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We can release the Epstein files.

We can investigate who participated, who enabled it, who covered it up, and who thought their wealth, power, political connections, or famous friends made them untouchable. We can prosecute the guilty under the same laws we supposedly apply to everyone else.

Equal justice. Didn't we all recite "with liberty and justice first all" every single day? Remember that?

We can protect Americans without turning the rest of the planet into a bombing range. We can have a safety net for people who are sick, disabled, elderly, or simply unlucky enough to be born into poverty. We can decide that allowing our fellow citizens to suffer unnecessarily isn't some noble expression of rugged individualism.

We can have healthcare for everyone. Other industrialized countries do it. They didn't collapse into communism. They simply decided that maybe dying because you can't afford insulin is a shitty way to run a civilization.

We can expect police officers to be properly trained. We can demand that they understand implicit bias, de-escalation, constitutional rights, and the enormous responsibility that comes with being given the legal authority to use force. And when officers abuse that authority, we can hold them accountable instead of treating a badge like a magical amulet that makes misconduct disappear.

We can have compassionate immigration policies. We can secure the border without pretending every desperate human being crossing it is sent by a cartel. We can enforce immigration laws without stripping people of their humanity. Apparently, we're capable of simultaneously believing in borders and having a fucking conscience.

We can have a tax system in which people who have accumulated extraordinary fortunes contribute proportionately to the country that helped make those fortunes possible. And before somebody starts clutching their pearls about socialism: They'll still be rich. The billionaire will remain a billionaire, hopefully minus a private island. I think he'll survive.

We can educate our children without sanitizing American history until it resembles a Disney movie. We can teach them about slavery, segregation, lynchings, Native American genocide, Japanese internment, redlining, Jim Crow, institutional racism, and every other uncomfortable chapter that makes some people suddenly develop an allergy to history. Teaching children what happened isn't teaching them to hate America. It's teaching them enough about America to understand why America still has problems.

You don't cure a disease by burning the medical records because the diagnosis makes you uncomfortable. We can invest in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, energy, automation, and every other technological miracle we can imagine without poisoning the air, contaminating the water, and turning the planet into an increasingly expensive oven.

Turns out "progress" doesn't have to mean fuck everything that can't lobby Congress. We can do all of this. We can do more. And here's the part that apparently drives some people completely insane: We can afford it.

The United States is one of the wealthiest nations in human history. We have extraordinary resources, technology, universities, workers, and productive capacity. What we don't have is a shortage of money. We have a shortage of political courage. And an absolutely staggering surplus of bullshit.

Instead of using our enormous wealth to build a healthier, safer, more educated, more prosperous country, we're perfectly capable of spending it on bombs. Lots and lots of bombs. There's always money for another missile. There just isn't money for the diabetic whose insulin costs too much.

There's always money for another weapons contract. There just isn't money for the kid whose school is falling apart. There's always money for corporate subsidies. There just isn't money for the family that can't afford a doctor.

And then we're told: We can't. Can't afford universal healthcare. Can't properly fund schools. Can't protect the environment. Can't reform policing, or create humane immigration policy, or hold powerful people accountable, or release the fucking files.

Can't. Can't. Can't.

Bullshit. We can. We simply choose not to. And then we have the audacity to call those choices "American values." No. They're political choices. There's a difference.

We could choose compassion. We could choose accountability. We could choose competence truth, science and education. We could choose diplomacy over bombs. We could choose democracy over authoritarianism. We could choose people over political parties, citizens over billionaires and reality over propaganda.

But instead, we're subjected to an endless carnival of manufactured outrage designed to keep Americans screaming at one another while the people at the top quietly empty the cash register.

Look over here! The immigrant! Look over there! The transgender person!

Look! A protest! A book! A foreign enemy! Someone said something offensive on the internet!

LOOK ANYWHERE BUT AT THE FUCKING MONEY.

Because while we're fighting with each other about culture-war bullshit, somebody is making money. While we're arguing about who is sufficiently patriotic, somebody is making money. While we're watching the latest presidential distraction, somebody is making money.

And while corruption, retaliation, cronyism, nepotism, propaganda, and political misconduct become increasingly normalized, we're supposed to sit quietly and pretend this is all perfectly normal.

It isn't. It isn't inevitable. It isn't what America has to be. And it sure as hell isn't what America can be.

Because here's the thing about history: History doesn't give a shit about your propaganda. You can bury documents. You can redact names. You can rewrite textbooks, remove books from libraries and tell children that slavery wasn't really that bad. You can pretend racism disappeared or flood the internet with bullshit. You can manufacture outrage and lie until your face turns orange.

But history keeps receipts. Eventually, somebody opens the drawer. They find the documents. They find the photographs. They find the testimony, the money, the victims and the names. And they discover that the people who screamed loudest about patriotism weren't necessarily the people who loved the country most. Sometimes they were simply the people trying hardest to control the story.

But the story isn't theirs. America belongs to all of us. It is not some sacred monument that must be protected from criticism. It is an unfinished experiment—one that has produced breathtaking achievements and horrifying failures. The only way to make it better is to have the courage to admit where we've fucked up.

So no, I'm not interested in hearing that we can't. We can. We can release the files. We can prosecute the powerful. We can care for the sick, protect the vulnerable, teach the truth and reform policing. We can build humane immigration policy and tax obscene wealth fairly.

We can protect our environment, invest in science and strengthen democracy. We can stop treating bombs as foreign policy. We can stop treating cruelty as strength, treating ignorance as patriotism and stop pretending corruption is acceptable because the right person is doing it.

We can. And we will. Because the people who believe they can control the future by controlling the past always forget one inconvenient little detail: They don't own the future.

Neither does the Republican Party. Neither does the Democratic Party. Neither does any billionaire or government. And history sure as hell doesn't belong to them. They can try to erase it, bury it or rewrite it. But they cannot make it unhappen.

So let's stop apologizing for wanting better. Let's stop pretending compassion is weakness. Let's stop pretending equality is oppression. Let's stop pretending accountability is persecution, that healthcare is charity, that education is indoctrination and that historical truth is an attack on America.

And let's stop accepting "we can't" from the richest, most powerful nation on Earth. Because America doesn't have a can't problem. America has a won't problem. And the difference between those two words is the difference between helplessness and choice.

So choose. Choose courage. Choose truth, humanity and democracy. Choose the future.

Because we are not AmeriCAN'T. We are AmeriCAN. And it's about damn time we started acting like it.

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Lansing City Council votes to ditch Flock cameras

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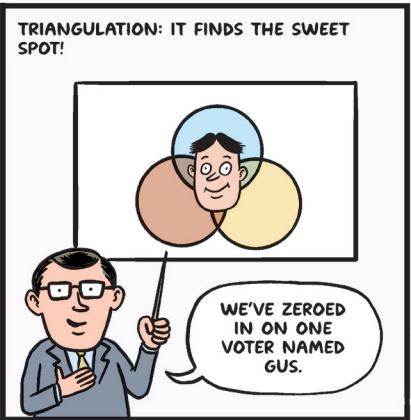
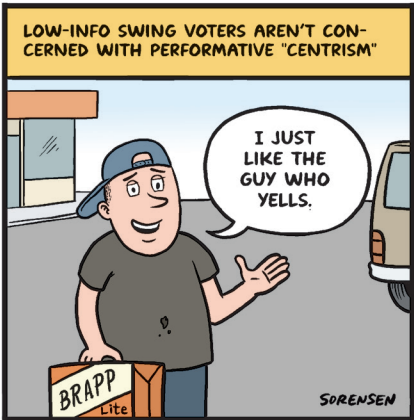
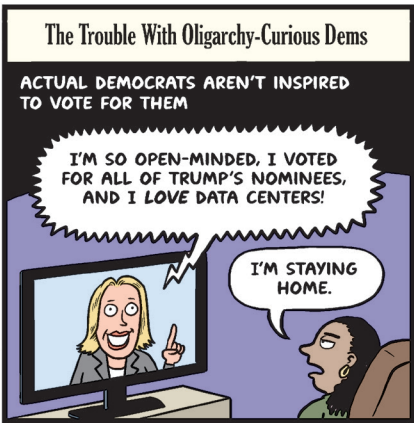
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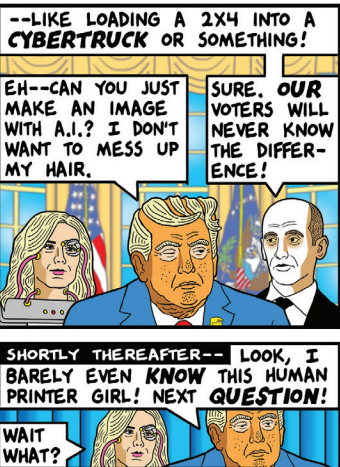
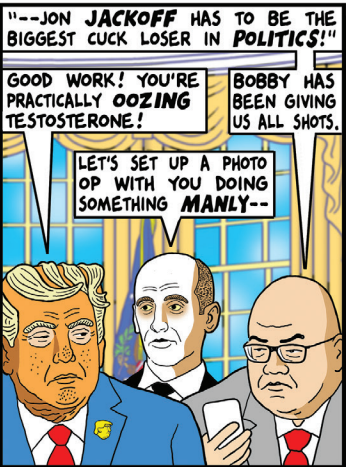
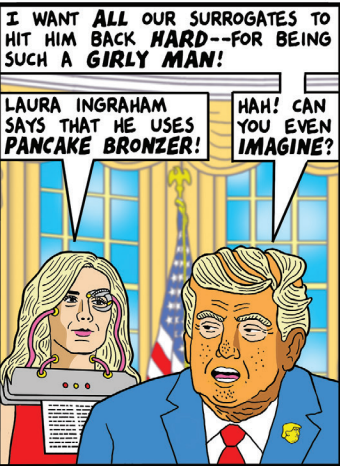
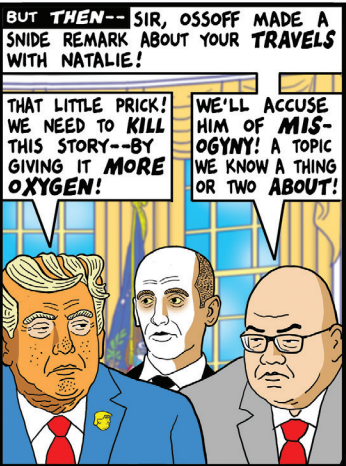
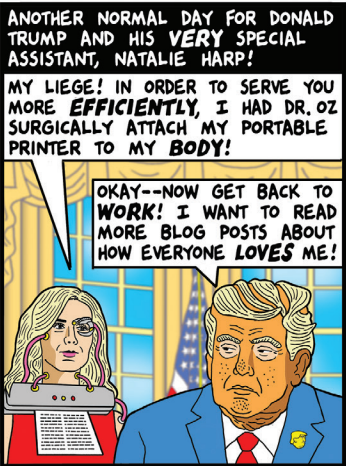
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NEWS & OPINION

Residents and community partners comment on Lansing's 'ModPod' project

By LIEZA KLEMM

After several delays, adjustments and community meetings, developers of Lansing's NOVA Housing Initiative (ModPods) shared with residents last week what project leader Kim Coleman called a transparent update.

Coleman was formerly the city's director of Human Relations and Community Services and after retiring she now works as a consultant on the project, which is an attempt to provide transitional shelter to unhoused individuals in the city as they work toward housing. The project was launched a year ago while the city was facing criticism of its handling of outdoor encampments of people experiencing homelessness.

The timeline for breaking ground on the project, a year later, remains murky and the city is approaching the second winter with the ModPods being kept in storage instead of being used.

The project recently cleared a difficult hurdle of finding someone willing to take the construction management job, after two unsuccessful hiring rounds.

Robert LaLonde, president of Clark Construction Company, said there's not a standard building code for the project, forcing the construction company to look at "doing it under a different kind of campground code."

Much of it is riding on the submission of the design plan. "There's a big push to get the design far enough along that we can get those in for review," said Chris Martin. Martin is a project manager with Clark Construction Company.

"Then that kind of starts the clock ticking on when we can break ground," he said.

Other questions surrounding the types of resources available to community residents and the guidelines they have to follow were met with less than detailed answers.

"As the operating agency, we have program guidelines," Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Chief Program Officer Japheth Agboka said. "As we are meeting and getting the program running, we have avenues for client input, client feedback ... there's always the ability to tweak if needed."



Kim Coleman.

While there's not a solid estimate on when construction will start, officials have set up a sample pod for display at Lansing City Hall. The pod is available for viewing through the end of the month.

Lansing resident Alison Peeler asked about shower capacity.

"So let's say half the people," she said, "33 people need to get to work all at the same time, and (there are) six showers."

Peeler's question was one of many at the community meeting for Lansing's NOVA Housing Initiative on Tuesday at Foster Community Center.

"Within this program model, it's all about scheduling," Agboka said, responding to Peeler's question, giving similar answers to other questions. "As it relates to shower times, there will be scheduled shower times for individuals."

City officials announced in July that the organization would take over the day-to-day operations and case management of the community.

"As we are operating the program, we will work on those things to make sure that everybody is able to use the bathroom and take showers," Agboka said.

The pods, set to be built in the



Developers of Lansing's NOVA Housing Initiative (ModPods) met last week with community members and gave an update on the project.

southwest corner of the Ingham County Health and Human Services parking lot, will have an occupancy maximum of 66 people, broken down into 14 double pods

and 36 singles.

As it stands, the annual cost of daily maintenance of the pods is \$952,335. The city set aside about \$1.9 million for site preparation and construction.

Questions remain around funding sources and the potential burden on taxpayers.

"What's the city's long-term commitment to this economically?" a resident asked. "Is this all grant writing for the next 15 years?"

Coleman said similar programs rely on a mix of private, public, and federal funding, and the city's initiative will "be doing the same."

"I can't make a commitment for the city with regard to longevity," she said.

Dana Watson with the county's health department brought up concerns about the traffic surrounding the community. "This is the Jolly intersection where there's a lot of traffic and people's ability to walk across the street is important," she said.

LaLonde, of Clark Construction Company, said a traffic study to address those issues is part of the permitting process, which is still in the early stages. The company is serving as the general contractor for the project.

Photos by
Lieza Klemm



Examples of the NOVA housing units are on display at Lansing's City Hall for the next several weeks. The units are 8-foot metal cubes with HVAC units and are built to be durable in some difficult weather conditions.

'Nobody who knows the Legislature better': Brinks would bring active legislative approach as LG

By KATHERINE DAILEY/
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Michigan Senate Democrats are expressing their enthusiasm at the possibility of the next Senate president being someone who already has experience leading the chamber following Democratic gubernatorial nominee and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's announcement of Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids) as her running mate.

The role of lieutenant governor is often one of ceremonial leadership, both in the Senate chamber and outside of it — but Brinks seems to see her potential position as taking on a more significant role in promoting the agenda put forward by a Benson-Brinks administration.

Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia), who serves as majority caucus chair for Senate Democrats, said that she believes Brinks would bring to the position someone who knows exactly how to execute ideas that Benson might bring forward to propose to the Legislature.

"Winnie will know the path of how to get that done, who to talk to, who to get on board, and I think Jocelyn made a wise pick in Winnie," Polehanki told Michigan Advance on Thursday (Aug. 20). "There's nobody who knows the Legislature better than Winnie, and I can see a scenario where Jocelyn will be able to rely on her, if she wants to, heavily in terms of passing her ideas."

Brinks herself has made the same indication that she would intend to take

on a more present role in the Legislature if elected in November, with a campaign spokesperson telling the Michigan Advance that she would bring an "active governing approach to the job."

Speaking to reporters following Benson's announcement of Brinks as her running mate, Brinks said that she believes it is a strength to have pre-existing strong relationships with legislators.

"I think that will help us move our agenda. It will help us find common ground, and it will also help us work out differences," she said. "I'm confident that those strong relationships will serve both the governor's agenda well and the state Legislature's agenda."

She also told Gongwer News Service that she is "really excited to bring the depth

of my experience at the Legislature to the table," as a part of that more active legislative role.

Brinks' colleagues in the Senate Democratic caucus cited her work ethic — Polehanki said her car is always one of the first in the parking lot — and her negotiating skill as key benefits to helping govern effectively if elected.

"When things get to the highest level is when Winnie closes these deals. She's a closer," Polehanki said. "I can see her suiting up, being on time, running everything efficiently, and to the extent Jocelyn wants to use her expertise, she's going to have a whole book of knowledge that she can rely on to guide Jocelyn through reaching her legislative goals."

And Polehanki is not alone among her Democratic colleagues in celebrating Brinks as the pick for the role.

Sen. Darrin Camilleri (D-Trenton), the assistant majority leader for Senate Democrats, wrote on X, "I know as LG, she will continue to help us as we bring more positive change in 2027," while Majority Whip Sen. Mallory McMorrow (D-Royal Oak) posted, "She'll be a tremendous partner to help our next Governor get real, meaningful things done for Michigan families."

Benson and Brinks will face a Republican ticket of U.S. Rep. John James (R-Shelby Township) and state Rep. Jay DeBoyer (R-Clay).

Much like Brinks, DeBoyer brings state-level legislative experience that James does not have — something that Dennis Lennox, a Republican public affairs consultant, said makes him "a governing partner, not a geographic or demographic box-checker" on the ticket.

Brinks, on the other hand, seems to fill both sides of that statement — along with her strong legislative background, she is the only statewide candidate for either major party from West Michigan, and with Benson makes the first all-female gubernatorial ticket in the state's history.

Brinks, who was term-limited from running for re-election in the state Legislature, will be officially nominated into the lieutenant governor position at the Michigan Democratic Party's convention on Saturday (Aug. 29).



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Michigan Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks.



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U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson bolsters Barrett's campaign in downtown Lansing skyscraper visit

By LIEZA KLEMM

Rep. Tom Barrett (R-MI) and House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) spoke with reporters last week following a tour of construction progress at Tower on Grand. In addition to backing Barrett's re-election, Johnson supported data center development, criticized Barrett's opponent Will Lawrence and weighed in on the USS Lincoln, an aircraft carrier involved with the war in Iran.

Building developer Paul Gentilozzi introduced the politicians and highlighted the potential of the new 28-story, \$315 million building during the Tuesday, Aug. 18 visit. "We're so honored to have Speaker Johnson here," Gentilozzi said. "We lost the core of our workforce ... during COVID when the state employees all went home and didn't come back. So we're bringing people back."

Gentilozzi is the president of the real estate development company building the Tower at Grand. The mixed-use skyscraper is part of New Vision Lansing, a five-building project adding 600 residential units to Lansing's Downtown and Old Town neighborhoods.

Johnson noted similarities between Lansing and his hometown of Shreveport, Louisiana. "Some of the buildings look the same as in my part of the country, and we need that revitalization to provide more and greater jobs and higher wages for hardworking people," he said.

Data centers are part of that revitalization, Johnson said in Lansing, where a data center proposal was withdrawn earlier this year amid local opposition.

There should be local involvement in the process, but a broad moratorium against data centers is dangerous right now, Johnson said.

"We're in a race with China on that AI race, and if they're able to leapfrog us in that race," Johnson said, "it's a very dangerous thing for everybody around the country."

Lawrence has pushed for a 12-month moratorium on data centers and said in a statement that "Tom Barrett and Mike Johnson want to leave Michiganders undefended against data centers built by their Big Tech campaign donors."

Barrett and Johnson were joined in Lansing by other current and former government officials, including former Michigan Gov. John Engler, U.S. Rep. Ben Cline (R-VA) and Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI).

Emphasizing the importance of Michigan in determining whether Republicans keep control of Congress,

Johnson said Republicans will have to "defy history," acknowledging the sitting president's party rarely picks up seats in midterm elections.

He said this time is different because "the Democrat Party is almost in a stage of open civil war right now."

William Lawrence, Barrett's opponent in the November election, was described by Johnson as "the founder of the Democrat Socialist America in Michigan."

Lawrence was not a founding member of the local chapter nor did he found the state organization and after winning the primary, Lawrence told reporters that he allowed his Democratic Socialists of America membership to lapse in order to unite swing district voters.

Johnson made it clear that national

Republicans would be pouring money into the race, which is drawing significant interest.

Barrett has bolstered his campaign by bringing half of President Donald Trump's cabinet to the Greater Lansing area, with seven of the 15 U.S. Secretaries as well as cabinet member and Small Business Administrator Kelly Loeffler in joining Barrett since April, along with close administration allies like Johnson.

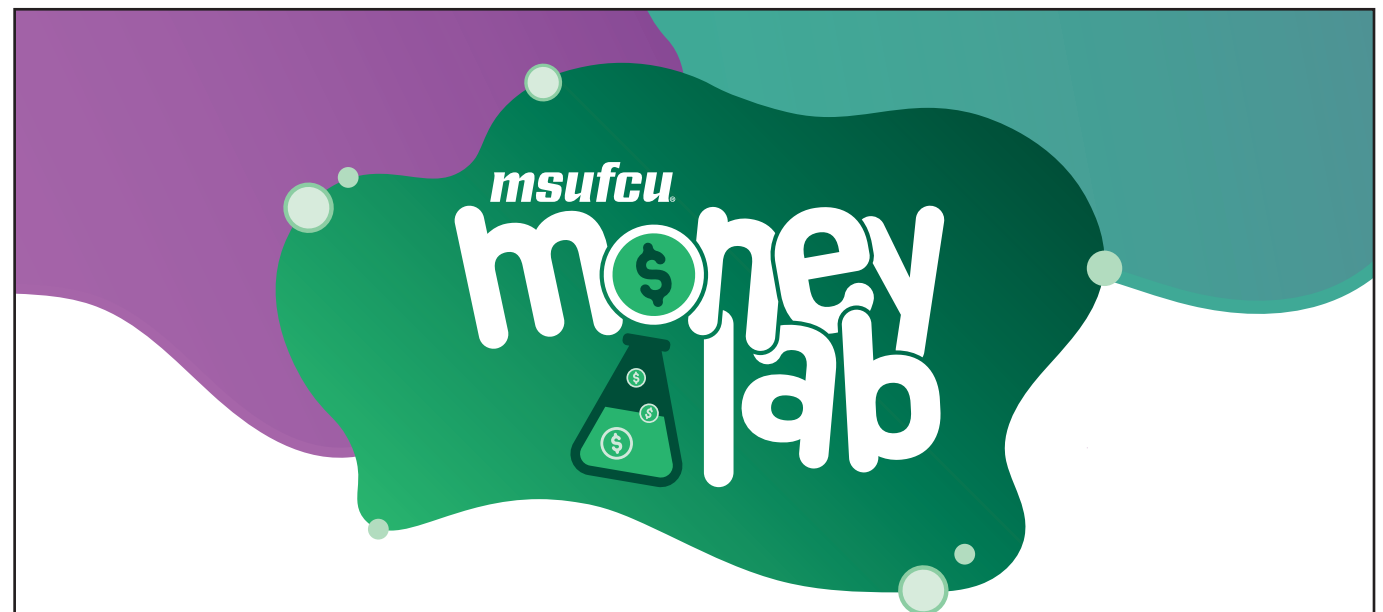
In a statement, Lawrence said Johnson came to Lansing to defend Barrett's "failed record and tell Michiganders that stopping AI data centers is dangerous. What's actually dangerous is a sitting Congressman like Tom Barrett so unable to defend his own record that he needs to fly in DC allies to distract and deflect."

Lawrence said Barrett and the Trump administration have cut health care, raised gas prices and grocery bills through the war in Iran and have given tax breaks to data center developers while people pay higher bills.

Johnson said the potential turnover from Barrett to Lawrence would be "terrible for Michigan, terrible for America."

Johnson acknowledged affordability being a major issue impacting voters, partially blaming it on the former Biden-Harris administration. "Remember that we inherited, from the Biden-Harris administration, the highest inflation in 40 years, so it's taken a while to climb out of that."

He was optimistic about a change in prices, because "the Iran conflict is going to be winding down here soon."



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Lansing City Council members voted 7-1 Monday on a resolution calling on the city to cancel its

contracts for Flock license plate cameras. The resolution urges the city to act, but the city administration and police department would need to take additional steps to cancel the contracts for the city's seven locations of Flock cameras. Council members heard hours of comments from residents, including from Congressional candidate William Lawrence, many of those fiercely urging them to oppose the Flock cameras amid widespread distrust. Some cited national incidents in which police officers have been found to use the camera network to stalk exes, track protesters and other abuses. Several said they planned to run for office if council members didn't approve the proposal to cancel the contracts.

... Council member Adam Hus-sain said he was uncomfortable taking a "tool out of the toolbox" of the Lansing Police Department. He said many of the speakers, like he had done, had weighed the "impact on public safety with the potential for misuse" and made a decision of conscience to call for the removal. Lansing Police Chief Rob Backus defended the department's use of the cameras, which were installed at intersections primarily in the north side of the city in 2024 with the help of grant money that paid for the previous years. Backus said the department has internal controls over who can use the data and the department does not allow others to have access to local data, including federal agencies. The measure was introduced last week by council member Ryan Kost, who said he was surprised that Backus had been invited to speak at the meeting. Council President Peter Spadafore said several council members had requested the chief.

... Backus listed more than half a dozen local crimes he said were solved through



the use of license plate cameras, including violent and recent cases. He said the Flock cameras capture a view of the rear of a car and the license plate, along with a timestamp and officers can infer the direction of travel. The cameras, he said, do not include any identifying information besides the license plate and do not capture images of anyone inside the vehicle. Kost said Backus had said at a meeting earlier this year that Flock information wasn't critical to solving many of the cases. Backus said the license plate information from the cameras was critical to the cases and he disagreed with Kost. Spadafore was the lone opposition and said the proposal was rushed with unclear consequences for the city beyond the contracts.



The YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing's Westside Branch will be renamed as the Earvin "Magic" Johnson YMCA to honor the Lansing native, businessman, philanthropist and NBA all-timer. Johnson returned home last weekend and was joined by many members of his family to help celebrate the YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing's 150th anniversary. The gala helped to raise over \$800,000 for scholarships and facility improvements across the Metropolitan Lansing YMCA locations. The renovation plans for the Earvin "Magic" Johnson YMCA include a 2-acre expansion, two new sport courts, two new turf fields, an acre of green space for more youth programming, a new pavilion and a mural honoring Magic and the Johnson Family, painted by local artist Dustin Hunt. A sustaining legacy fund is being established in the Johnson Family's name for

YMCA scholarship and future YMCA uses.



The historic John Bean building in Lansing is up for sale for the bargain price of \$100,000, the starting bid on lastbidrealestate's auction.

It's a century-old building that was born to be part of the REO Motor Car Company's supply chain, later used during WWII and more recently as a cannabis megagrow that ended with litigation. With more than 460,000 square feet, it's one of the largest buildings in town. There have been several open houses for potential buyers. The cost to upgrade it - or demolish it or do something in between - will be realized by the buyer. The bid was scheduled to close at 7 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 25).



Lansing officials are planning to revive the dormant Reutter Park fountain, with the help of around \$600,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The project is part of a \$1.5 million reworking of the downtown park, including a planned dog park, and expected to be done by the end of June 2027, according to reports from Lansing State Journal and WKAR. The park was named for former mayor J. Gottlieb Reutter, founder of Lansing Ice & Fuel, who donated money in honor of his wife. The park has been used for a wide variety of activities, including a faux-ice rink with skates available at the nearby library. Officials, including Mayor Andy Schor, said Monday that they want to revive the park along with the downtown construction boom, including a 28-story residential tower and the Ovation music complex, both near the park.

Lansing Police are investigating the stabbing death of Daniel Lusk, 22. Police responded to a call around 4 a.m. Thursday (Aug. 20) and found Lusk with a stab wound in the 300 block of E. Michigan Avenue, on the Lansing River Trail in the downtown area. Officers and then Fire Department officials attempted life-saving measures, but Lusk was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a statement from the LPD. Police added that no arrests have been made. It is the fifth homicide of the year, matching the number for the same time period last year.



Lansing Police said they found a man who was struck by a vehicle on the 3200 block of E. Grand River Avenue shortly after they were called to a hit-and-run collision around 11 p.m. on Wednesday (Aug. 19). Efforts at life-saving measures were unsuccessful and the man was pronounced dead at a hospital, according to police. Jordan Gulkis, a spokesperson for Lansing Police, said a witness called 911. Police have not issued a description of the vehicle being sought in the hit-and-run.

Two men were killed in a car crash Monday (Aug. 24), the Ingham County Sheriff's Office reported, when a northbound vehicle on Every Road in Alameda Township struck an eastbound vehicle on Holt Road and set off a second collision with a westbound vehicle. Men from the second and third vehicles, a 59-year-old from Flint and a 42-year-old whose hometown was not confirmed, died at the scene. The northbound vehicle was driving by a 40-year-old woman from Haslett, who had minor injuries. Deputies who are investigating the cause of the crash said they do not suspect alcohol or drugs were factors. Those with information can contact Deputy Stalzer at 517-676-8444, ext. 1939.

U.S. Senate is the top of the ticket in Michigan

By **KYLE MELINN**

Mike Rogers told Republicans this past weekend, “(Abdul) El-Sayed wants to represent Palestine. I want to represent Michigan.”

Monday night, El-Sayed got wide national exposure for equating youth gender transition operations to circumcisions in a match of wits with Fox News host Jesse Watters.

It's another news cycle in Michigan's exploding U.S. Senate race. National reporters are feasting on the news nuggets both Rogers and El-Sayed are feeding.

There's no active presidential race to cover, so this fills that void nicely.

We have a traditional Republican who has adopted MAGA talking points by political necessity going against a charismatic Bernie Sanders-style progressive who happens to be Muslim and believes Israel's response to Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attack is genocide.

If you're a national political reporter, what's not to love?

For Rogers, anything to distract the world from Trump bumbling around in Iran is a net positive. For El-Sayed . . . well, he just can't help himself.

Michigan Democrats just wanted a normal midterm campaign cycle where they could blame every social ill of the day on the incumbent president. Healthcare costs are through the roof. Blame it on the One Big Beautiful Bill. Gas was at \$5 a gallon not so recently. Blame it on the Iran war. Nobody can afford anything anymore. Blame it on the tariffs.

The playbook writes itself. And now, Democrats have no choice but to buckle up and enjoy the ride to God knows where, the pages of the playbook flying away in the wind.

They have no choice. Like it or not, the U.S. Senate race is, for the first time in my 25 years covering this stuff, the top of the ticket.

El-Sayed vs. Rogers is what everyone is talking about. Data centers. Flock cameras. Palestine. Hate crimes.

Why push your fork around recycled generalities coming out of the boring governor's race on the economy and housing when you can dig into Rogers calling El-Sayed a “con man” and a “fraud” or El-Sayed lecturing Rogers that if he's not going to pronounce his name correctly, “keep the name out your damn mouth.”

Do we really care about which legisla-

tor the gubernatorial candidates picked as their running mate when right-wing agitator Jake Lang is drawing a couple thousand to cause a commotion in Dearborn?

We try to parse through the thick rhetoric on how, exactly, Jocelyn Benson or John James plans to nibble around the edges on lowering health care costs.

Or we can dig into the real debate of our time. Is it time to offer Medicare for all?

Would our health care system collapse? Would we be waiting in the emergency room for weeks for care? Every other industrialized country has figured out some version of universal health care, right?

That's the debate El-Sayed and Rogers are having right now.

Sure, a U.S. Senator would be in a position to push for or enact a nationalized health care system while a governor could not, but that only proves the point. Federal issues are consuming the political debate.

And with control of the U.S. Senate possibly coming down to who wins Michigan, millions and millions more TV and streaming advertisements are coming our way.

Forget about staying away from the news or social media. If your cell phone picks up that you're remotely interested in politics, an ad will pop up, eventually, on a Google search.

The volume will be intense. The Rogers campaign is turning down AIPAC money that fueled Haley Stevens' primary effort. They don't need the strings attached to that money when they'll have more than enough from their traditional supporters.

Meanwhile, El-Sayed could be spending more time in Detroit churches or finding new ways to get his stepmother's parents into more ads.

Or he could be holding press conferences that indirectly connect Republicans to Islamophobia, which he did Tuesday, or finding new ways to attract far-right Republicans who fear Big Brother is right around the corner.

Is your hair blown back yet? If not, we have two full months until Election Day.

James and Benson may occupy the first line of Michigan's ballot. But politically, they're no longer at the top of the ticket.

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



POLITICS

Powerlines don't belong in wetlands or on trails

The 50-mile Oneida-Sabine Lake transmission line proposed by the foreign firm Fortis/ITC Holdings poses a severe threat to Ingham County's natural and economic assets.

ITC's four proposed electric powerline baseline routes require clear-cutting a 200-foot-wide swath through the mature wooded wetlands of the Red Cedar River Water Trail.

This will trigger severe soil compaction, riverbank erosion, old-growth canopy fragmentation, and permanent avian collision hazards for migrating birds. Conversely, a route south of I-96, in a non-forested area, substantially reduces these environmental impacts.

The stakes are highly financial.

Using national data, I estimate the annual return on equity of ITC to be \$13 million dollars. Conversely, our Michigan state-designated Red Cedar River Water Trail is an economic engine. Based on benchmarks from the nearby Huron River, the Red Cedar trail is projected

to generate \$15 million in annual tourism spending, boosting local restaurants, hotels, and shops from Williamston to Lansing.

Over the last decade, Ingham County taxpayers have decisively voted for 0.5-mil tax referendums to invest \$44 million into trail infrastructure, leading to \$2 million specifically for the Ingham County river launch and rapid projects.

This recreational trail system connects to a 275-mile inland waterway linking to Grand Rapids and Lake Michigan.

We must protect our taxpayer investments and pristine 100-year-old river corridors.

Any route through the Red Cedar River Water Trail will erode Ingham County's Water Trail's \$15 million revenue so Fortis/ITC can pocket \$13 million.

Oppose ITC's proposed destruction of our recreational gem, the Red Cedar River Water Trail.

Mary C. Fritz and Peter J. Fritz, of Williamston

Opinion

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE DRAIN EASEMENT

The Ingham County Drain Commissioner (“ICDC”) has determined that a Drain Easement held by the Craddock Drain Drainage District, a public body corporate (“Drainage District”) established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, 1956 P.A. 40, as amended, MCL 280.1 et seq. (“Drain Code”), as amended, is no longer necessary for drainage purposes. The ICDC proposes to release, convey and abandon all of its rights, title and interests in the Return of Special Commissioners as to Necessity for Drain and Compensation to be Made Therefore recorded in Liber 7, Page 245 of the drain records maintained in the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner (“Drain Easement”), to the fee owner of the property herein described in accordance with Section 6 of the Drain Code, MCL 280.6.

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

Parcel No. 33-14-14-23-300-011

BEG @ A PT ON NS 1/4 LN 1167.77 FT S OF THE CEN OF SEC 23 -N88D37'40"W 2000 FT -S 165FT -S88D37'40"E 2000 FT TO NS 1/4 LN -N 165 FT TO THE POB SEC 23 T1NR1W 7.58 AC M/L

Parcel No. 33-14-14-23-300-015

BEG @ A PT ON NS 1/4 LN 1002.77 FT S OF THE CEN OF SEC 23 -CONT ON NS 1/4 LN S 165 FT-N88D22'20"W 2000 FT -N 165 FT -S88D22'20"E 2000 TO THE POB SEC 23 T1NR1W 7.58 AC M/L

Parcel No. 33-14-14-23-300-017

COM. AT A PT. ON NS1/4 LN 1823.51 FT NORTH OF S1/4 COR SEC 23 -N ALONG NS1/4 LN 169.13 FT -N89D53'46"W ALONG N LN OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF SW1/4 1989.81 FT -S0D14'02"W ALONG W LN OF SE1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SW1/4 335.04 FT -S89D55'03"E PLL. WITH S LN OF N1/2 OF SW1/4 1331.17 FT -N 165 FT -S89D55'03"E 660 FT TO THE POB. ON SW1/4 OF SEC 23 T1NR1W 12.79 AC. M/L Split on 12/11/2000 from 33-14-14-23-300-016;

Parcel No. 33-14-14-23-300-013

COM @ S 1/4 COR OF SEC 23 -N ALNG NS 1/4 LN 1992.84 FT TO POB -N89D53'55"W ALNG S LN OF N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 1328.86 FT -N0D02'32"W 380.1 FT -N89D54'32"E 560.43 FT -S 170 FT -N89D54'32"E 768.71 FT TO NS 1/4 LN -S 214.57 FT TO POB ON SW 1/4 OF SEC 23 T1NR1W8.66 AC M/L

Parcel No. 33-14-14-22-400-005

BEG AT THE E1/4 COR SEC 22 -S0D21'51"W ON E SEC LN 2660.11 FT TO SE COR OF SEC 22 -N89D36'34"W ON S SEC LN 1316.17 FT -S0D33'14"E ALONG E LN OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4 SEC 27 1324.2 FT -N89D49'59"W ALONG S LN OF SD. NW1/4 OF NE1/4 & C/L OF FITCHBURG RD 60 FT -N0D33'14"W 2668.87 FT -N89D01'26"E ALONG DITCH 394.69 FT -N0D25'40"E ON DITCH 1301.33 FT -S89D54'05"E ALONG EW1/4 LN OF SEC 22, 1001.70 FT TO THE POB. ALSO THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SEC 23 EXC. THE SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SEC 23 ALL IN SEC 22 & 23 OF T1NR1W 104.89 AC. M/L

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

A strip of land forty (40) feet in width along each side of and adjoining the following described centerline located within Section 23 of Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Township of Leslie, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the west quarter post of said Section 23; thence S51°45'E, 9.17 chains (605.22 feet); thence S87°45'E, 7.04 chains (464.64 feet); thence S50°00'E, 6.02 chains (397.32 feet); thence S72°45'E, 4.14 chains (273.24 feet); thence S27°15'E, 8.30 chains (547.80 feet); thence S09°45'W, 188.23 feet to a point on the south line of the north half of the southwest quarter of said Section 23, said point being 870.7 feet West of the north–south quarter-line of said Section 23, also said point being the point of ending of drain easement to be released.

Total length of drain over which easement is to be released is 2476.45 feet.

In accordance with Section 6 of Act 40 of the Public Act of 1956, as amended, at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854, on **September 28, 2026**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Drain Commissioner shall meet upon this proposed release of a Drain Easement and any taxpayer may appear to protest said release.

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

Dated: August 21, 2026

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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TOWNSHIP BOARD
Synopsis of Meetings

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Fonda J. Brewer, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Treasurer Dennis R. Fedewa, Trustee Andrea M. Cascarilla, and Trustee Karen J. Mojica. Others Present: Manager Brian T. Reed, Finance Director Courtney Nicholls, Township Engineer Jacob Kleinhenz, Fire Chief John Kahler, Assistant Fire Chief Eric Arnold, Captain Robert Block, Deputy Manager Erin LaPere, Planning & Economic Development Director Peter Menser, Utilities Director Rick Kane, Deputy Director of Water John Stopczynski.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Amendment to Chapter 8 to update Rental Registration and Property Maintenance Codes

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Bills and Financial Transactions – a. \$3,275,983.75
- 3. Minutes – a. Monday, July 20, 2026
- 4. Sole Source Purchase: Willow Lift Station Pump Purchase Request
- 5. Sheriff’s Contract Funding – Special Assessment
- 6. Riverbend Estates and Riverbend Condos Special Assessment Roll

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 7. Waverly Lease – Senior and Activity Center Lease
- 8. Special Land Use Permit #PSL2026-0002 United Rentals

MANAGER’S REPORT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9. Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Phase 2 Update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Fonda J. Brewer, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Trustee Elizabeth S. Bowen, Trustee Andrea M. Cascarilla, Trustee Joshua I. Lyman, and Trustee Karen J. Mojica. Others Present: Manager Brian T. Reed, Township Engineer Jacob Kleinhenz, Fire Chief John Kahler, Captain Robert Block, Deputy Manager Erin LaPere, Assistant to the Manager/Communications Administrator Mary Worland, Planning & Economic Development Director Peter Menser, Utilities Director Rick Kane, Deputy Director Wastewater Dave D’Haene

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Pickleball Association Presentation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2. Noise Waiver South Church
- 3. Kathleen Lane Approval of Special Assessment Roll

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Notices of a Day of Review for Eaton County Drain Districts

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

5. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amendment to Chapter 8, Articles V and VI to update the Township’s Rental Registration and Property Maintenance Codes

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. Bills and Financial Transactions – a. \$5,279,373.27
- 7. Minutes – a. Monday, August 3, 2026
- 8. Establishment of Street Lighting District for Wind Trace No. 2, 3, 4
- 9. Utility Department - Water Operations Driveway Paving
- 10. Willow Lift Station and Dual Force Main Project Pepper Ridge Force Main Relocation Project Construction Contract – Change Order No. 3

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 11. Final Adoption of the 2026 Master Plan
- 12. Referral of Rezoning #PRZ2026-0002 (Eyde Development)
- 13. WRRF Phase II Consultant Selection
- 14. Opportunity Zones 2.0

MANAGER’S REPORT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm



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Eagle Township, Clinton County Board Meeting Synopsis

August 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm - Present: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Currie, Supervisor Stroud, and Trustee M. Hoppes and 7 citizens.

Board Actions:

- 1) Approved payment of bills for August 2026.
- 2) Approved survey of township hall property.
- 3) Approved Janine Dyer appointment as a regular Board of Review member.
- 4) Approved Treasurer position on Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board.
- 5) Approved L-4029 for 2026 be signed and submitted to Clinton County.
- 6) Approved legal review of Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance.
- 7) Approved Auditor Representation Letter for FY 25-26 audit.
- 8) Approved annual insurance renewal.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is September 15, 2026, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

Prepared by: Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk

Approved by: Troy Stroud, Eagle Township Supervisor

CP#26-334

Notice to Creditors, Decedent's Estate, Rosemary Nickoff, deceased settlor, year of birth: 1939. Notice to all Creditors: The decedent, Rosemary Nickoff, died May 16, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent will be forever barred unless presented to Theresa McNamara, Trustee of the Richard Lee Nickoff and Rosemary V. Nickoff Trust, u/a/d May 24, 2018, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, Aug. 26, 2026. Doyle Law PC, Thomas A. Doyle (P31559), PO Box 3752, Grand Rapids, MI 49501, 517-323-7366. Theresa McNamara, Trustee of the Richard Lee Nickoff and Rosemary V. Nickoff Trust, c/o Doyle Law PC, PO Box 3752, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

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The MSU Broad Art Museum's first-floor main gallery displays historic U.S. flags from the MSU Museum collection alongside handmade flags by Chicago-based artist Candace Hunter and New York-based, Iranian-born artist Sara Rahbar.

From wall to shining wall

'We Are This Land' waves many flags at MSU Broad Art Museum

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

It's tempting to resort to vaguely uplifting platitudes to describe "We Are This Land," the MSU Broad Art Museum's ambitious, museum-wide exhibit marking the 250th birthday of the United States, on view through March 14.

But that would miss the point. This exhibit avoids platitudes like the plague.

If you're bracing for another harangue on how great America is, or was, or how it needs to be great again, or how it was never great in the first place, forget it. This exhibit, like its subject, is an open-ended, complicated, diverse, flawed, beautiful and deeply human endeavor.

Drawing on the Broad's own historic collection of art, newly commissioned works and historical nuggets from the MSU Museum, libraries and other

campus resources, "We Are This Land" lays out a lavish banquet of stimuli no formula or agenda can summarize.

"We Are This Land: Meditations on the Great American Experiment"

MSU Broad Art Museum
Aug. 22, 2026–March 14, 2027

MSU Broad Art Museum Fall Opening Party

6–10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18
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The exhibit brings together hundreds of stunning prints, lush oil paintings, thought-provoking sculptures, video art, maps, flags, everyday objects and unique works that cross genres and mix media. Just to keep you on your toes, there's a sideways teepee and a backwards map.

Everywhere you look, art and history bounce off each other, beginning with a luminous array of flags in the airy main gallery, where a historic U.S. flag with 44 stars, dating from the 1890s, flies next to handcrafted art flags by Chicago-based artist Candace Hunter and New York-based, Iranian-born

artist Sara Rahbar.



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Broad director Phillip Bahar ponders "128 Civics Questions," an installation by Lebanese-American artist Rayanne Tabet that scatters real questions from the study guide to the U.S. citizenship exam throughout the museum's America 250 exhibit, "We Are This Land."

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We Are This Land

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One of Rahbar's two flags is embroidered with the repeated message, "You are safe here with me." Her other flag is made of fabric her father brought from Iran.

The mutually illuminating interplay of historical artifacts and fine art runs through the entire exhibit.

"These flags are about the promises implied in the flag, but they also draw on her family story, coming from Iran to the United States," Broad Museum assistant curator Rachel Winter said. The Hunter flag reinterprets the traditional design with bands of red, geometric patterns and tufts of cotton in lieu of stars. The flags are also gorgeous to behold as they filter the light streaming through the museum's enormous west window.

For Broad senior curator Steven Bridges, the flags bear witness to an ongoing story.

"We've only had a 50-star flag since 1960," he said. "If we were to add a state or lose a state in the future, it would change again. The story is not finished; it's not written in stone. It drives home this point about the unfixed nature of all of these ideas, these stories, these experiences. It's being written today and will continue to be written."

The great experiment

Bridges and his staff started planning "We Are This Land" four years ago. At that time, Phillip Bahar had not yet been selected as the museum's director, and Bridges was serving as interim director.

"We saw this anniversary coming and wanted to acknowledge it in some significant way, but at that point it was open ended as to what that would mean and what it would look like," Bridges said.

He knew that in order to devote the entire museum to a single exhibit on the multifarious American experience, he would need all hands on deck, so he enlisted the entire Broad curatorial team, along with the education, communications and support staff.

The key to getting a handle on such a huge subject was hiding in plain sight.

It may not be obvious at a casual glance, but there is a deep affinity between the Broad's role as a showcase for contemporary art and cut-



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A U.S. flag created by Sara Rabar utilizes colors and patterns inspired by her heritage as an African American woman and substitutes tufts of cotton for the stars.

ting-edge ideas and the origin and history of the United States. The affinity is so simple it can be expressed in a single word: experimentation.

"This democratic endeavor was an experiment," Bridges said. "George Washington makes reference to that."

Bridges and his staff kept that in mind as they fleshed out the exhibit's component parts and added two more "foundational ideals": participation and representation.

"Participation — being involved, engaged, voting — is crucial to democracy," Bridges said. "Representation is made visible through the art in the exhibition. All three ideals are foundational to the country, and they inspired this show."

The curators began to hunt down and acquire new works of art "with this moment in mind," Bridges said. The staff took the exhibit's title from "Bless This Land," a 2019 poem by former U.S. Poet Laureate and Indigenous activist Joy Harjo.

Looking for a physical element that would weave the sprawling exhibit together, the staff hit upon the perfect artist. In 2022, Winter was touring museums in New York when she came upon an intriguing 2022 work by Lebanese-American artist Rayanne Tabet, "100 Civics Questions." Tabet's installation blended real questions from the study guide to the U.S. citizenship exam into the architecture of the Whitney Museum of American Art. At the Broad, questions from the study guide are inscribed in the same sans-serif font used for labels and directional signs, leaving the unsettling impression that the building itself is testing you on your knowledge of U.S. history and civics.

There are 20 questions from the study guide scattered in "often unlikely spaces" at the Broad.

"They sort of blend in yet stand out," Winter said.

The name of Tabet's installation was updated to "128 Civics Questions," be-

cause the study guide was revised in 2025 with 128 instead of 100 questions.

The project was inspired by Tabet's own experience studying for the citizenship exam.

"His thought was that if you read the questions in a stairwell or similar place, outside of the context of a study guide, it invites us to think harder about what we know," Winter said.

As Bahar walked through the museum last week to see how the exhibit was coming along, he stopped to read a question in the stairwell: "Why is the Declaration of Independence important?"

"It forces all of us to think about what we actually know about our own history," Bahar said. "You ask people who want to be citizens all these questions, and I bet most of us couldn't answer a majority of them."

The Tabet project took on a life of its own and already stretches beyond the Broad, with location-appropriate questions installed in Beal Botanical Garden, the MSU Museum, the school's libraries, the Music Building, the Communication Arts and Sciences Building, the Multicultural Center and the Law College.

New art, historic nuggets

Taking advantage of four years of prep time, the Broad's curators were able to seed "We Are This Land" with many newly commissioned works of art. Some of them, like a gravity-defying, right-angle-oriented teepee by Canadian artist Duane Linklater, are strikingly ambitious in scope.

The cone-shaped wooden framework of the sculpture is fastened with bolts to a wall partition, letting the fabric covering drop to the floor.

The stark sculpture evokes a family's home, and an entire way of life, violently upended and rudely exposed yet clinging tenaciously to existence.

The Broad acquired the sculpture two years ago, in preparation for this exhibit. "Duane's work is hard to apply language to," Bridges said. "It exists almost in a space beyond that, and it makes a strong impression on viewers. It's a really major work, and we were lucky to acquire it."

Evan Roth, a Berlin-based artist who was born and raised in Okemos, returned to mid-Michigan to create another brand-new work, the mysterious and beautiful "Skyscapes: East Lansing," for the Broad. Roth photographed the sky above the museum

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We Are This Land

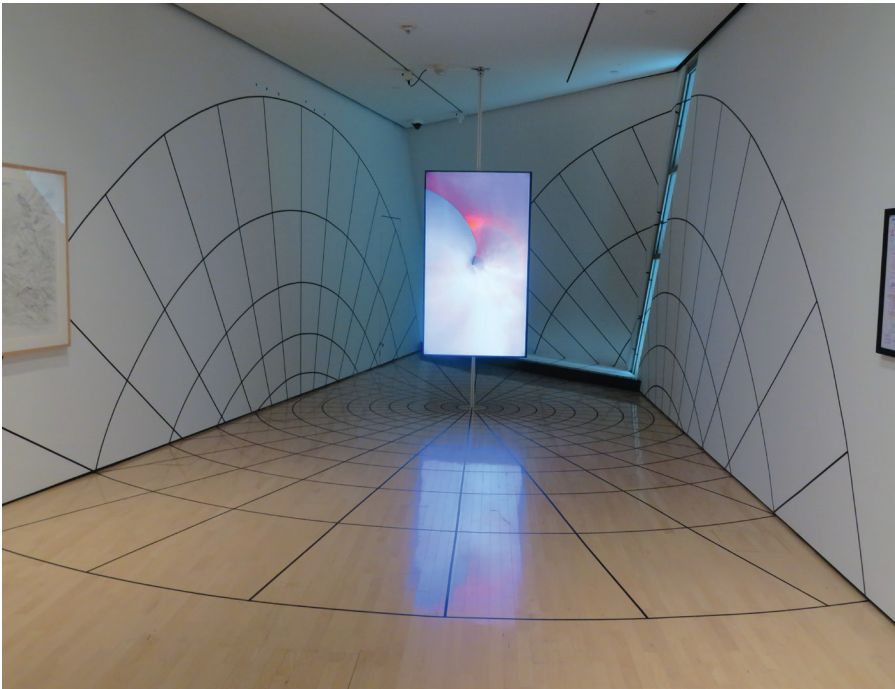
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for events and programming that will pop up at the Broad during its six-month run.

Bridges said the museum is moving away from experiences “where you come and listen to someone talk” and toward things that are “more participatory, more experiential,” such as poetry, music, food-oriented events and live performances. The museum-wide fall opening party is already set for Sept. 18, and the museum website and Facebook page will soon list further events.

Mounting a high-profile art exhibit centered on the American experiment at a charged moment when museums and universities are being pressured to play down the darker aspects of the nation’s history might strike some observers as risky, but Bahar shrugged off the idea.

“It’s really just a civic act, showing our history through art,” Bahar said. “I understand that some people might be taken aback by a flag that’s not the actual flag, but you see the transformation of the flag. It’s constantly evolving. This is a celebration of the



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Evan Roth, a Berlin-based artist who was born and raised in Okemos, returned to mid-Michigan to create a mysteriously beautiful new work for the “map room” of “We Are This Land.”

variety of voices, the generations that are brought together in these rooms, and it’s pretty remarkable.”

“Museums, including art museums, are often rightfully regarded as civ-

ic institutions,” Bridges said. “To me, that means there is a civic responsibility to participate, to feed that curiosity, explore, see something different and, ideally, to bring people together.

That gave us the internal strength and will to proceed with this project over the past few years.”

It may strike skeptics as a leap of faith, but Bridges and Bahar are respecting the Broad’s audience as adults who can handle nuance and conflicting input if it’s sincerely and honestly presented.

“Throughout this show, you’ll encounter what you might call contradictions,” Bridges said. “If anything, art actually has the power to help us hold two opposing ideas in our head at one time — more than two.”

He’s eager to see how the public responds to the gloriously messy banquet he and his staff have put together.

“Can something be celebratory and moving but also problematic at the same time?” Bridges asked. “If you’re able to see something from a different perspective, maybe that might leave some lasting change in the way you re-engage with life outside the museum. For me, that’s one of the most exciting things about this show — seeing how people respond, what they take with them into the world after being here.”



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The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum opened in 2012.



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Visitors Bill Heins and Dave Pierre, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, look at the new exhibit from the outside on Monday, Aug. 24.

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200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
Mike Arnold
 Fri., Aug. 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
The Aimcriers
 Sat., Aug. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill

16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
DJ Atomic Sounds
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7-11 p.m.
Gimme 5
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.-midnight

Cleats Bar & Grille

5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing
Jeremy Kratky
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.

Dimes Brewhouse

145 Bridge St., Dimondale
Jim and Toni
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7-9 p.m.
The Westrins
 Sat., Aug. 29, 6-9 p.m.

Dublin Square

327 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Justin Deason
 Wed., Aug. 26, 9 p.m.-midnight
Roxy Riot
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 9 p.m.-midnight

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Tony Moreno
 Wed., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.
The Dangling Particples
 Sun., Aug. 30, 6-8 p.m.
Songwriters' night, with Bart Moore
 Wed., Sept. 2, 7-9 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
Always On My Grind V (We Outside), featuring **Jimi Kanklez, SkitzoMichigan + more**
 Fri., Aug. 28, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.
Deer & Elk
 Sat., Aug. 29, 6-9 p.m.

Fish Ladder Music Park

216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
'90s night, with Be Kind Rewind and DJ Metro Melik
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 7-10:30 p.m.
Dam Jam Music Festival
 Fri., Aug. 28, 4:30-11 p.m.
 Sat., Aug. 29, 3-11 p.m.

The Fledge

1300 Eureka St., Lansing
One Exit Down, Home Grown Homunculus, Plastic Guitar Tour, The Connor Fischetti Band
 Sun., Aug. 30, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Wavelength
 Wed., Aug. 26, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Home Grown Homunculus, The Dartmoors, The Scooter and Liam Band, Sordid
 Fri., Aug. 28, doors 5 p.m., show 6 p.m.
Wavelength
 Wed., Sept. 2, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Grewal Hall

224 S. Washington Square, Lansing
A Night at the Soul Lounge 2000s night
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.

High Caliber Karting and Entertainment

1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos
Flowers on the Grave
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

219 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
Steven Allen
 Wed., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.
Justin Deason
 Wed., Sept. 2, 7-9 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market

7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Botanical Underground
 Wed., Aug. 26, 5-8 p.m.
Quantum Committee
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 5-8 p.m.
Northside Rhythm Kings
 Fri., Aug. 28, 5-8 p.m.
J.H. Patton and the Good Companions
 Sat., Aug. 29, 5-8 p.m.
John Beltran
 Sun., Aug. 30, 3-8 p.m.

Ingham County Courthouse lawn

315 S. Jefferson St., Mason
Northside Rhythm Kings
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Irish Pub

1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
Open mic night, with Scott Seth
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Krosby's Conspiracy
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8-11 p.m.

Lansing Brewing Co.

518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing
Jerry Sprague
 Fri., Aug. 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Lansing Shuffle

325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing
Matt Carlson
 Sat., Aug. 29, 4-7 p.m.
Dave Menzo
 Sun., Aug. 30, 4-7 p.m.

Mac's Bar

2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Voluntary Mortification, This Is Me Breathing
 Fri., Aug. 28, 6 p.m.
Misfire, Raider, Honeyfoot, Dropped at Birth
 Sat., Aug. 29, 7 p.m.
Open mic night
 Mon., Aug. 31, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
 Tues., Sept. 1, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Marketplace on the Green

1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos
Sandra Faye Band
 Wed., Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.
Classic Women of Country
 Wed., Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Mash Bar

212 Albert Ave., East Lansing
JP & the Energy
 Fri., Aug. 28, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Midtown Brewing Co.

402 S. Washington Square, Lansing
Jim & Toni
 Sat., Aug. 29, 7-9 p.m.
Open mic night
 Mon., Aug. 31, 6-9 p.m.

Moriarty's Pub

802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., Aug. 26, 8-11 p.m.
Blues jam
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 9 p.m.-midnight
The Rotations
 Fri., Aug. 28, 8 p.m.-midnight
Dead Honey Collective
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
 Tues., Sept. 1, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
 Wed., Sept. 2, 8-11 p.m.

Nico's Pub and Grill

117 S. Bridge St., Dimondale
Frog & Koop
 Wed., Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m.
Stan Craig Band
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Nuthouse Sports Grill

420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Lucid Vibe
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.-midnight

One North East Lansing

1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing
JP & The Energy
 Sun., Aug. 30, 4-7 p.m.

One North Lansing

5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Open mic night, with Kathy Ford
 Mon., Aug. 31, 6:30-9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Aaron Manbeck
 Fri., Aug. 28, 8-10 p.m.
517 Funktet
 Tues., Sept. 1, 6-8 p.m.

Pins & Pints

2120 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
Dan Laird
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Live music
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Randy Napoleon Trio
 Sun., Aug. 30, 6-9 p.m.

Riverfront Plaza

333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Don Middlebrook
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 6-8 p.m.

Sholtz's Bar

1821 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Frog & Koop
 Tues., Sept. 1, 6-9 p.m.

Sidebar

246 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
Stephen Rahrig
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7-10 p.m.
JP Peters
 Sat., Aug. 29, 7-10 p.m.

St. Johns City Park

801 W. Park St., St. Johns
Dave Bennett Quartet
 Wed., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.
Jake Slater (Elvis tribute)
 Wed., Sept. 2, 7-9 p.m.

Stober's Bar

812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
DJ Chicago Muzik
 Sat., Aug. 29, 6-9 p.m.
Lady Luck
 Sun., Aug. 30, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Spoonful
 Tues., Sept. 1, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.

1957 Cedar St., Holt
Hot Beef Project
 Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
Just Magnetic
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8-11 p.m.
Open mic & karaoke
 Tues., Sept. 1, 7-10 p.m.

Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

3420 S. Creyts Road, Lansing
Full House
 Wed., Aug. 26, 6-9 p.m.
Live music
 Sun., Aug. 30, 3-6 p.m.

Uncle John's Cider Mill

8614 US-127, St. Johns
Feed 'Em Fest II, featuring Family Tradition and Showdown
 Sat., Aug. 29, 4-10 p.m.

Unicorn Bar

327 E. César E. Chávez Ave, Lansing
Jimmy G and the Capitols feat. Ben Hall
 Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.

University United Methodist Church

1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing
Tiffany Gridiron
 Wed., Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing
Midweek Music Lounge
 Wed., Aug. 26, 6-9 p.m.
Tap Monkeys
 Fri., Aug. 28, 6 p.m.
Midweek Music Lounge
 Wed., Sept. 2, 6-9 p.m.

Wharton Center

750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
Wharton Welcomes, with Jason Schmidt
 Thurs., Aug. 27, 5 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse

3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Deacon Earl
 Wed., Aug. 26, 7-10 p.m.
Aces High
 Sat., Aug. 29, 7-11 p.m.
Valerie and Mark
 Wed., Sept. 2, 7-10 p.m.

Additionally, the **Sun Dried Music Festival** will run from Friday through Sunday in downtown Mason, and the **Unity in Music Festival** will run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday in Old Town, Lansing.

The Robin Theatre is a garden where Lansing's artists grow

By **MASAKI TAKAHASHI**

A gardener spends most of their time tending the soil, not admiring the flowers. Visitors spend their time admiring the blooms. They compliment the colors. They take pictures in the spring. The gardener knows the real work that went into the soil long before anyone arrived.

I've always thought of The Robin Theatre as our garden.

For more than a decade, The Robin Theatre has quietly been one of Lansing's most important places for artists to grow. Poets, musicians, comedians, playwrights and nonprofits have all found a home there. If you've attended a local performance in the last several years, there's a good chance the artist spent time on The Robin's stage. That doesn't happen by accident. It happens because someone is willing to invest in the soil.

Dylan Rogers, owner of The Robin Theatre, is that kind of gardener for Lansing's blooming artists.

His fingerprints are on far more of the city's arts community than most people realize. I know because his fingerprints are all over my story.

The Poetry Room has called The Robin Theatre home for years. Without that space, I don't know if my organization would have grown the way it has. More importantly, I don't know if I would have grown as an artist.

Artists need repetition.

A comedian needs to test their work with a new audience.

A musician needs another show.

A nervous poet needs their first experience on the mic.

Talent isn't something we're born with. It's something we practice. The Robin Theatre has become an incubator for organizations like The Poetry Room, Comedy Coven, Ambient Annotations, Bare Bones Improv and countless others.

Those groups didn't simply rent a venue. They were given a place to experiment, a place to fail, to improve and eventually to thrive.

What many people don't realize is that affordable arts spaces are becoming increasingly rare. When someone sees a \$10 ticket or a free community event, it's easy to assume it didn't cost much to produce. The opposite is usually true.

There is no such thing as a free event. Someone always pays. Sometimes it's through grants, sponsorships or donations. Sometimes it's volunteers. Sometimes it's artists accepting less than they're worth, and sometimes it's



Photo by Robert Killups

Dylan Rogers, owner of The Robin Theatre.

a small business choosing community over profit.

Running an independent venue is far more than unlocking the doors. Many event spaces require organizers to hire separate sound engineers, lighting technicians and production staff before the first audience member arrives.

At The Robin, Rogers often wears those hats himself.

He's balancing sound, programming lights, troubleshooting microphones and making sure every cue happens exactly when it should. If you've attended a show where everything felt effortless, it's because someone spent hours making sure it would.

As I've traveled across the country performing, I've gained a deeper appreciation for what The Robin Theatre represents. Communities don't build vibrant arts scenes by accident. They build them because people invest in places where artists can take risks, organizations can grow and audiences can gather.

Supporting a small business isn't simply about buying a ticket. It's about recognizing that behind every affordable show is someone choosing to invest in their community instead of asking, "What's the most I can make?"

The next time you attend a performance at The Robin Theatre, appreciate more than what happens on stage. Think about the soil beneath it. Gardens don't bloom because people admire the flowers. They bloom because someone keeps tending the ground long after everyone else has

Upcoming events at The Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
therobintheatre.com

The Poetry Room Presents: Summer Slam VI

Slam poetry with national stars
3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29

Tune In

Monthly open mic for local performers and friends
7:30 p.m. Sept. 3

Bare Bones Improv

Lansing improv comedy collective
7:30 p.m. Sept. 9

Mean Mary

American singer-songwriter, with banjo
7:30 p.m. Sept. 10

Mary Gauthier

The Wheatland headliner performs in Lansing, co-produced by Ten Pound Fiddle
8 p.m. Sept. 13

Indha Room with Rohith Jayaraman

An intimate evening of music and conversation with the Seattle vocalist/composer
7:30 p.m. Sept. 18

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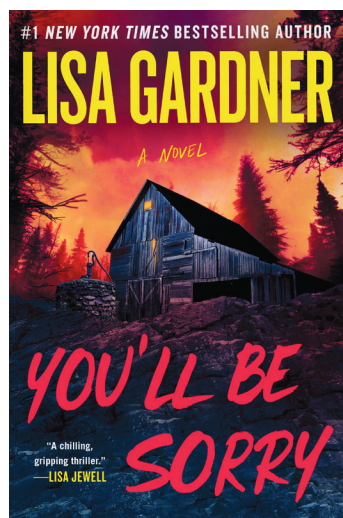
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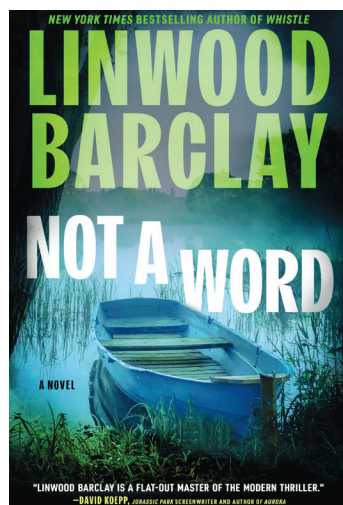
Dog days of summer book roundup

By **KURT ANTHONY KRUG**

Like it always does, summer has breezed by. If you're planning one last family outing or trip to the beach before school resumes, you might want to consider bringing one of the following gripping new reads ...

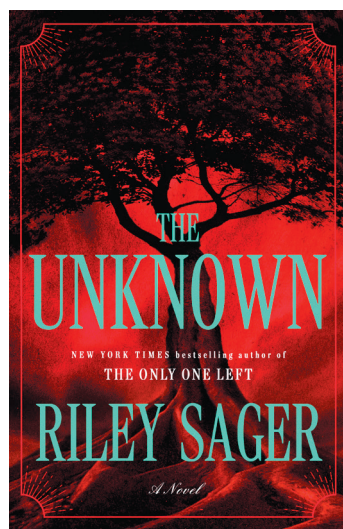


“You’ll Be Sorry,” by Lisa Gardner (Grand Central Publishing, \$30): Critics have called Lisa Gardner’s latest thriller the perfect spooky end-of-summer read. It includes an abandoned house, a witch and a family of six who disappeared 30 years ago. Plus, it’s from the mind of a master storyteller — what more needs to be said? Visit lisagardner.com.



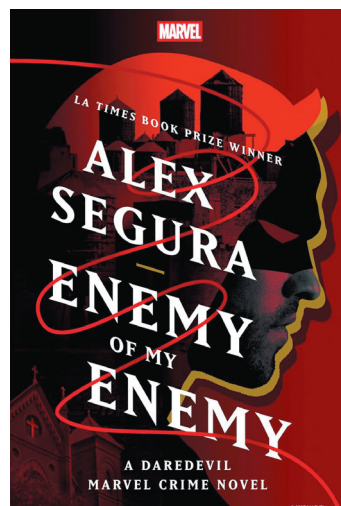
“Not a Word,” by Linwood Barclay (William Morrow, \$30): You can’t go wrong with Linwood Barclay. I don’t believe he’s ever published a bad book. In “Not a Word,” Reece stops

by his parents’ house and finds them both dead in their bed in an apparent murder-suicide. As Reece steps outside to collect his bearings, he gets a call from his mother. Now things are really getting complicated. Who was the other woman? Reece finds himself thrust into a tangled web of dark family secrets, fearing for his life. Side note: You should also check out Barclay’s previous novel “Whistle,” his first foray into the horror genre, which earned high praise from the “king of horror” himself, Stephen King. Visit linwoodbarclay.com.



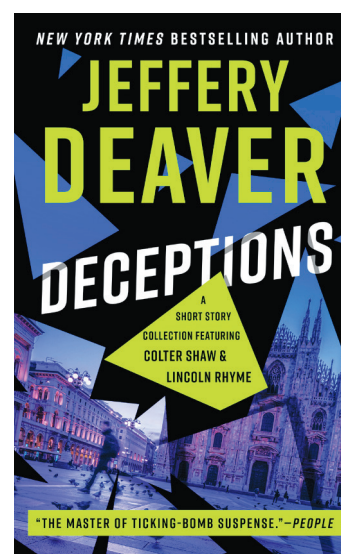
“The Unknown,” by Riley Sager (Dutton, \$32): Riley Sager is another author who never fails to deliver. “The Unknown” is a combination of mystery and horror that will keep you up late. Struggling actress Marin Keane gets her big break working alongside some of Hollywood’s elite, including legendary actress Violet Wright and eccentric yet accomplished director Ronan Peters. Peters’ new movie is about the unsolved mystery of New Avalon, an island on Lake Faraday in Vermont. In 1926, five women, believed to have been a coven of witches, disappeared from the island. Now, Keane and her costars are playing these witches and filming on New Avalon without any contact to the outside world. They get more than they bargained for when they start disappearing one by one. The hardcover edition features

a handsome dustjacket, hued edges, designed endpapers and a foiled-stamped case. Visit rileysagerbooks.com.



“Daredevil: Enemy of My Enemy,” by Alex Segura (Marvel/Hyperion Avenue, \$28.99): The newest novel from author and comic book artist Alex Segura is based on Marvel’s blind superhero, Daredevil, the alter ego of attorney Matt Murdock. The murderous vigilante known as the Punisher has killed Wilson Fisk, aka the Kingpin, New York’s top mob boss. Now there’s a power vacuum in the city, with every mobster and supervillain vying to become the next crime czar. With the heat in the streets escalating, Murdock defends the Punisher in court and realizes there’s discrepancies in his story. As Daredevil, he must stave off a full-scale gang war. You don’t have to be a Marvel fan to enjoy this novel; Segura does an excellent job of providing background on the characters without making it exposition heavy. Visit alexsegura.com.

“Deceptions” by Jeffery Deaver (G.P. Putnam’s Sons, \$32): Jeffery Deaver is called the master of ticking time-bomb suspense for a reason — something he demonstrates again with this anthology of short stories. He uses original characters in addition to two of his established series characters, Colter Shaw and quadriplegic detective Lincoln Rhyme. Each story is metic-



ulously crafted with twists and counter twists. If this isn’t enough Deaver for you, his 17th Rhyme novel, “The Collateral Heart,” debuts in November. Visit jefferydeaver.com.

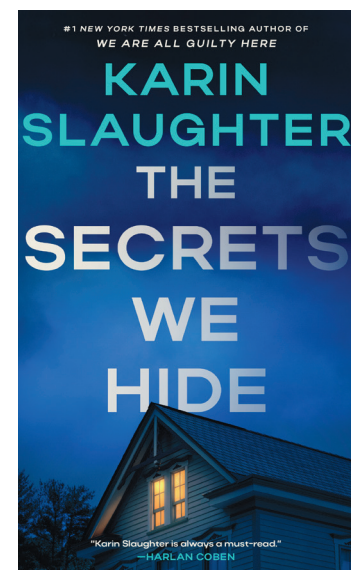


“Dragonlance: War Wizard,” by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman (Random House Worlds, \$30): In 1985, Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman penned “Dragons of Autumn Twilight,” the first novel in the “DragonLance Chronicles,” inspired by the Dungeons & Dragons role-playing game. Now, they’re back with the first installment in a new prequel trilogy, which is an excellent jumping-on point for newbies. Visit margaretweis.com and trhickman.com.

“Marion: A Novel,” by Leah Rowan (St. Martin’s Press, \$29): Leah Rowan turns Alfred Hitchcock’s 1960 classic, “Psycho,” on its ear with this book. Instead of Norman (Anthony Perkins) stabbing Marion (Janet Leigh) to death in the noto-



rious shower scene — perhaps cinema’s most famous scene — Marion kills him instead. With her deft prose, taut plotting and page-turning twists, Rowan gets her inner Hitchcock on and then some. Visit leahrowanbooks.com.



“The Secrets We Hide,” by Karin Slaughter (HarperCollins, \$32): The second installment in Karin Slaughter’s North Falls series finds Sheriff Emmy Clifton and her sister, ex-federal agent Jude Archer, investigating the brutal murder of Allison Vickery, to which there’s more than meets the eye. Slaughter’s latest is an intricately plotted police procedural with many disparate subplots that she ties together in a powerful ending. Riveting, suspenseful and disturbing, this is a book best read during the daytime. Visit karinslaughter.com.

Welcome to MSU. Leave your weed at the border

By CHRIS SILVA

Congratulations, Spartans. You made it to Michigan State University, located in one of the most cannabis-saturated areas in one of the most cannabis-saturated states in the country. You can walk into a legal dispensary within a mile of campus and buy flower, gummies, vapes, concentrates and infused pre-rolls without a second thought, as long as you're of age.

Michigan voters legalized adult-use cannabis in 2018. The industry has generated over half a billion dollars in state taxes in a single year. There are more than 2,200 licensed cannabis businesses in Michigan.

And you cannot bring any of it onto campus. Not a gummy. Not a vape. Not a single joint. Not even a vape pen with no cannabis in it.

A quick note on rescheduling

You may have heard that President Trump signed an executive order in late 2025 supporting the rescheduling of cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III. There has been real momentum around rescheduling at the federal level. But as of right now, it hasn't happened. The regulatory process is slow, the policy is stalled, and until something actually changes in federal law, none of it matters for MSU's campus policy. A president can signal support for rescheduling all he wants, but the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act is still on the books, and MSU's federal funding still depends on compliance with it.

Why your dorm room isn't in Michigan

Here's the thing that catches a lot of new students off guard: MSU is not governed by Michigan law when it comes to cannabis. It's governed by federal law. And under federal law, cannabis is still a Schedule I controlled substance — the same category as heroin, with “no currently accepted medical use” and “a high potential for abuse.” The fact that you can legally buy an eighth from a dispensary on Grand River Avenue and walk back to your dorm room doesn't change what happens when you cross onto university property.

The reason comes down to money. MSU receives enormous amounts of federal funding, research grants, financial aid and federal contracts. As a condition of receiving that funding, the university is legally required to maintain a drug-free campus under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. If MSU



Mike Ellis/City Pulse

looked the other way on cannabis, it would risk losing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal support.

So, the policy is clear: under MSU General Student Regulations 2.11 and 2.12, no student shall possess, use, manufacture, sell or distribute any drug prohibited by federal law on university property or as part of any university activity. Cannabis is prohibited by federal law. Full stop.

What that actually means for you

Let's get specific, because this is where students get tripped up.

In the dorms: Cannabis is completely prohibited. Possession, use, storage — all of it. And here's the part that surprises people: Vaping is also prohibited in the residence halls, including regular vape pens and e-cigarettes. MSU's housing policy bans any object that produces smoke or vapor. So, if you were thinking a discreet vape cart was going to fly under the radar, think again. The policy covers “paraphernalia or materials, electronic cigarettes, and vape pens” explicitly.

On campus grounds: Cannabis possession and use are prohibited everywhere on MSU property, not just in the dorms. Outdoors, in academic buildings, in parking lots — all of it is federal property for these purposes.

Medical marijuana: Having a Michigan medical marijuana card does not exempt you from MSU's policy. Medical marijuana cannot be stored or used in university housing or anywhere on campus. Your card means nothing to

federal law.

Consequences: MSU adjudicates violations through the student judicial process. Outcomes can include disciplinary probation, mandatory educational programs, assessment and treatment referrals, relocation to a new living situation and, in cases involving the sale of illegal drugs or repeated violations, suspension from the university. Separately, you can still be arrested and cited under state law for violations that occur on campus.

Financial aid: Here's the one that really stings. A drug conviction — even a state-level misdemeanor — can affect your federal financial aid eligibility. The Higher Education Act has provisions that can suspend or eliminate federal aid for students convicted of drug offenses. Given that MSU reports that 61% of in-state first-year students received grants or scholarships for the 2024-'25 school year, this is not an abstract concern.

The research catch-22

Here's the part of this story that even cannabis-savvy students might not know about, and it's genuinely fascinating from a policy standpoint.

MSU has active cannabis researchers. Omayma Alshaarawy, an associate professor of family medicine, leads a research group called Cannabis Legalization in Michigan. Her team wants to study the health effects of the products Michigan consumers are actually buying — the high-potency vapes, the gummies, the concentrates.

Federal law limits researchers to



studying cannabis samples supplied by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which bears little resemblance to what's actually on dispensary shelves. The products people are buying in East Lansing right now, with THC concentrations that would have been unimaginable a decade ago, are essentially off limits for scientific study on a campus surrounded by legal dispensaries selling them.

Alshaarawy's solution? A van. The research team conducts studies off campus using a mobile research unit that goes to where the cannabis users are. It's a workaround that would be funny if it weren't such a clear illustration of how broken federal cannabis policy is.

Where you can consume

Off campus and away from university activities, Michigan law applies, and you're on your own as an adult. If you're 21 or older, you can legally purchase and consume cannabis in private spaces that permit it. The key word is private: Public consumption is still illegal in Michigan, which is part of the reason why the lack of social consumption lounges in Lansing (a whole other column) matters so much.

East Lansing and the surrounding area have multiple dispensaries within easy reach of campus. You're allowed to shop there. You're allowed to buy products. You just can't bring them back to the dorm or onto university property.

Stuck in 1970

Michigan is one of the most cannabis-friendly states in the country. East Lansing is surrounded by legal dispensaries. And MSU is, for all practical purposes, a cannabis-free zone sitting in the middle of all of it.

It's not MSU being unreasonable. It's federal law being stuck in 1970 while most of the country has moved on. Until that changes, this is the reality for every college student at a federally funded university in Michigan.

Know the rules. Know where they apply. And if you're 21 or older and want to partake, do it off campus and in compliance with state law.

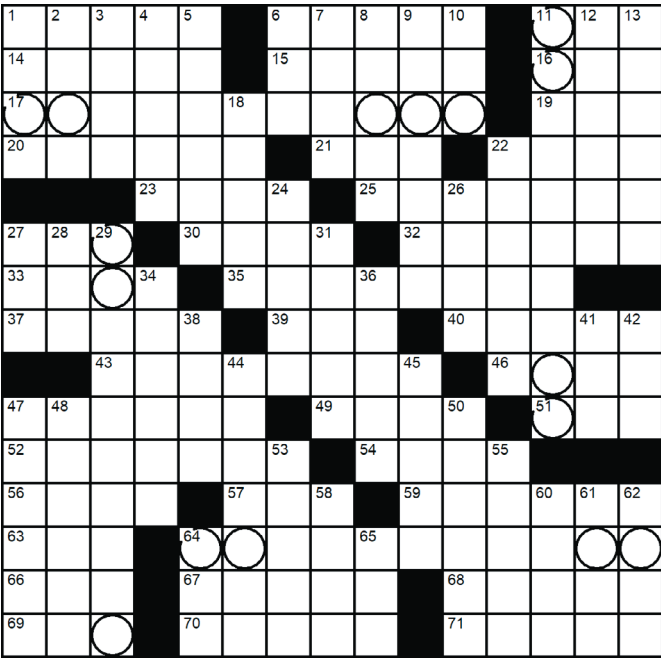
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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“Magazine Covers”--
it's all on the outside.
by Matt Jones
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- ACROSS
- 1. Insect stage
 - 6. Ovo-vegetarian
 - 11. Sea- (Washington airport)
 - 14. Cookies in sleeves
 - 15. Circumvent
 - 16. Offline, initially
 - 17. Like some turbines
 - 19. Abbr. after Elizabeth Warren's name
 - 20. Curious person
 - 21. Big name on LinkedIn, perhaps
 - 22. “Heaven Can Wait” actress Cannon
 - 23. Nitric or boric
 - 25. Contributing some chips
 - 27. Thanksgiving tuber
 - 30. Sped along
 - 32. Carlos Alcaraz's sport
 - 33. Org. that provides financial services to military families
 - 35. Word often seen on kids' art supplies
 - 37. “The Divine _____” (Bette Midler album)
 - 39. Lines from Keats
 - 40. Pop culture cliché
 - 43. Chipmunk in the green shirt
 - 46. Leave out
 - 47. Gracefully slender
 - 49. Sandwich alternative
 - 51. Means justifier
 - 52. “So soon?”
 - 54. Mars, to Greeks
 - 56. Like doilies
 - 57. “_____ genius!”
 - 59. Teletubby spelled with only two letters (no, not that one)



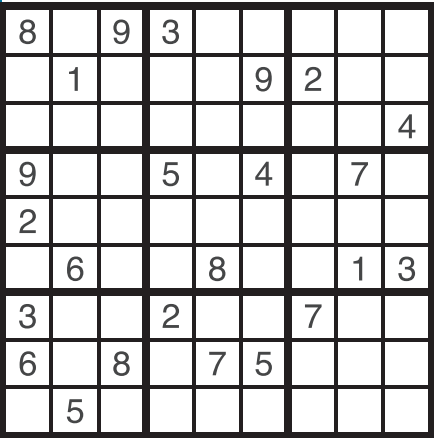
- 63. _____ precaution
 - 64. Caribbean area where pirates plundered
 - 66. Tire filler
 - 67. Coat material?
 - 68. Old Treasury offering
 - 69. 1400, in old Rome
 - 70. Narrow street
 - 71. Foul
- DOWN
- 1. Valleys, mood-wise
 - 2. “I Am Not My Hair” singer India. _____
 - 3. Philosopher Descartes
 - 4. Moscow Mule ingredient
 - 5. Appearance
 - 6. “The Good Wife” field
 - 7. Sans opposite
 - 8. Jazz pianist Chick
 - 9. Connect with, in a way
 - 10. Like seven, but not six
 - 11. Respectable
- earnings
 - 12. Fashion's Giorgio
 - 13. Loud, metallic sounds
 - 18. Constellation with a belt
 - 22. Robert of “Killers of the Flower Moon”
 - 24. “The Mystery of Edwin _____” (Broadway musical based on an unfinished Dickens book)
 - 26. Send a message
 - 27. “Tasty!”
 - 28. “_____ was saying _____”
 - 29. Credit company with a logo resembling a Venn diagram
 - 31. Financially support
 - 34. Actress Benson of “Pretty Little Liars”
 - 36. _____ firma
 - 38. Facebook owner
 - 41. Wrestling win
 - 42. Abbr. at an airport terminal
 - 44. Complex word?
 - 45. “Downton Abbey” extras
 - 47. Arabic word meaning “peace”
 - 48. Pickle brand with a stork mascot
 - 50. Mate of a “proud” avian
 - 53. Bygone Yahoo address option that was easily confused with the Google version
 - 55. Ballroom dance from Brazil
 - 58. Only daughter of Elizabeth II
 - 60. Asian country with no coastline
 - 61. “_____ Misbehavin”
 - 62. Serkis of “Animal Farm”
 - 64. Relaxation spot
 - 65. Suffix after conform

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SUDOKU

Beginner



Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsky

Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 2026

ARIES (March 21-April 19): On the sci-fi TV show “Stargate SG-1,” benevolent aliens known as the Asgard visit Earth to seek assistance from a secret U.S. government team. The ultra-advanced, hyper-intelligent Asgard have been unable to defeat their great nemesis, another alien species called the Replicators. Their hope is that their primitive partners, the humans, might stumble onto some basic, straightforward answer that their own sophisticated minds can't see. The gamble pays off. One of Earth's leading physicists, who's a naive amateur by Asgard standards, devises a rough, unsophisticated strategy that works wonderfully. Treat this as your parable, Aries: Put your faith in simple, uncluttered approaches, and don't underestimate “beginner-level” fixes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): During one of my visits to the annual Burning Man festival in the Nevada desert, I encountered a prankster named Mother Very Superior. This nonbinary performer was dressed like a nun and wore a prominent chastity belt. Wielding a toy whip, they gently lashed me on my shoulders and prayed over me, saying, “I absolve you of all your sins. Therefore, you are now free to commit a raucous slew of new sins.” I hope you get a similar dispensation, Taurus. To be fully available for the rollicking delights you're eligible for, it would be wise to reduce your karmic debt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Archaeologists studying ancient Roman shipwrecks found that sailors deliberately made their vessels heavier by stowing rocks in the hull. This reduced the profitability of their voyages, since it reduced their cargo capacity. On the other hand, it meant they wouldn't capsize during storms. An excellent trade-off! Let's use this scenario as a metaphor for your life right now, Gemini. I'm going to suggest that you will benefit from adding more ballast. Seemingly burdensome elements could keep you steady if conditions become unruly. Consider this: Not everything heavy is holding you back. Some of it's keeping you strong and stable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): During the Baroque era, Cancerian artist Artemisia Gentileschi painted powerful biblical and historical women who killed tyrants and delivered their people from violent domination. By channeling her creative passion into figures of righteous fury, she transformed her personal trauma into psychological power. I invite you to be inspired by Gentileschi as you reconfigure your own story in the coming weeks, Cancerian. Wouldn't it be fun and potent to transform the way you imagine both the past and future plot threads of your destiny?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In traditional sourdough baking, a small portion of fermented dough called a starter is saved and refreshed regularly. Some bakeries maintain the same lineage for years. The starter is a living culture of wild yeasts and lactic acid bacteria that feed on flour and water, producing acids and gases that leaven the dough and create bread with complex flavor, aroma, and texture. Let's use this as a metaphor for your life, Leo. What long-running resource can you use to help create situations that will empower you to thrive in interesting ways during the coming months?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The coming months could be a legendary turning point you will celebrate in the future: a pivotal time when you finally outsmart an old adversary and untangle a knotted inheritance, clearing the way to pursue your true calling with undiluted devotion. Or, on the other hand, the days ahead could be another round in the long saga of “almost”: a decisive phase when you avoid a challenge that has been begging for your full brilliance, leaving your future without shining clues for how to further decode the ancient riddle. Which destiny will you accomplish, dear Virgo? Will you answer the call to adventure? Or ignore it until it fades away?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some of my most useful revelations arrive in the dark. Once, while hiking

in a wooded canyon at dusk, I lost the trail and had to feel my way forward by the sound of the creek. In that blind descent, an insight about a personal riddle I'd been pondering for months appeared unbidden, as if it had been waiting in the shadows for me. As I followed the stream bank to safety, I celebrated by singing Leonard Cohen's song “Hallelujah.” The moral of the story is that some lessons can be best learned by going down — into the body, into confusing feelings, into the rich compost of mysteries we may be hesitant to explore. How about you, Libra? In my professional opinion, your next pivotal breakthroughs are lurking in the fertile darkness rather than the brilliant heights. I hope you're brave enough to descend. The treasure is buried, as treasure often is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In 1912, Scorpio meteorologist Alfred Wegener proposed the theory of continental drift. It's the idea that Earth's continents were once joined in a single supercontinent and have gradually drifted apart to their present positions over millions of years. Most scientists initially rejected his hypothesis because he couldn't explain how the movement occurred. He didn't live long enough to receive vindication, but decades later, his novel hypothesis was fully accepted. I'm pleased to report that your wait will be far shorter, Scorpio. Please keep your faith in the novel ideas and perceptions that others don't understand yet. The world's almost ready for your innovations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is a kind of lightning called a “sprite.” It's a ghostly red discharge that blossoms high above thunderstorms. I suspect you may soon experience your own personal versions of this wonder. Fleeting insights may appear in unexpected places. Emotionally rich revelations could arrive out of nowhere. Because the moments could pass quickly, it will be crucial to notice them when they arrive. They could stimulate major shifts in your understanding. Keep your perceptive powers highly attuned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fertility clinics store frozen human embryos. Numbering in the hundreds of thousands, they are suspended in a long, chilly pause, awaiting instructions from the people who created them. This accumulation of potential life on hold makes me think of you. If you would thaw and reclaim the neglected, untouched regions of your own imagination, you would become an even more formidable generator of focused creative power. The encouraging news is that the coming weeks will be an unusually favorable phase to expedite this process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some earthquakes unleash energy in violent bursts, but others are incremental commotions that unfold gradually over days or even weeks. The way they reorganize the Earth's crust is kinder and gentler. Let's regard these slow quakes as an apt metaphor for the initially disruptive but ultimately constructive transformations underway in your beautiful life, Aquarius. You may not see spectacular evidence that change is percolating, but I guarantee that it is. Old structures are in a transitional phase of subtle disarray, creating conditions for new dispensations you can't imagine yet. My prediction: The rearrangement of your landscape will be healing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The Sargasso Sea is the only sea on Earth without a land boundary. It's defined entirely by four strong Atlantic Ocean currents that circle it. Its edges aren't solid walls but slowly shifting rivers of water. I think this anomalous body of water is always a vivid symbol of your world, Pisces, and even more so these days. Your boundaries are currents, not coastlines. You hold your shape through movement, not through rigid definition. This is more challenging to maintain than solid borders, but it's also a great potential strength. Use it with aplomb!

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, 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/summerlands-brewing.

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 Rent Is Too Damn High Presents: Community Housing Panel - Featuring local orgs including Ingham County Housing Trust Fund, Mikey23 Foundation, Punks with Lunch, Refugee Development Center, Tenant Resource Center and more. 6-8 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. mirentistoodamhigh.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. lansing-shuffle.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/beal-garden.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.

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.

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

Field Crops Virtual Breakfast Series: Irrigation Investment Economics, with Lyndon Kelley - 7-8 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/outreach.

Grow Series: Building Trust Across Five Generations - A candid conversation exploring what's really happening inside today's workplaces and what it takes to build stronger trust across generations. 1-2:30 p.m. Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/Lansing-Chamber.

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

MSU Men's Soccer vs. SIU Edwardsville Cougars - 7:30 p.m. DeMartin Soccer Complex, 261 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-soccer.

MSU Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Michigan Eagles - 5 p.m. DeMartin Soccer Complex, 261 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-soccer.

Nonprofit Education Series: AICPA Not-for-Profit Industry Takeaways - This free webinar breaks down key insights from the AICPA Not-for-Profit Industry Conference. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Virtual — register at manercpa.com/events.

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

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

Punk Olympics

10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

Jackson Field

505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

facebook.com/PWLLansing

The Punk Olympics hopes to offer an unhinged middle school field day vibe, inviting groups of friends, family members and co-workers (or whoever else says yes) to immerse themselves in the chaos. Teams of four to 10 will compete in field games and other activities at the Lugnut's home turf, Jackson Field. The event is a fundraiser for Punks with Lunch, a harm reduction organization that works closely with people impacted by homelessness and addiction. Awards will be presented to the team that raises the most money in the leadup to the event, as well as the winners of the games. Registration is \$50 for individuals or \$450 for a 10-person team. Spectator admission is \$10, with free entry for children under 10.



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

Thursday Night Open Forge - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal masterpieces! 6-9 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

United We Dance - Immerse yourself in the ultimate rave experience — an electrifying night of EDM hits, immersive visuals, and nonstop energy on the dance floor. 9 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. grewalhall.com.

VITA Mobile Unit at Charlotte Community Library - Appointments are required — walk-ins are NOT accepted. To schedule an appointment, visit VITAprep.org and select the Mobile Unit Tax Clinics option. The library will be listed under "Eaton County Free Tax Appointment." 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Friday, Aug. 28

Big Annual Book and Bake Sale - 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. dtdl.org/about_us/friends_of_the_library/index.php.

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

Craft Club - Create a dinosaur trinket dish! Grades 4-12. Registration req. 4-5 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Discernment in Deep Waters: A Confident Witch Circle - Discernment is a craft with real standards, and it can be taught. This class works that craft

through Norse myth and hands-on practice. 8-10 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

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

Drag Me 2 Bingo with The Kuntz Kittens - Are you ready for an evening of glamour, comedy and fun? Look no further! 7-9 p.m. Sir Pizza's Old Town Pub, 201 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/118241520081.

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.

The Future of Comedy Show at Bengal Wildlife Center - Get ready to laugh out loud with fresh, cutting-edge comedy that's shaking up the scene! 8-9:30 p.m. 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath. facebook.com/thefutureofcomedyshow.

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

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.

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St. Michael's FunFest - With euchre, trivia, live music, archery, cornhole, kids' games, a delicious chicken dinner, and both live and silent auctions, there's truly something for everyone. 5-10:30 p.m. St. Michael Parish, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge. stmichaeltg.org/funfest-1.

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

Thrown Together - What are we making? Memories! Everyone is gonna get a shot at the wheel, you'll glaze a little piece to keep, and you'll leave with photos. 7 p.m. Wheel House Studio, 1107 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/Wheel-HouseStudio.

Saturday, Aug. 29

21st Annual Harvest Celebration - We invite you to celebrate the sights, sounds, flavors, and traditions of our 21st harvest season at Burgdorf's Winery! Noon-6 p.m. 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

A Night for Nature - Enjoy a relaxing evening in nature at this adults-only fundraiser with live music performed by Time2Play. Charcuterie and desserts will be provided. 7-9:30 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

August Scrapbooking Open Crop with Ida Van Beelen - A fun event dedicated to scrapbooking, crafting and connecting with fellow crafters. You bring your projects and supplies; we provide the space! 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Art & Soul Gallery, 215 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns. facebook.com/ClintonCntyArts.

Beauty & Brunch - Join Elevated Beauty for an exclusive morning of skincare, self-care, brunch & good vibes! Learn how to properly care for your skin while following along with a professionally guided DIY facial. 10 a.m.-noon. 124 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg. eventbrite.com/o/68162761573.

Big Annual Book and Bake Sale - Aug. 29: \$5 bag sale (bags provided). 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. dtdl.org/about_us/friends_of_the_library/index.php.

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 Anwood Drive, Lansing.

Cracked Pot Studio Tour's Throw Down Event - An annual competition between Michigan potters to throw various pieces on identical clay wheels. Admission is free. 3-6 p.m. Clayworks Pottery,

13121 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge. cracked-potstudiour.com.

East Lansing ExtravaGRANDza - Downtown East Lansing's signature MSU Welcome to State event intended to introduce or reintroduce MSU students to all that downtown East Lansing has to offer. 5-8 p.m. Downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/2650/East-Lansing-ExtravaGRANDza.

Ingham Park Neighborhood Festival - Garage sale, vendors, live music, dance party, tie dye, garden tours, potluck, dog + people pools, clothing exchange, frisbee, euchre, jigsaw puzzles, art workshops, open mic, drum circle. Free, family-friendly fun. Noon-10 p.m. Corner of Deerfield Avenue and Herrick Drive, Lansing.

Ink Trading Post - While it would be pretty cool if "ink swap" was in reference to getting tattoos, in this case it's actually all about fountain pen ink! We encourage every participant to bring at least one bottle of ink that they're comfortable sharing some samples from. 4-6 p.m. Dear Ollie & Co., 222 S. Washington Square, Lansing. dearollie.com.

Lansing Create & Connect: A Creative Social Night - You'll create your own 8-by-10-inch inspiration collage using a curated selection of images, inspirational quotes, stickers, colored paper, and other creative materials. No artistic experience needed. 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Venue by Eleven 11 Events, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121625625148.

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

Mark King 50th Celebration - This event is to celebrate friends, family and all Leo and Virgo birthdays. Join us for an evening of fun and fanfare with good vibes. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Gregory's Soul Food, 2510 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/6437844651.

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.

"Mastermind Prayer Circle" on Zoom - Support each other in envisioning our hearts' desires. Lisa Schmidt, facilitator. 8-9:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

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

Sapphic Social: Green Door: White Lies - A casual summer meetup designed for lesbians, bisexual women, queer women, nonbinary sapphics, and friends looking to connect with community. 7 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. greendoorlive.com.

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THE POETRY ROOM PRESENTS

SUMMER SLAM VI



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The Poetry Room Presents: Summer Slam VI

2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29
The Robin Theatre
1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
\$20
therobintheatre.com

Videos of last year's Summer Slam, hosted by The Poetry Room, have garnered millions of views.

This year's event is sure to be just as unforgettable, promising a stacked lineup of "some of the most dynamic voices in spoken word today."

Ayanna Florence, the 2023 Women of the World Poetry Slam Champion, is returning to defend her title. She'll be joined by 2024 World Poetry Slam Champion Chev, Maya Write, Wesley Frazier-Keys, Daniel Garwood, Galaxy, RJMC, Urban Legin'd Obasaki, Jeremiah Walker-Young, Charisma Holly, Claire Donohoe, Robin Bobo, Remedi, Sin and Ephraim Nehemiah.



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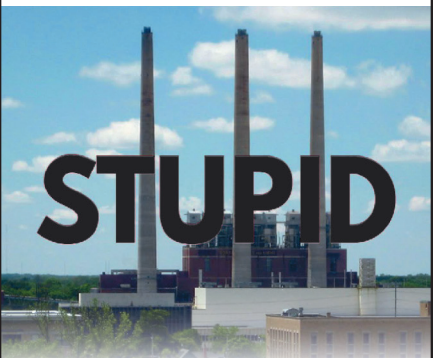
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The planned upgrade to Big Penny's teeth may be curbed but railroad officials are encouraging a cool new paint job instead, with less risk of falling pieces.



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

Events

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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.

Smoothies & Healthy Drinks - Master the art of making delicious smoothies and healthy drinks! 12:30-1:30 p.m. Bradly's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

The Social Introvert: Pretty Par-Teel - Sip, swing and socialize! Join us for cocktails, golf games, connection and a fun girls' night. No golf experience required! 6-9 p.m. Back Nine Golf, 8741 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/120795105926.

St. Michael's FunFest - Noon-10 p.m. St. Michael Parish, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge. stmichaeltg.org/funfest-1.

Welcome Back, SpARTans! - Stop by your free campus art museum to check out our exhibitions and screen print your own custom-designed pencil case to carry around campus! 1-4 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Yoga by the River: RnB Flow w/ Jamel - Join OS x BLK Yoga Co. for our monthly morning wellness reset. Yoga, soul, R&B, and community — right by the river. Powered by LAFCU. 10-11 a.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/66375245943.

Sunday, Aug. 30

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

Ingham Park Neighborhood Festival - Noon-8 p.m. Corner of Deerfield Avenue and Herrick Drive, Lansing.

JCW Lunacy Live! - The all-stars of Juggalo Championship Wrestling. 5:30 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. grewalhall.com.

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.

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.

Sound Bath & Yin Yoga - Join us as we slow down, reconnect, and tap into yin energy. 5-6 p.m. Lovelight Collective, 107 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/55607827953.

Summer Sizzler - This spring race is the perfect chance to challenge yourself, enjoy creative swag, and be part of an encouraging, affordable and inclusive community. 7-10 a.m. Burchard Park, 220 E. Maple St., Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/SummerSizzlerLansing.

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.

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

Monday, Aug. 31

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

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

Charlotte Forest Garden Work Day - Join us for a volunteer work day at the Charlotte Forest Garden. You can be a part of this exciting community-led project! 8-11 a.m. 1502 Combsdale Drive, Charlotte. eventbrite.com/o/60529651223.

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

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

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.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Auditions: "Eurydice" - Roles to be cast: Eurydice, her Father, Orpheus, A Nasty Interesting Man/The Lord of the Underworld, Grandmother/Old Woman, A Chorus of Stones: Big Stone, Little Stone, Loud Stone. Auditions: Prepare a 1-2-minute monologue. Possible cold readings from script. 6:30-9 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.

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

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

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

Group Dance Class: Beginning Rhumba - This lively and expressive dance is a fantastic way to improve coordination, balance, flexibility, and confidence—all while enjoying great music and meeting new people. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. themac.org.

Group Dance Class: Beginning Salsa - Learn one of the world's most vibrant and popular partner

Bee Palooza

1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

MSU Horticulture Gardens

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beepalooza.org

The theme for the 13th annual Bee Palooza, presented by Michigan State University's Department of Entomology, is "Bee Kind," centered around Michigan-native pollinators and plants.

The event is an easy and fun way for attendees of all ages to learn about and contribute to pollinator conservation efforts through activities such as a "bee petting zoo," interactive exhibits, educational workshops and even themed face painting. No need to pack a snack, as ice cream will be provided.

BEE PALOOZA



Aug. 30th 1-4pm

dances. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. themac.org.

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 Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - 6:05 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. friendsofelpl.org.

Mahjong Afternoons - Mahjong is a game of Chinese origin that involves skill, strategy, and luck. This is a drop-in adult program for players of all skill levels. 1-3 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.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.

Rubber Duck Costume Contest - Decorate a rubber duck in costume to enter our cosplay contest! Bring in your finished duck by Sept. 28 for display and people's choice voting in October. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladlibcal.com.

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

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.

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Free Community Meal - September's menu is chicken and biscuits, delicious sides, and dessert by Flour Child. 5:30-6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge. grandledgefirstumc.org.

Group Dance Class: Beginning Texas Two Step - Our Texas two-step class is the perfect place to learn one of country western dancing's most popular partner dances! 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. themac.org.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - 6:05 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. lansingshuffle.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.

Magic: The Gathering Club - Adult players of all skill levels welcome. Cards not provided. 5:30-7 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.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.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

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.

FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Choose Maru on movie night

By LIZY FERGUSON

If you're looking to grab dinner before a movie at NCG, there are a lot of nearby options, but in my opinion, few of them stand out. Thankfully, right down the road is Maru Sushi & Grill, where you can enjoy a light meal that leaves room for popcorn. Or, as I did prior to my last NCG trip, you can make a very different choice.

I have long appreciated Maru for its creative rolls and fresh ingredients. Is it cheap? No. But for the quality of the food, I think it's worth it, especially when you can basically get two meals in one with dishes like the chicken katsu.

The katsu comes with your choice of soup or salad, which is a much

more difficult choice at a Japanese restaurant than it is at other restaurants. Given the heaviness of what I'd ordered, I went with the salad, which was vibrant and fresh, topped with edamame and that addictive ginger dressing that I can't help slurping out of the gorgeous bowl when I'm done.

That's another thing I love about Maru: Its dishware consists of lovely, hand-crafted-looking ceramics that make the meal feel special. My chicken katsu was served on a beautiful plate, much bigger than your average plate for

all it had to hold. There was a mound of rice, a pile of ribboned red cabbage, slices of neon-yellow pickled daikon radish and pieces of golden-brown chicken breast. The meal was so big that an ancillary bowl was needed to hold the curry.

Usually, katsu curry is served all in one bowl, with most everything named above in a big pile. In this case, though, there was a lot more opportunity to create different combinations of the meal's elements. The panko-fried chicken was perfectly crispy and not at all greasy, the curry gravy was warming and silky, and the richness of both could be cut with the fresh cabbage and bright, acidic daikon. The best addition to the plate was a side of tonkatsu sauce, which is sort of like a Japanese barbecue sauce. It was sweet and tangy and absolutely



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse



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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 SANDWICHES/WRAPS

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

1. Babe's Corner

Ice cream and hoagie shop with plentiful vegetarian and vegan options
331 S. Washington Square, Lansing
(517) 939-9598
bangosbangosbangos.com
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

2. Capital City BBQ

Cozy restaurant serving traditional American barbecue dishes alongside Vietnamese classics
1026 W. Saginaw St., Lansing

(517) 721-1500

facebook.com/capitalcitybbq

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

3. Jersey Giant Subs — all locations

Michigan chain serving massive, made-to-order submarine sandwiches
For locations, hours and phone numbers, visit jgsubs.com

4. Soup Spoon Café

Colorful café offering homemade soup, hearty breakfast dishes and other homestyle eats
1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 316-2377
soupspooncafe.com
8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday

5. That New Place

Casual eatery offering breakfast favorites and lunch fare
146 W. Grand River Ave., Williamston
(517) 242-1810
facebook.com/ThatNewPlace517
7 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday

The broth of summer

By **ARI LEVAUX**

Naengmyeon translates to “cold noodles” in Korean. This simple name renders incomplete justice to this kaleidoscopic dish. The noodles are indeed cold, thanks to pieces of ice floating among them in the pre-chilled daikon radish broth. Atop the noodles is a colorful combination of proteins and plant parts, including meat, egg, blanched vegetables, pickled radish, hot peppers and cucumbers, renowned for their coolness. Who knows what else is in that bowl? There’s only one way to find out: dig and slurp your way to the bottom of this treasure hunt of a meal.

I first enjoyed naengmyeon on an August afternoon at a restaurant in Vancouver, British Columbia, after being lured inside by a sign advertising a summer menu. I was expecting seasonal vegetables.



What I got was a spicy and sour juggernaut that stopped my sweat in its tracks.

Back in 15th-century North Korea, where naengmyeon came to be, the ice came from the mountains. While cold is practically the definition of refreshment, most refreshing foods are sweet. But in this case, aside from the occasional slice of Asian pear, the meal is decidedly savory.

There’s no limit to the number of variations this dish can accommodate, but the radish broth itself remains the soul of naengmyeon. As soon as the daikon, ginger and onion begin simmering, an intoxicating fragrance fills the room. This mysterious smell is enticing.

In addition to the broth, there are several more steps to preparing naengmyeon, and each is basically its own recipe. We must make the daikon pickles, blanch the pro-

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A bowl of naengmyeon, with chilled broth at the ready.

Photo by Ari LeVaux

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Flash

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teins, cook the meat and make perfect hard-boiled eggs. When these have all been prepared, we can finally assemble the finished dish.

One extremely useful piece of equipment for this dish, and many others, is a pot with a pasta boiler insert that you can remove. With so many ingredients being pre-cooked in boiling stock, the pasta basket allows us to remove things from the kettle without the hassle and potential danger of pouring hot liquid through a strainer.

When everything is prepared and assembled, dive into this glorious bowl of diverse textures and flavors. Eat strategically. If you get too much heat from a sliced jalapeño, head to the Asian pear for refuge. It all adds up to a savory and sour soup that’s as refreshing as iced tea but even more nutritious and exhilarating, as the chilled ingredients carry the cold deep inside of you, where you need it the most.

Daikon broth

There’s a lot you can do with this daikon broth in addition to making naengmyeon. Last night, I used it to make a pot of rice, and that captivating flavor impregnated

ed every grain.
1 pound daikon radish, peeled and sliced into half-inch rounds
4 ounces peeled ginger, sliced to about a quarter-inch thick
One large onion, cut into quarters
1 pound beef brisket or similarly lean, tough red meat (optional)
If you skip the brisket, replace a quart of the water with beef (or vegetable) stock or use bouillon cubes
Add the ingredients to a pasta basket and set it in a pot with 5 quarts of water. Bring the pot to a boil, then turn it down to a simmer and cook for two hours. Remove the pasta basket and let the broth cool to room temperature, then chill it in the fridge. Allow the brisket to cool, then slice it thinly. Toss the slices with salt and refrigerate them until it’s time to assemble the dish.
While the broth simmers, make the daikon pickles, boil the eggs and prepare the noodles and vegetables as follows.

Pickled daikon

8 ounces daikon radish, peeled
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
Use a peeler to cut the radish lengthwise into ribbons. Place the daikon ribbons in a bowl and toss

with the salt. Add the remaining ingredients. Toss again and refrigerate until it’s time to assemble the bowl.

Hard-boiled egg

Four eggs
Bring a quart of water to a boil. Gently lower the eggs into the water and cook for a minute at full boil. Lower the heat to a simmer and cook for another 12 minutes. Remove the eggs, transfer them to a bowl with two quarts of cold water and let them cool for 15 minutes. Peel under running water.

Noodles and veggies

$\frac{1}{2}$ pound soba noodles
Baby bok choy, spinach or other greens
Boil 4 quarts of water in a pot with the pasta basket insert. You can also cook the noodles and vegetables in the radish stock.
Cook the noodles per the instructions on the package. Then remove the insert and plunge the noodles into cold water. Drain and set aside.
Briefly blanch the vegetables you intend to use according to how much time they need. For bok choy and spinach, a minute in the boiling water is all you need.

Naengmyeon

Here we assemble all the previously prepared ingredients into

bowls.
Makes four servings
Two trays of ice cubes or similar amount of crushed ice
1 pound cooked soba noodles
1 pound sliced cooked brisket
Four hard-boiled eggs, sliced in half lengthwise
1 pound cooked bok choy, spinach or other green vegetables
1 pound pickled daikon radish
One large cucumber, peeled and sliced
Sliced jalapeño, if you like some heat
Soy sauce
Rice vinegar
Chili paste

Divide the ice among the bowls. Add the noodles and give them a twist with your fingers or a fork so they make a bit of a spiral pattern.

Artfully place the proteins, fruits and vegetables in little piles atop the noodles and ice. Place these bowls on the table and ladle in the broth. Season with a splash of soy sauce, leaving the bottle on the table, along with cider vinegar and pepper paste, so the diners can personalize their salt and acidity levels.

If you’re extra thirsty, consider slurping the broth out of the bowl straight away, without chewing anything. Then refill the bowl, adjust the salt and acidity, and begin eating in earnest.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: VARIANCE REQUEST 26-11

1561, 1581, AND 1605 HASLETT ROAD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

LEGAL NOTICE

Variance Request #26-11

1561, 1581, and 1605 Haslett Road

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517.853.4560) to hear all persons interested in an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals from a decision made by the Community Planning and Development Director, filed by ShopTown, LLC. The applicant is requesting review of the Community Planning and Development Director’s decision that installation of a fence requires a Special Use Permit, given the buildings on the site exceed 25,000 square feet in size. The subject site is zoned C-2, Commercial.

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

Angela Demas
Township Clerk
August 26, 2026

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: VARIANCE REQUEST 26-12

1144 BONANZA DRIVE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Variance Request #26-12

1144 Bonanza Drive

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

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Grill up a popular game day staple

From METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Food features prominently when gathering for a game watch party or tailgating outside the stadium of your favorite team. Perhaps no food is more synonymous with game day than chicken wings. When firing up the grill for games this season, fans can look to this tasty recipe for grilled honey and sesame seed chicken wings from Lines+Angles.

Grilled honey and sesame seed chicken wings

Makes four servings

- 1/2 cup dark soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger root, peeled and minced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced

- 1 tablespoon chili paste
- 2 pounds chicken wings, tips removed, separated into drumettes and flats
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 teaspoons hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, lightly toasted
- One scallion, sliced
- 1. Preheat a gas or charcoal grill to a moderate heat, about 375 degrees.
- 2. Stir together the soy sauce, ginger, garlic and chili paste in a large mixing bowl. Add the chicken, turning to coat, and let marinate for 15 minutes.
- 3. Spray the grill with cooking spray and then arrange the chicken on it in a single layer. Cover the grill with a lid and cook, turning often, until golden brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

- 4. Whisk together the honey and hoisin in a small bowl and baste the chicken wings with the sauce. Cover with a lid and cook until caramelized, about three minutes.
- 5. Turn the wings and baste with more honey sauce. Cook uncovered for a further two to three minutes, taking care not to scorch them.
- 6. Transfer the wings to a platter and garnish with a sprinkle of sesame seeds and some sliced scallion. Serve with any remaining honey sauce on the side.



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Section 5307 Formula Funding		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 60' Replacement	\$2,640,000	\$3,300,000
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$4,400,000	\$5,500,000
Less than 30' Replacement Bus	\$864,000	\$1,080,000
Replacement Vans – Urban Service	\$578,378	\$722,973
TOTAL	\$8,482,378	\$10,602,973
Section 5339a Formula Funding		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$777,544	\$971,930
TOTAL	\$777,544	\$971,930
Section 5339c Discretionary Funding		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$6,962,784	\$8,703,480
TOTAL	\$6,962,784	\$8,703,480

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Section 5307 Formula Funding		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Bus Shelters	\$1,200,000	\$1,500,000
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$6,720,000	\$8,400,000
Less than 30' Replacement Bus	\$256,000	\$320,000
Preventive Maintenance	\$653,321	\$816,651
TOTAL	\$8,829,321	\$11,036,651
Section 5339a Formula Funding		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Replacement Vans – Urban Service	\$576,000	\$720,000
Non-Revenue Support Vehicles	\$248,453	\$310,566
TOTAL	\$824,453	\$1,030,566
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$451,236	\$564,045
TOTAL	\$451,236	\$564,045
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)		
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$719,929	\$899,911
TOTAL	\$719,929	\$899,911

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