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250 Years Young... and Acting Like It

I'm just not feeling the Fourth of July.

That surprises me, because I know I'll never see another one like this. A nation's 250th birthday only comes around once every quarter millennium. In my lifetime, this is it. This should have been one of those rare moments that transcended politics—a celebration of an idea bigger than whoever happened to occupy the White House. Instead, it feels like another campaign rally draped in red, white and blue.

The Smithsonian Folklife Festival had reportedly been planning for America's semiquincentennial for nearly a decade. Historians, artists, musicians, educators and communities all working toward a celebration worthy of 250 years of American history.

Then along comes Donald Trump, rubber-stamping himself across the occasion as though the country sprang into existence the day he descended the golden escalator.

It is exhausting.

The physical celebration somehow captures the mood perfectly. There's the so-called "Temu Arch"—an imitation standing where symbolism should be. A Ferris wheel. Makeshift state exhibits that resemble temporary office cubicles more than showcases of fifty remarkably different places. Several states aren't even participating.

This is the grand celebration? For America's 250th birthday?

We've managed to make a once-in-a-lifetime national milestone feel like a county fair assembled over a long weekend. I've seen more impressive carnivals and home shows.

Maybe that's fitting. Because the spectacle increasingly resembles the politics.

Every day seems to bring another vanity project. Another loyalty test. Another cast of political rejects and opportunists lining up to applaud whatever today's performance happens to be. Competence has become optional. Flattery has become a governing philosophy. Even the reflecting pool tells the story.

Millions were reportedly spent to "restore" it, only for the repairs to begin falling apart almost immediately. It's hard to imagine a more fitting metaphor for this moment in American history: pour a fortune into something cosmetic, declare it a triumph, stage the photo opportunity, and then watch the façade crumble while insisting everything has never been better.

That isn't just a reflecting pool. It's a reflection of the administration—and, more troublingly, of a society that increasingly mistakes spectacle for success and branding for achievement.

What saddens me isn't simply the aesthetics. It's what we've become comfortable accepting.

America once projected possibility. We were never perfect—far from it—but there was an aspiration that mattered. The promise wasn't that we'd always get it right. The promise was that we were always trying to become something better.

Now we seem more interested in projecting strength than demonstrating character.

Projection instead of promise. Performance instead of principle.

Branding instead of leadership.

Somewhere along the way, patriotism became confused with merchandising. Flags became props instead of symbols. History became something to edit rather than understand. Criticism became betrayal instead of one of the most American things a citizen can do.

The irony is impossible to ignore.

We're celebrating 250 years of a nation that declared independence from kings, while increasingly behaving as though questioning one man is somehow unpatriotic.

Perspective helps.

The United States feels ancient to Americans because it's all we've ever known. But globally, we're still one of the younger countries. Europe is filled with cities older than our Constitution. Nations in Asia, Africa and the Middle East measure their histories in millennia, not centuries.

By comparison, we're babies. And we're acting like it, petulant and impulsive. Convinced we're the smartest person in every room while refusing to learn from anyone else.

A healthy 250-year-old nation should possess confidence, wisdom, and humility. Instead, we're throwing tantrums on the world stage. Perhaps that's why this birthday feels so bittersweet.

Anniversaries aren't just celebrations. They're audits. They force us to ask what we've built, what we've squandered, and whether we're leaving the next generation something worth inheriting.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, a handful of imperfect but audacious people signed a document that amounted to a wager—that free people, governing themselves, could build something more durable than the ambitions of any one man.

That experiment was never guaranteed to succeed. Every generation is asked the same question: Will you leave the republic stronger than you found it?

I'm not sure ours can answer that with confidence.

Instead of celebrating the country we have become, we're arguing over the mythology we've invented. Instead of protecting the institutions that carried us here, we're testing how much abuse they can withstand before they finally give way. We have confused patriotism with performance and loyalty with silence.

The world isn't watching America because we're 250 years old. The world is watching to see whether a 250-year-old democracy still deserves to grow old.

I hope the answer is yes. But hope has never been enough.

A birthday cake can hide a cracked foundation for an afternoon. Fireworks can light the sky for twenty minutes. Flags can flutter in the summer breeze.

None of those things tell you whether the house is still standing.

That answer only comes the morning after the celebration.

And I have a feeling July 5th will tell us far more about America than July 4th ever could.

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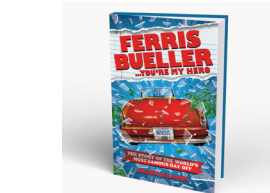


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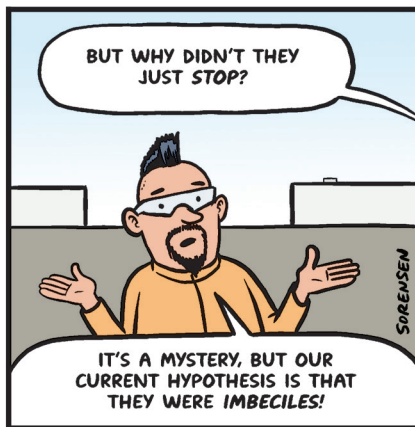
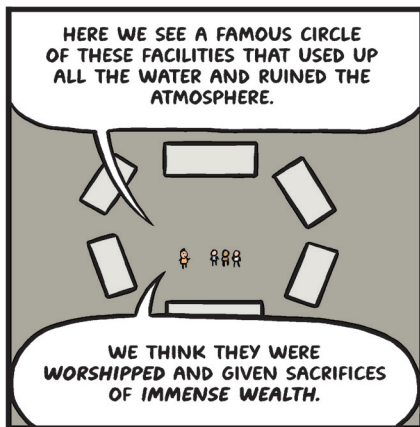
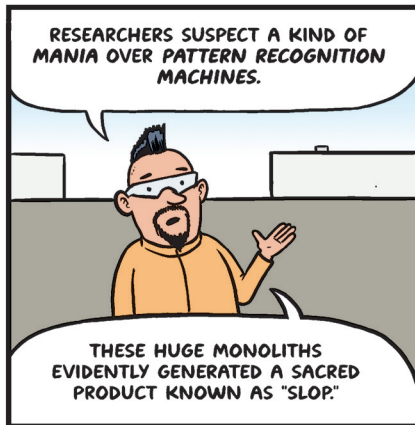
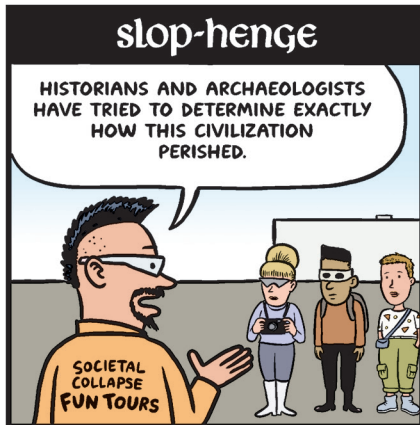
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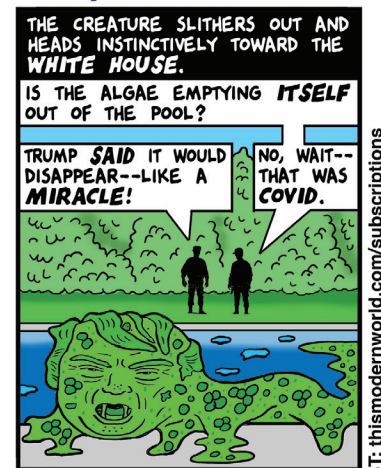
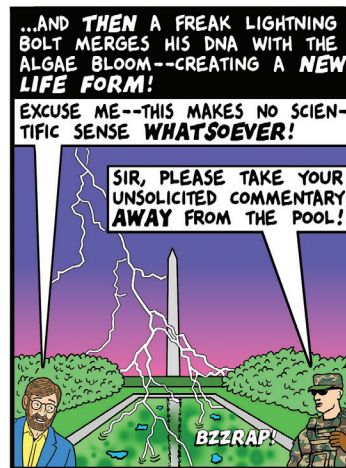
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ICE has confirmed an arrest in Lansing

By ERICK DIAZ VELIZ

Two apparent immigration actions near East César E. Chávez Avenue in Lansing on June 19 were, according to a local activist group, the first publicly known Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations in the area this year.

A male from El Salvador was detained by ICE agents June 19 at 303 E. César E. Chávez Ave. in Lansing, during a targeted vehicle stop, according to a spokesperson from the Department of Homeland Security.

The DHS spokesperson, who didn't identify himself, said in an email that the person arrested "admitted that he illegally entered the U.S. in 2020" and that there was a final judicial order of removal to Guatemala on June 9.

The arrested individual is currently in ICE custody at the North Lake Processing Center in Baldwin, according to the DHS website. It is the largest ICE prison in the Midwest, located in a rural, wooded area on the west side of the Lower Peninsula. It is operated by the private prison corporation GEO Group. With a capacity of 1,800 inmates, the prison has had numerous complaints of abuse, lack of food, lack of medical care and slow immigration processes, as well as of keeping immigrants detained for up to six months or more.

On the same day as that arrest, videos shared on social media show an apparent immigration raid on a home near East César E. Chávez, conducted by agents wearing ICE and Enforcement and Removal Operations patches.

A female witness in the neighborhood told City Pulse that the agents were looking for someone who no longer lived there. The agents took someone anyway and began following others in the area.

"More than 10 cars were circling the area," said the witness, who declined to give her name for fear of reprisals. "At first, we suspected it was ICE, so we called the police about the suspicious cars, but they didn't do anything. They just circled the area once the police left, and then about nine



Courtesy,

A flier showing information from Lansing Migra Watch.

more cars arrived."

"We feel afraid," she said. "We are afraid of not returning home and leaving our family behind."

DHS did not respond to requests for comments regarding the videos of the apparent immigration raid.

The Lansing Police Department directed comments to a city spokesperson, Scott Bean, who said the city was not aware of any immigration enforcement that day in the area.

"ICE does not have to let us know if they are operating in Lansing," Bean said. "So, we have no information about their activities. The city of Lansing has no information and was not contacted in advance about the alleged detainment of an individual last week."

Bean said the city of Lansing and the LPD operate under "an executive order that makes it clear that the enforcement of immigration law is the responsibility of the federal government." He said the LPD is not tasked with enforcing civil immigration laws, and the immigration status of any individual is "immaterial with respect



Courtesy

A screenshot from one of several videos online showing a man being taken into custody by people wearing ICE patches.

to LPD's mission statement and core values."

Lansing Migra Watch, an advocacy group for immigrant rights, said in a statement to City Pulse that Lansing is fortunate to have seen less ICE activity than other parts of the state over the past year, with these actions being the first publicly known since last year.

"Last week's attack is a reminder that the threat is very real," the Migra Watch team said. "Every person stolen is a tragedy. Neighbors must be prepared to defend each other, as we have seen the power of this in cities across the country."

As it always warns, the federal immigration agency clarified that "being in detention is a choice." The agency encouraged any "illegal aliens" to self-deport with the CBP Home App. A DHS spokesperson said the government is offering \$2,600 and a free flight for those who self-deport.

"We encourage every person here illegally to take advantage of this offer

and reserve the chance to come back to the U.S. the right legal way to live the American dream," the spokesperson said in a statement. "If not, you will be arrested and deported without a chance to return."

The Migra Watch team recommended that if residents see ICE or Border Patrol, or potential agents, they call its hotline at (517)742-2756. It has English and Spanish-speaking hotline operators, with hopes of covering more languages soon. "Reach out if you are fluent in more languages and potentially interested in becoming an operator," the team said.

Bean said the mayor's office has put together an "immigration toolkit" page on the city's website that provides links and information that may be helpful to residents. It can be found at www.lansingmi.gov/1390/City-of-Lansing-Immigration-Toolkit.

A town hall about the Lansing housing crisis

“Rent Is Too Damn High” tenants’ rights advocacy group hosted a Lansing town hall where local elected officials listened to concerns about the city’s housing crisis

By **ERICK DÍAZ VELIZ**

Shawn Brock is a member of the tenants’ rights advocacy group “Rent Is Too Damn High.” He began a town hall last Wednesday (June 24) by condemning sweeps of unhoused people in the area.

“You may push somebody, or force them somewhere, but the problem still exists,” he said. “That goes into the problem of continuing with the sweeps, because you are just forcing somebody to find a new spot, shake up their entire life.”

Brock said forcing unhoused people to move away doesn’t solve homelessness, as they often lose their belongings and end up in another encampment. “It isn’t a crime to be on the list, right?” he asked. “Oftentimes, you see folks who are in a very tough position and, for one reason or another, are taken away. And it all starts because they may be out on the sidewalk.”

Rent Is Too Damn High convened a community forum Wednesday at the Fledge in Lansing to address the housing crisis. Joined by other rights organizations, such as Homeless Union and Student High, the meeting served as a platform for unhoused residents, advocates and a panel of elected officials to discuss the systemic failures of the local housing market.

The panel included Natasha Atkinson (chief of staff for State Rep. Emily Dievendorf), Ingham County Register of Deeds Derrick Quinney, County Commissioner Robert Peña and Lansing City Council members Ryan Kost and Trini Pehlivanoglu.

The discussion was also centered on the “Homeless Bill of Rights” and the ethics of municipal camp sweeps, increasing funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and the necessity of establishing safe parking zones for those living in vehicles.

The meeting marked the beginning of a summer series for the organization, intended to mobilize people toward tangible legislative changes.

Several people said that without immediate intervention, the gap between rising rents and stagnant wages will continue to displace the city’s most vulnerable populations. Elected officials weighed in.

“You look at an area like Dietrich Park,” Kost said, “and what was going on there, the city did not do, in my opinion, a very good job on that. I really wish that had gone differently.”

“There is an appropriate way that you can have a safe space,” he said. “Some basic ground rules without being Big Brother and wanting to control the decisions that someone’s not ready to make.”

The forum concluded with comments from some of the officials.

The City Council members announced the upcoming introduction of a tenant background screening ordinance, “hopefully” in July, designed to prevent landlords from automatically disqualifying applicants based on criminal history.

On the state level, there is a renewed push for the Renter’s Bill of Rights and legislation to end the state preemption on rent control, which would allow municipalities to set their own rent caps.

Homelessness, data centers take center stage at SD-28, HD-74 forum

By **KYLE MELINN**

The Democratic candidates running for both the open 28th Senate District seat and the 74th House District seat — by and large — found consensus Monday night (June 29) in their concerns over large-scale data centers and for treating homelessness as a housing issue instead of a criminal one.

The forums, hosted by the Lansing NAACP, Mid-Michigan Tenant Resource Center, Home Rule Project and SEIU Michigan, drew candidates for seats being vacated by Senate Majority Floor Leader Sam Singh (D-East Lansing) and Rep. Kara Hope (D-Holt).

Each candidate who addressed the issue of data centers voiced support for either a moratorium or significantly stronger state regulations.

SD-28 candidate Ted Kilvington, formerly an analyst for the State Court Administrator and the Michigan State Police, called for an immediate statewide moratorium on all data center construction until lawmakers establish standards requiring developers to pay for their own electrical, water and sewer infrastructure and to treat their own water onsite.

Kilvington, 57, called data centers his signature issue. He spoke about the centers needing to have a “closed-loop system.” The millions of gallons of water used to cool these enormous collections of computer servers, he said, should be treated onsite rather than being sent to a municipal facility for treatment.

His primary opponent, Rashida Harrison, an educator, also backed a moratorium, saying lawmakers need more information on the long-term environmental and health effects of the facilities, particularly those powering artificial intelligence operations. She also said local residents should have the final say on whether such projects are welcome in their communities.

Ingham County Commissioner Bob Peña raised concerns about the effect data centers could have on groundwater quality and the heat generated from them. Fellow County Commissioner Mark Polsdofer took a more measured approach and pointed to House Democratic caucus legislation



Mark Polsdofer



Bob Peña



Ted Kilvington



Rashida Harrison

intended to better regulate data center construction. He also voiced support for local officials’ ability to shoot down these investments.

“We also need to think about our friends at IBEW and the plumbers and pipefitters and the carpenters who are counting on this to feed their families,” he said.

The House District 74 (covering south Lansing, Holt) candidates were even more emphatic.

Democrat Aaron Iturralde, 24, said he supports at least a one-year statewide moratorium to allow time to study the facilities’ environmental, health and economic impacts.

“We don’t know everything and all the impacts that these data centers will do, whether it’s to our environment, to our neighborhoods, to our air, to our land, to our water, to our farms,” he said.

The Grand Ledge social studies teacher connected the issue to

both environmental concerns and the rise of artificial intelligence in schools, saying, “I am seeing the impacts of AI in our schools, and it is scary.”

Fellow Democrat TyJuan Thirdgill proposed a longer two-year moratorium and called for repealing the tax incentives approved in 2024 to encourage data center development. He also argued local communities should have the ability to reject projects they do not want.

Former Lansing NAACP President Harold Pope accused developers of trying to rush projects before sufficient studies had been completed and said stronger “guardrails” are needed to protect ratepayers and communities.

The other issue that united candidates across both forums was homelessness.

Candidates in both races re-

Michigan Independent Media Group acquires Tribune Recorder Leader, reuniting historic Thumb-area newspapers

SANDUSKY, Mich. — Michigan Independent Media Group announced today the acquisition of the Tribune Recorder Leader in Sandusky, Ohio, reuniting two newspapers whose histories have been intertwined for nearly seven decades.

The acquisition marks the fifth newspaper owned by Michigan Independent Media Group and brings the Tribune Recorder Leader and the Yale Expositor back under common ownership for the first time in decades.

The connection between the two publications dates back to the late 1950s, when publisher Bill Irving owned both newspapers. After a devastating fire destroyed the Sandusky Republican Tribune building in 1958, the newspaper continued publishing from Yale while Sandusky rebuilt.

“For us, this isn’t simply another newspaper acquisition,” said Lonnie



Scott, CEO of Buried Lede Media. “It’s an opportunity to reunite two newspapers with a remarkable shared history. When the Tribune’s building burned, the Yale Expositor helped keep it alive. Today, we’re honored to bring these publications back under the same um-

brella and continue the legacy of serving the community with strong local journalism.”

The acquisition continues Michigan Independent Media Group’s investment in local journalism across the state. Through its operating company, Buried Lede Media, MIMG now publishes the City Pulse, Tribune Recorder Leader, Yale Expositor, Tri-City Times and the Hamtramck Review.

In addition, MIMG recently partnered with Civic Media to acquire five radio stations serving communities across Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, expanding its commitment to delivering trusted local news across print, digital, and broadcast platforms.

Since acquiring its first newspaper in 2025, Buried Lede Media has invested heavily in modernizing local news operations while preserving the community-focused reporting readers ex-

pect. Recent initiatives include launching new websites, expanding digital newsletters, implementing a modern content management system across its publications, growing newsroom staffing, and increasing local reporting capacity through partnerships such as Report for America.

The Tribune Recorder Leader will continue serving Sandusky and the surrounding communities while benefiting from shared technology, operational support, and collaboration across the Buried Lede Media network.

“Our philosophy has always been that strong local newspapers create stronger communities,” Scott said. “We’re not interested in cutting our way to survival. We’re investing in journalism, in technology, and, most importantly, in the communities our newspapers serve.”

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peatedly rejected efforts by local governments to criminalize homeless encampments and instead advocated for housing-first policies and greater investments in supportive housing.

Peña, 63, called housing “a human right.” Having worked with the county Land Bank, the former Department of Transportation engineer spoke of a period of time early in his life when he said he ran out of money and slept in a law library for a few months.

Kilvington argued that the state would likely save money by investing more heavily in public housing because stable housing could reduce crime and healthcare costs.

Harrison, 46, said she opposes anti-camping ordinances and supports statewide initiatives to make housing more accessible, including social housing and mixed-income developments. The first-time candidate tapped into her experience as a researcher and equity strategist when she said, “Your experience is actually data.”

She argued that legislation should be built around the needs of those with the least power. She also gave a specific housing policy answer, citing repeal of the rent-control ban and support for tenants’ rights legislation.

Polsdofer highlighted work he has done with the Michigan Department of Transportation to ensure individuals experiencing homelessness are connected with services and resources rather than simply moved from place to place.



Aaron Iturralde

The House candidates adopted a similar tone.

Iturralde said homelessness should always be addressed “with empathy first” and argued that the state needs to provide local governments with more resources to get people into housing and support services.

Pope, 66, the former president of Lansing’s NAACP branch, was even more direct.

“Homelessness should never be a crime, never ever,” he said, citing his previous work opposing anti-camping ordinances in East Lansing.

Thirdgill proposed sweeping legislation to ban encampment sweeps or, at a minimum, make them far more difficult to conduct by requiring advance notice, transportation to alternative locations



Harold Pope

and the involvement of social workers instead of police officers. He argued that every person experiencing homelessness is evidence of a policy failure by government.

The roughly hour-long forums ran back-to-back.

Among the most notable moments was when Polsdofer, 54, revealed he suffered a stroke two-and-a-half years ago and left the hospital using a wheeled walker. He said the experience deepened his appreciation for health care access and the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. After months of rehabilitation, he said he can now ride a bike and run 5Ks again.

Thirdgill, a 27-year-old political organizer, used his closing statement to call attention to conditions at the Women’s



TyJuan Thirdgill

Huron Valley Correctional Facility, citing three recent inmate deaths and criticizing state leaders for not launching a more aggressive investigation. He urged attendees to contact state officials and demand accountability, saying the conditions inside the prison are “horrific” and the deaths are “unacceptable.”

Pope leaned into his life experiences. He served 10 years in the military, spent more than three decades in the auto industry, raised children as a single parent and, at one point, worried about being evicted while working nights. Those experiences, he said, have given him an understanding of the challenges many families face and prepared him to advocate for those struggling with housing, finances and other troubles.

State of Michigan Probate Court, County of Ingham, Notice of Hearing, File No. 26-000801-GM-P33. In the matter of Taylor Demerio DeLamarter. To All Interested Persons including Taylor Donaldson whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: Take Notice: A hearings will be held on July 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at 341 S. Jefferson St., Mason, MI 48854 before Judge Richard J. Garcia for the following purpose: Uncontested hearing on petition for guardianship of a minor. 6/5/2026. Petitioner: Jolon DeLamarter-Bowers, 1643 N. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823. 517-883-1298. **CP#26-254**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.**

1. A public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance 1564, an amendment to Chapter 50 of the City Code to rezone several properties within the City of East Lansing but with DeWitt Township zoning to an appropriate and equivalent East Lansing zone district. The properties, parcel numbers, current DeWitt Township zoning, and proposed East Lansing zoning are as follows:

Property Address, if available	Permanent parcel #	Current DeWitt Township zone	Proposed City of East Lansing zone
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CHANDLER RD VACANT	19-20-50-25-100-013	BC* (Business)	B2 (Retail Sales Business)
E STATE RD VACANT	19-20-50-26-400-026	M4* (Multiple Family)	RM22 (Medium Density Multiple Family)
2870 E STATE RD	19-20-50-35-100-030	A* (Agricultural)	B4 (Restricted Office Business)
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16851 WEST RD	19-20-50-35-400-160	R3* (Single-Family Residential)	B4 (Restricted Office Business)
16877 WEST RD	19-20-50-35-400-165	R3* (Single-Family Residential)	B4 (Restricted Office Business)
3070 E STATE RD	19-20-50-36-200-005	A* (Agricultural)	R2 (Medium Density Single-Family Residential)
LANDLOCKED COLEMAN RD	19-20-50-36-200-020	A* (Agricultural)	R2 (Medium Density Single-Family Residential)

3303 E COLEMAN RD	19-20-50-36-300-005	A* (Agricultural)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
3151 E COLEMAN RD	19-20-50-36-300-010	A* (Agricultural)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
3203 E COLEMAN RD VACANT	19-20-50-36-300-015	A* (Agricultural)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
3255 E COLEMAN RD	19-20-50-36-300-018	A* (Agricultural)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
E COLEMAN RD VACANT	19-20-50-36-300-019	A* (Agricultural)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
3321 E COLEMAN RD	19-20-50-36-300-022	BC* (Business)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
3341 E COLEMAN RD	19-20-50-36-303-101	BC* (Business)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)
E COLEMAN RD VACANT	19-20-50-36-303-102	BC* (Business)	RM14 (Low-Density Multiple Family)

2. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 1573, an amendment to Chapter 50 of the City Code (Zoning) to rezone 825 W. Lake Lansing Rd. from RM22 (Medium-Density Multiple-Family Residential) to RM14 (Low-Density Multiple-Family Residential) in order to bring an existing single-family residence into conformity with the Zoning Ordinance.

3. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 1576, amendments to Chapter 50 of the City Code, the Zoning Ordinance, to require special use approval for multiple-family residential units in certain business districts, clarify requirements for retail sales of alcohol for off-site consumption, and add requirements for use of certain building incentives.

4. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 1572, which would amend Chapter 50 of the City Code - Zoning, Division 5 - Residential Restriction Overlay Districts, to add a new section 50-778, Removal of Property from Rental Restriction Overlay Districts.

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

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Members of the public may also participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact City Clerk Emily Gordon at 517.319.6891 or emily.gordon@cityofeastlansing.com (410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823) for additional information. Electronic access information is available on the City's public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/>.

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

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the City Council's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6869 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at ajwilliams@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

Dated: June 25, 2026
East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon
City Clerk

CP#26-246



Lansing Pride

More than 30,000 people attended a record-breaking Lansing Pride in Old Town on Saturday (June 27). Here are some scenes from the day.

Photos by Reynie Enger Photography



CityPULSE

Thanks for a great Lansing Pride 2026



NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 04 AUGUST 2026 CITY OF GRAND LEDGE, EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Grand Ledge who is not already registered, may register to vote online at www.mi.gov/vote, at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day for registering online, at the County Clerk's office or at a Secretary of State office will be **Monday, 20 July 2026**. **After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person at the City Clerk's office with proof of residency (MCL 168.492):**

Address	Regular Business Hours	Hours on Saturday, 01August2026	Hours on Tuesday, 04August2026
310 Greenwood St Grand Ledge MI 48837	Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following will be submitted to the electors at this election:

Candidates of the Democratic Party and Republican Party seeking nomination to the following partisan offices are to be voted for in the City of Grand Ledge: Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress 7th District, State Representative 77th District (Precincts 1, 2, and 3), State Representative 76th District (Precinct 4), and Precinct Delegates.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

JUVENILE MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL

For the purpose of continuing funding for detaining and housing Eaton County juveniles who are delinquent, to provide protective services for abused and neglected children, and to operate new and existing prevention and treatment programs for such juveniles and children, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all taxable real and tangible personal property within the County of Eaton, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 0.35 mill (\$0.35 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2029 to 2033, inclusive and shall the County levy such millage for said purposes? This is a renewal of a millage expiring in 2028 that has been rolled down over the years to 0.3495 by the Headlee Amendment and a restoration of that millage to the original 0.35 mill, and if approved and levied in its entirety, this millage will raise an estimated \$2,046,777 for juvenile housing and programs during the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. A small portion of the revenue collected (approximately \$39,564 in 2029) may be required to be distributed to Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities, Corridor Improvement Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authorities established in the cities of Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Potterville, Olivet, Township of Delta, and Village of Bellevue.

9-1-1 AND CENTRAL DISPATCH MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

For the purpose of continuing funding for a comprehensive, Countywide Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone and Central Dispatch Services, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all taxable real and tangible personal property within the County of Eaton, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 0.95 mill (\$0.95 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2029 to 2033, inclusive and shall the County levy such millage for said purposes? This is a renewal of a millage expiring in 2028 that has been rolled down over the years to 0.9486 by the Headlee Amendment and a restoration of that millage to the original 0.9500 mill, and if approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$5,555,537 in the first calendar year of levy to be distributed to Central Dispatch for countywide 9-1-1 facilities, functions and services as provided in the Eaton County 9-1-1 Service Plan. A small portion of the revenue collected (approximately \$107,389 in 2029) may be required to be distributed to Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities, Corridor Improvement Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authorities established in the cities of Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Potterville, Olivet, Township of Delta, and Village of Bellevue.

GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority to continue to levy up to 2.00 mills that was previously approved by the electors to fund operations for 6 years Of the 2.00 mills, 1.9551 mills represents a renewal of the 2.00 mills authorization approved by the electors in 2020, which expired with the 2025 tax levy and 0.0449 mill represents a restoration of that portion of the same millage authority which was reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority, County of Eaton, Michigan be increased by 2.0000 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2026 to 2031, inclusive, as a renewal of the 1.9551 mills previously authorized by the electors which expired with the 2025 levy plus new additional millage in the amount of 0.0449 mill, for emergency services authority operations? It is estimated that, if levied, the 2.00 mills would raise approximately \$1,093,466 when first levied in 2026.

SAMPLE BALLOTS may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote or at the City Clerk's office.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Any registered voter may request an absent voter ballot. No reason is required. The City Clerk's office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot, unless the registered voter is on the permanent ballot list. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office or by visiting <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>.

Monday, 03 August 2026 at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline to request an absent voter ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Absent voter ballots issued on Monday, 03 August 2026 may be requested in person at the City Clerk's office. Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, 04 August 2026, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the City Clerk's office.

MONDAY, 20 JULY 2026 – LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION OTHER THAN IN-PERSON

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk's office or call the Michigan Relay Center TDD # 1-800-649-3777.

City of Grand Ledge
Gregory Newman
City Clerk

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Lansing and East Lansing are publicizing the availability of their cooling centers as a heat wave is expected to bring some of the year's hottest weather this week, with temperatures in the mid-90s and heat indices in dangerous territory for many people. The cities generally are opening up city halls, community centers and libraries during regular daytime hours, along with buses, malls and other options. There are few late-night cooling center options, but several emergency homeless shelters are available. For specific locations and hours, visit LansingCityPulse.com or check with the cities.

The Michigan Waterways Stewards "officially declared our Capital City's Grand and Red Cedar Rivers, Sycamore Creek, all riverside parks, and adjacent stretches of the Lansing River Trail cleared and cleaned," in a press release and held a celebration Tuesday. The grassroots cleanup initiative has been cleaning the river for more than three years and the effort involved thousands of volunteers, according to the organization. Lansing Mayor Andy Schor was one of several guest speakers scheduled to appear at Rotary Park for the event.



The Fenner Conservancy was scheduled to host the official opening of the new Fenner Nature Playscape at Sycamore Creek Tuesday afternoon, celebrating a project designed to "serve as a hub for nature-based learning and play for all, especially children aged birth to five, their families, and educators," according to the Fenner Nature Center website. The playscape is built with materials like logs, boulders, sand and native plants to encourage open-ended play and to allow kids to climb, dig, balance, and explore at their own pace. Community members were invited to



attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony and to explore the playscape space afterward.

A 15-year-old male has died after being shot early Monday morning and a 20-year-old woman was injured, according to the Lansing Police Department. The teenager was found in the 2100 block of W. Hillsdale Street, near the city's St. Joseph Park, around 3:30 a.m., according to a police statement. Officers performed attempts to save the teen's life before Lansing Township Fire Department personnel arrived and took over medical care, but he was declared dead at the scene. The woman was found with a gunshot wound and was treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Police added that no arrests have yet been made and that this is an active investigation. Anyone with information about this homicide is asked to contact the LPD at 517-483-4600, Crime Stoppers at 517-483-7867, or send a private message through the department's Facebook page.



Lansing Police Department said officers are investigating an early Monday morning shooting that left a 22-year-old with a gunshot wound to the shoulder. The shooting is believed to have happened in the 2700 block of Moores River Drive, near where a 19-year-old woman was fatally shot earlier this month. A man is facing charges for the June 5 shooting.

The Eaton County Sheriff's Office told Fox 47 News that reports of gunshots at the Lansing Mall on Saturday night were fireworks. The noises, reported by several people including shopkeepers, brought more than a dozen police vehicles including most of the region's police departments. No injuries were reported and no evidence of gunfire was found, and officials told Fox 47 that fireworks were recovered.



U-M Health Sparrow's new behavioral health hospital will be named

the Janice M. Granger Behavioral Health Building following what the health care system called its largest-ever donation. Hospital spokesperson John Foren told the Lansing State Journal that the donation was eight figures, or at least \$10 million, and was higher than the previous highest donation of \$5 million. The specific donation amount will not be disclosed at the request of donors, the Alton L. and Janice M. Granger Charitable Gift Fund, according to the State Journal. U-M board members approved the 64-bed, \$83 million hospital during a February meeting. It was smaller than the original proposal of nearly 100 beds and followed a community effort to preserve the former Eastern High School.

The prediction market company Kalshi was ordered by Ingham County Judge Rosemarie E. Aquilina Monday to pause its sports betting operations in Michigan for the next two weeks. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has filed a lawsuit against the company, accusing it of violating the state's Lawful Sports Betting Act, prompting the restraining order. Kalshi allows users to place wagers on the likelihood of sports-related outcomes, which Nessel claims is "unlicensed gambling activity." She says Kalshi has been operating in the state without licensing approval from the Michigan Gaming Control Board. In the order, Judge Aquilina wrote, "Michigan's legalized gaming industry requires those who wish to place wagers to be 21 years of age or older. Kalshi, however, allows people to place wagers beginning at age 18. If Kalshi is allowed to continue to offer sports wagers, the potential irreparable harm on Michigan's youth would be profound."



The U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 Monday to reject President Trump's bid to delay an injunction that would have at least temporarily blocked his firing of Federal Reserve Board of Governors member and MSU economist Lisa Cook last year. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Sonia Soto-



mayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson were in favor of the decision, while Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Amy Coney Barrett dissented. "The government has not shown that it is likely to prevail on the legal arguments advanced in its stay application," Roberts wrote in his opinion. "Acceptance of the government's position would in effect transform the Federal Reserve's for-cause protection into at-will employment — an interpretive leap out of step with the statute Congress enacted and our nation's tradition of central banking protected from political interference."



Emily Barker, a 38-year-old Clinton Township firefighter, was one of three who died Saturday in the Knowles Fire in western Colorado, according to the U.S. Forest Service. "We mourn the loss of three firefighters who answered the call to protect others and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their fellow citizens," said U.S. Wildland Fire Service Chief Brian Fennesy. "Our thoughts are with their families, loved ones, friends and crewmates as they face an unimaginable loss. These firefighters embodied the courage, professionalism and selflessness that define the wildland fire service. Please join me and my family in keeping our thoughts and prayers with the families of the fallen and our injured firefighters and their families." Firefighters Nick Hutcherson, 27 of Glendale, Arizona and Sydney Watson, 27, of Warrior, Alabama, also died in the fire and two others were seriously injured.

Clinton County Animal Control is seeking information regarding the abandonment of five roosters near a gravel pit on Howe Road. Officials said the roosters were dumped there by someone and "left to fend for themselves." They were collected by the county and are now being cared for. Individuals with relevant information are asked to call animal control at 989-224-5116.

America 250 years later: Restoring the foundation of trust

By U.S. REP. TOM BARRETT

This week marks 250 years since our Founding Fathers boldly embarked on the greatest experiment in self-governance the world has ever known. For the next two and a half centuries, the United States of America would chart its own path forward as a nation that recognized that each person is endowed with the unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Against the odds, America grew from a fragile new republic into the greatest nation in the world. Generations before us led the world in harnessing electricity, building the highways and railroads that connected the continent, saving the world from tyranny, putting a man on the moon, pioneering breakthroughs in medicine and technology and by creating opportunities that drew generations of people from around the world seeking freedom and a better future.

Despite these advancements in the face of unthinkable adversity, our nation feels more divided than ever — much of which stems from a breakdown in trust in our government and institutions. If we want to preserve this experiment for the next 250 years, we need to get back to our founding principle: that we are a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

That's why I am leading the Blueprint for a Better America — my bold policy agenda to challenge the status quo and tackle the issues that matter most to everyday Americans.

The first pillar of my plan is restoring trust in government. That starts with holding elected officials to the same standard of integrity Americans expect in every other profession and ensuring our political system works for the people it represents.

I helped lead the introduction of the Stop Insider Trading Act and the PREDICT Act to ban members of Congress from trading individual stocks and betting on prediction markets. I do not own any individual stocks and I also set an office policy that prohibits my staff from betting on

prediction markets. Like you, I believe that members of Congress should serve the public — not profit from privileged information or the office they hold.

I also introduced legislation to require congressional districts to be redrawn only once every decade following the census. By ending mid-decade redistricting, we can provide voters with fairer, more stable representation and reduce politically motivated gerrymandering battles that undermine confidence in our elections.

My Blueprint for a Better America doesn't stop at restoring trust in government. Another key pillar is reforming campaign finance so our elections belong to voters — not the biggest checkbooks.

I introduced a constitutional amendment to restore the authority of Congress and the states to enact reasonable campaign finance reforms, including limits on corporate spending in elections. Giving elected representatives the ability to establish common-sense guardrails would help ensure that every American's voice carries weight, not just those with the deepest pockets.

None of these reforms alone will restore faith in our government. But together, they represent a commitment to making Washington more accountable, more transparent, and more responsive to the people it serves.

As the United States celebrates 250 years of self-governance, we should remember that our founders entrusted this republic not to politicians, but to the American people.

Our responsibility is to preserve that trust for the next 250 years by building a government worthy of the people it represents.

To read my full Blueprint for a Better America, you can visit barrett.house.gov/reform. Happy Independence Day, and happy 250th birthday to the United States of America, my home sweet home.

Warning signs from Trump's assault on our democracy put the American dream at risk for the next 250 years

By BRIDGET BRINK

This week marks two and a half centuries since America declared our independence and rejected the tyranny of Great Britain's king. In the 250 years since, the generations before us have faced challenges and triumphs that make us who we are.

But this July Fourth, I fear the promise of the American dream is slipping away for the generations of the next 250 years — not only our kids, but our kids' kids and beyond. We have faced critical moments since the founding of our nation. And we have always found a way to come out stronger. But we need to act with urgency; there is too much at stake.

Our independent democracy has long been a beacon of hope and possibility for so many, including myself. My family was built on the American dream:

I'm the granddaughter of a Lansing autoworker who worked at the Oldsmobile plant before shipping off to fight Hitler in Europe, leaving his newborn, my mom, behind. My grandparents did not see each other for three years, and my mom didn't know her own dad when he came home, but they understood fighting for freedom was right.

My mom became the first in our family to go to college, graduating from Michigan State University and becoming a public school teacher. She raised my sister and me as a single mom, and to make ends meet, we lived with my grandparents. I'm a product of Michigan public schools, and my family taught me the values of hard work, integrity, and doing the right thing — no matter what.

Those values inspired me to proudly serve our country for 28 years under five presidents in the U.S. Foreign Service. I started my career in war zones, served on President Obama's National Security Council, and worked my way up to serve as ambassador twice, including being the first woman to serve as U.S. ambassador in a war zone. For three years, I led the American on-the-ground effort in Ukraine, working under daily missile and drone attacks to repel Russia's full-scale invasion and to fight for democracy. But when Trump kept siding with Putin, I knew I had to leave my career behind to resign in protest, to speak out against Trump and to run for Congress here at home in Lansing.

That is my American dream — that the granddaughter of an autoworker, daughter of a single mom, can grow up to serve in the White House and a war zone. Only in America could I leave behind my career to speak out publicly about the harm to American interests from President Trump and come home to earn the support of my community to represent them in Congress. Because standing up to dictators and tyranny is what America was built on.

The American dream means that with a strong education and hard work, anyone, no matter where they start in life, has a fair shot to succeed.

But today, the American dream, the promise of our democracy, is out of reach for too many.

I spent my entire career working in young democracies that emerged after the fall of communism's Iron Curtain. I know the warning signs of an assault on democracy — and we've seen them right here in America under President Trump. They include:

Weaponizing our justice system against perceived political opponents, including elected leaders, journalists, businesses, and universities.

Militarizing our federal agents against our own citizens, including deadly violence in Minneapolis that killed Renee Good and Alex Pretti, and covering up the truth.

Abusing presidential power to amass a personal fortune, including accepting "gifts" of a \$400 million plane from a foreign country.

Launching foreign conflicts to distract from problems at home, with a war in Iran without justification or a clear strategic objective. Wasting billions of taxpayer dollars, putting our service members in harm's way while sticking Michigan families with the bill and sky-high gas prices of nearly \$5 a gallon.

Alone, each of these is a red flag.

Together, they point to a clear and present danger for our democracy.

We need to meet this critical moment in a way that honors the sacrifice of the generations who came before us and secures conditions for success for those who will follow for America's next 250 years.

We must hold fast to who we are — a just and hard-working people, united in our love of freedom and the values that founded our nation, a 250-year-old experiment in democracy built on a free media, independent institutions, and checks and balances on power.

A government of the people, by the people, and for the people that leads with our values at home and abroad, showing leadership in the face of aggression, whether it's an assault on our democratic values or on our democratic neighbors — not weakness or complicity.

It also means understanding that this crisis comes from the belief that the American dream is no longer possible as a result of a cost-of-living emergency that makes groceries, health care, and housing unaffordable for so many.

We have faced grave moments since the founding of our nation. And we have always found a way to come out stronger. If we can address this moment now, we will set the conditions for our future success.

This is why I left my career, spoke out against Donald Trump, and decided to run for Congress. It's about our kids and theirs.

I will never stop believing in the need for American leadership to secure our own future and offer the beacon of hope and possibility for every Michigander, every American, and so many others around the world.

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, City Pulse asked candidates for the 7th Congressional District seat to write an opinion piece for this issue. Early voting has started in the primary race.

Restoring the American dream, beginning with character

By **MATT MAASDAM**

I've been thinking about a line from "Pulp Fiction" where The Wolf says, "Just because you are a character doesn't mean you have character."

Two hundred and fifty years into the American experiment, we've had leaders of both kinds. We've had leaders of character who put the country before their own interests. They stuck to their principles under pressure and were willing to sacrifice for something bigger than themselves. We've also seen plenty of characters who grab attention, dominate headlines, and make politics about themselves. Today, that's who I see rising to the top of our politics, from the White House on down, in both parties. America is paying the price.

There's a quote from Theodore Roosevelt hanging on the wall in my house: "Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike."

Roosevelt understood that character isn't just about how one person behaves. The standards we, as citizens, set for our leaders eventually become the standards we live with as a country. What we tolerate and reward, we get. If we reward service, sacrifice, honesty, and integrity, we'll get more of those traits. If we tolerate self-interest, greed, and spectacle, we'll get more of that, too.

An America with character is an America that lives up to its values of freedom and fairness.

But we're not living up to that today. Right now, a small group of super wealthy, well-connected people play by a different set of rules. They get special treatment, tax breaks, inside deals, and a government that always seems ready to answer their phone calls.

Meanwhile, an autoworker on the line at Lansing Delta Township works overtime but wonders why their extra paycheck disappears quicker at the grocery store. A teacher in Mason sees health insurance cost more every year while classroom budgets get tighter. Families who do everything right still feel like they are one medical emergency from losing everything.

That happens when character gives way to self-interest and the people at the top stop believing the American dream belongs to everyone. It erodes trust and drives a wedge in our community.

When I think about character, one element missing from today's politics is virtue, or moral excellence. I was in Phila-

delphia with my family for a hockey tournament a few months ago. We went to Independence Hall, and "Virtue" was one of the three words on the wall. It's not about being perfect. It's about sticking to the truth even when it's hard, keeping your word, putting others before yourself, and doing what's right, even when it costs you something.

We lived by character in the SEAL Teams, and I saw those same values while serving as President Obama's military aide, carrying the nuclear codes. Character wasn't measured by how tough you looked. It was measured by how well you exemplified the values of teamwork, judgment, passion, integrity, and courage — by whether you put the team first and the mission ahead of yourself. I'd like to see that same standard applied to our politics.

An America with character lives up to our promise of freedom and equality by making sure everyone has a strong foundation: a country where every kid gets a great education, and if you work hard, you can eventually buy a house, raise a family, have good, affordable healthcare, and have enough left over that you can put money away for retirement.

From there, the sky should be the limit. America is the most innovative country in the world. This is the place where someone with a great idea can work hard, start a business, invent, build wealth, and hopefully give back. That's the American dream — it's not a promise that everyone ends up in the same place, but a promise that everyone has a fair and just chance of getting there.

Our founders didn't leave us a perfect union; they left us the challenge of a "more perfect union." A set of ideals that every generation has had to fight for to inch us a little closer to perfection — by preserving the union, expanding the right to vote, building the middle class, advancing civil rights.

Now, as we celebrate America's 250th birthday, it's our turn. For the next few years, I challenge all of us to spend less time focused on characters and more time rewarding character as we seek our next leaders. The American dream is a moral promise. The leaders we elect need to restore and extend that vow to every American, so we can continue to build our next 250 years toward a virtuous tomorrow.

I'm running for Congress to answer the tough questions. My opponents can't say the same

By **WILLIAM LAWRENCE**

Voters didn't know it, but next week, all three Democratic congressional candidates were scheduled for a televised debate. That debate is now cancelled because, after months of discussion, my Democratic opponents refused to accept the terms of the debate.

Exactly why they refused is unclear, but the bottom line is: It's disappointing. I've been hearing for months from voters about their excitement to see a real debate. And it would have provided Democrats with the opportunity to show clear contrast with our no-show Representative, Tom Barrett.

While some public officials go above and beyond to serve their constituents, Congressman Tom Barrett shrinks and hides. Constituents receive canned email responses, if any response at all. It's nearly impossible to directly speak with his office, let alone with him.

While voters struggle to pay the bills, Barrett has enriched himself using campaign accounts. He paid \$50,000 to his wife's law firm and claimed over \$30,000 in mileage reimbursements — many times more than any other

Michigan representative, and enough to circle the globe. Barrett takes after Donald Trump and his sons, who have elevated corruption and graft to an art form.

I'm running to replace Barrett because mid-Michigan voters are ready for a change. I haven't been waiting until I'm in Congress to meet that need for change. Barrett still hasn't held a single unscripted town hall; I pulled up a desk in front of his office for seven hours straight and answered all questions. He voted to kick 500,000 Michigan children off of food stamps; I helped feed over 5,000 people through the Greater Lansing Food Bank and Mulliken Food Pantry. He voted to raise our healthcare premiums; I raised funds to cancel \$130,000 of medical debt.

The contrast is clear: Barrett hides, I show up. He doesn't care about the people, I do.

That's exactly the kind of contrast a debate could have driven home to voters between Barrett and his Democratic challengers.

A debate between the three Demo-

cratic candidates for the 7th Congressional District had been scheduled for July 9 by Fox 47. It had been months in the making and would have been the best opportunity for voters to hear directly from the Democrats asking to represent them. It could have been a great night for local Democrats — three strong candidates delivering our critique of Barrett for 90 minutes in prime time.

Instead, Brink and Maasdam backed out from the debate.

They claim to have not agreed to the rules, but here's the thing. They proposed rule changes, which I agreed to, and then, at the last minute, they said they didn't agree to the rules. I offered to talk through other changes and was turned down.

Local TV watchers can attest that Brink and Maasdam aren't shy about appearing on air. They're flooding the airwaves with endless advertisements boosting themselves and smearing each other. This plays to their strength, which is hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Wall Street and Silicon Valley partners, health insurance CEOs, and war lobbyists. It seems that Brink and Maasdam would rather be on TV in ways they can control: in 30 second ad spots, instead of answering for their records on the debate stage.

Democratic voters deserve better. If you're not prepared to debate me in a primary, how can the voters trust that you'll debate Barrett effectively? If you haven't shown up to serve the people along the course of the campaign, why should you be trusted to serve them in office?

My teachers at East Lansing Public Schools and my elders at Edgewood United Church taught me that meaningful change begins by showing up. That's what I've done throughout my career, throughout this campaign, and that's what I'll continue to do.

On July 9 at 5:30 p.m., in lieu of the previously scheduled debate, I'll be at the Capital Area District Libraries' downtown auditorium. We have invited Brink and Maasdam to appear and debate with a neutral moderator. If they don't show, we'll turn the event into a public town hall where I will hear all questions without filter, share my perspective without fear, and dialogue with neighbors to learn and grow together.

Democratic candidates Bridget Brink, William Lawrence and Matt Maasdam are competing in the August primary to see who will face Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett in November's general election.

**EAGLE TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS**

June 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Currie, Trustee M. Hoppes and 10 citizens

Board Actions:

- 1) Approved rezoning application for parcel on South Clintonia Road to Mineral Resource Extraction.
- 2) Approved payment of bills for June 2026.
- 3) Approved painting of the hall kitchen.
- 4) Approved Treasurer and Supervisor to complete the summer tax newsletter.
- 5) Approved changes to the signators of the checking account.
- 6) Approved budget amendment for FY 25-26.
- 7) Approved budget amendment for FY 26-27.
- 8) Approved renewal of Clinton County Catalyst agreement.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is July 21, 2026, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

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

CP#26-248

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. A public hearing to receive comments on a parking plan for a mixed-use building at 401, 421 & 427 E. Grand River Avenue proposed by Evan Williams on behalf of Harbor Bay Ventures.
2. A public hearing to receive comments on a parking plan for a mixed-use building at 530 Albert Avenue proposed by Cody Dietrich on behalf of TDP Acquisitions, LLC.
3. A public hearing to receive comments on a proposal from The Graduate East Lansing to reconfigure an existing plaza space at 133 Evergreen Avenue by adding five parking spaces and one van-accessible space.

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

Landon Bartley, AICP, Principal Planner
410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823
517.319.6930 or lbartley@cityofeastlansing.com
<https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/>

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

Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelplanningcommission@cityofeastlansing.com. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on the business day prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: June 25, 2026
East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon
City Clerk

CP#26-245



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #26021 (SP Holding Company)**

TUESDAY, July 16, 2026

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #26021 (SP Holding Company)
Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Department of Community Planning and Development of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Thursday July 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a request from SP Holding Company for a minor amendment to the mixed use planned unit development approval for the Haslett Village project.

The developer is proposing to reduce the number of residential units from 290 to 185. The approximate 19.04-acre project site is zoned C-2, Commercial, and is located on the southwest corner of Marsh Road and Haslett Road at 1621 & 1655 Haslett Road. The following parcels are included in the project: 33-02-02-10-401-008 and 33-02-02-10-401-009.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the Township website at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/government/at-your-fingertips/current-applications-before-meridian-township>. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to Brian Shorkey, AICP, Principal Planner, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to shorkey@meridian.mi.us.

Angela Demas, Township Clerk
July 1, 2026

CP#26-247

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE DRAIN EASEMENT

The Ingham County Drain Commissioner ("ICDC") has determined that a Drain Easement held by the Atzinger Drain Drainage District, a public body corporate ("Drainage District") established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, 1956 P.A. 40, as amended, MCL 280.1 et seq. ("Drain Code"), as amended, is no longer necessary for drainage purposes. The ICDC proposes to release, convey and abandon all of its rights, title and interests in the Release of Right of Way, dated September 23, 1980, and recorded on October 24, 1980 at Liber 1347, Page 99 of the Ingham County Records ("Drain Easement"), to the fee owner of the property herein described in accordance with Section 6 of the Drain Code, MCL 280.6.

The Drain Easement to be released, conveyed, and abandoned is located over and across the following land in Wheatfield Township, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, described herein:

Parcel No. 33-07-07-03-400-001

WFD 3-9 W 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SEC3 T3N R1E 80 A.

The Drain Easement to be released, conveyed, and abandoned is described as:

A permanent easement being a strip of land thirty (30) feet wide, fifteen (15) feet either side of the center line of the Atzinger Drain - Branch No. 1 across a parcel of land described as the west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of section 3, T3N, R1E, Wheatfield Township, Ingham County, Michigan; and a construction easement being a strip of land eighty (80) feet wide, forty (40) feet either side of the center line of the Atzinger Drain - Branch No. 1 across a parcel of land described as the west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 3, T3N, R1E, Wheatfield Township, Ingham County, Michigan.

In accordance with Section 6 of Act 40 of the Public Act of 1956, as amended, at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854, on **July 31, 2026**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Drain Commissioner shall meet upon this proposed release of a Drain Easement and any taxpayer may appear to protest said release.

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

Dated: June 25, 2026

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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A one-time Republican looks at voting integrity

By **KENT TISDALE**

As a member of a county Republican Party in the '90s, I would hear jokes about dead Democrats voting in Detroit and how Chicago gave Kennedy the win in the '60s.

I never gave it much thought until the 2020 election and the years that have followed.

Could it be true? Is the system really that porous?

So, I looked into it. And I was surprised to see where it led me. Now I know that every politician knows what I know. The answer is obvious.

The Heritage Foundation has studied voter fraud for years.

From 1982 to 2025, their study found a total of 1,620 issues of fraudulent votes, including 100 non-citizens, two deceased voters, 251 felons and 25 non-residents. This is out of billions of votes from 45 years of voting throughout this country. (Michigan had 19 of those issues.)

The CATO Institute did a study of recent voter roll audits, looking for non-citizens. Out of 8.2 million registered Georgia voters, there were 20 non-citizens. Two out of 2.5 million registered voters in Maricopa County, Arizona, were non-citizens. No votes had been cast.

Recently in Michigan, the Macomb County clerk claimed that 15 non-citizens out of 724,000 registered voters were on the rolls.

Of those, three had a history of voting. It turns out three of the 15 were legal citizens, four had already been removed, and the remaining eight had the proof of citizenship that was requested, but they were flagged.

In the 2020 presidential election, there have been claims supporting both sides.

I wanted to know what happened in the court cases where real evidence was presented rather than hearsay or photo tricks or bull. Courts consistently found no evidence of misconduct or fraud, or anything that would come close to altering elections, and lawsuits were found to be frivolous.

The only logical conclusion is that the results are legit.

Is there voter fraud? The technical answer is yes, but on a scale so small that it is almost non-existent.

But still, how possible is it to create the number of votes to change an election? I need to understand how it all works.

I want fair elections, I want to stay non-partisan and avoid going down

any rabbit holes of misinformation. I found myself working with some like-minded people, and we hooked up with a non-partisan organization called Michigan Country.

Opinion

Michigan Country's mission is to "bring people together" through community organizing and working to inform voters.

Our keystone project is the Anatomy of an Election Roadshow. Currently, there are presentations scheduled in Lansing, Charlotte and Indian River, with more to come.

The key to combating misinformation about our elections is education.

My group is focused on election inspectors.

It's easy for me to see that our pol-

iticians know the election process is secure. Those politicians who won't admit it are playing us for fools and sowing extremely harmful seeds of mistrust.

Will there be havoc created in the run-up to November? I don't know.

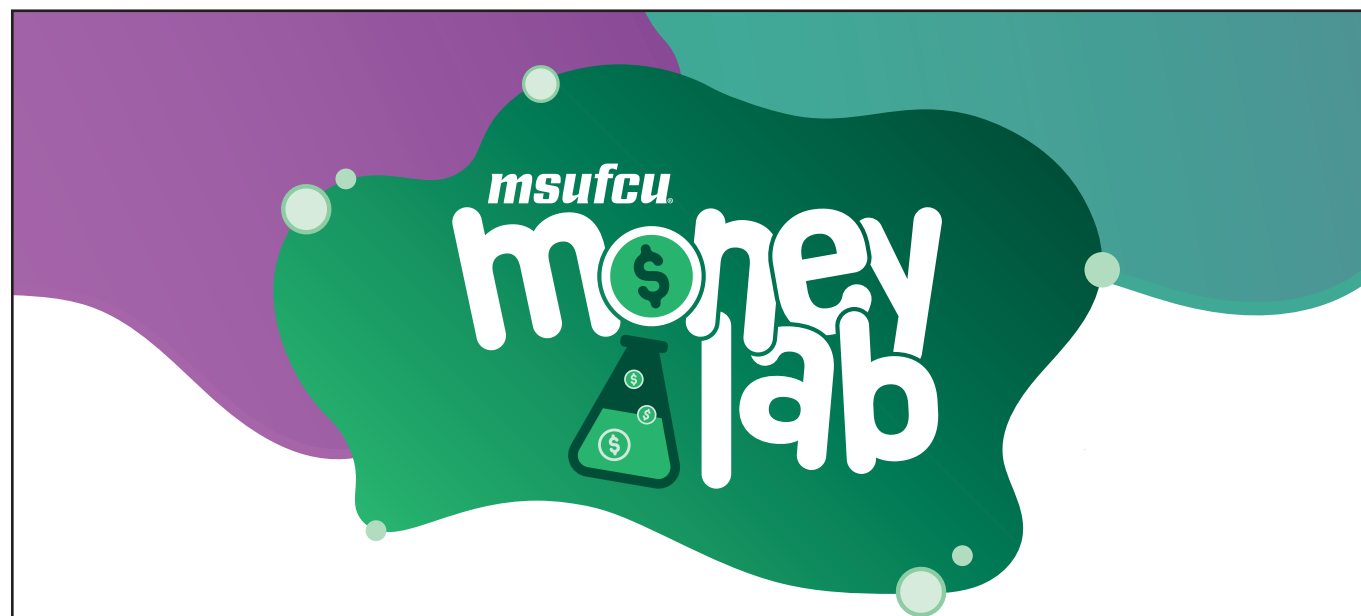
I do know involvement is our cure, our healing remedy.

You can sign up at your local clerk's office and work the election (and get paid).

If you're into party politics, you sign up through the parties.

But if you want to stay non-partisan, then my group would love to have you help us maintain our election integrity.

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8.05	Lansing Symphony Orchestra Frances Park	7.29	Global Village Fish Ladder Music Park

Fox 47 debate for 7th Congressional District Democrats canceled

By **KYLE MELINN**

A planned televised debate for the three Democratic candidates running for Michigan's open Seventh Congressional District seat has been canceled after the campaigns and organizers failed to reach an agreement on debate terms.

Candidate William Lawrence said Monday (June 29) that a planned July 9 debate hosted by Fox 47 would not move forward after fellow candidates Bridget Brink and Matt Maasdam declined to agree to the proposed rules. "Voters deserve to hear all the candidates answer tough questions and debate the issues," Lawrence said in a statement, adding that he was disappointed by the cancellation and would instead hold a town hall July 9 at the Capital Area District Libraries' downtown branch, leaving "an open seat" for his opponents should they choose to attend.

According to Lawrence's campaign, the proposed debate would have featured a moderator and media panel during a 60-minute program with opening and closing statements, audience questions and rebuttal periods.

Brink campaign manager Sam Boorstyn described the televised debate falling apart this way: "All three candidates and the debate organizers were not able to come to an agreement on terms for a debate."

Boorstyn noted that Brink has participated in nearly 100 public events and more than 70 press interviews since launching her campaign and has appeared at multiple candidate forums across the district.

Maasdam campaign spokesperson Emma Grundhauser likewise emphasized Maasdam's participation in public events, noting that he has taken part in five public forums this year, including one streamed live by WLNS two weeks ago, and plans to participate in the League of Women Voters' forum later this week.

Maasdam, Brink and their supporters are running more than a combined \$1 million worth of ads on broadcast TV. Lawrence's first television ad this week features his opposition to data centers.

The Democratic primary winner will advance to face Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett (R-Charlotte).

Pro-Maasdam PAC accused of not disclosing AI in new ad

A pro-Matt Maasdam political action committee is being accused of not disclosing its use of artificial intelligence in its latest television ad targeting one of Maasdam's MI-7 primary opponents — Bridget Brink — in conflict with a recent state law, according to a complaint filed Monday with the secretary of state.

The Washington, D.C.-based Michigan Values PAC is behind the new spot that shows President Donald Trump holding a picture of Brink, who was his former pick to be ambassador to the Slovak Republic — something that clearly never happened, wrote Cheree De Golia of Lansing.

"Disgust," responded De Golia when asked about her first thought when she saw the ad. "I don't like anything that is a lie. I don't tolerate a lie. I am a registered Republican, but I'm with Bridget 100%... and I'm not going to let this happen."

The 30-second spot focuses on Trump picking Brink to be the U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, but the ad does it by having Trump pick up a photo of Brink, which "clearly" didn't happen, according to the complaint.

"Bridget Brink worked for Trump. She doesn't work for Michigan," the ad's narrator says.

Under the 2024 law, anyone using AI without disclosing it in the advertisement can be fined \$250 the first time and \$1,000 every time after that.

"Matt Maasdam and his out-of-state dark money allies are attacking me with AI deepfakes that mislead voters about my proven record of standing up to Trump," Brink said.

The ad is part of \$1.1 million in pro-Maasdam spending from outside groups. Maasdam's own campaign is spending \$301,655 in TV ads as absentee ballots were mailed out last week, the beginning of voting season.

The largest chunk comes from a 501(c)(4) that financially assists Democratic military veterans running for office. VoteVets is putting \$750,000 on the air in support of Maasdam, a former Navy SEAL.

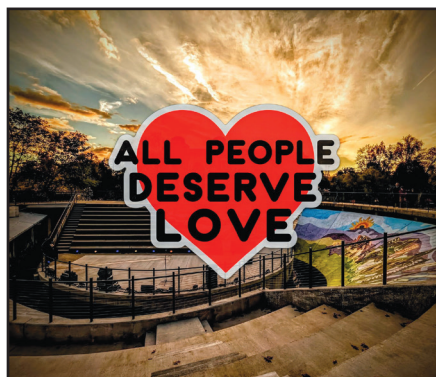
The third pro-Maasdam entity, Project 218, is spending \$50,000 on mail.

Grundhauser said, "Maasdam is running for Congress to clean up our corrupt political system and get dark money out of politics."

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



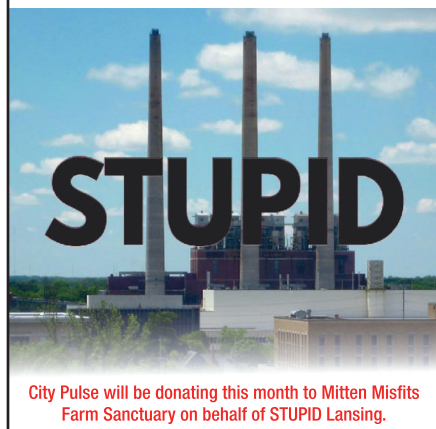
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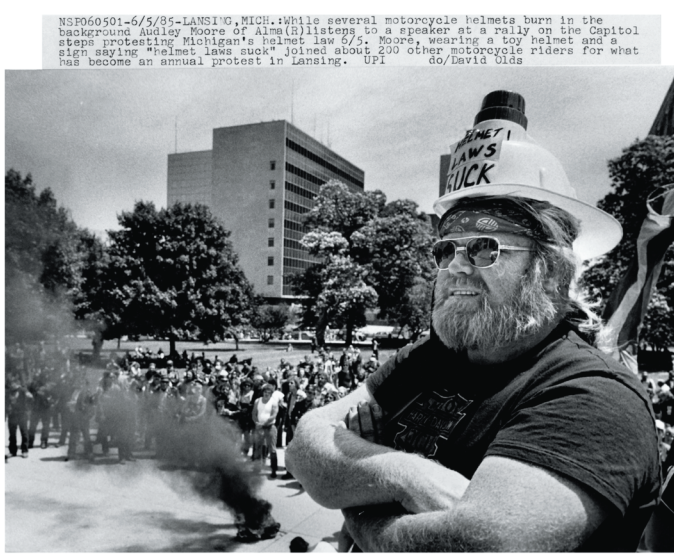
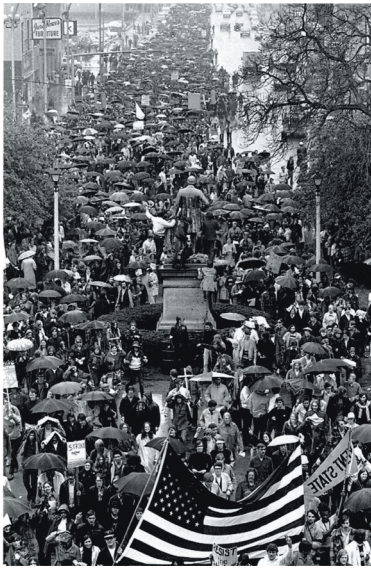
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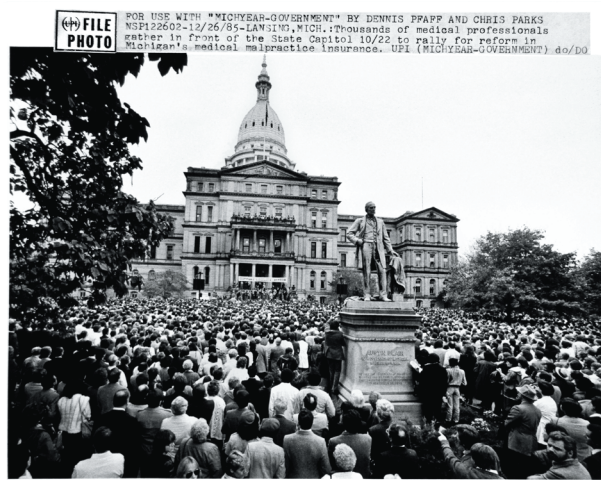
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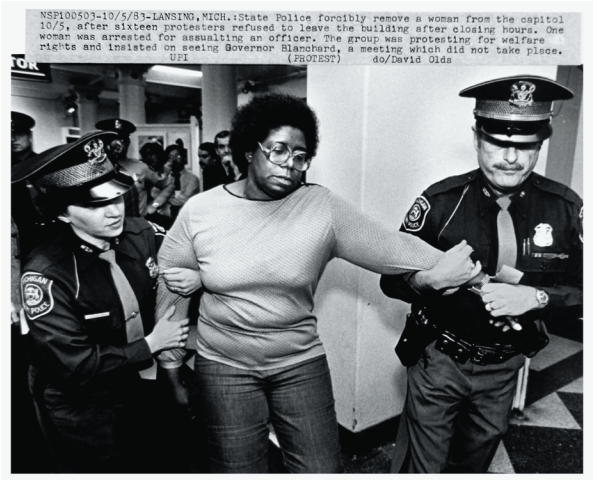
NSP060501-6/5/85-LANSING, MICH.: While several motorcycle helmets burn in the background, Abaley Moore of Alma (right) listens to a speaker at a rally on the Capitol steps protesting Michigan's helmet law 2/5. Moore, wearing a toy helmet and a sign saying "helmet laws suck" joined about 200 other motorcycle riders for what has become an annual protest in Lansing. UPI do/David Olds



FILE PHOTO FOR USE WITH "MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT" BY DENNIS PPAPP AND CHRIS PARKS NSP122602-12/26/85-LANSING, MICH.: Thousands of medical professionals gather in front of the State Capitol 10/22 to rally for reform in Michigan's medical malpractice insurance. UPI (MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT) do/David Olds



NSP100503-10/5/81-LANSING, MICH.: State Police forcibly remove a woman from the Capitol 10/5, after sixteen protesters refused to leave the building after closing hours. One woman was arrested for assaulting an officer. The group was protesting for welfare rights and insisted on seeing Governor Blanchard, a meeting which did not take place. UPI (PROTEST) do/David Olds



Protesting since day one

The story of America's 250th and 150 years of the Michigan Capitol

By MIKE ELLIS

Figuring out how to honor America's 250th birthday required a bit of threading the needle this year, said Bill Castanier, president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing.

"Michigan doesn't really have a direct role in the Declaration of Independence," he said.

But Lansing is home to one of the quintessential American spaces and places to practice what the founders preached: The Capitol yards were built in part to hold up the First Amendment's freedom of assembly.

Before Michigan's Capitol was finished, there were people gathering on the steps to have their voices heard, said Jacob McCormick, the Capitol's photo archivist and curator of a new exhibit celebrating 150 years of people treating the Capitol as their own bullhorn.

"The Capitol Square, from day one, was the people's forum," McCormick said.

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing is hosting a photographic exhibition showing the past 150 years of

public demonstrations, rallies and celebrations that have taken place on the lawn, on the steps and in the rotunda of Michigan's state Capitol.

The first documented gatherings at Michigan's current Capitol building — its third — were in 1878 on the steps, even before the doors were hung, McCormick said.

The exhibit includes photos of people at what could be considered celebrations, like the dedication of the Austin Blair statue as well as more passionate gatherings like the 1937 Labor Day holiday in Lansing and marches by Michigan State University students and faculty during the Vietnam War.

Those have been some of the largest gatherings at the Capitol, with tens of thousands of people likely present, but the exhibit also turns the photographer's lenses on solitary

Photos by David Olds, Gary Shrewsbury, Ariniko O'Meara, Dave Trumpie, Raymond Holt, Matthew Dae Smith, Randy H., Jeremy Herliczek, the estate of Bonnie Bucqueroux, Mead & Jennings, Linns, Michael Quillinan, Maureen Michel, Bruce Cornelius, Michigan Daily, the Michigan State Capitol Commission and Bill Mitchum.



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solo demonstrations, because the First Amendment isn't about numbers.

"The right to advocate in public spaces is baked into our democratic system, and nowhere is that right more obvious than at Michigan's state Capitol, where tens of thousands of rallies and demonstrations have occurred in the nearly 150 years since the state Capitol was constructed with the intent to use its broad lawn as a gathering place," Castanier said.

The photos will run the gamut from peaceful and generally popular demonstrations to celebrations (like Oldsmobile anniversaries with cars climbing the stairs) to uncomfortable pictures of neo-Nazi groups flexing their right to protest.

The Capitol Square has hosted John F. Kennedy, Teddy Roosevelt, governors, Joe the Plumber, anti-war and Right to Work demonstrators, Rosie the Riveters, doctors, lawyers, teachers and sports and entertainment stars.

Even a devil-nun, Ronald McDonald and a giant inflatable Mickey Mouse have made appearances.

The photos will go up Saturday (July 4) and will be on display through the fall at Lansing Community College's Rogers-Carrier House, the site of the Historical Society's new museum.

"Our collaboration with America-250MI helps share the inspiring stories of freedom of assembly that have taken place at the state Capitol during its 150-year history," Castanier said.

Part of the experience will be a 30-minute documentary featuring interviews with the exhibit photographers, coming later this year.

The photographers are David Olds, Gary Shrewsbury, Ariniko O'Meara, Dave Trumpie, Raymond Holt, Matthew Dae Smith, Randy H., Jeremy Herliczek, the estate of Bonnie Bucqueroux, Mead & Jennings, Linns, Michael Quillinan, Maureen Michel, Bruce Cornelius, Michigan Daily, the Michigan State Capitol Commission and Bill Mitchum.

Castanier said the exhibit will help create what is believed to be the first archive of such photos in the state and will be a valuable resource for historians and the general public to understand the Capitol as well as its celebrations and protests.

Protests

Protests were conceived in America's founding documents, said Danielle K. Brown, an assistant professor at Michigan State University who has researched protests.



"They're a space to address grievances that haven't been addressed in the systems that are available," she said. "It's a healthy part of a democracy."

The Constitution is unambiguous about allowing people that freedom, said Elizabeth Faue, a Wayne State University history professor and director of Labor@Wayne, whose research includes activism by teachers and nurses.

"The Constitution is unambiguous about your rights, but there are lots of steps," she said. "I think right now there is certainly a perspective by some in the (Trump) administration — and I don't know how passionately it's held because we're in a time of testing the boundaries — but it says that criticism of the government is illegal. It's not. Part of this is defining what loyalty to the nation is. Is it defined as loyalty to a person, or a party, or to specific principles beyond the Con-

stitution? And what is freedom, and what are our rights? These are all political debates that go far back in our history."

American protesting is at risk right now, said Jack MacQuaig, a history teacher and union activist who has been involved as a community organizer with Rent Is Too Damn High as well as environmental justice groups and at Michigan State University.

He said that his earlier activism in college was often treated with "kid gloves" and generally dismissed or ignored, easy to whistle and walk past. Starve the argument by not giving it attention.

What MacQuaig sees now is a dramatic shift, with authorities being more eager to get on the offensive side to remove and punish agitators instead of looking past them.

"Where we're at now is that the rights are definitely under attack. Things are

getting more difficult, especially depending on who you are and what you're protesting," he said. "Over the last 60 years, protest had gotten institutionalized, but now it's being litigated, and we're at 'do we actually like dissent in our country or not?'"

MacQuaig said incidents like the killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti and the Department of Justice indictment of eight pro-Palestinian activists following University of Michigan protests are some of many examples of how protest rights are at risk.

He said the large protests are on one hand heartening, and his study of history shows examples of rights being restored, but he has been frustrated by the lack of change as well.

"We've seen multiple occasions where we've had record-breaking numbers of

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people out in the streets demonstrating, including in 2020 with Black Lives Matter,” MacQuaig said. “I think when I was growing up, you had the idea of protests given as part of our culture in this country, and I think that people have seen going out into the streets as part of our culture in this country.”

How to have an effective protest

One of the biggest misconceptions about protests is that they’re disruptive, Brown said.

Disruptive protests wouldn’t garner good will. It’s a core lesson of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement, as well as and many others that have followed.

For all the millions of people who have demonstrated, protested or celebrated on the state Capitol grounds, the city is hardly ever disrupted, and even at the peaks of the biggest of events, like the recent No Kings II protest, most of city life goes on even just blocks away from the Capitol.

“The number one thing protesters should know is that most people aren’t disrupted by a protest,” Brown said. “The vast majority aren’t going to be disrupted, which is what makes them effective. So,

it’s important that that media coverage includes what the protest is about.”

Signage has emerged as, or continued to be, a huge part of protests, with news coverage often focusing on clever signs, Brown said.

“It’s a really good way of getting your message out and showing the diversity of a crowd,” she said. “They’re upset at the same thing at the core, but everyone is coming with different entry points.”

MacQuaig said connecting to people outside of protests is essential to carrying on the messages as well. Large movements like the Arab Spring and Occupy movements spread through social media, and he expects the same for other movements today, simply because posts on street signs aren’t as effective.

“I think people have started to move toward deeper methods of organizing and dissent. There’s a return of people trying to form new political parties with the rise of the DSA and a big return of the unions and other organizations meant to organize people along structural power instead of just numbers,” he said.

Meet people who are interested in the same ideas, read about the concepts and build more connections, MacQuaig said.

“I wish it was a little easier,” he said, “but that’s really the only way. Having real connections and real ties to the people you’re working with is how we go forward.”



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Meridian Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State Branch Office, or other designated state agency. Qualified electors who have a valid Michigan driver’s license or state ID, may register online at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>. Registration forms may be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed or dropped off at the office of the Meridian Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office is Monday, July 20, 2026. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following location and times:

- Meridian Township Clerk’s Office - 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
- Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Election Day, Tuesday, August 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Meridian Township will hold a Primary Election on August 4, 2026.

For the purposes of nominating candidates for the following office:

- GOVERNOR
- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
- STATE SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
- TOWNSHIP TREASURER
- DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION

For the purposes of voting on the following proposals as listed below:

- INGHAM COUNTY POTTER PARK ZOO AND POTTER PARK OPERATIONAL MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION QUESTION
- INGHAM COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SYSTEM OF TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION QUESTION
- INGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION QUESTION
- INGHAM COUNTY TOURISM, ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES, AND ARTS PROPOSAL
- CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR A DISTRICT WIDE TAX

The full text of the ballot proposals and sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote or can be viewed at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the Clerk’s Office.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. The Meridian Township Clerk’s Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at www.mi.gov/vote or at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office.

Monday, August 3, 2026, at 4 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person, except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 4, 2026, are eligible to receive an Absent Voter Ballot at the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office.

EARLY VOTING CENTER

All qualified electors in the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office have the option to vote early in person, beginning Saturday, July 25th through Sunday, August 2nd, 2026.

On Saturday, July 25th, 2026, the Early Voting Center will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., due to preparation for the Celebrate Meridian Festival. Central Park Drive will be closed, and voters must enter through the Marsh Road entrance. Parking will be reserved for early voters.

From Sunday, July 26th through Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, the Early Voting Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Early Voting Center will be held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building – 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Angela Demas
Meridian Township Clerk

Live & Local

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Adado Riverfront Park

201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing
Lansing Concert Band & USAF Roots in Blue Band
 Sat., July 4, 7-10 p.m.

Bancroft Park

1330 Otto St., Lansing
Northside Rhythm Kings
 Wed., July 8, 7-9 p.m.

Beaumont Tower

375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing
Summer Carillon Series: Jon Lehrer
 Wed., July 1, 6 p.m.
Summer Carillon Series: Jeremy Chesman
 Wed., July 8, 6 p.m.

Blue Gill Grill

1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
Cal Moultime
 Thurs., July 2, 6-9 p.m.

BrickHaven Brewing Co.

200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
Deacon Earl
 Fri., July 3, 7-10 p.m.

Cleats Bar & Grille

5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing
Harry Matthews
 Wed., July 1, 6-9 p.m.
Reeds & Steel
 Thurs., July 2, 6-9 p.m.
Isaac Harper
 Wed., July 8, 6-9 p.m.

Courthouse Square Museum

100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte
Kathleen & the Bridge Street Band
 Thurs., July 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Songwriters' night, with Cody Wilson
 Wed., July 1, 7-9 p.m.
The Dangling Particles
 Sun., July 5, 6-8 p.m.
Jimmy Likes Pie
 Wed., July 8, 7-9 p.m.

Eastwood Towne Center

3003 Preyde Blvd., Lansing
Showdown
 Tues., July 7, 6-8 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
The 3rd Annual Dam Bash, featuring Esham, Let It Rot, The Michigan Misfits, Hyporium, Motown Rage, SkitzoMichigan, Born Hostile, Chance We Take, T.H.U.G, DNA, Tyler RG, Our Inner Circle
 Fri., July 3, doors noon, music 2 p.m.

GAR Island Park

399 E. Hamlin St., Eaton Rapids
Sea Cruisers
 Wed., July 1, 6-8 p.m.

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Wavelength
 Wed., July 1, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Self Absorbed, Snart, Honeyfoot, Dropped at Birth
 Fri., July 3, doors 6 p.m., show 6:30 p.m.
Wavelength
 Wed., July 8, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Holt Farmers Market

2150 N. Cedar St., Holt
The Rotations
 Sat., July 4, noon-2 p.m.

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
Justin Deason
 Wed., July 1, 7-9 p.m.
Deacon Earl
 Wed., July 8, 7-9 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market

7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
John Beltran
 Fri., July 3, 3-7 p.m.
 Sat., July 4, noon-4 p.m.
 Sun., July 5, 3-7 p.m.

Jaycee Park

525 E. River St., Grand Ledge
Lansing Concert Band Big Band, with special guest Clique
 Thurs., July 2, 7 p.m.

Lake Lansing Park South

1621 Pike St., Haslett
Meridian Community Band
 Fri., July 3, 6-9 p.m.

Lansing Brewing Co.

518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing
Jerry Sprague
 Fri., July 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Lansing Shuffle

325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
Nathan Grant
 Sat., July 4, 4-7 p.m.
A Night at the Soul Lounge Fourth of July Bash
 Sat., July 4, 3 p.m.-2 a.m.
Justin Deason
 Sun., July 5, 4-7 p.m.

Looking Glass Brewing Co.

108 W. Main St., Dewitt
Gwen Doerfler
 Fri., July 3, 6-9 p.m.

Mac's Bar

2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night
 Mon., July 6, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
 Thurs., July 2, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
 Tues., July 7, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Marketplace on the Green

1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
Serita's Black Rose
 Wed., July 1, 6:30 p.m.
Elements of Soul featuring LaNette Lyn
 Wed., July 8, 6:30 p.m.

McCormick Park

300 N. Putnam St., Williamston
U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America
 Thurs., July 2, 7-9 p.m.

Midtown Brewing Co.

402 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Open mic night
 Mon., July 6, 6-9 p.m.

Moriarty's Pub

802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., July 1, 8-11 p.m.
The Further Adventures of FatBoy & JiveTurkey
 Thurs., July 2, 9 p.m.-midnight
Frog & the Beeftones
 Fri., July 3, 8 p.m.-midnight
The Rotations
 Sat., July 4, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
 Tues., July 7, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., July 8, 8-11 p.m.

One North East Lansing

1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Jason Peek
 Fri., July 3, 8-11 p.m.
Steve Shelhart
 Sat., July 4, 7-11 p.m.

One North Lansing

5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Kathy Ford
 Thurs., July 2, 6-9 p.m.
Keith Minaya
 Fri., July 3, 8-11 p.m.
Jason Peek
 Sat., July 4, 7-11 p.m.
Open mic night, with Kathy Ford
 Mon., July 6, 6:30-9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Charlie Richardson
 Tues., July 7, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Randy Napoleon Trio
 Sun., July 5, 6-9 p.m.

Reno's North

16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Carl Pawluk
 Wed., July 1, 6-9 p.m.
Rhys Mitchell
 Fri., July 3, 6-9 p.m.
Greg Smith
 Sat., July 4, 6-9 p.m.
Sean Cyphers
 Wed., July 8, 6-9 p.m.

Sholly's Bar

1821 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Frog & Koop
 Tues., July 7, 6-9 p.m.

St. Johns City Park

801 W. Park St., St. Johns
Meridian Community Band
 Wed., July 1, 7-9 p.m.
Djangophonique
 Wed., July 8, 7-9 p.m.

Stober's Bar

812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
DJ Chicago Muzik
 Sun., July 5, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Spoonful
 Tues., July 7, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.

1957 Cedar St., Holt
Stan Craig Band
 Fri., July 3, 8-11 p.m.

Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

3420 S. Creyts Road, Lansing
Full House
 Wed., July 1, 6-9 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing
Lansing's Hidden Talent open mic
 Wed., July 1, 6-9 p.m.
 Wed., July 8, 6-9 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Gardens

2074 Aurelius Road, Holt
Stone Street Revival
 Thurs., July 2, 7 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse

3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Steve Shelhart
 Wed., July 1, 7-10 p.m.
Greg Smith
 Wed., July 8, 7-10 p.m.

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ARTS & CULTURE

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Berkley author's latest book chronicles the making of 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off'

By **KURT ANTHONY KRUG**

When author and comedian Jason Klamm learned nobody had ever written a deep dive on a single John Hughes movie, he decided to take the task on himself.

To coincide with the 40th anniversary of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," the Berkley resident penned "Ferris Bueller ... You're My Hero: The Story of the World's Most Famous Day Off" (1984 Publishing, \$28). The book takes a definitive look at the making of the 1986 coming-of-age teen comedy, which was written and directed by the late Hughes, a Lansing native who grew up in the Chicago suburb of Northbrook. He was best known for his movies offering honest depictions of suburban teen life, including 1984's "Sixteen Candles," 1985's "The Breakfast Club" and 1986's "Pretty in Pink."

It took Klamm, an alumnus of Columbia College Chicago, two years to research and write the 372-page book.

"It was originally 136,000 words or so, so most of it was news to me. I started as a fan and ended up an expert," he said. "Whittling down 2 million combined words of interview transcripts and text from articles and book clippings was the hardest part. Then was the challenge of making it an interesting narrative."

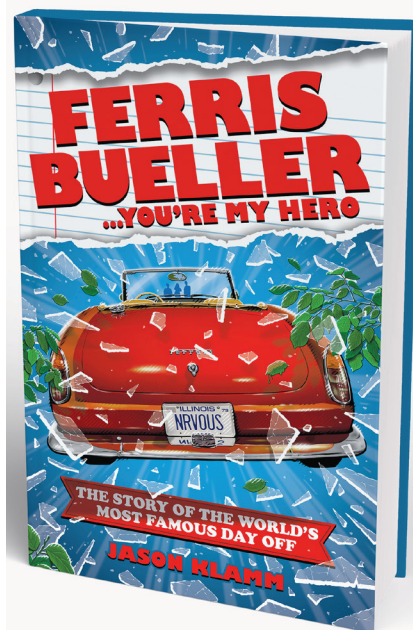
He conducted interviews with stars Matthew Broderick and Alan Ruck, as well as the "gummy bear girl" at the end of the film and Hughes' son James. The book contains never-before-seen photos, rare production documents and unforgettable on-set stories.

"James provided me with hours of insight, including a great deal of behind-the-scenes information about what it was like living in the Hughes household as John banged out movie scripts in less than a week, which happened often," Klamm said. "Broderick was a very kind interviewee and was happy to talk about Ferris from the perspective of the acting process.



Courtesy

Jason Klamm



I chose not to interview him about other people's nostalgia for the role, instead talking about how he prepared to play a character who was so different from who he is as a person: a quiet, sweet type who likes old movies and music."

The movie opens with popular high school senior and all-around "righteous dude" Ferris (Broderick) feigning illness — totally hoodwinking his parents (Lyman Ward and Cindy Pickett) but not his sister, Jeanie (Jennifer Grey) — in order to skip school on a beautiful spring day. Ferris enlists his uptight, hypochondriac BFF, Cameron Frye (Ruck), to join him in getting his girlfriend, Sloane Peterson (Mia Sara), out of school so they can have an adventure in downtown Chicago, joyriding in a 1961 Ferrari 250 GT California Spyder owned by Cameron's domineering father, Morris. But Dean of Students Ed Rooney (Jeffrey Jones) is on to Ferris. Determined to expose him, Rooney pulls out all the stops, even breaking into the Bueller residence, but instead falls victim to several pratfalls.

One of the subplots involves Cameron's relationship with his father, who's never seen. Cameron ends up destroying the Ferrari in a fit of rage. Ferris offers to take the blame, but Cameron won't let him. Confident and determined, he will face his father. Cameron is never seen again in the film, but Ferris tells Sloane that for the first time in his life, Cameron will be all right.

There are many fan theories about what happened to Cameron. His father and him hugged it out and mended fences. His father killed him. He ran away from home.

Another theory is that Ferris is a figment of Cameron's imagination, the way Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt) is to Edward Norton's unnamed narrator in 1999's "Fight Club." The day off is a coping mechanism dreamed up by a depressed, borderline-suicidal

Cameron. In this scenario, Ferris is the charismatic, confident and popular person that Cameron desperately wants to be. Cameron eventually faces reality, allowing himself to take responsibility for his actions and stand up to his father as his own person.

Ruck was aware of all these theories. He said that if Hughes wanted the audience to see what happened to Cameron, he would've shown it.

"It's left up to the imagination of the viewer, so any ending you project on Cameron is completely valid," he said. "It's up for the audience to fill in the blanks, not me."

Hughes died in 2009.

"He was tricky. The guy had his own particular genius," Ruck said. "I don't think anybody since John has written about teenagers as well as he did — no other screenwriter, anyway. He had great love and respect for kids. He didn't talk down to them or write down to them, he didn't hold them up to ridicule, and he honored them as complete human beings who were in process of whoever it was they needed to become."

"Ferris Bueller" grossed \$70 million on a \$5 million budget and was the 10th highest-grossing film of 1986. It received acclaim by fans and critics alike. In 2014, it was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress.

Klamm offered his insights on what gives this film such staying power after four decades.

"John Hughes' greatest strengths were turning ordinary circumstances into fantastic stories and turning extraordinary circumstances into relatable ones," he said. "It was designed from the ground up to be timeless, like a Preston Sturges film. Even if you know it was made in a certain era, it isn't so concerned with its place on a timeline, other than being about these three teens on the verge of a huge change.

"The movie brought about a renewed obsession with 'cool teens' who were funny and young people getting away with stuff," he continued. "Many Hughes movies to follow included some of these elements, too. This movie is a piece of art, and in the end, that's what my book is about: appreciating comedy movies as art."

East Lansing author publishes short story collection 30 years in the making

By **KURT ANTHONY KRUG**

Dawn Newton said the title of her new short story collection, “Knuckle Boy,” is her “apology to the world for those times when I didn’t have the necessary skills to navigate a situation appropriately.”

“Someone’s feelings may have been hurt, and I felt bad about that. Inevitably, we all need to make judgements about the who and why of situations. Many times, such judgements are necessary, but the story hopefully captures that there may be a cost for a decision,” she said.

Since the book (Apprentice House Press, \$18) is an anthology, Newton knew she risked making the title too broad.

“Yet I did want the title of the story to be the title of the book. Even the brightest among us has been the knuckle boy, the one who didn’t know or realize the truth about a situation. That lack of recognition is something we write about again and again,” she said.

The stories feature protagonists who

grapple with wounded creatures — insects, animals and even humans. In the titular story, also Newton’s most recent story, a family’s vacation home attracts the persistent attention of a young man seeking a new place to visit.

“The themes are rather broad,” Newton confessed. “I wrote these stories over the course of 30-some years, so they’re the product of several different phases of my life.”

Born in Pontiac and raised in Waterford, Newton is the middle of three daughters. She lives in East Lansing with Tim Dalton, her husband of nearly 40 years. They have three children: Rachel, Connor and Nathaniel.

Newton is an alumna of Waterford Kettering High School, where she was one of six people to graduate at the top of her class, which is one of her proudest accomplishments. A first-generation college student, she earned a bachelor’s degree in English and creative writing at Michigan State University, which she attended on a partial scholarship, and a master’s degree in fiction writing from



Courtesy

Dawn Newton

Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, which she attended on a teaching scholarship.

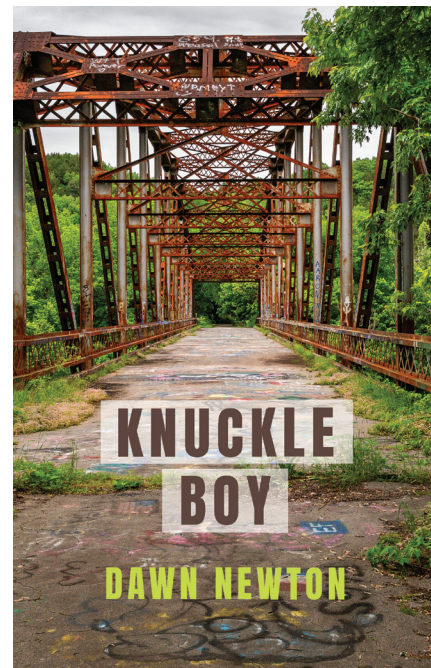
At the latter, she studied under the late author John Barth, who was best known for his postmodern fiction.

“I was really young and, initially, quite intimidated by Barth — the extent of his knowledge and the breadth of his writing. He was so well read, and as I processed what he noticed about the

way stories were constructed, I was beginning to absorb and understand the complexities of storytelling for the first time,” she said. “I used to worry that I didn’t learn enough from him, but over time I’ve realized that I did just fine. He led a very structured class — we critiqued two students’ stories each week, and he met with you ahead of time to provide feedback. I think I worried too much about pleasing him. He was already quite experimental, and I just wanted to write serious, realistic fiction, which was fine with him, even though he had moved on with experimental stuff.”

Newton also has a master’s degree in education from the University of Virginia, which she attended on a partial scholarship, and a certificate in medical insurance billing and coding from Lansing Community College.

“My sisters and I read a lot of books when I was young. My older sister, Linda, and I traded elementary school library books each week. In the summers, I remember my mother driving my younger sister Lori and I to the branch library to check out books,” Newton recalled. “Before I started working, I entered a lot of fiction contests. Some of this feedback was painful — one of my works was called ‘a col-



CITY OF EAST LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1567

On June 16, 2026, the East Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Zoning Ordinance by allowing City Council to approve buildings exceeding the maximum height allowance when that excess height is needed solely due to the construction materials, and doesn't result in additional stories or units.

Effective date: Pursuant to Charter Section 6.3, Upon publication
Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI.

Emily Gordon,
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#26-249

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to add Chapter 878, Sections 878.01-878.03 to the Lansing Codified Ordinances to impose a temporary moratorium on new data centers.

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

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), the Williamstown Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamstown, Michigan 48895.

The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to permit data centers in certain locations within the Township under specific regulations. Data centers are facilities that are designed for the storage, processing, and transmission of digital data. They typically house servers, hard drives, networking equipment, and other equipment related to digital data operations.

Large data centers (e.g., hyperscale) would require Planned Development approval and would only be permitted in the GD, Green Zone Planned Development District. The proposed regulations address, in part, minimum setbacks, sound and vibration, hazardous material use, water usage, electrical supply, decommissioning, complaint resolution, use of electrical generators, and building design.

The new regulations would result in the creation of a new subsection UU within Section 8.02 of the Zoning Ordinance. In addition, revisions to Section 24.04 are proposed.

The proposed amendment may be examined at the Township Hall during regular business hours, Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Thursday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing or submit written comments to the Planning Commission at the address noted above.

Individuals needing special services to fully participate in the meeting may contact the Township Office at (517) 655-3193 at least 5 days prior to the meeting to request necessary assistance.

Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC
Williamstown Township Clerk

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Short story

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lection of platitudes’ — but I learned a lot.”

Prior to “Knuckle Boy,” Newton published two books: 2019’s “Winded: A Memoir in Four Stages” and 2021’s “The Remnants of Summer.” Besides being a teacher and an author, she has held numerous jobs throughout her career, including a lumber yard cashier, a library assistant, a stockbroker, a policy advisor, a grant writer, a tutor and an academic adviser. Her fiction, poetry and essays have been published in Gargoyle Magazine, The Baltimore Review, Clackamas Literary Review, The South Carolina Review and The Carolina Quarterly, among others.

In late 2012, she was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. “Winded” explores her experiences being a parent with cancer.

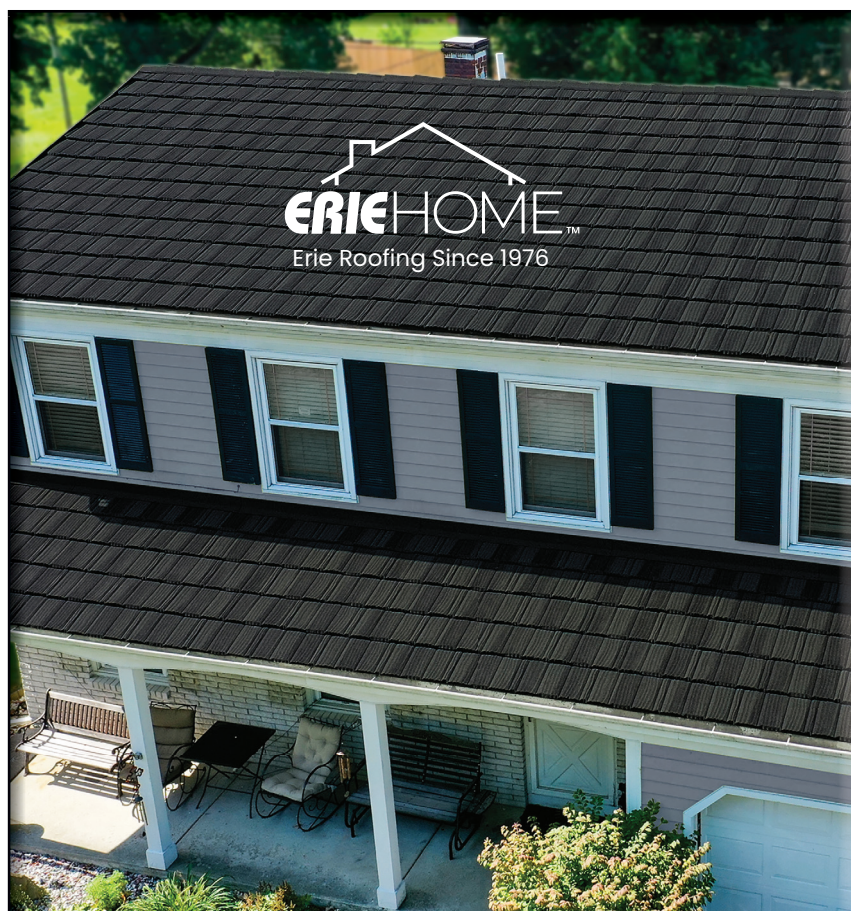
“Even in 2012, when I was first diagnosed at the age of 53, I was initially quite surprised because I had never been a smoker. But then I started reading about vague links between lung cancer and childhood asthma, as mine was quite severe when I was younger. I went to the hospital many times as a kid,” she said. “Writing ‘Winded’ helped me to understand the links between asthma and lung cancer better and probably helped me become even more

compassionate with respect to my parents’ smoking habits and early deaths. Growing up and maturing when they did, they just didn’t know as much about the effects of tobacco. Whether my cancer was caused by secondhand smoke or whether it was a chance development springing from my asthma, I see it as unfortunate but understandable.”

Newton is working on her next book, a novel called “Bei Mir Bist Du Schön,” named after the Andrews Sisters song that she and two of her friends sang at a choir concert in high school. It’s about her mother’s time working in Germany for Selfridge Air National Guard Base after World War II.

“I think I would also like to write a play,” Newton said. “In some ways, writing a play would be natural, as I feel that I already include a lot of dialogue in my fiction. However, I’m daunted by the idea of having the spoken word comprise the totality of everything that’s written. On a stage, characters can open their hearts to the audience in much the same way that characters do in fiction. Yet characters on a stage cannot easily share a secret with anyone else. Writing a full play strikes me as an overwhelming task, although my daughter and I have always loved theater, so attempting a screenplay would be a fun challenge.”

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"I Am Here To Make Friends" -- get acquainted.
by Matt Jones
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ACROSS

- 1. Exasperated sound
- 5. Blundering
- 10. Spheres
- 14. Emmy winner Falco
- 15. In a regal manner
- 16. Brand of bubbly, familiarly
- 17. Like a moray
- 18. Begin to wither
- 19. Ready, willing, and
- 20. Well-hidden royal residence?
- 23. Singer Carly ____ Jepsen
- 24. How detectives might investigate
- 25. Report that a torso is lacking color?
- 31. Sister of Kim and Kourtney
- 32. Oboe piece
- 33. Pledging site
- 37. Blue-green shades
- 38. Judge who presided over the Simpson trial
- 39. Gut ____
- 40. Castle-building material
- 41. "Where have you ____?"
- 42. Feet in a meter?
- 43. Flower holder that hides easily in your hand?
- 45. Key of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1
- 49. "What have we here?"
- 50. Danish film director who's more minimalist?
- 57. "All right"
- 58. Checkout line
- 59. Acronymic

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- 60. English logician with a diagram named for him
 - 61. Airport vehicles
 - 62. Joule or ampere
 - 63. Idle from Monty Python
 - 64. "¿Cómo ____?" ("How are you?" in Spanish)
 - 65. After the expected time
- DOWN**
- 1. Permeate gradually
 - 2. Notion
 - 3. Fish feature
 - 4. Nickelodeon show whose title character has a football-shaped head
 - 5. Heavily committed
 - 6. Sushi seaweed
 - 7. Dark, poetically
 - 8. Story framework
 - 9. Disease forever

- associated with Mary Mallon at the opening of the 20th century
- 10. Nebraska's biggest city
- 11. Follower of Asimov's laws
- 12. Casus ____ (war justification)
- 13. Precipitous
- 21. They may be judged on "The Great Canadian Baking Show"
- 22. Come to a halt
- 25. B'way box office buys
- 26. Actress Seehorn of "Pluribus"
- 27. ____ Bator, Mongolia
- 28. Halle Bailey role
- 29. "Don't care if they do"
- 30. "Jurassic Park III" star Tea
- 33. Tasty
- 34. Italia's capital
- 35. Some Wall St. traders
- 36. Subdue with a zap
- 39. Quarrel
- 41. Style of J.S. Bach
- 43. First-person or third-person, briefly
- 44. At a minimum
- 45. Baseball catcher
- 46. Crafter
- 47. Resident of Tehran
- 48. Joey Fatone's boy band
- 51. Short pencils
- 52. Amanda of "Brockmire"
- 53. Glow
- 54. Burial isle of many Scottish kings
- 55. Send out
- 56. Memory method

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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

July 1-7, 2026

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Archaeologists studying ancient wells have discovered that some weren't finished in a single effort. Communities might dig to the current water table, use the well for years, then probe further down when water levels dropped or needs increased. This is a useful metaphor for you, Aries. As of yet, you don't have the ability or tools to reach the deepest layers you aspire to reach. My counsel is to go as far as you can now and gather what you find there. Later, when you're reader, you will build on what has come before.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The doom-and-gloom wing of astrology is exhausting. The superstition that Mercury retrograde causes scrambled messages and dire mix-ups is dull and misguided. The planet's apparent backward motion, which is happening right now, shows up about three times every year like clockwork. It's perfectly normal! In my view, Mercury retrograde isn't threatening unless you obsess on the idea that it is, in which case, yes, your payment might go astray, and a friend may misunderstand you. But if cultivating relaxed clarity is more fun and productive for you than coping with fearful tension, treat the time between now and July 23 as a rich opportunity to refine, deepen, and upgrade how you communicate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You Gemini readers have decreed that I must halt all musings about maddening, riddle-drenched ambiguity. You've delivered the message to me that you're tired of wrestling with enigmas wrapped in paradoxes. Straightforward, plainspoken factualness is what you want. Well, OK. (Please remember that I don't make this stuff up; I simply channel cosmic omens.) Maybe I'll start obeying your orders next time. But first, I will advise you: 1. Unexpected gifts are coming from people and situations in transition. 2. Tough but friendly interventions will nudge you toward healthy course corrections. 3. Mysterious assistance is on its way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There are phases when the cosmic energies and I urge you to put others first — even tend to their pain before you tend to your own. But this isn't one of those times. Right now, sacrificing yourself for the sake of others would obstruct the flow of righteous grace into your life. So, then, what is the most soul-honoring path available? Here's what I think: Summon your inventive brilliance and use it to imagine generous ways to care for yourself. Shower yourself with gifts, treats, and blessings that delight you. Take the loving care you so deftly pour into other people and lavish it wholeheartedly on yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Most fields of human endeavor work like this: A few people are truly brilliant, a handful are actively harmful, and the majority fall somewhere between "not great" and "pretty good." That's true whether you're talking about engineers, doctors, poets, or astrologers. So, it's inadvisable to assume a physician is wise about your well-being just because they've logged 15 years on the job, or to trust your life direction to the first astrologer whose promotion catches your eye. In the coming weeks, dear Leo, discernment like this matters even more than usual. Let your natural helpfulness be balanced by sharp, thoughtful judgment. Don't just challenge obvious authority. Put every so-called fact, spin, assumption, and official line under your own clear-eyed review.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Architects designing spaces for collective use try to balance two human needs: to see expansively and to have safe places to retreat. Too much exposure creates anxiety; too much enclosure brings claustrophobia. The ideal is to provide both shelter and spaciousness. Let's use this theme as a metaphor for your life during the coming months. You'll be wise to create an equilibrium between engagement and privacy, between vastness and protection. Make it easy for yourself to observe the larger scene and also withdraw when needed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Self-proclaimed "skeptics" love to sneer at astrologers, as if pondering what

lies ahead were a violation of scientific purity. And yet economists, sports analysts, trend watchers, and political commentators churn out shaky predictions every day. Honestly, those professionals of probability often create more confusion than those of us who read the heavens. Take weather forecasters, for instance: From Europe to Japan, their models routinely miss sudden floods and twisters and trigger more than a few false alarms. But do the debunkers brand them as charlatans? Of course not. Forgive the outburst, but I'm building to a key foresight: Every forecast, projection, or vision that crosses your path over the next month will miss the mark — except for this one. So, free yourself of their meddling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ethnobotanists describe how certain Indigenous traditions work with "teacher plants." These are flora that offer not only physical benefits but spiritual instruction. They include psychoactive substances, but also ordinary plants approached with extraordinary attention. In the spirit of reinventing your education, Scorpio, I invite you to expand your understanding of who and what your teachers are. What ordinary elements of your daily life might offer wisdom if you engage them with deep respect? What situations at the edges of your awareness could bring lessons that enrich your perspectives? Now is an excellent time to seek new apprenticeships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Western science and Western religions may disagree about how the universe began, but both place its birth in the distant past. Tantra and other spiritual paths, by contrast, propose that the universe is born afresh in every instant through the sacred, erotic interplay of God and Goddess. When humans approach lovemaking as an experimental sacrament, these traditions suggest, we can tune in to the union of those primordial forces and, in a sense, take part in the continual creation of existence. So, are you ready for a bit of world-making erotic play? The current astrological indicators say yes, you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A common obstacle to healthy intimacy is the belief that a beloved ally should automatically know what you need, without you saying a word. I used to suffer from this delusion myself and worked hard to dissolve it. I no longer unconsciously assume that my companions are so attuned to me that they can always intuit my desires. But I know this bad idea feels romantic to many people, even though it can sabotage even the most promising bond. In the weeks ahead, Capricorn, I invite you to starve this fantasy. Your intimate world is ripe for a fresh infusion of lucid, straightforward honesty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your next few weeks will be sponsored by CoffeeBeer, the paradoxical elixir that both pumps up your energy and decompresses your defenses. You will be an exemplary role model for this innovative product because you will epitomize what occurs when a sensitive soul gets excited and mellows out at the same time. I also expect you will soon be exploring intriguing opportunities that become available to you because of your supercharged calm. Fortunately, you don't need to drink actual coffee and beer together to make this happen. The cosmic forces will be conspiring to help you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Finish this sentence, Pisces: "The one thing that really keeps me from being myself is ____." Is it someone's opinion, an old story about who you are, a fear of loss, a habit of over-pleasing, a secret shame, or a belief that you're "too much" or "not enough"? Whatever first pops into your mind is probably closest to the truth. Here's your next step: Loosen the grip of this stressor by even just 20%. I bet your real self will feel relaxed enough to bloom more fully.

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, July 1

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.

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.

Dinosaur Painting - Use colorful paints to turn a plain wooden dinosaur shape into a magnificent creation! 2-3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Eaton Rapids 250th Anniversary Independence Day Celebration - The City of Eaton Rapids is proud to host four days of summertime fun. Kick things off with a cruise-in and live music at GAR Island Park in the evening. 4-7 p.m. 150 E. Hamlin St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/CityOfEatonRapids.

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

Grand Ledge Community Food & Personal Supplies Drive - We're helping gather food and personal supplies for those in need. Bring donations to the Grand Ledge Area District Library. Donations will be delivered to the GL SDA Food Bank and will be distributed through the food bank and GLEAP. July 1-31. 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

PEARS Deeper Dive: Quarterly Efforts - Participants should have attended the PEARs Crash Course. Learn how to enter a Quarterly Effort report. 9-10 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/od.

River Walk Trash Cleanup - Join us for our monthly ritual of community care: walking the neighborhood and cleaning up litter along the River Walk and surrounding blocks. 11 a.m.-noon. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.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 Scavenger Hunt - Gather your family, friends, coworkers, or neighbors and spend July exploring Lansing in a whole new way. Complete fun photo challenges, discover local parks and businesses, earn points, and make lasting mem-

ories— all at your own pace. lansingmi.gov/1329/Summer-Scavenger-Hunt.

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.

Weaving the Web: Beauty - 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.

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

Thursday, July 2

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.

Better Than Takeout Thai! - In this hands-on cooking class, you'll master classic pad Thai, a fragrant coconut Thai fish, and a vibrant Thai peanut rainbow salad. 6-8 p.m. Bradley's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

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/summerlands-brewing.

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

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

"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.

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

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.

Boom Ball

5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4
Jackson Field
505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
boomballtour.com

If you've been curious about the "show baseball" experience, head out to Jackson Field Saturday for the nationally touring Boom Ball.

Co-ed teams Lucky Llamas and Chaos Crew — comprising former collegiate and minor league baseball players, softball stars and reality TV personalities — will face off in a high-energy, interactive spin on America's pastime. The game will feature six innings, with all kinds of entertainment throughout.

Think Savannah Bananas-level fun, ramped up with more interactive fan moments, stunts and surprises. And, as it's the Fourth of July, there will be a fireworks display to cap the game.

"We're fired up to bring Boom Ball to Lansing for the Fourth of July," Lansing Lugnuts general manager Zac Clark said. "Independence Day is special here, with the whole community coming together for celebration and spectacle at Jackson Field, and that's what Boom Ball is all about."



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

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.

Wacousta Picnic Playdate - Meet at our new Wacousta branch location for an outdoor family storytime filled with different themed activities, like music, bubbles and water play, plus time for play with your friends, too! 11 a.m.-noon. 9135 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.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, July 3

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

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

Friday Guided Tours - Each Friday at 1 p.m., a guided tour of the museum is conducted by one of our volunteer docents or staff members.

Tours run an average of 45 minutes. Participation is covered by general admission to the museum. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. reoldsmuseum.org.

Independence Day Parade - We'll finish in time to watch the fireworks at the Ingham County Fairgrounds! 7 p.m. Rayner Park, 738 E. Ash St., Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

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

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

Roaring '20s Masquerade Ecstatic Dance - Step back in time to an era of mystery and liberation! This unique, sober celebration blends vintage jazz-age glamour with the free-spirited magic of a conscious dance wave. 7-9 p.m. Luna Center, 6110 Clark Road, Bath. luna-center.org.

TGIF Celebrate America's 250th Birthday Dance Party - Wear red, white & blue. Doors 7 p.m., line dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dance 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Jim Kitchen the house. Dinner buffet provided. Cash/credit bar available. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

Saturday, July 4

4th of July: Military Members Receive Free Admission! - The zoo will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all to enjoy! Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

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A Night at the Soul Lounge Fourth of July Bash

3 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, July 4
Lansing Shuffle
325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
facebook.com/LansingShuffle

In honor of Independence Day, Our-space 517 will host a special edition of its popular Soul Lounge event series. The day begins with a vintage market, powered by Wake Up Call, from 3 to 8 p.m., offering vinyl, clothing and local art.

At 9 p.m., the party officially begins, bringing a variety of music to three stages. Each stage will have a different sound: a mix of R&B, soul, hip-hop and party favorites in the Shuffle; Afrobeats, amapiano, house and ghetto tech on the patio; and a live performance by MikeyyAustin at Rotary Park. Around 10 p.m., attendees will be able to view the city's fireworks display from the riverfront.

DJ sets will be provided throughout the day by E-Nyce, Kaels, Ozay Moore, Myrical, DJ Norche and iLL Will 734.

Admission to the vintage market is free. Tickets for the evening event range from \$10 to \$20.



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

Eaton Rapids 4th of July Market - Let's make this Independence Day market shine with hometown pride! 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hamlin Street, Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/ERFarmersMarket.

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.

Saturday Guided Tours - Each Saturday at 1 p.m., a guided tour of the museum is conducted by one of our volunteer docents or staff members. Tours run an average of 45 minutes. Participation is covered by general admission to the museum. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. reoldsmuseum.org.

Sunday, July 5

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

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

July Worship Services at Regal - If you're looking for a unique, inclusive, welcoming, creative place to gather for worship, come join Sycamore Creek's three campuses at Regal

Cinemas in the Lansing Mall every Sunday in July! 10:30 a.m.-noon. 5330 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/sycamorecreekchurch-eastwood.

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.

Treat Trot Lansing - Every registration includes great swag: designer shirt, custom medal, chip timing with live results and awards, free photos, and great snacks at the finish line! 7-10 a.m. Burchard Park, 220 E. Maple St., Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/TreatTrotLansing.

Weekly Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - Join us every Sunday (weather permitting) for a fun and energetic afternoon of rhythm and drumming with the Greater Lansing Area Drummers! 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. lansingdrummers.wixsite.com.

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

Monday, July 6

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.

Art Ability Crafts for Adults - This program, held on the first Monday of the month, welcomes adults who may be on the spectrum, seniors, and anyone who is differently abled. 1-2 p.m. Bath Township Public Library, 14051 Webster Road, Bath. bathtownshippubliclibrary.org.

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

Broadway 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.

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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.

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. lansing.org.

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

T-Rex Counted Cross Stitch - Calling all dino lovers and crafty creators! Join us for this beginner-friendly counted cross stitch program. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Tuesday, July 7

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. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

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.

Diabetes PATH - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 1-3:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@coa.org.

Dine & Discovery: Tamales, with Chef Lorinda Torrez - Join us in the Maker Kitchen for cooking workshops featuring ANC makers and Lansing-local talent! 6-8 p.m. Allen Marketplace

(north entrance), 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/26136752469.

Dino-rama Dioramas - Use plastic dinosaurs, trees, rocks, paint, and other materials to create a dinosaur scene in a box. 3-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Finance Committee - 6 p.m. City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us/park-committee.

Greater Lansing History Book Group - 6:30-7:45 p.m. Big Boy, 1408 Old U.S. 27, St. Johns.

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! Ten-week class 6:30-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

Songwriting Class for Teens and Adults - This ten-week workshop is designed to help songwriters develop their craft. 6:30-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Zoo Days | \$2 Admission - Enjoy a wild day out at Potter Park Zoo for just \$2 admission and free parking. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Wednesday, July 8

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

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

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.

Coffee and Conversation - A monthly Chamber of Commerce networking event. 9-10 a.m. City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge. facebook.com/GrandLedgeChamber.

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.

Help Your College-Bound Child Avoid Costly Legal Mistakes - Alex and Ben will provide a practical, parent-focused discussion on how to help your student avoid common pitfalls and how to re-

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, Jeweleana, 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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spond should the worst happen. Noon-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at bit.ly/2ndWeds2026.

MSU Extension Adulting 101: Think Before You Click! - This workshop will focus on smart ways to stay safe online, from protecting your privacy to spotting scams and handling social media responsibly. 6-8 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/van_buren.

National Association of Career Women July Luncheon - Facilitated networking event. Visitors welcome. Come with an ask and leave remembering your why! 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The Hidden Gem Event Venue, 4230 Charlar Drive, Holt. eventbrite.com/o/16813410745.

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

Parkinson's Support Group: Informal Discussions - Small discussion groups. People with Parkinson's meet in a separate room from caregivers for confidential conversations. 1-3 p.m. Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Read Between the Wines Book Club - Grab your book, pour a glass, and join us for a cozy evening of wine and conversation. This month's selection is "The Butterfly Tree: An Extraordinary Saga of Seven Generations," by Woody Woodburn. 5-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

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.

Weaving the Web: Fire - 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.

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

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Thursday, July 9

"The 39 Steps" - This beloved mystery is a hilarious comedy full of dazzling stagecraft and virtuoso performances that will have you rolling in the aisles until the death-defying, climactic finale. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. bathtownship.us/departments/farmers-market.php.

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/summerlands-brewing.

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

Field Crops Virtual Breakfast Series: Irrigation Management Considerations, with Dr. Younsuk Dong - 7-8 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/field_crops.

"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.

Michigan Inventors Coalition 2026 Summit - Calling all aspiring inventors, founders, and experienced business owners — this event is for you! 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/120999038531.

Lansing Fourth of July celebration

11 a.m. Saturday, July 4
The Capitol
100 N. Capitol Ave.,
Lansing

7 p.m. Saturday, July 4
Adado Riverfront Park
201 E. Shiawassee St.,
Lansing

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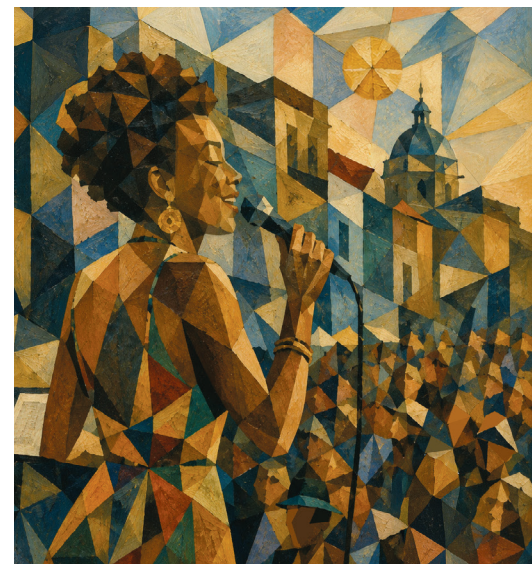


Lansing's annual Fourth of July celebration begins with a parade at 11 a.m., traveling around the Capitol Loop. Following the parade will be a concert on the Capitol steps with Guy Sferlazza, who will perform a program of popular American music from 1776 to today.

Things pick back up at 7 p.m. with another concert at Adado Riverfront Park, featuring patriotic performances by the Lansing Concert Band and the U.S. Air Force Roots in Blue band. Food trucks will offer snacks and refreshments. The evening ends with a fireworks display at 10 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to the evening activities.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

PetalPop Café's chicken and waffles are decadently delicious

By **COURTNEY BOWERMAN**

PetalPop Café, a floral-themed brunch restaurant that opened in March, chose a very clever and fitting location: a former flower shop. Anyone familiar with the Genesee neighborhood will know that up until 2010, the pair of brick buildings on Ionia Street, known as the Bailey Buildings, used to house Belen's Flowers.

The café has an appropriately bright and cheery atmosphere. While the space is small and can get busy during the lunch hour, the service is relatively fast. The menu items

are also a must for avid brunchers, with a wide variety of omelets, pancakes, waffles, sandwiches and specialty craft sodas.

For my first outing, I wanted to get something special. After some waffling (pun intended), I decided to give the chicken and waffles a go. It's a dish I've tried only once before, because, quite frankly, it's always seemed like a strange

combination to me. I've never even considered having chicken for breakfast, let alone with syrup. I know it's a "Southern" dish, but even for an area known for its sugary cuisine (case in point, Elvis' beloved fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches), it feels like too much. Just thinking about it is enough to spike my cholesterol.



Chicken and waffles

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PetalPop Café

519 W. Ionia St., Lansing

7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily

(517) 999-1551

petalpopcafe.com

That being said, when I finally did try chicken and waffles for the first time several years ago, I was surprised to find that the combination isn't as gross as I thought, though

I still wouldn't eat it on a regular basis.

PetalPop's chicken and waffles aren't for the faint of heart. No, the base is not a Belgian waffle — that would be far too decadent. It's a plain waffle loaded with several fried chicken strips. The waffle is thick and fluffy, and the chicken strips are fresh and crispy. The maple syrup and butter are served on the side, so if you don't want any syrup touching your



Courtney Bowerman for City Pulse

chicken, you can keep them on separate ends of your plate. However, if you're adventurous enough to give the combination a try, the result is sinfully delicious.

We may not be in the South, but this unlikely duo works just as well for us

Midwesterners. True, it's so filling that you'll probably feel obligated to spend the rest of the day exercising just to purge your guilt, but it's worth it. After all, don't we all deserve to splurge on calories sometimes?

Cherry pie makes for a flavorful finishing touch

From **METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION**

Dessert can be the crowning touch to a delicious meal. Pie is a popular dessert that undoubtedly benefits from versatility. Pie comes in so many flavors that it's possible to eat a slice each day for a month and never have the same one twice. For those with a predilection for cherry pie, this recipe from Lines+Angles is sure to please.

Cherry pie

Makes eight servings

Pie dough:

2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting
1 teaspoon table salt
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2/3 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
7 tablespoons vegetable shortening, chilled
1/3 cup ice water

Cherry filling:

6 cups sweet cherries, pitted
3/4 cup granulated sugar
One small lemon, zested to yield 1 teaspoon zest and juiced to yield 2 teaspoons juice
1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon brandy
3 to 4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

1. Mix the flour, salt and sugar in a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Scatter the butter pieces over the flour mixture, tossing to coat the butter with a little flour. Cut the butter into the flour with five one-second pulses. Add the shortening and continue to cut it in until the flour is pale yellow and resembles coarse cornmeal with butter bits no larger than

small peas, about four more one-second pulses. Turn the mixture into a medium bowl.

2. Sprinkle all but 1 tablespoon of the ice water over the mixture. With the blade of rubber spatula, use a folding motion to mix. Press down on the dough with the broad side of the spatula until the dough sticks together, adding up to 1 tablespoon of the remaining ice water if the dough does not come together. Divide the dough into two balls, one slightly larger than the other. Flatten each into a 4-inch-wide disk. Dust lightly with flour, wrap separately in plastic and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

3. Remove the dough from refrigerator and let it stand at room temperature to soften slightly, about 10 minutes. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Toss the fruit with the sugar, lemon juice and zest, spices, almond extract,

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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE AND WKAR VOTERS

TOP 5 PIZZA

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

1. Bell's Greek Pizza

Bare-bones parlor serving pies, sandwiches, wings and other casual fare
1135 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 332-0858
thebellspizza.com
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
10 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday

2. Jet's Pizza — all locations

Counter-serve chain offering Detroit-style pizza with flavored crusts, plus wings and subs
See jetspizza.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

3. Klavon's

Pizzeria and pub known for its signature stuffed pizzas, plus calzones, burgers and other casual eats
318 W. Kipp Road, Mason
(517) 604-6565
klavons.com
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday

4. Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale

Microbrewery and restaurant serving pizzas, breadsticks and house-made dips
1101 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
(517) 918-4046
drinkssleepwalker.com
3-9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday
3-10 p.m. Friday
Noon-10 p.m. Saturday
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

5. The Cosmos

Funky parlor offering wood-fired pizzas amid space-themed murals and arcade games
1200 N. Larch St., Lansing
(517) 897-3563
thecosmoslansing.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday
Noon-11 p.m. Saturday
Noon-10 p.m. Sunday

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brandy and tapioca; let it stand for 15 minutes.

4. Roll the larger dough disk on a lightly floured surface into a 12-inch circle, about 1/8-inch thick. Transfer and fit the dough into a 9-inch glass pie pan, leaving dough that overhangs the lip in place. Turn the fruit mixture, including the juices, into the pie shell. Scatter the butter pieces over the fruit. Refrigerate until ready to top with the remaining dough.

5. Roll the smaller disk on a lightly floured surface into a 10-inch circle. Lay it over the fruit. Trim the top and bottom edges of the dough to 1/2 inch beyond the pan lip. Tuck this

rim of dough underneath itself so that the folded edge is flush with the pan lip. Flute the dough in your own fashion or press it with fork tines to seal. Cut four slits at right angles on top of the pie to allow steam to escape. If the pie dough is very soft, place it in the freezer for 10 minutes before baking.

6. Place the pie on a baking sheet and bake until top crust is golden, 20 to 25 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue to bake until the juices bubble and the crust is golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes longer.

7. Transfer the pie to wire rack and let it cool to almost room temperature, so the juices have time to thicken, one to two hours.

Tips: If you prefer a less sweet pie, or if the fruit is very sweet, use less

sugar. If you like your pie juice to be thick, or if the fruit is really juicy, opt for the larger amount of tapioca.



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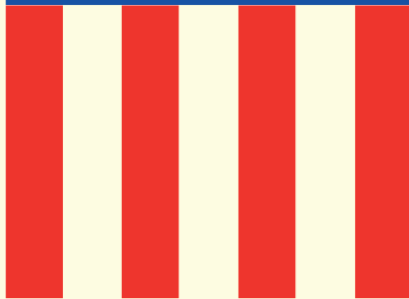




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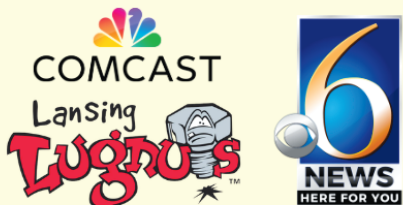
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