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The Most Honest Moment of Freedom 250

Josh Hokit didn't dog-whistle; he pulled out the bullhorn and plainly announced his unapologetic racism.

The circus came to town and...

I'm at a loss for words.

Not because there aren't enough words. There are plenty. The English language is a sprawling warehouse full of adjectives, insults, metaphors and colorful combinations of profanity. The problem is that America has become so absurd that words are starting to feel inadequate.

On Sunday evening, what can only be described as a circus unfolded on the lawn of the White House.

Now, I like sports. Not with the obsessive enthusiasm I had in my twenties and thirties when I could tell you batting averages, quarterback ratings and who was favored in a title fight. These days, in my fifties, I watch more casually. If my hometown team is playing, great. If my son is interested in something, I'll tune in. He's a fan of MMA, so I've learned to appreciate the discipline, dedication and sacrifice required to compete at that level.

I didn't watch Freedom 250.

But I woke up to a clip of Josh Hokit being interviewed after his victory over Derrick Lewis. Standing there with a microphone in front of him, fresh off the biggest moment of his athletic career, with millions of potential viewers and endless possibilities for what he could say, he chose this:

"Michelle Obama is a man, am I right, America?"

That's it.

That's the contribution.

Not gratitude. Not humility. Not sportsmanship. Not even the standard "I'd like to thank my coaches, my family and God."

Instead, a schoolyard conspiracy theory about a former First Lady.

At the White House.

On national television.

At an event literally branded around "freedom."

Imagine training your entire life for a moment like that and deciding your legacy should be sounding like the comments section of a Facebook post shared by a guy whose profile picture is an eagle wearing sunglasses.

What fascinates me isn't even the comment itself anymore.

It's the complete absence of shame.

That's the defining feature of modern MAGA culture.

Nothing is sacred.

Nothing is off limits.

Nothing is embarrassing.

And perhaps most importantly, nothing is ever condemned if it comes from the right people.

We've arrived at a point where public discourse resembles a demolition derby of human decency. The reward system is broken. The more outrageous the behavior, the louder the applause.

The movement that once lectured America about family values now celebrates insults as a form of patriotism.

The movement that demanded respect for institutions now turns the White House into a professional wrestling promo.

The movement that constantly claims to defend dignity somehow finds endless time to humiliate, demean, mock and dehumanize anyone they perceive as an enemy.

And let's be honest: nobody in attendance was shocked.

Nobody gasped.

Nobody rushed to distance themselves from it.

Why would they?

This is a movement led by a man who spent years questioning Barack

Obama's citizenship, mocked disabled reporters, bragged about sexual assault, spread election lies and amplified grotesque attacks against political opponents.

When the standard-bearer spends a decade setting fire to every norm in sight, eventually people stop noticing the smoke.

I'm sure Donald Trump heard Hokit's comment. Maybe he laughed. Maybe he rolled his eyes. Maybe he didn't care enough to react at all.

That's almost worse.

Because when indecency becomes routine, it no longer requires approval. It simply becomes background noise.

And that's where we are.

The White House lawn—once a symbol of American democracy—is increasingly used as a stage for grifts, culture-war spectacles and loyalty performances.

Freedom 250 wasn't a celebration of freedom.

It was branding. Everything is branding. Everything is merchandise. Everything is content.

Everything is a product.

Patriotism is a product. Outrage is a product. Victimhood is a product. Conspiracy theories are a product.

Even the presidency increasingly feels like a subscription service where supporters pay monthly dues in the form of dignity and receive outrage in return.

And then came Josh Hokit, microphone in hand, standing on the lawn of the White House, proving once again that modern political culture has become less about ideas and more about permission.

Permission to be cruel. Permission to be ignorant. Permission to say the quiet part out loud. Permission to abandon basic decency without consequence.

People often ask how democracies decline. They imagine tanks in the streets, dramatic speeches, constitutional crises, and historic moments.

Sometimes it's much dumber than that.

Sometimes it's a grown man standing in front of the White House after the biggest win of his life, reducing himself to a cheap punchline because he knows half the crowd will cheer.

That's not courage. That's not patriotism. That's not freedom.

That's a circus.

And on Sunday night, standing on the White House lawn, Josh Hokit revealed the entire act.

For one brief moment, the mask slipped, the costume came off and the hood hit the ground.

The rest of us were left staring at the clown show America has become and wondering whether anyone involved still remembers that they're supposed to be running the circus, not performing in it.

I miss the days when people like Josh Hokit at least had to hide his racism because society had progressed to the point that it was unpopular to spew such hate out loud.

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- REPLACEABLE FIGUREHEAD FOR OLIGARCHIC RULE
- THROWS TANTRUMS WHEN WORLD IS UPSETTING
- THROWS TANTRUMS TO UPSET THE WORLD
- THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY
- DOING BEST TO END HUMANITY
- CLAPS FOR AMUSING TOYS
- CLAPS FOR PUTIN
- PROPPED UP BY HIGH CHAIR
- PROPPED UP BY TECH BILLIONAIRES AND TRILLIONAIRE
- BASICALLY POWERLESS
- ENJOYS ALMOST UNCHECKED POWER (THANKS, SUPREME COURT!)

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

TONIGHT ON ACTION MCNEWS: AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP!

SIR, DO YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT YOUR RECENT CLAIMS OF ELECTION RIGGING--?

QUIET, PIGGY!

IF YOU HAD A GOOD BRAIN LIKE ME, YOU'D UNDERSTAND--WHEN REPUBLICANS LOSE, THE ELECTION WAS RIGGED! WHEN THEY WIN, IT WAS NOT!

IT'S JUST SCIENCE!

YES, SIR. BUT CAN YOU GIVE US ANY--ER--UH--SIR?

BIFF, THE PRESIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. AGAIN.

HE DID PROMISE A WAR ON WOKE!

EXCUSE ME! THESE ARE MORE DISGUSTING LIES FROM THE FAKE NEWS MEDIA! THE PRESIDENT IS MERELY RESTING HIS EYES!

THIS INTERVIEW IS OVER!!

WELL, WANDA--HE IS A BUSY MAN WHO LOOKS AT A LOT OF THINGS!

HIS EYES MUST NEED A LOT OF REST!

OKAY! COMING UP NEXT: ELON MUSK INCITES ANTI-IMMIGRANT VIOLENCE IN BELFAST!

SHOULD POWERFUL MEN EVER FACE EVEN A SINGLE CONSEQUENCE FOR THEIR RECKLESS, SOCIOPATHIC BEHAVIOR?

SPECIAL GUEST BARI WEISS EXPLAINS WHY THEY SHOULD NOT!

AND ALSO WHY WE WILL BOTH BE UNEMPLOYED SOON!

WAIT, WHAT? FIRST THESE MESSAGES!

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NEWS & OPINION

Peace Community Media amplifies local voices

By MIKE ELLIS

If you look at the Old Town skyline sometime in the near future, you might notice a new homing beacon for the kind of people who would start an FM radio station in 2026.

These people are called Peace Community Media, and once the antenna is up, you can call them 105.3.

They just signed a lease on a building on North Washington Avenue in Old Town, just off the main drag.

And they're starting to raise money to put up that homing beacon, a 30- to 40-foot radio tower on top of the old home. It'll be built out of the laundry room, with nice electric hookups.

The upstart radio station is run by Lansing-area people with a focus on local people.

"We've assembled a diverse board and a base here," board member Cheryl VanDeKerkhove said, "gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation. We've got a variety of programming ideas in the hopper, and we've already conducted one training for content creators. Our intent is to amplify local voices."

New radio stations are rare

The last time a fully new FM station started in the area was in 1994, said Dave Downing, a former station manager for that station, WLNZ.

He said a few stations on the local dials, including WKAR, have added an FM broadcast to an existing AM station in the last few decades, but starting from scratch is extraordinarily rare.

"I think the bulk of our listening (for PCM) is going to come from online, and that gives us a local flavor and gives us the purpose of doing it local," Downing said. "People can listen in the car or from the internet, but I believe the internet is going to be our main place for having listeners. At least that's what the data shows."

Radio stations shine the brightest in the darkest times

Having access to radio stations can be life saving, Downing said. He went to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and helped get one of the first local ra-



Peace Community Media is moving into its new Old Town home, where a low-powered FM antenna will broadcast the local radio station around the Lansing area.

dio stations back on the air, giving updates about shops and staff and assistance and more.

During and after Hurricane Helene in 2024, North Carolina news station WWNC's Mark Starling and Tank Spencer were among those who kept the radio news and updates coming, both for safety purposes and to uplift local communities.

Most radio broadcasts are much less urgent, but the connection that radio hosts can build with a community — even for people who would only tune in during the worst of times — is a valuable thing, Downing said.

How does somebody start a radio station?

The PCM station dates back to a Federal Communications Commission program around 2000 that began allowing AM stations to use low-power FM signals, Downing said.

Many of those AM stations stop broadcasting at night, and there are serious concerns that AM radio could largely evaporate if, as some have pushed for, vehicles are no longer mandated to have built-in AM radios.

Terry Link, a board member and former chair of the Peace Education Center, said the center was contacted in 2023 by a group that monitors available radio station frequencies, generally a once-in-a-decade opening up of the frequencies.

It came down to two bids.

"Just before Christmas 2024, we got approval for a permit to put up a radio sta-

tion, and we are able to put up the tower transmitter," Link said. "Peace Education Center decided we didn't want to own this singularly, we wanted this to be community owned, so we started brainstorming organizations out there to see who we talk to."

Several organizations and people came together, and Link said the people outside the Peace Education Center pushed to keep the Peace name.

"Community" came from the mission statement, emphasizing groups like refugees but also staying local in Lansing, and "Media" was picked instead of "Radio" because they see internet as a leading part of the broadcasts.

That early group formed a 501c3 last year, Peace Community Media, and is on a deadline to start beaming out a signal on 105.3 LPFM (for low power, to distinguish from traditional FM stations).

"Until the end of next year is how much time we have," VanDeKerkhove said. "We're kind of ahead of schedule."

Announcing a radio station

Jack Roberts, a board member of the Refugee Development Center and former executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, said there are so many organizations in the Lansing area that are doing great work.

But a lot of the work isn't being seen, he said.

There are 65 nations with refugees locally, because the Lansing area community is so supportive, but those stories aren't well known, Roberts said.

"That's at least 65 stories that can be



Dummy old-time microphones help set the vibe at the new Peace Community Media gathering room.

told, and that's how just one organization can view this as a place to be heard," he said. "Once one organization sees what they can do, others are going to say 'we can, too.'"

The station is getting some early backers. In addition to a GoFundMe campaign, it has gotten a \$30,000 grant from Edgewood United Church and community donor-advised funds from the Community Foundation.

More than two dozen people are now involved in planning shows and building out the station, and this article is serving as a big signal that the radio station is ready for listeners.

How to tune in

The station is live on peacecommunitymedia.org and will be on radios at 105.3 on the FM dial.

If you're interested in joining the conversation, PCM is looking for ideas and volunteers of all sorts, along with fundraising and backend support.

Visit the same website to sign up for shows, volunteer opportunities or to donate.

Participating organizations

- Peace Education Center
- Refugee Development Center
- The Fledge
- Justice League
- Crowded Table
- Tenants Resource Center
- Greater Lansing United Nations Association
- Audio Air Force

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Civil rights advocates say U-M protest indictment blurs protected speech, criminal conduct

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The charges lodged by federal prosecutors on Wednesday against eight pro-Palestinian students and alumni of the University of Michigan blur the line between alleged unlawful acts and constitutionally-protected political expression, said the Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan Chapter in a scathing rebuke of the federal government's case.

The FBI arrested eight activists on Wednesday associated with protests at U-M over the last several years, prompting the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan to unseal a 63-page indictment detailing an allegedly coordinated effort to transmit threats to school leaders, law enforcement officials and businesses. That effort, prosecutors said, was meant to warn the targets

against supporting the state of Israel and to also convince the university to divest financially and politically from the nation.

The alleged conspirators named in the indictment are Paige Feyock, Amatullah Hakim, Zainab Hakim, Ahmet Korkaya, Miriam Odeh, Alexander Sepulveda, Colin Weger and Jonathan Zou.

Court records show that Feyock, Zainab Hakim, Weger and Zou are scheduled to be arraigned at 1 p.m. Friday, while Korkaya's arraignment is set for June 15. Odeh, who The Detroit News reported is an ex-staffer of U.S. Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed, is set for arraignment at 1 p.m. on July 1. No information was available about Amatullah Hakim's court dates as of 3 p.m. Thursday.

Prosecutors allege that the defendants and unindicted co-conspirators used encrypted messages, social media and collaboration with partners overseas to re-

search, target and attack alleged victims, and then later posted about it on social media. The social media posts, prosecutors said, were meant as warnings.

In response, the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said that it had serious concerns, as the charges appeared to arise out of political protests, political expression and advocacy on matters of public concern.

"Our justice system must carefully distinguish between alleged criminal acts and constitutionally protected political advocacy," Dawud Walid, executive director of CAIR-Michigan, said in a statement. "Regardless of one's views on the underlying issues, students do not lose their First Amendment rights because their speech is controversial or unpopular. We are concerned by any prosecutorial approach that appears to broaden criminal allegations by incorporating lawful advocacy and political expression into the narrative."

The council, in a news release, said it was not representing any of the defendants in the vandalism and threats case, but based on its review of the indictment, the charging document appears to include references to broader political events, like the war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas, and the Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attack that saw hundreds of Israeli citizens killed or taken hostage by Hamas fighters and pro-Palestinian factions.

The views shared among the eight individuals who now face criminal charges are protected by the U.S. Constitution, the council said in its release, and the inclusion of those political factors "risks transforming what should be a focused criminal charging document into a narrative that unnecessarily associates protected political advocacy with criminality."

"Equally troubling is the apparent reliance on or discussion of the students' participation in lawful political speech and peaceful advocacy, including calls for divestment, expressions of solidarity with Palestinians, criticism of government policies, and advocacy for Palestinian human rights," the council added. "These forms of expression occupy the highest level of protection under the First Amendment and have long been recognized as core political speech in our constitutional tradition."

A sound criminal indictment, the council said, should only identify alleged criminal acts, and not create the impression that constitutionally-protected views are evidence of criminal intent.

"The government should be exceptionally careful not to blur the line between alleged unlawful conduct and lawful political expression," the council said.

"When an indictment incorporates extensive references to protected advocacy, there is a legitimate concern that it may sweep constitutionally protected speech into the narrative of criminal prosecution in a manner that is both inappropriate and unnecessary."

Multiple requests by email and phone were made by Michigan Advance to the prosecutor handling the case, but were not returned. This story will be updated if a response is received.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the message, the council said that advocating for Palestinian human rights, criticizing governmental policies, or urging a university to alter its investment decisions "are lawful political activities protected by the Constitution."

"When lawful advocacy is swept into a criminal narrative, it risks chilling the exercise of First Amendment rights for everyone, regardless of the cause they support," said Amy Doukoure, lead staff attorney for the council's Michigan chapter.

The progressive Sugar Law Center based in Detroit had similar concerns, but went a step further by noting that the indictment makes interstate commerce and threats expressed across them the main issue, taking the focus off the protected speech of the defendants while also criminalizing them for it.

"The actions of law enforcement appear to be a new low in the criminalization of student opposition to the human rights violations, war crimes, and genocide in Gaza," said John Philo, the executive and legal director of the Sugar Law Center. "Based on evidence that the government appears to have had for more than a year and for actions occurring nearly two years ago, the federal government is seeking to bring federal charges for acts traditionally reserved to local prosecutors. It must be asked, why and why now?"

Liz Jacobs, a staff attorney at Sugar Law Center, said students, alumni, and community members have been calling for U-M to divest from Israel for decades. Indeed, the student-led Israel divestment movement has proliferated on college campuses for many years.

"Yet, in the last three years protesters who speak out against genocide have been met with weaponized student discipline, termination and permanent blacklisting from employment, campus-wide trespass bans, private security surveillance, and prosecutions by the Michigan Attorney General that have had all charges dismissed," Jacobs said in a statement. "The escalating repression and criminalization of Palestine solidarity protesters undermines all of our rights to free speech, protest, and dissent."

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1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Joel Nephew located at 520 Ann Street. The applicant request is to replace the front steps and tuckpoint.
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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:

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East Lansing City Hall,
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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 by 5 pm the day 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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Michigan lawmakers channel frustrations with utilities

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Michigan House Democrats joined environmental and consumer advocates last week to unveil new legislation intended for more scrutiny of Michigan's energy companies.

Citing ongoing consumer frustration with poor energy reliability and high rates, Reps. Natalie Price (D-Berkley), Erin Byrnes (D-Dearborn) and Betsy Coffia (D-Traverse City) proposed policies to bar Michigan's regulated utilities from using ratepayer funds to support executive compensation, political lobbying, advertising and political spending, cap the companies' return on equity and require an independent audit every five years.

The bills were intended to accompany proposed ratepayer protections introduced last year for compensation for lengthy power outages.

DTE and Consumers Energy, the state's largest energy companies, have drawn significant scrutiny in recent years amid annual requests to raise energy rates.

Michael King, the West Michigan regional organizer for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, said that as a young Michigander on a limited budget, he's seen energy bills rise.

"Hundreds and thousands of families are being left with the choices between whether or not they should pay for food and put food on their family's table, pay for the medicine in order to make their families healthy, or simply just keep their lights on," King said.

Coffia also pointed to the Michigan-ers for Money Out of Politics ballot petition campaign.

The campaign recently filed 562,000 signatures with the Michigan Bureau of Elections to place a proposal on the November ballot to bar utility companies and government contractors from contributing to political campaigns.

DTE and Consumers Energy have opposed efforts to limit their political spending, emphasizing that their donations come from voluntary contributions from employees and shareholders, not ratepayer funds.

State Sen. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) also introduced a proposal to limit rate hikes. His Senate Bill 1031 would require utility companies to rely on actual costs rather than on future projections for rate increase proposals.

While Consumers Energy is reviewing Runestad's proposal, Katie Carey, the company's director of media relations,

said the press conference was littered with inaccuracies, saying in a statement that Consumers would "continue to work toward actionable policy solutions with pragmatic legislators who have taken the time to understand energy policy and Michigan campaign finance law."

In an emailed statement, DTE spokesperson Ryan Lowry acknowledged consumer concerns about energy rates, telling Michigan Advance the company's investments into its electric system have delivered improved reliability, and that it must continue investing in the grid to deliver the service customers demand.

The company reported a 60% reduction in outage time between 2024 and 2025.

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- 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 1D7HU18238J217783
- 2025 Buick Envista KL47LBEP2SB021067
- 2018 Toyota Camry 4T1BZ1HKXJU005478

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State of Michigan Probate Court, County of Ingham, Notice of Hearing, File No. 26-847-GA. In the matter of Jean Louise Leonard: Take Notice: Hearings will be held on June 17, 2026 at 10 a.m. (EMERGENCY HEARING) and July 15, 2026 at 9 a.m. (FULL HEARING) at 341 S. Jefferson St., Mason, MI 48854 before Judge Richard J. Garcia for the following purpose: Uncontested Hearing - Petition for Appointment of Guardian. You may attend this hearing remotely via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting ID is 7801262544 and Judge's Office #(517)676-7272. If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the Court immediately to make arrangements. 6/16/2026. Petitioner: Briellen Leonard, 129 Sweet St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, 616-649-5767.

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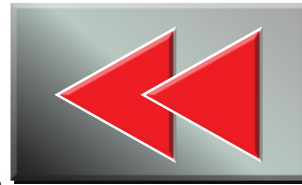


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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



It's too cold to swim anyway. And even when it gets warmer, just tell yourself that until next year, when Lansing's iconic Moore's Park Pool could finally reopen.

The century-old oblong pool, a template for the many community pools that exploded around the nation around that time, is one of the few surviving examples of a Wesley Bintz pool, built by the one-time Lansing city engineer. The attraction has been closed since 2019 and was expected to open this year. But construction complications have pushed back the timetable. The swim season is about 10 weeks long and since it wasn't ready, Lansing Parks & Recreation Director Brett Kaschinske said the city decided to not try to push the opening for 2026. The renovations are being funded by a \$6 million state grant given in 2024.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is on a week-long trade trip to Paris and Europe as she aims to pitch Michigan's aerospace and defense industries, according to WEMU. The governor is in Europe at a time when the continent faces a pull-back in U.S. commitment to the NATO alliance and amid Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Whitmer said she plans to use her trip to the Eurosatory conference to help expand Michigan's aerospace and defense sectors.



A proposed data center in Vevay Township may be changing as developers likely look to annex the Vevay land into Mason, according to a memo from Mason City Manager

Deborah Stuart and included in this week's city council packet. Developers are seeking to turn nearly 400 acres of farmland into a data center that advocates say could more than double the city's current tax revenue. The data center has been pitched as a \$1 billion

development, but the owners remain anonymous and secretive. Vevay Township officials recently unanimously rejected a Mason proposal to enter into a land-and-tax sharing deal under a 425 designation. Stuart's memo indicates that developers plan to move the land into Mason borders without the city's direct involvement, which would likely mean developers plan to get either 75% of the landowners or 20% of the city to agree to the annexation rather than a city-driven effort. Mason's mayor and a council member face recall signature campaigns.

The National Weather Service has confirmed that a storm in the Grand Ledge area of Eaton County on June 9 qualified as an EF-0

tornado. The weather service, based in Grand Rapids, estimated peak winds of around 75 mph with a touchdown around 10:30 a.m. southwest of St. Joseph Highway and Oneida Road, with mainly tree damage, along with a storage outbuilding that was destroyed near Oneida Township Hall. Further property damage, minor and largely due to fallen trees, was noted along the path. The tornado lifted around 10:37 a.m. in a field east of St. Johns Chase Road and south of West Eaton Highway. It was at least the 30th confirmed tornado in Michigan this year, compared to a 30-year average of about 13 tornadoes a year.



Max Hondorp, a Life Scout from BSA Troop 293 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, finished his Eagle Scout project at the Knights of Columbus Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday. The

Lansing Catholic Central high school junior designed and placed two flag collection boxes in East Lansing to collect worn and damaged flags for respectful retirement in a Flag Day ceremony. Hondorp collected more than 100 flags.



If you didn't get to know MSU Athletic Director J Batt in the past year, it's already too late. He has taken the same job with the University of Kentucky following the recently announced departure of MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz. The one-two blow for MSU wasn't unexpected; Batt and Guskiewicz were considered close and Guskiewicz cited frustrations with the board in his departure for the presidency of Clemson University in South Carolina. Batt's contract at MSU was for about \$1.8 million a year with annual increases and other perks. Guskiewicz's departure triggered a clause that cut the buyout that the University of Kentucky will have to pay to MSU for Batt's contract in half, from \$5 million to \$2.5 million, according to The State News.

... MSU is arguably without its two highest-ranking officials, president and athletic director, in any real capacity as they both prepare for their next jobs. Laura Lee McIntyre, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, is the second-in-command to Guskiewicz and has been at MSU for less than a year. Tom Izzo, while not one of the 18 people listed as the university's executive leadership, is another candidate for highest-ranking MSU official. The basketball coach has been through countless MSU presidents and interim presidents in three decades at MSU. Izzo told the Detroit Free Press that Guskiewicz may have been the best. "This is just self-inflicted. We just lost the best president that might have ever been here, maybe," the coach said. "Sick of it."



... MSU board members Rema Vassar and Mike Balow were censured last week by a majority of the board for failing to sign a revised code of ethics. The ethics change was made at a hastily scheduled May 17 meeting that included a Hail Mary vote to double Guskiewicz's million-dollar salary. Ten days later,

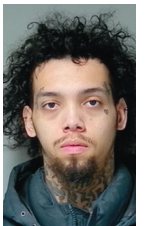


Guskiewicz agreed to take a smaller salary at Clemson. Vassar and Balow, along with board member Dennis Denno (who belatedly signed the code), criticized the change and the new requirements. The censure means Vassar and Balow will lose perks including athletic tickets and access to some travel and other non-essential benefits, according to The State News.



Responding to what they say is a crisis of animal care in their community, a new group has formed in Eaton County with hopes of raising \$2.5 million for a new animal shelter. Friends of Eaton County Animals is led by Nicole Christiansen, a county commissioner there, who told the Lansing State Journal that the group had raised about \$10,000 as of early June. But she said the group understands that accomplishing their goals will be a long-term effort in the face of county budget cuts that impacted animal control operations. The Friends hope to send out grant applications by this fall. Residents have voted down tax proposals twice recently, cutting Animal Control's budget by 55 percent and creating the growing need for services.

Parolee Maliki Pendergrass of Lansing pled guilty last Thursday to violating the state's safe gun storage law, illegally possessing a firearm and felony firearm possession as a third-time habitual offender, after he was charged in connection with the death of a 4-year-old girl last January. He left a stolen,



loaded, 9mm handgun under a couch that his girlfriend's daughter apparently found and used to shoot herself, in an incident on the 600 block of Sadie Court in north Lansing, according to a document filed by police. Sentencing for Pendergrass is set for early July. Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane said in a release that the girl's death was preventable and noted state law that requires unattended weapons be kept unloaded and locked with a device or stored in a locked container if a minor is likely to be present.

Lawrence separates himself on Gaza, Line 5, universal health care at MI-7 forum

By **KYLE MELINN**

Whether he was calling Israel's attacks on the Gaza Strip "genocide," calling for the closing of Line 5 or promoting "Medicare for All," Democratic MI-7 candidate William Lawrence used a forum hosted by Latino community leaders Tuesday night to draw some of the sharpest yet distinctions between his primary opponents.

The "Conversation with the Latino Community" forum, held at UAW Local 602 in Lansing, brought together Lawrence, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and former U.S. Navy SEAL Matt Maasdam for the right to challenge first-term U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett (R-Charlotte) in one of the nation's most competitive congressional districts.

All three candidates criticized President Donald Trump, opposed recent immigration enforcement tactics and called for lower health care costs. But Lawrence repeatedly separated himself from the field by advocating more progressive positions and once directly challenging the sources of his opponents' campaign funding.

On whether Israel's military action in Gaza constituted genocide, Brink called for essentially a two-state solution while Maasdam gave a nuanced answer about expecting the United States' foreign partners to "hold themselves to the same standards that we hold ourselves."

Lawrence was the last to tackle the question. "The answer you haven't heard up here is yes ... My heart is pounding. It is dispiriting how many people are willing to name that basic truth."

A capacity crowd at the union hall burst into applause, one of many lines Lawrence heard throughout the night. It's tough to know how many attendees came into the room as Lawrence supporters, but WLNS told MIRS two audience members the station talked to reported being uncommitted before the event, and leaning Lawrence by the end.

On health care, Lawrence was the only candidate to endorse a single-payer "Medicare for All" system.

"My principle is simple: every one of us in this room should be covered for life, and our families too," said Lawrence, arguing that universal coverage would reduce costs and eliminate uncertainty surrounding employer-sponsored insurance.

By contrast, both Brink and Maasdam backed expanding access through a public option and extending Affordable Care Act subsidies that are scheduled to expire. Brink, who discussed her recent battle with breast cancer, said her treatment generated roughly \$100,000 in medical bills despite having insurance coverage.

The revelation, early in the forum, may have been Brink's defining moment, showing her first-hand experience with the current health care system and humanizing her to the capacity crowd.

Economic issues also highlighted philosophical differences

While all three candidates blamed Republican policies for rising costs, Lawrence argued Democrats must also confront corporate influence.

"We've got to be clear that far too many Democrats in Washington, D.C., are also taking campaign contributions from the CEOs, lobbyists and executives of the multinational corporations that are the ones squeezing us all," he said.

That critique became pointed when each was asked, "Where do your campaign funds come from?"

Lawrence said his campaign was funded primarily by individuals and claimed he had raised more money from within the district than his opponents combined. He encouraged attendees to review Federal Election Commission filings and examine reports detailing contributions from Silicon Valley and Wall Street donors.

"Who you take money from is who you will be accountable to when you're in office," he said. "I'll be accountable to the working people of this district."

Both Brink and Maasdam defended their fundraising operations while also supporting campaign finance reforms and criticizing the influence of money in politics. Brink said 95 percent of her donations were \$100 or less. She called for overturning Citizens United. Maasdam similarly emphasized small-dollar donations and his endorsement from an anti-dark-money organization.

Foreign policy provided another point of separation

A former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Brink focused largely on lowering costs and defending democracy. Maasdam, a retired Navy SEAL, emphasized congressional oversight of

military action.

Lawrence, however, made opposition to war a centerpiece of his campaign, calling for reductions in military spending and opposing U.S. involvement in conflicts in Iran and Gaza.

"Only in Congress could I vote no on the outrageous Department of War budget," he said.

Data centers and environment

Brink said data center proposals should be evaluated locally with environmental safeguards. Maasdam stressed the strategic importance of competing with China in artificial intelligence; Lawrence embraced an outright moratorium on new data centers.

Citing local fights in Lansing, Mason, Howell Township and Lyon Township, he accused technology companies of negotiating behind closed doors and argued residents should determine their communities' futures.

He noted that U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders has endorsed his campaign and said he supports a federal moratorium on new data centers.

On Line 5, Lawrence called for the pipeline to be shut down entirely, arguing that it's not needed and that it's an "ecological catastrophe in waiting."

Brink also described Line 5 as a danger to Michigan's environment but stopped short of explicitly calling for its closure. Brink said she supports efforts to prevent environmental harm from the pipeline and grouped Line 5 alongside PFAS contamination as major environmental challenges facing

the state.

Matt Maasdam focused more on risk management than on shutting the pipeline down. He stressed the importance of ensuring Upper Peninsula residents maintain access to propane. He argued that because litigation surrounding Line 5 could remain unresolved for years, policymakers should pursue immediate steps to better protect the pipeline while the courts continue to sort out its future.

All three candidates pledged stronger engagement with Latino residents than what they said incumbent U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, and they criticized Barrett being allegedly inaccessible to constituents.

Maasdam's arguably strongest moment was when he called out federal immigration officials for shooting two people in Minneapolis.

"As a SEAL who spent thousands of hours of my life making sure I didn't shoot the wrong person and my guys didn't shoot the wrong person, it almost made me throw up, and I was enraged at the same time. I couldn't stand it," he said.

Maasdam said a Navy SEAL involved in a similar incident would face severe consequences.

"If a SEAL had done that, that SEAL would be in jail for sure, all of the people in the group would be fired from their job, and all of the people in the chain of command of that SEAL would have been fired from their job for allowing that situation to even exist."

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SUA SPONTE ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE, State of Michigan, 30th District Judicial Circuit Court, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6500, Ingham County, Case No. 11-1901-DS, Judge Lisa McCormick. **Plaintiff: Katelin Collins. Defendant: Jonathan Davis. The Court Finds:** Service of process upon the Plaintiff, Katelin Collins, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.015 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. **It is Ordered:** Service of the Ex Parte Order and Motion, regarding Custody and Parenting Time regarding Jaylen, Jewelleana, Jonathan and Jacquelyn Davis, dated March 4, 2026 and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s). Other: Publishing a copy of the Order once each week, for three consecutive weeks, June 17, 24 and July 1, 2026, in a newspaper in the county Plaintiff resides. If it is unknown where Plaintiff resides, then in Ingham County. Judge Lisa McCormick, P53858, 4/1/26.

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From left: Shannon Bowen, Sarah Hayner and Jeff Magnuson in Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.'s production of "The Best We Could (a family tragedy)."



Photo by Ariniko Artistry

The cast of Riverwalk Theatre's production of "Seussical."

The 2026 Thespies are here

'Ride the Cyclone,' 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and 'The Shark Is Broken' win big

By **MIKE HUGHES**

A new director, working in an almost-new theater space, has won some of this year's key Thespie Awards.

"Ride the Cyclone" was named best musical, and James Curtis won for best director, set design and special effects. Additionally, Meghan Malusek won best actress for "Cyclone" (in a unique tie with herself).

"Cyclone" was performed by Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. at its new-ish home, Stage One at Sycamore Creek Church Eastwood, whose pastor, Tom Arthur, won the Robert Busby Award.

On the play side, Riverwalk's "The Shark is Broken" won big.

That busted "Jaws" shark brought home Thespies for best play, best play director (Amy Rickett, who also won for the show's props) and for two of its stars, Jeff Magnuson and Cameron Going.

This is the 47th year for the Thespies, which honor the best in Lansing-area theater. When an award goes to a professional show or person, the committee can also choose a non-professional winner.

Some of the names are familiar — Rickett and Magnuson go back to the long run of Spotlight Theatre in

Grand Ledge — but others arrived recently.

Curtis, an actor, made his directing

debut with a complex show. "Ride the

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Summer 2026 theater productions:

"Honky Tonk Laundry, the Musical"

7 p.m. Thursday, June 18–Saturday, June 20
4 p.m. Sunday, June 21
MSU Summer Circle Courtyard
542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
theatre.msu.edu/sct-4

"& Juliet"

Tuesday, June 23–June 28
7:30 p.m. Tuesday–Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday
1 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

"The 'Tail' of Peter Rabbit"

June 24–28
7 p.m. Wednesday–Friday
2 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
LCC Black Box Theatre
411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing
lcc.edu/showinfo

"The 39 Steps"

July 9–Aug. 16
Opening weekend showtimes:
7:30 p.m. Thursday–Friday
2 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
Rest of run showtimes:
2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday–Sunday
7:30 p.m. Friday–Saturday
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

"Going Medieval!"

Two comedic plays from the 1400s
7 p.m. July 22–26
LCC Dart Auditorium
500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing
lcc.edu/showinfo

"Shrek the Musical Jr."

July 31–Aug. 2 and Aug. 7–9
7 p.m. Friday
3 p.m. Saturday–Sunday

Okemos High School
2800 Jolly Road, Okemos
allofusexpress.org

Emerging Playwrights Festival

Aug. 1
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

"Anne of Green Gables: The Musical"

Aug. 7–8 and 14–15
7 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday
Waverly High School
160 Snow Road, Lansing
facebook.com/TheAliveTheatre

Bare Bones Improv

7 and 9:30 p.m. Aug. 8
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

Thespies

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"Cyclone" tells of six teens killed in a roller-coaster accident. A mechanical fortune teller has each tell a story, with the winner returning to life.

It is not (you may have already guessed) based on a true story, but "The Shark is Broken" is. Ian Shaw wrote about his father (Robert) and others who were stranded during the perpetual delays of filming "Jaws." Thespies went to Magnuson, actor, as Robert Shaw and Going, supporting

actor, as Richard Dreyfuss.

This year's winners include a mother-daughter team (Kris and Anna Maier, who did the costumes for Riverwalk's "Seussical") and a rarity: an acting award split between two shows.

The committee agreed that Malusek was the best actress in a musical. But it was split on which role: Ocean O'Connell Rosenberg in "Ride the Cyclone" or Judas in Riverwalk's "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Malusek's productions each led the way with five Thespie awards, as did "The Shark Is Broken."

"Superstar" also won awards for best actor (Quentin Villa as Jesus) and supporting actress (Kelly Stuble-Clark as Mary Magdalene) as well as Malusek's feat.

This year had several strong performances by females in roles written for males. Another winner was Keara Hayes, named best supporting actress for playing the son in "Fatherland."

In terms of plays, the best actress award went to Shannon Bowen in "The Best We Could" at Peppermint Creek, which had a typically strong year.

Peppermint Creek's one problem

has been finding a home.

After years of wandering, it has one: Three years ago, Sycamore Creek Church was remodeled to double as Stage One, the home for Peppermint Creek, Ixion Ensemble Theatre and others. Arthur won this year's Busby Award for his contributions to local theater.

This year's committee included Kathy Brooks, Mark Gmazel, Julie Neff, Lance Norman, Charlotte Orzel and Liane Zimny, with contributions from Mike Hughes (who chaired but didn't vote), Doak Bloss and Jane Zussman.

And this year's Thespie Awards go to ...

FOR MUSICALS

- **Best musical:** "Ride the Cyclone," Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- **Director:** James Curtis, "Ride the Cyclone," Peppermint Creek.
- **Actress:** Tie, Both for Meghan Malusek: "Ride the Cyclone," Peppermint Creek; and "Jesus Christ Superstar," Riverwalk Theatre.
- **Actor:** Quentin Villa, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Riverwalk.

- **Supporting actress:** Kelly Stuble-Clark, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Riverwalk.
- **Supporting actor:** Brian Farnham, "Seussical," Riverwalk.
- **Featured actress:** Xia Skowronek, "Seussical," Riverwalk.
- **Featured actor:** Ron Meyer, "Legally Blonde," Riverwalk.
- **Music director:** John Dillingham, "Island Song," Lansing Community College.

- **Choreographer:** Colorgio Romello and Sylvia Bunn, "Seussical," Riverwalk.
- **Ensemble in a musical:** Casey Fosbenner, Sara Sodke and Sophia Catella, playing the emotions in "Danielion," Michigan State University.

FOR PLAYS

- **Best Play:** "The Shark is Broken," Riverwalk.

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Photo by Raymond Black Jr.

Preston Lyford (left) as Conrad and Tasiyah Hampton as Nina in the MSU Department of Theatre's production of "Stupid F##king Bird."

Local theaters to keep an eye on:

Riverwalk Theatre

Theater in a renovated warehouse offering modern plays and musicals from its resident acting company. 228 Museum Drive, Lansing riverwalktheatre.com

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

A classic and contemporary theater that addresses vital issues in our society, raises awareness and encourages dialogue while entertaining. Performances at Stage One at Sycamore Creek Church Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing peppermintcreek.org

Williamston Theatre

A professional regional theater that offers a diverse array of intimate storytelling experiences to entertain, build a sense of belonging and foster empathy for the human journey. 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston williamstontheatre.org

Lansing Community College

LCC's four large-scale productions per season attract attendees of all ages, and most earn praise from local theater reviews. Each summer, free performances ranging from classic to quirky take the stage at the outdoor amphitheater for "Summer Stage Under

the Stars."

Venues include the Black Box Theatre (411 N. Grand Ave.) and Dart Auditorium (500 N. Capitol Ave.) at LCC as well as an outdoor amphitheater. lcc.edu/showinfo

Wharton Center

This premier venue brings the best of touring Broadway and performing arts to mid-Michigan. 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing whartoncenter.com

Michigan State University

Students of all majors and backgrounds are involved in these performances, from acting to behind-the-scenes work. Venues include the Arena, Studio 60 and Fairchild theatres (all at the MSU Auditorium building, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing) and Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre. theatre.msu.edu

Evolve Theatrics

Serves the Greater Lansing community through innovative theatrical productions, classes for all ages and financial support for local causes. Performances at Delta Presbyterian Church, 6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing evolvetheatrics.com

Lebowsky Center for the Performing Arts

A 500-seat performing arts center that educates, entertains and enriches lives by providing a quality performing arts experience. 122 E. Main St., Owosso lebowskycenter.com

Ixion Ensemble

Produces small shows with an emphasis on stories and strong acting. Once a year, it asks writers to develop short plays around a theme, which is developed into a full production. Performances at Stage One at Sycamore Creek Church Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing facebook.com/IxionEnsemble

Starlight Dinner Theatre

Provides a unique theater and dining experience for the Lansing-area community and an opportunity for family members to work on a production together. Performances at Waverly East Intermediate School, 3131 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing starlightdinnertheatre.com

Alive Theatre

Bringing stories to life with heart and community. Performances at Waverly High School, 160 Snow Road, Lansing alivetheatrics.com

Fowlerville Community Theatre

Provides opportunities for area residents to participate in a variety of theatrical productions by acting on stage, working behind the scenes, attending performances or supporting the theater through donations. Performances at Fowlerville High School, 700 N. Grand St., Fowlerville fowlervilletheatre.com

Midway Theater Co.

Hopes to provide a light in what can be a dark world, giving people an opportunity to perform in an encouraging, loving environment. Performances at Grace Bible Church, 1000 S. Canal Road, Lansing midwaytheatercompany.org

The Intrepid Theatre

Provides mid-Michigan with bold, fearless and ambitious theater that ignites discovery and empowers audiences and artists. Performances at venues around Michigan, including in Lansing and East Lansing facebook.com/theIntrepidTheatre

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre

Offers young people of all backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles the opportunity to produce professional-quality plays, study many aspects of the dramatic arts and develop valuable life skills while providing outstanding entertainment to the community. 5206 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing allofusexpress.org

Reviews of the top three Thespie Award-winning shows

Here are excerpts from reviews of the trio of shows that each took home five Thespies.

Our reviewers attended the vast majority of this season's productions. City Pulse's pages included reviews of 15 of the 19 productions that earned Thespies this year. No one else comes close to City Pulse's coverage of local theater productions and artists.

If you'd like to join City Pulse's roster of local theater reviewers, we'd love to hear from you. Send Nicole an email at nicole@lansingcitypulse.com.

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"Ride the Cyclone," by Dana DeMink

After reading a plot synopsis of "Ride the Cyclone," Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.'s first show of the season, I was skeptical that the production would be compelling. The gist: Following a tragic rollercoaster accident, six deceased teens in limbo at a carnival meet the Amazing Karnak, an animatronic fortune teller who introduces a game of life and death in which one by one, the teens must reveal information about their life, hopes and dreams through song for a chance to live again.

I was gearing up for something rote and clichéd. However, this energetic and outrageous musical was anything but that.

This show would be nothing without its stunning talent. There wasn't just one stand-out performance; everyone in the cast was stellar. Fenton High School student Izzy Edmonds-Hogan (Jane Doe) impressed with her vocal versatility and range. It was difficult to take my eyes off Zoë Schultheiss (Constance Blackwood), whose vulnerability and inner light glowed in each scene. Mason Olvera's (Noel Gruber) shapely, fish-

net-stocked legs pulsed in time to his catchy cabaret number. Christopher Pongracz (Mischa Bachinski) dazzled with his mercurial rapping, and Robert Mueller's (Ricky Potts) sexy space-age bachelor performance in "Ricky Sting" had the audience laughing out loud.

After seeing "Ride the Cyclone," I wonder if it will one day have a cult following similar to that of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The eclectic music, ranging from hip-hop to rock to cabaret, had the audience dancing in their seats. Each performance had a campy and absurd glam-rock element but also told a story with deep emotional relatability. Under music director John Dillingham, director James Aaron Curtis, sound designer Nathan Tykocki and choreographer Karyn Perry, this production hummed like a fine-tuned machine.

"The Shark is Broken," by Courtney Bowerman

Nobody expected "Jaws" to be a blockbuster, least of all the long-suffering cast and crew, who were at the mercy of a mechanical shark named "Bruce" that didn't fare well in the salty ocean water.

The constant malfunctions delayed filming for days and weeks at a time, leaving the three lead actors — Robert Shaw, Roy Scheider and Richard Dreyfuss — stranded on the Orca.

Their behind-the-scenes drama has been recounted in many documentaries and specials. And in 2019, Ian Shaw, the late Robert Shaw's son, wrote a play depicting those agonizing, slow weeks of filming.

"The Shark Is Broken," from Riverwalk Theatre, was a small, intimate production that focused on the dynamic of the three main actors.

Michael Palmer played Scheider, the mostly mild-mannered peacemaker, though even he wasn't above being frustrated by the working conditions. Jeff Magnuson played Shaw, the Brit who drank like a fish

and tried to modify his lines to his liking. And Kameron Going was Dreyfuss, the newcomer whose bravado masked a desperate insecurity.

All three actors were compelling to watch. Going nailed Dreyfuss' fidgety mannerisms, and Magnuson all but disappeared into Shaw. Palmer made a great straight man who just wanted to finish making a movie.

"Jesus Christ Superstar," by Vic Rauch

Riverwalk Theatre's production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" was appropriate for the time of year it was staged (late February/early March). The rock-opera rendition of Jesus' last days goes all the way to his crucifixion and burial, a story retold in many Christian churches on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Judas, played by Meghan Malusek in fishnet stockings and a denim jacket, opened Act 1 with a stirring rendition of "Heaven on Their Minds."

Quentin Villa, as Jesus, displayed a truly impressive vocal range. Kelly Stuble-Clark, as Mary Magdalene, brought warmth and comfort to Jesus through words and movement.

I've been singing or humming most of the music for decades, but I always look forward to "Herod's Song," which has been done so many times in so many ways.

King Herod, played by Elle Bergan, delivered with a vampish rendition that drew the strongest applause of the night. It was a mocking, necessary stress reliever, akin to King George's finger-wagging "You'll Be Back" from "Hamilton."

The band (Metatron, directed by Kait Wilson) was virtually flawless, impressive and omnipresent while never overwhelming the vocals.

The entire cast maintained a level of activity and inclusion at all times, never out of character. This was a high-level performance by nonprofessional players who never missed a step.

Winners

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- **Director:** Amy Rickett, "The Shark is Broken," Riverwalk.
- **Actress:** Shannon Bowen, "The Best We Could," Peppermint Creek.
- **Actor:** Jeff Magnuson, "The Shark is Broken," Riverwalk.
- **Supporting actress:** Kera Hayes, "Fatherland," Peppermint Creek.
- **Supporting actor:** Kameron Going, "The Shark is Broken," Riverwalk.
- **Featured actress:** Laura Nguyen, "Eureka Day," Peppermint Creek.
- **Featured actor:** Tie: Heath Sartorius, "Defiance," Ixion; and Cameron Gilbertson, in the companion plays "Seagull" and "Stupid F**king Bird."
- **Ensemble in a play:** "Fair-

view," Peppermint Creek.

FOR EITHER

- **Original script:** Colleen Francis, Jessica Francis Fichter and Hailie Beltzhoover Zuniga, "Dandelion," MSU.
- **Set design:** James Curtis, "Ride the Cyclone," Peppermint Creek.
- **Costumes:** Kris and Anna Maier, "Seussical," Riverwalk.
- **Set dressing:** Michelle Raymond, "Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help," Williamston.
- **Set dressing, non-professional:** Jeff Boerger, "Eureka Day," Peppermint Creek.
- **Special effects:** James Curtis, "Ride the Cyclone," Peppermint Creek.
- **Props:** Michelle Raymond, "Incident (etc.)," Williamston.
- **Props (non-professional):** Amy Rickett, "The Shark is Broken," Riverwalk.
- **Scenography:** Ross Brower, "Fatherland," Peppermint Creek.
- **Lighting:** Matty Peterson, "Is-

land Song," Lansing Community College.

- **Sound:** Julia Garlotte, "Dial M For Murder," Williamston.
 - **Sound (non-professional):** Rae Schalter, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Riverwalk.
 - **Media design:** Tie: Sean Wilson and Alison Dobbins, "Persuasion," MSU; and Kelly Schalter, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Riverwalk.
 - **Hair and make-up:** Kayla Henry, "Ravenscroft," Riverwalk.
 - **Fight choreography:** Nicole Jenosky and Alexis Black, "Chemical Imbalance," MSU.
- ### SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS
- Katherine Banks for her excellent work in "Every Brilliant Thing" at Williamston. A demanding show (later done by Daniel Radcliffe on Broadway), it starred her as the only actor, working with audience members.
 - Myka Spoelma for the original music in "1984" at Lansing Community College.
 - Cookie and Gertie for their fine work



Photo by Dave Trumple

From left: Michael Phelps, Emily Clark, Filonna Thomas and Connor Kelly in Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.'s production of "Eureka Day," by Jonathan Spector

as Bruiser and Rufus, the dogs in "Legally Blonde" at Riverwalk.

ROBERT BUSBY AWARD

- Rev. Tom Arthur of Sycamore Creek Church Eastwood. The church doubles as a vibrant theater space, the regular home of Peppermint Creek and Ixion, plus individual concerts and shows.

Life after Romeo

'& Juliet' comes to the Wharton Center

By **KURT ANTHONY KRUG**

Acting is the one thing Paul-Jordan Jansen did in his youth that he truly loved.

"It has brought me so much joy," Jansen said. "I've been acting since I was a kid, but professionally for nearly 20 years. My voice teacher was the one who believed in me before I believed I could do this."

Jansen plays Lance du Bois in "& Juliet," a script-flipping take on William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," running at the Wharton Center Tuesday through June 28.

In the show, rather than killing herself upon learning her beloved Romeo is dead during the final act of perhaps the greatest love story of all time, Juliet embarks on a journey of new beginnings and second chances, realizing there's life after Romeo.

"& Juliet" premiered in England in 2019 and made its Broadway debut in 2022. The North American tour began in 2024. The show has won three Laurence Olivier Awards and earned nine Tony Award nominations. It features songs by Grammy-winning songwriter/producer Max Martin, who wrote many hit singles in the 1990s, most notably Britney Spears' "Baby One More Time," the Backstreet Boys' "Larger Than Life" and "I Want It That Way," and Celine Dion's "That's the Way It Is," all of which are featured in the show.

"There's truly something for everyone," Jansen said of the musical. "People from all walks of life come to see our show and walk away feeling inspired. It's the burst of joy everyone needs."

Jansen has played Lance for nearly two years. His character is a stern, traditional ex-soldier and widower living in Paris. He is notably the only character in the production who speaks with a thick, exaggerated French accent. During the course of the show, Lance encounters Angélique, Juliet's nurse, who's also his long-lost former lover. Their rekindled romance softens his hardened demeanor.

"Lance is something fun and less brooding than what I usually do," Jansen said. "Ultimately, it was his character arc that attracted me the most — his ways of communicating love and his personal journey of acceptance. I won't give too much away so that folks take the time to come see us."

He spoke about how his portrayal of Lance differs from other actors who have played the character.

"I think there's a firmness to what I do

that you don't often see associated with this role," he said. "It helps offset the more comedic and tender moments you see with Lance."

He also spoke about working alongside 2025 Jimmy Award-winning actress

Fabiola Caraballo Quijada, who plays Juliet.

"Fab is a force to be reckoned with!" he said. "This woman graduated from high school and immediately stepped into this role, having never performed in a professional production before. She has been leading us for the past year, and it has been incredible to see her grow. Fab will do all eight shows, plus press events, and never complain. Beyond that, her Juliet is thrilling, compassionate, funny and powerful. Working with her has been my privilege."

Jansen was born and raised in Berea, Ohio, outside of Cleveland. He earned a bachelor's degree in musical theater from Pennsylvania State University. He made his Broadway debut in the 2023 revival of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Other notable regional credits include "Beauty and the Beast," "The Wizard of Oz" and the world premiere of "The Prince of Egypt."

Jansen is deeply passionate about mentoring young artists. He has taught masterclasses at Penn State, the University of Utah, Utah State University and the University of North Carolina Greensboro. He created a musical theater institute at the Paramount School for the Arts in Illinois and served as theater director at Hathaway Brown School (the oldest surviving private girls' school in the Cleveland area, founded in 1876) and at Aurora University in Illinois.

"I enjoy helping young folks like myself discover the immense joy of theater, in the hopes that they walk away with a deep appreciation for the art form," Jansen said.

Next week will be his first time at Wharton, but his second time at Michigan State University.

"I love Michigan. I've been coming here my entire life to visit family in Detroit, go to Ann Arbor ... it's a great state," he said. "I'm excited about bringing this show to MSU. I've always been a huge Spartan fan and grew up supporting MSU from Ohio. MSU has a great theater department — I actually looked at becoming a Spartan myself. Maybe one day!"



Photo by Matthew Murphy

Paul-Jordan Jansen and Kathryn Allison in the North American Tour of "& Juliet."

"& Juliet"

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7:30 p.m. Tuesday–
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Kenneth Kraegel will read you a 'Lullaby' at Schuler Books

By **KURT ANTHONY KRUG**

Children's book writer/illustrator Kenneth Kraegel considers Dr. Seuss and "Where the Wild Things Are" author/illustrator Maurice Sendak to be major influences on his work.

"I'm old school," Kraegel said. "I was — and am — drawn to all the things that you can do when you put words and pictures together. The moment you open a picture book, you enter a whole new world. It's like watching a play or a movie, but you're holding it in your hands."

"Since I write and illustrate the books, I get to create that entire world," he continued. "Also, when my son was very young, he would sit on my lap and I would read to him before naps and bedtime. They were sweet times and I try to create books that are worthy of those moments."

The self-taught artist will sign copies of his latest book, "Firefly Lullaby" (Candlewick, \$18.99), on June 27 at Schuler Books in the Meridian Mall.

"Lansing and the surrounding area have a good vibe. I'm looking forward to this visit," Kraegel said. "The Schuler Books in Grand Rapids has been my home base bookstore for my entire ca-

reer. They've been very supportive and fun to work with."

Kraegel said he has visited several Lansing-area elementary schools in the last year and figured the Okemos store was a perfect fit.

"I've been to the store, and it's very impressive," he said.

For him, meeting new people is always a highlight of doing book signings.

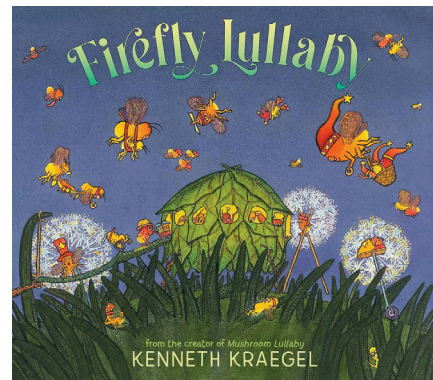
"Talking with kids is half of my job, and I love it," he said. "The rest of the time is spent working alone in my studio, so visiting bookstores and schools balances that out nicely."

Born in Illinois, Kraegel, the second of four Children, grew up in Mishawaka, Indiana.

He is an alumnus of Mishawaka High School and Wheaton College, where he earned his undergraduate degree in theology. He lives in Grand Rapids with Irene, his wife of 26 years, and their teenage son.

"Firefly Lullaby" is Kraegel's ninth book. It's the third installment in the "Lullaby" series, following "Mushroom Lullaby" and "Mermaid Lullaby."

"I wanted to create a series of books specifically for those going-to-bed moments, books that calm things down.



"Firefly Lullaby" (Candlewick, \$18.99)

I had already done 'Mushroom Lullaby' and 'Mermaid Lullaby.' I liked the sound of 'Firefly Lullaby,' so I went with it," Kraegel said. "At the beginning of the book, the sun is going down and we, the readers, are 'listening for a sound that only certain ears can hear.' When we finally hear a tiny trumpet, we know the 'fireflies at last are here!'"

"The fireflies are a lot of fun; they have a dance, then a race and a feast. After all that carrying on, things start to wind down, and eventually they head to bed. The book concludes by wishing the reader 'dreams blessed in joys without number' that 'take you soaring, high and



Courtesy

Kenneth Kraegel

wide and wild through the flying lights of wonder."

Kraegel spoke about how this book stands out from his others, as well as other children's books today.

"The fireflies have a lot of personality.

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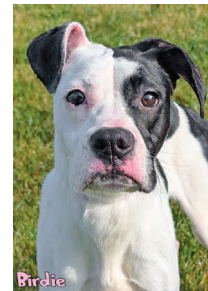
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Lansing approved cannabis lounges four years ago. Here's how that went

By CHRIS SILVA

Lansing had a chance to build something cool four years ago and blew it in the most Lansing way imaginable.

Michigan is the second-largest cannabis market in the country. You can walk into around 18 different dispensaries in Lansing and buy whatever you want, legally.

But then you have absolutely nowhere legal to consume it in public.

Not a lounge. Not a café. Not a park bench. Nowhere. Go home or go to your car.

Lansing tried to do something about this four years ago. The city handed out approvals to the wrong people and watched the whole thing collapse in a mess of receiverships, jailhouse filings and thousands of harassing text messages to the mayor.

I know the story. I was there.

The first wave

In early 2022, Lansing approved four businesses to be cannabis consumption lounges. The city was positioning itself as forward thinking and ready to build the Amsterdam-style social consumption experience that Michigan's market wanted.

Ryan Basore and I applied in that first wave.

If you've been reading this column, you know Basore — he's the founder of Redemption Cannabis, one of the most respected brands in Lansing. He's the guy who had one of the first dispensaries in the state, went to jail for it before legalization, came back, built a company and uses a portion of the profits to help people still incarcerated for cannabis. If there's someone in Michigan with more authentic, hard-earned cannabis experience than Basore, I'd like to meet them.

We didn't get the license. One of the reasons we were scored down was insufficient cannabis business experience.



Who did get the licenses?

The city approved four applicants. Rebel Industries in Ward 1. Edgewood Wellness in Ward 2. Common Citizen in Ward 3. Downtown Capitol LLC in Ward 4.

Four years later, Edgewood and Downtown Capitol are closed (disclosure: I worked for Downtown). Common Citizen rebranded to LIV Cannabis, and the consumption lounge component of its South Lansing build-out appears to have been quietly shelved.

Rebel Industries, on the other hand, failed most spectacularly, with cannabis entrepreneur Michael Doherty making headlines for a courtroom outburst that landed him in jail as well as sending hundreds of harassing text messages to people, including Lansing Mayor Andy Schor.

Not one of the four approved lounges has come close to opening.

Real costs for waiting

Beyond the obvious embarrassment of the selection process, skipping over Basore, Lansing's failed lounge experiment has real costs.

Every year without a functioning consumption lounge is a year the city leaves tax revenue on the table. Michigan cannabis tourism is real, and the tourists have nowhere to go. It's another year where renters who can't consume at home, medical patients who lack private space, and visitors who bought legal product at a legal store have nowhere legal to use it. Legalization with nowhere to consume isn't legalization. It's just a receipt.

Meanwhile, Hot Box Social has been operating in Hazel Park for years. California has Amsterdam-style cannabis cafes serving food and hosting live music. Colorado has had functioning lounges for over half a decade. These



aren't exotic pipe dreams — they're businesses that work, generate revenue and treat cannabis consumers like adults.

Lansing had the framework. The city voted yes. The demand exists.

What the selection process delivered instead was a cautionary tale about what happens when a licensing committee prioritizes the wrong things and misses the people who actually built this industry with their own hands — and, in some cases, their own freedom.

What happens next

The door isn't permanently closed. The state framework for "designated consumption establishments" still exists. A new applicant could come forward. The city could open another application process. Someone with real roots in this community — someone who knows what cannabis means to the people who fought for it — could build the lounge Lansing should have had years ago.

But first, it might be worth asking how we got here. Who scored those applications. What criteria were used. And why the people who actually bled for this industry kept getting told they didn't have enough experience.

I think about that every time I leave a dispensary in this city and have nowhere to go.

Chris Silva writes the Lansterdam column for City Pulse. Tips? Reach him at silvachr@gmail.com.

Lullaby

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I don't have another book with characters who are quite this expressive," he said. "This book and the other 'Lullaby' books are designed to decrescendo. That is, they start out energetically exploring a world. Then, midway through, the book becomes more and more calming, eventually leaving the reader in a calm and sleepy place."

The most challenging aspect of cre-

ating "Firefly Lullaby" was patience, Kraegel said.

"My favorite part of making the book was drawing and painting the final illustrations," he said. "It took a long time for the book to come together, at least a year. Getting the rhymes right, figuring out how I was going to draw the fireflies — all of that took time."

Kraegel has held some eclectic jobs in his time. After graduating from college, he worked at a refugee resettlement agency in Chicago and then worked with people with develop-

mental disabilities in a greenhouse. The greenhouse work led him to organic vegetable farming, which he pursued for a few years. However, deep down, he really wanted to create picture books.

"Eventually, that desire overtook my other interests," he said. "I'm glad for the meandering path I took to get where I am; all those experiences shaped who I am and the books that I make."

Keep up with Kraegel at kennethkraegel.com.

Storytime with Kenneth Kraegel

Kenneth Kraegel will speak about and sign copies of "Firefly Lullaby" from 11 a.m. to noon June 27 at Schuler Books, located at 1982 W. Grand River Ave. in Okemos.

This event is free and open to the public. Copies of "Firefly Lullaby" will be available for purchase. RSVP at events.humanitix.com/kenneth-kraegel-sbok. For questions or more information, call Schuler Books at (517) 349-8840.

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All Saints Episcopal Church

800 Abbot Road, East Lansing
The Coffeehouse at All Saints
 Fri., June 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Avenue

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
NOCTURNE: Pride Party
 Fri., June 19, 9 p.m.
club.com
 Sat., June 20, 9 p.m.
Hattie & Blue Medicine
 Sun., June 21, 7 p.m.

Blue Gill Grill

1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
Greg Smith
 Thurs., June 18, 6-9 p.m.
David Salvador
 Sun., June 21, 2-5 p.m.

BrickHaven Brewing Co.

200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
Shane Gruesbeck
 Fri., June 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Helena Lost
 Sat., June 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Brookshire Inn and Golf Club

205 W. Church St., Williamston
Last One Out
 Fri., June 19, 6-10 p.m.

Chengdu Teahouse

100 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing
Zarochi
 Sat., June 20, 7:30-10 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill

16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Maxwell Brothers
 Fri., June 19, 8 p.m.-midnight
Tad & the Fat Katz
 Sat., June 20, 8 p.m.-midnight

Cleats Bar & Grille

5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing
Sean Cypher
 Wed., June 17, 6-9 p.m.
Jessey Adams
 Thurs., June 18, 6-9 p.m.
JP Peters
 Tues., June 23, 6-9 p.m.
Isaac Harper
 Wed., June 24, 6-9 p.m.

Courthouse Square Museum

100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte
Charlotte Community Band
 Thurs., June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dimes Brewhouse

145 Bridge St., Dimondale
Open mic night
 Thurs., June 18, 7-10 p.m.
Darin Larner
 Fri., June 19, 7-9 p.m.
Piper Avenue
 Sat., June 20, 6-9 p.m.

EagleMunk Pub and Brewery

4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Chad Benson & Ed Lutz
 Wed., June 17, 7-9 p.m.
Matt Bilton's Electric Band
 Sun., June 21, 6-8 p.m.

Eastwood Towne Center

3003 Preyde Blvd., Lansing
Roadside Attraction
 Tues., June 23, 6-8 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
Dane DeFord
 Thurs., June 18, 6-9 p.m.
JT "Buzz" Sundae
 Fri., June 19, 6-9 p.m.
Just Magnetic
 Sat., June 20, 6-9 p.m.

Elderly Instruments

1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing
Ben Stalets
 Sat., June 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Fenner Nature Center

2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing
Kathy Ford Band
 Wed., June 24, 7-9 p.m.

Fish Ladder Music Park

216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
Fête de la Musique
 Sun., June 21, 3-7 p.m.

Fraternal Order of Eagles

3022 W. St. Joseph St., Lansing
Jim Jam: A Tribute to Jim Flynn, with Sassiety, Jimmy G & the Capitols, Frog & the Beeftones
 Sun., June 21, 4-8 p.m.

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Wavelength
 Wed., June 17, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
The Official Mid-Michigan Juneteenth Jump Off
 Fri., June 19, doors 9:30 p.m., show 10 p.m.
From This Point On, Scar Woven, The Harbor Divide, Hyporium
 Sun., June 20, doors 5 p.m., show 5:30 p.m.
Wavelength
 Wed., June 24, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
Royce Vaughn
 Wed., June 17, 7-9 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market

7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
The Westrins
 Fri., June 19, 5-8 p.m.
Something with James
 Sat., June 20, 5-8 p.m.

The Druid Drummer

Sun., June 21, 1-3 p.m.
Juan Trevino
 Sun., June 21, 4-7 p.m.

The Irish Pub

1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
Open mic night, with Scott Seth
 Thurs., June 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Pete Schumann
 Sat., June 20, 8-11 p.m.

Jaycee Park

525 E. River St., Grand Ledge
Three Men and a Tenor
 Thurs., June 18, 7 p.m.

Joe's on Jolly

2360 Jolly Road, Okemos
We're Mike and Steve
 Fri., June 19, 6-9 p.m.

Lake Lansing Park South

1621 Pike St., Haslett
Elements of Soul, wsg Steve "The Saxman" Spees
 Fri., June 19, 6-9 p.m.

Lansing Shuffle

325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
Rory Nevins
 Sat., June 20, 4-7 p.m.
Ben Awrey
 Sun., June 21, 4-7 p.m.

Looking Glass Brewing Co.

108 W. Main St., Dewitt
Groove Doctors
 Fri., June 19, 6-9 p.m.

Mac's Bar

2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Twisted Insane
 Sat., June 20, 7 p.m.
Open mic night
 Mon., June 22, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
 Thurs., June 18, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
 Tues., June 23, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Marketplace on the Green

1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
Stone Street Revival
 Wed., June 17, 6:30 p.m.
BIG L & Code Blü
 Wed., June 24, 6:30 p.m.

McClintock Park

208 Irene St., Laingsburg
Dueling Pianos
 Thurs., June 18, 6-9 p.m.

McCormick Park

300 N. Putnam St., Williamston
Meridian Community Band
 Thurs., June 18, 7-9 p.m.

Moriarty's Pub

802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., June 17, 8-11 p.m.
Soul Shake
 Thurs., June 18, 9 p.m.-midnight
Gina Garner & the All Night Long Band
 Fri., June 19, 8 p.m.-midnight
Dead Honey Collective
 Sat., June 20, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
 Tues., June 23, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., June 24, 8-11 p.m.

Nelson Gallery

113 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Ozay Moore
 Thurs., June 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Nico's Pub and Grill

117 S. Bridge St., Dimondale
The Lynx
 Fri., June 19, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

One North Lansing

5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Open mic night, with Kathy Ford
 Mon., June 22, 6:30-9 p.m.

Pablo's Mexican Restaurant

2010 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Bud & Bretz
 Sat., June 20, 6-8 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Cal Delo
 Fri., June 19, 8-10 p.m.
Deadly String Band
 Tues., June 23, 6-8 p.m.

Pins & Pints

2120 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
Konstantin
 Thurs., June 18, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Randy Napoleon Trio
 Sun., June 21, 6-9 p.m.

Reno's North

16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Tyler Roy
 Wed., June 17, 6-9 p.m.
Greg Smith
 Fri., June 19, 6-9 p.m.
Kathy Ford
 Sat., June 20, 6-9 p.m.
Tyler Payne
 Wed., June 24, 6-9 p.m.

Riverfront Plaza

333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Lansing Concert Band Big Band
 Thurs., June 18, 6-8 p.m.

Side Bar

246 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
JP Peters
 Thurs., June 18, 5-8 p.m.
Gwen Doerfler
 Fri., June 19, 7-10 p.m.

St. Johns City Park

801 W. Park St., St. Johns
Jeff Baldori Band
 Wed., June 17, 7 p.m.
Lansing Concert Band Big Band
 Wed., June 24, 7 p.m.

Stober's Bar

812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
DJ Patino & Friends
 Sun., June 21, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Lady Luck
 Tues., June 23, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.

1957 Cedar St., Holt
Capital Sundogs
 Fri., June 19, 8-11 p.m.
Jason Peak
 Sat., June 20, 4-7 p.m.
Billy Joe Hunt
 Sat., June 20, 7-10 p.m.

Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

3420 S. Creyts Road, Lansing
Gimme 5
 Wed., June 17, 6-9 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
 Wed., June 17, 6-9 p.m.
SolVibe
 Thurs., June 18, 6 p.m.
Althea Rene (Phil Denny's Urban Suite)
 Fri., June 19, 7 p.m.
Time2Play
 Sat., June 20, 6:30
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
 Wed., June 24, 6-9 p.m.
Walter Blanding with his Jazz Ambassadors
 Wed., June 24, 9 p.m.

Wainwright Park

4115 Stillwell Ave., Lansing
Full House
 Wed., June 17, 7-9 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse

3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Showdown
 Sat., June 20, 7-11 p.m.
Deacon Earl
 Wed., June 24, 7-10 p.m.

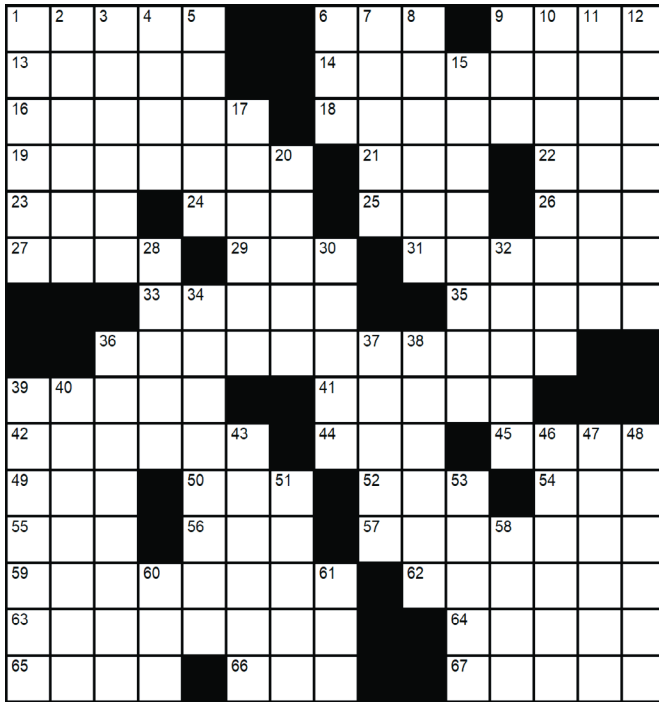
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Room for Development" -- gotta know where to look.
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ACROSS

- 1. Vamoose
- 6. Campaign ctrs.
- 9. "That's the way"
- 13. Wrestler Stratus
- 14. Well-behaved
- 16. Computer-generated art, uncharitably
- 18. Criticize harshly
- 19. "Can I bother you?"
- 21. Abbr. on a vitamin bottle
- 22. Boston skyscraper nickname, with "the"
- 23. Before, in poems
- 24. "____ Beso (That Kiss!)" (1962 Paul Anka hit)
- 25. "Jeopardy!" end-of-season event, for short
- 26. Completely asleep
- 27. Cheese exterior
- 29. "The Santaland Diaries" occupation
- 31. Face-in-hands reaction to a bad landing, perhaps
- 33. Racecar driver?
- 35. Gem finder
- 36. Beachside establishment where "there's always money," on "Arrested Development"
- 39. Coastal area
- 41. Yogurt brand founded in Colorado
- 42. "The Color Purple" author
- 44. Senior exec. with a J.D.
- 45. Yanks' opponents
- 49. Ugandan dictator Amin
- 50. Floatie filler
- 52. Row or verb ender?



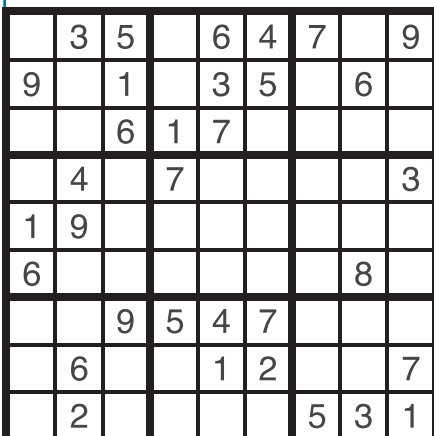
- 54. Guardians, on the scoreboard
 - 55. Network launched in 1981
 - 56. Report card stat
 - 57. Log off
 - 59. Like someone shivering in a cold wind, maybe
 - 62. Chooses by ballot
 - 63. Goes along with
 - 64. Nebraska's largest city
 - 65. Sit for a painting
 - 66. Assessment
 - 67. As bad as it gets
- DOWN**
- 1. Theater director, say
 - 2. A ____ (deductively)
 - 3. Pay attention
 - 4. Ibiza, por ejemplo
 - 5. The items over there
 - 6. In great demand
 - 7. Cube-hopping '80s arcade creature
 - 8. Recreational watercraft brand
 - 9. Number opposite IX on a clock
 - 10. Value of a U.K. note currently depicting Jane Austen on the back
 - 11. Butt in
 - 12. More heavysset
 - 15. Euros replaced them in Greece
 - 17. Spanish currency before the euro
 - 20. Costa Rican currency (or, without the accent, a punctuation mark)
 - 28. Former German currency, for short
 - 30. Swiss currency used in Liechtenstein
 - 32. Currency of Libya, Jordan, or Algeria
 - 34. Base unit of U.S. gold coins prior to 1933 (equivalent to \$10)
 - 36. Venezuelan monetary units (in the English plural)
 - 37. Peruvian currency in the plural (or bottoms of shoes)
 - 38. Canadian \$2 coin, informally
 - 39. Pool wear
 - 40. Couldn't stay
 - 43. Best for picking
 - 46. Green vehicle
 - 47. Fictional family who owned the
 - 36-Across
 - 48. Attacks
 - 51. Reggae musician, often
 - 53. Brightly burning
 - 58. "Finding ____" (2003 film)
 - 60. Golf ball holder
 - 61. 2004 jinx-breaking team, casually

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SUDOKU

Beginner



Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

June 17-23, 2026

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries mathematician Paul Erdős lived without a permanent address, traveling the world to collaborate with other mathematicians. He owned little, claiming "property is a nuisance." His life was structured around doing mathematics and helping others do mathematics. He published over 1,500 papers, more than any mathematician in history. Was his minimalism a form of deprivation? I prefer to think it was liberation from everything that didn't serve his purpose. What would your life be like if you eliminated things that don't serve your deepest purposes, Aries? In the coming weeks, you have permission to be ruthless about your priorities. What are you maintaining out of habit rather than conviction? What burdens masquerade as responsibilities?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A friend told me about the creative writing class he took with renowned poet Brenda Hillman. "I recall being in class," he said, "and having the thought, 'Wow, this teacher works far harder at teaching than I do at learning.'" Dear Taurus, please don't indulge in a similar laziness anytime soon. Your educational opportunities are currently richer than usual. To extract the full benefit, you must match the verve and vigor of your teachers. (PS: The teachers may or may not think of themselves as teachers. They could even be animals, rainstorms, or ancestors.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Eastern monarch butterflies migrate annually from the American Midwest to central Mexico. The individuals who start the journey from Nebraska or Wisconsin die long before they reach the oyamel fir trees of Mexico. So do their children and their grandchildren. Their great-grandchildren finish the trip, though they have never been to the destination. Somehow, they know where to go, navigating thousands of miles to trees they've never seen. Let's apply this as a metaphor for you, Gemini. I suspect you are carrying navigational wisdom you didn't realize you possessed. Inherited knowledge, encoded deep in your secret places, is ready to guide you. So, pay attention to inexplicable certainties. Trust the directions that arrive without logical explanation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A large earthquake doesn't relieve stress evenly along a fault. Instead, it creates zones where stress is reduced and others where stress increases, making future ruptures more likely. So, the stress is redistributed, but not uniformly. According to my reading of the omens, Cancerian, you recently experienced a metaphorical shake-up. I suggest you identify where stress has grown and where it has dissipated. Your next moves should account for this new distribution of pressure. Some areas of your life are now more vulnerable, while others have become more stable. Read the landscape accurately before proceeding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Songbirds like zebra finches practice their melodies while asleep. Their vocal muscles move in ways that mirror daytime singing. These replay patterns help young birds learn their songs and adults maintain and refine their tunes over time. I suspect that you are engaged in a similar type of learning, Leo. You are enhancing skills and uncovering insights while asleep and dreaming. Bonus! Even when awake, you're absorbing clues on a subconscious level. Your deeper intelligence is gathering information you will need for your upcoming breakthroughs. Hooray for mysterious help!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Architects who design concert halls know that perfect sound isn't achieved through perfect smoothness. The best acoustics come from strategic irregularities, textured walls, and angled surfaces that distribute vibrations in pleasing ways. Too much uniformity creates dead zones and echoes; too much chaos creates muddle. Pleasing resonance arises from organized complexity. In my estimation, Virgo, your life is currently too smooth in some areas and too haphazard in others. You may need more strategic irregularity. Consider introducing productive unpredictability into relationships that have become too routine. Add inventive structure to efforts that

have become shapeless. Don't aim for either total order or complete randomness. What will generate maximum beauty?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Have you ever been ambushed by unexpected bursts of gratification emerging from subtle miracles? Maybe a loved one finally grasps a truth you've been trying to convey for eons. Or you feel balanced in a situation that once made you feel lopsided. Or you grasp, with shivers of awe, that you got uncanny spiritual guidance at a key crossroads. I foresee at least three such blessings for you in the coming weeks. To ensure you recognize them, don't get distracted in the pursuit of splashy bonanzas and gaudy prizes. Be nimbly alert for subtle breakthroughs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Poet Emily Dickinson rarely left her family home but bequeathed us a marvelous body of lyrical work as she roamed through vast inner worlds. Sci-fi novelist Octavia Butler rose early to write before long shifts at low-paid jobs, imagining visionary futures during her limited hours to be creative. Lucille Clifton raised six children while shaping poems of distilled, luminous insight, showing us how to summon fierce originality from a life crowded with responsibilities. Moral of the story: Buoyant power can flourish even when circumstances are limited. This lesson may be relevant for you in the coming weeks. If conditions seem imperfect or incomplete, trust that your resilience and adaptability can compensate for external obstacles. I have faith in your ability to generate useful beauty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Our tongues are primed to heal astonishingly fast thanks to dense blood vessels, saliva's repair proteins, and a rapid immune response. Wounds that would take more patience elsewhere can heal here in days. I suspect that your psyche now possesses your tongue's high level of healing power. So, I hope you will launch a phase of accelerated repair. Call on every possible form of therapeutic assistance, please!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Now is an ideal time to clear out old romantic karma from the past. Please consider performing a DIY ritual to release painful memories, leftover grudges, and long-standing hurts that keep tugging at your intimate connections. The coming weeks will also be a favorable phase to discard rigid beliefs about gender and dismantle anything that blocks you from experiencing full-bodied sensual and sexual delight. Expect to be freed from at least some energies that have limited your ability to explore fun and vigorous ways of savoring your desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I suggest you adopt a new honorary title like "Charm Weaver" or "Emissary of Radiance" or "Beauty Whisperer." Why? Because I hope it will help inspire you to stir up delightful play and lyrical mystery wherever you wander. For instance: Infuse your conversations with sparkling harmony and sly, graceful humor. Burst into whimsical songs, fling out extravagant compliments, pose clever questions that spark fresh ideas, and call attention to systems and relationships in your world that are functioning wonderfully well. Many perks will flow your way as you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Is there a dream from childhood that you're ready to revive on a higher octave? Think of something you longed for before the world told you to be boringly realistic: an art you wanted to practice, a way you wanted to live, or the kind of person you hoped to become. The question isn't "can I go back and do it exactly the same?" but "what is the mature, wiser, present-day version of that dream?" You might write in your journal: "The childhood dream I'm ready to lift to a higher octave is _____" and then add, "If I took one concrete step toward it, what would it be?"

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

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, June 17

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.

Broadway Summer Performance Class for Teens and Adults - Develop skills and techniques for singing and acting on stage. Ten-week class. Meets twice per week. 6-7:30 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Chamber Day: Where Business Voices Shape Michigan's Future - Chamber Day is the Michigan Chamber's take on a traditional "lobby day," designed to connect business leaders, government affairs professionals and local and regional chambers with the policymakers shaping our state. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Heritage Hall, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/19775084347.

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.

Create Worm Motels - Explore a worm's world by building a temporary worm habitat and learning about the needs of all living things. Ages 4-12. Registration req. 11 a.m.-noon. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9325 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.com.

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

EnhanceFitness - Join us for free, fun, core-strengthening exercise. We meet at All Saints Lutheran Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9-10 a.m. 720 W. South St., Mason. allsaintsmason.org.

Father's Day Cornhole Tournament - All skill levels are welcome at this family friendly event. Teams will be made up of one child (Ages 8+) and one adult. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. facebook.com/deltatowship.

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.

June Bookend Gallery Display - Nanette Mathe brings a fresh assortment of acrylic and watercolor works to brighten our walls! Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Meals on Wheels Charity Golf Outing - The Tri-County Office on Aging and event sponsors Jackson National Life Insurance Company and Consumers Energy invite you to tee up for a spectacular golf event benefiting Meals on Wheels and in-home supports for older adults in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. 9 a.m. Forest Akers West, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing. tcoa.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.

Michigan Statewide Dam Risk Prioritization - Presented by EGLE and GEI Consultants. 11

a.m.-1 p.m. 525 W. Allegan St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/4688240557.

MidMEAC Summer Solstice Celebration - Hosted at the home of MidMEAC co-founder Patrick Lindemann, this casual affair is a "thank you" to our supporters. Join us for food, fun and beverages. Live musical entertainment! 6-8 p.m. 3024 W. Willow St., Lansing. facebook.com/midmeac.

Midwest Ultimate Fun Fly - Watch a large variety of radio-controlled airplanes and helicopters fly during the annual event hosted by the Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. CARDS Radio-Controlled Flying Field, 8328 Otto Road, Grand Ledge. cardsrc.com.

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.

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.

Summer Strings Rehearsal at MSU Community Music School - Summer Strings is the CMS Adult Ensembles - Orchestra for the summer session. It's open to all adults wanting to play in an orchestra. 7-8 p.m. 4930 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. cmsaemusic.weebly.com.

Unearth a Story: Dinosaur Tales - Kids will have a great time learning about dinosaurs and the science of paleontology and can even try their hands at a dinosaur dig! Ages 5-12. Registration req. 2-3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Wheel of the Year: Litha and Rites of Passage - 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.

Thursday, June 18

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.

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. 13753 Main St., Bath. shopbfm.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 Nanette Mathe - Noon-8 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.

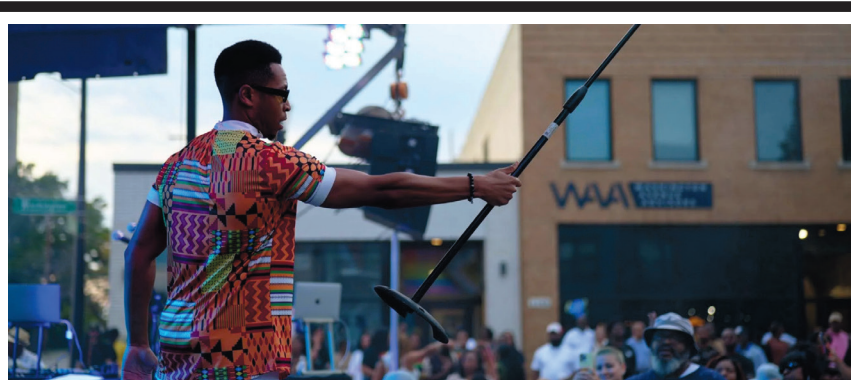


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517 Juneteenth Festival & Block Party

3:30-11 p.m. Saturday, June 20
REO Town, Lansing
Free

517juneteenth.com/festival

The annual 517 Juneteenth Festival offers a full day of live music, food, shopping and community in the heart of REO Town. This year's performers include Jamila Woods, MikeyyAustin, JMT, Kaels, Al Bet-tis, Christian Sykes and The Lansing Collective Worship Encounter. More than 100 vendors will be in attendance, from fashion and art to wellness and culture. There will also be a food court, a kids' zone and a lounge where attendees can relax and cool off, sponsored by MSUFCU. The Juneteenth CATA bus will be there, too, another way to cool off.

The festival is one of many Juneteenth events going on this weekend; here are a few others:

The Dr. Clyde D. Carnegie essay/scholarship & art competition program

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.

Create Your Own "Jurassic" World: Toy Dinosaur Photo Workshop - Award-winning video producer Kevin Epling hosts this fun experience in small-scale photography. Kids and adults can bring their toys and models, and Kevin will have "sets" in place for them to work with as they take photos! All ages. Registration req. 6-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Diggin' for Dinos! Storytelling and Fossilized Fun! - With a whirlwind of stories, tunes, and hands-on crafts, Penny Avery and Patty Rockafellow are ready to take your kids on a dino-mite adventure through time, featuring Mary Anning, the trailblazing lady of fossils. 11 a.m.-noon. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9325

5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18
Michigan Library and Historical Center
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

Healthy People Creating Healthy Communities seminar & mixer

6 p.m. Thursday, June 18
The Cadillac Room
1115 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Juneteenth Flag Day
11 a.m. Friday, June 19
Lansing City Hall plaza flagpole
124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Juneteenth Ice Cream Social

4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 19
Riverview Church parking lot
1115 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

Juneteenth Freedom Festival

4-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 19
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20
St. Joseph Park
2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing

Father's Day jazz night

6-8 p.m. Sunday, June 21
The Cadillac Room

W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.com.

Downtown After 5: Connect. Vibe. Discover - Join us on the third Thursday of each month from June through August for an evening of shopping, dining, live music, and downtown fun! 5-7 p.m. Washington Square, downtown Lansing. facebook.com/downtownlansing.

Field Crops Virtual Breakfast Series: Hot Topics, featuring all MSUE Educators and Specialists - 7-8 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/field_crops.

Intro to Linocut Printmaking Class Series - This series of classes will cover the basics of planning your design, different transfer methods, carving techniques, inking, and printing. Registration req. 6:30-9 p.m. Odd Nodd Art Supply, 317 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. oddnodd.com.

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Intro to Your Dreams Are Speaking - 4-5 p.m. Delta Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. 517-484-5600.

“I’ve Got a Text” Thursdays | “Love Island” Watch Nights at MP Social - Join us every Thursday night as we stream the latest episode of “Love Island” on the big screens. 4-10 p.m. 313 N. Cedar St., Lansing. facebook.com/mpsocial.lansing.

Justin Willman - Fresh off the release of “Magic Lover,” Netflix’s first-ever magic comedy special, Justin Willman is hitting the road with an all-new tour: “One for the Ages.” 7 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

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

Mid-Michigan Spartans Present: Prevent2Protect - Prevent 2 Protect is a groundbreaking, first-of-its-kind initiative designed to address one of the most urgent public safety issues facing schools today: targeted violence. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Michigan Health & Hospital Association, 2112 University Park Drive, Okemos. eventbrite.com/o/35416662283.

Midwest Ultimate Fun Fly - 9 a.m.-7 p.m. CARDS Radio-Controlled Flying Field, 8328 Otto Road, Grand Ledge. cardsrc.com.

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

Playwriting Class for Teens and Adults - We start with writing monologues, then scenes, then one-act plays. Ten-week class. 6:30-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. 5016 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. facebook.com/SouthLansingFarmersMarket.

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

Stage Management & Technical Theatre Class for Teens and Adults - A brief introduction to all aspects of technical theatre. Ten-week class. 6:30-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett

Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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.

Vietnamese Summer Rolls and Sushi Class - Learn to make aromatic Vietnamese rolls and Japanese sushi, both of which are fully customizable. 6-8 p.m. Brady’s HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradylshg.com.

Walk with Ease - Walking exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. Group will meet Thursdays at the East Lansing High School track through July 16. 9-10 a.m. 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

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.

Friday, June 19

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

Car Cruise In at Choice Farm Market - Bring your wheels or just come to stroll and admire. No RSVP needed — just show up and enjoy! 5-8 p.m. 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. burgdorfwinery.com.

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.

EnhanceFitness - Join us for free, fun, core-strengthening exercise. We meet at All Saints Lutheran Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9-10 a.m. 720 W. South St., Mason. allsaintsmason.org.

Family Art Studio - A free, drop-in art experience where families create and collaborate side by side in a relaxed, playful studio environment. 1-4 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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

Midwest Ultimate Fun Fly - 9 a.m.-7 p.m. CARDS Radio-Controlled Flying Field, 8328 Otto Road, Grand Ledge. cardsrc.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. lapsg.org.



Lansing Fiesta

4-10 p.m. Thursday, June 18

4-11 p.m. Friday, June 19

Noon-11 p.m. Saturday, June 20

Noon-7 p.m. Sunday, June 21

Adado Riverfront Park

201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing

Admission \$10 Thursday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday
lansingfiesta.com

The Lansing Fiesta, one of Mid-Michigan’s largest summer events, is a celebration of Latin music, culture and community spirit. Thousands of attendees fill Adado Riverfront Park over the weekend, enjoying live music, food (provided this year by Get Loaded Food Truck, El Jefe Tacos & More, Street Tacos by Max & Nina, Vamos Vargas, StiX On, Cob King, Tacos Mexico, Baby Suga’s Cheesesteak Shack, Holy Churro and Outlaw Roasted Corn), midway games and carnival rides (provided by Elliot Amusements), vendors and more. The event is family friendly, with free admission for kids younger than 10.

Poultices & Topicals at Urandale Farm - Learn about poultices, infused oils, balms, and salves using common herbs and garden “weeds” that support skin health and first aid. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 705 S. Hayford Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/58009442393.

Self-Honoring Circle Chapter 4: There Is Not Enough ... - What beliefs do we carry about scarcity, lack, and limitation? And what begins to shift when we create space to notice support? Four-week

course. 1-4 p.m. Virtual — register at deepsoul-creativeart.my.canva.site.

TGIF Dance Party - Upstairs in the Lakeview banquet room. Doors 7 p.m., line dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dance 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Ben Kitchen the house. Dinner buffet provided. Cash/credit bar available. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

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SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH MI Chapter 570 Lien Act 148): The following self-storage units containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by Legacy Self Storage 111 Winstanley Blvd Grand Ledge MI 48837 to satisfy a lien on Auction Sale 6/24/2026 at 10:00 AM at storagetreasures.com : Unit 248 Thomas Bani-Salah and Unit 147 Matthew Thelen

CP#26-228

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF LIENED PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC SALE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED and will be held on bid13.com, ending Friday, June 26th, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. The location of the storage unit items to be sold is State Mini Storage, 3946 E. State Road, Bath, Michigan of Clinton County. State Mini Storage will sell units via bid13.com to satisfy the lien on the property stored at this facility by the following persons:

Name	Unit	Contents
Janet Saxton	K530	Furniture, Boxes, Bags, Baskets, Household Items

Cash only accepted (Note: A credit card is required to create a bid13.com account but cannot be used to pay for the auction items). Winning bidders must pay the amount of their winning bid plus a \$100 deposit in cash when visiting our office to collect items won at auction. Deposit will be returned after the Property Manager confirms the unit has been left completely empty with no damage caused by the bidder or their associates. **No person under the age of 18 years is allowed to make bids at the sale.** Accounts will be sent to a collection service if a balance remains after the auction (to be paid by the original renter). All purchased goods are sold “as is” and must be removed no later than the Monday following the auction at 8:30 a.m. The unit is to be left completely empty in a clean and rentable condition. No usage of our site dumpster is allowed for the sale.

CP#26-231

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting Synopsis – June 10, 2026

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 with Supervisor Poth, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Cemetery Fee Schedule changes
- Cemetery memorial wall for the green burial section from Greater Lansing Monument, with cost not to exceed \$18,000
- Cemetery Columbarium landscaping/maintenance proposal from Kathy Bietau, with cost for supplies not to exceed \$500.

The next regular Board meeting will be held July 8, 2026 at 6:00pm. (note time change for this meeting only) 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
Williamstown Township Clerk

CP#26-235

Fête de la Musique

3-7 p.m. Sunday, June 21
Fish Ladder Music Park
216 Grand Ave., Lansing
Free
lansingriverfront.org



A new music festival at the Fish Ladder Music Park aims to plug Lansing into a global tradition.

The Fête de la Musique is an annual French celebration transforming public spaces into open-air stages. Today, it's observed in hundreds of cities worldwide.

Lansing's event will feature live music and interactive activities for anyone wanting to experience the joy of making music together.

"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."

Cassin-Ross, the owner of local French cultural center Aux Petits Soins, hopes Fête de la Musique becomes an annual tradition for the region.

"I was surprised when I moved to Lansing to find out that no one had heard of Fête de la Musique before," she said. "Because Lansing has such a vibrant arts and music scene, it seemed a natural fit for the area, so I'm happy to be able to introduce it to my community."

gives all of us a chance to offer what we're ready to leave behind into the fire. The day includes a Path Keepers class (\$), a community feast, and a teacup raffle. 1-9 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. weaversoftwareweb.org.

AfroBeats Party - Bringing nonstop global grooves to the dance floor, this party blends the sounds of Afrobeat, amapiano, dancehall, Afro Congo, reggae and bongo beats into one unfor-

gettable night of music. 10:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

All Your Friends - An indie dance party for the ones who still romanticize a scratched iPod, American Spirits, and a blurry night soundtracked by bloghouse and post-punk revival. 9:30 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. greendoorlive.com.

Bookend Gallery Display by Nanette Mathe - Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

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

Lansing Area Vintage Computer Club Meet v2.0 - The LAVCC is excited to announce our next quarterly event! There will be several VCF-style displays, meeting and greeting, repair booths, an information table, and more! 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. lavcc.org/events/3.

LGBTQ+ Lansing History Zine - We're creating a team to help collect stories, photos, memories, timelines, art, and local history for a community-made zine. Join us for our first volunteer gathering. 11 a.m.-noon. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/frank.vaca.94.

Market on the Grand - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/market_on_the_grand.php.

Midwest Ultimate Fun Fly - 9 a.m.-7 p.m. CARDS Radio-Controlled Flying Field, 8328 Otto Road, Grand Ledge. cardsrc.com.

Morning in the Meadow: Yoga + Horses + Coffee - Gentle yoga and an equine connection experience at Hands on Harmony Farm, complete with coffee from Tin Cup Café. 9:30-11 a.m. 5611 Lehman Road, DeWitt. eventbrite.com/o/33758942911.

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

Path Keepers Warrior Arts - In this class, we train from the foundations with stance and breath, footwork, strikes, blocks, and simple combinations, all the building blocks of self-protection and self-mastery. The deeper work is the same: clarity, restraint, boundaries, and presence. 1-2:30 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

"Seeking Kenny: A Wrestler's Journey" Release Celebration - Michael Copperman's new book, "Seeking Kenny," is about the extremes of wrestling as seen through the story of five-time national champion Kenny Cox's pilgrimage deep into the wilderness of Kauai's Na Pali Coast. 3 p.m. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/EverybodyReads.

Spring/Summer Appetizers - Each participant will make three to four different dips/spreads of their choice. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Brady's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

Sunday, June 21

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/summerlands-brewing.

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

Home Runs for Heroes - Celebrate Father's Day at the ballpark with the Lansing Fire Department vs. the Lansing Police Department in a friendly showdown that gives back. 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/lansinglugnuts.

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

Mega Mall Marketplace & Flea Market Extravaganza - Free admission! Discover your next treasure at Mega Mall, where every visit is an adventure! 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 15487 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. 517-487-3275.

Midwest Ultimate Fun Fly - 9 a.m.-7 p.m. CARDS Radio-Controlled Flying Field, 8328 Otto Road, Grand Ledge. cardsrc.com.

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.

Williamston Farm & Artisan Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. williamstonfarmmarket.org.

Yoga in the Cemetery - Join Jen C Yoga and the city of Lansing for our annual peaceful morning of movement and mindfulness in honor of International Yoga Day! 10 a.m. Evergreen Cemetery, 2600 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingParksandRecreation.

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Saturday, June 20

2026 Litha Celebration - Our annual Litha ritual celebrates the babies born this past year, welcomes new adults into the community, and

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

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Monday, June 22

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.

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

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

Broadway Summer Performance Class for Teens and Adults - Develop skills and techniques for singing and acting on stage. Ten-week class. Meets twice per week. 6-7:30 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhala-center.com.

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.

EnhanceFitness - Join us for free, fun, core-strengthening exercise. We meet at All Saints Lutheran Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9-10 a.m. 720 W. South St., Mason. allsaintsmason.org.

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

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.

Game Night: Fish Ladder Music Park - Game night brings together DJ trivia, carnival games, music, food trucks, vendors, and riverfront fun every Monday from 6-9 p.m. 216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. lansingriverfront.org.

Nerf Battle Returns! - Players will run, dodge, and dive as they try to out-wit and out-blast the competition during NERF Mobile Games! Registration req. 6-7 p.m. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9325 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.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.

Science Heroes: Digging It! - Unearth your curiosity as we dig into the incredible science that's all around us! Watch as they harness the power of pressure and energy with their Toilet Tornado, help them experiment with physical vs. chemical changes with their Disappearing Polymer, and more. 2-3 p.m. Willow Ridge Elementary School, 12840 Nixon Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Start with Art: K-12 Educator Workshop - Deepen your experience with contemporary art and education in this half-day workshop for K-12 teachers. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Tuesday, June 23

"& Juliet" - Created by the Emmy-winning writer from "Schitt's Creek," this hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Acting Scene Study Class for Teens and Adults - Students will learn the fundamentals of acting: diction, projection, stage presence, stage directions, working off their partner, basic script work and improvisation. Ten-week class. 6:30-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhala-center.com.

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

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

Bookend Gallery Display by Nanette Mathe - 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.

Dinosaur Stained Glass Art for Teens - Use a photo frame, paint and glue to create a dinosaur-themed faux stained glass art piece. 3-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

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.

Improv Acting Class for Teens and Adults - Perform your characters and learn how to make them funnier and more dramatic! We play many theater games and learn why "yes, and" is the basic rule of improv. Ten-week class 6:30-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhala-center.com.

SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH MI Chapter 570 Lien Act 148):
The following self-storage units containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by Legacy Self Storage 918 W. Jefferson St Grand Ledge MI 48837 to satisfy a lien on Auction Sale 6/24/2026 at 10:00 AM at storagetreasures.com : Unit 064 Douglas Root

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**CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1358**

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to conform the Lansing Codified Ordinances to the 2026 revised Lansing City Charter by amending Chapter 218, adding Section 218.06 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

Effective date: Tuesday, June 23, 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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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

20 years ago, before I met Mr. She Ate, I was deep in my heyday of young-professional living: disposable income, no youth sports

on the weekends and eating happy-hour appetizers without fear of midnight indigestion. My friends and I would occasionally venture north of downtown to the Airport Tavern, where we always encountered a mix of professionals, blue-collar workers and retirees, many of whom had come for the famous Sizzler steak.

Well, the times, they have a-changed. My life is 180 degrees different, and the Airport Tavern is under new ownership and even goes by a new name: The ATS of Lansing. I hadn't stepped foot inside for a few decades before recently, when I brought my two young kids with me for a Friday lunch.

My son, who is 8 years old, is developing some kind of understanding of what we do with this column and asked me if he could give me a "report" on the boys' bathroom. The lock was higher than was comfortable for him (because he is an actual child), but he loved all the airplane artwork throughout the restaurant, and the lemonade wasn't too sour.

Both children were famished, and we ordered the Bavarian pretzel (\$12) to start, but our server forgot to put it in. Fortunately, our order arrived very quickly. My son attacked his fries and chicken, while his sister cleared her entire plate of fries before taking a single bite of her pasta with red sauce.

My steak salad (\$17) was excellent. Crisp, chopped romaine was topped with halved cherry tomatoes, blue cheese crumbles, croutons and sliced steak that was a perfectly cooked medium. I love a hearty salad, especially on hot summer days, and this steak made me remember why generations of people have flocked to the restaurant.

My son ate his entire kids' meal and then asked for another, which has never happened before. The first week of summer vacation had him bouncing from golf camp to soccer tryouts to baseball games. I would have been catatonic if I'd had that much activity in five days.

The entire family returned for a Sunday brunch. We love to go out for brunch on the weekends, but it's sometimes challenging to find a restaurant that offers something my children will eat as well as something that doesn't make me feel like I'm restricted to kid-friendly food.

Well, we found it. The kids both had the chicken and waffles (\$14), and, ladies and gentlemen, they both ate it. The waffles were sweeter than I expected, but that's what worked so well with the crispy, savory fried chicken.

After questioning the server quite a bit due to the intriguing menu description, I chose the egg-and-avocado croquettes (\$12), which were unique and delicious. Avocado is mashed and cooked into an egg patty, which is then topped with ham or turkey (I did one of each), a fat slice of tomato, shredded lettuce

The ATS carries on legacy of Airport Tavern

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

The ATS of Lansing is the kind of place where food lovers will find themselves on a nourishing flight path. Formerly known as Airport Tavern &



Beverly

Steakhouse, this longtime Lansing institution recently complet-

ed a "takeoff" under new ownership while preserving much of the character and loyal following that made it a local landmark for decades. I grew up near the airport and have fond memories of meals with my dad at the former steakhouse.

Walking into The ATS feels like arriving at a familiar terminal that has undergone a first-class renovation. New owner Marcus Powers has updated the menu, and the renewed attention to quality suggests the restaurant is steadily climbing toward cruising altitude.

The food is a smooth ride from start to finish. The expanded menu offers plenty of options for every passenger on the culinary journey. Whether you're clearing the runway with an appetizer, settling in for a hearty steak dinner or grabbing a burger and a drink at the bar, the kitchen staff demonstrates the consistency and confidence of an experienced flight crew. Longtime patrons will appreciate that The ATS has retained many of the qualities that made Airport Tavern a Lansing favorite.

The service deserves special recognition. The staff creates an experience that feels less like a transaction and more like being welcomed aboard by a small but mighty flight crew that genuinely enjoys what they do. Friendly hospitality, attentive service and a comfortable atmosphere help make every visit feel like a direct flight rather than an annoying layover.

On-time arrivals

Longtime fans of the Airport Tavern will be happy to know that steaks remain a top priority at The ATS. I stopped in solo mid-week and chose my dad's longtime favorite, The Sizzler, now called The Tavern (\$19). This 8-ounce steak was succulent, tender and cooked to a perfect medium rare. I appreciated the familiar presentation, a nod to tradition, but the flavor surpassed my expectations, especially with the rich, seasoned butter melted over the top of the steak. Paired with a baked potato and toast, this meal is a timeless classic that continues to deliver.

Round trip worthy

The olive burger (\$16) is a new contender for Top of the Town. A thick and juicy burger on a toasted bun was layered with half slices of olives and mayo, making for a mile-high mess in all the right ways. I paired the burger with onion rings, which were thick cut with a heavy batter. They could have benefited from an accompanying dipping sauce, but ketchup is always in my carry-on bag.

Another hit was the shareable truffle chips (\$9). Thin-sliced potatoes were fried, tossed in truffle oil, and topped with parmesan and green onion. These were dangerously good — I would suggest getting more than one order, or run the risk of an unhappy co-pilot after you've eaten more than your share.

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Lansing
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Thursday
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-
Saturday
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday
(517) 321-3852
The ATS of Lansing on
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Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

The ATS of Lansing's blackened salmon sandwich is undeniably first-class, in Bryan Beverly's opinion.

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She Ate

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and chipotle-lime sour cream. They were savory and unexpected in a delightful way.

Mr. She Ate split the croquettes with me and also polished off a Greek yogurt parfait (\$8), which would have been better with fresh fruit, not fruit in syrup. Nonetheless, the Lawrence Four were happy, fed and caffeinated (the adults, at least) and will plan to return before another 20 years slips away.

He Ate

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Best bite

When I say I can't wait to order the blackened salmon sandwich (\$16) again, I truly mean it. Cooked to perfection, the fish had a flavorful, expertly seared exterior, and the fresh, vibrant coleslaw provided both a satisfying crunch and a bright, tangy contrast. This handheld is a lighter, healthier alternative to heavier options like burgers or pulled pork, yet the flavor profile was rich, balanced and undeniably first-class.



TOP 5 PANCAKES

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

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2. Golden Harvest

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3. Sophia's House of Pancakes

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7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily

4. Sparty's Coney Island

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