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Nation Continues Bold Experiment To See If Standards Can Be Lowered Indefinitely Without Consequences

WASHINGTON — Historians confirmed this week that the United States is now entering the advanced stages of what scholars are calling “Post-Shame Governance,” a political era in which scandal no longer destroys careers, hypocrisy no longer matters, and institutional credibility is treated like an optional software update citizens can simply skip.

Experts say the nation’s transformation has been particularly accelerated by the rise of a political culture in which loyalty to personalities consistently outweighs qualifications, ethics, or, in several cases, objective reality itself.

“There was once a thing called intellectual honesty,” said one exhausted constitutional scholar while aggressively rubbing his temples during a televised panel no one would watch because a conspiracy livestream was trending nearby. “People used to spend decades mastering fields like diplomacy, medicine, law or economics. Now the primary qualification appears to be the ability to go viral while confidently misunderstanding something.”

Researchers note that there was once a period in American life when experts could disagree publicly, exchange evidence, reconsider positions, and even change their minds without being accused of treason by a podcast host with a protein powder sponsorship.

“That’s what younger Americans find hardest to believe,” the scholar continued. “Facts used to matter more than fandom.”

The report goes on to detail how institutions once associated with seriousness slowly transformed into extensions of personality cults, media ecosystems and grievance performance art.

Future historians, meanwhile, are reportedly already preparing classroom materials to explain how offices once occupied by sober public servants became indistinguishable from reality television casting departments.

Among the more confusing lessons for students will be explaining how figures like Robert Mueller and Kash Patel ended up discussed under the same institutional umbrella, despite representing entirely different understandings of professionalism, restraint, and whether investigations should involve actual evidence or just vibes.

Political scientists are equally concerned about future attempts to explain the evolution of Marco Rubio, whose trajectory experts now describe as “a case study in what happens when ambition enters a long-term toxic relationship with power.”

“Students will ask whether everyone around him noticed the transformation,” one historian explained. “And we’ll have to tell them yes, but by then political survival had become more valuable than consistency.”

Military historians also admitted difficulty explaining how future generations are supposed to discuss Pete Hegseth alongside former defense leaders who treated diplomacy and global stability as slightly more important than ‘owning’ college students on television.

“There was a time when the Department of Defense prioritized strategic alliances and measured leadership,” said one retired official. “Now we’re apparently one energy drink sponsorship away from military briefings ending with promo codes.”

Legal scholars, meanwhile, continue sounding alarms about the erosion of institutional legitimacy surrounding figures like Pam Bondi, warning that future generations may struggle to understand why the Justice Department increasingly appeared to operate like a presidential customer service hotline.

But experts agree the most historically confusing chapter may involve the fact that the most powerful office in the United States is currently occupied by a man who openly bragged about sexually assaulting women, paid hush money to a porn star, was repeatedly associated with

Jeffrey Epstein more times than most Americans are associated with their own relatives, and somehow still became viewed by millions as a divinely chosen moral authority.

“Future historians genuinely may not know where to begin,” one political analyst admitted. “Imagine explaining to students that evangelical voters decided the best representative for ‘family values’ was a man whose legal history reads like a rejected HBO screenplay.”

Religious scholars are reportedly still attempting to calculate how a political movement managed to simultaneously condemn drag queens as existential threats to civilization while enthusiastically defending nearly every scandal attached to Donald Trump as either fake news, media bias or somehow part of God’s mysterious plan.

“At some point,” the analyst continued, “the movement stopped asking whether behavior was acceptable and started asking whether criticism of the behavior helped Democrats. That became the entire moral framework.”

Sociologists now warn that the nation’s deepest crisis may not be political polarization itself, but the normalization of abandoning standards entirely, as long as one’s own side remains in power.

“When institutions lose legitimacy, the damage doesn’t disappear once administrations change,” one professor explained. “The standards lowered today become the expectations inherited tomorrow.”

Despite this, officials remain optimistic that the nation can eventually rebuild trust in its institutions, assuming future leaders rediscover several previously abandoned concepts, including expertise, accountability, integrity and shame.

At press time, millions of Americans were reportedly insisting that the country’s collapsing faith in institutions had absolutely nothing to do with repeatedly staffing them like a televised revenge fantasy written during a divorce proceeding.

“Maybe that is how empires end now — not with invasion, famine, or revolution, but with a population so overwhelmed by spectacle that it mistakes survival for success and loyalty for morality.

And yet, somewhere beyond the noise, beyond the algorithms, beyond the grift masquerading as patriotism, there will still be people stubborn enough to tell the truth plainly. Teachers who still teach honestly. Journalists who still investigate. Citizens who still believe democracy requires more than merchandising and slogans. Historians who will document this era not as a time of greatness, but as a warning.

Because the terrifying thing about a society losing its standards is that it can happen slowly enough for people to normalize it.

But the hopeful thing is this: History also shows that eventually, the performance collapses under the weight of reality. It always does.

And when the lights finally come back on, the people who spent years cheering the fire may discover the adults they mocked were the only ones trying to save the building.

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

SIR, INFLATION IS RISING AND GAS PRICES ARE OUT OF CONTROL! BUT **INVISIBLE-HAND-OF-THE-FREE-MARKET MAN** IS HERE TO HELP!

AND YES, YOU CAN SEE ME. IT'S, YOU KNOW, SORT OF A METAPHOR.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND I DON'T NEED RESCUING.

MISTER PRESIDENT, THE WAR AND YOUR TARIFFS ARE TAKING A **HUGE** TOLL ON THE ECONOMY!

IT'S NOT A WAR, IT'S AN **EXCURSION**. AND THERE'S NO INFLATION! IT'S ALL **FAKE NEWS!** DO YOU EVEN FOLLOW ME ON TRUTH SOCIAL?

BUT--PEOPLE SEE THE PRICE OF GAS EVERY TIME THEY FILL UP! IT'S HURTING YOUR ENTIRE **PARTY!**

THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO **CLASSIFY** THAT INFORMATION! THEY CAN FILL THEIR TANKS WITHOUT **KNOWING** WHAT IT COSTS!

ANYWAY, WE'RE GOING TO DO **GREAT** IN THE MIDTERMS, NOW THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS MADE IT ILLEGAL FOR BLACK PEOPLE TO **VOTE!**

ER--THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT THE RULING SAID--

ARE YOU **QUESTIONING** ME? LIKE SOME SORT OF **DUMBOCRAT?**

GET IT? THEY'RE DEMOCRATS--BUT THEY'RE **DUMB!**

OKAY?

CHRIST! CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN **WHY** I AM SURROUNDED BY SUCH INCOMPETENT, LOW-I.Q. PEOPLE?

YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOUR **HEIR APPARENT, SIR--ME!**

HA! HA! GOOD JOKE, SMILING GUY!

NOW LISTEN UP--

--I WANT ONE **BILLION** DOLLARS FOR MY BALLROOM! AND MORE FOR MY **ARCH!** AND A SLUSH FUND FOR MY POOR, PERSECUTED JANUARY **SIXERS!**

OF COURSE YOU DO. BUT ABOUT THE STRAIT OF **HORMUZ--?**

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. I CAN'T **HEAR** YOU!

ALSO I WANT A SWIMMING POOL FULL OF MONEY--LIKE THAT CARTOON **DUCK!**

SURE. WHY NOT.

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NEWS & OPINION

East Lansing Police Department release video of Isaiah Kirby shooting

By MIKE ELLIS

The East Lansing Police Department released videos May 15 showing the fatal police shooting of Isaiah Kirby on April 15.

The department released six body camera videos, three dashcams, a witness cell phone video and a 22-minute narrated video.

The video shows victim Douglas Mielock, a local attorney, sitting bloody and unresponsive on the ground as bystanders say he was stabbed in the face after leaving a barbershop. Mielock was in intensive care for several days.

In the critical moments before Kirby was shot by police, he is seen on the videos running down a street with an object in his hand that appears to be a knife, in the direction of officers as they speed in vehicles toward him.

There were only seconds between when officers parked and the first shot was fired.

The videos show three distinct barrages of police gunfire with significant pauses over about 20 seconds, and show Kirby moving and screaming in pain as well as him getting aid after police use a shield and pull what appears to be a knife from his hand.

East Lansing Police previously said they do not have video footage of the alleged stabbing or surveillance video from nearby businesses.

The police shooting is under investigation by Michigan State Police, which is routine.

Kirby's family put out a statement after the release of the videos, saying the raw footage of the videos shows that lethal force was not justified.

Kirby, 21, was a Maryland native planning to graduate from Michigan State University this month. His mother, Karyn Kirby, said that after his death she has heard praise for her son from professors, classmates and the university president. Isaiah Kirby was accepted to 18 colleges or universities on an academic basis, she said.

He played intramural sports but was focused on academics as he strived toward a career working with sharks and snakes, his passion, and was days away from a job interview with the Austin Zoo.

She said her son's body had so many bullet holes that he had to be cremated.



Photo contributed

Isaiah Kirby and his mother Karyn Kirby, in this photo released by the family.

Mielock was on the phone with his college-aged son at the time of the stabbing, said Shelley Davis Boyd, who shares children with Mielock. She spoke during an East Lansing City Council meeting on May 12.

"Despite everything, when medically cleared to leave the hospital," she said, "their father refused a wheelchair because he wanted our children to know he was not defeated."

What the videos show

The police release included 911 calls for a theft of a pizza at Marco's; an employee said that a man took a pizza from behind the counter.

More 911 calls soon afterward led 911 operators to tell police that the theft they were headed toward had turned into a stabbing across the street, with a man seriously injured.

Police went to a shopping plaza parking lot at Lake Lansing and Abbot roads, where 911 callers said a man was pacing around after having stabbed someone.

Cell phone video from a bystander shows a man pacing the lot, and the police narrative video zooms in on the apparent knife in the man's hand.

The 911 callers included someone who said they had just cut Mielock's hair.

The videos themselves start with police in cruisers, getting the upgraded information about the stabbing report.

The East Lansing Police Department pointed out in its narrative video that an officer can be seen loading a less-lethal



Photo by Raymond Holt

Karyn Kirby speaks at a news conference on May 12 at Unity Missionary Baptist Church.

40mm weapon with a foam round while en route.

That officer's vehicle arrives and within seconds, officers and Kirby are near to each other as Kirby is struck by the first of three distinct barrages of gunfire.

The less lethal weapon was dropped and the officer pulled a handgun.

After several seconds, the second round of shots was fired.

Kirby can be seen after the first and second rounds making a motion that appears to be moving the knife toward himself and later moving his upper body as if trying to stand or crawl forward.

Police yell at Kirby to "drop the knife" throughout the encounter and eventually use a protective shield to press against Kirby's arm as they remove the knife from his hand.

The narrated footage released by police shows them rendering aid to Kirby and to Mielock.

Officers do not appear to use less-lethal weapons, including the 40mm weapon and Tasers that at least some officers drew after the initial barrage.

Four officers have been placed on administrative duties.

The East Lansing Police Department identified on May 15 the four officers as Field Training Officer Beck Martin (three years with East Lansing Police Department), Officer Brennan Surman



Photo by Mike Ellis

A police officer walks in a business plaza at the intersection of Lake Lansing and Abbot roads in East Lansing on April 15 following a fatal police shooting.

(two years with ELPD), Officer Benjamin Saylor (two years with ELPD) and Officer Zane Johnson Chasteen (three months, paired with Martin).

Teresa Caine Bingman, an attorney for Kirby's family, said in a statement May 15 that the videos show her son "was met with an immediate and overwhelming use of deadly force."

She said officers did not use less lethal options and fired more than 20 rounds. Caine Bingman said Kirby appeared to be dead after the initial gunshot wounds and officers continued to fire, which she said was not "reasonable nor legally justified."

MI financial officers predict modest growth amid inflation and federal uncertainty

State officials say revenues are holding steady through 2028, but rising healthcare costs, slowing job growth and potential federal cuts continue to cloud Michigan's budget outlook.

By **KATHERINE DAILEY**
MichiganAdvance.com

Members of the House Fiscal Agency, Senate Fiscal Agency and the Michigan Department of Treasury gathered in the Capitol on Friday morning to formalize estimates of the state's revenue over the next three fiscal years.

The resulting forecast from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Committee, the second of the year, was slightly higher than the conference in January — with the combined general fund and school aid fund for Fiscal Year 2026 predicted to be \$307.3 million higher, and \$173.8 million higher in fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

For Fiscal Year 2026, that was an increase in the general fund of \$227.9 million and an increase in the school aid fund of \$79.4 million. For 2027 and 2028, the general fund increase was predicted at \$94.2 million and school air fund increase was \$79.6 million.

“As we review the general fund and display fund today, our forecasts remain stable, but we must continue planning cautiously to ensure that Michigan stays on solid footing no matter what uncertainty lies ahead,” State Treasurer Rachel Eubanks told reporters after the conference's conclusion.

Some Republicans disagreed with the framing from state executives — Senate Republican Leader Aric Nesbitt (R-Porter Township), who is also running for

governor, said in a press release after the conference that state spending is “out-of-control.”

“The state's budget has grown nearly 50% since Whitmer took office. Michigan's seniors and hardworking families haven't seen that kind of boost in their wallets. It's time to shake up the status quo in Lansing, rein in big government spending once and for all, and put a stop to the waste, fraud and abuse of tax dollars led by Democrats.”

Rep. Ann Bollin (R-Brighton Township), who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, was less pessimistic, noting that Michigan's economy “remains strong” but that as budget negotiations continue, “we must stay the course with a responsible approach that focuses on long-term priorities instead of growing government for the sake of growing government.”

Bollin added that there remains “serious long-term challenges” including a declining school-aged population and workforce participation.

“If we want long-term economic strength, Michigan must do more to attract job creators, families and workers to our state and create an environment where people want to build their future here,” Bollin said.

Rep. Donni Steele (R-Orion Township) was also concerned about a presentation showing that Michigan's population is aging quickly and declining.



“I always thought we were flat, but this is showing a more drastic decline, and the other, the other part of it was the job participation rate is down, and the labor rate is down as well,” she said. “Those are very concerning in the economic factor of the state of Michigan, and we always talk about creating jobs, and here we should be talking about creating a better labor force.”

Steele said, however, that having no major changes to the revenue forecast from January was a positive from her perspective.

The revenue estimates will be considered by state legislators as they debate Michigan's budget for the coming fiscal year. Much like Flood, Senate Appropriations Chair Sarah Anthony empha-

sized in a press release the need for state action amid federal changes.

“Consumer spending is down, and job growth has slowed. While we can't reverse the reckless decisions coming at the federal level, we do have the power and tools here in Michigan to offer people and communities across our state the stability and certainty they deserve,” the Lansing Democrat said. “That means coming together across party lines to quickly pass a state budget that protects the social services Michiganders deserve, provides people with some much-needed financial relief, and ensures a sustainable and healthy financial outlook for our state down the road.”

Michigan State University board amends code of conduct to restrict trustee speech

By **KYLE DAVIDSON**
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Members of Michigan State University's governing board could face sanctions or removal for speaking out against their fellow trustees' decisions under an amendment to their code of ethics and conduct approved Sunday evening.

In a 5-3 vote, the board added several provisions seemingly tailored to tamp down on infighting within the embattled university board.

One section states, “We shall not divulge to an unauthorized person, confidential information acquired in the course of trustee service in advance of the time prescribed for its authorized release to the public.”

The amendment also bars trustees

from representing their personal opinions as those of the university, and states that trustees will not undermine decisions made by the majority.

“After Board action, We will act consistent with our fiduciary duties, including the duty of loyalty — we will embrace the principle of loyal opposition and raise issues of concerns in appropriate settings, in advance of Board action, and protective of the integrity of the Board's deliberations and processes,” one amended section states.

Trustees Mike Balow, Dennis Denno and Rema Vassar voted against the resolution, with both Balow and Vassar raising concerns about the legal implications of the amendments.

“I am a popularly elected constitutional officer of the state of Michigan.

The Michigan Constitution grants this board its authority. It does not authorize this board to strip my First Amendment rights, compel my signature under threat of punishment, or design an amendment process engineered to silence me permanently,” Vassar said before the vote, noting she would be following up with Attorney General Dana Nessel regarding constitutional questions raised by the amendments.

Board Chair Brianna Scott said the amendments are an update to the code of conduct, and do not prevent free speech.

Trustees who do not sign a statement of acknowledgement agreeing to follow the code of conduct's terms will face sanctions including public censure, loss of privileges such as complimentary ac-



cess to university sporting events, and removal from any leadership position on the board.

Members will have until 5 p.m. May 24 to sign.

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The Lansing City Council on Monday approved a \$307 million budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year (which begins

July 10), an increase of less than one percent compared to the current year. The budget includes \$182 million in the general fund. City Council President Peter Spadafore said highlights and changes to the budget include three new detention officers, which will allow five police officers to move to patrol work, along with six officer positions with funding from state revenue sharing grants. Funding will continue for the Lansing Empowerment Network, Advance Peace and other community violence intervention programs. Spadafore also mentioned \$41.4 million for road work and \$1.5 million for sidewalk repair as part of the budget, plus an ongoing project to separate storm and sewer waters. The Fire Department budget will increase more than seven percent to \$48.8 million, including three more firefighters, due to higher call volume. Additional revenue will come from a doubling of some building code violation fines.



The MSU Board of Trustees has approved a proposal to offer University President Kevin Guskiewicz a salary of \$2 million annually, nearly doubling his current pay, along with other boosts. The raise was approved by six of the eight trustees, with Mike Balow voting no and Rema Vasser abstaining. The proposal, taking place in a hastily called Sunday night meeting, follows a year of cuts affecting the university's academic and other staff. Guskiewicz received a 1.5% raise just over six months ago, which university officials said was in line with scheduled increases for MSU's executives. The new contract, if signed, would make Guskiewicz the second-highest paid

president among the 18 Big 10 schools, behind U-M's Kent Syverud, who has a salary of \$2 million and annual potential bonuses. It would also extend his contract two additional years, to 2031, and increase his deferred compensation to \$250,000 per year. Some trustees had expressed concerns that Guskiewicz was being pursued by other schools and that he might be frustrated by disputes among board members.



More than 8,500 Consumers Energy and Lansing Board of Water & Light customers were without power from severe storms that moved through Greater Lansing Monday afternoon. There were numerous reports of downed trees and power lines, and wind gusts -- which reached at least 68 mph in the area -- flipped over a small plane at Capital Region International Airport. There were no reports of injuries from the incident.

WILX-TV 10 and WSYM-TV FOX 47 have combined operations and are now both Gray Media Lansing stations. The deal was announced last fall and included

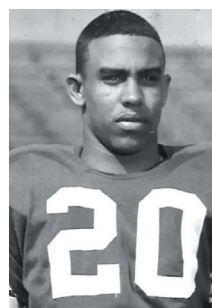
the transfer of 10 local TV stations from Byron Allen's Allen Media Group to Atlanta-based Gray Media. The first batch of FCC approvals happened earlier this year. The rest of the stations were approved, allowing the two local stations that cover Jackson and Lansing, among the other stations, to consolidate operations. The other mergers included stations in Alabama, Louisiana, Indiana, Illinois, and Mississippi. Gray Media Lansing will be overseen by Debbie Petersmark, a longtime broadcast veteran with deep experience leading local media operations. Petersmark has been with WILX for 25 years, serving as general manager since 2018.



Lansing's Fire Marshal Jared Nisch has been chosen as the Fire Marshal of the Year by the National Fire Protection Association.

He will be recognized during a Las Vegas NFPA gala on June 21. Nisch was recognized for his work in launching the first Lansing comprehensive smoke alarm initiative and for developing fire and other safety education programs for older adults, who are one of the city's most at-risk populations. The award recognizes fire code enforcement professionals who show leadership and reduce risk. Lansing Fire Chief Carrie Edwards-Clemons said in a statement that it was a great honor for the city. "The recognition reflects the City of Lansing's commitment to community risk reduction through collaboration among governmental partners, residents, the business community and nonprofit organizations."

Sherman Lewis, an MSU Spartan Hall of Fame running back, died Friday at 83. Lewis was a first-team All-American running back for the Spartans in 1963 under coach



Duffy Daugherty, as well as the Football News Player of the Year. He was also a Big 10 indoor track champion in the long jump and 300-yard dash. He was inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame in 2001. After a short pro football career, Lewis returned to the Spartans to serve as an assistant coach from 1969-82 under Daugherty and three other coaches. He moved on to the NFL where he was an assistant and/or coordinator for the 49ers, Packers, Vikings and Lions over 22 years, and part of three Super Bowl champions in San Francisco and Green Bay. He was the first Black offensive coordinator to win a Super Bowl title.

The Capital Area Transit Authority will be closed for Memorial Day, with no bus service. The Paratransit office will be open for planning trips the following day but will not accept same-day trips. To schedule a ride, call 517-394-



2282, visit the MySpectran webpage, or use the MyRideCATA app. CATA routes and services will resume their regular weekday schedules on Tuesday, May 26. The bus service is being strained by increased fuel costs, CATA CEO Brad Funkhouser told FOX 47. Funkhouser said the bus system costs are going up by around \$90,000 a month.

Two brothers killed in a single-car crash Sunday on northbound U.S. 127 near Interstate 96 were identified as DeMarcus and DeAndre Ware, both 39, of Holt. They were passengers in the vehicle a 28-year-old Lansing man was driving when it went off the road and crashed where the freeway crosses I-96, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office said. The driver survived but was critically injured. The Ingham Regional Crash Investigation Team is investigating the crash and anyone with information can contact Sgt. Adam Jackson at (517) 676-8212.



The Bath community recently marked the 99th anniversary of the deadliest school attack in U.S. history.

On May 18, 1927, a Bath school board treasurer and critic triggered a series of dynamite explosions that killed 45 people, mostly children, and injured dozens. The death toll in the small farming community remains hauntingly higher than any single U.S. school shooting, including the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 that claimed 32 lives. Organizers of the Bath School Museum Committee are aiming to finish raising \$5 million for a stand-alone museum that would include artifacts from the bombing and mementos from the last century. The current museum is located in the working school building, so access is tightly controlled and generally requires an escort.

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Synopsis – May 13, 2026

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 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 Laurie Thorp to the Planning Commission
- Acceptance of \$7000 donation to the Williamstown Township Community Park
- Changes to the Field Rental Policy and Field Rental Form
- Movement of Cemetery funds (\$35,000) from Capital Outlay to Repairs and Maintenance
- Cemetery plot repurchase (2) from Russel and Myrna Olson
- Acceptance of \$5800 quote from Hayhoe Asphalt for Summitt Cemetery road & parking paving
- Acceptance of Planning Commission Annual Report

The next regular Board meeting will be held June 10, 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 1575, amendments to Chapter 50 of the City Code, the Zoning Ordinance, and to Chapter 4 of the City Code to modify requirements related to electric vehicles and charging stations; parking ratios for automobiles and bicycles; landscaping, green space, & trees; and the keeping of bees and chickens.
2. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 1576, amendments to Chapter 50 of the City Code, the Zoning Ordinance, to require special use approval for multiple-family residential units in certain business districts, clarify requirements for retail sales of alcohol for off-site consumption, and add requirements for use of certain building incentives.
3. A public hearing to receive comments on a request from Cody Dietrich on behalf of TDP Acquisitions, LLC, for approval of a Site Plan for a 10-story mixed use development consisting of one-, two- and three-bedroom dwelling units and ground floor commercial space located at 530 Albert Avenue. The property is zoned B-3 City Center Commercial Business District.

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

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

Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelplanningcommission@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

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

Dated: May 14, 2026
East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon
City Clerk

CP#26-191

Snazzy messaging on the budget can't hide the stark reality

What do we do when we're not working off the same numbers?

Is the state government \$1.2 billion in the hole? Are we still stuck in an "economic chaos" driven by the Trump White House?

Or is there really nothing to see here and the economy is chugging along with some bumps and blips, but smoothing itself out as the country on-shores more manufacturing amid the new tariffs?

Just a few days removed from the state's latest economic forecasting conference, it boils down to whose messaging you're listening to.

Our political figures and top government officials are embracing the short-clip news world we're all living in.

They present the part of the picture they want to show us and move on. They know that neither the media nor the public has the attention span to hang around for more.

The bean counters tell us income tax dollars are coming in a little stronger than we expected. According to the Governor's office, Michigan still has a \$1.2 billion hole and it needs to be filled.

Is that hole for this year? Next year? That's not important information for the Budget Office to convey.

What is important is to repeat the messaging that the economy created by Trump's White House is forcing more people onto social assistance. Meanwhile, inflation is increasing costs, driving more families to need help, particularly with childcare.

The whole situation would seem immediate and dire except that the state Senate's economists released a memo Friday afternoon showing no hole at all.

In fact, if you view the budget from what the Senate passed a couple of weeks ago, the state is going to finish the year on Sept. 30 with a couple of billion dollars in the bank. Next fiscal year? We're looking at about half a billion.

The Senate Democrats still say Trump is killing the economy. Consumers aren't spending as much. Job growth is slowing. But they've got a budget that's making social services a priority without jacking up a lot of taxes.

And then we have the House Republicans, who last year got everyone to agree to a creative accounting quirk

to move \$9.4 billion in Medicaid spending off the books so they could claim state spending is less than the year before.

The R's are saying the economy is strong. Tariffs haven't had any major immediate impact. In fact, down the line, the country is going to be better because of tariffs.

For now, if we lay off the government spending, we can do a few more boutique tax cuts here and there. All in all, not a lot to see here. They're squeezing out the waste, fraud and abuse so more roads can be fixed, blah, blah, blah.

So, what is it?

In a sense, everybody's right. Michigan can't spend as much as we did when the federal spigot was turned on full blast post-COVID.

The 2026 budget is strikingly ho-hum. There's a mad scramble for basically the same dollars we had last year, adjusted for inflation, of course.

Maybe the real story from Friday's revenue projection conference is the dire messages that don't fit in a TikTok video.

In Michigan, for the last five years, more people are dying than being born.

Maybe it's not that big of a deal as more jobs become automated, and AI starts thinking for us.

The dire truth, though, is that everything the state has tried to diversify the economy over the last 30 years — though two Republican administrations and two Democratic administrations — hasn't been enough.

If it weren't for farming and tourism, where would we be outside of the automobile industry? We've tried cutting taxes and Right to Work and bureaucratic growth offices and massive financial gifts to big businesses, and all the like ... but we're still here.

Since 2000, Michigan has had about 10 million people and maybe that's enough.

Maybe the people we have can create an economy that will allow Michigan to prosper.

Or maybe not.

What certainly hasn't proven successful up to this point is gimmicks — the veneer of social media clips, punching messaging and creative accounting.

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



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Ordinance 2026-02
Tekchandani – 2936 Jolly Road Rezoning

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Ordinance 2026-02

The Township Board at its regular meeting on May 7, 2026 approved for final adoption Ordinance 2026-02, a request to rezone approximately 0.44 acres of land at 2936 Jolly Road from C-1, Commercial, to RB, One-Family, High Density Residential. The parcel identification number for the parcel to be rezoned is #33-02-02-32-300-013.

Materials related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (517.853.4560) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Angela Demas, Township Clerk
 May 20, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the City of East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Bengt Jansson located at 407 Marshall Street. The applicant request is to replace the chimney crown and garage door.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Natasha White located at 640 Charles Street. The applicant request is to replace the asphalt shingles with stone coated metal and install new 5" gutters.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Raymond Clyde Evert located at 529 Charles Street. The applicant request is to replace the roofing, install new gutters, replace the chimney cap and tuckpoint.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Randell Hitts located at 647 Sunset Lane. The applicant request is to replace wood siding with LP SmartSide siding.
5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Tim Mrozowski located at 619 Grove Street. The applicant request is for chimney work including brick, cap and tuckpointing.

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

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

For more information on the request please contact Alycia Reiten at (517) 319-6941 or areiten@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at:

Department of Planning, Building, and Housing
 East Lansing City Hall,
 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823

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

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Dated: May 14, 2026
 East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon
 City Clerk

CP#26-192

CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1355

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 404.03 for the purposes of allowing payment at a reduced rate for an expired meter violation until midnight of the day of issuance.

Effective date: Tuesday, May 26, 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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CP#26-189

CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1356

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 404.01(e) to modify Uniform Traffic Code parking regulation Rule 141 to provide that the operating hours of time and location regulated parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System shall be between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Effective date: Tuesday, May 26, 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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CP#26-190

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, City Assessor, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (the "District"), pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000, for property located at 2231 West Willow in the City of Lansing, Michigan, legally described as:

2231 West Willow (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-08-301-004):

BEG AT W 1/4 COR OF SEC 8; TH S89DEG59'25"E 338.96 FT ALONG E & W 1/4 LINE; TH S00DEG05'11"W 317 FT; TH N89DEG59'25"W 339.45 FT PAR WITH E & W 1/4 LINE; TH N00DEG10'29"E 317 FT ALONG SAID W LINE TO BEG; T4N R2W, CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY SPLIT/COMBINED ON 08/29/2018 FROM 33-01-01-08-301-012, 33-01-01-08-301-002; SPLIT/COMBINED ON 02/07/2023 FROM 33-01-01-08-301-003;

Approval of this District will allow the owners of real property within the District to apply for an abatement of certain property taxes for the improvements to their property located within the District. Further information regarding this issue may be obtained from Shay Manawar, Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), 401 S. Washington Sq. Suite 101, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 897-7208.

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/CMMC
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ARTS & CULTURE

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MSU's Tasha Warren shoulders the 'MotherLoad'

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Lullabies are wonderful for babies. But who comforts the mothers?

Clarinetist Tasha Warren, assistant professor of chamber music at Michigan State University and member of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, and globe-trotting cellist Dave Eggar have taken their unique collaboration to womb-deep realms with "MotherLoad," released on Mother's Day.

The album features new works by seven mothers, played with probing sensitivity by Warren, Eggar and some notable guest artists, including multi-Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Norah Jones and her husband, multi-instrumentalist Pete Dinklage.

It's not a lightweight set of lullabies. The murmurs and outcries of Warren's bass clarinet, a woolly beast not often featured in the classical world, and the earthy groans of the cello take the listener deep into the mind, heart and soul of a mother.

In the title composition, written by Warren, she and Eggar eloquently embody the stirrings, awakenings and wonderment of motherhood, along with the obstacles, stumbles, confusion and panic.

A three-note thrumming sound is directly inspired by the phrase "thoughts and prayers."

"When I take my kids to school, there are so many layers of emotion just in that," she said. "You kiss them goodbye, and you're happy to see them trot off, you're excited for them, but if you hear a siren, you're like, 'Oh my God, what happened to the school?'"

Warren got to know Eggar, arguably the most in-demand cellist on the planet, in 2018 at the Mostly Modern music festival in Sarasota Springs, New York. Both are strong supporters of modern music and play a lot of it as members of the American Modern Ensemble.

Eggar is a good person to know, not only because of his boundless musical skills and voracious musical appetite. He has played with an astonishing range of artists, from Beyoncé, Pearl Jam, The Who and Coldplay to Tony Bennett, Wynton Marsalis, Frank Ocean, Paul Simon, Amy Winehouse ... let's just say he has a mother of a contact list.



Courtesy Tasha Warren

Clarinetist Tasha Warren and cellist Dave Eggar have taken their unique collaboration to womb-deep realms with their new album, "MotherLoad," released on Mother's Day.

"He's a force of nature," Warren said. "He's everywhere at once. He's always on his way to some amazing thing."

In 2020, Warren and Eggar began collaborating on a globe-spanning album of new music, "Ourself Behind Ourself, Concealed." (The title is taken from a poem by Emily Dickinson.) Two of the compositions on the album were nominated for a Grammy.

Making the album helped get Warren through the chaos and isolation of the pandemic. She and Eggar loved the experience so much that they started talking about doing another project even before "Ourself" was issued.

"MotherLoad's" unifying concept readily bubbled to the surface while the pandemic was still underway.

"I have five kids, and I was acutely aware of the anxiety of being a parent, being a mother, and it's only gotten more stressful," Warren said.

Unlike their previous album, the duo uses overdubs, pedal effects and multi-track effects to plumb the emotional layers of each composition, from playfulness to terror to serenity.

When the title track was recorded, Warren was spending time in Virginia with her ailing father. Through a friend, Eggar got the duo recording time at a studio in Charlottesville, not far away.

"We had all this time to play around

with things, record tracks over tracks like a rock band, in a way classical musicians usually don't," Warren said. "I found these really cool distortion effects, and I wanted that for this burly-burly heartbeat underneath."

It wasn't hard to recruit composers for "MotherLoad." All it took was for Warren or Eggar to mention the project to one of their many collaborators.

In composer Dika Chartoff's "Suspiro" (Latin for "to sigh"), Warren and Eggar function as a set of lungs, one inhaling, the other exhaling.

The sense of a deep, womb-like inner space, sustained throughout the album, reaches profound depths in this track. Each pause seems to glance back at the pre-birth state of non-being before hearkening again to the fragile pulse of life.

"Dika is an incredibly thoughtful person and musician, with a deep, spiritual way to stop time in her music," Warren said.

Most of "MotherLoad's" sonic canvas is spare and spacey, but in "Pour Toute la Vie," by Jessica Rose Weiss, Warren and Eggar perform quietly lyrical miracles against a backdrop of orchestral colors (themselves, overdubbed) as delicate as the sunlit down on an infant's neck.

"Jessica's language is so rich and lush, just a wall of beauty," Warren said. "I felt



like we were creating a large orchestral sound, just with the two of us and the different timbres we were able to get." (That's three instruments, if you include both Warren's baritone and B-flat clarinets.)

Innovative jazz composer Anne Drummond's "Quintet for Two" gives the duo a chance to improvise. Drummond joins the duo on flute, along with guitarist Phil Faconti.

"I Am Too from the Womb" features sung chants that virtually assemble a group of students from Gatoori Primary School in Kenya and children from Main Street Ministries in Tazewell, Virginia, courtesy of Eggar's friend in Tazewell, Manny Elswick.

When Eggar told keyboardist Pete Remm about the album, Remm knew he had to enlist his wife, celebrated vocalist Norah Jones. In "Love Is Born," the couple adds a haunting layer of wordless vocals and piano to a drifting waltz that expresses the all-too-fleeting happiness of a new, growing family. The high voices on the track are the voices of Jones and Remm's children.

"It's an honor that they felt comfortable sharing the intimate, personal experience of the birth of their children with us," Warren said. All of the duo's collaborators and composers, famous or obscure, appreciated the personal nature of "MotherLoad" and gave it their best.

"That's one of the great things about being a musician," Warren said. "You become friends and make music with so many wonderful people. The whole experience of making this album was magical."

Justified overkill

Muffitt, LSO bring down the curtain with many bangs

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

From the beginning, the Lansing Symphony Orchestra's season finale was all about endings. The very first piece on Friday evening's (May 15) program, Antonín Dvořák's "Carnival Overture," is packed with furious, finale-worthy hammer blows that don't quit until the stubborn nail of resistance inside your brain is finally driven flush to the wood.

Your honor, the defense pleads justified overkill.

The biggest ending of all — the ominous yet positively charged thunderhead looming over everything — was, of course, the end of Timothy Muffitt's 20-year tenure as music director.

With 90-plus musicians on stage, Muffitt and the crew ramped up the razzle-dazzle, as required at such a moment in the orchestra's history, but didn't skimp on seriousness, substance and surprise.

To meet the challenge of going out with a bang while staying true to his musical standards, Muffitt was careful to deliver a precise bludgeoning. The maestro deployed several extraordinary moves to keep the proceedings at the requisite pitch, as if to say, "And after 20 years, you thought you'd seen it all." To keep the hyper-caffeinated overture from spinning into centrifugal chaos, his arm shot up and down like the escapement of a Rolex, first vertically then horizontally, almost faster than the eye could follow.

That precision came in handy when the latest in a series of deeply simpatico soloists, pianist Jon Nakamatsu, teamed up with Muffitt and the orchestra for a brisk, bravura performance of Rachmaninoff's "Variations on a Theme by Paganini."

Fused into one, trusting each other to navigate abrupt shifts of timing and mood by apparent telepathy, Nakamatsu and Muffitt charged through the variations like two horns on a bull. They refrained from milking more out of the material than necessary, even in the famous, swooning melody that pours out of the orchestra toward the end like a good sob after a bad party. They had their cry and moved on.

There was so much energy emanating from Nakamatsu, Muffitt, the musicians and the momentousness of the night it-

self that Rachmaninoff's familiar showpiece not only felt fresh but almost experimental, especially when the strings "spiccato-ed" their bows off their instruments, along with taps from the snare drum, to make it feel like ants were dancing out the music on your arms.

Friday's concert marked another end: the final work from three-year composer-in-residence Jared Miller. Written to order for a maximum-sized LSO, "House of Dreams" added some welcome weirdness, fun and food for thought to the familiar sounds that came before and after.

Principal bassist Ed Fedewa led the way with a lyrical solo melody drawn from the groaning depths of slumber, gradually picked up, layer by layer, by the cellos, violas, violins and brass. Miller is a mad master of adopting traditional orchestral techniques like the big, slow buildup and injecting them with insidious, chromosome-level mutations. About halfway through, the mists of dreamland parted to reveal pulsating threads of spectral colors in the strings, achieved by divvying them into complicated, ever-changing combinations.

The piece was punctuated throughout by relentless bass drum whacks, possibly suggesting the sleeper's heartbeat, if the sleeper were a sperm whale or an apatosaurus. It was a lot of bass drum to take in, but it fit in with the evening's spirit of justified overkill.

As passionately as Muffitt has made the case for beloved favorites like Haydn or Brahms over the years, he must have known they wouldn't deliver the right kind of "wow" for a night of multiple climaxes. Respighi's "Pines of Rome" hit all the notes. The splashy opening movement, with its joyous horn whoops and geysers of woodwinds, drenched the audience like a Cedar Point ride.

But there's never a brainless bacchanal with Muffitt in charge. Melancholy meditations on the passage of time were also in order. The orchestra quietly conjured the cavernous echoes and shadowy ruins of the catacombs with a spacious luminosity that stirred goosebumps on many a neck. Principal trumpeter Neil Mueller snuck offstage to play a noble hymn that floated over the music like the moon, and the whole orchestra responded with massive, ancient-sound-



Photo by Olivia Beebe

Pianist Jon Nakamatsu joined the LSO for a brisk, bravura performance of Rachmaninoff's "Variations on a Theme by Paganini" at the orchestra's season finale.

ing chords that restored those ruins and retrieved a lost world from oblivion for a few fleeting seconds.

The serene interlude that followed, complete with pre-recorded nightingale songs and a vibrato-less, hyper-delicate solo by principal clarinetist Guy Yehuda, was only a setup for the cataclysm to come. Respighi's imaginary march of the Roman legions increases in intensity from a distant thrumming to a fortissimo sonic supernova.

All night, the musicians of the orchestra played their guts out for the departing maestro, their torsos twirling in their seats with effort. Now it was time to build up to the final chords. As usual, Muffitt wasn't interested in displaying moves for the sake of moves. He conducts like an embodiment of the music itself, which made him all the more watchable.

Nevertheless, Friday's finale added one more memory to a 20-year-thick album. The need to synchronize an off-stage contingent of horns, parked in the upper balcony, with the climactic chords produced by the musicians on stage drove him to thrust one arm out at 45 degrees toward the interior of the hall, like a samurai wielding a sword, while cueing the orchestra with his other arm, positioned at 90 degrees in the opposite direction, and looking both ways at once. I last saw this move when Toshiro Mifune fought the eight-tailed serpent in "The Three Treasures." He danced around the dragon, cut off all of its

heads, saved the village and took a bath in a barrel of sake. I hope the maestro found a roughly equivalent afterglow.

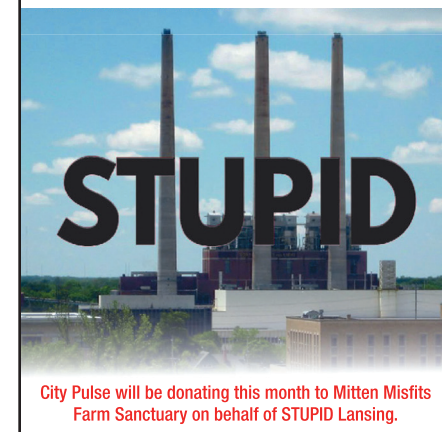
Review



The sign says so

In a probably not real photo, the City of Lansing is recognizing its true calling as the Proud Home of Big Penny the Truck Munching Bridge.

STUPID-Lansing officials are working on restoring Big Penny's teeth.



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

Live & Local

CityPULSE

The Avenue

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Dark Art of Michigan World Goth Day celebration
 Sat., May 23, 8 p.m.
Bodega House: Special Sunday Edition
 Sun., May 24, 8 p.m.

Blue Gill Grill

1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
Keith Minaya
 Thurs., May 21, 7-11 p.m.

BrickHaven Brewing Co.

200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
Shelby Ann-Marie & Jon Brown
 Fri., May 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
David Salvador
 Sat., May 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill

16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Tad & the Fat Katz
 Fri., May 22, 8 p.m.-midnight
Homespun
 Sat., May 23, 8 p.m.-midnight

Cleats Bar & Grille

5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing
The Brothers Ralph
 Thurs., May 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Frog and Koop
 Tues., May 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Dublin Square

327 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Justin Deason
 Fri., May 22, 9 p.m.-midnight
Alexandria McMath
 Sat., May 23, 9 p.m.-midnight

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Chad Benson & Ed Lutz
 Wed., May 20, 7-9 p.m.
The Dangling Particles
 Wed., May 27, 7-9 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
Rian Mohre
 Fri., May 22, 6-9 p.m.
Shane Gruesbeck
 Sat., May 23, 6-9 p.m.

The Fledge

1300 Eureka St., Lansing
No Skull, FiDGET, Secret Satan, Swan Drive
 Fri., May 22, 7 p.m.

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Wavelength
 Wed., May 20, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Autumn Kings
 Thurs., May 21, 2 p.m.
The Dogs, The Strains, The Drastics
 Fri., May 22, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
Greg Austill Trio, Critter Ruwart, The Rusty Snails
 Sat., May 23, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
Wavelength
 Wed., May 27, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Grewal Hall

224 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Four Horsemen (Metallica tribute)
 Sat. May 23, 7 p.m.
Buckcherry, Lex Baumen, Exit 73
 Wed., May 27, 7 p.m.

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
Deacon Earl
 Wed., May 20, 7-9 p.m.
Steven Allen
 Wed., May 27, 7-9 p.m.

The Irish Pub

1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
Open mic night, with Scott Seth
 Thurs., May 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Sandra Faye Band
 Sat., May 23, 8-11 p.m.

Lansing Shuffle

325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
Mark Collins
 Sat., May 23, 4-7 p.m.
Alexandria McMath
 Sun., May 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Looking Glass Brewing Co.

108 W. Main St., Dewitt
Ben Awrey
 Fri., May 22, 6-9 p.m.

Mac's Bar

2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Yayo, The Outliers, Sins ov Madness, Deadwitxh
 Fri., May 22, 7 p.m.
Open mic night
 Mon., May 25, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
 Thurs., May 21, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
 Tues., May 26, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Mash Bar

212 Albert Ave., East Lansing
Joel Jacobs
 Fri., May 22, 8:30 p.m.-midnight

Moriarty's Pub

802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., May 20, 8-11 p.m.
Deer & Elk
 Thurs., May 21, 9 p.m.-midnight
Gina Garner and the All Night Long Band
 Fri., May 22, 8 p.m.-midnight
Velocity Shift
 Sat., May 23, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
 Tues., May 26, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., May 27, 8-11 p.m.

Nico's Pub and Grill

117 S. Bridge St., Dimondale
Northside Rhythm Kings
 Fri., May 22, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Niko's Taverna

151 S. Putnam St., Williamston
Sweet C & the Sunset Riders
 Sat., May 23, 3-6 p.m.

One North East Lansing

1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Gig Factory music showcase
 Wed., May 20, 6-9 p.m.
Jerry Sprague
 Fri., May 22, 7-10 p.m.
Keith Minaya
 Sat., May 23, 7-10 p.m.

One North Lansing

5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Kathy Ford
 Thurs., May 21, 6-9 p.m.
Keith Minaya
 Fri., May 22, 7-10 p.m.
Steve Spees
 Sat., May 23, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Kathy Ford
 Mon., May 25, 6:30-9 p.m.

Pablo's Mexican Restaurant

2010 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Samantha Shessia
 Thurs., May 21, 6-9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Deer & Elk
 Fri., May 22, 8-10 p.m.
Marc Finger Family & Friends
 Tues., May 26, 6-8 p.m.

Pins & Pints

2120 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
Darin Lerner Jr.
 Thurs., May 21, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Randy Napoleon Trio
 Sun., May 24, 6-9 p.m.

Reno's North

16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Deer & Elk
 Wed., May 20, 6-9 p.m.
Time2Play
 Fri., May 22, 6-9 p.m.
Crystal Hoffman
 Sat., May 23, 6-9 p.m.

The Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Old-Fashioned Aces, Kelli Jones
 Wed., May 20, 8 p.m.

Sholty's Bar

1819 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Keith Minaya
 Tues., May 26, 6-9 p.m.

Side Bar

246 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
Aaron Manbeck
 Fri., May 22, 7-10 p.m.
Deer & Elk
 Sat., May 23, 7-10 p.m.

Stober's Bar

812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Lady Luck
 Sun., May 24, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Your Dad
 Tues., May 26, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.

1957 Cedar St., Holt
Krosby's Conspiracy
 Fri., May 22, 8-11 p.m.
Two Dudes in Flip Flops
 Sat., May 23, 7-10 p.m.
Rush Clement
 Sun., May 24, 6-9 p.m.

Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

3420 S. Creyts Road, Lansing
Medusa
 Wed., May 20, 6-9 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
 Wed., May 20, 6-9 p.m.
Stan Craig Band
 Thurs., May 21, 7 p.m.
1001 Arabian Nights: The Tale of Scheherazade
 Fri., May 22, 7 p.m.
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
 Wed., May 27, 6-9 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse

3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Steve Shelhart
 Wed., May 20, 7-10 p.m.
Medusa
 Sat., May 23, 7-11 p.m.
Billie Joe Hunt
 Wed., May 27, 7-10 p.m.

New Williamston gym aims to spread the love of running



By LEO V. KAPLAN

Before Marie Bowen started running, she said she struggled with symptoms of asthma. Then she got her mother, who had prediabetes and osteoporosis, into the hobby. Her symptoms improved to the extent that she no longer needed medication.

Rundezvous

6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
108 W. Grand River Ave., Williamston
rundezvousllc.com

It's stories like that, and the chain reactions they cause, that led Bowen to take up work as a personal trainer despite also working a full-time job in the tech industry.

Last month, she took things a step further, opening a running-focused gym in downtown Williamston. It makes for a busy life, she said, but it's well worth it to cultivate a community that will help beginners fall in love with running.

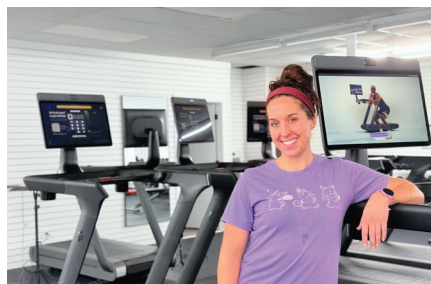
Rundezvous opened its doors April 11, offering high-tech treadmills, weight training and community-focused classes. A primary focus is the gym's high-end Peloton Tread+ Pro treadmills, which

Bowen described as feeling "like running on a cloud." In line with the comfortable, accepting community Bowen is hoping to build, the gym also includes a kids' corner and a nursing room.

A central draw of the gym is its high-end equipment, which comes with its own training courses. The gym's lowest-price membership is \$59 monthly per individual and includes access both to the equipment and to the subscription memberships for Peloton and Tonal, which provide access to live courses and personalized training routines.

The Peloton treadmills feature swiveling screens, allowing courses to include weight training and floor exercises. Tonal is a large, wall-mounted tablet with two adjustable arms extending from its sides, each housing a cable that can offer up to 100 pounds of resistance. That allows it to fill the role of several machines while automatically adjusting resistance and customizing workouts.

The treadmills also feature a speed knob, which allows for much faster speed adjustments than the incremental buttons on most treadmills. Bowen said that feature is particularly useful for interval runners and folks who would typically jump onto a treadmill's rails when they



Leo V. Kaplan for City Pulse

Marie Bowen, owner of Rundezvous in Williamston, poses with the gym's high-end Peloton Tread+ Pro treadmills, which she described as feeling "like running on a cloud."

can no longer maintain the necessary speed, a dangerous practice.

But they're also useful for beginners, Bowen said, such as a couple that comes in most mornings to stroll several high-definition "walks" in different scenic parts of the world on the treadmill screens.

Classes, led by Bowen or another trainer, are \$18 for drop-ins, and the gym's highest-end subscription includes unlimited classes at \$149 monthly. Classes accommodate all skill levels and include both strength and endurance training.

The classes intentionally cultivate an

accepting environment and encourage attendees to befriend each other.

On Wednesday mornings, Bowen runs a class called "hot takes and heart rates," where she said the communal focus helps participants power through an hour of running.

"I ask them random questions — would you rather do this or would you rather do that — and it's their favorite class. We're on the tread for an hour, but because we're laughing so hard, they don't even realize at the end of the class what they've done. And they look at the miles, and they're like, 'Holy crap, I can't believe I did that.'"

Many gyms, Bowen said, fail to provide a beginner-friendly environment. The equipment is confusing, everyone is in their own little world, and beginners feel intimidated. Rundezvous is the inverse, she said.

"I just want people to see that we can meet them where they are. Give yourself some grace, and don't be intimidated, because a lot of people are scared to go into normal gyms. They have no idea what they're doing. It's quiet in here, I can help you, and we'll laugh through it."

State of Michigan Probate Court, County of Ingham, Publication of Notice of Hearing, File No. 26-614-GA-P33. In the matter of Patricia F. Smith: To all interested persons, including Michelle Davis-Hopkins and other unknown relatives of Patricia, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: Take Notice: A hearing will be held on June 17, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at 341 S. Jefferson St., Mason, MI 48854 before Judge Richard J. Garcia for the following purpose: Uncontested Hearing - Petition for Guardianship. 5/14/26. Petitioner: State of Michigan/Adult Protective Services/Steve Marchlewicz, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing MI 48911, 517-575-5926.

CP#26-195



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Special Use Permit #26011 (Khamush)
MONDAY, June 8, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Special Use Permit #26011 (Khamush)
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a request from Jaihoon Khamush to allow the redevelopment of an existing building into a restaurant, on an approximately 0.28-acre project site located at 4632 Okemos Road. The site is zoned PO (Professional and Office).

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

Angela Demas, Township Clerk
May 20, 2026

CP#26-185

H&H Mobil Abandoned Auto Auction
Viewing 5/21/26 By Appointment
2818 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48912
Call 517-332-6335
Bids must be submitted by 8 am 5/25/26
at 1500 Haslett Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823
For more info go to www.hhmobil.com

CP#26-169



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Rezoning #26010 (Haslett Land Investment)
MONDAY, June 8, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Rezoning #26010 (Haslett Land Investment)
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a rezoning request. Haslett Land Investment, LLC and Haslett Holding, LLC is requesting to rezone one property, approximately 65.38 acres of a 149.97 acre parcel, located on Haslett Road and adjacent to the east of the existing Copper Creek development, from RA (Single-Family Residential) to RA with a Planned Residential Development (PRD) overlay.

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

Angela Demas, Township Clerk
May 20, 2026

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Fun in the sun

Summer events in Greater Lansing

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

It's one of City Pulse readers' most anticipated issues of the year: the annual Summer and Farmers Market Guide. For those looking to fill their calendars with fun events to keep kids occupied and visiting friends and relatives happy, we have you covered once again with a list of festivals, concerts, holiday celebrations and other major events. As always, we can't cover everything that's happening through Labor Day, so make sure to keep up with our weekly Out on the Town section and Friday morning weekend events newsletter for more.

Thursday Night Live Courthouse Concerts

May 21–Sept. 17
6:30–8 p.m. select Thursdays
Ingham County Courthouse lawn
315 S. Jefferson St., Mason
FREE
business.masonchamber.org/events

May 21: Mason High School Jazz Band
Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Two Guys Nomadic Grill
June 11: Global Village (rock/funk/R&B)

Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Marco's Pizza

June 25: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)
Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Marco's Pizza

July 9: Dirty Laundry (rock/country)
Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Two Guys Nomadic Grill
July 23: TBA

Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Marco's Pizza

Aug. 13: The Pocket (classic rock)
Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Two Guys Nomadic Grill

Aug. 27: Mixed Flavors (variety)
Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Marco's Pizza

Sept. 17: Mason High School Marching Band

Food vendors: Mason Optimists Club and Two Guys Nomadic Grill

Williamston Summer Concert Series

May 21–Aug. 20
7–9 p.m. Thursdays
McCormick Park bandshell
300 N. Putnam St., Williamston
FREE
facebook.com/williamstonconcerts

May 21: Williamston High School and Middle School jazz bands

June 11: Betty B & the Ropewalkers (swing/bebop)

June 18: Meridian Community Band



Courtesy

Cristo Rey Fiesta

June 25: Motown Eagles (Eagles tribute)

July 2: U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America

July 9: Chelsea House Orchestra (Celtic)

July 16: Last One Out (classic rock)

July 23: Local Talent All-Stars

July 30: Lansing Concert Band Big Band

Aug. 8: Ozymorons (classic pop/rock)

Aug. 13: Elements of Soul (R&B/funk)

Aug. 20: U.S. Navy Band

Cristo Rey Fiesta

4–11 p.m. Friday, May 22
11 a.m.–11 p.m. Saturday, May 23
1–7 p.m. Sunday, May 24
Cristo Rey Church
201 W. Miller Road, Lansing
cristoreychurch.org/cristo-rey-fiesta-2022

After 47 years, the annual Cristo Rey Fiesta continues to offer authentic Mexican food, traditional dance performances, live music and cultural vendors alongside a kids' carnival, games, raffles and more. The gates open at 10 a.m. Sunday for mass. Admission is free until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and all day Sunday.

East Lansing Downtown Summer Sound

May 22–Aug. 21
6–8 p.m. select Fridays
Ann Street Plaza
Corner of Albert and M.A.C. Avenues
FREE
cityofeastlansing.com/455/Downtown-Summer-Sound

May 22: Geech (variety)

June 5: Elements of Soul (funk/R&B)

July 10: TBA

July 24: BadMojo (blues/rock)

Aug. 7: TBA

Aug. 21: Andrew Brown Sound (jazz)

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

May 29–Aug. 21
6–9 p.m. Fridays
Lake Lansing Park South
1621 Pike St., Haslett
FREE

facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell

May 29: Allentown (Billy Joel tribute)
June 5: Mike Skory & Friends (Southern rock)

June 12: Slick Jimmy ('80s)

June 19: Elements of Soul (funk/soul)

June 26: The Frog King (Neil Diamond tribute)

July 3: Meridian Community Band

July 10: Women of Country

July 17: Roadside Attraction (party hits)

July 24: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)

July 31: The Pocket (classic rock)

Aug. 7: Shakedown (Bob Seger tribute)

Aug. 14: Three Men and a Tenor (Americana)

Aug. 21: Global Village (rock/funk/R&B)

World Goth Day Film FestEvil

11 a.m.–8 p.m. May 30
The Robin Theatre
1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
therobintheatre.com

In celebration of World Goth Day (May 22), the fourth annual Film FestEvil will feature screenings of Alex Galvin's 2020 horror film "The Turn of the Screw," an adaptation of Henry James' Victorian ghost story of the same name; Adrien Beau's 2023 French horror-fantasy film "The Vourdalak," based on Aleksey Konstantinovich Tolstoy's novella "The Family of the Vourdalak"; and Penny Lane's 2019 documentary "Hail Satan," which covers the Satanic Temple, founded by Lucien

Greaves and Malcolm Jarry. Guests from the Satanic Temple will take the stage for a Q&A following "Hail Satan." The day will also include a gothic poetry hour and a spooky vendor market.

Meridian Township Summer Concert Series

June 3–Sept. 30
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Marketplace on the Green
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
FREE
meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/events-calendar/summer-concert-series

June 3: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)

June 10: Atomic Annie (variety hits)

June 17: Stone Street Revival (harmonies and horns)

June 24: Big L & Code Blü (soul/funk/R&B/rock)

July 1: Serita's Black Rose (funk/rock/blues/Americana)

July 8: Elements of Soul featuring LaNette Lyn (funk/R&B)

July 15: Garage Sale Band (rock)

July 22: Slick Jimmy ('80s rock)

July 29: Geech (variety)

Aug. 5: School of Rock East Lansing

Aug. 12: Generator (blues/funk/rock/soul)

Aug. 19: The Collective (Motown/'60s)

Aug. 26: Sandra Faye Band ('70s rock/blues)

Sept. 2: Classic Women of Country

Sept. 9: Northside Rhythm Kings (blues/rock/country)

Sept. 16: LaurieTini & Glossi Rossi

Sept. 23: Rear View Mirror ('60s-'90s pop/rock)

Sept. 30: Bachelors Since Breakfast ('70s-'90s party rock)

Lansing Juneteenth Celebration

June 4, 13, 18–20
lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org

Technically, this year's Lansing Juneteenth Celebration runs all month, with a window and art exhibit at the downtown Lansing Library from June 6 through 30. The official festivities kick off June 4 with a kick-off ceremony featuring keynote speaker Toni Glasscoe, associate vice president of external affairs, development and K-12 operations at Lansing Community College. Other activities include the annual Negro leagues tribute baseball game, a flag raising at City Hall and the two-day Freedom Festival, with performances by saxophonist Isaac Norris, Grammy-nominated trombonist Hank Bilal and a local favorite, saxophonist Phil Denny, plus a talent com-

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petition and the popular African American Parade.



HEATHER WRIGHT
1ST PLACE (18+)

Courtesy

Chalk of the Town

Noon-4 p.m. June 6
Old Town, Lansing
iloveoldtown.org/chalk-of-the-town

Chalk is a fleeting art form, though it's also beautiful and tangible and accessible. On June 6, you can watch as local artists bring temporary masterpieces to the sidewalks of Old Town for the annual Chalk of the Town event. Artists will start early in the day and will be judged beginning at 2:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. at the corner of Turner Street and César E. Chávez Avenue.

Meridian Pride

5-10 p.m. June 6
Marketplace on the Green
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/events-calendar/meridian-pride

Plenty of local artists and businesses are pitching in to make this year's Meridian Pride a hit, including Time Traveling DJs, cover band Smokey Bear, From Scratch and Get Loaded food trucks, Boss Cider, Capital Area District Libraries (which will offer crafts, book checkouts and library card sign-ups) and numerous local vendors and advocacy groups.



Courtesy

Magical Realm Fantasy Faire

Pumpstock Festival of American Roots

Music
2-8 p.m. June 6
Bailey Park
300 Bailey St., East Lansing
facebook.com/Pumpstock

From alt-folk to African and Latin American music, this year's Pumpstock artists cover much more than just traditional Americana. Main stage artists include The Springtails, Abigail Staufer & the Bang Bangs, The Native Heart, the Ben Gage Trio and the Samuel Nalangira Trio. The local stage features performances by AJ Sol, Vincente and La Media Hora, plus a family-friendly session called "Music for Everyone" with Southeast Michigan musician and educator Jon Torrence. Barbecue and drinks will be available for purchase, and kids can enjoy an "instrument petting zoo," art activities and glitter tattoos. Admission is free, though attendees are encouraged to donate in advance via Kickstarter.

Magical Realm Fantasy Faire

10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 6-7
Eaton County Fairgrounds
1025 Cochran Ave., Charlotte
themagicalrealm.com

For fans of the fantastical, the Magical Realm Fantasy Faire offers an opportunity to shop from medieval merchants, feast on giant turkey legs and mead, complete quests for the Royal Fae Court, view a variety of performances (including a joust, a pirate circus and live combat demonstrations), chat with reenactors and, perhaps most exciting of all, dress up for yourself.

MSU Music and the Garden

June 7-Aug. 16
1 p.m. select Sundays
Beal Botanical Garden
330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing
FREE
music.msu.edu

June 7: Mirana String Quartet
June 28: Go Music Trio
July 19: MSU jazz combo
Aug. 16: Tayovan Trio

Lansing Concerts in the Park

June 10-Aug. 5
7-9 p.m. Wednesdays
Lansing parks



Photo by Paul Stamm

Lansing Beer Fest

FREE
lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park

June 10: Root Doctor (blues) at Moores Park, 400 Moores River Drive, Lansing
June 17: Full House (variety hits) at Wainwright Park, 4115 Stillwell Ave., Lansing

June 24: Kathy Ford Band (country) at Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing

July 8: Northside Rhythm Kings (blues/rock/country) at Bancroft Park, 1330 Otto St., Lansing

July 15: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s) at the Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing

July 22: Generator (blues/funk/rock/soul) at Wilson Park, 801 Stanley St., Lansing

July 29: Global Village ((rock/funk/R&B) at Fish Ladder Music Park, 216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing

Aug. 5: Lansing Symphony Orchestra at Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing

Live Music Thursdays at Nelson Gallery

June 11-Aug. 20
4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays
113 S. Washington Square, Lansing
FREE

facebook.com/NelsonGalleryLansing

June 11: Ash Can Van Gogh (roots)

June 18: Ozay Moore (hip-hop)

June 25: Summer of Sol (funk)

July 9: No One You Know (classic rock/country/folk/blues)

July 16: TBA

July 23: Deadly String Band (Grateful Dead/Americana tribute)

July 30: Bart Moore (folk)

Aug. 6: Deacon Earl & the Congregation (blues)

Aug. 13: Soul Happens

Aug. 20: Pinter Whitnick ('80s/'90s)

East Lansing Pride

4-9 p.m. June 13
Albert Avenue, between Abbot Road and M.A.C. Avenue
cityofeastlansing.com/2548/East-

Lansing-PRIDE

The 2026 East Lansing Pride will once again feature an open-floor drag show, drag storytime, live music, local vendors, giveaways, community art activities and more. There will be an official afterparty at the Landshark Bar & Grill. Updates will be posted to Downtown East Lansing's Facebook and Instagram pages as the event draws closer.

Lansing Beer Fest

4-8 p.m. June 13 (VIP entry at 3 p.m.)
Adado Riverfront Park
201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing
lansingbeerfest.com

Previously held in REO Town, this year's Beer Fest is moving downtown but will continue to provide an opportunity to sample more than 100 different beers, wines, ciders, hard seltzers, meads and spirits while enjoying live music, shopping and unique eats from food trucks. Proceeds benefit Friends of the River, a non-profit that works to improve the quality of and access to rivers in Michigan.

Rhythm in the Park

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13
4-7 p.m.

Fish Ladder Music Park
216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
FREE

facebook.com/bmrwpromotions

June 14: The Flint Southernaires (gospel), AWD Band (smooth jazz/R&B)

July 12: Karla Pace and Lyrical Heat (R&B/soul)

Aug. 9: 496 West (jazz)

Sept. 13: Elements of Soul (R&B/funk)

Delta Township Music in the Park

June 16, July 21, Aug. 18
Sharp Park
1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing
FREE

facebook.com/deltatownship

June 16 (6-9 p.m.): Juneteenth Unity Fest, featuring Twyla Birdsong (blues/jazz) and Root Doctor (blues)

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Food vendors: Smash Shack and the Delta DeWitt Lioness Lions Club
July 21 (7-8:30 p.m.): School of Rock
Food vendor: Cottage Inn Pizza
August 18 (6-9 p.m.): End of summer celebration, featuring Global Village (rock/funk/R&B) and 11 Across (rock)
Food vendor: Smash Shack

Eastwood Towne Center Summer Music Series

June 16–Aug. 1

6–8 p.m. Tuesdays

3003 Preyde Blvd., Lansing

FREE

shopeastwoodtownecenter.com/events

June 16: Life Support (variety)
June 23: Roadside Attraction ('70s-'90s party songs)
June 30: Elements of Soul (funk/R&B)
July 7: Showdown (classic rock)
July 14: Full House (variety hits)
July 21: Don Middlebrook & the Pearl Divers (trop rock)
Aug. 4: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)
Aug. 11: The Polaroids (variety)

St. Johns Concerts in the Park

June 17–Sept. 2

7 p.m. Wednesdays

St. Johns City Park

801 W. Park St., St. Johns

FREE

facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell

June 17: Jeff Baldori Band (rock/pop/blues/jazz/soul)
June 24: Lansing Community Band Big Band
July 1: Meridian Community Band
July 8: Djangophonique (jazz manouche)
July 15: Ron St. Germain Band (country/folk/rock)
July 22: Toppermost (Beatles tribute)
July 29: Wilson Thicket (folk/bluegrass)
Aug. 5: On the Lash (Irish/Celtic folk)
Aug. 12: Super Trooper (ABBA tribute)
Aug. 19: Detroit Retro Society
Aug. 26: Dave Bennett Quartet (from swing to rock)
Sept. 2: Jake Slater/Josh Ramses Band (all about Elvis)

517 Juneteenth Weekend

June 18–21

REO Town, Lansing

517juneteenth.com

The wide-ranging 517 Juneteenth Weekend is headlined by a daylong festival with performances by singer-songwriter Jamila Woods, hip-hop artist MikeyyAustin, DJs JMT and Kaels, singer Al Bettis and more, as well as vendors, a food court, a kids' zone with mobile games and a cooling MSUFCU lounge. The weekend also includes an ice cream social



Courtesy

Lansing Fiesta

(June 19 at Riverview Church), a wellness seminar (June 18 at The Cadillac Room) and a Father's Day jazz night (June 21 at The Cadillac Room).

Lansing Fiesta

June 18–21

Adado Riverfront Park

201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing

lansingfiesta.com

The annual Lansing Fiesta is somewhat of a mash-up between a carnival and a cultural festival, featuring rides and games for guests of all ages provided by Elliott's Amusements, a booming vendor market, several Mexican food trucks, a beer tent for attendees of drinking age, festive live music and more.

Grand Concert Series

June 18, July 9, July 23, Aug. 20, Aug. 27

6–8 p.m.

Riverfront Plaza

333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

FREE

facebook.com/GrandConcertSeries

June 18: Lansing Concert Band Big Band
July 9: Be Kind Rewind "unplugged" ('90s-'2000s alt-rock)
July 23: Full House Band (variety hits)
Aug. 20: The Dangling Participles (indie/folk/Americana)
Aug. 27: Don Middlebrook (trop rock)

Grand Ledge Music in the Park

June 18–Aug. 13

7–9 p.m. Thursdays

Jaycee Park

525 E. River St., Grand Ledge

grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php

June 18: Three Men and a Tenor (Americana)
June 25: Madison Olivia (country)
July 2: Lansing Concert Band Big Band, with special guest Clique Vocals
July 9: Old Days (Chicago tribute)
July 16: Global Village (rock/funk/R&B), with special guest 11 Across (rock)
July 23: Shakedown (Bob Seger tribute)
July 30: Suspicious Minds (Elvis tribute)
Aug. 6: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s)
Aug. 13: Starfarm ('80s)

Fête de la Musique

3–8 p.m. June 21

Fish Ladder Music Park

216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing

facebook.com/apsfrenchclass

Lansing's inaugural Fête de la Musique, held on the summer solstice, is part of a larger network of celebrations in more than 1,000 cities around the world. The global event encourages communities to experience and create music in public spaces. The local event, hosted by French cultural center Aux Petits Soins, will feature live music and interactive musical activities for people of all ages and skill levels. "This event is about celebrating music as something everyone can participate in," event organizer Gaëlle Cassin-Ross said. "Whether you're a professional musician, someone learning an instrument for the first time or simply someone who wants to kick off summer with some musical fun, Fête de la Musique is for you."

Charlotte Bluegrass Festival

June 25–27

Eaton County Fairgrounds

1025 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte

charlottebluegrassfestival.com

The Charlotte Bluegrass Festival is celebrating 54 years as one of the top pickin' places around. Last year's fest brought out Lansing native Billy Strings, one of the hottest bluegrass players on this side of the cemetery. This year's lineup includes The Travelin' McCourys, the Del McCoury Band, the Dan Tyminski Band, the Larry Sparks Show, the David Mayfield Parade, the Amanda Cook Band, the Kevin Prater Band, Harbortown and many more.

Lansing Pride

1–9 p.m. June 27

Old Town, Lansing

lansingpride.org

Once again, the headliner of Lansing Pride will be a notable "RuPaul's Drag Race" alum: Trinity the Tuck, winner of "All Stars" season four. Of course, there's much more entertainment in store on the main stage, plus hundreds of vendor booths, a selection of food trucks and family-friendly activities.

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series

July 1–Aug. 5

6 p.m. Wednesdays

Beaumont Tower

Address

FREE

music.msu.edu

July 1: John Lehrer (university carillonneur at MSU and director of the Carillon Concert Series)
July 8: Jeremy Chesman (carillonneur and organist at Missouri State University)
July 15: John Widmann (carillonneur for the city of Frederick, Maryland)
July 22: Ellen Dickinson (university carillonneur at Yale University and college carillonneur at Trinity College)
July 29: Margaret Pan (freelance carillonneur based in Boston)
Aug. 5: David Hunsberger (assistant carillonneur at the University of California, Berkeley)

Holt Music in the Gardens

July 2–30

7 p.m. Thursdays

Veterans Memorial Gardens

2074 Aurelius Road, Holt

delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events

July 2: Stone Street Revival (Harmonies and Horns)
Food truck: Mr. P's Melthouse
July 9: Global Village (rock/funk/R&B)
Food truck: 2 Guys Nomadic Grill
July 16: TBA
Food truck: 2 Guys Nomadic Grill
July 23: The Pocket (classic rock)
Food truck: Get Loaded
July 30: Starfarm ('80s)
Food truck: Mr. P's Melthouse



Courtesy

ScrapFest

5–9 p.m. July 10

11 a.m.–7 p.m. July 11

Turner Street, Old Town

facebook.com/ScrapFestArtFestival

ScrapFest celebrates upcycled and repurposed art, featuring a scrap metal sculpture competition that brings teams

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together to build impressive works, which are ultimately auctioned off. Not infrequently, the scrap sculptures find permanent homes outside Lansing-area businesses. The festival also includes a “refashion show” (clothes from scraps), a new welding demonstration area, eco-art vendors, live music and other activities.

Yankee Doodle Day

9 a.m.–midnight July 13
Jaycee Park

515 E. River St., Grand Ledge
Fitzgerald Memorial Field
110 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
grandledgechamber.com/
yankee_doodle_days.php

With this year being the 250th anniversary of the United States, Grand Ledge’s annual Yankee Doodle Day celebration will be extra patriotic. The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with the weekly Market on the Grand at Jaycee Park, followed by an 11 a.m. parade down Bridge Street. After the parade, attendees can peruse the selection of food trucks and a wide range of kids’ activities, like a bounce house, pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo and more. The event will conclude with fireworks at Fitzgerald Memorial Field.

Eaton County Fair

July 13–18
Pre-fair activities begin July 11
Eaton County Fairgrounds
1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte
eatoncountyfair.com

The weeklong Eaton County Fair includes exciting grandstand events each evening, such as tractor pulls, horse racing, motocross, a bump-and-run derby and rodeos, plus standard entertainment such as youth livestock exhibits and competitions, a carnival midway and all the fried fair food you can eat.

DeWitt Concerts in the Park

July 16–Aug. 6
7–9 p.m. Thursdays
Riverside Park
405 S. Bridge St., DeWitt
FREE
facebook.com/
DeWittAreaMichiganChamber
July 16: *Sea Cruisers* (‘50s-’70s)
July 23: *Exit 86* (classic rock)
July 30: *Ricky Nalett & Nikki Zeeb Fowler*
Aug. 6: *Kathy Ford* (country)

Dam Jam Music Festival

July 17–18
Fish Ladder Music Park
216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
facebook.com/DamJamFest

The annual Dam Jam music festival will jam out once again at Old Town’s Fish Ladder this year, following the completion of the multi-million-dollar Fish Lad-

der Music Park. The all-Michigan lineup spans genres and styles, including hip-hop artists Kwaj and Headband Henny, singer-songwriter i.am.james, dream-rock musician Brie Stoner, alternative artist Shayla Hamady, indie-rock band Wilson Ave. and many more.



Courtesy

Celebrate Meridian Festival

6 p.m.–10 p.m. July 24
4–11 p.m. July 25
Marketplace on the Green
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
Central Park
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/
events-calendar/celebrate-meridian

Teens can help kick off the annual Celebrate Meridian Festival at a special event designed just for them on July 24, offering live music by School of Rock East Lansing, crafts, a video game trailer and food trucks.

The main event on June 25 begins with the weekly Meridian Farmers’ Market, pivoting to live music by cover band Geech and ‘80s tribute band Starfarm, along with food trucks, a beer garden, vendors and children’s activities. The Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center will be open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m., with performances Native American dancers and drummers along with arts and crafts. The night will be capped by a drone show finale.



Courtesy

Ingham County Fair



Courtesy

Lansing Taco, Tequila and Margarita Fest

Lansing Taco, Tequila and Margarita Fest

4–8 p.m. July 25 (VIP entry 3 p.m.)

Adado Riverfront Park
201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing
lansingtacoandtequilafest.com

Adults of legal drinking age can check out more than 100 different tequilas, margaritas, beers and ciders at the 2026 Lansing Taco, Tequila and Margarita Fest. There will be about 10 food vendors, plus live music and shopping. VIP ticket packages include early entry and access to a special shaded area with designated seating.

Rock Lansing music festival

11:30 a.m.–11 p.m. Aug. 1
Jackson Field
505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
rocklansing.com

A host of musicians, representing a variety of rock subgenres, will perform on two stages at the annual Rock Lansing fest, including Florida heavy metal band Nonpoint, Lansing metalcore/nu-metal band Heartsick, Boston industrial/nu-metal band Powerman 50000, Chicago alternative metal band Soil, Arizona nu-metal band Ded, Texas hard band Blacktop Mojo and many more. For the first time, two bands from a social media poll were

chosen to open the festival: Kentucky metalcore band Northlake and Missouri hard rock/metal band Etched in Embers. Tickets are \$10 off until July 1.

Ingham County Fair

Aug. 3–8
Ingham County Fairgrounds
700 E. Ash St., Mason
fair.ingham.org

Like its Eaton County counterpart, the Ingham County Fair offers a selection of action-packed grandstand events as well as staples like juried livestock shows, carnival rides, midway games and live entertainment.

Capital City Paracon

11 a.m.–8 p.m. Aug. 8
Crowne Plaza Hotel
925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing
Capital City Paracon on Facebook

The inaugural Capital City Paracon will bring paranormal authors, investigators and TV personalities from as far away as Utah, New York and California to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The event will include panel discussions, psychic readings, meet-and-greets and other chilling activities.

Farmers market season is here

Double Up Bucks and other ways to ensure a good haul



Alysha Cowles' best seller is "s'mores crack." You can find her Mitten Mallow stand at farmers markets all over Greater Lansing this summer.

By MIKE ELLIS

Jean Aldrich-Simmons is passionate about plants.

She loves to talk about the difference between a 70-day and an 85-day tomato and which is best for your garden.

Aldrich-Simmons is a mainstay at the South Lansing Farmers Market, where she begins the season with starter plants like tomatoes and green

onions, until the bulk of the harvest is ready for market.

She loves to give plants to kids, who glow with delight. Plus, it's a way of drumming up repeat customers.

"The kids want to take the plant home, they want to plant it in the dirt, and they want to come back and report their success," she said.

There's a good reason to get out to

local markets, said Jenny Wagemann, manager of Allen Farmers Market, which has been around for about 22 years.

The food is almost always fresher, it tastes better, it's usually more nutrient dense, and the shopping experience is better than at a big grocery store, she said.

One of the biggest worries people have about farmers markets is that

they don't offer the best bang for the buck, but that's not what local research has shown, Wagemann said.

She noted prices are often cheaper at farmers markets, especially when using Double Up Food Bucks and when factoring in the quality of what you're getting.

People who have Bridge/EBT cards can get up to \$50 in dollar-for-dol-

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Photos by
Mike Ellis



The South Lansing Farmers Market on opening day, Thursday, May 14.



Rhonda Neff and Damen Keeler learn about the Double Up Food Bucks program at the South Lansing Farmers Market on May 14.

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lar matches on fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores (Kroger, Meijer and Walmart do not participate). Participating local farmers markets include South Lansing, Allen, Meridian Township, East Lansing and Holt.

It's a great deal, said Kathie Dunbar, who has run the South Lansing Farmers Market for 17 years.

"That's not a program that every farmers market does, but they should," Dunbar said. "It gives people food and lets people spend some extra money, especially when they need it."

On the first day of the 2026 season, Dunbar handed out redeemable coins to attendees, encouraging them to save them for later in the season, when there would be more qualified food, if they could.

The Double Up bucks stay good for later in the year, Wagemann noted.

"You can save them for strawberry and tomato season," she said.

Shipping from the market

Farmers markets are seeing a big change this year, making it easier for vendors to reach patrons after they leave: Michigan's Cottage Food Law

now allows vendors to ship food around the state.

Alysha Cowles' "s'mores crack" is her best seller. Inspired by social media, she started selling handmade marshmallows at a craft show in Dimondale.

They were a hit.

Her latest flavor is a Mountain Dew Baja Blast marshmallow, in an appropriate shade of neon green.

You can find her marshmallows at the South Lansing Farmer's Market, the Meridian Township Farmers Market, the East Lansing Farmers Market and so on. She's excited for the update to the Cottage Food Law, which will be a major change for vendors like her.

The future of farmers markets may be more exotic

What really excites Dunbar about the South Lansing Farmers Market is the affiliated farm near Lansing Technical High School. There are about 144 plots between that farm and another property. Farming the land are dozens of immigrants, including many from Myanmar, who grow unique foods that are sold around the state to international markets and restaurants.

Dunbar said getting the farm up and running was a rocky process.

"We cleared two acres of land, moved all the trees, cleared the rocks off and pulled out all the invasive mustard grass," she said. "I come back the next



Jean Aldrich-Simmons talks about tomatoes as she sells starter plants from the back of her SUV, and a nearby booth, at the South Lansing Farmers Market on May 14.

week, and it's all back in the middle of the garden. I was humbled. They screwed me? No! They schooled me."

The "invasive" grass was a desirable ingredient for some of the immigrants, and the rocks were used to make staggered planting, as a sort of mulch and as tiers for drainage.

"They can specialize in some of these more exotic plants, so you don't have to

grow acres and acres," Dunbar said. The exotic plants can be sold at a premium, and Dunbar hopes that with some cooking demonstrations this summer, they can also be sold to South Lansing Farmers Market customers, widening their horizons and opening up new opportunities for local urban farmers.

2026 area farmers markets

Allen Farmers Market

Year-round
Summer season: Through Oct. 29
3-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Allen Neighborhood Center
1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market

Eastside Lansing Food Co-op

Year-round
11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays
1605 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
elfco.org

Holt Farmers Market

Year-round
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays

2150 N. Cedar St., Holt
holtfarmersmarket.org

Meridian Township Farmers Market

Year-round
Summer season hours through Oct. 31
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays
3-7 p.m. Wednesdays (begins June 3)
Marketplace on the Green
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
meridian.mi.us/farmersmarket

Williamston Farm & Artisan Market

Through Oct. 11
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays
McCormick Park
123 High St., Williamston
williamstonfarmmarket.org

South Lansing Farmers Market

Through Oct. 22
3-7 p.m. Thursdays
Feeders Pet Supply parking lot
5016 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
southlansing.org/FarmersMarket

Charlotte Artisans & Farmers Market

Through September
2-6 p.m. Thursdays
Beach Market
120 W. Lovett St., Charlotte
facebook.com/charlotteartisansandfarmersmarket

Bath Farmers Market

May 29-Oct. 3
3-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

James Couzens Memorial Park
13753 Main St., Bath
shopbfm.org

East Lansing Farmers Market

June 7-Oct. 25
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays
Valley Court Park
280 Valley Court, East Lansing
cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket

Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market

June 2-Oct. 6
4-7 p.m. Tuesdays
North Bridge Street, DeWitt
dda.dewittmi.gov/farmers-market

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Tips for a better farmers market haul

Start early or go late. The early birds get their choice of the worms (also, lots of places will run out of their best sellers!),

but the late birds can bite into some good deals as vendors are packing up.

Stroll around. Look at the options and the prices. You don't want to realize you paid twice as much for tomatoes that aren't as good as the tomatoes you see at the end.

Bring cash. Most vendors take credit cards or phone app payments these days, but cash is always appreciated.

Bring bags. Showing off fancy tote bags at farmers markets is exactly why you hang on to them, so don't forget to pack them in the car the night before.

Also make sure to bring coolers and ice for the car.

Don't be shy. Ask the vendors for tips. They probably have great recipes, they can point you to the choice crops, and they can let you know the peak times to come back for your favorite stuff.

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Dimondale Farmers Market

June 4-Sept. 24
3-7 p.m. Thursdays
Oct. 1-29
3-6 p.m. Thursdays
136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale
villageofdimondale.org/general-3

Laingsburg Farmers Market

June 4-Oct. 1
3-7:30 p.m. Thursdays
McClintock Park

255 McClintock St., Laingsburg
facebook.com/LaingsburgFarmersMarket

Eaton Rapids Community Market

June 6-Sept. 26
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays
Hamlin St., downtown
Eaton Rapids
facebook.com/ERFarmersMarket

Market on the Grand

June 6-Sept. 26
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays
Jaycee Park
525 E. River St., Grand Ledge
grandledgechamber.com/market_on_the_grand.php

St. Johns Farmers Market

June-October
8 a.m.-noon Saturdays
100 Maple St., St. Johns
(989) 224-7863

Mason Farmers Market

Through October
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays
City Hall parking lot
201 W. Ash St., Mason
Alternate locations TBA for:
Sun Dried Music Festival (Aug. 29)
and Down Home Days (Sept. 20)
facebook.com/MasonFarmersMarketMI

Farmers Market at the Capitol

July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Capitol lawn
100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing
facebook.com/MIFarmersMarkets

Lansing Mobile Farmers Market

Begins in July
Dates/times/locations TBA
Visit First Presbyterian Church from
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays for produce boxes
Registration required
[Follow facebook.com/nwlansing](https://facebook.com/nwlansing)
for updates

East Lansing Art Festival kicks off the summer season

The East Lansing Art Festival and the MSU Spring Arts & Crafts Show have complemented each other from across the street for more than six decades. This year's events brought thousands of people to the area Saturday (May 16) and Sunday (May 17) for an enormous visual feast, from paintings and woodcarvings to jewelry and pottery.

Photos by Erick Diaz Veliz



**CITY OF EAST LANSING SUMMARY
OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1574**

On May 12, 2026, the East Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 44, Article III, section 44-343, "Areas and streets designated for residential permit parking." of the code of the City of East Lansing for the purposes of adding Cowley avenue between Michigan Avenue and Oak Ridge Avenue and adding Oak Ridge Avenue between Cowley Avenue and Kensington Road.

Effective date: Pursuant to Charter Section 6.3, Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan.

Emily Gordon,
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#26-198

Notice of Public Hearing

The Ingham County Housing Commission has developed its 2026 Annual Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Plan is available for review at the Housing Commission Office located in Carriage Lane Apartments, 3882 Dobie Rd, Okemos MI. The Housing Commission office hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please call 517-349-1643 for an appointment. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room of Carriage Lane Apartments. Public is welcome.

LeAnne Ruttan
Executive Director



CP#26-194

**CITY OF EAST LANSING SUMMARY
OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1562**

On April 7, 2026, the East Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Zoning Use District Map of Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of East Lansing, with conditions.

Effective date: Pursuant to Charter Section 6.3, Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan.

Emily Gordon,
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#26-197



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Rezoning #26013 (Singh)
MONDAY, June 8, 2026**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Rezoning #26013 (Singh)
Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a rezoning request. Balam Singh is requesting to rezone one parcel, approximately 1.1 acres, located at 2020 M-78, from RR (Rural Residential) to RDD (Multiple-Family Residential).

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

Angela Demas, Township Clerk
May 20, 2026

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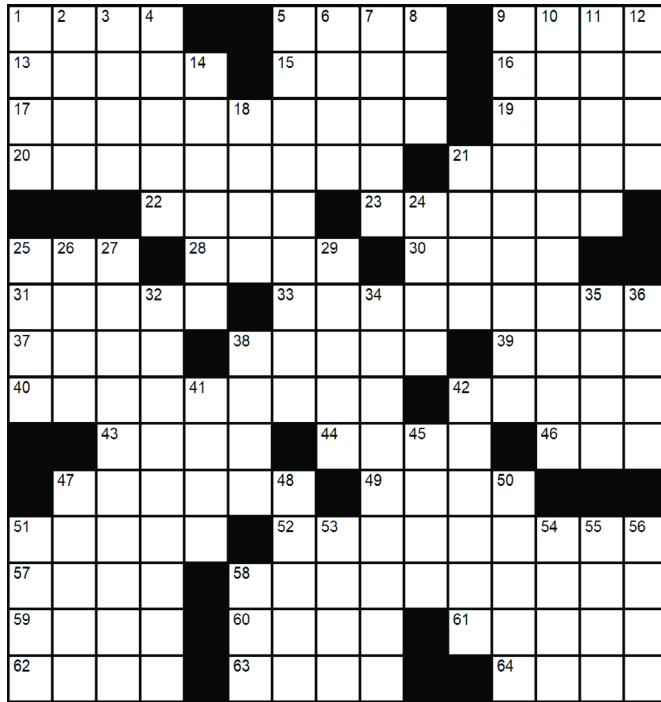
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“Antimatter”
-- existing in both states.
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ACROSS

- 1. Abbr. in grammar
- 5. Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 9. Attempt
- 13. Allergic reaction
- 15. In that case
- 16. Opinion on a situation
- 17. Backyard building had a snack?
- 19. Spunkmeyer of cookies
- 20. Show of support from a Twitch community
- 21. Declares as fact
- 22. Slam
- 23. Gomez of “Only Murders in the Building”
- 25. RR depot
- 28. Bons (witticisms)
- 30. D.C. newspaper, informally
- 31. Minoan island
- 33. Problem-solving sequence
- 37. Mobile intro
- 38. Burglar, say
- 39. Garden trail
- 40. Distinction for Rami Malek or Michael B. Jordan
- 42. Quarrel
- 43. Comedian Bargatze
- 44. Certain lap dog, briefly
- 46. Short musical releases
- 47. Ohio city near Michigan
- 49. Complete, at the Cannes Film Festival
- 51. Property line marker
- 52. School outing
- 57. Three-layer snack
- 58. Wanderers supporting actor



- Mikkelsen?
 - 59. They may be fine or graphic
 - 60. Complete set of awards
 - 61. Cathedral sections
 - 62. 1990s puzzle game on an island
 - 63. Not so much
 - 64. Shout before throwing something
- DOWN**
- 1. Alan Alda TV show
 - 2. Needing relief
 - 3. “SNL UK” cast member Jack who played Princess Diana
 - 4. Worked with computers, maybe
 - 5. “Great, but we need more”
 - 6. “Fancy meeting you here!”
 - 7. High school students

- 8. Far-away connection?
- 9. Lincoln’s hat type
- 10. “Ms. McRae, please record the minutes”?
- 11. “Yojimbo” director Kurosawa
- 12. Harry Truman’s wife
- 14. Punctual
- 18. Approximation words
- 21. Spray banned from orchards
- 24. “Return of the Jedi” creature
- 25. Scrape remnant
- 26. “That is correct”
- 27. Groups of nine Brooklyn athletes?
- 29. Single-masted vessel
- 32. Final figure on a ledger
- 34. Slasher fan’s must-sees
- 35. URL opener
- 36. Ampere-per-volt units, once
- 38. Added to an email chain
- 41. Suit to ____
- 42. Pass along
- 45. Pottery furnace
- 47. “Fresh Air” host Gross
- 48. Old enough
- 50. “To whom ____ concern”
- 51. Suds
- 53. Wedding vow exchanges
- 54. ‘90s dance party
- 55. ____ fixe
- 56. “Over here!”
- 58. Brooks who’s releasing a “Spaceballs” sequel

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

May 20-26, 2026

ARIES (March 21–April 19): If you’re a professional photographer, now is an ideal moment to invest in the higher-end lens you know would expand your best work. If you’re a committed chef, it’s a perfect time to spring for a precision knife set that elevates your craft. If you’re a devoted yoga or meditation teacher preparing a new series, you might decide to purchase an upgraded sound system to share your vocal offerings more crisply. And if you are none of the above, consider this your sign to obtain a key instrument or tool that will help you move to the next level of professionalism in the work you’re called to do.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): When we hear people described as having fertile imaginations, we may assume they are artists, writers, or musicians. But the truth is that many creative visualizers are engineers, city planners, inventors, and the like — those who design and build functional wonders. Of this group, you Tauruses make up a disproportionately high percentage. Your tribe is often most imaginative when vitalizing concrete details and transforming practical matters. In the coming weeks, this will be a vibrant X-factor in your relationship with the world.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): When many people reflect on their early years, they focus on the alienation and wounds they endured. Few recall, in vivid detail, the moments of joy, triumph, and breakthrough. It’s a symptom, I suppose, of our era’s compulsive cynicism, and not necessarily an accurate account of the past. So many good things happened, too! This isn’t to dismiss the real pain that shaped us in our tender years. Still, I want you to know that you are in a season when it’s essential to recognize and celebrate the blessings of your beginnings — the fun, guidance, and grace that helped you flourish. Update your gratitude!

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Of all the zodiac signs, you have the most potential to cultivate robust emotional intelligence that’s helpful in practical situations. More than everyone else, your feelings are less likely to render you vulnerable and fragile and more likely to make you a powerhouse. The coming weeks will be prime time to deploy these talents to the max. I encourage you to summon gleeful exuberance as you provide your sensitive, heartfelt nurturing. Practice the ingenious art of keeping the world emotionally literate and spiritually alert.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): I am pleased to predict that you will be less egotistical and narcissistic in the coming weeks than you have ever been in your life. In saying that, I don’t mean to imply that you’re any more egotistical and narcissistic than the rest of us. I’m simply saying you can get a liberating reprieve from the excessive pride and selfishness that regularly debilitates us all. Congratulations, Leo! This grace period should enable you to deepen your attunement with your soul’s blueprint, the design of destiny you chose before birth. I bet you will enjoy a period of vibrant, exciting tranquility.

VRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Consider this a friendly heads-up to your inner critic, your gloomy side, and any voice in your head that expects too little from life. Upcoming astrological omens are influencing me to predict a stream of auspicious omens and fortunate events. So, if you’d rather cling to tired stories about not being good enough or strong enough, you might want to skip my forecasts for a while. But if you’re ready to vivify your faith in your power to eagerly create what you desire, stay tuned. Karmic blessings are coming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): To be blunt, dear Libra, I think you need soul medicine that’s most available in frontiers, borderlands, and thresholds. Some of these might be bright, shiny places, and others may be akin to mazes and tunnels. Please keep in mind that your main motivation, as you seek adventures in the outskirts, should be the quest to have fun as you blow your own mind. For the sake of your lust for life and joie de vivre, you really must explore power spots untouched by trivia and pettiness:

Sanctuaries where vastness, freedom, and raw vitality can wash away at least some of your fixations and habits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Giant Pacific octopus dens are identifiable by the “gardens” of debris outside. They include shells and bones, arranged like ornamentation around the entrance. Are the creatures trying to decorate? Scientists don’t know. But it’s clear they are leaving evidence of their appetites. The result is distinctive, artistic, and revealing. With this scenario as your metaphorical meditation, Scorpio, I invite you to look at what you have been pursuing and consuming in recent months. Contemplate the stuff piling up in your sphere. What do your finished experiences reveal about your quest for meaning? Does this pattern reflect your deepest intentions? Is this who you want to be? Make sure the story you’re telling about yourself is the right one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Advising a Sagittarius to be patient is like asking a bonfire to burn slowly and politely. Still, I will give it a try. Because I love you, I will dare to be frank. So, here goes: If you want to align yourself with astrological currents, practice being reverently at ease with life’s madness as you watch and wait. See if you can take genuine pleasure in resting within a field of calm trust. Imagine, with fearless delight, the rewards that will find you as you nurture a steady, unhurried confidence in your intuition, which will ultimately tell you exactly what you need to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): In 1994, immunologist Polly Matzinger revolutionized her field with a radical theory. She discovered that our immune systems don’t focus on distinguishing “self” from “non-self,” but rather responding to threats. The body puts less emphasis on asking “is this me?” and more on “is this harmful?” Her breakthrough transformed our understanding of immunity, autoimmune disease, and transplant rejection. According to my analysis of the astrological riddles, you Capricorns could benefit from a similar adjustment. Don’t worry about whether any particular influence harmonizes with your identity or aligns with your history. Instead, ask, “Is it nourishing or harmful? Supportive or useless?” As you refresh your approach to guarding and protecting your precious self, new options will become visible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): According to my interpretation of the astrological signals, you have run into an obstacle to your creative flow or may soon do so. Though this could feel discouraging at first, I think it’s a promising sign. It indicates that a hidden bug is surfacing. An inner saboteur is no longer operating in the shadows. You’re being given the opportunity to repair an unseen energy leak that has been sapping your vitality. To illuminate this process, consider the wisdom of author Joyce Carol Oates. She says that writer’s block arises when a writer subconsciously believes that what they’re trying to create is false, misguided, or harmful to themselves, resulting in a temporary creative paralysis. Be brave and relentless in hunting down the glitch in your self-love, Aquarius.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Maybe you’ve been having thoughts like this: “I’m too scrambled to do what’s necessary to get unscrambled.” Here’s another snag that may be tangling your mind: “I’m too mixed up to know what questions to ask to sort out my confusion.” If this is true, Pisces, I’m here to offer advice. Imagine calling a timeout on the whole noisy world and slipping free of the habitual trance. Consider retreating to a sanctuary where time doesn’t oppress you and complications subside. Let your mind be empty, give your ambitions a rest, and immerse your tender attention in the deepest part of yourself you can find.

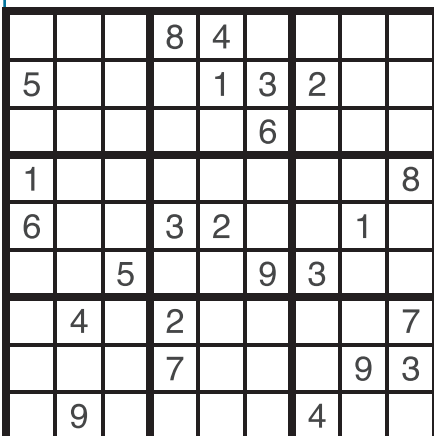
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SUDOKU

Advanced



Fun By The Numbers

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

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Nicole at (517) 999-5066.

Wednesday, May 20

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.

Align with Breathwork - Breathwork is a healing modality for clearing blockages within the mind and body. This is an experience for personal transformation. 6:15-8 p.m. The Lansing Studio, 701 E. South St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121334878066.

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 by Jenna Ruff - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/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.

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.

Dementia Caregiver Series - Three-session series intended to reduce stress for those caring for a person with dementia by providing useful tools and information. 1-2:30 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

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

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

Free Walk-in Wednesday: Pop-Up Fish Aquarium - Swim over and make a pop-up fish aquarium! 4:30-5:45 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Greater Lansing Ride of Silence - Our 19th annual event in support of the 24th annual Global Ride of Silence, in honor of bicyclists killed or injured on the road. The ride begins with registration on the MSU campus, followed by a solemn procession of silent riding to the state Capitol. 6-7:30 p.m. MSU Bikes, 434 Farm Lane, East Lansing. biketcba.org.

Ingham County Bar Association Shrimp Dinner - Join your colleagues at this annual event where you will receive a fabulous meal cooked and served by local lawyers and judges. 5 p.m. VFW Post 701, 123 N. Rosemary St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/23030758648.

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.

Meditation - Meditation in the tradition of Thich Hahn. Contact Robert at 517-420-5820. 7-9 p.m. Chau Van Hanh, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing.

Michigan Audubon Birdathon - We're transforming our Birdathon Big Day into a week-long celebration of birds, research, and community-powered conservation. From May 18-25, chapter teams will each select a 24-hour period to count as many birds as possible at Michigan Audubon sanctuaries, Michigan Nature Association properties and/or established eBird hotspots around the state. michiganaudubon.org.

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. lpsg.org.

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

Sporcle 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.

Spring Salad Luncheon - Luncheon features a variety of salads as well as brats, coffee, tea and desserts. Cost is \$15. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania St., Lansing. 517-882-6330. facebook.com/LansingLiederkrantzClub.

Spring Sampler at Number Ten - Join Leslie Hart-Davidson for a two-hour intro to Lulu University — design, cooking, and women's history — through the lens of empowerment at Number Ten. 6-8 p.m. 10 Sherwood Road, Williamston. eventbrite.com/o/121123176456.

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

Weaving the Web: Tools - 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, May 21

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

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

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

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



Driving the Vote for Equality

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

The Capitol

100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

drivingthevote.org

Road trip!

In 1916, suffragettes Alice Snitjer Burke and Nell Richardson drove across the country in support of women's right to vote. They were behind the wheel of a small 1914 car made by Saxon, one of more than 100 Detroit auto companies.

Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin were the first states to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1919.

Flash forward 110 years, and there's another road trip making its way across the country in support of voting rights.

Driving the Vote for Equality aims to boost the Equal Rights Amendment, a long-stalled effort to add a range of explicit gender protections to the Constitution.

Organizers say the amendment is needed to stop voting rights from being rolled back, curb Trump administration attacks on gender equality and allow for new state and federal laws and policies that would ensure equal rights on account of sex.

Attendees of this afternoon's event can check out the 1914 car and trace the journey from suffragette fights to more recent ERA struggles.

Speakers will include former U.S. Rep Carolyn Maloney; state legislative leaders such as Sen. Sarah Anthony and Rep. Julie Brixie; and Jeryl Schriever, author of "Driving the Vote for Women" and co-owner of the Saxon car.

"Bad Books," by Sharyn Rothstein - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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 Jenna Ruff - Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

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

Field Crops Virtual Breakfast Series: Wheat Scouting and Management Considerations, with Dennis

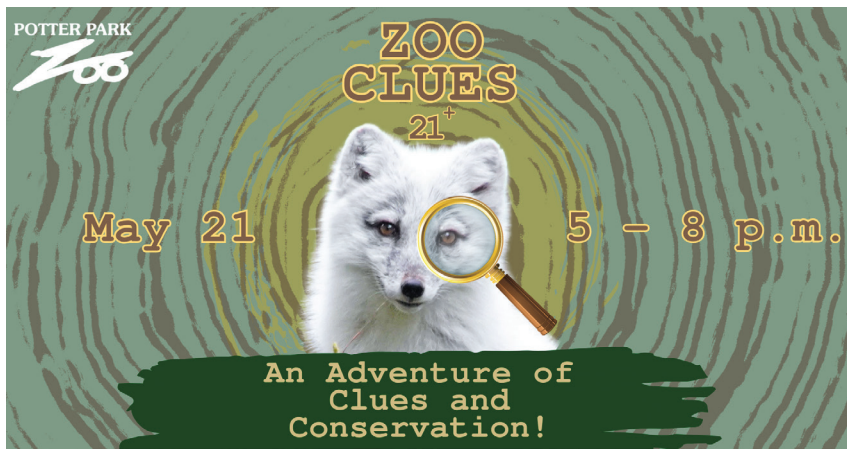
Pennington - 7-8 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/field_crops.

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

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

MAC Group Dance Class: Beginning Salsa - An easy to learn and fun Latin dance. 8-8:50 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8800. themac.org.

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



Zoo Clues
 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 21
 Potter Park Zoo
 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing
 21+ event
 Tickets \$25, zoo member discounts apply
potterparkzoo.org

Guests will be “locked” inside Potter Park Zoo Thursday evening for an adults-only escape-room-style adventure. Participants will solve a series of puzzles, unlocking further clues — as well as animal facts and conservation stories — as they travel throughout the zoo. The escape can be made solo or with a group of friends. The event also provides an opportunity to explore the zoo after hours. Light snacks and beverages will be available for purchase at the zoo bar.

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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. lpsg.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.

Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal - We're an inclusive community of women who sing a cappella in the barbershop style. We welcome all levels of musical experience. 6:45 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, 4851 Holt Road, Holt. spiritofmichiganchorus.com.

Spring Sampler at Number Ten - Join Leslie Hart-Davidson for a two-hour intro to Lulu University — design, cooking, and women's history — through the lens of empowerment at Number Ten. 6-8

p.m. 10 Sherwood Road, Williamston. eventbrite.com/o/121123176456.

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.

Understanding and Profiting from Fractional Professionals - Panelists share real stories and insights on leveraging fractional professionals for growth, flexibility, and profit. 2-5 p.m. Capital Region International Airport, 4100 Capital City Blvd., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121020773619.

Wine Bingo Night - Come play a bit, win some swag, and hang with us. It's free to play. 6-7:30 p.m. Horrocks Wine Bar, 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/HorrocksWineBar.

Wonder Reimagined: An Evening of Magic with Chad Banister - Blending impossible illusions, audience interaction, storytelling, music, and visual magic, this intimate live performance transforms the ordinary into something extraordinary. 6:30 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121331080669.

Zoo Clues 21+ Event - Once the gates close, the zoo transforms into an immersive, escape-room-style experience. Each challenge unlocks fascinating animal facts and conservation stories! As you crack the mystery, take time to unwind with light snacks and beverages available for purchase at the zoo bar. 5-8 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Friday, May 22

1001 Arabian Nights: The Tale of Scheherazade - Inspired by the legendary tale of Scheherazade, this unique experience blends culture, rhythm, storytelling, dance, dinner and music into a night designed to transport you far beyond the ordinary. 7-10 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urban-beatevents.com.

“Bad Books,” by Sharyn Rothstein - 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Beach Glass Succulents - Create a beautiful beach glass succulent in a 3-inch clay pot with lights. 6-8 p.m. B's Artistic Studio, 111 W. Lovett St., Charlotte. eventbrite.com/o/105998333521.

Bookend Gallery Display by Jenna Ruff - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. about.our-locations/haslett.

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

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

Name That Song - A high-energy, interactive stage show combining traditional bingo with music trivia, '90s/'00s throwbacks and dance-offs. 7:30 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

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

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Standing In Your Authority - A group working session exploring the foundation of protection magic: not the outer wards and walls, but the practice of knowing yourself so clearly that trouble doesn't recognize you as a target. 8-10 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Saturday, May 23

“Bad Books,” by Sharyn Rothstein - 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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

DAOM's 9th Annual Dark Art Bizarre and World Goth Day Celebration - Enjoy music by DJ Maus, a dark art performance art show hosted by Secretia Noxious, tarot and rune readings at Triple Goddess and photography by Kendall D. Lartigue. 8 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/DarkArtMichigan.

Divination Roundtable - Meet like-minded individuals, expand your knowledge, and refine your craft in a casual, friendly setting. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Faith Plus Fellowship Equals Forever - You're invited to a Christian singles event sponsored by Cupid's Corner, where you're one step closer to love! Hors

d'oeuvres, mocktails, games, prizes, giveaways and loads of fun! 7:30-11 p.m. Royal Scot Bowling, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/33628631069.

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.

Kitchen Refresh - Breathe new life into your kitchen tools! During this make-and-take event, you'll move through stations, fixing things from your own kitchen and making some new items to improve your cooking experience. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/5307332073.

LAFCU Capital City Classic - Three of Lansing's high schools take the field for the Capital City Classic, bringing a full day of community, competition, and connection. 10 a.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/lansinglugnuts.

May Craft Show at Uncle John's - Join us for our opening weekend and visit our first of three craft shows this year. We'll have 110 exhibitor booths, plus food trucks and live music. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 8614 N. U.S. 127, St. Johns. facebook.com/UJCiderMill.

Meridian Farmers Market - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. facebook.com/MeridianTownshipFarmersMarket.

Spring Sampler at Number Ten - Join Leslie Hart-Davidson for a two-hour intro to Lulu University — design, cooking, and women's history — through the lens of empowerment at Number Ten. 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. 10 Sherwood Road, Williamston. eventbrite.com/o/121123176456.

Trim & Ride Your Bike in the Wacousta Memorial Day Parade - We'll provide red, white and blue trims (while supplies last) for families to decorate kids' bikes, wagons, strollers or scooters for the parade. Decorating runs from 10-10:45 a.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Watertown Township Hall, 12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge. glad.org.

Sunday, May 24

“Bad Books,” by Sharyn Rothstein - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play. Prizes for the top three teams. Bring your friends and test your knowledge! 4-5:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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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.

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.

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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.

World Turtle Day Celebration - Dive into the amazing world of turtles! This event is included with standard zoo admission. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Monday, May 25

AA Women's Meeting - 6-7 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-377-1444. AALansingMI.org.

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

Bigfoot Challenge 5K/8K Memorial Day Run/Walk - Come to the little town of Dansville and run with Bigfoot! There will be a parade following the race. 8:30 a.m. 1264 Adams St., Dansville. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Dansville/BIGFOOTCHALLENGE.

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.

Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 6 p.m. City Hall, 259 Kent St., Portland. 517-647-5027. portland-michigan.org.

DJ Bingo at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Kick off your week with a night of music, laughs, and friendly competition! 7-8:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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

Parkinson's Exercise: Yoga - Free exercise class 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.

Tuesday, May 26

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.



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Bookend Gallery Display by Jenna Ruff - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

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.

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

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.

The Poetry Room Open Mic Presents: Giving Flowers - Whether you're a seasoned poet or stepping onto the stage for the first time, this is your platform to share your words with a supportive audience. Optional theme: perform an ode or give someone/something praise! 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/The517PoetryRoom.

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

Wednesday, May 27

Adult Skills: Protect Yourself from Financial Scams - Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation, and to learn how to avoid financial scams. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

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.

THE PULSIFIEDS

Assistant Professor-Fixed Term
The Michigan State University Department of Kinesiology seeks qualified candidates for the following full time position:
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ids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

Bookend Gallery Display by Jenna Ruff - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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.

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

IRWA General Meeting - Join IRWA Chapter 7 for a full-day general membership meeting featuring expert-led sessions and networking opportunities. This meeting will also have our election and installation of officers. 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/114720907101.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 11:05 a.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.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.

Meditation - Meditation in the tradition of Thich Hhah Hanh. Contact Robert at 517-420-5820. 7-9 p.m. Chau Van Hanh, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing.

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.

Parkinson's Support Group Social Lunch - Join us for a relaxed social time. Order off the menu, pay your own bill. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Coral Gables Restaurant, 2838 Grand River Ave., East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Silent Book Club at BrickHaven Brewing Co. - Everyone brings a book of their choice to read. We'll read silently for about 45 minutes, then everyone will have a chance to share a bit about their book. Registration req. 6-7 p.m. 200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Sporcle Live Trivia - Join us at HopCat East Lansing every Wednesday for trivial 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.

Weaving the Web: Community - 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 Down Wednesday - We're open a little later, so you've got extra time to unwind. Enjoy \$1 off glasses of wine all day long, plus featured monthly wine specials you won't want to miss. Noon-7 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, May 28

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.

"Bad Books," by Sharyn Rothstein - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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 Jenna Ruff - Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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.

Field Crops Virtual Breakfast Series: Michigan Dry Bean Update, with Scott Bales - 7-8 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/field_crops.

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 - 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Ordinance 2026-01

Eyde/Capstone – Vacant Hannah Boulevard

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

LEGAL NOTICE


Ordinance 2026-01

The Township Board at its regular meeting on May 7, 2026 approved for final adoption Ordinance 2026-01, a request to rezone approximately 69.08 acres of vacant land at the end of Hannah Boulevard and Eyde Parkway, PO, Professional Office, and RAA, One-Family, Low Density Residential, to RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 Dwelling Units per Acre, Subject to a Conditional Rezoning Agreement limiting the development on the site. The parcel identification numbers for the parcels to be rezoned are #33-02-02-20-401-005 and #33-02-02-20-327-006.

Materials related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (517.853.4560) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Angela Demas, Township Clerk
May 20, 2026

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

Until writing this review, I don't believe I'd ever experienced the word

"semiquincentennial." For those of us who don't want to spend five minutes trying to parse through what that word

means, I'll get to the point: The United States is about to celebrate its 250th birthday.

I anticipate a lot of displays of rabid patriotism this summer, and for someone who is bitterly disappointed in almost everything happening at the federal level of our government, I plan to wear black and run my mouth about it.

One of the most infuriating effects of the Trump era has been the attack on immigrants. People who have come to our country for a better, or different, life. People who work and contribute. Our friends, neighbors, colleagues. Human beings.

Lansing has long been a magnet for immigrants and refugees, and I know that I speak for most of us when I say that we like it that way. I want pho. I want shawarma. I want my kids to go to school with kids who speak different languages at home and bring different foods in their lunchboxes. And I have the utmost respect for people who risk everything they know to come here and plant roots in our community.

Moe Naing Israel and Mi Latt Thanda, the owners of Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant, have done just that. They've taken a seemingly forgotten plaza in south Lansing and turned it into a flagship restaurant that has a cult following. Last year,

they closed for construction, debuting a completely rebuilt restaurant and a separate grocery store upon reopening. Every time I go inside, the tables are full of diners, and every time I type the restaurant's name into Google or Lansing Foodies, I read review after review from satisfied customers.

It had been a while since Mr. She Ate and had eaten lunch at Naing Myanmar, and we were happy to oblige. We started with the spring rolls (\$6.99), which were crisp and flavorful. I moved on to the Thai larb salad (\$12.49), one of my perennial favorites due to the unexpected (but so welcome) inclusion of fresh mint. Larb is made with ground meat (I chose chicken) and sticks to your ribs but still tastes fresh thanks to the mint, cilantro and spring onion.

Mr. She Ate chose the garlic chicken (\$15.99), a personal favorite as well. The dishes come out piping hot as soon as they're ready, so this isn't the place to stand on ceremony and wait for everyone at your

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Naing Myanmar proves itself as a hidden gem

has quietly built a reputation as one of the city's hidden culinary gems. After my first visit, it became clear that the acclaim is well deserved.

Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
3308 S. Cedar St., Lansing
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday
(857) 615-8393
Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant on Facebook

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

Long praised by Lansing-area diners, Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant



Beverly

The modest exterior might not prepare first-time visitors for what awaits inside. But stepping through the doors reveals a surprisingly warm and inviting interior that feels intimate and deeply personal. The service isn't fast, but this creates an atmosphere where guests feel encouraged to slow down, explore the menu (especially the version with photos) and enjoy the experience together. Takeout can take about an hour on busy evenings, and a lunch visit with three good friends was well over an hour.

The food is what truly sets the restaurant apart. Aromatic curries, complex and flavorful noodle dishes and expertly balanced spices showcase the depth and complexity of Burmese cuisine, as well as that of neighboring Southeast Asian countries.

In a city filled with underrated culinary spots, Naing Myanmar stands among the very best: unassuming on the outside, unforgettable once you walk in.

What's mild

One of the most recommended dishes at Naing Myanmar is the tea-pickled leaves with beans salad (\$10.99). Local foodies rave about it. My much better half loved the combination of yellow beans, green peas, cabbage, tomato and fried garlic. The pickle flavor wasn't so overpowering as to overshadow the other elements, instead allowing them to flourish cohesively.

The crab rangoon (\$7.99) were similar to those found at most Asian restaurants, but the fried shrimp (\$8.99) were unique. Flat discs of chopped shrimp battered with rice flour, this appetizer was both crunchy and tender.

The samosas (\$8.99) were stuffed with potato, curry leaves, green beans, carrot and onion. The rough chop on the veggies provided texture, and the plum sauce provided some much-needed flavor, as the samosas was rather bland without it.

What turns up the heat

I really enjoyed the Burmese fried rice with garden peas, onion, egg, basil and chicken (\$14.99). The flavor was deep and unctuous, and while the chicken itself wasn't super



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

Whether with shrimp or chicken, both She Ate/He Ate reviewers adore Naing Myanmar's garlic dish.

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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 NON-CHAIN MEXICAN RESTAURANTS

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

1. El Azteco East Lansing

Casual eatery with a rooftop patio serving Mexican standards, some made with local ingredients
225 Ann St., East Lansing
(517) 351-9111
elazteco.net
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
11 a.m.-midnight Thursday
11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

2. El Azteco Lansing

South-of-the-border restaurant boasting fresh ingredients, scratch cooking and patio seating
1016 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
(517) 485-4589
elaztecwest.com
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday

3. Famous Taco

Mexican eatery with a wide menu of classic dishes, including breakfast options
321 S. Waverly Road, Lansing
(517) 321-8226
facebook.com/FamousTaco1968
9 a.m.-11 p.m. daily

4. Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Old Town

Informal Mexican restaurant serving classic taqueria fare
311 E César E. Chávez Ave, Lansing
(517) 372-0887
pablosrestaurants.com
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

5. Taqueria El Chaparrito

Authentic Mexican eatery serving a variety of a-la-carte options and larger plates
4832 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
(517) 574-3020
taqueriaelchapparito.com
10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

She Ate

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table to be served before digging in.

During a group lunch/gossip session, I had the fried cellophane noodles with chicken (\$14.99). I was pleasantly surprised by the oversized slices of mushroom, and I immediately got too big for my britches when I spooned on some chili sauce. It was served on the side for a reason.

After I exhausted the fire on my

lips, I turned toward the samosas on our table, which were less spicy and provided a welcome break. They were crisp and tasty, but the star was the tamarind-and-plum sauce, a delicious cross between citrusy and sweet.

He Ate

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spicy, the heat came from the chili crisp that accompanied the dish. Most fried rice dishes contain too much sesame oil for my palate, but this version was far lighter, allowing the other ingredients to shine.

The massaman curry with chicken (\$14.99) had real heat — the kind that sits with you after you're done

eating but doesn't keep you from finishing. The yellow curry paired well with the carrots, potatoes, peanuts, cashews and onion it coated. Red pepper flakes were abundant, and while the coconut milk base attempted to temper the heat, the slow burn got to me eventually.

Best bite

Another fan-favorite dish is the garlic chicken with white rice (\$15.99), which is quite good. Yet the same dish with shrimp and fried

rice (\$17.99) is even better. Sautéed shrimp are covered in a delicious brown sauce and topped with fried garlic, served over lightly fried rice. The dish is accompanied by a chili-vinegar sauce, but tread lightly if you're spice adverse, because this can turn your meal into a rather unpleasant experience with just a few too many drops. Get the spice level right, and this truly is one of Lansing's signature dishes.

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Sea Salt Sally

Sally is a sweet bouncy lab mix (not sure what she's mixed with but it's something smaller-she stands about knee height!) who originally came to the shelter with an old healed injury to her front leg. It doesn't bother her or slow her down! She loves other dogs and would enjoy a playful friend in her new home. She was adopted, but returned for chasing the cat, and not doing well in the crate.



In memory of Rodica's Cats
Goshen (Blue Collar)

Goshen came to the shelter with a large group of cats who were living in awful conditions. Some of the cats were very social and quickly found homes but many of them are undersocialized. Many of them were indoor/outdoor or community cats who the owner was trying to turn into indoor cats by locking them in cages in the house. They may do fine as indoor cats with a lot of patience and TLC but most of them would be happier as working cats living in a barn or a warehouse where they can be taken care of but still be allowed to live independent lives choosing how social they want to be. We suspect that once they feel safe they will probably be way more social with people than we are currently seeing!



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Chickenstein

Chickenstein is a 2-year-old shepherd/husky mix with a big smile and an even bigger heart. This handsome guy was found as a stray and is still working on gaining back some healthy weight, but he's making slow and steady progress every day.

Chickenstein is a sweet, happy boy who loves spending time with people and enjoys the company of other dogs. He has a friendly personality and an easygoing nature that makes him a joy to be around. Whether he's hanging out with his canine buddies or soaking up attention from his humans, Chickenstein is just happy to be included.

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