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The Hoods Never Really Came Off

Black people do not hang themselves.

Racist good ol' boys do, though.

And before somebody predictably rushes into the comments to explain that not every hanging is a lynching, save your breath. We know. We also know that history has a very long memory when it comes to the ways Black Americans have been terrorized, murdered and made to fear the very people who were supposed to protect them.

What is remarkable is not that racism still exists in America. Anyone who has been paying attention knows it never went anywhere.

What is remarkable is how comfortable some people have become displaying it.

I remember when American society had progressed far enough that at least some racists understood they were supposed to hide it. Racism had become socially radioactive. You could still be a bigot, but you were expected to put on a respectable shirt before leaving the house.

Then Barack Obama was elected president. And suddenly the basement door flew open.

Images of Obama depicted as an ape. Obama portrayed as Hitler. Obama hanging from a noose. Confederate flags appearing alongside increasingly unhinged political rhetoric. The people who had spent decades insisting that America had moved beyond racism suddenly seemed personally offended that the country had elected a Black man to its highest office.

Then came Donald Trump. And the hoods didn't merely come off. They were hung on the wall as trophies.

White supremacists marched openly. Tiki torches were carried through the streets of Charlottesville. Nazi symbols appeared alongside Confederate imagery. People who had once understood that publicly advocating racial superiority was something to be ashamed of began treating it as a political identity.

And somewhere along the way, ideas that decent society had spent generations dragging into the intellectual dumpster—racial hierarchy, eugenics, ethnic nationalism—started crawling back out.

This is the part that should frighten us.

Because racism doesn't need to become universally accepted to become dangerous.

It only needs permission, or a wink, or a dog whistle.

A politician willing to say, I never actually said that, while knowing damn well what his audience heard.

It needs a movement that repeatedly tells people that their problems are not caused by corruption, economic inequality, corporate greed, failing institutions or politicians who have spent decades serving the wealthy.

No. Your problem is them. The immigrant. The Black person. The Muslim. The queer person.

The person who doesn't look like you or speaks another language. The person who somehow managed to get ahead while you were told that the system was working for you.

And when you convince enough people that their fellow citizens are the enemy, you don't have to work very hard to make cruelty seem like patriotism.

That's the trick. You don't have to convince people to hate everybody. You just have to convince them that certain people don't deserve the same humanity.

America has done this before. We have lynched people, burned neighborhoods, segregated schools, and denied people the right to vote.

We have imprisoned Americans because of their ancestry. We have treated entire populations as less than human and then congratulated ourselves for being civilized.

The difference between then and now is not that we have somehow evolved beyond our capacity for hatred. The difference is that, for a while, we became embarrassed by it. The Civil Rights Movement didn't eradicate racism. It made racism socially unacceptable. There is a difference.

And when a powerful political movement begins telling people that every institution designed to restrain bigotry is actually the enemy—when journalists are the enemy, universities are the enemy, civil-rights organizations are the enemy, immigrants are the enemy, minorities are the enemy, and anyone who objects to the cruelty is somehow participating in the destruction of America—you have created an environment where the ugliest impulses in society can flourish again.

It means white supremacists have found a political environment in which they feel considerably less compelled to hide.

And that distinction matters.

Because if you cannot recognize the difference between criticizing a political movement and accusing every person within it of belonging to its most extreme elements, you're not defending your movement. You're making it impossible to have an honest conversation about what is actually happening.

The question isn't whether America has racists. Of course it does. The question is whether we are going to empower them, excuse them, normalize them or confront them.

And if somebody sees a noose hanging from a tree and immediately becomes more concerned about whether calling it a symbol of racial terror might offend somebody than about why it is there in the first place, I have a very simple question: Why the hell are you more interested in defending the person who hung it than the person who has to walk past it?

That's where we are. Not because America suddenly became racist. America never stopped being racist. We simply stopped pretending that everyone had to be ashamed of it.

And now some of the people who spent generations hiding behind respectable language have discovered that they can say the quiet part out loud. They've discovered that the hood still fits, and apparently, they can't wait to put it back on.

Police departments are going to have to answer for themselves. If you thought the protests 2020 were bad, I can't imagine what you'll think when people take action against these institutions that refuse to acknowledge what is happening. We're going to have to police the police, because you have to be a special kind of ignorant to call every hanging a suicide. Black people do NOT hang themselves.

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Board Meeting Synopsis – August 12, 2026

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 with Supervisor Poth, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Approved Resolution #141-2026 opposing ITC high-voltage powerlines in the Township.
- Zoning revision (correction) of Article 8.02 – Keeping of Farm Animals on Non-Farm Parcels.
- Purchase of ground penetrating radar services for Foote Cemetery from Legacy Mark, up to \$6879.00.
- Policy 12 Fund Balance to update minimum fund balance.
- Policy 16 Purchasing Policy additions related to tax exemption reimbursements.
- Deer Management program for the Township.
- Extended hobby rocket launch special use for Trevor Stratton to 7-26-27.

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 9, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193.

Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC

Williamstown Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the City of East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Kelley Folino, located at 614 Forest Street. The applicant request is for chimney work including brick, cap and tuckpointing.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from John Hudgins, located at 139 Kedzie Street. The applicant request is for after the fact approval for replacement of an existing wood, brick and concrete porch and metal handrails with a wood porch, steps and handrails.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Macy DeFouw on behalf of Foundation Specialist, located at 350 Kensington Road. The applicant request is to extend a downspout into the front yard and add a bubbler cap.

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

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

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

Department of Planning, Building, and Housing

East Lansing City Hall,

410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823

between the hours of **8:00 am and 12 pm, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm** or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent by 5 pm the day prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com.

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 Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com.

Dated: August 13, 2026

East Lansing, MI 48823

Emily Gordon

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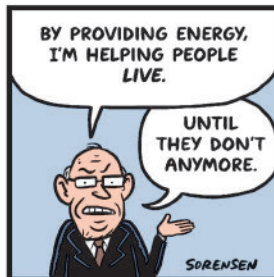
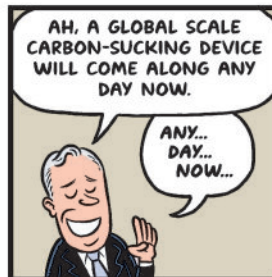
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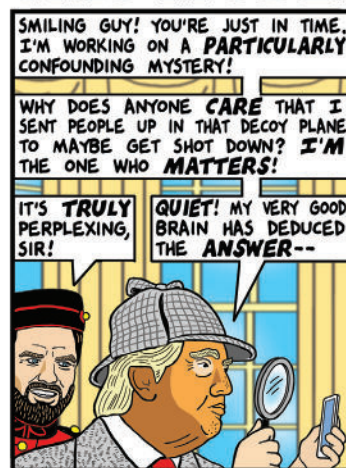
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NEWS & OPINION

Barrett calls Lawrence a 'convicted felon' for 2013 arrest opposing a pipeline

By MIKE ELLIS

Barely a week after a Democratic primary left William Lawrence as U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett's opponent in what is expected to be one of the nation's most-watched congressional races, Barrett called Lawrence a "convicted felon."

The congressman toured the Lansing Regional International Airport tarmac on Thursday with U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy against a backdrop of smoke-hazy skies and within a corral of airport maintenance equipment.

The airport visit was days after the most recent Enbridge Line 5 pipeline was approved, and while the pipeline itself was barely mentioned — Barrett and Duffy did not answer a reporter's question about the approval — pipelines loomed larger than the towering snowplows that made the backdrop.

Barrett said Lawrence tried to shut down a pipeline

The first question from reporters at the airport was about whether Barrett intended to return a donation linked to embattled Ohio Rep. Max Miller, who has been accused by his ex-wife of domestic abuse.

Barrett said Miller is under an ethics investigation and Barrett quickly compared Miller's situation to William Lawrence.

"He didn't just chain himself to a bulldozer," Barrett said, of Lawrence. "He tried to shut down a pipeline; he required hours of law enforcement coming in to try and release this ridiculous protest, to shut down a pipeline, one of the safest ways of transporting petroleum products and other energy resources through pipelines. I know you guys want to cover up for him and everything, but you know it's indisputable that he's a convicted felon and I think he would agree with me. I hope that due process is an important protection. He certainly relied on it in his own proceedings."

Lawrence said he tried to shut down a pipeline

Lawrence said, in a video published on Earth Day and recorded beside the Red Cedar River, that he was one of those arrested in 2013 when he was 22. Lawrence said he took part in "civil disobedience"



Mike Ellis/City Pulse

U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte, and U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy visited the Capital Region International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 13.

and chained himself to Enbridge equipment with the intent of disrupting an oil pipeline.

"Was it righteous?" he said in the video. "Absolutely. Was it wise? Perhaps not."

They were back operating that afternoon while my collaborators and I faced legal consequences for years. There were fines. There was probation. It was a whole thing. We wanted to stop the pipeline, but we didn't get the job done, so I wouldn't advise that."

Any charges against Lawrence were expunged, meaning the record would not be accessible through most public systems.

Lawrence's April video mentioned a current pipeline issue, the then-pending approval of the Line 5 pipeline.

Days before Barrett and Duffy visited the Lansing airport, the U.S. Army issued a permit to Enbridge for the Line 5 pipeline.

Barrett and Duffy were asked about the Line 5 approvals at the airport and in follow-up emails.

Not a road trip

Duffy's staff said he was not traveling in Lansing with his road trip film crew.

The secretary, along with members of his family, spent seven months traveling to a variety of sites, with the trips being filmed and sponsored by many of the companies Duffy oversees as a cabinet official, including Boeing and United Airlines. He said in an interview on NewsNation on in mid-August that the videos were done on weekends and that the re-

lease had been delayed.

"We had to do a little extra editing, got to make sure I come into compliance with all the ethics rules we have in government," Duffy said on NewsNation.

He was not asked Thursday about the road trip videos.

Most beautiful airports in the world

Duffy said Barrett had supported the Trump Administration's Big Beautiful Bill, which included \$12.5 billion for airport overhauls, including millions for Lansing's airport, which is getting upgraded flight bridges.

Duffy and Barrett talked about air travel and the importance of supporting airports and the people who fly frequently.

"We should have the most beautiful airports in the world and that takes money, that takes resources and that takes creativity," Duffy said.

Gas prices

Asked about the increase of gas prices and the affordability of air travel for the average American, Duffy said gas prices are currently high and he tied that to the war in Iran.

"We can't have a nuclear Iran, it destabilizes the world," the secretary said. "In the short time we have some issues with the Strait of Hormuz."

Gas prices are about \$1 a gallon more than they were a year ago and are over \$4 in much of the mid-Michigan area.

Iran said Thursday that it controls the

strait, through which a significant portion of the world's oil travels, but the Trump Administration disputes that claim and the president said Wednesday that the U.S. is in control of the strait. The war in Iran has lasted for six months.

Duffy said increased gas prices are necessary but temporary.

Duffy pointed to the price of a barrel of oil — around \$82 a barrel, comparable to a year ago — and said it was "that low because of American energy dominance. And that's a president who believes that we should actually produce energy here. We should refine energy here. And now we become a net exporter here. So again, we're in a great place with what we produce in America and you have a short term disruption in the Middle East because a long term safety for America for the world because Iran will not have a nuclear weapon."

He said nuclear weapons are catastrophic not only for human lives but for environmental reasons.

Data centers

Barrett was asked about his stance on data centers and Duffy interjected to ask the reporter her name and news outlet (Beth LeBlanc, Detroit News).

Barrett said he opposes incentives for data centers.

"I have been somebody who is very protective of local control by local residents making these decisions for themselves," Barrett said. "We should not be making zoning decisions in Washington, D.C., which is what my opponent has been asking for."

Lawrence has proposed a federal moratorium on data centers and has pointed to data center incentives included in the Big Beautiful Bill, which Barrett supported and Duffy touted at the airport.

Barrett criticized Lawrence's moratorium approach as taking away local control.

"I believe local stakeholders, local residents, ought to be making decisions for themselves," Barrett said. "I think that any data center that is being proposed ought to be sincere and honest with the people in a community."

He said data centers should provide their own electricity to avoid costs for existing customers, along with environmental considerations but not a national zoning policy regarding data centers.

Jay DeBoyer could help John James avoid a nasty GOP convention fight

By KATHERINE DAILEY/
Michigan Advance
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Lansing legislative experience, support from the grassroots wing of the Michigan Republican Party and a path to a smooth convention vote later this month were all reasons for GOP insiders to be excited about state Rep. Jay DeBoyer (R-Clay) as Republican gubernatorial candidate John James' running mate in the November general election.

James, a U.S. congressman from Shelby Township, announced Thursday that he had selected DeBoyer, the current chair of the House Oversight Committee.

Several Republican consultants who spoke to Michigan Advance for this story said that was likely a wise choice following James' tough primary fight against businessman Perry Johnson — who had launched a grassroots opposition campaign against James in the August election, and drove a wedge between him and James with GOP voters across the state.

Jason Roe, who previously served as executive director of the Michigan Republican Party, said DeBoyer has focused his work as chairman of the oversight committee "to highlight excesses of Democratic leadership, the lack of transparency, and some of the waste, fraud, and abuse within government."

That would make DeBoyer "a very good wingman for John James in terms of reminding people of the failures of Democratic leadership over the last eight years of Gretchen Whitmer."

Roe said that he believed Lansing legislative experience — which James does not have — was an absolute top priority for a running mate choice. DeBoyer is in his second term in the Michigan House and likely could have an upward leadership trajectory if he chose to remain in the House. As a candidate for reelection this year, DeBoyer was set to defend his 63rd House District seat against Democrat Jamie Sonnenberger.

Gongwer News Service, a Lansing-based statewide political news outlet, noted that DeBoyer would give up his seat if officially nominated at the Michigan Republican Party's Aug. 22 convention.

Andrea Bitely of Bitely Communications, and the previous spokesperson for Mike Duggan's suspended 2026 independent gubernatorial campaign, also highlighted DeBoyer's legislative knowledge, as well as his



U.S. Rep John James (left) has chosen Michigan Rep. Jay DeBoyer as his running mate in the November gubernatorial election.

good reputation in the gun rights and pro-life communities, calling him a "help no hurt" candidate.

"He's not somebody that has, as far as I know, a lot of baggage that he brings to the campaign," Bitely said. "So he's going to be theoretically helpful, but he's not going to create drama for the James team, in any way, shape, or form."

James came out on the top of a divisive primary against Johnson — as well as former attorney general Mike Cox and Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, who both suspended their campaigns prior to the Aug. 4 primaries.

While James enjoyed the backing of much of the party establishment, including President Donald Trump, who endorsed him in June, Johnson rallied significant grassroots support, especially after Nesbitt and Cox dropped out of the race.

"They are working very hard to bring everybody back to the table, and a Jay DeBoyer pick is that," Bitely said, adding that James might be hoping this will bring Johnson voters back onto his side. "It is uniting, not dividing."

DeBoyer is also a strategic pick because of his role heading the House Oversight Committee, a role which he has used to investigate and question top Democratic officials, including Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, the Democratic nominee for governor.

Both Bitely and Roe said that they expect DeBoyer to act as an "attack dog" for the campaign, with Roe noting, "he probably knows her vulnera-



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bilities as well as anybody in Lansing, and so I think that's going to be a huge benefit."

On the other hand, Dennis Lennox, a Republican public affairs consultant, was more skeptical of DeBoyer as the choice for running mate, noting in a statement, "I would have named a woman because I believe that parties need to balance the ticket, but it wasn't my selection to make."

He added that James "chose a governing partner, not a geographic or demographic box-checker" in DeBoyer.

DeBoyer joins James on the all-male statewide Republican ticket, along with former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers as the U.S. Senate candidate, Eaton County Prosecutor Doug Lloyd as the attorney general candidate and Macomb County Clerk Anthony Forlini as the secretary of state candidate.

But concerns about the gender makeup of the Republican ticket were not shared by Roe or Bitely.

"I don't think it's going to make a difference at all, and I say that as someone who would prefer to have a woman on the ticket," Bitely said. "I think it matters more on the Democratic side than it does on the Republican side at this point."

Roe noted that, although it is the first time that Republicans have not had a female candidate on the top of their ticket in decades, he believes that voters are more focused on "competence and a commitment to reforming government."

Lennox also said that DeBoyer was

seen as a potential future leader in the legislature for the Republican Party, but must now give up his House seat to run for the position of lieutenant governor.

DeBoyer ran unopposed in the Republican primary for re-election to his seat in House District 63 this year — a district which he won twice with over 60% of the vote in the 2024 and 2026 general elections. Republican officials in Macomb and St. Clair counties, which DeBoyer's district covers parts of, will have to choose a replacement for him on the ballot.

All three consultants emphasized the importance of a smooth nominating convention, to be held in Mt. Pleasant later this month, to officially name their candidates in the general election.

"There's always the potential of some mischief at convention and ratifying the lieutenant governor pick, and there were certainly some smoke signals being sent that there might be mischief at our convention," Roe said. "I think Jay really puts all that conversation to bed. I think he's got such broad support within the activist base that he should get approved without any challenge."

Bitely agreed that James needs an easy convention, and Lennox similarly said there would be "no chance" that DeBoyer's selection would be derailed at the convention because "malcontents would have to defeat the rules just to put forth an alternative candidate."

Roe — who is also working with Republican campaigns for U.S. House and Michigan House seats — said that having DeBoyer stumping for incumbent Republicans in down-ballot races, especially his state House colleagues, is very helpful because he can speak about those candidates with authority.

"I also think because of his focus on waste, fraud, and abuse, and transparency, that he brings a very strong messaging resume to the ticket that I think all the candidates in the party, whether they're at the state or federal level, will be talking about," Roe said.

That confidence is a contrast to the type of concerns raised by Lennox both before and after the primary: That James' nomination as governor might hurt down-ballot candidates, as he had significantly less cash on hand at the end of the primary than Johnson, who almost entirely self-funded his campaign to the tune of around \$30 million.

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The University of Michigan's Board of Regents announced its choice for new university president Tuesday, picking C. Cybele Raver, currently the provost at Vanderbilt University. The Board is expected to vote whether to approve her during its Sept. 1 meeting, and if approved, Raver would start on Dec. 1, according to the University of Michigan's Record publication. U-M is currently led by President Domenico Grasso, who was appointed as interim in 2025 when President Santa Ono left in a botched attempt to lead the University of Florida. Syracuse University Chancellor Kent Syverud was expected earlier this year to be named as U-M's president, but he withdrew due to health issues and U-M's board then removed "interim" from Grasso's title. Grasso is expected to help Raver during the transition, according to the Record.

Michigan State University has named its new athletic director, Dan Bartholomae, who is currently the vice president and director of athletics at Western Michigan University, where he has been since 2022. Bartholomae is expected to start on Aug. 31, with the MSU board expected to formally approve his contract during a Sept. 11 meeting. The university did not release any details of Bartholomae's contract, but he was paid at least \$750,000 a year at WMU and The State News reported Tuesday that MSU may need to pay millions to WMU to release Bartholomae from his contract there.



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In a statement, Bartholomae said, "It is a dream come true and a tremendous honor for my family and I to join the Spartan community! Michigan State Athletics has everything required to thrive in this new era of college sports: top-level student-athletes, outstanding coaches, a global alumni network and a university leadership team committed to excellence." J Batt, the university's former athletic director, left in June on the heels of MSU President Kevin

Guskiewicz's short-lived departure. The athletic department recently launched Spartan Ventures, its name-image-licensing enterprise and received a \$400 million athletic-focused donation, one of the largest gifts in the country and MSU's largest single donation.



LG Energy Solution Michigan-Lansing officially opened its new \$2.6 billion battery plant on Davis Highway in Delta Township Tuesday. The facility, located near the GM Lansing Delta Township Assembly plant (which previously owned the site), will make large batteries for vehicles and significant energy storage systems for customers like DTE and Consumers Energy. According to Solar Power World, the plant will make both lithium-iron phosphate batteries for utility-scale uses as well as nickel-manganese-cobalt batteries for a Toyota campus in Kentucky. The site has seen investments of more than \$2 billion since 2022, covers 320 acres and employs around 900 people, which is expected to grow to 1,700 employees at full-scale production.



General Motors said it plans to lay off 350 workers at its Lansing Grand River Assembly and Regional Stamping plants. The layoffs are part of a previously announced \$1.25 billion transition to making a new Cadillac sedan, according to Automotive News. GM filed WARN (layoff) notices with Michigan, saying it planned a mass layoff in January. Most of the affected workers are team members, leaders or

stamping team members, and impacted employees may be eligible for other opportunities with GM.



A developer is suing the city of East Lansing after a string of rejected proposals for the Bailey Street Parking lot, according to East Lansing Info. The publication reviewed court filings from Minnesota-based Tareen Development Partners, which had most recently proposed a 10-story building on the site of the current Bailey Street parking lot. The lot is operated by the city, but the city has indicated it wants to get rid of it, according to East Lansing Info.



The city of Mason has scheduled a town hall meeting with council members and city staff for Sept. 14 at its City Hall to discuss the latest developments in a developer's quest to build a data center in town. The developer, which Mason officials have not identified, wants to construct a facility on 400 acres at the intersection of College and Columbia roads, in Vevay Township west of town — property which may be annexed into Mason. City officials have created a "Mason Connect" strategy and a Mason Data Center Facts volunteer group to try and educate residents about the data center proposal. A No Data Centers in Mason group opposes the proposal. The State Boundary Commission is reviewing the proposal and potential annexation as well.

The number of cyclosporiasis cases continues to slow in Michigan, and experts are telling the public that the worst may be past and that lettuce is back on the menu. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services said earlier in August that residents can



return to routine washing of lettuce and salad greens because new cyclosporiasis cases and ER visits are declining. "As new data has emerged, our guidance has evolved to reflect the best available evidence, helping ensure that prevention recommendations are able and responsive to the situation," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan's chief medical executive. The state has seen a decline in cases since June with a slight uptick in late June to early July. The state has not found any contaminated produce since the outbreak, according to Michigan officials.



An Ionia County resident and swine exhibitor at the Kent County Youth Fair has tested positive for swine flu, according to Michigan officials. People

who may have been exposed to influenza from infected pigs have been contacted by state and county health officials. "While the risk to the general public remains low, we want visitors who attended the Kent County Youth Fair to be alert to symptoms and take appropriate precautions," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan's chief medical executive, in a statement. "Anyone who develops flu-like symptoms after possible exposure should contact their health care provider and let them know they attended the fair." The fair was held at the Ionia County Fairgrounds from Aug. 14-16. The fair was closed to the public for a few days after the announcement. The fair was held at the Ionia County Fairgrounds from Aug. 14-16. The fair was closed to the public for a few days after the announcement.



The Bridge Street Bridge in Portland was closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic after a routine bridge inspection began a few weeks ago, according to a post on the city's Facebook page. The preliminary results indicate the bridge can't be confirmed to safely support travel, according to the city. The bridge was previously identified for repairs planned for 2028 and the city is working to see if that timeline can be accelerated. "Public safety is the city's highest priority," the city said in the statement. "The City understands that this closure may cause inconvenience for residents, businesses, and visitors and appreciates the community's patience and cooperation while this evaluation is completed."



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CP#26-310

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Pursuant to Section 401 of Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting held on August 12, 2026, the Williamstown Township Board of Trustees adopted amendments to Section 8.02(RR) of the Zoning Ordinance, which deals with the keeping of farm animals on non-farm parcels.

The principal purpose of the amendments is to address the keeping of farm animals on nonfarm parcels or lots in the R-1 and R-1-S Districts that are over three acres in size. New regulations have been adopted to replace the second and third paragraphs in subsection 1, Introduction.

A copy of the ordinance amendments may be obtained or inspected at the Williamstown Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI 48895 during normal business hours. Pursuant to Section 401(6), the amendments shall take effect upon expiration of seven days after publication of this notice.

Robin A. Cleveland, Township Clerk

CP#26-318

The Ingham County Housing Commission announces the availability of 5-Year Mainstream Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) for Projects Receiving Low Income Housing Tax Credit Funds (LIHTC)

ICHC expects PBV vouchers to be available in 2026, subject to HUD and ICHC funding. To which the project furthers the ICHC's ability to expand housing and economic opportunities by servicing the area of Ingham County generally referred to as "Out County" in that the residents of the proposed project would not have a City of Lansing address. PBV contracts may be awarded for up to 20 years, with renewal options. Assistance will help cover rent for eligible households with incomes generally at or below 30% of AMI and no higher than 50% of AMI. Projects already under construction are not eligible. Before an AHAP contract can be executed, required subsidy layering and environmental reviews must be completed and approved by HUD or its designee.;

Request: Up to eight (8) PBV units, or 25% of a project's total units, whichever is less. Exceptions to the 25% cap (up to eight units) may be approved for units serving disabled families and/or elderly during the PBV contract term.

Unit Requirements: Eligible units must be 1- or 2-bedroom family units for persons with disabilities. Preference will be given to projects located outside Lansing, Michigan within the County of Ingham. Projects serving a specific disability group or clients of a particular provider are not eligible. The ICHC reserves the right to limit voucher awards per project. The ICHC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and minor irregularities, and/or to modify or cancel this solicitation.

Tenants will be referred exclusively from ICHC waiting lists. Sponsors must comply with all applicable Mainstream Section 8 PBV regulations (24 CFR Part 983) and ICHC Administrative Plan requirements.

Selection Criteria: Applicants must demonstrate project need, financial feasibility, readiness to proceed, compliance with County obligations, and eligibility to work with HUD. Preference will be given to projects that create new affordable housing, serve persons with disabilities, maintain affordability beyond 20 years, provide units affordable to lower-income households, support sustainable development, and leverage additional funding sources.

Who Should Apply: Owners and developers proposing new construction or rehabilitation projects that expand long-term affordable housing for very low- and extremely low-income households. Only LIHTC proposals requesting ICHC PBV assistance in response to this notice will be considered.

Submission Information: ICHC will accept request for proposals for PBV beginning August 5, 2026. Proposals are due no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026.**

For information or detail of this RFP contact ICHC Consultant, Shanda Johnston at shanda.revitalizellc@gmail.com.

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office
707 Buhl Avenue
Mason, MI 48854
QUESTIONS: (517) 676-8395
drainoffice@ingham.org

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the apportionment of benefits for the Drains listed below. Maps of the Drainage District boundaries may be found on the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's website at: drain.ingham.org.

Drain ID#	Drain Name	Municipalities
B40-13	BANTA CONSOLIDATED DRAIN	CITY OF LANSING DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
B56-00	BURGESS AND BRANCHES DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
D10-15	DIEHL CONSOLIDATED DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
D12-00	DIETZ CREEK DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE
D14-00	DOAN CREEK DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP INGHAM TOWNSHIP LEROY TOWNSHIP LOCKE TOWNSHIP STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP
D15-00	DOAN AND DEER CREEK DRAIN	INGHAM TOWNSHIP VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE
D17-00	DOUGLASS DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
D20-00	DUBOIS DRAIN AND MITCHELL BRANCH	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP
D21-00	DUCK POND DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
D25-00	DOBIE HEIGHTS DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
D30-00	DELL DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP
E05-00	EDGAR DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
E06-00	EIFERT DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP
E07-00	ELDRED DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP
E12-00	ELLIOTT DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
E13-00	EMBER OAKS DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
E18-00	EDGEMONT DRAIN	CITY OF LANSING LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP
F02-00	FEAR DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP
F03-00	FELTON DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedents Estate. File No. 26-1136-DE. Estate of Barbara J. Stephon. Date of birth: 05/05/1939. Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Barbara J. Stephon, died 07/14/26. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christopher A. Stephon, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517.483.6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 08/19/2026. Attorney: Christine Caswell, P74165, 7402 Westshire Dr #125, Lansing, MI 48917, 517.282.1406. Personal Representative: Christopher A. Stephon, 6065 Green Road, Haslett, MI 48840, 517.214.7580.

CP#26-325

State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedents Estate. File No. 26-682-DE. Estate of Robert Marteze Davis. Date of birth: 10/17/1979. Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Robert Marteze Davis, died 07/01/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rachelle N. Davis, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 08/19/2026. Personal Representative: Rachelle N. Davis, 1207 Sigsbee St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, (616) 299-9215.

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F04-13	FERLEY CONSOLIDATED DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
F05-00	FORCE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP
F07-00	FOSTER DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
F10-00	FRANKLIN DRAIN	CITY OF MASON VEVAY TOWNSHIP
F13-00	FRY DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP INGHAM TOWNSHIP
F26-00	FREDERICK DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP
G03-02	GILBERT GLENS BRANCH NO. 1 AND 2 OF THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE GILBERT DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G03-10	GILBERT, CHISHOLM HILLS BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G04-00	GILLAM DRAIN	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP
G05-00	GILLETT DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G10-00	GRAHAM AND BRANCH NO. 1 DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G24-00	GOULD DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP
H06-00	HARMON DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP
H09-00	HATHAWAY DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
H60-00	HILLBROOK DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
H65-00	HUNTOON LAKE DRAIN	CITY OF LESLIE LESLIE TOWNSHIP
H72-00	HIDEAWAY WOODS DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
I06-00	INDIAN LAKES DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
I06-02	INDIAN LAKES NO. 2 DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
J04-00	JENKS DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP
K04-00	KENT DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
K06-00	KINGMAN DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
K08-00	KEELER DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
L03-00	LAMB DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP
L29-00	LINDSAY DRAIN	VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
L35-00	LANSING TOWNSHIP NO. 1 DRAIN	CITY OF LANSING LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP
L36-02	LANSING TWP. #2, LANSING/ WAVERLY ROAD BRANCH DRAIN	LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP
L40-01	LOCKE/WILLIAMSTOWN, WOODVIEW DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
M16-00	MUD CREEK DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP CITY OF MASON INGHAM TOWNSHIP LESLIE TOWNSHIP VEVAY TOWNSHIP WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP

M18-04	MUD LAKE OUTLET, TIHART BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
M51-00	MCCREERY DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP
N03-00	NEMOKA DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
N09-00	NORTH ONONDAGA DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP LESLIE TOWNSHIP ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP VEVAY TOWNSHIP
O13-00	OAKLEAF HILLS NO. 2 DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
P02-00	PATRICK DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP INGHAM TOWNSHIP STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP
P08-00	PLAINS ROAD DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP
P24-05	PINE LAKE OUTLET, LAKE LANSING ROAD BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
T10-00	TOTTE-CHASE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
T18-00	SANDERS-TACOMA HILLS DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
V07-00	VAN HORN DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP VEVAY TOWNSHIP
W28-00	WRIGHT & POTTER DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
W56-00	WALTZ DRAIN	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

The Drain Commissioner, engineers, and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. Written statements may be mailed or emailed to the Drain Commissioner at the postal or email address listed above. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner before the date of the meeting to ensure consideration.

The computation of costs for the Drains and the tentative apportionments against the parcels and municipalities within the Drainage Districts will be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges. Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted in writing before the date of the meeting to review the apportionment or may be submitted in writing or orally at the review.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office at the phone number listed above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Ingham County Probate Court within ten (10) days after the Day of Review.

August 7, 2026

Patrick Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

CP#26-319

Harrison's longshot Senate bid bears fruit

By KYLE MELINN

While we all stayed away from lettuce last month during the cyclospora recall, Rashida Harrison had a backup plan.

She simply picked some from her Groesbeck neighborhood backyard.

The 46-year-old mother likes getting her hands into the dirt and watching, slowly, as the fruits of her labor appear.

"My little gardening projects still feel slightly miraculous," Harrison said.

In a way, her little tomatoes or exploding patches of basil aren't much different than her run for the state Senate.

When Detroit-based political consultant Edmund Rushton approached her about running in the open district made up of Lansing's east side and points east and north, Harrison took it as a joke.

The feminist scholar and assistant professor at James Madison College thought about legislative politics here and there. She knew some people.

As Harrison earned her doctorate in African American and African Studies at MSU, she planted roots in Lansing after moving from New York in 2003



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for graduate school.

She volunteered through the local Zonta International chapter. Ran some youth community programs out of Pattengill. Trained for a half marathon with a Playmakers running group.

But the Michigan Senate? For this daughter of a poor family from South Bronx? She didn't have any political connections. Where would she even begin?

"It felt so out of reach," Harrison said.

Yet planting that first seed only meant paying a \$100 filing fee. She could do that, and on March 31, she did.

From there, Harrison started showing up for every event she could — often-times, her 7-year-old in tow.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's political action committee meeting. A progressive meetup group called "Blue Brigade." Wherever she went, she met other new faces to politics.

"That was helpful, reassuring," she said. "I was like, 'OK. I'm not the only one out here.'"

Quite the opposite. A sociologist by



Courtesy photo

Rashida Harrison

training, Harrison listened to people. She watched what was going on around her.

This wasn't just people from Lansing or other professional Black women, either. Whether it was Michigan State's campus, Clinton County or Shiawassee, she was hearing similar sentiments. People were thinking like her.

"I had someone tell me, 'I used to consider myself a moderate Democrat, but

apparently now I'm a progressive,'" Harrison said.

The issues that would typically put her in the "progressive bucket," universal healthcare or universal childcare, were not ideals held by her, a Black feminist ... but by a lot of people.

Harrison isn't independently wealthy. She raised a modest \$16,000 for her campaign. There were no mailers. She didn't have an army of volunteers. She and her team knocked doors, but admittedly "not as many as we should have."

What she did have was the progressive movement sweeping through Michigan and the country.

"I knew a lot of young people working on Will (Lawrence's) campaign, and they'd tell me, 'I was knocking and someone asked me about the Senate race, and I told them about you,'" Harrison said.

As it turned out, progressive U.S. Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed won Ingham County with 59% of the vote. He won Clinton County, too.

Word of mouth spread like wildfire.

Harrison was the progressive candidate in the 28th Senate District in a field of three other choices.

"I say progressive plus," she said. "When I am faced with a challenge, I think about what group of people have had the least access, have been the most marginalized when it comes to the issue."

Harrison's \$100 filing fee had grown into something life changing.

With her professorship at Michigan State ending this year, she'd been looking toward advocacy work and smaller consulting jobs in 2027. Instead, the longshot candidate found herself headed somewhere she once considered out of reach.

Like those tomatoes sprouting in her backyard, Harrison said, it all feels "slightly miraculous."

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

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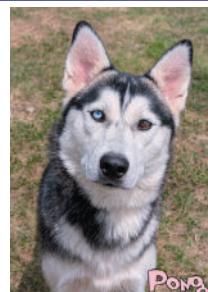
While people are definitely his favorite, Gobble is also learning that playing with other dogs can be a lot of fun! He's been making great progress and continues to build his confidence and social skills with canine friends.



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James came to the shelter with his brother Arnold when their owner lost his home and had no where to keep them. They were worried at first but they have settled in and are doing much better. James isn't as brave as his brother but he's trying! He loves attention and has lived with a dog but would probably do better in a calmer home.



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

NOTICE: MERIDIAN RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC HEARING: 2027 BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a Public Hearing on the 2027 Township Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027 on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, not earlier than 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Room at the Township Municipal Building located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

This meeting will also be televised on HOMTV, Meridian Township's Government Access Channel. Viewers can watch LIVE coverage on Comcast Channel 21, homtv.net, facebook.com/HOMTV, youtube.com/user/21HOMTV and http://meridianmi.swagit.com/live/.

As of September 11, 2026, copies of the proposed budget are on file and available to the public during office hours [8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday] at the Office of the Township Clerk. A copy is also posted on the Township's website at www.meridian.mi.us.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written or oral comment and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. Written comments/communications should be submitted to the Clerk's Office by any of the following means:

1) Hand Delivery

2) Mail to:
Township Board
Charter Township of Meridian
5151 Marsh Rd
Okemos, MI 48864-1198

3) Faxed to 517-853-4096, c/o Clerk Demas

4) Submitted via email to demas@meridian.mi.us

The divisions of the proposed 2027 Budget are General Fund, Public Works Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds and the Internal Service Fund.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk
517-853-430

CP#26-315

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CITY OF EAST LANSING SUMMARY
OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1579

On August 11, 2026, the East Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 7, Article II, section 7-82(2) of the code of the City of East Lansing for the purpose of amending a citation from section 7-82(8) to section 7-82(7).

Effective date:

Pursuant to Charter Section 6.3, Upon publication

Notice:

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

Emily Gordon,
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#26-324

CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1361

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Title 8 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add a new Chapter 247, Sections 247.01 to 247.04 in order to transition existing City boards and commissions to the ward structure provided for by the current Charter.

Effective date:

August 25, 2026

Notice:

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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CITY OF EAST LANSING SUMMARY
OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1570

On August 11, 2026, the East Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, an ordinance, pursuant to Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the code of the City of East Lansing, to rezone 3859 Stoll Road and to amend the Zoning Use District Map of Chapter 50 - Zoning - of the code of the City of East Lansing for such purposes.

Effective date:

Pursuant to Charter Section 6.3, Upon publication

Notice:

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

Emily Gordon,
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#26-323

CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1362

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Chapter 248 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add a new Section 248.02 in order to transition existing Board of Water and Light members to the ward structure provided for by the current Charter.

Effective date:

August 25, 2026

Notice:

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1363

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 266.01, remove Section 266.02, and renumber Section 266.03 in order to provide for an eight-member Arts and Culture Commission, in accordance with Section 5-103 of the Charter.

Effective date:

August 25, 2026

Notice:

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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Red Cedar Roots Festival aims to revive East Lansing's folk legacy

By MIKE ELLIS

The Flint Southernaires introduced themselves with a level of succinctness that comes from spending 60 years performing on stages around Michigan.

"You're going to hear some good gospel music, alright."

And with that, the second night of the inaugural Red Cedar Roots Festival began.

The classic quartet delivered silky harmonies with a thumping back-beat band.

The Red Cedar Roots Festival is the successor to the Great Lakes Folk Festival, which was put on ice in 2017.

Starting small this year with a single stage in downtown East Lansing, organizers plan to grow the new festival to fill some of the void left by its predecessor.

The Southernaires were recognized this summer with a Heritage Award from the Michigan Traditional Arts program, but bathed on stage in golden-hour sunlight, the band continued to prove they're no museum pieces as they spent Saturday night (Aug. 15) performing soulful counterpoints and melting the air with their crooning praise.

They were followed on stage by Celestina y Los Sanchez, a Tejano/conjunto band, and Kritya Dance Ensemble, which performed traditional Indian Kuchipudi dances to a rapt audience — no phones in sight, just jaws dropping at the effortless-looking choreography.

Wilson Thicket closed out the festival with their swinging, thumping bluegrass and Americana, set against the night sky of East Lansing.

The Red Cedar Roots Festival is small compared to its predecessor, which brought more than 80,000 people a year to the area and ran for more than a decade before ending in 2017 when a new MSU Museum director (who didn't last long) pulled the plug.

But the Great Lakes Folk Festival, one of the biggest and most beloved festivals in East Lansing's history, wasn't original.

Very little, if anything, in folk is truly original if you follow the roots.

Like the Red Cedar festival, the GLFF was a continuation, a natural extension, of the folk festivals that have run in East Lansing for generations.



Yamini Kalluri, performing to live Carnatic music by the Kritya Music Ensemble, demonstrated traditional Indian Kuchipudi dance at the inaugural Red Cedar Roots Festival.

The roots of the roots festival

The origin of today's Red Cedar Roots Festival goes back to at least 1983, when MSU Museum officials began to try to get into the annual Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife, said Kurt Dewhurst, former MSU Museum director.

At the time, one state each year would get to show off academic research, culture and state pride through interactive exhibits in Washington.

Michigan was picked for the 1987 festival, coinciding with the state's sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary.

Michigan brought members of the Flint Sit-Down Strike, a cherry tree and other Mitten State representation.

It also brought real (enough) ice fishing to the sweltering Washington heat, including a frozen platform and a tank with a spearfisherman.

After doing all the work and getting state and Smithsonian money for the projects, Dewhurst said he and the others asked themselves, "Why not bring it back to Michigan?"

That's part of the origin story, but the same year, the Michigan Festival, a week-plus music-focused festival, launched on Michigan State University's campus to coincide with the sesquicentennial. It ran annually until 1997

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Raymond Holt
for City Pulse



Wilson Thicket, a bluegrass and Americana act, closed out the inaugural Red Cedar Roots Festival on Saturday, Aug. 15.



The Kritya Dance Ensemble performed classic Indian dances at the Red Cedar Roots festival.

and brought artists including Aretha Franklin to town. The music side was generally ticketed, with a folk life component that was free for the community, Dewhurst said.

The popular music side died around 1997, but a successor was fostered through conversations with Mark Meadows and then-City Manager Ted Staton, Dewhurst said.

Staton knew about the National Folk Festival, which set roots in a single place

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Yamini Kalluri said her performance at the Red Cedar Roots Festival was a way to share her art, Indian Kuchipudi dance, with her community.



Audiences watched the Red Cedar Roots Festival from chairs, nearby apartment balconies and restaurant patios.

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for about three years, and helped recruit it to East Lansing.

Like the Smithsonian-inspired programming, this festival included research components, museum exhibits and interactive folk demonstrations along with music.

When it came time for the festival to move on to the next town, there was enough demand to launch a new event, the Great Lakes Folk Festival, which got critical financial support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts, Dewhurst said.

Very few festivals had not only the music, but the research and volunteer base to get those kinds of grants, he said. “Great Lakes blended those in a successful way. Two completely different models.”

The Great Lakes festival inspired generations of people, including musicians from Wilson Thicket, the bluegrass band that helped close out the first Red Cedar Roots Festival.

Is this a return of the Great Lakes Folk Festival?

When people hear about a “folk festival,” there’s a real split.

Some people’s minds go right to one of the literal meanings of folk music and folk art, like the continuation of traditions.

On the other hand, a lot of people hear “folk” and file it away under either Bob Dylan or “I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow”-sounding acts.

“On paper, that term should be the most encompassing,” said Micah Ling, who booked the acts for the Red Cedar Roots Festival. “Louis Armstrong said all music is folk music, and to me folk means ‘of the people, all people.’ But people hear there are specific music genres and feel it’s not a space for them.”

Ling is the associate director of the Michigan Traditional Arts Program at Michigan State University and has a doctoral degree in folklore and related music. Her work with the Red Cedar festival is on her own time.

She said the name “Red Cedar Roots” connects to traditions as well as the place and can be interpreted all sorts of ways, including as a watershed that nourishes.

Reviving a festival

Every part of the Great Lakes Folk Festival’s structure — the touring industry itself, the local venues and parking lots, the nonprofit and government grants, the attendees — has been shaken since 2017.

COVID upended things, some of which are just settling now, said Sally Potter, booking manager for the Ten Pound Fiddle.

Potter may book more “folk” acts than anyone else in the area, coordinating performances at several venues to reduce overhead costs and juggling the various schedules of venues, bands, technicians, producers and support



Celestina y Los Sanchez, a Tejano/conjunto act, performed at the Red Cedar Roots Festival on Saturday, Aug. 15.

staff.

She said folk has a diverse range, from Celtic and zydeco to blues and singer-songwriters and well beyond, and it encompasses dance, art, food and more.

Potter noted the Red Cedar festival came at a good time, as the post-COVID blues at venues is starting to let up.

“This was the beginning of: Will the people come, will people want to do this next year?” Potter said.

She said the ground is ripe in Lansing for a new folk festival and with a full



The Velvet Boys, a honky tonk/early country act out of Detroit, performed at the Red Cedar Roots Festival on Friday, Aug. 14.

year to get people hyped up for the next event, she’s excited to see it continue.

What’s next?

MSU had no official involvement in this year’s Red Cedar Roots festival.

Past East Lansing folk festivals generally included heavy lifting by the MSU Museum, making the festival into a cultural event as well.

East Lansing put up the money for this year’s festival, festival coordinator

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The Flint Southernaires stepped off stage to work the crowd on Saturday, Aug. 15.



A close-up of some of The Velvet Boys’ boots.

Taking breaks (or) breaking bread

Cap City Breaking Jam brought the community together



Mr. Joe Walker for City Pulse

B-boy Litos, 11, of Maryland won the youth round at the 5th annual Cap City Breaking Jam.



Mr. Joe Walker for City Pulse

B-boy Ali, left, and B-boy Burns, a duo out of Toronto, won the adult round at the Cap City Breaking Jam.

By MR. JOE WALKER

Following the artistic in-your-face spectacle that was All of the Above Hip Hop Academy's Cap City Breaking Jam Saturday (Aug. 15) at Lansing Shuffle, I found the nonprofit organization's director, Ozay Moore, as he was having a quiet meal alone inside.

With a look of contentment on his face, Moore dug into an avocado bowl from Shuffle eatery Takitos AF. To use a hip-hop reference, it was a mixtape of hearty ingredients, feat. rice, beans, pico de gallo, corn, lettuce and more.

Filled with a colorful array of fixings, I found the dish to be symbolic of the diverse audience that eats up the Cap City Breaking Jam.

Moore had just taken big bite of his bowl when I danced over to his way with a question.

"This was a great day for the community, wasn't it?" I asked.

With his mouth full, he responded, "Mmm hmmm!"

... A couple hours prior, the grounds around Lansing Shuffle bustled with the noise of life. Loud cheers peaked with every charismatic, acrobatic and awe-inspiring move. I saw the crowd hyping the cross steps filled with blurring backspins, dizzying headspins and breathtaking transitions as dancers moved from standing-up top rock to groundbreaking get-downs.

Judges B-girl Shade (Markham, Ontario), B-boy RamIn (Chicago) and 99Stylez Crew member TV Breaks (AOTA mentor) decided the youth winners. A panel of all-star breakers, Orbitron Orb (Seattle), "The Zulu Kween" BabyGirl (Houston) and Keegan "Seoul" Loye (Indianapolis) judged the adults.

The event DJs — Y'z (AOTA mentor), Foojin (Phoenix) and living legend Ohmega Watts (San Diego) — spun their equipment as AOTA crew members worked, laughed and reflected on the jam's full platter.

Youth battle champion Litos and his family would soon head home to Maryland. Adult champs Burn and Ali would be driving back to their native city of Toronto. Each of the winners, standouts from a pool of more than 70 local, national and international competitors, outmaneuvered their opponents to claim cash and bragging rights.

... Moore, who emceed the one-on-one youth and two-on-two adult battles, conducted the symphony of sights and sounds with unyielding enthusiasm. But that hungry crowd had long since dispersed. He sat in silence as he enjoyed a well-earned meal with no one around him. Except me.

As he finished a bite of his platter, I told him I'd heard several people remark that Cap City was the best live event in Lansing they'd been to all year.

"Yo, I heard that too," he said.

After we both nodded to one another in approval, I asked him at what point he would realize whether this year's Cap

City was a success.

"There's a lot of different moments that you scaffold," Moore said. "When the music's not playing and you have the attention of the crowd and you can talk to them about investing in community and the culture, talk about what it can do beyond making money from it, and the people hoot and holler the same way they would if somebody did something cool, that's the sign of a healthy event."

"When the same people at the same volume make noise for things that are beyond just the entertainment value, and it's for the human piece, that's how I know," he continued. "Today, we talked about men stepping up for our women and children and keeping our spaces safe from violence and nonsense. If people keep coming back and they rock with what the main thing is, with our message, to me that's a win. They're seeing hip-hop's potential. Today, that made it feel like a really successful jam."

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Julie Levy-Weston said. She was also the technical coordinator for the GLFF for 15 years.

"We don't know what's going to happen next year," Levy-Weston said. "You can't do big, good festivals without some money."

Potter said the Red Cedar festival's

technical staff, including Levy-Weston and veteran stage manager Katie Doyle, are the best in the region.

Ling said she hopes that a longer timeline in 2027, and a full year of getting people excited, will help Red Cedar Roots reach more people and potentially bring in cultural booths, a marketplace, food and more dancing.

"That's something that's important to me, as a person who loves and studies folk material," Ling said. "In the

future, I would love an expansion of our footprint and of activities and the range of performers we can bring."

But the Red Cedar Festival will never be the Great Lakes Folk Festival, she said.

"The context isn't there."

The new context, she said, a reborn festival with deep roots in the region's broad folk traditions, is ripe for revival.

Folk music is, after all, rarely the most popular music beyond the hoot-

annies of Woody Guthrie's pre-war New York and Bob Dylan's post-war heights.

But it's a form of music that — going well beyond the Guthries and Dylans — always survives and thrives, Levy-Weston said.

"People will always make music. It may not be mainstream, but there are always people who will love and support it," she said.

Just like the festivals.

Diane Les Becquets' newest novel informed by time spent in UP

By KURT ANTHONY KRUG

The natural world is intrinsically connected to author Diane Les Becquets' identity.

"It has always been in beautiful, wild spaces that I've found my stories," Les Becquets said. "In each of my novels, place is as much a character as the people themselves. Landscapes have and will continue to shape people's lives. There is a sacred quality about them that brings us home to our truest identity."

Her love for the outdoors was sparked and shaped by the time she spent in the Upper Peninsula, which is reflected in her sixth novel, "Where the Water Meets the Sky" (Simon & Schuster, \$29).

"The novel began as a love song to the small fishing community on the Garden Peninsula in the UP where my father grew up, and to the young woman I was when everything was possible," she said. "The images that come to me of my younger self are always those of when I was in nature: exploring the woods on the Garden Peninsula; fishing off the dock in front of my grandmother's house or the concrete dock at the fish house; taking the aluminum boat with the outboard motor out on Garden Bay; spending days at my Uncle Billy's hunting camp; campfires; blueberry picking; collecting rocks and bones and driftwood, then returning to Tennessee and building forts in the woods and catching crawdads and minnows in the creek; and spending time with horses and cats and dogs and all things wild."

The author recently completed a book tour throughout Michigan.

"This tour has really meant something to me, and the people have been the best part," she said. "Even now, in my mind, I'm revisiting the people I've met along the way, and there's that ache of joy and nostalgia in my chest. There are so many really good people out there, all trying to make something of this big, beautiful life. Michigan is home to a lot of them."

"Where the Water Meets the Sky" is a coming-of-age story set in the UP. It follows Abby, a young woman piecing together the truth about the fire that killed her mother when she was 7. Abby

survived the fire but has no memory of it. After 10 years, she returns to the UP and turns to the wilderness to grieve and begin healing as she tries to remember what happened that fateful night.

"If I could hit rewind on my life to the age of Abby — 17, then 18, all grown up inside — if I could stay in that special place and time a little while longer, in the green stillness of the woods and the blue stillness of the water and the familiar smells of my grandmother's house and the love of my family, whole and intact and sure, perhaps I would have faced the world stronger. My life over the years, like most lives, has broken apart through divorces and deaths and trauma, and each time the kaleidoscope looks different," Les Becquets said.

Before beginning the novel, she felt unable to write.

"I went about my days searching for rocks and sticks and feathers, for stories that would bring me back to myself. As I looked, I began to slowly unfold," she said. "Sometimes to move forward, we must go back to our foundation; we must make sure it is steady and whole. So, I traveled back to the UP to return to my roots."

"I revisited my grandmother's house.

I walked the shoreline. I walked the pathways in the woods and sat on the



Diane Les Becquets

Courtesy

beach at Portage Bay," she continued. "I went back to that place because I realized there were things in my past that needed to heal, regrets and grief and guilt that I needed to let go of. And it was there in this space that I felt myself come alive again, that I began to hear Abby's story and feel everything was possible."

During the course of writing the book, Les Becquets was diagnosed with five brain aneurysms.

"I'd begun experiencing a severe headache that wouldn't resolve. I was also experiencing disturbances in my hearing," she said. "The diagnosis of the aneurysms was an incidental finding in the process of diagnosing my hearing issues. One test showed I had superior canal dehiscence syndrome, which explained the hearing disturbances, but the other imaging showed one or more aneurysms. Further testing revealed

that I had five aneurysms, two of which were breaking down."

She had surgery to remove the two aneurysms. For the blister aneurysms, which could not be removed, the surgeon used a technique that required suspending her frontal lobe in order to access the left side of her brain. Since those three aneurysms couldn't be treated definitively, she must follow up with the surgeon every one to two years.

Two months after surgery, Les Becquets was cleared to go about her normal activities. Three months later, she felt "mostly back to my old self."

"I packed up my truck and drove with my dog, Izzy, across Ontario and along the northern shores of Lake

Superior, then all along the UP, backpacking and camping along the way and revisiting the locations where the book takes place. The research had long been done. This was a different kind of trip. This was a trip to celebrate, to give thanks, to pay attention to life all over again," she said.

During her trip to the UP, she hiked to the tip of the Garden Peninsula, where the majority of the book occurs.

"It's hard to capture in words what that moment felt like, to stand in the exact place where so much happens to Abby in the novel," she said. "It was deeply personal for me. I felt so alive. I sat with Izzy on the rocks and looked out at Lake Michigan, at the blue sky across the horizon. I wept to Jesus. I wept for life because that's what I finally understood: This was the great promise. Life.

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About Diane Les Becquets

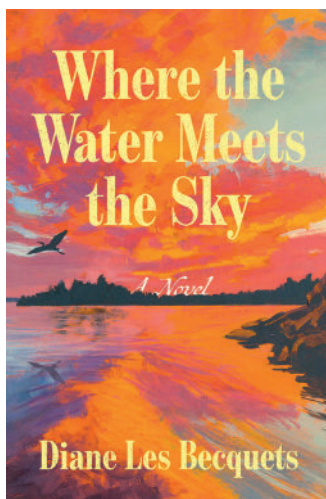
The youngest of three, Diane Les Becquets was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She is the mother of three adult sons.

She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Auburn University and a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Southern Maine. She also completed graduate work in English literature at Georgia State University.

A resident of Henniker, New Hampshire, Les Becquets worked as an English professor at Southern New Hampshire University for 10 years, then became the director of SNHU's Mountainview master of fine arts program in fiction and nonfiction. Before SNHU, she taught at the middle and high school levels. Prior to

teaching, she was a journalist.

"I would have to attribute my greatest inspiration for becoming an author to all the back porch and back patio stories I listened to as a young child, bats and swallows swooping about, grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins gathered together," she said. "We children would tuck ourselves in around the grownups or else run about barefoot, playing and listening, words taking hold. But it wasn't just the words — it was this capacity to feel the people I loved, to really hear what they were saying, to know that I was a part of them and this place and everything around us. It inspired and stirred something deep in me, this burst of beauty and emotion. It made me want to capture all of it: place and wonder and people and love, heartache and challenge, the tough things in life, the wounds and the healing. It was all there."



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Not somewhere in the future, not only

after I leave this Earth, but now, in this moment.”
Readers have praised the book’s authenticity.
“I do believe this book is authentic not only to my life, but especially to the peo-

ple of the UP and the land and waters they know so well,” Les Becquets said. “I also believe the story and writing are an antidote to so many of the ills of our broken world and environment. This is a book about healing and restoration,

about attention and transformation, about hope. It reminds us of the fullness of life to be lived, and of our connection to nature and to one another.”
Keep up with Les Becquets at dianelesbecquets.com.

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STUFFED ANIMAL LARGER THAN PERSON	DISC GOLF, HACKY SACK OR ULTIMATE	FREE SPACE	TV BIGGER THAN DOOR	VAPING OR IS THAT VAPING?
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Ann Street Plaza
Corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues,
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Andrew Brown Sound
Fri., Aug. 21, 6-8 p.m.

The Avenue
2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
La La Delivery, Empress Eyes, Leisure
Sat., Aug. 22, 9 p.m.
Connor Fischetti Band
Sun., Aug. 23, 7 p.m.

Blue Gill Grill
1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
Don Middlebrook
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6-9 p.m.
Darin Lerner Sr.
Sun., Aug. 23, 2-5 p.m.

BrickHaven Brewing Co.
200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
Chris Muethel
Fri., Aug. 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Piper Avenue
Sat., Aug. 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Brookshire Inn & Golf Club
205 W. Church St., Williamston
Rear View Mirror
Fri., Aug. 21, 6-10 p.m.

Charlotte Performing Arts Center
378 State St., Charlotte
Power of Love: Huey Lewis & the News tribute
Fri., Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill
16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
DJ Atomic Sounds
Fri., Aug. 21, 7-11 p.m.

Cleats Bar & Grille
5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing
David Salvador
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6-9 p.m.

Corey's Lounge
1511 S. Cedar St., Lansing
Darin Lerner Band
Wed., Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

Courthouse Square Museum
100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte
Billy Mack & the Juke Junk Jonnies
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dimes Brewhouse
145 Bridge St., Dimondale
Open mic night
Thurs., Aug. 20, 7-10 p.m.
Two Fifths
Fri., Aug. 21, 7-9 p.m.
The Moonlighters
Sat., Aug. 22, 7-9 p.m.

Dublin Square
327 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Moth Duster
Fri., Aug. 21, 9 p.m.-midnight
Matthew Shannon
Sat., Aug. 22, 9 p.m.-midnight

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Chad and Ed of Flat Water Band
Wed., Aug. 19, 7-9 p.m.
Matt Bliton's Electric Band
Sat., Aug. 22, 7-9 p.m.
Tony Moreno
Wed., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.
204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
Jim & Toni
Fri., Aug. 21, 6-9 p.m.
The Shellouts
Sat., Aug. 22, 6-9 p.m.

Graham Vineyards
8920 W. Britton Road, Laingsburg
Mark Collins
Sat., Aug. 22, 6-9 p.m.

The Green Door
2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Wavelength
Wed., Aug. 19, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
REZN, Lume
Thurs., Aug. 20, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
The Michael Allman Band, Two-Body Problem
Fri., Aug. 21, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
Belles, Johnny Gates
Sat., Aug. 22, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.
Wavelength
Wed., Aug. 26, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
Royce Vaughn
Wed., Aug. 19, 7-9 p.m.
Steven Allen
Wed., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market
7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
The Brothers Ralph
Wed., Aug. 19, 5-8 p.m.
DJ Juan Trevino
Thurs., Aug. 20, 5-8 p.m.
Roadside Attraction
Fri., Aug. 21, 5-8 p.m.
Frog and the Beeftones
Sat., Aug. 22, 5-8 p.m.
John Beltran
Sun., Aug. 23, 3-8 p.m.

The Irish Pub
1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
Open mic night, with Scott Seth
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Gimme Five
Sat., Aug. 22, 8-11 p.m.

Jackson Field
505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Coaster
Thurs., Aug. 20, 5:30 p.m.

Lake Lansing Park South
1621 Pike St., Haslett
Global Village, wsg 11 Across
Fri., Aug. 21, 6-9 p.m.

Lansing Brewing Co.
518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing
Jerry Sprague
Fri., Aug. 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Lansing Shuffle
325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
Deacon Earl
Wed., Aug. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Keelan Starr
Sat., Aug. 22, 4-7 p.m.
Jay Fry
Sun., Aug. 23, 4-7 p.m.

Mac's Bar
2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Cohen Bros., Embers, Suburban Ants
Fri., Aug. 21, 8 p.m.
Open mic night
Mon., Aug. 24, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
Thurs., Aug. 20, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
Tues., Aug. 25, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Marketplace on the Green
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
The Collective
Wed., Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Sandra Faye Band
Wed., Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Mash Bar
212 Albert Ave., East Lansing
Cooper Johnson
Thurs., Aug. 20, 9 p.m.-midnight
Kari Holmes, Billie Gene & the Rives Junction Band
Fri., Aug. 21, 6 p.m.-midnight
Jeff McNiven, Cami Rose Band
Sat., Aug. 22, 6 p.m.-midnight

McCormick Park
300 N. Putnam St., Williamston
Horizon
Thurs., Aug. 20, 7-9 p.m.

Midtown Brewing Co.
402 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Open mic night
Mon., Aug. 24, 6-9 p.m.

Moriarty's Pub
802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
Wed., Aug 19, 8-11 p.m.
Atomic Boogaloo
Thurs., Aug. 20, 9 p.m.-midnight
Gina Garner & the All Night Long Band
Fri., Aug. 21, 8 p.m.-midnight
Your Dad
Sat., Aug. 22, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
Tues., Aug. 25, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
Wed., Aug. 26, 8-11 p.m.

Nelson Gallery
113 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Pinter Whitnick
Thurs., Aug. 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Nico's Pub and Grill
117 S. Bridge St., Dimondale
Mike Skory
Wed., Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m.
Cheep Tequila
Fri., Aug. 21, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Nuthouse Sports Grill
420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Starfarm
Sat., Aug. 22, 8 p.m.-midnight

One North East Lansing
1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Kevin Nichols
Fri., Aug. 21, 8-11 p.m.
Jason Peek
Sat., Aug. 22, 8-11 p.m.

One North Lansing
5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Blues jam with Mike Skory
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6-9 p.m.
Darin Lerner Sr.
Fri., Aug. 21, 7-10 p.m.
Elements of Soul
Sat., Aug. 22, 8-11 p.m.
Open mic night, with Kathy Ford
Mon., Aug. 24, 6:30-9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel
521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Deacon Earl
Fri., Aug. 21, 8-10 p.m.
Bump Halbritter
Tues., Aug. 25, 6-8 p.m.

Pins & Pints
2120 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
Deer & Elk
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits
2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Live music
Fri., Aug. 21, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Randy Napoleon Trio
Sun., Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m.

Riverfront Plaza
333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
The Dangling Particles
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6-8 p.m.

Sholty's Bar
1821 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Cheech and the Trio
Tues., Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m.

Sidebar
246 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
MossHound
Thurs., Aug. 20, 5-8 p.m.
Nathan Grant
Fri., Aug. 21, 7-10 p.m.

St. Johns City Park
801 W. Park St., St. Johns
Detroit Retro Society
Wed., Aug. 19, 7-9 p.m.
Dave Bennett Quartet
Wed., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.

Stober's Bar
812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
DJ Chicago Muzik
Fri., Aug. 21, 6-9 p.m.
Lynx Band
Sat., Aug. 22, 6-9 p.m.
Jeff Gower
Sun., Aug. 23, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Your Dad
Tues., Aug. 25, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.
1957 Cedar St., Holt
Billy Joe Hunt
Thurs., Aug. 20, 7-9 p.m.
Universe Band
Fri., Aug. 21, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
The Devil You Don't
Sat., Aug. 22, 8-11 p.m.
Open mic & karaoke
Tues., Aug. 25, 7-10 p.m.

UrbanBeat
1213 Turner St., Lansing
Midweek Music Lounge
Wed., Aug. 19, 6-9 p.m.
Preston Fox Quartet plays the music of Detroit
Thurs., Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Ghalia Volt, Rob Underhill
Fri., Aug. 21, 5:30 p.m.
Midweek Music Lounge
Wed., Aug. 26, 6-9 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Gardens
2074 Aurelius Road, Holt
Motor City Soul
Thurs., Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse
3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Greg Smith
Wed., Aug. 19, 7-10 p.m.
Sandra Faye Band
Sat., Aug. 22, 7-11 p.m.

The Wooden Nickel II
1029 Jackson St., Dansville
The Outsiders
Wed., Aug. 19, 8 p.m.-midnight
Kathy Ford Band
Sat., Aug. 22, 8 p.m.-midnight

Additionally, the inaugural **Fishstock Americana Festival** will run from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Fish Ladder Music Park in Lansing.

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“Heart to Heart” -- three ways to create a heart.
by Matt Jones
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ACROSS

- 1. Religious offshoot
- 5. Winter hrs. in Oregon
- 8. ___ curls (arm exercises)
- 13. Most populous Hawaiian island
- 14. “___ House” (1982 Madness hit)
- 15. Mr. Schwarzenegger
- 16. Thing that comes before another; in olden days (you may know the -or version better)
- 18. Estonia’s neighbor to the south
- 19. Keyboard symbols forming a heart emoticon (or a shortcut to the emoji)
- 21. Zombie who directs and sings
- 22. Wedding vow words
- 23. “___ bien, gracias”
- 24. League where you may see a stick shift?
- 27. Apple device that researchers taught parrots to video-call other parrots with
- 29. “Go ahead” gesture
- 30. New World monkey in the Amazon Rainforest (found in AQUA KARINA)
- 33. Direct deposit pymt.
- 36. Way to form a heart with your fingers (popularized by K-pop stars)
- 40. Plate-smashing exclamation
- 41. Not as restrictive
- 42. Sprinted
- 43. “___ Mommy Kissing Santa Claus”
- 45. Volleyball defense specialist
- 47. Type of company not to be confused with an LLC
- 48. Stiffened water; to Stefan or Werner?
- 51. Express despair; maybe

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- 52. Numerical way to make a heart along a line of symmetry
 - 56. Egyptian writer ___ Mahfouz (1988 Nobel Prize winner in Literature)
 - 57. Australia’s women’s national soccer team (hinting at a “Waltzing” song)
 - 59. Citrus with blood and navel varieties
 - 60. Q&A session on Reddit
 - 61. Gateway Arch architect Saarinen
 - 62. Sibilant snake sound
 - 63. Yang counterpart
 - 64. Historic 1944 event
- DOWN
- 1. Absorb
 - 2. Member of the British nobility
 - 3. Made happy
 - 4. America’s 52nd-largest metropolitan area (and second-largest in Arizona)
 - 5. Opposite of starboard
 - 6. Rice-and-seaweed dish

- 7. Tire groove
- 8. Along with Vishnu and Shiva, creator god in the Hindu trinity
- 9. Uninvited visitor
- 10. Typical grouping of Gambel’s quail, say
- 11. “Souls on Fire” author Wiesel
- 12. Organizer in your pocket, circa the aughts
- 15. ___-weekly (newspaper category)
- 17. Device that can charge multiple devices
- 20. Swiss psychiatrist
- Carl Jung: “The world is still full of bêtes ___ and scapegoats ...”
- 24. Highly explosive letters
- 25. Laugh from St. Nick
- 26. Ali with a perfect 24-0 record
- 28. Flat-panel HDTV’s resolution unit
- 31. ___ of things (trivia expert, maybe)
- 32. “My friends, without further ___ ...”
- 34. Portended
- 35. Nicholas II’s title
- 37. Pony Express jobs
- 38. Cuban Revolutionary Party manifesto signing location Monte ___, D.R. (one letter off from Dumas’s “Count”)
- 39. Snoopy ___-Cone Machine
- 44. Amounts of rosemary
- 46. Had a ball in an alley?
- 47. Groups of Spanish sports teams
- 49. “To whom ___ concern”
- 50. Great religious leader, in Hinduism
- 52. Grammy winner Bruno
- 53. Award now bestowed by King Charles III
- 54. Lycée student’s acronym for an intl. alliance (it’s just the English acronym backwards)
- 55. Singer-songwriter Bareilles
- 56. Impeding votes
- 58. Tempeh or tofu base

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SUDOKU

Beginner

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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 Breznsy

Aug. 19-25, 2026

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider this your official alert that you’re close to getting too much of a good thing. To safeguard the lovely momentum you’ve built lately, be vigilant that genuine abundance doesn’t bloat into plain old overload. Say no to becoming indentured to your own brilliant ideas. Don’t let your victories drag you into depletion. Steer clear of grand gestures of generosity that are driven mostly by the urge to dazzle onlookers. You really can keep every delicious reward you’ve earned, dear Aries, as long as you begin installing some graceful new boundaries right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In 1925, Taurus astronomer Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin (1900-1979) discovered that stars are primarily composed of hydrogen and helium. Famous astrophysicists of that era rejected her conclusions because she contradicted the prevailing theories. Nevertheless, she persisted in her claims and was eventually proved correct by other experts. Sound familiar, Taurus? If it doesn’t yet, I expect it will soon. Naysayers may insist you’re wrong when you know and I know you’re right. My advice: Be faithful to the truths you’ve directly observed even if they don’t match consensus reality. Your understandings are valid even if they’re inconvenient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You’re ready and able to commune intimately with the hidden source of power that fuels your life. Hallelujah! But first, acknowledge a humbling truth: You’re not entirely sure what that source is. You’ve made assumptions, of course. You’ve told yourself stories about where your vitality comes from: your work, your relationships, your creative projects, your spiritual practices. And while these channels do transmit energy, they’re tributaries of the ultimate spring. In the coming weeks, you’ll have exciting opportunities to trace these streams back to their headwaters. Start this way: Be alert for mini breakthroughs when you feel unexpectedly energized or mysteriously restored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The GPS system requires Einstein’s theory of relativity to work correctly. Satellites in orbit experience time slightly differently than we do on Earth’s surface. Without accounting for that time dilation, your phone would be off by 6.8 miles every day. Moral of the story: The practical requires the theoretical, and the mundane needs the cosmic. I bring this to your attention as a useful metaphor, Cancerian. I suspect you’ve been trying to solve ground-level problems with ground-level thinking. But your current challenges require you to factor in some relativity: to recognize that different parts of your life are operating in different timeframes, under different rules. What works in one context doesn’t necessarily work in another. In the coming weeks, refrain from trying to apply universal solutions. Calibrate for context.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In traditional textile making, the selvage is the strong edge that holds the fabric together and keeps it from unraveling. It’s braided more tightly than the rest so it can do its guarding work. I think that’s a helpful metaphor for your life in the coming weeks, Leo. Your main weave is pretty gorgeous, but the edges aren’t sufficiently taut. What should you do, practically speaking? For starters, create firm boundaries around your work time, your rest, and your availability to others’ demands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I am nursing a hopeful dream that you will give yourself a fun surprise or two in the coming days — maybe even more than two. Not necessarily the most expensive delights, but those that would inspire your nervous system to relax and your spirit to celebrate. Possible options: a few hours of free time with no obligations, a hike where you adore and praise the sky, a conversation you’ve been craving, a daring yes, or a long-overdue no. Or how about finally starting a fun project you keep postponing, or setting down a burden you’ve been carrying for too long? You might ask yourself, “If someone who

loved me dearly were in charge of my rhythm, what would they arrange for me?”

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The first maps of Antarctica contained blank spaces simply labeled “unexplored.” Cartographers didn’t pretend to know what wasn’t yet revealed. This was a gift to future trailblazers, who didn’t have to overcome the confusion of false certainties. You could benefit from adopting a similar practice. Instead of explaining every mystery with confident opinions, designate a few regions of your inner world as magnificently unexplored. Your willingness to say “I don’t know yet” will be a fertile form of wisdom. The unanswered questions will be better allies than premature conclusions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In architecture, the keystone is the central, wedge-shaped stone positioned at the top of an arch. It’s often the last piece placed, and it’s what holds everything together. If it’s removed, the entire structure collapses. But the keystone itself is held in place by the pressure of the other stones. I love the fact that it’s both the most crucial piece and yet totally dependent on everything else. This is an excellent metaphor for you right now. You’re like a keystone, holding everything together and also being held by everything. Please accept my personal thanks for accomplishing the amazing feat of being both powerful and vulnerable! The structure needs you, and you need the structure. PS: Don’t overestimate your independence or underestimate your importance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t reorganize your junk drawers anytime soon, Sagittarius. Please? Refrain from scrubbing the oven, organizing your kitchen cupboards, and untangling old extension cords. I’m begging you to believe me when I urge to allocate your energy toward the most interesting and important matters. The cosmic indicators are unambiguous. You will be happiest and most successful if you: 1. dare to access secret wisdom you’ve been hiding from yourself; 2. immerse yourself in almost too much beauty and truth; 3. let your imagination run wild as you visualize future scenarios that thrill you even if they’re also a bit unnerving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The Grand Canyon in Arizona is 277 miles long, as wide as 18 miles, and a mile deep in some places. Through persistent erosion for millions of years, the Colorado River carved it. This massive creative project happened entirely through subtraction, not addition. I suggest you regard it as one of your role models in the coming months, Capricorn. Your goal is to wear away resistance and eliminate what’s unnecessary. The magnificence you produce will be very gradual and incremental.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In engineering, redundancy refers to the practice of building multiple layers of support into a system so that if one part falters, others keep functioning. Airplanes and spacecraft rely on this principle for safety. I urge you to adopt a similar strategy in the coming weeks. By creating backup plans or additional reinforcement, you can move forward with more daring and flair, which I highly recommend. Artful preparation will strengthen your ability to experiment and improvise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The ocean has different layers. Each has its own temperature, pressure, and ecosystem. Many sea creatures are adapted to one specific stratum and don’t wander far from their chosen realm. But there are transition zones where the layers meet, and they’re often rich in biodiversity. I propose that we use these areas as metaphors for your power spots, Pisces. You tend to thrive in thresholds and boundaries, where edges meet and overlap. That will be especially true in the coming weeks. To court good fortune and sweet delight, you should hang out at the borders where diverse influences mingle.

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, Aug. 19

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.

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

DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play. Prizes for the top three teams. Bring your friends and test your knowledge! 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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

ER Community Kids' Market - Young makers, bakers, artists, crafters, inventors, and aspiring entrepreneurs are invited to create, display, and sell their handmade goods in a fun, supportive, and community-focused environment. 5:30-7 p.m. Eaton Rapids City Hall, 200 S. Main 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.

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

Lansing Shuffle Big Show - From 7-9 p.m., dive into over a dozen board games, Nintendo Switch, and tabletop shuffle. Then, from 9-11 p.m., take the stage for standard karaoke, hosted by BigMan Genesis. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansing-shuffle.com.

Lansing Women Artists Collective - A gallery of 15 women artists' work. Different styles and media make this a truly fantastic show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelpi.org.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/farmers-market.

Move in the Garden - This free outdoor program combines stretching, strengthening, flow, and relaxation movements to support overall mobility. Sessions meet most Wednesdays through Sept. 30. 12:10-1 p.m. Beal Botanical Garden, 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. facebook.com/bealgar-den.msu.

MSU Women's Soccer vs. Loyola Ramblers - 7:30 p.m. DeMartin Soccer Complex, 261 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-soccer.

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.

Rewind: Memories of Wacousta School - Wacousta alumni, bring your old photos, videos, or audio recordings of your school days to digitize and donate a copy to our community archive! Even record an oral history of your favorite story! 4-6:30 p.m. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9135 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.com.

Senior Discovery Hour - A gathering spot for senior citizens who want to learn about relevant and useful topics! Engaging experts will share their knowledge on various topics, participants will have the opportunity to network, and a light lunch will be served. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. facebook.com/nwlansing.

Spordle 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.

Switch Gaming: Mario Kart - Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly Switch gaming! Who's the best driver around? 2-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Tools for Effective Facilitation Workshop (Formerly Facilitative Leadership) - 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Farm Bureau, 7373 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. canr.msu.edu/facilitative_leadership.

Waxing Moon Ritual - 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.

Thursday, Aug. 20

Arts & Crafts Night - Join us for an open crafting night! Bring whatever project you're currently working on, grab a seat at the table or in the comfy chairs, and spend the evening with friends. 5-7 p.m. Dear Ollie & Co, 222 S. Washington Square, Lansing. dearollie.com.

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/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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

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

'Hags, Hussies & History'

6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21

Riverwalk Theatre

228 Museum Drive, Lansing

riverwalktheatre.com

Friday evening, local theater buffs will have an opportunity to hear the story of Lansing's Riverwalk Theatre through the experience of Greater Lansing Ubiquitous Theatre's Jane Shipley Zussman.

The original show, conceptualized by Zussman, is a retrospective of her life on stage and the history of the Community Circle Players at Riverwalk. With musical accompaniment by Edric Haleen and special guests Stan Gill and Dan Pappas, attendees will hear stories about the theater's origins and growth from those who were there "way back when."

The event will kick off with a word from the directors about Riverwalk's upcoming season and vocal performances of selected songs from the musicals. Tickets, without fees, are \$27 for adults; \$21 for seniors, students and military personnel; and \$16 for children under 12.



Cultivate Confidently - Two days of garden talk and hands-on learning sessions. 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Gee Farms Nursery & Greenhouses, 14928 Bunkherhill Road, Stockbridge. geefarms.com.

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

Good Morning, Mason! - A Chamber event with a quick-paced agenda of local news and community updates. Two-minute reports are given by select officials, sponsors, community members, and new businesses. 7-8:30 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 W. Ash St., Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

Indoor Open Playtime - All ages are welcome for drop-in free play. We will follow children's lead through movement, art, and imagination. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 1-3 p.m. Shora House, 6639 Centurion Drive, Ste. 120, Lansing. shorahouse.com.

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

Lansing Women Artists Collective - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelpi.org.

Moonlight Film Festival: "Super Mario Galaxy" - Free. 9 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

MSU Men's Soccer vs. Albany Great Danes - 7 p.m. DeMartin Soccer Complex, 261 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-soccer.

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.

Play in the Park: Hula Hooping Workshop - Free. 7-8 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Quaker Marching Band Ice Cream Float Sale - The Quaker Marching Band is selling ice cream floats on Aug. 6, 13 and 20 at the Eastern High School marquee sign to raise money for its Disney trip. 2-5 p.m. 626 Marshall St., Lansing. For more information, text 517-614-3592.

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

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

Summer Pastas - Learn to craft vibrant summer pastas bursting with seasonal flavor! 6-8 p.m. Brady's HG, 519 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

Tavern Time - Tour our tavern and discover our dungeon during our semimonthly open house! See all that we have to offer for the ultimate Dungeons & Dragons experience! 5-7 p.m. Dungeons & Flagons, 215 S. Washington Square, Lansing. dnf.games.

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.

Tools for Effective Facilitation Workshop (Formerly Facilitative Leadership) - 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Farm Bureau, 7373 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. canr.msu.edu/facilitative_leadership.

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.

Zoo Nights - This adult-exclusive extravaganza boasts delectable samples from nearby eateries and drinks from local breweries, wineries, and more. Explore the zoo after hours, mingling with curious creatures and creating unforgettable moments. 5-8 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

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Metro Creative Connection

Earvin Johnson Sr. Law Enforcement and Community Car and Truck Show

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22
Frances Park
2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing
umbclansing.org/events

Lansing native and basketball legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson Jr. will be the guest of honor at Union Missionary Baptist Church’s annual Law Enforcement and Community Car and Truck Show, which was established in honor of his late father, Earvin Johnson Sr.

Attendees can expect to see a huge lineup of vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles. There will also be a variety of food options and vendors, live music, a bounce house, games, face painting and prizes. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Michigan chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, Santa’s First Responders and the Lansing First Responders Foundation.

The day will wrap up with a free family movie in the park at 8:45 p.m., followed by a fireworks show. Admission is free for spectators, with a \$25 fee to register a car or truck.

Events

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Friday, Aug. 21

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

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

Community Champion Salute Dinner - Join us for a special dinner to honor and celebrate our 2026 Community Champion, Ms. Joan Nelson. 5:30-8:30 p.m. MSUFCU Headquarters Building 2, 3899 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/48335928503.

Cruise to Holt - All types and years of cars welcome. 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers Market, 2150 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/CruisetoHolt.

Cultivate Confidently - Two days of garden talk and hands-on learning sessions. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Gee Farms Nursery & Greenhouses, 14928 Bunkherhill Road, Stockbridge. geefarms.com.

Dirrrty 2000s Karaoke - Punks with Lunch fundraiser. 21+. 9 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/avenuecafe2021.

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

EnhanceFitness - Please join us for Free Fun Core Strengthening Exercise We meet at All Saints Lutheran on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-10 a.m. 720 W. South Street, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

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

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.

King for a Day (Four-Hour Daggerheart One-Shot) - Have you wanted to dive into Daggerheart but not known where to start? Look no further! 6-10 p.m. Dungeons & Flagons, 215 S. Washington Square, Ste. B, Lansing. dnf.games.

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

Lansing Women Artists Collective - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelpl.org.

Messy Play Fun Days - Kids can play with chalk, bubbles, goop, squirt bottles, big trucks, mud, and more. Great for manipulative play and sensory engagement. Different activities each week. 11 a.m.-noon. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Minecraft Club - Join other kids and play Minecraft on the library’s private server! Laptops will be provided. 4-5 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Mural Art Therapy Group - This unique art therapy group invites participants to work together to design and paint a mural for our movement and play space. The group is facilitated by a registered art therapist and a clinical social worker. 4:30-6 p.m. Shora House, 6639 Centurion Drive, Ste. 120, Lansing. shorahouse.com.

Name That Song - Lansing’s biggest party, Bingo Loco Name That Song, is back at Grewal Hall! 7:30 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

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

Season Launch with Hags, Hussies & History - An original musical retrospective of Jane Shipley Zussman’s life on the stage and the history of Community Circle Players at Riverwalk Theatre. 6-9 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

Saturday, Aug. 22

AfroBeats Party - Bringing nonstop global grooves to the dance floor, this party blends the sounds of Afrobeat, amapiano, dancehall, Afro Congo, reggae and bongo beats into one unforgettable night of music. 10:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Artist Workshop: Relief Collage and Found Poetry, with Marissa Tawney Thaler - An afternoon of hands-on paper scrap magic and creative exercises. Practice the art of found or black-out poetry. 1-4 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/5307332073.

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

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

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

Lansing Women Artists Collective - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelpl.org.

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.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/farmers-market.

Michigan Corgi Club Grand Prix - The MCC Grand Prix is taking over the MSU Farm Bureau Pavilion for a day full of corgi racing, other corgi-related competitions, vendors, raffles, and non-stop corgi chaos. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121347333649.

Mini Bookshelf Craft - Join us for a mini bookshelf craft for adults. Registration req. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

SamRose Comedy - Get ready for a night of laughs with Sam Rose: Eyes Up Here, a sharp, hilarious comedy show featuring bold observations, relatable stories, and plenty of laughs. 5-6:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeat-events.com.

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, Aug. 23

Auditions: “The Casserole Play” - Casting: One male-identifying, two female-identifying. Auditions: Cold readings from the script. Vocal/physical games. 6:30-8:30 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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.

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

MSU Men’s Soccer vs. Seattle Redhawks - 2 p.m. DeMartin Soccer Complex, 261 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-soccer.

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.

Summer Stretch - Enjoy a free outdoor fitness class presented by the Downtown Management Board and instructed by Yoga State of Mind, Body & Soul. 10 a.m. Marriott Plaza, corner of Albert Avenue and Charles Street, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Sunday Brunch at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Whether you’re in the mood for something sweet, savory, hearty, spicy, or somewhere in between, we’ve got a brunch option with your name on it. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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

Worship by the Water - Bring a chair and join us! There will be free food, fellowship, live music and lakeside water baptisms. 1-5 p.m. Lake Lansing South Park, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. houseofprayer-haslett.com.

Monday, Aug. 24

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

Auditions: “The Casserole Play” - 6:30-8:30 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

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

Fiber Circle at Charlotte Community Library - A social gathering for knitters, crocheters, and stitchers of all ages and skill levels. 5:30-7 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Lansing Women Artists Collective - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelpl.org.

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

FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

Think of your favorite non-chain restaurant or store. What makes it so appealing?

Probably the food (or the products it sells).

Likely the décor — is it cozy? Colorful? Sleek and sophisticated?

The staff must have something to do with it — are they friendly and helpful?

Maybe the location is appealing because you don't have to drive all the way to the other side of town, or maybe you do have to travel a bit to get there, but it's worth it because you love the place so much.

I can see the intentionality that went into all these elements at PetalPop Cafe. It's whimsically decorated in an homage to Belen's Flowers, which occupied the space for decades. Yes, the parking situation is weird, but it's also an easy 10-minute stroll from downtown if you spend your days there like Mr. She Ate and I both do.

The cafe is busy and bustling — on a recent weekday morning after summer camp had concluded for the year, the place was packed with everyone from our illustrious and incomparable state Sen. Sarah Anthony to groups of girlfriends having brunch and other families with young kids like mine.

The options on the kids' menu are varied and plentiful, which I always appreciate. Both of my children ordered the pancake-and-protein option (\$8), with my son choosing bacon and my daughter choosing sausage links.

The pancakes were cooked in butter to achieve a crispy, ruffled edge, which is the only acceptable method as far as I'm concerned. They were served with lots of butter and syrup and were sampled by all members of the family. Eddie loved the bacon, but not as much as he loved the mug of hot chocolate, topped with a giant dollop of whipped cream and a drizzle of chocolate.

I had the PetalPop skillet (\$12). Thinly sliced potatoes and onions were layered with melted cheese, bacon and two eggs (mine were scrambled), with a side of sourdough toast. This was hearty and filling, tastier than the Flap Jack skillet I've had in the past.

Mr. She Ate chose the Berry Blossom parfait (\$9), and while he enjoyed it, he said the berries would have been much better had they been fresh.

Our breakfast visit was head and shoulders better than our lunch visit. I had a very unremarkable grilled cheese and tomato soup (\$9), and Mr. She Ate had a club sandwich (\$14). Both items were fine but wouldn't have prompted a return trip. It was the breakfast visit that made me think that, with any luck, Petal Pop will turn into another beloved institution that stays open for decades.

PetalPop Cafe proves a promising new spot

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

PetalPop Cafe has made its home in the rebounding neighborhood just west of downtown Lansing on Ionia Street. Located in a former flower shop, it's the



Beverly

kind of place that seems to bloom the moment you walk through the door, from the chic, thoughtful design to the warm welcome from the staff.

The atmosphere is undoubtedly one of PetalPop's greatest charms. The décor is stylish, colorful and inviting. There's a sense that every little detail has been placed with intention. And then there's the food. The house-made offerings are the heart of the experience. The flavors are fresh and comforting, and it's clear each dish is made with care.

Everything feels personal, a reflection of the passion behind the business. That passion is also evident in the owners, who don't simply stay behind the scenes. During my visits, they made a point of stopping by individual tables, checking in with guests and making sure everyone was enjoying their experience.

What makes this cafe truly special is how all these elements come together. Be patient, as the food takes some time to arrive, and just enjoy the moment. The décor sets the stage, the food delivers, the mocktails add a splash of creativity, and the staff makes you feel genuinely welcomed.

What's good

Anyone who's been paying attention to food news of late is aware of the dangers of consuming lettuce and other produce. Very early on, PetalPop announced that it was abandoning some menu items in response to the outbreak. Kudos to the cafe for taking its patronage so seriously.

That said, the turkey, ham and bacon club (\$14) that my age-old friend ordered on my first visit was solid. Packed with meat between slices of buttery Texas toast, this hearty handheld's only downside was the lack of crunch due to the responsibly absent veggies.

The scratch-made mocktails deserve their own bouquet of praise. The apple pie and orange cream-sicle drinks (\$6.50 each) were creative, refreshing and beautifully presented. Each one felt like a little floral arrangement in a glass: bright, colorful and thoughtfully composed. You don't need alcohol to have a celebratory drink at PetalPop.

I also liked the whimsical PetalPop pancake (\$11), a flower-shaped pancake with a sausage patty cooked into the middle. Cute and tasty.

What's even better

I'm pretty picky about shrimp and grits (\$16) and so is my longtime colleague who joined me on my second visit. We both agreed that the grits were distinctly creamy and flavorful, and the dish had a surprising amount of shrimp. The creole sauce was reminiscent of some of the best we've had in the South but didn't overpower the grits.

Another hit was the biscuits and gravy (\$11).



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

PetalPop Café's peach cobbler is the result of one of the co-owners standing in line for almost an hour to get the season's best pick of peaches from Georgia.

ELFCO needs more business to stay open

By STEVE UNDERWOOD

Monday (Aug. 17) was a good day at the Eastside Lansing Food Co-op.

A stream of customers flowed through the store during the final hour it was open, perusing the locally grown fruits and veggies at the front and the dry goods and extensive selection of bulk foods in the back.

They lined up at the central counter so Aaron Kabodian could check them out, most armed with environmentally friendly shopping bags and exchanging friendly greetings.

"It's been crazy today," Kabodian said. "We've had about 100 sales and nearly \$3,000 in business."

A good Monday is just the beginning of what the co-op needs to stay in business, according to an email sent last week by Holly Jo Sparks, president of ELFCO's board of directors.

Stating she wanted to be clear and honest, Sparks told supporters that ELFCO has been operating at a loss for some time.

"The Board has resolved upon a metric by which to decide, in the near future, whether or not to close the store," she said. "If sales have not reached an average of \$1,200 a day from September 1st through 30th, we will begin the process of shutting down the store."

Not even a week later, following a strong Saturday and Monday, board member Rowan Price said he was optimistic.

"We've been doing very well (since the letter)," Price said, though he acknowledged the September evaluation period has not yet started. "I hope that turns into more regulars. We don't want to be in a position to have to revisit it each month."

He cautioned that the \$1,200 daily average reflects a bare minimum and not a raging success.

"I want a really robust grocery store, and I think we can get there," he said. "Lansing wants a grocery store it can have control over, where you know the cashiers and you know the farmers."

He said most stores lose money for about four years as they attempt to build (or rebuild) their customer base. ELFCO has been able to stay afloat with some large donations, but that hasn't been enough.



Steve Underwood/City Pulse

The Eastside Lansing Food Co-op is in danger of closing if it doesn't reach an average of \$1,200 in sales per day by the end of September.



Steve Underwood/City Pulse

ELFCO board member Rowan Price discusses the store's extensive selection of bulk foods.

"Our runway has run out," Price said, "and we just need to have a sustainable community."

The board knows other improvements are needed, he said, including communicating with patrons and sharing financial information.

One of the biggest requests has been to bring back Saturday hours,

which the store restarted last weekend. Customers are also interested in a bulk buying club for items that the store doesn't otherwise stock. Price said ELFCO is uniquely positioned to respond to customers' individual needs.

The initial success prompted a new email from Sparks and the board on Tuesday (Aug. 18).

"We've already seen a noteworthy positive difference taking place," Sparks said. "We're hearing each other, and it's making a difference."

"Most of all, we need this support not just now that the crisis sign has been raised, but continuously."

Eastside Lansing Food Co-op

1605 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday
(517) 999-2222
elfco.org

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Warm and flaky biscuits that were made by hand were smothered in a rich and creamy scratch-made sausage gravy. I've had quite a few versions around town, and this one ranks near the top.

Best bite

Many, many years will pass before I forget the moment my dear friend Fred tried the peach cobbler (\$6) at PetalPop. At first, he was speechless.

Events

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Tuesday, Aug. 25

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

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.

Karaoke - Grab the mic from 8 to 10 p.m. and enjoy \$7 signature cocktails, \$7 craft beer pints, a \$7 Southern peach mocktail, a \$12 chicken-bacon flatbread and a \$6 cheese quesadilla. One North Kitchen & Bar, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing. onenorthdining.com.

LAGE Game Night North - A Meetup group that facilitates free board/card gaming experiences for diverse people and cultivates a safe, inclusive, fun gaming community. 6:30-11 p.m. Reno's Sports Bar, 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. meetup.com/lansing.

LAGE Game Night West - 6:30-11 p.m. Frank's Press Box, 7216 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing.

Lansing Women Artists Collective - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelp.org.

Open Mic & Karaoke at Summerlands Brewing Co. - 7-10 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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

The Poetry Room Open Mic presents Season Nine - Whether you're a seasoned poet or stepping onto the stage for the first time, this is your platform to share your words with a supportive audience. 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/The517PoetryRoom.

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

Then, he let out several OMGs before taking his glasses off. He even leaned over to the table next to us to extol the virtues of the dessert.

This special menu item is the result of one of the owners standing in line for almost an hour to get the season's best pick of peaches from Georgia. The crust was flaky and buttery but not overly so. The peaches were chewy and crisp but also not overly so. It was topped with whipped cream and caramel sauce for another layer of sweetness. Simply perfectly balanced.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Bingo - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

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

CharLit Adult Book Club - This month we are discussing "When the Forest Breathes: Renewal and Resilience in the Natural World," by Suzanne Simard. 6-7 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play. Prizes for the top three teams. Bring your friends and test your knowledge! 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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. meridian-50plus.com.

Lansing Shuffle Big Show - From 7-9 p.m., dive into over a dozen board games, Nintendo Switch, and tabletop shuffle. Then, from 9-11 p.m., take the stage for standard karaoke, hosted by BigMan Genesis. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

Lansing Women Artists Collective - 10 a.m.-9 p.m. East Lansing Public Library Brick Wall Gallery, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. friendsofelp.org.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/farmers-market.

Move in the Garden - This free outdoor program combines stretching, strengthening, flow, and relaxation movements to support overall mobility. Sessions meet most Wednesdays through Sept. 30. 12:10-1 p.m. Beal Botanical Garden, 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. facebook.com/bealgarden.msu.

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

Parkinson's Support Group Social Lunch - Join us for a relaxed social lunch. Cost of meal is your responsibility. 11:30 a.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. lapsg.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.

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East Lansing resident named ‘Waffle Boss’ in national Hampton by Hilton competition

By LIEZA KLEMM

There aren’t many people able to claim the title of “Waffle Boss.”

There were four.

That was before East Lansing resident Kaylee Voight was named the newest Waffle Boss and first Guest Waffle Boss by global hotel chain Hampton by Hilton.

Voight entered the hotel chain’s first-ever public waffle contest last year with a peach cobbler waffle recipe that ended up winning.

It was perfect timing, she said. She was baking up a storm after having gone peach picking with friends when she saw an advertisement for the competition.

“I was taste testing a bunch of different vintage peach cobbler recipes,” she said.

She doesn’t have formal training in culinary arts, but she grew up baking with her mom and carries that tradition forward. Hooked on the idea of a peach cobbler waffle, she combined a handful of baking tricks to bring her vision to life.

The end product — a buttermilk waffle topped with peaches, oat streusel and whipped cream — is being served in almost 2,500 participating hotels across the United States and Canada.



Courtesy Hampton by Hilton

Kaylee Voight makes her signature peach cobbler waffle, which earned her the title of “Waffle Boss” in Hampton by Hilton’s first-ever public waffle contest.

Peach cobbler is typically topped with a biscuit-like mixture, according to Voight. Streusel, a crumb topping, is more common for muffins.

“But you can put it on waffles, and it works beautifully for a peach cobbler waffle,” she said.

Voight, who lives with her fiancé, didn’t need to recruit any taste testers.

“I knew for a fact that anything I make was going to be devoured by him,” she said.

The final recipe was stamped with his

seal of approval.

“He was like, ‘Yeah, this is going to be the August staple,’” Voight said.

About two months later, Voight was finishing up at her run club when she noticed a missed call from an unknown caller and a vague message.

“It was very mysterious,” she said. Sweaty and breathless, she called

back. It was a Hilton representative, granting her the title of Waffle Boss for her recipe.

“I was at a loss,” she said. “It was like that feeling when your blood runs cold just out of surprise.”

She said the realization that she had won took a while to set in. One of the prizes was a five-night stay at any of the hotel chain’s worldwide destinations. She was sitting in a hotel room in Venice, Italy, with her fiancé when the weight of it all hit her.

“This is all because of waffles,” she said.

Thanks to her newfound title, Voight said she was designated as the primary waffle maker for her family’s brunches.

She plans to use the second part of the prize, a million Hilton travel points, to support her passion for experiencing new places.

“We’re going to Greece in about a month for my birthday,” she said.

Given the chance to submit another recipe, Voight would stick with the flavors of Michigan.

“Maybe pumpkin snickerdoodle,” she said. “Caramel apple could be good, too.”

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Weaving the Web: Protection - 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.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. bathtownship.us/departments/farmers-market.php.

Big Annual Book and Bake Sale - Annual book and bake sale for Friends of Delta Township District Library Bookstore. Thousands of half-price books (no book over \$1), jigsaw puzzles, DVDs and CDs included. Aug. 27: Members only (membership available at the door). 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. dtdl.org/about_us/friends_of_the_library/index.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/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 REUBENS

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

1. Dimes Brewhouse

Chemistry-themed craft brewery serving sandwiches, soups and appetizers

145 Bridge St., Dimondale

(517) 303-2067

dimesbrewhouse.com

4-8 p.m. Monday

3-9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday

3-10 p.m. Friday

Noon-10 p.m. Saturday

Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

2. Fleetwood Diner

Simple eatery offering breakfast, burgers, gyros and other traditional diner bites

2211 S. Cedar St., Lansing

(517) 267-7606

facebook.com/FleetwoodDiner

Open 24 hours Monday-Friday

7 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

3. Stateside Deli & Restaurant

Breakfast and lunch spot specializing in deli classics like corned beef and pastrami sandwiches

3552 Meridian Crossing Drive, Okemos

(517) 853-1100

statesidedeli.com

8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

4. The Irish Pub

Family-friendly bar and grill serving cocktails, corned beef and other pub fare

1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing

(517) 253-8713

irishpublansing.com

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday

11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday

11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

5. The Rusty Mug REO Town

Relaxed bar and grill offering standard fare such as burgers, sandwiches and tots

1210 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

(517) 580-8131

rustymug.com

11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

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