on a work trip and fell deeper in love with the combination of black beans, rice and maduros (fried plantains). This combo is served standard with breakfast, lunch or dinner and is paired with a variety of meats. La Mulata’s version of rice and beans is called congris, flavored with lots of onions, green peppers, garlic and cumin. I enjoyed my congris and maduros in tandem with

La Mulata
 5334 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
 Noon-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday
 Noon-9 p.m. Friday
 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday
 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday
 (517) 614-1360
 lamulatae.my.canva.site/
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Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

Vaca frita (fried beef) with maduros (plantains), ham croquettes, congris (rice and beans) and creamy garlic sauce.



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She Ate

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the incredible flan her mother used to make. We ordered La Mulata's version to share, and while the self-proclaimed "flan snob" said the texture was different from what she was

used to, I found it to be exceptional. I don't have a lot of experience with flan, but this was the perfect marriage of custard and cheesecake.

As we finished eating, the owner came out to introduce herself and ask how we liked the food. We declared ourselves fans for life and promised to return.

He Ate

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the vaca frita (\$19.99), shredded beef pan-fried with sliced onions and garlic.

Another delicious item was the croquettes (\$7). These deep-fried minced potatoes were filled with ham, crunchy on the outside and pillowy on the inside. Taking the yumminess to another level was the side of creamy garlic sauce, which rivaled some of the best versions I've had at Mediterranean restaurants in the area. Make sure you have some mints or gum in the car, be-

cause it is powerful.

¡Mejor bocado!

Since La Mulata opened in 2025, I've heard many folks, both in person and on social media, rave about the ropa vieja (slow-roasted beef with peppers). I decided to try it in the Cuban burrito (\$15) and was happy I did. Another massive handheld, this tortilla was filled with congris, chopped maduros and chimichurri sauce. The meat was tender and danced both the mambo and the rumba with the other ingredients. These flavors took me back to bites I had during my time in Central America. Check out La Mulata and find out where it transports you.

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 IRISH RESTAURANTS

Based on your votes in WKAR and City Pulse's 2025 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

1. Dublin Square

Upscale Irish bar offering a pub-grub menu, plus live bands and DJs
 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing
 (517) 351-2222
 facebook.com/dublinsquare
 4-11 p.m. Monday-Tuesday
 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Wednesday
 11 a.m.-midnight Thursday
 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday
 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

2. Harry's Place

Casual bar and grill serving burgers, pizzas, fried fish and sandwiches
 404 N. Verlinden Ave., Lansing

(517) 484-9661

facebook.com/HarrysPlaceLansing
 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

3. Kelly's Downtown

Modest Irish-themed pub serving familiar bar fare and cocktails
 220 S. Washington Square, Lansing
 (517) 708-2007
 kellys-downtown.com
 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday

4. Moriarty's Pub

Irish American pub offering live music, darts tournaments and trivia, plus standard bar food
 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
 (517) 485-5287
 moriartyspublansing.com
 3 p.m.-2 a.m. daily

5. The Irish Pub

Family-friendly bar and grill serving cocktails, corned beef and other pub fare
 (517) 253-8713
 irishpublansing.com
 1910 W Saginaw St, Lansing
 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday
 11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday
 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

A bundt-pan blunt and a chicken POT pie

Canna butter:
Place 1 ounce of broken-up cannabis on a parchment-paper-lined tray, place in oven at 250 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes, melt one pound (four sticks) of butter in a slow cooker or in a saucepan with 1 cup of water. Simmer for several hours, do not boil. Strain mixture through cheesecloth. Cool. Use as butter in adult-only dishes.

Recipes from Lansing Foodies Facebook user Bob Evannetta Davis:

Pound canna cake

One box French vanilla cake mix
One 12-ounce can of carbonated water or cream soda
One egg
1/4 cup of canna butter
Mix well, pour into bundt pan and bake as directed on the box. Cool as directed on box.

Chicken POT pie

One rotisserie chicken, deboned



Two cans mixed veggies, drained
One can cream of something soup (your choice)
1/2 cup canna butter, melted
1 cup milk
Two frozen pie crusts, thawed
In a large bowl, mix chicken and veggies. In another bowl, mix cream soup and canna butter. Combine bowls. Add desired seasonings. Pour into one crust, top with second crust. Cut slits in top crust. Bake in a 375-de-

gree oven for 30 mins. Check for crust browning. If edges are browning too fast, cover loosely with foil or use a pie shield. Bake an additional 20 to 30 mins or until pie is golden and bubbling. Remove from oven and brush with additional canna butter. Cool about 10 mins before serving.

**CITY OF LANSING
Ordinance #2638**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN AND FOR THE REVISION OF THE DISTRICT MAPS ADOPTED BY SECTION 1242.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That the district maps adopted by and incorporated as Section 1242.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be amended to provide as follows:

To change the zoning classification of the property described as follows:

Case Number: Z-2-2026
Parcel Number's: 33-01-01-16-329-031
Address: 332 Townsend Street
Legal Descriptions: LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 126 ORIG PLAT from "DT-3" Downtown Core to "R-AR" Residential Adaptive Reuse.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Lansing City Council on March 23, 2026, and a copy is available in the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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CP#26-141

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2026, Special Election for registered voters in the City of East Lansing, Ingham Intermediate School District, has been scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the Court Conference Room located at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program being used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in a manner that meets the requirements of the law.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Emily Gordon
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#26-143

**CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1350**

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 1460 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Sections 1460.44 through 1460.52 to clarify and update the regulation and certification of rental properties, and adding section 1460.53 regarding information to be provided to tenants at the time of occupancy..

Effective date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Synopsis – April 8, 2026**

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 with Supervisor Poth, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Appointment of Lisa Fletcher to the Board of Review
- Appointment of Kevin Mark as Alternate to the Board of Review
- Acceptance of donation of an art piece valued at \$600 to Williamstown Township from artist Doug DeLind.

The next regular Board meeting will be held May 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm. in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193.

Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC
Township Clerk

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNERS



UNITED WAY
South Central Michigan



A note from our President & Executive Officer

No one organization alone can meet every community need. We're honored that our nonprofit partners have come together to share why a strong, connected system of support matters for the people we serve. Their leadership reflects what's possible when our community invests in shared solutions through United Way of South Central Michigan.

Chris Sargent
President & Executive Officer
United Way of South Central Michigan

From our Community Partners

As nonprofit organizations in South Central Michigan, we work every day alongside individuals and families striving for stability, opportunity, and a better future. While our missions may differ, we share a common truth: community challenges are interconnected, and meaningful change happens when we work together.

That spirit of collaboration is why we support United Way of South Central Michigan, and why we urge you to do the same.

The nonprofit community has faced significant challenges in recent years. Rising costs, shifting funding landscapes, and growing community need have stretched organizations across our region thin. In times like these, the connective tissue of our community matters more than ever.

United Way plays an essential role in strengthening the network of organizations that serve our communities – connecting people to resources, aligning partners around shared focus, and directing support to where it is needed most, even when the system is under strain.

We believe that when United Way is strong, the entire system benefits. And sustaining that strength, now more than ever, requires all of us.

We hope you'll choose to show your support with a financial gift to United Way of South Central Michigan. Your investment benefits not just one organization, but strengthens the entire network of care.

Whether it's \$5 or \$5,000, your gift makes a difference.

Together, we can build a more resilient and connected community.

Signed,

AWARE, Inc.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lansing
Cares of Southwest Michigan
Child and Family Charities
Child Care Network
Communities in Schools of Kalamazoo
Community Healing Centers
Community Homeworks
DAP Service and Resource Center
Disability Network Southwest Michigan
Edison Neighborhood Association
Family & Children Services
Family Service and Children's Aid
Free Tutoring and GED Services

Grow Jackson
Habitat for Humanity Capital Region
Haven House
Haven of Rest Ministries
Helping Other People Exceed (HOPE) thru Navigation
Housing Resources, Inc.
Housing Services Mid Michigan
Isaiah's Hub Community Center
Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center
KCS Angels
Lily Missions Center
MRC Industries
MyPlace

Portage Community Center
Region 3B Area Agency on Aging/CareWell Services Southwest
S.A.F.E. Place
Save Our Youth Help Them Prosper
Student Advocacy Center of Michigan
The Davies Project
Urban Alliance
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Washington Heights United Methodist Church & Community
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Find out what more our partners are saying at unitedforscmi.org/from-our-partners