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My Letter to Santa This Year

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been a good boy this year. Mostly.

My anxiety has been medically managed to some extent, although I've had a few moments when I've lashed out. I hope you'll take the circumstances into consideration. I've tried to work hard, but sleeplessness has definitely caused some problems. It turns out that living through what feels like a never-ending episode of The Twilight Zone can take a toll on a person.

I don't know if the POTUS and his circus sideshow have had any impact on the North Pole, but I can tell you that the world outside of it is a mess. So, Santa, this year, I have just one wish.

I want less.

I'm tired of expecting more from these people. I mean, I didn't think I was asking too much in the first place. A little honesty. Some basic decency. Maybe a touch of respect for the people they're supposed to represent. You know, the sort of things we used to teach children before apparently deciding they were optional once you got old enough to run for public office.

But I guess even plain decency is too much to ask these days.

So, Santa, I want less.

I want less hypocrisy from people who wrap themselves in the flag while taking a sledgehammer to the principles it represents. Less outrage from those who claim to care about morality but somehow manage to lose their moral compass whenever it points toward someone in their own political party. And less of this bizarre reality in which cruelty is celebrated as strength, ignorance is marketed as common sense, and accountability is treated like an act of political persecution.

Honestly, Santa, I didn't realize what I was getting myself into when I wished for transparency from these people.

I thought we might get some honest answers. Maybe a little accountability. Perhaps even a few public officials who understood that serving the public meant something beyond serving themselves.

Instead, we have people talking about public executions as though they've stumbled upon some brilliant new solution to the country's problems. And that's not exactly what I had in mind.

When I wished for transparency, I was thinking more along the lines of a livestream in which the names on the Epstein list were read aloud, followed by some actual answers about who's being protected, who's being held accountable, and why the public keeps getting treated like an inconvenient audience that should just shut up and go back to shopping.

I wasn't asking for a spectacle of state-sanctioned violence. I was asking for the truth. Apparently, even that is too much.

So, let's try something different this year, Santa. Forget the big-screen television. Forget the new toys, the bigger house and the extra money. I'm not asking for any of that.

I just want the House and Senate to turn blue. That's it. That's the whole list.

I don't need a pony. I don't need a shiny new truck with a giant red bow on it. I don't even need world peace, although at this point, I wouldn't turn it down if you happened to have some lying around the workshop.

I just want a functioning Congress. One that remembers its job is to provide oversight, hold the executive branch accountable, and represent the American people instead of acting like an unpaid fan club for the president.

Is that really so much to ask? Apparently, in 2026, it might be the most unreasonable request on the entire list.

And Santa, if you could deliver this one a little early, that would be fantastic. November 3rd would be ideal. I know Christmas traditionally comes in December, but surely you can make an exception for an emergency. I'm pretty sure democracy qualifies.

I realize you have a lot on your plate. The elves are probably exhausted, the reindeer are likely questioning their employment arrangements, and I

wouldn't be surprised if even Mrs. Claus has started looking into relocating somewhere with a less chaotic political climate.

But please understand, Santa, that some of us are tired. We're tired of the noise. Tired of the cruelty. Tired of the constant barrage of outrage, scandal, threats, and nonsense. Tired of waking up every morning wondering what fresh hell awaits us before we've even had our coffee.

We're tired of being told that everything is fine by people who seem determined to prove that it isn't. And we're especially tired of being expected to accept all of this as normal.

Maybe that's the part that scares me the most. Not just what is happening, but how quickly we're being conditioned to live with it. Another outrageous statement. Another attack on somebody's rights. Another scandal. Another threat. Another day in which something that would have been unthinkable a few years ago barely makes it past lunchtime before being replaced by the next disaster.

It's exhausting. It's infuriating. And it's not what I want for my kids, my neighbors, or the country I still believe is capable of being better than this.

So, Santa, that's my Christmas wish. Less cruelty. Less corruption. Less hypocrisy. Less authoritarian nonsense masquerading as patriotism. And a whole lot less of the people responsible for making all of this possible having the power to keep doing it.

If you can manage that, I'll consider this year a success. If you can't, well, I may have to reconsider my living arrangements.

I've heard the North Pole is a pretty quiet place. No political rallies. No breaking-news alerts every fifteen minutes. No billionaires buying elections. No politicians explaining why the rules apply to everyone except them.

Just snow, reindeer, and a guy in a red suit who seems to understand the importance of keeping his promises. Honestly, that sounds pretty damn appealing right now. And I suspect I won't be the only one showing up with a suitcase.

Merry Christmas, Santa.

P.S. I realize this might sound a little like blackmail, threatening a mass immigration to the North Pole if things don't go our way. I assure you, that's not my intention. Although, given the current state of affairs, I wouldn't blame anyone for wanting to relocate.

I'm guessing Donald Trump has already offered you a bribe, so I understand you've got quite the dilemma on your hands. Perhaps he's promised to put your face on a commemorative coin, rename the North Pole after himself, or slap a tariff on every toy that crosses the border. Who knows? The man does seem to have a gift for making everything about himself.

But I have faith in you, Santa. You're a jolly old soul, and surely you understand that the spirit of Christmas is about generosity, goodwill, and doing what's right, even when there's nothing in it for you.

So, a blue November seems like a no-brainer, doesn't it? After all, Santa, **you know who's been naughty and who's been nice.** And this year, America could really use a little Christmas magic.

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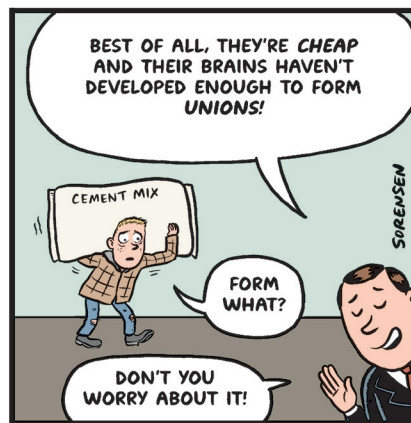
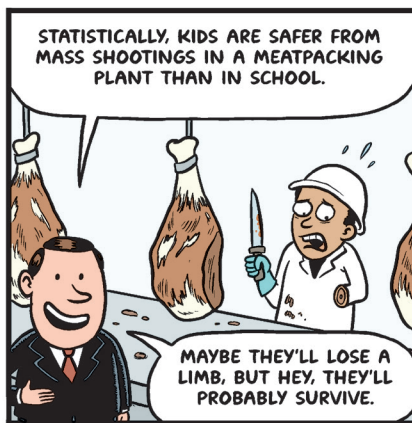
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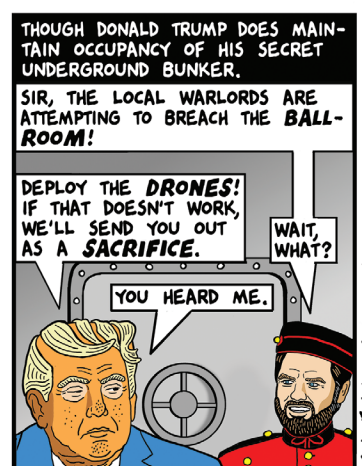
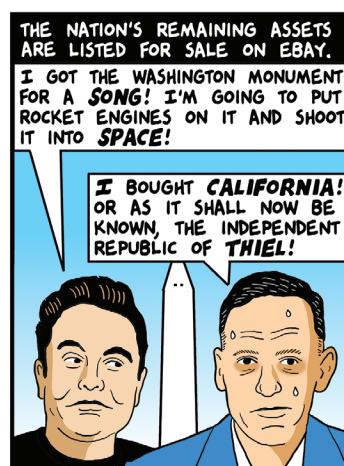
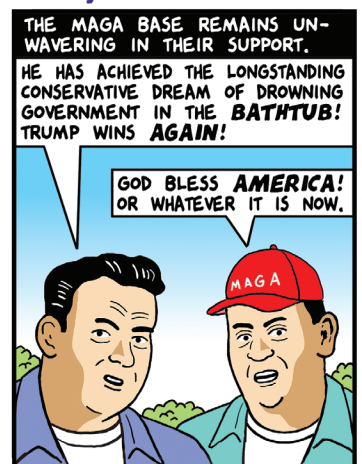
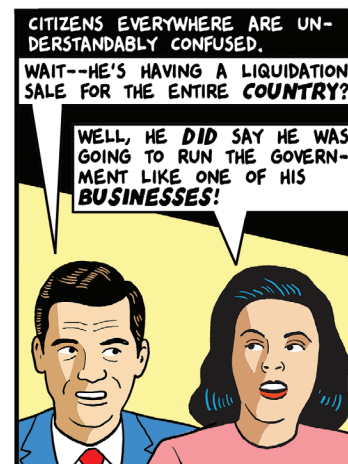


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El-Sayed makes his case to voters at Grewal Hall; calls Rogers 'not serious'

By LIEZA KLEMM

Less than 24 hours after an antagonistic U.S. Senate debate with his opponent, former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, Democratic candidate Abdul El-Sayed spoke at Grewal Hall in downtown Lansing, urging financial reform and an end to Citizens United.

As part of an eight-day tour covering towns in Mid, Upper, and West Michigan, El-Sayed joined Tiffany Muller, president of End Citizens United, for a town hall in Lansing on Friday.

ECU seeks to overturn the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision that increased the ability of outside groups, like corporations and labor unions, to spend on political campaigns.

"Money Out of Politics" is a key priority for the El-Sayed's campaign and tracks with a ballot initiative in Michigan this year.

"Because of Citizens United, because of the way that our politics works," El-Sayed said, "we've also allowed these huge corporations to hop over the firewall that is supposed to protect our politics from the power of the biggest players of our economy to buy politicians too."

In a statement, a spokesperson for Mike Rogers's campaign called El-Sayed "a policy lightweight."

"Mike Rogers, however, is focused on solutions to the challenges Michiganders are facing, not just slogans. From his comprehensive plans to make housing and health-care more affordable, to his focus on reading reclamation, Mike Rogers is ready to tackle the issues head-on."

El-Sayed pushed for a ban on stock trading. "If you're trading stock and you have insider information, you can then start to short stocks or long stocks based on how regulations you vote on shape those stocks," El-Sayed said. "So what this means is that those members of Congress, they're not there specifically to carry out your fiduciary duty to you as a resident citizen who voted for them."



Abdul El-Sayed shared the stage with End Citizen's United President Tiffany Muller on Friday, Oct. 9, at Grewal Hall in downtown Lansing.



El-Sayed

El-Sayed linked insider trading and outsider group campaign spending with two other campaign points: "Money in Your Pocket" and "Medicare for All."

His plan for expanding healthcare coverage means "no premium, comes with no copay, comes with no deductible," covers an individual for their entire life and eliminates network-based care.

"It's good wherever you need to get healthcare," El-Sayed explained to the audience, "and it buys you out of ever having to worry about getting debt ... almost everybody in this economy has this experience where you get sick, and you're like, 'Damn, I have to see a doctor.'"

"You know why? Because you know it's going to come with a bill,



The audience heard from El-Sayed as well as questions from citizens.

vestments in AI technology.

Artificial intelligence and data centers are a hot-button issue for voters. Some, like one audience member at El-Sayed's event, are wary of El-Sayed's proposed data center regulations.

In response to an attendee's question about the issue with data centers, El-Sayed said the problem is with sustainability and accountability.

"The issue with AI, the tech that is being built off the back of data centers, is that it is incentivized to pick the lowest-hanging fruit, which is other people's jobs, and the process by which it's happening may not be sustainable on its own terms," he said in response. "I've been really clear that we need no-gos for what AI can do. AI shouldn't be able to fire a weapon. Shouldn't be able to fire you. Shouldn't be able to fire off your health care and tell you what health-care you don't need or should need."

When asked about whether the debate pushed constituents away from voting for him, El-Sayed told reporters his opponent "made it personal."

"I would love to have a conversation about public policy. This guy, when he was asked a question about public policy, pointed to an HTML website he made," he said. "Very cute website, by the way, but also not a serious human being, just truly not serious."

El-Sayed said he "would love for the next debate to be a policy discussion."

A second debate is scheduled for Oct. 21, hosted by WXYZ-TV in Detroit.



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even if you're insured."

El-Sayed rehashed comments made in Thursday night's debate about his opponent's acceptance of corporate PAC money and investments in companies "that would benefit from the data center boom."

Fact-checking performed by Bridge Michigan regarding statements made during the debate found that the Republican candidate does have between \$100,001 and \$250,000 in Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, which is helping bankroll the Saline data center. However, "the property is controlled by a subsidiary of Related Companies Inc." The report also said El-Sayed has disclosed having between \$50,001 and \$100,000 in a mutual fund that has companies including Apple and Nvidia, which have in-

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Iran War has been 'epic success,' U.S. House Speaker says at Barrett endorsement event at Ingham County Sheriff's Office

By MIKE ELLIS

At an endorsement event Wednesday for U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson said the Iran War had been an "epic success" and is winding down, so Congressional votes aimed at restricting the war can wait until after the November election.

Several law enforcement officials and Johnson met at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason on Wednesday, Oct. 7, to reiterate endorsements of U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett and to criticize his opponent, William Lawrence.

A pair of campaign volunteers surrounded the suited and uniformed law enforcement officials, kneeling at the law enforcement memorial and holding poster-sized versions of since-deleted tweets from when Lawrence called for defunding police in 2020.

Lawrence does not support defunding police and has criticized Barrett for votes including the One Big Beautiful Bill, which reduced some community violence intervention funding in mid-Michigan, according to Lawrence's campaign. In a debate with Barrett on the previous day, Lawrence distanced himself from some of his old tweets, saying he would "think out loud" online in the past.

Barrett said Lansing was one of the ten most violent cities in the country at the time and "instead of calling for calm, for enforcement of our laws, my opponent said we shouldn't just defund our police; we should abolish them altogether."

Barrett said he has brought \$2 million in public safety dollars, primarily to Lansing and East Lansing, and said he would redouble those efforts if re-elected.

"The voters of this district have a choice: do you want somebody with a record of service like I have, in our military, supporting our law enforcement and doing the right thing to keep our community safe, or are you going to turn your back on our police officers and seek to have them defunded, take away their dignity and abolish them altogether," Barrett said.

The first-term congressman has worked to create distance between himself and the increasingly unpopular Trump administration in recent weeks. Barrett has brought



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U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett speaks with U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson and U.S. Rep. Lisa McClain standing behind him.



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U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett and U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson reflected in the windows of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.

almost half of Trump's cabinet – seven secretaries and several cabinet-level members – to the mid-Michigan area since April, including visits last week from two cabinet-level officials, U.S. Small Business Administrator Kelly Loeffler and Government Services Administrator Ed Forst. Johnson previously visited Lansing with Barrett less than two months ago, a signal that the mid-Michigan district is valuable to Republicans in D.C..

Leaders from the Police Officers Association of Michigan and Fraternal Order of Police reiterated endorsements for Barrett outside the Sheriff's Office.

"It's important he get re-elected and that we protect that majority," said Jim Tignelli, president of the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

While many law enforcement leaders from Barrett's district came and endorsed him, including Livingston Sheriff Mike Murphy and chief prosecutors from both Clinton and Shiawassee counties, there were two glaring absences.

Lansing Police Chief Rob Backus was not invited, according to a spokesperson for the department, which is the largest law enforcement agency in Barrett's district.

Barrett was asked about Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wigglesworth, a Democrat, who was not present at the event that was held just outside his office's front door.

Barrett said reporters should ask the sheriff why he wasn't there.

City Pulse has reached out to Wigglesworth.

The event was hosted on pavers

that are part of a memorial to law enforcement officers just outside the Sheriff's Office building, which was opened in 2023 and carries the name of Wigglesworth's father, Gene Wigglesworth.

Beth LeBlanc, a Detroit News reporter, asked if the location was appropriate for a political event.

Barrett said the location is public property and is permissible for campaigns.

"Obviously the location is intentional, based on the connection to law enforcement," he said.

Johnson was asked if he would bring Congress back before the election to help Barrett by allowing a vote on two bills the congressman sponsored, one about Flock cameras and the other an Authorization for Use of Military Force bill from May, which calls for limits on the Iran War.

Johnson dismissed Congress early in September, in part to avoid a vote on impeaching the Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth.

"Both of those bills will be processed in the lame duck right after the election, when everyone returns to town," Johnson said, referencing Barrett's Iran and Flock camera bills.

Jason Cabel Roe, a spokesperson for Barrett's campaign, said Congress is in recess until after the election and momentum for an Iran War vote is building on its own.

He said the Barrett's Authorization for Use of Military Force bill regarding the Iran War referenced a 90-day period that has already expired and a vote now would be moot.

The speaker was asked if the increasing number of Republicans pushing for some restraint on the Iran War made votes on the war a priority.

"Iran is in a stage; we're turning a corner, the effort has worked," Johnson said. "Operation Epic Fury was an epic success; we had no choice in the matter. I'm on the Gang of Eight. I get the highest level briefing in the federal government." He said Iran was dangerously close to getting a nuclear weapon. "Operation Epic Fury was an epic success and now it's winding down," he said.

Barrett said in a statement prior to the event that "Tom Barrett's entire campaign strategy is to stand at the side of extreme Trump administration officials, just like he voted for the Trump agenda 99% of the time. Barrett's latest guest, Trump's Speaker Mike Johnson, is against same-sex marriage, stalled the release of the Epstein files, tried to overturn an election, and thinks our communities' concerns about data centers are a 'Chinese psyop.'"

In a hot mic moment immediately after the press conference ended, U.S. Rep. Lisa McClain, who represents the Thumb area and is the highest-ranking Republican woman, expressed frustration at LeBlanc's question.

"She would know this is public property; she's smarter than that, she can't be that stupid," McClain said, although it is not clear who she was speaking to at the moment. "Thank you for what you're doing; we'll even protect the whackadoodles."

Benson, James tackle affordability, federal relations at first gubernatorial debate

By KATHERINE DAILEY/
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The relationship between Michigan and the federal government — especially when it comes to the tariffs levied by the Trump administration — was central throughout the first general election debate of Michigan's gubernatorial election between Democrat Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Republican U.S. Rep. John James (R-Shelby Township) on Tuesday night.

Benson was specifically critical of James' record in the U.S. House and what she said is a refusal of James to stand up to President Donald Trump on the issue of tariffs, especially those levied against Canada.

"They are costing Michigan \$5,600 each household, more than any other state in the nation. And anyone who's

supposed to go to Washington to fight for us should be fighting to drive down those tariffs, push back on those tariffs. But he has not," Benson said.

But James responded that he has "actually never voted to increase tariffs on Canada, despite what she says, and I've actually called out the administration specifically, talking with the trade ambassador and saying that we must get back to the table, stop acting like children, and negotiate a reciprocal, fair, and mutually beneficial arrangement to make sure that we can bring our jobs back, protect our industry."

Benson also proposed, as she has said in the past, that she plans to negotiate a subnational trade agreement between Michigan and Canada, in which goods going directly between those are not subject to tariffs and costs.

Asked by reporters after the debate how

exactly the agreements would work, Benson said that "States have the sovereignty to actually engage in subnational agreements like this, and there's plenty of examples of this," citing New York Gov. Kathy Hochul as having already made such an agreement, though it was not clear from research that New York state has any such agreement in place with Canada. "We're going to work to make sure that these are legally enforceable agreements to protect the people of Michigan, drive down costs, and protect our jobs."

James also pushed back against the actual efficacy of those agreements, saying that in the past, subnational agreements have failed to bring jobs to Michigan.

"The fact of the matter is, there are six states that have higher export percentages than Michigan. Five of them are run by Republican governors. Two of them are in the top five overall, and all of them are do-

ing better," he said. "Each of the states that we're looking to for guidance on where we can be and what we can do economically are run by Republican governors."

James also said that he introduced a bill Tuesday called the Trade Act "to make sure that we protect our jobs and lower costs, because I'm dedicated to bringing solutions and doing things, and not just pointing the fingers and complaining. Michigan's lost too many jobs."

He first proposed the bill at a forum at the Detroit Economic Club, but because Congress is not in session, the bill has yet to be introduced, and details of the specific relief that the legislation would promise are not available publicly.

They also discussed how to respond to other federal actions — including immigration agents' presence in the state.

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DAY 3: BOTANICAL FEATS & LOCAL EATS

Take a breather from the city life with a slow morning at Rosie's Coffee & Wine Garden, a hidden gem surrounded by over 900 blooming rose bushes. In the afternoon, explore Camp North End, a massive innovation hub with retail, murals, and events. Drop by Optimist Hall for lunch, a local food hall with more than 25 vendor stalls, before treating yourself to fine dining at The Fig Tree Restaurant, an upscale dinner destination with continental cuisine inside a historic 1913 house.

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State braces for changes to Medicaid programs from One Big Beautiful Bill

By **HANNAH MARSIK**
Capital News Service

Michigan Medicaid is entering a period of significant change.

Beginning later this year and throughout 2027, new federal requirements will affect eligibility, renewals, work or community-engagement requirements, retroactive coverage and medical coverage for some beneficiaries.

“The adverse effects that we’re most concerned about are things that will increase the likelihood that eligible people will lose their Medicaid expansion coverage,” said Amber Bellazaire, a senior policy analyst at the Michigan League for Public Policy.

The driving force behind these changes, according to the Center for American Progress, is the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Signed by President Donald Trump, the bill changes requirements for recipients ages 19-64 and makes cuts that are projected to significantly reduce enrollment.

“Gaps in coverage or being without insurance coverage tends to mean that folks delay care,” Bellazaire said. “Individuals are sicker when they present themselves at emergency rooms. This increases the likelihood that individuals experience medical debt.”

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts that the law will cut federal spending on Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program benefits by \$1.02 trillion by 2034.

“With Medicaid cuts, hospitals and providers face cutting services or closures,” said Lynn Sutfin, a public information officer at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The changes stem largely from the 2025 law and related federal guidance.

Michigan’s Department of Health and Human Services said it has begun implementing the changes and notifying affected recipients.

The state department said not every recipient will be affected in the same way.

It said the impact depends on the type of Medicaid received, age, income, immigration status, household circumstances and qualification for an exemption from a change.

Sutfin said, “We are anticipating 200,000 people will lose Medicaid coverage over the next few years once work requirements, more frequent redeterminations and eligibility changes are fully implemented.”

One of the biggest changes comes from the Healthy Michigan Plan, Michigan’s

Medicaid expansion program for adults, generally aged 19 through 64, who meet income and other eligibility requirements.

Starting Jan. 1, 2027, certain recipients will have to meet a new community-engagement requirement to obtain or maintain coverage.

That requires at least 80 hours per month of qualifying activity.

According to the department website, such activity includes working or engaging in self-employment, participating in internships, work programs, volunteering or community service, attending high school, college or a GED program, or earning a minimum of \$580 per month.

That plan does not, however, apply to every recipient.

According to the new Healthy Michigan Plan requirements, exemptions may apply to individuals who are pregnant, recently delivered a baby, are caring for a young child or person with a disability, are “medically frail,” or are certain veterans, or are American Indians or Alaska Natives.

Under program rules, failure to meet the requirements does not immediately mean loss of coverage. Those who do not meet requirements for coverage are

notified about what information is needed. Federal rules also require a period to comply or explain why a requirement may not apply to them.

However, failing to respond to state notices or deadlines can result in coverage ending, according to the department.

Bellazaire said, “Individuals can be a voice for those in their families, in their networks and in their neighborhood.”

The best way for recipients to prepare for the change is to avoid waiting until a renewal period arrives, the department says. Recipients should also be aware of which program they are enrolled in and what their requirements are.

“As residents lose their coverage, there will be more people in Michigan without health insurance and increased pressure on hospitals,” says Sutfin. “Rising costs, longer wait times and ripple effects will be felt statewide.”

Several eligibility rules will take effect on different dates. On Jan. 1, 2027, new work/community-engagement requirements begin, new limits on retroactive Medicaid coverage take effect and eligibility reviews move to a six-month cycle. On March 1, Michigan will start applying the new work requirements to existing recipients.

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James emphasized cooperation with federal law enforcement within Michigan’s communities.

“We’re going to make sure that we’re prioritizing violent offenders, and we’re going to make sure that we enforce the law,” he said. “Frankly, I don’t believe we’re going to need ICE presence in the state of Michigan because we are going to be enforcing the law. So again, prioritizing violent offenders, working and abiding by federal law, and coordinating closely with our communities.”

Benson, meanwhile, asked about the presence of immigration agents in schools, said that she often saw the use and abuse of federal authority to “terrorize” communities.

“It requires a governor who is willing to and ready to stand up to the President of the United States and use every legal tool in my toolbox, which other governors have done, and we’ve seen that do that successfully to protect the people of Michigan from the encroachment of ICE and the harm that they are creating in communities across our state,” Benson added after the debate. “I’ll proudly do that as governor; just as I’ve stood up to the president to protect our elections

in this state. I’ve honed that ability to be unafraid to stand up to anyone, anytime, anywhere who would try to infringe upon the constitutional rights and freedoms of our citizens.”

Affordability in Michigan was also paramount at the debate — and both candidates said that they supported a potential suspension of both state and federal gas taxes to lower prices at the pump as gas prices reach some of the highest levels in the nation.

Those high gas prices have come as the war in Iran continues — and Benson claimed that James has supported, through votes in Congress and loyalty to his party, the continuation of that war and as such the continued high gas prices.

But James emphasized during the debate, as well as to reporters after, that he has told the president privately and publicly that he supports a swift end to the war.

“I applaud the administration for using every economic and every diplomatic resource at their disposal. Iran cannot have a nuke, but we need to wrap this thing up like, yesterday,” he said. “As somebody who’s been to war and actually been shot at, I understand the toll and the price of war.”

Benson also focused on lowering costs of electricity through continued diversification of Michigan’s energy grid with clean energy, something that James has said he would seek to roll back from pol-

icies put in place under the Whitmer administration.

“I live in Detroit. Every month, I see my electricity bills go up and my outages increase as well,” she said. “I know the next governor of Michigan must ensure we are ending profit-driven rate hikes that have gotten us here, where our electricity bills are going up in some cases more than many other states, and also invest in clean energy infrastructure because frankly, that is the only thing that will reduce our energy costs in the long term.”

Meanwhile, James proposed addressing policies that he said increase costs for housing developers by more than \$100,000 before they even put a shovel in the ground.

“We also need to increase our workforce development. We need to make sure that we’re getting more labor to the front,” he said. “We need to reform our laws and make it more difficult to grow opportunity and jobs and have everybody assess them. These are the types of things that leadership brings and a governor will bring to make sure that everybody can experience prosperity as well as better housing prices.”

Both also pitched plans to make health-care more affordable — Benson through reforms to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, including a prescription drug affordability board,

and James defending his votes on federal Medicaid policy, stating, “Medicaid will not be taken away from people who are working at least 80 hours.”

Both candidates also pitched themselves as candidates of change and reform — Benson as a foil to Trump, and James as a shift from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

They also each worked to tie each other to the respective current leader of their own party, in Trump and Whitmer, something that both candidates also pushed back on.

“I’ve stood up to the president many times. I’ve said that I can group the president without worshiping him. I can disagree without attacking him, and I always put Michigan first,” James said. “The fact of the matter is, she is holding me to a double standard when she has never, not once, stood up to Gretchen Whitmer before she needed a campaign issue.”

“The choice in this race is simple. Who do you want the next governor to work for? I will work for you, and my opponent has already shown us that he won’t. Because as governor, he’ll do exactly what he did in Congress: raise your prices, get rich, and do everything Donald Trump asks him to do,” Benson responded. “So, if you like gas pushing \$5 a gallon, our mortgage rates over 7% or tariffs taxing just about everything we pay for, then John James is your guy.”

El-Sayed, Rogers trade barbs, accusations during first televised U.S. Senate debate

By BEN SOLIS/
Michigan Advance
MichiganAdvance.com

GRAND RAPIDS — After months of circling each other on the campaign trail, former Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers of White Lake and Democratic nominee Abdul El-Sayed met face-to-face on Thursday for the first debate of the cycle in Michigan's competitive U.S. Senate race.

Hosted by WOOD-TV 8, the forum covered a wide range of issues including healthcare, housing, tariffs, ending the war in Iran, support for Israel and mass surveillance, giving El-Sayed and Rogers a chance to further draw contrast between their respective campaigns.

That said, the debate quickly devolved into a series of personal attacks with each candidate digging deep into their respective campaign bags to hit each other on their records, their wealth, who is funding their campaigns, and the decisions they've made on the campaign trail.

At the top of the hour, moderator Rick Albin asked the candidates about the price of gas, and if they would support suspending the gas tax.

El-Sayed noted that the Iran war was driving much of the high prices that Americans are dealing with. Rogers also said he believed the nation needed a pause on the gas tax given the lack of resources going through the Strait of Hormuz. El-Sayed agreed that if the war didn't stop now, the Iranian regime would choke out the strait entirely.

From there, the attacks began, and grew in intensity as the debate carried on. Albin worked hard to reign both in, but struggled to control the tenor of the debate as Rogers and El-Sayed repeatedly and forcefully pushed back on each other's statements and tried to score political points.

Rogers opened his attacks by saying that El-Sayed's healthcare and economic policies would raise prices nationwide, particularly in Michigan.

"We can't afford Abdul," Rogers said.

In a question on whether he believed the federal government should enact price controls, El-Sayed said it was worth considering. The Democrat then noted his belief that Rogers had a direct line to Trump and had the ability to potentially persuade the president to end the war, but hadn't because he didn't want to face his wrath.

Rogers punched back by saying that El-Sayed was not who he says he is, adding that he was "the best con man" he's ever seen.

El-Sayed countered by saying that Rogers had nothing to run on and a record of tying himself to Trump.

"It's about whether you can see your doctor, and whether you can trust your next U.S. Senator," El-Sayed said. "You're running because Donald Trump called him and asked him to run."

Rogers said he was running because of high prices and job losses over the past decade, spanning two presidential administrations. He also accused El-Sayed of not wanting to talk about how he would pay for this key campaign plank, such as Medicare for All, because he didn't have that part of the plan worked out.

Before Albin could move to the next question, El-Sayed interjected to note that the loss of jobs and hikes on prices in goods over the last 30 years was due to Rogers' support of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"You did that man," El-Sayed said. "That was your policy."

Albin questioned Rogers about his changing position on Canadian tariffs, noting that Rogers has shifted his stance throughout the campaign on Trump's trade war with Canada.

Early in the campaign, Rogers praised Trump's efforts on encouraging businesses to stay on American soil through tariffs on other nations, including some U.S. allies like Canada. That later changed to Rogers saying that he supported those that created investments and that some of those tariffs were too high, and that he would encourage the administration to bring some of them down.

Now, with the race winding down, Rogers has released advertising saying that the Canadian trade war was causing harm to Michigan and that it needed to end now.

Rogers said on Thursday that he wants to see a deal down with Canada and that it did need to end.

"I have made those phone calls this week to take care of that," Rogers said.

He then immediately went back to attacking El-Sayed, saying again that he "wants to raise the cost of everything you touch."

El-Sayed was asked if there was a Trump tariff policy that he would keep, and noted that the UAW has advocated for smart tariffs tied to industrial policies that would "make sense, or be used to protect our own market." He then called Trump's tariffs "ham-fisted."

El-Sayed said Rogers was flip-flopping on the tariffs because his polls were lagging.

"Be serious, my guy," El-Sayed said.

Rogers said El-Sayed wanted to fight every tariff, but he used an anecdote that manufactures he talks to have said they were able to add shifts because of Trump's trade tactics.

Rogers accused El-Sayed of receiving corporate money, despite El-Sayed's statements that he had rejected such contributions. Rogers also alleged that El-Sayed received support from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, financier George Soros and the Muslim Brotherhood.

El-Sayed criticized Rogers' work with telecommunications companies after his time in Congress, including Telefónica, which El-Sayed linked to surveillance practices in Venezuela.

The candidates also argued over their wealth, with Rogers saying El-Sayed was a millionaire who owned luxury property in Dubai. El-Sayed responded that Rogers had a "McMansion" in Florida that he took off the market because he knew he was going to lose. El-Sayed also accused Rogers of having two yachts in Florida, which Rogers denied.

This pattern continued through questions on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, AI data centers, and on the Iran war more directly.

The exchange grew so heated that Albin called a commercial break. It was reported that Rogers and El-Sayed continued to fight off camera about Rogers' Florida home. When asked after the debate about that exchange, El-Sayed claimed Rogers told him he was planning to rent the home instead of going back to live there. Rogers did not address that exchange in a scrum following the debate. A request for comment on the off-camera exchange from the Rogers campaign was not returned at the time of publication. A comment will be added to this story once it is received.

The debate became more focused on policy during the second half.

On the actions of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement officers, Rogers said that one thing he would have done differently if he had control of ICE were the raids seen so publicly across the U.S. He said that his time in the FBI taught him that raids of that nature should be quick, decisive, and without public fanfare. He admitted that ICE agents could have made adjustments and said that they had after incidents like what happened earlier this year in Minnesota — where two civilians were shot and killed by immigration officers.

That said, Rogers noted that mur-

ders were down in the U.S. and that it was because he believed ICE was first and foremost targeting murderers for deportations.

El-Sayed said that he does want to abolish ICE, but agreed that someone convicted of murder deserved to be deported. However, he said the nation didn't have to do that by also violating the U.S. Constitution in pursuit of those goals.

"ICE is not about enforcement ... they killed two people," El-Sayed said. "We have to obey our constitution."

On Iran, El-Sayed accused Rogers of being a 'cheerleader' for war throughout his congressional career.

"When you have an international problem, he's got a war for that," El-Sayed said, noting that could be dangerous as the U.S. has so many foreign entanglements.

Rogers said El-Sayed refused to condemn the Iranian regime and its Revolutionary Guard at a recent campaign stop, and accused him of not being able to condemn the Temple Israel attack earlier this year.

El-Sayed said that was false, and that Rogers was wrong to say that he hadn't.

The debate again turned personal in the second half, when both candidates brought up each other's family members — with Rogers suggesting that El-Sayed's birth mother had connections to organizations that funded terrorism, and El-Sayed kicking back to ask what his mother did. Rogers said his mother worked for a chamber of commerce.

After the debate, Michigan Advance asked both candidates whether the personal attacks had allowed voters to hear the substantive discussion of issues they needed to make a decision before the Nov. 3 election.

"Even his top staff have said he is a manufactured candidate," Rogers told the Advance. "He tells one group one thing and two hours later another group completely something different."

El-Sayed said he wished that they did have a better chance to do so, because it was important to him in the campaign to run on the issues. El-Sayed has told the Advance in the past that he doesn't like the mudslinging, nor the horserace fascination people have with politics.

"He wanted to make this about everything except the policy," El-Sayed said.

Both candidates are set to participate in a final debate Oct. 21, hosted by WXYZ-TV.

What’s all the buzz about yellowjackets this fall?

**By JACKSON LUKAS
Capital News Service**

LANSING – Yellowjackets are a commonly found pest flying around your residence during the summer and fall.

They sting, bite and are more aggressive than your average bumble bee.

A noticeable rise in yellowjacket populations in Michigan has left people wondering: Why am I getting stung so much?

Dion DeGennaro, the president of Sergio’s Pest Control in West Bloomfield, said in a CBS News interview that the increase of yellowjackets is due to a multitude of factors, but a main one is a process called trophallaxis.

Trophallaxis is used between bugs to directly transfer liquid food and bodily fluids to one another. When bee colonies start to die off in late summer and early fall, yellowjackets lose their main

source of food which is bee larvae.

Yellowjackets use the trophallaxis process to break down their prey.

The diminished numbers of bee larvae causes them to starve and become more aggressive and to rely on humans for sources of food, said DeGennaro.

Areas in the southeastern part of the state have seen larger numbers of the insect, according to DeGennaro.

Sarah Hughson, an arthropod diagnostician and a specialist on plant and pest diagnostics at Michigan State University, says yellowjackets are most likely to sting people in late summer and early fall.



JL Boyer/Wikimedia Commons

“Yellowjackets start to build their nests and populations during the early summer times. They reach their peak during the late summer and early fall and become more aggressive due to stress from declining food sources,” Hughson said.

They are desperate for something to eat, which may be why people are more likely to be stung this time of year, Hughson said.

Farrin Forsberg, a lifetime resident of Okemos, says the number of yellowjackets around her house has increased tremendously.

“They seem a lot meaner than previ-

ous years,” Forsberg said.

“I moved into this house in 2016 and we always had them around, but they seemed to be especially bad this year.”

“I recently went into anaphylactic shock after I was stung by a couple of yellowjackets. I had to rush to the emergency room and was told I now have developed a severe allergy to them due to how many times I have been stung over the past couple of years,” Forsberg said.

DeGennaro said in the CBS interview that yellowjackets commonly borrow in the ground, in gaps in bricks and on siding of houses and can build full nests in bushes.

While avoiding these pests may be difficult, DeGennaro suggests first calling a professional to handle the problem but also suggests looking for and avoiding small holes in your yard while mowing and planting gardens.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

In re: Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property

Case No. 26-4461-CH

Hon. Rosemarie E. Aquilina

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THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE INGHAM COUNTY LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AND IS SUBJECT TO AN EXPEDITED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. PERSONS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIOR OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AT 3024 N. TURNER ST., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48906, TELEPHONE (517) 267-5221.

Respectfully submitted,
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.

Date: September 8, 2026

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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Estate of Larry Belt, Timothy Hart, Estate of Mark T. Seman, Susan K. Olson, and all persons having an interest in the subject properties listed in Exhibit A

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable Rosemarie E. Aquilina, Ingham County Circuit Judge, at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for each of the subject properties was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on September 4, 2026.

Judgment of the Court after this hearing may result in title to the property vesting in the Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority, 3024 N. Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906 – Telephone (517) 267-5221.

Any persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of the subject properties are requested to contact the Land Bank.

Any rights of redemption and any ownership interest in the subject properties may be extinguished by the judgment of the Court.

Any person with a property interest in the subject properties may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing.

EXHIBIT A

Individual parcels of property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:

1. East ½ of North 94 feet of Lot 7, Block 3, Jerome's Addition, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-15-154-171
Commonly known as 922 Vine St., Lansing, MI 48912
2. Lot 17, Devonshire Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Page 26, Ingha County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-27-128-021
Commonly known as 1915 Devonshire Ave., Lansing, MI 48910
3. Lot 202, Maple Hill Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 33, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-33-284-001
Commonly known as 600 Fenton Ave., Lansing, MI 48910
4. West 75 feet of Lot 1, Marywood Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-05-08-227-311
Commonly known as 811 W. Miller Rd., Lansing, MI 48911

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Quality Dairy's bakery was shut down last week after a health inspection.

Production "has been temporarily suspended following a state food safety inspection that identified sanitation and pest control

concerns," according to a social media post from the company. "Our other food production and QD stores are operating as usual." The company said they are working with outside specialists and will resume only after meeting state requirements. "We apologize for the interruption and appreciate your patience and continued support," the company added in the Oct. 8 social media post.



The Delta Township Board of Trustees last week approved a request from Eyde Development to rezone 53.98 acres bordering South Marketplace Boulevard and West St. Joseph Highway in Eaton County, land which it already owns, to allow for its plans to build up to 480 new one- and two-bedroom apartments on the site. Along with the request, the company presented a plan for 16 buildings with 24 apartments in each building, utilizing about 40 acres of the parcel. Eyde COO Mark Clouse also told officials there are plans for additional apartments on the remaining property. The township would need to grant approval for specific plans before any proposed development could move forward.

East Lansing's new fire chief is John Newman, who was sworn in by his brother last Thursday after serving as the city's interim fire chief since April 2025. Newman was also briefly acting city manager this past spring, after former City Manager Robert Belleman's suspension and resignation, until Annette Irwin was appointed interim city manager.



Grand Ledge Police Chief Ron Erickson resigned in late September and his resignation became effective on Friday, according to WLNS.

The city's police department is now being led by David Juras, acting police chief and a top officer in the department, according to the city's website.

Collection for Lansing's annual coat drive ends this Friday, with the giveaway by Community Connect set for Nov. 19 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. New or gently used coats, hats and gloves can be donated at Lansing City Hall (124 W. Michigan Ave.), Foster Community Center (200 N. Foster Ave.), Gier Community Center (2400 Hall St.), Schmidt Community Center (5825 Wise Rd.), Letts Community Center (1220 W. Kalamazoo St.) and Maurer's Sanitary Cleaners (2815 E. Saginaw St.).



Eaton County Road Commission

An Eaton County Road Commission employee was struck and killed in a work zone crash on Oct. 6 on what officials said was supposed to be his last day with the road commission.

"He was preparing to begin a new chapter up north, and, in doing so, finally live out his dream of calling Northern Michigan his home," the road commission said in a statement. "He was excited for what was ahead and looking forward to continuing his career." Lansing Road was temporarily closed for road work, with flag workers directing traffic and three road commission trucks parked nearby, when the incident occurred. A 33-year-old man driving a pickup had stopped for a flag worker's directions. A man from Owosso, driving a Kenworth sanitation truck, was unable to stop and crashed into the pickup, pushing it into the three unoccupied road commission trucks, according to preliminary information from the State Police. The 24-year-old road commission employee was hit by both, according to State Police.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. The pickup truck driver and a passenger were treated for minor injuries. The crash remains under investigation. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor in the crash.



After almost two decades, Edric Hinton's family finally has answers to the previously unsolved 2009

homicide of the 19-year-old. During a news conference on Monday, the Lansing Police Department's cold case investigator Shannon Thielen said a tip from a confidential source led to the recovery of a shotgun. Hinton was visiting acquaintances at 916 W. Cavanaugh on Aug. 1, 2009, when a bullet, fired through an apartment window from the outside, hit him. "At our department, when someone's murdered," Lansing Police Chief Rob Backus said, "it brings us a specific response with an influx of resources." Detectives located witnesses and developed suspects, but reached a dead end. "Ultimately, we ran out of evidence," Backus said. After the original team investigated the homicide, two more cold case investigators handled the case before Thielen was assigned in 2019.

According to Thielen, in the fall of 2025, a 12-gauge shotgun and other corroborating evidence were recovered by crime scene investigators. The suspected shooter, Esteban Reyes Jr., and the suspected getaway driver, Lee Anthony Lynn, are both dead, according to police. "While this means that no criminal charges can be brought forward," Thielen said, "the recovery of the weapon, the forensic confirmation and the corroborating statement allow us to provide answers to the Hinton family that they've waited too long for." A spokesperson for the police department said Hinton was an innocent bystander.

Hinton's twin brother, Eric Hinton, spoke on behalf of the family. "To have this come full circle ... is devastating, and nobody knows until you go through it," he said. "This is not the outcome that we wanted, but this is the best one that we're going to get." With the resolution, Eric said he hopes his family can move forward lighter and freer. "All through life, you set these milestones ... I had always wondered what 21 would look like for us

and what 30 and 40 would actually look like. My 40th is coming around in a few years, so I plan to throw us a birthday party and hopefully (add) some aspects that he would have enjoyed." Eric said he hopes people do the right thing in the future. "There are people in this community that I know to be home ... that knew this and didn't step up and do the right thing. ... That's a reflection of us."

A City Pulse cover story in March 2013 planned to profile years' worth of cold cases, but reporters learned the police had little organization of their cold cases and were not able to produce basic information like names and dates, and the story became an exposé. Within two months, then-Mayor Virg Bernero funded a new full-time investigator at \$100,000 a year and credited the City Pulse investigation.

A 10-hour outage across Michigan State University on Sept. 19 had long-lasting effects. The T.B. Simon Power Plant



narrowly avoided serious problems at the greenhouses, along with an unknown amount of food being tossed. Students did not have hot water for several days. Had the disruption happened a few weeks later, when the temperatures were much lower at night, a lack of heat "could have been catastrophic," Eric Runkle, a co-chair on the greenhouse user committee, told City Pulse. "There are over a hundred different sections in the greenhouse complex," he said. "It could have really jeopardized research." Along with the moderate temperatures, Runkle said outdoor crop research is only beginning to transition indoors. No one has reported an issue with ongoing experiments due to the disruption, he said.

This type of campus-wide outage, including the loss of power and steam, is unprecedented in the university's recent history, according to MSU Infrastructure Planning and Facilities spokesperson Erica Venton Evans. The investigation into the specific cause remains ongoing, but "it involved an electrical fault within the plant's high-voltage power bus system." Evans did not provide a detailed account of the outage's impact, including the cost of emergency services, short-term restoration and permanent repairs, or a timeline on how long repairs would take. "The university's focus remains on completing a thorough technical review, understanding all contributing factors, and identifying actions that can further improve system reliability and resilience." *By Lieza Klemm*



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: PUD #26026 (CAPSTONE)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Planned Unit Development #26026 (Capstone)
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) request. Capstone Collegiate Communities, LLC is requesting a PUD for a 256-unit multiple family development on an approximate 69.08-acre site located at the end of Hannah Boulevard.

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

Angela Demas
Township Clerk
October 14, 2026

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: TEXT AMENDMENT #2026-10
MASS TIMBER IN MUPUD AND CPUD

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Zoning Amendment #2026-10 (Mass Timber in MUPUD and CPUD)

The Township Board at its regular meeting on September 15, 2026 approved for introduction and subsequent adoption Ordinance 2026-10, an Ordinance to add Mass Timber construction as a possible amenity in the MUPUD and CPUD districts.

A complete copy of the amendment may be viewed at the Community Planning and Development office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (phone 517-853-4560), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk
October 14, 2026

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA

Under the provisions of the code of ordinances of the Charter Township of Delta, Chapter 34 – streets, sidewalks and public places, Article IV – Ice And Snow Removal, Section 34-92 Removal Required, Section 34-93 Requirements for Removal, Section 34-94 – Removal by Township, Section 34-95 Notice, Section 34-96, Enforcement, Section 34-97 Violations.

No person shall permit ice or an accumulation of more than two (2) inches of snow to remain on any sidewalk adjacent to a lot or parcel occupied by them, or on a sidewalk adjacent to any unoccupied lot or parcel owned by them for a longer period than twenty-four (24) hours after the same has formed or fallen. Snow and ice shall be removed from the entire constructed width and length of the sidewalk.

All persons removing snow from private property, whether by use of a shovel, snow blower, plough, or any other method, shall comply with the following regulations:

(1) Snow shall not be deposited or spread into sidewalks, alleys, streets or highways.

(2) Snow shall not be deposited to obstruct fire hydrants or fire appliances.

(3) Snow shall not be deposited to create any visual or physical obstruction which would impair the safe use of sidewalks, alleys, streets or highways.

Failure to remove snow and/or ice, as stipulated in sec. 34-92, may result in the township removing or causing to remove the snow and/or ice from the sidewalk and seeking to recover the actual cost and an administrative fee from the property owner. The township may cause the snow and/or ice to be removed from the sidewalk as many times as necessary to ensure compliance with sec. 34-92. It shall be the responsibility of the township manager and his/her designees to enforce the terms of this article.

Violations of the provisions of this article, or failure to comply with any of its requirements, shall be punishable as a municipal civil infraction subject to the penalties specified in Section 1-7 (c) of this ordinance. The imposition of any fine shall not exempt the violator from compliance with the provisions of this article. If any fines and/or costs associated with this section are not paid, the civil infraction citation may be filed with the district court in accordance with section 20-22 (g).

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
ERIN LAPERE, DEPUTY MANAGER
MARY R. CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK

CP#26-380

CITY OF LANSING
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing Elections Office located at 701 W. Jolly Road on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS
Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

We must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at www.LansingVotes.gov or by calling 517-483-4131.

The Lansing City Clerk’s Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, will be open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The Lansing Elections Office, 701 W. Jolly Road, will be open:

• Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• Saturday October 31, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Monday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, November 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

to register voters and to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The City Clerk’s Satellite Office at Foster Community Center, 200 N Foster Ave., will be open:

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Rogers and allies go scorched earth in an effort to stop El-Sayed

By **KYLE MELINN**

Michigan's U.S. Senate race is careening into scorched-earth territory as Republican Mike Rogers and his supporters attempt to link Democrat Abdul El-Sayed and his family to terrorist organizations.

One of the claims is El-Sayed's campaign is receiving financial support from alleged cheerleaders for Hezbollah and Hamas.

However, one of those alleged cheerleaders said Rogers himself met with him and 15 or so other Arab American leaders at a Dearborn restaurant in 2024 as he tried to defeat Elissa Slotkin.

I'll get back to that later. First, some background.

Republicans see the writing on the wall. They also see – surprisingly – that prospects of turning Michigan's U.S. Senate seat red for the first time since the 1994 election are better than other swing states like North Carolina and Georgia.

In fact, Rogers's chances are in the same ballpark as the Republican nominees in Texas and Ohio, based on his polling position aggregated by RealClearPolitics.

Even though President Donald Trump's numbers are in the toilet everywhere, recent polls put Rogers 1 to 3 percentage points behind.

Nearly \$300 million in traditional and streaming TV has been spent and reserved to win this seat, making it the nation's third-most expensive race this cycle (after Texas and Ohio), according to AdImpact.

National media is showing up everywhere in Michigan. Their audiences are seeing the next bright, shiny object, which raises the inevitable question ...

"Every national reporter in the state over the last 10 days asked me if he's running for president and our opinions aligned: When you're this hot and have nothing to lose electorally, the chances are high that he would hit the presidential circuit," John Sellek of Harbor Strategic told me this week.

For his part, El-Sayed told Meet the Press this weekend he has "no intention of ever running for president." Of course, he doesn't until he does.

Stopping El-Sayed has meant going straight at his Muslim heritage, as they hope to stir skepticism. Polling from the Brookings Institution has shown those old enough to vividly remember 9/11 are particularly receptive to this messaging.

Rogers said during last Thursday's debate that El-Sayed's mother, Fatten Elkomy, worked for an organization that "funneled money to al Qaeda."

The reference is to Elkomy's work with

the Islamic American Relief Agency from 1999 to 2004, according to The Jerusalem Post. It's a tenure that ended shortly before the U.S. Treasury Department, later in 2004, shut down the group for steering money that ended up supporting 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden.

Elkomy was never prosecuted.

Over the weekend, Rogers shared a tweet from a sports commentator about how El-Sayed "really is a terrorist." Then, the Senate Leadership Fund released an ad linking some of El-Sayed's contributors to Hamas.

The link being made is between five staff members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a civil rights group that advocates for U.S. Muslims, who gave money to El-Sayed.

CAIR was named an unindicted co-conspirator by federal prosecutors in a case in which millions of dollars were sent to Hamas, although CAIR was never charged and CAIR leadership has called any link between them and the Brotherhood "pure McCarthyism," according to Bridge Michigan.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) shared an Oct. 5 article from the Federalist that flagged El-Sayed for being supported by Osama Siblani "a pro-Hezbollah, pro-Hamas activist."

Yet, Siblani, the publisher of The Arab American News, said Rogers asked Siblani and about 15 to 20 other Arab American leaders for their support in April 2024 when Rogers ran for the Senate against Elissa Slotkin.

After the Saturday brunch was over, Siblani and another person in the room said Rogers asked that the meeting be kept quiet so as not to offend other Republicans.

The scorched earth strategy continued Tuesday when Rogers told Fox News that El-Sayed allegedly "wrote an op-ed in Arabic a few years back supporting the Muslim Brotherhood," a "direct descendant" of which is Hamas.

Bridge Michigan looked into this claim and found no evidence of it. I asked for evidence of it, as well.

I've also asked why Rogers was bold enough to ask for Siblani's support in 2024, but then ask that they not mention the meeting to the press.

Then, two years later, after they turned him down, why he's been complicit in letting the NRSC tie them to terrorist groups.

We'll see if either one comes.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 20

9-10 a.m.

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Graduate Hotel

Wednesday, Oct. 21

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Data Science + AI Summit,
Graduate Hotel

Thursday, Oct. 22

10-11:30 a.m.

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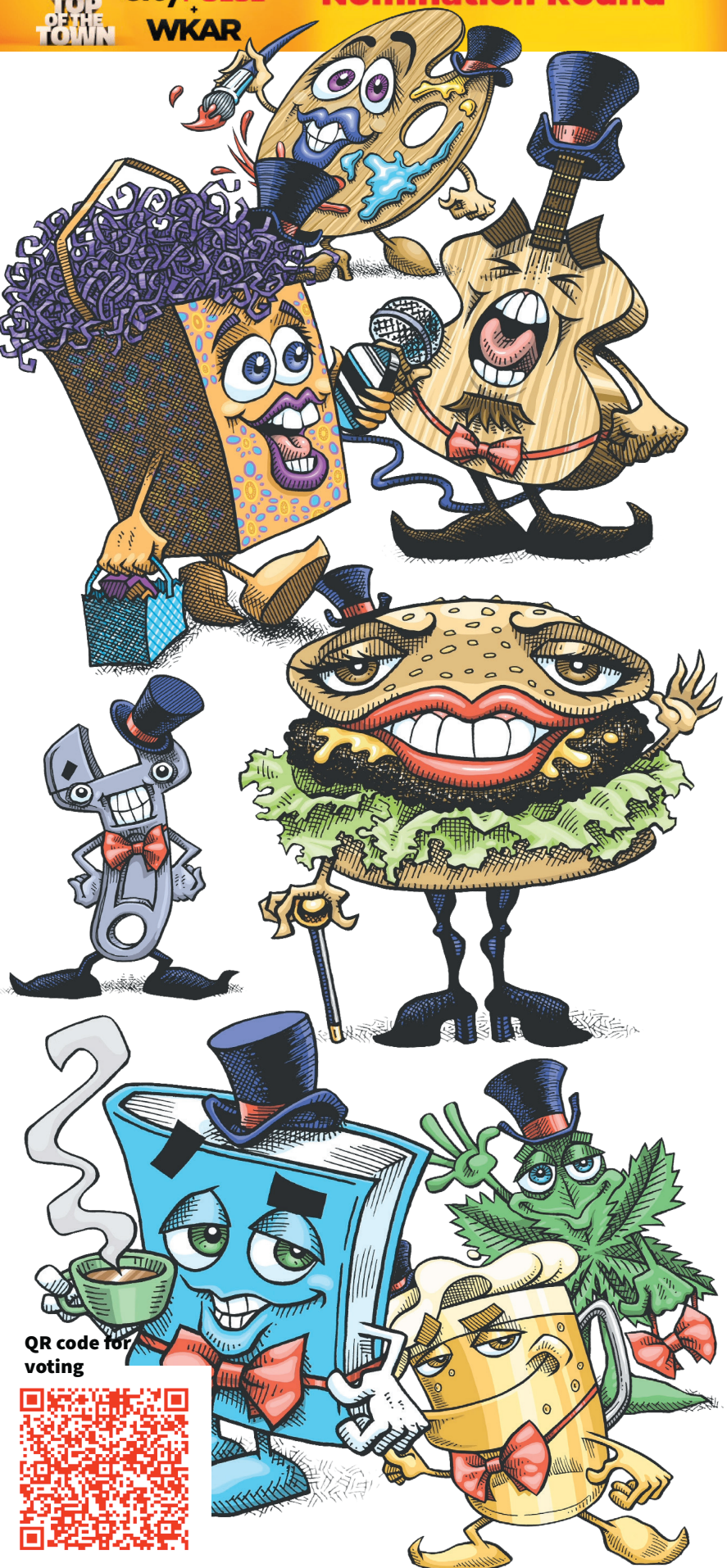
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Susan Dougherty enjoys a twirl with a hula hoop during a Senior Discovery Group yoga class at Allen Neighborhood Center.

The endless friendship circle

Local senior group recognizes 26 years of creating community

By LIEZA KLEMM

For over two decades, the Senior Discovery Group has gathered at the Allen Neighborhood Center about once a week for connection, enrichment and “pretty good coffee.” An alternate way to age.

And on the days when official meetings are canceled, members still meet somewhere else, though it’s usually just a few blocks away at Soup Spoon Cafe.

“I feel like that speaks to them wanting to be with one another and connect,” ANC Community Resources Manager Cedar Smith said.

For a quarter century, a group of seniors has kept a friend vigil, continuously replenishing both the group and the friends who attend.

Smith oversaw the program for about a year before moving to their current position as resources man-

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Raymond Holt
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ager.

They previously worked providing in-home health-care for seniors and witnessed how isolation and a lack of social interaction affected clients. “It’s so harmful,” Smith said. “It really impacts someone’s mental health and sense of belonging.”

Aging can be complicated and reveal a lot, like finding out a long-time friend knows how to use tuning forks or that you really need regular human connection.

The steady loneliness of life catches up to us, especially to seniors when their kids have lives of their own and they’ve clocked out of their last work shift. And we all risk losing social connection over time, it’s hard to stay connected.

Senior Discovery Group lore is not fully documented, and its history is mostly legend.

“From my understanding, they were actually meet-

ing outside of here before it was, like, here,” Smith said.

According to Smith, the first official meeting at the ANC was Sept. 27, 2000.

That adds up to well over a thousand meetings.

Smith said a core group of about six or seven people attend each week, depending on the activity.

During one meeting, group members brought homemade crafts and discussed their personal histories with Roberto Torres, the ANC’s new executive director.

A craft show-and-tell has happened a few times already. “Some of us have run out of crafts to bring,” one member said.

Despite that, even the regulars are full of surprises. Mary Sahs, a regular, shared her background as a



Yoga class is one of several different activities done weekly by the Senior Discovery Group at Allen Neighborhood Center in Lansing.

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naturopath, which was new information to the group.

She even brought her tuning forks to demonstrate.

“That’s awesome,” a regular attendee said. “I never knew that about you.”

Marilyn Roberts showed off decorated glass bottles, filled with dainty string lights, that she sells at craft fairs. “I’ve only been doing these two, maybe three years,” she said, but her crafting career spans over a decade.

Roberts has attended meetings on a regular basis for over 13 years. “Before that, I would come occasionally when my mother was visiting from Florida,” she said. “I would bring her here.”

While others said they had nothing new to share with the group, conversation flowed. Like any gathering with friends, their discussion jumped from topic to topic. Over the two-hour meeting, the group covered subjects like their individual upbringings, Lansing murals and possibly starting a book club.

Show-and-tell can get repetitive, so the ANC makes an effort to switch activities up. They partner with the International Speakers (I SPEAK) Program at Michigan State University, and host an international student to share their story with the seniors. I SPEAK ses-



Faith Herrick (left) and Susan Dougherty (right) take part in a yoga hula hoop session.

sions are a fan favorite.

“It’s really good because you get to interact with people outside of our area,” Susan Dougherty, another regular attendee for about three years, said.

“They really like learning about a lot of different countries,” the center’s Smith said.

Other speakers have come with a range of topics, from the expected, like estate planning, to more unconventional subjects.

When a content producer spoke to the group, Smith was surprised by the level of engagement. “Everybody was so curious ... ready to connect, ready to ask those clarifying questions.”

“It didn’t feel as relevant for that particular age demographic to be as interested as they were in producing content,” Smith said.

A common assumption about old-



Mary Sahs (right) and Susan Dougherty

er adults is that, after a certain point, curiosity about the world around us stops. Smith sees the opposite. “They’re always willing to talk and connect and learn more,” they said, “like truly ready to absorb information and learn and be a part of the community.”

The group also takes trips around the community, like the Lansing Makers Network.

One recent meeting was all about hula hoop yoga.

Jenny Wagemann, who manages the center’s farmers market and food pantry, led the session and brought in chairs as an aid.

Wagemann is also an instructor at Peoples Yoga Studio in Reo Town, and said this was her first time teaching with a hula hoop and chair.

Almost a dozen participants gathered in the ANC’s Great Room for the hula hoop yoga session. The smell of cinnamon rolls baking in the adjoining kitchens wafted throughout the space.

Combined with the pensive guitar music playing from Wagemann’s



Faith Herrick (right)

speaker, it was so calming that it was a wonder anyone was able to stay awake.

Wagemann guided the group through a variety of movements, with modifications to fit limited mobility. Towards the end of the session, participants tried their abilities by actually swinging the hula hoops around their hips. Words of encouragement flew across the room, and cheers erupted when someone was successful.

Afterwards, a few moved into the conference room where meetings are typically held to catch up.

Roger Hackbarth has gone to meetings for about six months. A retired teacher and the son of a farmer, Hackbarth said finding people to connect with is difficult, especially after his second wife died and with his recent health issues.

“Everything I do is pretty much in walking distance,” he said. “I need to be around people.”

Hackbarth is still easing his way into

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Jenny “Wags” Wagemann is a yoga instructor and the ANC’s farmers market and food pantry manager.



A Senior Discovery Group yoga class at Allen Neighborhood Center.

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the group and wants to spend more time with participants outside of official meetings. “I guess there’s a little bit of the old farmer in me,” he said. “It’s not that I want to stay by myself, but it’s been a hard thing.”

Like other community groups, Senior Discovery Hour took a hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Diane Ross, one of the regulars, said the group used to be larger. “We didn’t see a lot of them come back after that.”

Ross said she’s been coming to the Senior Discovery Hour for “a long time.”

A Grand Ledge resident, Ross travels farther than most in the group to attend the weekly sessions. “It’s a nice way to meet people,” she said.

The senior adults who gather on Wednesdays at the ANC meet to break up their days.

But look a little deeper, and you can see how members rejuvenate each other at a time of life when slowing down is more the norm.

ANC’s Smith said participants are asking for more responsibility, they want to be the ones managing the group.

“Like maybe being the points of contact (and) reaching out to people,” Smith said, “because right now it’s just us doing it.”



Jenny Wagemann, yoga instructor

Wagemann works with some group members when they volunteer with the food pantry, and said the attendees have a special connection. “I know that if they haven’t heard from someone in a few days, they’ll ask to go check in on them.”

While aging and its implications, like losing connection with those closest to you, can be daunting, Senior Discovery Hour offers an alternative experience. One that fosters new friendships and extends opportunities to learn.

Even as a new member, Hackbarth already sees the benefits of attending. Meetings give him something to look forward to. “It’s vibrant,” he said. “It’s not just a bunch of old people who sit there and drink their tea ... I appreciate the life that’s here.”

“If you want to know why we all love each other,” one regular said, “it’s because there’s nothing else that I’ve found like this.”



Susan Dougherty



Faith Herrick



Sanjuana Bustinza



Jenny Wagemann, yoga instructor

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Sat., Oct. 17, 8 p.m.-midnight
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Tues., Oct. 20, 7-10 p.m.
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Wed., Oct. 21, 8-11 p.m.

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Mon., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
Symphony Band
Tues., Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.
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Electro-Acoustic: Instrumental Pathways
Wed., Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Eichler Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

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Wed., Oct. 21, 6-9 p.m.

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Wed., Oct. 14, 6-9 p.m.

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Living in the music

For Yue Bao, conducting is a deep dive, not a power trip

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Why do conductors conduct? The popular idea is that it's some kind of power trip.

Yue Bao, the second of five guest conductors to lead the Lansing Symphony this season, had the same idea when she was growing up in Shanghai, studying piano.

"I never thought for a second that I'd want to be a conductor someday," she said. "My impression of conductors is that they were bossy, controlling and not nice. I thought there was no way I could be that kind of person."

She needn't have worried. On the podium, Bao exudes a luminous joy and loving attentiveness to every detail. Thrilling to the music of Igor Stravinsky as a young piano student, her first thought was, "How did he do that?" Conducting lets her plunge deep inside the music she loves to orchestrate a transcendent group hug between the composer, the musicians and the audience.

Orchestral music hooked her for good when her piano teacher, who was also a composer, turned her on to the powerful music of Stravinsky and 20th-century juggernaut Dmitri Shostakovich.

"I found the music of Shostakovich brutally honest and authentic," she said. "It just hit me, affected me deeply and honestly."

Stravinsky's intricate, mercurial rhythms and timbres filled her with a desire to learn more.

"I wondered, 'How did he do that?' I couldn't even keep a beat," she said. She took composing lessons and immersed herself in the craft.

Although Bao hadn't given a thought to conducting, her teacher was impressed by her ability to swim skillfully in the orchestral ocean and suggested she study it.

At first, Bao thought only of conducting her own music, but soon the communal highs of conducting began to eclipse the lonely challenge of com-

posing.

"I know it's an unhealthy way to think about it, but after I learned so many masterpieces and got into the scores, I began to think, 'There's no way I can compete with this,'" she said. "I'm never satisfied with my own pieces. Somehow, I felt more comfortable living in the music than creating the music."

As she learned more about conducting and conductors, her negative impression began to change.

"I learned that it's more about respect, trust and collaboration," she said.

After studying at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, she came to the United States 11 years ago to get her master's degree at The New School's Mannes School of Music. She also received an artist diploma as a conducting fellow at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music.

Her mentor at Curtis was a musical giant, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, currently music director of the Philadelphia Orchestra and New York's Metropolitan Opera.

"He always knows what he wants, but at the same time, you hear the warmth, the openness, the generosity," Bao said. "He always told us, 'Keep a warm heart but a cold mind.'"

Her description of Claudio Abbado, one of her greatest conducting inspirations, reveals a lot about her own approach to conducting.

"It goes beyond conducting. It's his humanity," she said. "There's something honest in his music making. He makes the musicians listen to each other intensely and play like it's chamber music. When you watch him, you never feel like he's trying to impress you or show you what a great conductor he is. It's like he's genuinely inviting everyone into the music."

Bao spent three years as an assistant conductor with the Houston Symphony, beginning in late 2019, just before the pandemic lockdowns. Music director Andrés Orozco-Estrada was stuck in Vienna and couldn't fly back to Houston,

so Bao worked with the musicians to keep the music alive, developing one of the first livestream concert programs in the nation.

"It was a hard time, but it made me grow closer to the musicians," she said.

Bao also worked with retired Lansing Symphony maestro Timothy Muffitt for two months at New York's Chautauqua Institution.

"It was a very important and memorable experience for me," she said. "As we all know, he's an incredibly generous and kind person. It's all about the music. He gave me so much practical advice."

Bao is impressed with the many musical tentacles of the Lansing Symphony and hopes to expand its audience even further.

"I've seen all the wonderful things they've already been doing successfully, like family concerts, composers in residence, the new music series at The Robin Theatre and collaborations with local groups," she said. "The one with All of the Above Hip Hop Academy really caught my eye."

At the Minnesota Orchestra in 2022, Bao led a crowd-pleasing rendition of Beethoven's punchy "Grosse Fuge" with killer breaking (aka "breakdancing") by BRKFST Dance Co.

"The fans of the dancers brought such a different energy to the concert hall, and it was really exciting," she said. "I know there are some wonderful dance organizations in the Lansing area, and this is something I would like to explore further."

She would also like to find ways to bring audiences closer to the orchestra.

"That way, you can really hear how the conductor and the musicians communicate, how we actually put everything together," she said.

Friday's concert starts with "Threads," a playful and vibrant work by Grammy-nominated Michigan State University composer Zhou Tian.

"He's an old friend, part of the local community, and I think it's meaningful to open a concert with a composer from home," Bao said.

The centerpiece is a perennial crowd pleaser, Tchaikovsky's flamboyantly



Courtesy

Yue Bao is the second of five guest conductors to lead the Lansing Symphony Orchestra this season.

emotional First Piano Concerto, with award-winning Chinese pianist Ying Li as soloist.

The evening will close with Antonin Dvorak's deeply personal Seventh Symphony, written shortly after the composer's mother died.

"We don't play this symphony too often," Bao said. "We often associate Dvorak with folk songs, beautiful melodies, but I believe the Seventh reveals another side of him. There's darkness and urgency, and it's incredibly dramatic. It feels like he's inviting us into his inner world, all the struggles and sadness he had, but it's balanced by lyrical beauty and leads up to a hard-won victory."

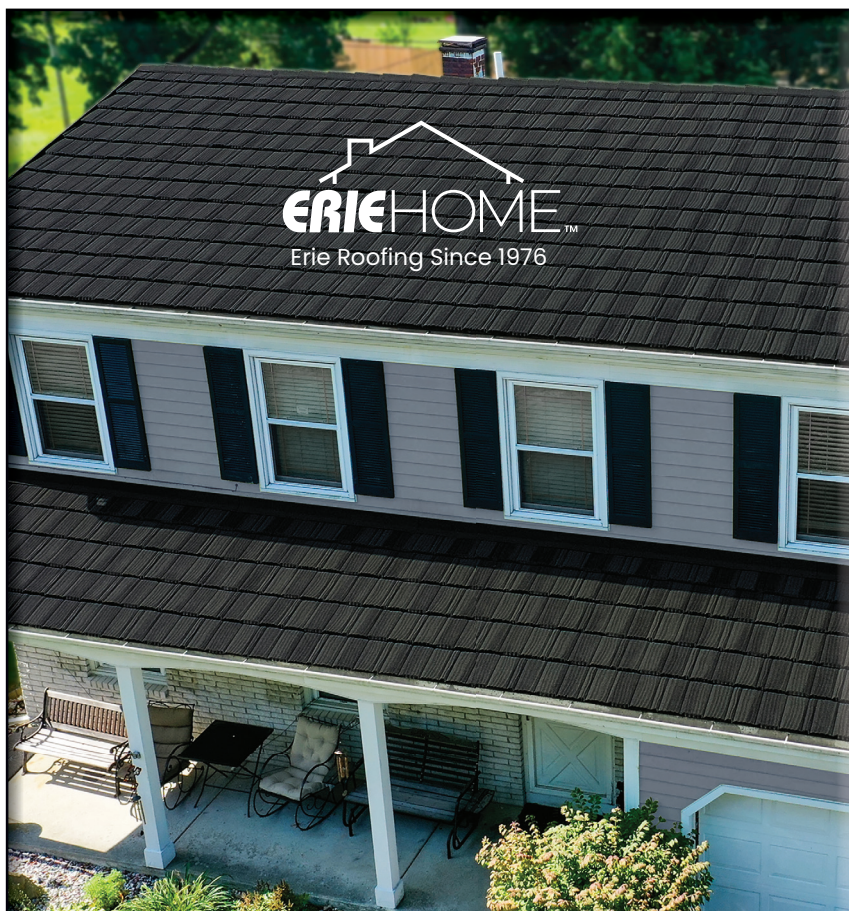
To balance the tumult and stress of the orchestral world, Bao turns to solitude and quietude. During COVID lockdowns, she took up acrylic and oil painting, relying mostly on YouTube tutorials.

"I enjoy watching Bob Ross," she said, breaking into ringing laughter. "I don't know, it's his voice or something. He makes everything look so effortless, but when you try to do it, it's so hard. You want to learn, 'How did he do that?'"

No doubt she'll get there. Years ago, she asked the same question about Stravinsky, and you see where that went.

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Yue Bao, guest conductor
Ying Li, piano
7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
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Three-person cast tackles meaty, multi-character roles in LCC's 'Layers'



Photo by Kevin Fowler

Jay Thompson-Linton (left) and Betz Lund in Lansing Community College's production of "Layers, or 'The Casserole Play.'"

By **MARK GMAZEL**

Lansing Community College's pre-sentational, fourth-wall-breaking, metatheatrical production of "Layers, or 'The Casserole Play,'" by Scott C. Sickles, is a whole lot of show for the 90-minute run-time.

Described by the author as a "docupageant," the script jumps from style to style within scenes, follows at least three separate plot lines and is prone to absurd product placements and long digressions of supporting facts and background information. But the main narrative emerges over a dispute in the historical record over who is responsible for the creation of the casserole: Was it the opportunistic Pyrex corporation, or perhaps the quaint and inherently loveable Elmore Jolicoeur (Betz Lund), a Civil War-era French-Canadian immigrant?

A farcical and satirical journey ensues as the claim is variously proven and disproven and quite thoroughly investigated by a modern journalist believably portrayed by Savanna Adams.

Lund is a talented and experienced anchor for this production, providing the heart and soul of the evening. She can really pull on an audience's heart-strings when the time is right.

Rounding out the cast is Jay (Josh) Thompson-Linton, who plays 27 different parts in total, including Jolicoeur's husband and the Pyrex man. Thompson-Linton provides much of the comedic energy and momentum of the show with broad choices, good command of character and an infectious sense of fun.



Review

"Layers, or 'The Casserole Play'"

7 p.m. Friday, Oct.
16-Saturday, 17
LCC Black Box Theatre
411 N. Grand Ave.,
Lansing
lcc.edu/showinfo

Quick character shifts and requisite costume changes are the order of the night as the actors have only seconds to switch from role to role, often with assistance from only a hat and possibly a simple prop. There are plenty of changes to be made, with Lund playing the lead and three other parts and Adams adding another 13 separate roles. Yes, some of the roles are very brief cameos, but that's still a lot of work for any performer.

Then there are the high energy demands and the fact that all three actors are on stage throughout most of the evening. This show, though playful and lighthearted in tone, is also very physically demanding of its actors. Verbal dexterity and clarity are a must for plays like this, as well as the ability to quickly assume and change dialects. Each actor is required to turn on a dime, perform long monologues, enact lightning-fast scene changes and help the other actors along by promptly supplying verbal cues. It would be easy to lose energy as one's stamina wears down, but these three young actors do a very good job keeping their characters differentiated, clear and effective while delivering torrents of often repetitive expository material.

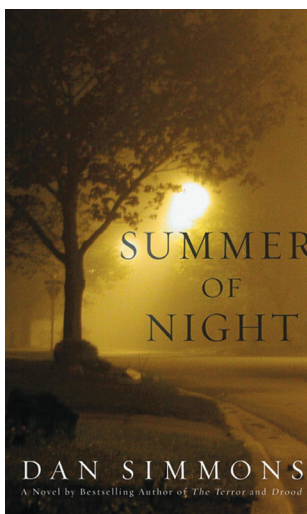
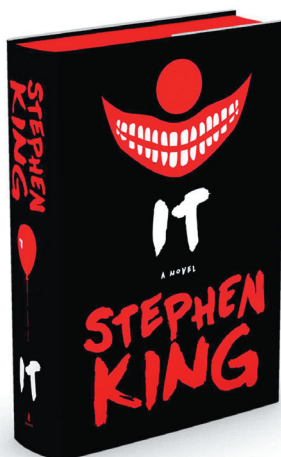
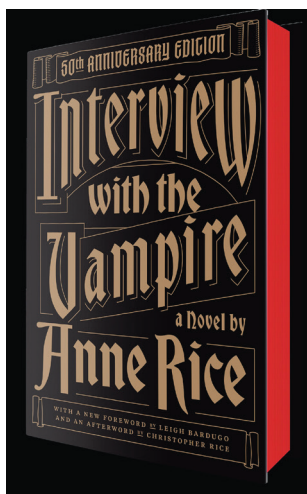
Lansing Community College has a knack for finding plays that give its students the most stage time possible, and even those that might be trying to do a little too much at once provide valuable educational opportunities for the burgeoning actors. Lund, Adams and Thompson-Linton are sure to benefit from taking part in this show.

Halloween reads roundup

By KURT ANTHONY KRUG

Spooky season is here. To celebrate Halloween, here are some twisted tales — old and new — that will have you sleeping with the lights on.

“Interview with the Vampire: 50th Anniversary Edition,” by Anne Rice (Knopf, \$50): In 1976, the late Anne Rice’s debut novel gave the vampire genre a much-needed blood transfusion, shifting the portrayal of vampires from heartless monsters (as seen in “Nosferatu”) to sympathetic, tormented, introspective beings struggling with their immortality and bloodlust, which opened the door for modern undead protagonists such as Angel (“Buffy the Vampire Slayer”), Spike (“Buffy”), Edward Cullen (“Twilight”) and Stefan Salvatore (“The Vampire Diaries”). Vampire Louis de Pointe du Lac tells his life story to a young reporter, chronicling his relationship with Lestat de Lioncourt, who transformed him into a creature of the night. This handsome hardcover edition boasts a reversed gold-on-black version of the original gold foil cover, decorative sprayed edges and custom endpapers. There’s a foreword by Leigh Bardugo and an afterword by the author’s son, Christopher Rice, who’s a novelist in his own right. Visit anrice.com.



“It,” by Stephen King (Scribner, \$50): Any list of horror novels would be incomplete without Stephen King. One of his most popular novels, “It,” turns 40 this year. A group of seven children join forces in Derry, Maine, circa

1957 to battle a supernatural entity called It, whose primary incarnation is Pennywise the Dancing Clown, the nastiest clown this side of the Joker. It awakens every 27 years to feed on the children of Derry. The seven vow to return to Derry should It ever reappear. Keeping good on their promise, they come together as adults in the mid-1980s to end It once and for all. King is a horror master, but he’s also an expert at writing period pieces (for example, “Stand by Me” and “The Shawshank Redemption”). With “It,” he blends the two. Yes, Pennywise is terrifying, but “It” is more a coming-of-age story focusing on the power of childhood friendships, childhood fears and loss of innocence. Other King novels to consider: “Misery,” “Salem’s Lot,” “Cycle of the Werewolf,” “Carrie” and “The Stand.” Visit stephenking.com.

“Summer of Night,” by Dan Simmons (St. Martin’s Griffin, \$22): Like King’s “It,” Dan Simmons’ 1991 novel mixes terrifying supernatural forces with nostalgic childhood memories. During the summer of 1960 in Elm Haven, Illinois, five 12-year-old boys — Mike, Duane, Dale (largely based on Simmons), Harlen and Kevin — must join forces to battle an evil entity hiding within Old Central School. Simmons — who died earlier this year — wrote a sequel called “A Winter Haunting,” in which an adult Dale returns to

Elm Haven. Simmons knows how to up the stakes, and his writing is taut from start to finish. Visit us.macmillan.com/author/dansimmons.

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Local band invites community to be part of a ‘live studio audience’ for music video recording



Courtesy

The Further Adventures of FatBoy and JiveTurkey is hoping for the hypest live audience to show up and show out for its music video shoot on Saturday.

By SARAH SPOHN

They say that “video killed the radio star,” but a local seven-piece band is hoping for the hypest live audience to show up and show out for an upcoming music video shoot. If you’ve spent hours watching MTV and longing to be in a music video, here’s your chance!

Benjamin Hall is the frontman of The Further Adventures of FatBoy and JiveTurkey, an eclectic group that originated in Detroit in 2005. Since Hall moved to Lansing in 2007, the group’s lineup has varied but still includes the original guitar player, Tim Williams. The band’s current lineup also features Josh Austin (trombone, vocals), Ian Knox (alto saxophone), Bob McCarthy (mandolin, guitar), Travis Therrian (upright bass) and Ian LeVine (drums, cymbals). The high-energy outfit plays a mix of genres — jazz, blues, country and soulful singer-songwriter hits from yesteryear.

“We played a long time without a drummer,” Hall said. “It’s hard to play New Orleans-type music when you don’t have a drummer. We’ve added two horn players since the beginning, and also mandolin.”

Hall said it’s difficult to categorize the band’s genre, as their stylistic tastes span both regions and decades.

“We play jazz, but we’re not a jazz band,” he said. “We play blues, but we’re not a blues band. We play country and rock ‘n’ roll, but we’re not a country or rock band. We’ve placed in the top three for Top of the Town in the jazz and blues categories, and we’ve won best experimental group. We’re all acoustic, with a horn section.”

As it’s been almost eight years since they recorded a professional video, the band felt it was time to add to their archive of promotional video footage. Hall promises something for everyone during Saturday’s free, all-ages shoot.

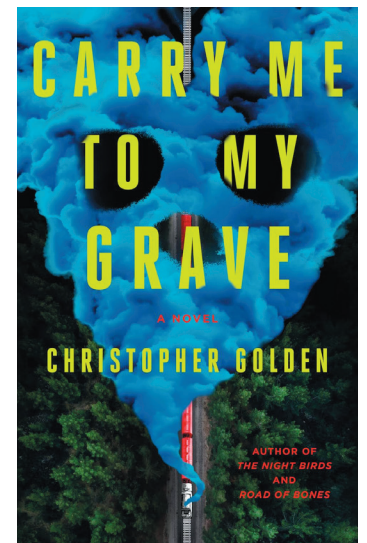
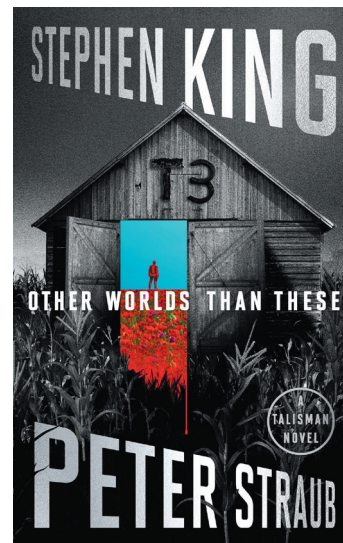
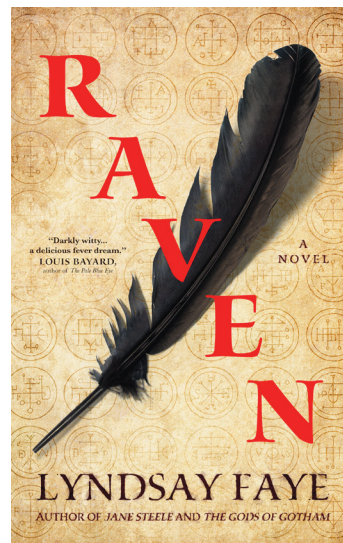
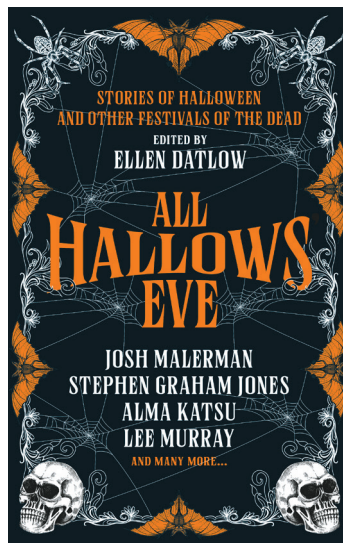
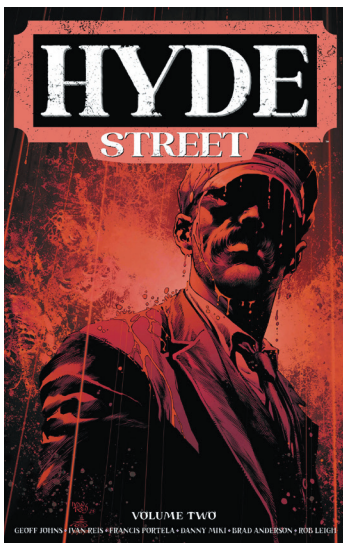
Expect “the best of the best, concentrating on our originals,” Hall said. “You might hear Waylon Jennings, Mel Tormé and Taj Mahal back to back. We play mostly obscure cover tunes, with a sprinkling of unique originals. We don’t play the songs you want to hear. We play the songs you need to hear.”

Lansing video production agency UnoDeuce Multimedia will record the concert.

Hall encourages attendees to bring “the energy. The louder they clap, the better we play. We’ll be having a lot of fun and hope it’s contagious. We need the hypest of hype audience members. They should bring their clapping hands, stomping feet and woo-hooing lungs!”

The Further Adventures of FatBoy and JiveTurkey music video recording

7–9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17
Stage One
2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
Free, all ages
eventbrite.com/e/fbjt-video-recording-at-stage-one-tickets-2001710593269



Books

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“Hyde Street,” by Geoff Johns and Ivan Reis (Image Comics/Ghost Machine, \$14.99): Michigan State University alumnus Geoff Johns — who’s written for comics and TV — and artist Ivan Reis have created a horror anthology series that takes its cue from “The Twilight Zone” and “Tales from the Crypt.” The titular location is a cursed, inescapable, surreal dimension that exists outside normal time and space. Bad people from any era or location who make a “wrong turn” can stumble upon Hyde Street and become trapped forever. Residents are twisted entities or monsters who punish and torment newcomers, collecting souls for the enigmatic supernatural being known only as the Scorekeeper. Gory and disturbing, Johns and Reis, who’ve collaborated before — most notably on DC Comics’ “Green Lantern” and “Aquaman” — prove they’re right at home in

the horror genre. Available in two volumes. Visit ghostmachinepro.com.

“All Hallows Eve: Stories of Halloween and Other Festivals of the Dead,” edited by Ellen Datlow (Titan Books, \$29.99): Halloween, Samhain, Día de los Muertos — holidays where the line between the realm of the living and the realm of the dead blurs. Editor Ellen Datlow collects 19 stories by noted authors (including MSU alumnus Josh Malerman, Christopher Golden, Stephen Graham Jones, Alma Katsu and Richard Kadrey), having challenged them to avoid stereotypical monster stories and go for “the weird, the unusual, and of course the very very dark,” per her introduction. They rose to the challenge and then some, particularly Golden with “Or So the Story Goes.” Visit ellendatlow.com.

“Raven,” by Lyndsay Faye (The Mysterious Press, \$27.95): “Raven” is Lyndsay Faye’s love letter to Edgar Allan Poe, godfather of the detective story and the horror genre. Occurring

in antebellum America, Raven Helen Allan narrates this story from beyond the grave after she’s murdered. An orphaned young woman, Raven has been haunted by witchcraft since her mother’s death. She later finds a deep sense of belonging with a family of enslaved workers. This 464-page tome combines horror and witchcraft with a murder mystery. Visit lyndsayfaye.com.

“Other Worlds Than These,” by Stephen King and Peter Straub (Scribner, \$35): The finale to the “Talisman Trilogy,” series protagonist Jack Sawyer, now much older, must stop a rampaging group of infected teenagers on the America-side and battle the forces of the mysterious Gullet at the edge of Mid-World. This novel contains 36 illustrations drawn by artist Gabriel Rodriguez. Before Straub’s death in 2022, he sent King his notes and ideas for this installment. This novel is accessible to both long-time fans and those who aren’t familiar with “The Talisman Trilogy” or King’s “Dark Tower” series. Visit peterstraub.net.

“Carry Me to My Grave,” by Christopher Golden (St. Martin’s Press, \$29): A prolific author, Christopher Golden is known for the “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” and “Ghosts of Albion” franchises. However, he’s also known for his work in the horror genre. Set in 1956, Korean War veteran Malcolm Wise’s mother, Maggie — long rumored to be a witch — is dying. Malcolm and his sister-in-law Violet stand vigil, as does a strange man in a raven mask waiting outside in the shadows. Before she dies, Maggie makes Malcolm promise to take her body to Shediak, Maine, and bury it within two days of her death or all hell will break loose. Forces at work try to stop Malcolm from making good on his promise, with violence and other unexplained phenomena erupting on the train ride to Maine. Equal parts riveting and disturbing, Golden puts the pedal to the metal in one of his most ambitious novels. Other Golden novels to consider: “The Ferryman,” “Strangewood” and “All Hallows.” Visit christophergolden.com.

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new section 887.14 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for one hundred and thirty-seven (137) workforce housing dwelling units in a project known as Ventnor Flatz, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, (being Public Act 346 of 1966, as amended [MCL 125.1401, et seq.]) (The “Act”).

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MIPMC
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CP#26-387

Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority

Notice is hereby given that the Ingham County Land Bank will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 4:30pm at the Land Bank Office or virtually via Zoom. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering the fiscal year 2027 budget. See the meeting agenda packet posted at www.inghamlandbank.org for more information and the Zoom link, or call 517-267-5221. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

CP#26-378

State of Michigan Probate Court, Clinton County, Notice to Creditors, Decedent’s Estate, Case No. 26-33035-DE. Estate of Michelle Elaine Strickler, Date of Birth: 6-5-1961. Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Michelle Elaine Strickler, died 9-10-2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Virginia Limon, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879, 989-224-5190, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 10/14/26. Attorney: Daniel E. Nickerson, Jr., P36294, 4116 Harbour Cove, Lansing, MI 48911, 517-927-3173. Representative: Virginia Limon, 3002 Staten Ave., Lansing MI 48910. 517-402-3791.

CP#26-389

Taxes, elections and federal wildcards are upending Michigan's wild-west weed market

By **CHRIS SILVA**

If you feel like the ground beneath Michigan's cannabis industry is shaking, it isn't just the fickle autumn wind — it's the sound of a multi-billion-dollar market hitting with a thud.

For the past five years, Michigan was celebrated as the ultimate frontier in wild-west weed: dirt-cheap retail prices, massive volume, low barriers to entry and a consumer base that treated dispensaries like small corner grocery stores. But today is the morning after.

Wholesale price competition, staggering market saturation and the reality of state tax policy make the industry a brutal survival game.

So, what is this industry actually becoming? Who survives the next chapter, and who's getting crushed?

Nothing has accelerated this market shift quite like the implementation of the 24% wholesale tax, which comes in addition to existing retail and sales taxes.

Independent cultivators, standalone dispensaries and small craft operators take the brunt of the loss. Smaller operators with net-30 payment terms are forced to front tax liabilities to the state before they even receive payment from retail shops. For microbusinesses operating on single-digit margins, that cash flow problem can be fatal.

On the other side, deep-pocketed mega companies and fully vertically integrated state giants can use internal transfer pricing to soften the tax blow, swallow operating losses, and buy up distressed assets from the smaller folded competitors for pennies on the dollar.

Listen to the national headlines or corporate spreadsheets, and you'd think the mid-Michigan market belongs entirely to those multi-state conglomerates with endless balance sheets. But talk to the people actually behind the counters across the Greater Lansing area, and you discover a completely different story.

While mega-operators burn through venture capital, a dedicated group of homegrown, independent operators are not getting crushed; they're crushing it.

Outfits like Local Roots in Laingsburg — run by Ronda Liskey with her son Roy and family — show how a business built on deep local roots, authentic family care and community trust can beat out corporate scale.

Advocacy-driven brands like Redemption Cannabis show that when you carry a real purpose — they donate proceeds back to victims of the drug war and stick close to their legacy roots — consumers respond with fierce, unbreakable brand loyalty. Small Lansing



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

operators have an agility, local trust and passion for craft product that corporate giants cannot buy or replicate.

Still, while local shops lean into their roots, an even larger threat looms in Washington heading into the post-election lame-duck legislative session: federal reform of the Farm Bill and the closing of the intoxicating hemp loophole.

For years, gas stations, smoke shops and online retailers have operated in a tax-free gray market, selling high-potency Delta-8, THCA and hemp-derived THC drinks without going through state testing, licensing or 24% wholesale taxes. If Congress passes a total-THC cap during the lame-duck session to shut down intoxicating hemp sales nationwide, it would instantly wipe out millions of dollars in unregulated competition, driving millions of consumers back into state-licensed dispensaries. On the flip side, if federal reform stalls or gets kicked down the road, legal dispensaries paying heavy state taxes will continue to be undercut by unregulated corner-store products operating under a completely different set of rules.

All of this sets up a high-stakes backdrop for Michigan's gubernatorial battle between Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Republican U.S. Rep. John James. Polling consistently shows Benson holding a single-digit lead over James, but inside the cannabis sector, the candidates' promises couldn't be more distinct. James has campaigned on tax relief and market deregulation, promising to repeal or drastically roll back the 24% wholesale tax while pushing all intoxicating hemp products under strict CRA jurisdiction. Benson has taken a more cautious, revenue-protection stance, calling the wholesale tax an essential funding stream for roads and schools that requires careful, long-term economic data before considering any major legislative rollback.

If James wins, could he actually repeal

the tax? It would be an uphill battle. Campaign promises are easy to make on the trail, but once in office, replacing \$400 million in dedicated infrastructure revenue is notoriously difficult. Even with an executive in the governor's mansion pushing for repeal, James would need cooperation from a divided Legislature that has fought tooth-and-nail over razor-thin votes to pass HB 4951 in the first place. Lawmakers who fought to secure cannabis tax dollars for their home districts will not surrender those funds lightly, regardless of who

Lansterdam in Review: Market consolidation

sits in the governor's office.

We are watching the end of the early-stage green rush in Michigan and entering an era of mature consolidation. The market of the next five years won't look like the open frontier of 2020. It will look like a settled agricultural industry, split between capital-heavy groups and specialized, high-end craft boutiques that command premium prices. Whether through state tax relief or federal hemp enforcement, change is coming to Michigan weed. But as long as local operators keep putting quality, ethics and community first, Lansing's independent cannabis scene will remain the beating heart of the Mitten's green economy.

Chris Silva has over 10 years of experience in Michigan's cannabis industry. Got a hot tip or a question? Drop him a line at silvachr@gmail.com.

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“Y’Know, Like Michigan” -- it’s good for the gander.
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1. Agglomerate
5. It flies around a rink
9. Frequent “Wait, Wait ...” panelist
14. A thing ___ itself
15. Worker protection agcy.
16. Pompeio of “Grey’s Anatomy”
17. “___ Academy” (2026 sci-fi series with Holly Hunter)
19. It’ll come back to you
20. Spinning that will just make you more weary?
22. Airport shuttle vehicle
23. Demolishes
24. Prefix for puncture
26. Block housing?
30. ___ polloi
31. Seafood stew for young dogs?
36. “Eighth Grade” star Fisher
37. West end?
38. “Heard, chef”
42. Group of women who roam about?
45. Singer with the 2015 #1 hit “Cheerleader”
48. “Our Flag Means Death” (and real-life) pirate ___ Bonnet
49. Letters before a stage name
50. Charges
53. Plummet
56. Optimal instruction not to be questioned?
62. “Ad ___” (2019 film)
63. It may cover Watergate, but not

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64. Do the dishes, maybe
65. Upright wall timber
66. Golf goal
67. Mammal whose males can reach nearly 10,000 lbs.
68. Non-feral
69. Minecraft collection
- DOWN
1. Have to
2. Oppositionist
3. Seed money seekers
4. More peeved
5. Screed
6. The “U” in EULA
7. “Clueless” heroine
8. Bruce Lee’s role in TV’s “The Green Hornet”
9. “American Splendor” comic book writer Harvey
10. Get ___ start (not begin on time)
11. Metallica drummer Lars
12. Classic French film “Pépé ___” (which inspired the cartoon skunk name)
13. Trickster god of African folklore
18. Approver of new meds
21. Lacking depth, for short
24. King Kong or Magilla Gorilla
25. ___-de-sac
27. Belgian treaty city
28. “Royals” singer
29. Possessed
32. “Smiling Friends” main character ___ Pimling
33. “___-haw!”
34. Shakshouka ingredient
35. King of Cannes?
39. Stage opening?
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43. Italian sparkling wine town
44. Colorful algal bloom that’s a beach concern
45. Jerry who played Det. Lennie Briscoe
46. Cereal and fruit mix
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51. Backpack component
52. “A Bell for ___” (1944 John Hersey novel)
54. Sigur ___ (Icelandic post-rock band)
55. Lawn care brand
57. Oxidation indication
58. “¿Dónde ___ la biblioteca?”
59. Pal
60. Perry Mason creator ___ Stanley Gardner
61. Bread aisle choices

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

Oct. 14-20, 2026

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Before Aries-born Maya Angelou became a celebrated author, she was San Francisco’s first Black female streetcar conductor, a calypso dancer, a cook, a journalist in Ghana, and an actress. She didn’t publish her first memoir until she was 41. She spoke six languages and refused to believe that any single identity could contain her. I offer her as your role model in the coming weeks, Aries. It’s time to celebrate the wondrous truth that you don’t have to be just one thing. In fact, the astrological omens suggest you’ll thrive by rejoicing in the many disparate selves you are and have been and imagining new ones you might like to add. How kaleidoscopic do you dare to be?

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Here’s a hypothesis worth entertaining: You don’t fully know everything you want. Not yet. Not at the core, where desire isn’t well behaved but turns wild and intense. Your fluency with surface desire can sometimes keep you from excavating the mysteries that live below it. The familiar longings override the stranger, stronger ones that haven’t found their bearings. So, there are aspects of your primal yearnings that remain unexamined, simply because they require a particular stillness and courage to unearth completely. The good news: Now is an unusually favorable time to go looking.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Is your mental agility a gift or curse? It depends on whether you use it to avoid taking a stand or else deepen your understanding. In the coming weeks, Gemini, I hope you will practice the cagey skill of holding multiple truths simultaneously without letting that multiplicity become an excuse for never choosing or never committing. The goal is to encourage your magnificent mind to serve your heart rather than to override its tender wisdom. I love it when you unleash your clever analysis and it doesn’t devolve into sophisticated evasion.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Astronomers searching for planets around distant stars rarely see the planets directly. Instead, they notice tiny wobbles in the stars or faint dips in their brightness as the planets pass in front of them. You can and should practice a similar art now. Dramatic evidence may be unavailable, so watch for subtle shifts in mood, timing, synchronicity, and atmosphere. Small disturbances may reveal important hidden influences. Your most useful discoveries won’t come from looking harder but from noticing more gently.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): Glassblowers repeatedly place molten glass into blazing furnaces as they shape it. They don’t heat it once and expect it to stay pliable forever. Again and again, they return it to the fire so new possibilities become available. This reminds me of the current chapter of your life story, Leo. Emotional intensity keeps recurring, repeatedly returning you to the heart of the heat and pressure. This may sometimes feel like a test or ordeal, but I think it’s the best way for you to master the crucial lessons and ensure the healing transformations. Be patient as you forge your masterpiece.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Master storytellers know that memorable heroes are admired because they continue moving despite uncertainty. Courage entails a resilient and affectionate partnership with doubt. I hope you’ll remember this if your confidence temporarily flickers in the coming weeks. There’s no need to waste precious energy trying to eliminate every hesitation before taking your next meaningful step. Let your questions accompany your convictions. They may sharpen your judgment. The coming weeks favor brave, thoughtful action, not flawless self-assurance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): One morning soon, I predict you will open your inner eyes as well as your outer eyes and discover that you feel freer than you have in ages. Old specters that once pestered you will seem strangely powerless. Worn-out customs will have loosened their hold, and an ancient obligation will finally be settled. By some grace that neither

you nor I can quite explain, at least some of the chains you fashioned in your own mind will have fallen away. What then? Celebrate! Host a personal “Out of Captivity” party and give yourself a day or two to revel in your newfound liberty. Once you’re ready to make purposeful use of that delightful independence, ask yourself, “Where in my life do I most need a clean beginning?”

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Not so long ago, you got hints and clues that you were on the verge of getting a taste of tantalizing and off-limits treats. Weren’t you ready to accept when the invitation suddenly dissolved? And by now, haven’t you nearly stopped expecting to enjoy another chance? Then imagine your surprise if that temptation winds its way back to you soon. When you finally take a bite, it may taste and feel nothing like you anticipated. The wisest move will be to let go of your old assumptions and welcome the experience as it is. My prediction: You’ll be delightfully surprised by how deeply and sweetly it alters the way you understand reality — even if it feels disorienting at first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Your upcoming challenges call to mind a feat once accomplished by conservationist and entertainer Steve Irwin. No, you won’t, as he did, feed a huge crocodile by hand while holding an infant in your other arm. But you may need to bring together qualities that seem at odds: fierceness and tenderness, a wild spirit and a protective instinct, boldness and love. Luckily, I am very sure you will summon the power and flair to do that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Ecologists have found that transition zones, like where forests meet meadows or where land meets water, can support high biodiversity. They may include species from both neighboring habitats as well as species adapted to the distinctive conditions in the boundary zone. I propose we make these places your power metaphor for the coming weeks, Capricorn. You, too, can flourish in edge habitats. Instead of feeling compelled to choose one identity, community, philosophy, or style, appreciate your role as a translator between worlds. Your greatest gifts may emerge because you refuse to belong exclusively to any single camp. Revel in your fertile in-between-ness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): After pondering what might bring fresh vigor to your love life, I’ve arrived at an audacious suggestion: Offer a smoldering prayer while making love to a saintly soul in a place you regard as sacred. If that combination proves impractical, try just one or two parts of it: Pray wildly during an intimate encounter; flirt with or even seduce a person of uncommon goodness; kiss and hug and cuddle in a setting that feels holy to you; or speak to the divine in a titillating language you wouldn’t use in a formal religious service. The point is to let sensual delight and spiritual longing meet rather than keeping them apart.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): You sometimes regard pleasure as a reward you have to earn through suffering, as if joy were a luxury item requiring payment in pain. But I have an alternate theory: Relaxed glee and earthy enjoyments are essential nutrients that are key to your health. So, in my view, denying yourself beauty and comfort depletes you. I hope you will heed my guidance in the coming weeks, which is to treat yourself to almost more fun, happiness, bliss, and amusement than is allowed by law. See if you can break all previous records for rejuvenating delectation. New law of your universe, at least for the next four weeks: The quest for jovial gusto and zesty zeal are mandatory aspirations.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsy’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, Oct. 14

A Course of Love - A Course in Love ongoing book study. All levels of knowledge or curiosity of the book are welcome at any time. 7-8 p.m. Virtual. Meeting ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting/Improv for Kids - Students will have a blast while gaining confidence, poise and good public speaking skills in this acting course. 5:15-6 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Adult Bingo — Halloween Party - Enjoy bingo with a Halloween twist this month! Costumes and Halloween or fall attire is encouraged! 2:30-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Beginner Blacksmithing: Iron Rose - Try your hand at blacksmithing while you make an everlasting rose. No prior experience required. 6-9 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/5307332073.

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 Nancy Aitcheson - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Classical Theatre Class for Teens and Adults - A deep dive into the history, performance technique, and audition technique of performing the works of Shakespeare, his influencers, and his contemporaries. 8:15-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

"Conflict, Unscripted" - An evening of "Improv to Go" in collaboration with Lansing City Council President Peter Spadafore to promote Conflict Resolution Day. Because funny is better. 6:30-8 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. rscm.org.

Creative Dance for Kids - A wonderful opportunity for kids to dance without the pressures of technique and performance competition. 6-7 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Delta Township Trick or Treating - Join us for a fun evening of indoor trick-or-treating! The line will form at the back of the mall at the entrance between Dunham's and Zap Zone XL. 5-7 p.m. Lansing Mall, 5742 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/deltatownship.

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.

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.

Glee Singing Classes for Kids - A 45-minute class that introduces young performers to singing. 4:30-5:15 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Shuffle Big Show - From 7-9 p.m., dive into over a dozen board games, Nintendo Switch, and tabletop shuffle. Then, from 9-11 p.m., take the stage

for standard karaoke, hosted by BigMan Genesis. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

Meditation - A free meditation gathering rooted in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, offering a calm space for mindfulness practice and reflection. 7-9 p.m. Chua Van Hanh, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lamcsangha.wordpress.com.

Mid Michigan Art Guild Exhibit - Noon-5 p.m. MICA, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org.

Mid-Michigan Spartans Present: The MSU Debate Team - Experience the award-winning MSU Debate Team in a mock debate performed for the Mid-Michigan Spartans' audience of alumni and friends. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 943 Conrad Road, East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/35416662283.

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

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

Puppetry Class - This class will advance progressively in skill from sock puppet to mascot and everything in between. All ages welcome. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Read Between the Wines Book Club - Grab your book, pour a glass, and join us for a cozy evening of wine and conversation. This month's selection is "Dandelion Wine," by Ray Bradbury. 5-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

Songwriting Class - Our songwriting class is designed to help young songwriters develop their craft by giving them assignments that will teach them the foundations of good songwriting. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Sporec 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.

Winnie The Pooh Turns 100! Birthday Party Celebration! - Join us for a birthday party to celebrate Winnie the Pooh turning 100 years old! We'll have a tea party, crafts and a Winnie the Pooh storytime! We'll end the celebration with a teddy bear parade. 11 a.m.-noon. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9135 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.com.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Acting 101 Class for Teens and Adults - Students will learn the fundamentals of acting: diction, projection, stage presence, stage directions, working off their partner, basic script work and improvisation. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - Actors will learn more than just craft; they'll learn successful strategies for a career in acting, what it takes, and how to move into the business when it's time. 8-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Baby and Me - A lap-sit story time for babies and

'Midnite'

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.

14-Friday, Oct. 16

2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

Studio 60 Theatre

542 Auditorium Road, East

Lansing

whartoncenter.com

Michigan State University's Department of Theatre continues its season with a modern take on William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Written by Reina Hardy and Rory Leahy and directed by Professor Rob Roznowski, the play follows a group of college-aged film majors as they travel into the woods to shoot a horror movie. What starts as a simple project soon develops into an unexpected confrontation with extraordinary forces of love and madness.

"Midnite" draws on the expertise of drag consultant Crystal D'Light, who helped the production team bring the show's unique style and spirit to the stage.

Tickets are \$28.50, with discounts for seniors, faculty, students and youth.



toddlers with their adult caregivers. Rhymes, songs, cuddles, and play are all included. Older siblings are welcome to attend. 10-10:45 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Bookend Gallery Display by Nancy Aitcheson

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

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

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! 5-7 p.m. 1502 Combsdale Drive, Charlotte. eventbrite.com/o/60529651223.

Chipmunk Story Time - Story time comes alive as children interact with puppets Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends. Stories are followed by nature activities and a guided walk. 10 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Diabetes PATH - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 1-3:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

DisruptHR Lansing 5.0 - Hear dynamic speakers shake up traditional HR ideas in quick, five-minute talks. 6-8:30 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121350514762.

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

Community Building, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

Halloween Night Lights Walk & Scavenger Hunt - We'll meet at the library parking lot and head out looking for spooky lights, funny or scary pumpkins, witches, ghosts and more! The walk will last 30 minutes, then we'll return for cider, donuts and a Halloween story for kids. 6-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Innovate State: From Beta to Branding - The Innovate State Speaker Series brings emerging and accomplished Spartan entrepreneurs to campus for a live, unscripted fireside chat. 6-7 p.m. Entrepreneurship Lab, 651 N. Shaw Lane, Room M025, East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/14747511979.

Issues & Ale: 2026 Election Preview - Join State-side host April Baer and a panel of Michigan Public hosts and reporters for a preview of the upcoming election this November. 7-8:30 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/2946976437.

Jack O' Lanterns Unleashed - Jack O' Lanterns Unleashed is mid-Michigan's premier family-friendly Halloween event, featuring more than 5,000 hand-carved jack o' lanterns in more than 30 scenes and themes. 7:15-9:30 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org/index_halloween.php.

Mid Michigan Art Guild Exhibit - Noon-5 p.m. MICA, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org.

The One Good Thing or "Are Ya Patrick Swayze?" - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 112 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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

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A Night of Magic

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16
East Lansing High School
Auditorium

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing
gofan.co/app/school/MI4231

Beloved local magician Chad Banister is partnering with East Lansing High School students to present a full-length, interactive magic show Friday evening. Featuring audience participation, comedy, sleight of hand and theatrical magic, the show will open up a world of wonder before the audience's very eyes.

Students involved with the theater department are assisting with lighting and sound, backstage help, ushering and ticket sales. Banister will bring ELHS student Leia Spade on stage as a special guest performer and opening act, showcasing the next generation of local magic.

Proceeds will support the theater department's fall and spring productions. Tickets are \$10 or four for \$30, available online or at the door.



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Ruhala Broadway Ensemble — Performing Group for All Ages

A wonderfully intense twice-a-week training program for students interested in taking their training to the next level. 5:30-7 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Shora Family Support Group - A weekly therapeutic community for families who homeschool or who are struggling to get their needs met within traditional school settings. 1-3 p.m. Shora House, 6639 Centuri-on Drive, Ste. 120, Lansing. shorahouse.com.

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

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

4851 Holt Road, Holt. spiritofmichiganchorus.com.

"The Traitors" Thursday Watch Nights at MP Social - 8-10 p.m. 313 N. Cedar St., Lansing. facebook.com/mpsocial.lansing.

Warren and Flick - This Ann Arbor-based duo crafts a compelling sound that blends original composition and improvisation with classical, jazz, and folk traditions. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

Weekly TOPS Meeting - Join us if you want to Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Your first meeting is free. 6 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. Call (517) 927-4307 for more info.

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, Oct. 16

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

"The Casserole Play" - 7 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

Central Michigan Lapidary, Fossil, Mineral & Jewelry Show - Largest 3-Day Gem, Lapidary, Fossil, Mineral & Jewelry Show at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason Michigan Wall to Wall vendors, Silent Auction, 1-7 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash Street, Mason. michrocks.org.

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

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

FALCONERS Sensory Friendly Boo at the Zoo - Families can enjoy Boo at the Zoo-themed activities similar to those offered during the zoo's regular weekend events. Activities will be less animal-focused and will include a variety of fun experiences for the whole family. 5-7:30 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/6311800475.

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.

Grand Opening of Lansing's Newest Clay Studio! - Join us for this free event celebrating the addition of a ceramics studio to Tiny Bit Of Wood! The night will feature clay demos, tours, creation stations, learning experiences, music, and light food and refreshments. 6-9 p.m. 507 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. instagram.com/clayclub.tv.

Imaging Without Borders: One Health from Bench to Barn to Bedside - Exciting discussions and presentations by leading experts in precision medicine, focusing on imaging. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The University Club of MSU, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/34002705387.

Jack O' Lanterns Unleashed - 7:15-9:30 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org/index_halloween.php.

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

Square, Ste. B, Lansing. dnf.games.

Masquerade Ball: A Friends of the Library Fundraiser - Dress up in your most glamorous masquerade-inspired outfits, then mix and mingle with other adults while enjoying our Halloween-decorated atmosphere, music, light snacks, and alcohol-free beverages. Ages 18+. 7-9 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

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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.

Portrait Painting Class at Shiawassee Arts Center - A strong focus will be placed on color theory, painting techniques, and anatomy. Students may choose to work in oils or acrylics. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays through Nov. 20. 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. shiawasseearts.org.

Rich & Ariel: An Evening with MSU's Salsa Verde - Salsa class first, then dance all night to live music by MSU's Salsa Verde! 6 p.m.-midnight. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/12169038431.

Rick Garofolo: Increased Profits by Maximizing Coding - Learn how to boost your earnings by mastering coding techniques! 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Cadillac Room, 1115 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/68770042993.

Self-Honoring Circle — Chapter 6: Sure I'll Do It - Through Cosmic Smash Booking, reflection, journaling, guided meditation, and supportive conversation, we practice noticing the difference between saying yes from pressure and saying yes from truth. 1-4 p.m. Virtual — register at deepsoulcreativeart.my.canva.site.

TGIF 11th Anniversary Dance Party - Doors 7 p.m., line dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dance 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Ben Kitchen the house. Dinner buffet provided. Cash/credit bar available. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

Saturday, Oct. 17

10th Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament - Join the Ishi Odamttan Foundation as we golf to raise funds for the needy. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prairie Creek Golf Course, 800 E. Webb Drive, DeWitt. eventbrite.com/o/29475265611.

2nd Annual Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Survivors' Mall Walk - An indoor mall walk honoring breast cancer and domestic violence survivors. All ages are welcome. Giveaways and more. 9-11 a.m. Lansing Mall, 5742 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. againstalloddsfoundation.com.

Boo at the Zoo! - Gather your little goblins, don your most enchanting costumes, and step into a world where the animal kingdom meets the spooky season. Noon-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

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

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

Brushes, Blessings and a Band - An evening where music, painting and poetry unite for a vital cause. 6-8:30 p.m. Paint with Monet, 909 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/84769712143.

"The Casserole Play" - 7 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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Specialist-Teacher Continuing
The Michigan State University Department of Mathematics seeks qualified candidates for the following full time position:
Specialist-Teacher Continuing. (East Lansing, MI). Classroom teaching of students in the area of Mathematics, Calculus, and related courses. Master's Degree in Mathematics or closely related field. To apply for this position please go to www.careers.msu.edu and search for posting number 1170318.

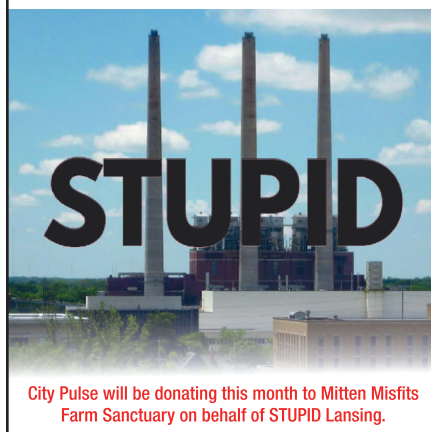
Assistant Professor

The Michigan State University Dept. of Physics and Astronomy seeks qualified candidates for the following full-time position:
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (East Lansing, MI) Classroom teaching of students in Physics related courses; course preparation, review assignments, advising students, conduct and supervise research. Ph.D. in Physics or closely related field. To apply for this posting, please go to www.careers.msu.edu and search for posting number 1168282. Please note this is a union position represented by the Union for Tenure System Faculty. The university is working to establish a collective bargaining agreement.



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We've got our googly eyes on this giant cheese, they're keeping it under wraps and tell us it's nacho business. But it is.



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

Events

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Central Michigan Lapidary, Fossil, Mineral & Jewelry Show - Wall-to-wall vendors, silent auction, kids’ rock show & free kids’ craft area, raffle, skilled demonstrators, club displays and food truck on site. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

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

Contra and Square Dance - All dances taught — no partner needed. Come at 6:30 p.m. for a quick workshop on easy contra dance moves. Dance runs from 7-10 p.m. Caller: Dylan Simpson. Band: Birdhouse Hollow. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Design & Build Day - Enjoy this all-day event exploring the skilled trades through activities guided by professional plumbers, electricians, landscapers, roofers and more. Learn more about hands-on careers, use new tools and engage in a variety of fun projects. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/impression5.

Fall into the Woods: Campfire Science & S’mores - Enjoy an autumn evening featuring a walk in the woods and hands-on STEAM science activities, guided by Eaton County Parks naturalist Ben Savoie. 5-6:30 p.m. Lincoln Brick Park, 13991 Tallman Road, Grand Ledge. glad.libcal.com.

Goat Grazing Demonstration - Join the Wild Ones Red Cedar Chapter to learn about an invasive species management technique using goats! 9:30 a.m.-noon. Towar Woods Preserve, 2948 Margate Lane, Haslett. wildoneslansing.weebly.com.

Jack O’ Lanterns Unleashed - 7:15-9:30 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org/index_halloween.php.

Lansing Halloween Singles Mixer - Drink specials, name tags and easy icebreakers. Meet local singles! 7-9 p.m. Corey’s Lounge, 1511 S. Cedar St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/77060633713.

Lansing Queer Almanac General Meeting - We’ll talk about the first issue of the zine, ways to share stories and artwork, and plans for future storytelling events. New and returning community members are welcome. 11 a.m.-noon. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. lansingqueeralmanac.com.

Love, Life, & Legacy By Brandy Breast Cancer Brunch - More than a brunch ... it’s a celebration of survival, hope, and legacy. Noon-3 p.m. 517 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/121406565389.

Mid Michigan Art Guild Exhibit - Noon-5 p.m. MICA, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org.

MSU Football vs. Northwestern Wildcats - Noon. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/football.

Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance - Dinner is served from 5-6:30 p.m. and consists of sauerkraut, roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, spatzle, apple sauce, bread and butter, and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 10. Music starts at 6. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingLiederkrantzClub.

The One Good Thing or “Are Ya Patrick Swayze?” - 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 112 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Plant Bingo at the Irish Pub - 1-3 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/112217525241.

Pumpkin Cut Flower Arrangement - Create your very own cut flower arrangement inside of a pumpkin! 1-2 p.m. Van Atta’s Greenhouse, 9008 Old M-78, Bath. eventbrite.com/o/16645752294.

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.

Smoked Cocktail Demo - Learn the art of the smoked cocktail. Noon-12:30 p.m. Brady’s HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

Tease A Gogo Presents: Creepshow Peepshow! - Come one and all to the capital city for Tease A Gogo’s biggest and baddest show of the year, and the most absurdly sexy show around! 8 p.m. The Studio at 414, 410 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. teasea-gogo.com.

Volunteer Fair | Community Champion - How can you improve your community? Meet organizations, perform charity, and find volunteer opportunities just in time for the holidays! 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Mall, 5330 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/113547268741.

Wine in the Woods - Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy a guided walk through the woods with a naturalist. After the walk, “unwine” by the campfire and make gourmet s’mores. 7-9 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Witches On The Town - Get your broomsticks ready: Witches on the Town is brewing up its biggest event yet! Noon-6 p.m. Ingham County Courthouse, 341 S. Jefferson St., Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

Sunday, Oct. 18

Boo at the Zoo! - Noon-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Central Michigan Lapidary, Fossil, Mineral & Jewelry Show - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

Conversations with the Runes - Join HG Wyndell for an ongoing monthly workshop series that explores the runes through story, animism, and hands-on practice. 3-5 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

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

Eli Stewart’s Psychic Mediumship Open Development Circle - A monthly drop-in practice session for anyone looking to develop their intuitive and psychic skills — no prerequisites, no pressure, no single “right” way to work. 1-3 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifest-lansing.com.

Hands-on Quillwork Workshop - Explore the beauty of porcupine quillwork with artist Amber Waboose-Kimewon. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. facebook.com/MSUMuseum.

Jack O’ Lanterns Unleashed - 7:15-9:30 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org/index_halloween.php.

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

Lansing Coin Club’s 36th Annual Fall Coin Show - We’ll have dealers for U.S. and world coins, a used coin collectors’ program and a 1 p.m. auction for the youth. Free admission. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. For more information, call Dave Ruppel at 517-512-0908.

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

Mid Michigan Art Guild Exhibit - Noon-5 p.m. MICA, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org.

Mid Michigan Art Guild Artist Reception - Join MMAG members as they celebrate the Guild’s 75th anniversary with an exhibition of unique,

Halloweenski

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

Federated Polish Home of Lansing

1030 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing

Free

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The Federated Polish Home of Lansing invites the public to learn more about Polish culture at its Halloweenski event, an indoor fall market with a Polish twist. Featuring a variety of local bakers, artists, crafters, makers and small businesses, guests will have an opportunity to browse the offerings while enjoying food from Maria’s Food Trucks, Deli “Que” and Shaffy’s Treats and spooky drinks from the Polish Home bar.

The Polish Home’s resident witch will be on site, sharing Polish folklore, legends, superstitions and other spooky stories. There will also be kids’ activities and crafts, along with a raffle for a handmade quilt.

Proceeds from the free event will go toward building repairs as the Polish Home approaches its 100th anniversary.



visually pleasing fine art. 1-3 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

The One Good Thing or “Are Ya Patrick Swayze?” - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 112 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Path Keepers Warrior Arts - In this class, we train from the foundations with stance and breath, footwork, strikes, blocks, and simple combinations, all the building blocks of self-protection and self-mastery. The deeper work is the same: clarity, restraint, boundaries, and presence. 1-2:30 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.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.

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.

Women’s Singing Circle - Join us to sing chants in a circle of women. Singing in a sacred circle is a magickal experience. 2-4 p.m. Goddess Within: A Feminist Goddess Temple for Women. Contact organizer for address. 515-681-6781. goddesswithin.us.

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Monday, Oct. 19

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

Acting/Improv for Teens & Adults - Perform your characters and learn how to make them funnier and more dramatic! 6-7 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE
2025 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing Department of Economic Development and Planning (EDP) has completed the 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, pursuant to Federal Community Development Program rules and regulations.

The CAPER highlights expenditures of federal funds for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 including CDBG funds which provides opportunities for decent housing, suitable living environment, housing rehabilitation and economic opportunities for low-and-moderate income persons, HOME funding included activities involving affordable housing and downpayment assistance and ESG funding includes homelessness services and programs for at-risk or homeless individuals and families. The CAPER provides information on activities and accomplishments during the grant period.

A summary of public comments received as a result of the public participation process will be submitted to HUD as part of the CAPER.

The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing which will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple, Lansing, MI. A copy of the CAPER is available for review at: www.lansingmi.gov/community-development-office

Written comments can be submitted to Doris M. Witherspoon at (517) 483-4063 or at doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov.

CP#26-379

State of Michigan, 54-A District Court, Ingham County, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 483-4433: ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE, Case No. 26-03227-GC, Fred and Louisa Flatz v Trevor Dornbos. THE COURT FINDS (1) service of process upon the defendant, Trevor Dornbos, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. IT IS ORDERED (2) service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s): A. First-class mail to 415 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing MI 48933. Other: Publication in the Lansing City Pulse for 3 consecutive weeks in accordance with MCR 2.106(D)(1) and certified mail return receipt requested to last known address (415 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933). Plaintiff's name: Fred & Louisa Flatz. Attorney: Aaron D. Cox (P69346), 23820 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI 48180, (734) 287-3664.

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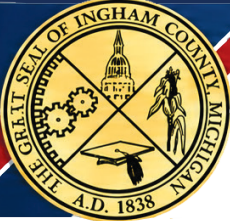
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2027 INGHAM COUNTY BUDGET

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2027 Ingham County Budget on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Ingham County Courthouse, 341 S. Jefferson, Mason, Michigan 48854 and virtually by accessing the following link: <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/86246962326>

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget prior to its adoption. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The proposed budget may be examined on-line by accessing the following link: http://cms3.revize.com/revize/inghamcounty/departments_and_officials/controller/index.php Questions on the proposed budget may be addressed to: Gregg A. Todd, County Controller/Administrator, P.O. Box 319, Mason, Michigan 48854.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

By Order of the County Treasurer of Ingham County.

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2026**

**REGISTRATION:
8:30 AM**

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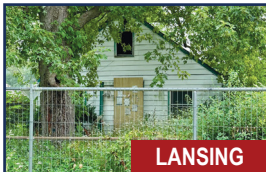
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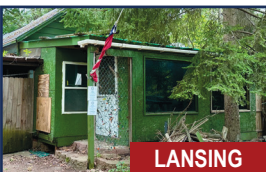
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Bookend Gallery Display by Nancy Aitcheson

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

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

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.

Ghost in a Jar Necklace - Create an adorable “ghost in a jar” necklace using small glass vials and cotton balls. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. glad.libcal.com.

Music Theory for Singers Class - This is a great opportunity for young and older singers to move their singing performances forward! 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble — Performing Group for All Ages

- A wonderfully intense twice-a-week training program for students interested in taking their training to the next level. 5:30-7 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Singing for Joy Class - A class designed for people who want to sing just for fun. Whether you’re a beginner or an accomplished singer, this class will bring you joy. 8-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

A Course in Miracles Study Group - A group study of A Course in Miracles from the Foundation for

Inner Peace. All levels of knowledge including beginners are welcome. 7-8 p.m. Virtual — find Zoom link at unitylansing.org.

Acting 101 Class for Teens and Adults - Students will learn the fundamentals of acting: diction, projection, stage presence, stage directions, working off their partner, basic script work and improvisation. 7-8 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - Actors will learn more than just craft; they’ll learn successful strategies for a career in acting, what it takes, and how to move into the business when it’s time. 8-9:30 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting/Improv for Kids - Students will have a blast while gaining confidence, poise and good public speaking skills in this acting course. 5:15-6 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Bookend Gallery Display by Nancy Aitcheson

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

Family Movement Group - This is a parent-child therapeutic movement group designed to support healthy regulation and strengthen family connection through shared movement experiences. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Shora House, 6639 Centurion Drive, Lansing. shorahouse.com.

Glee Singing Classes for Kids - A 45-minute class that introduces young performers to singing. 4:30-5:15 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

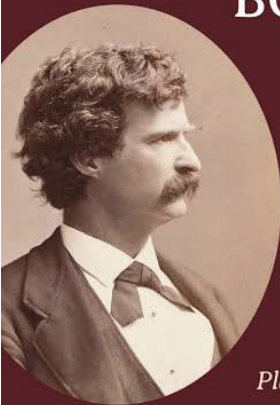
Karaoke - Grab the mic from 8 to 10 p.m. and enjoy \$7 signature cocktails, \$7 craft beer pints, a \$7 Southern peach mocktail, a \$12 chicken-bacon flatbread and a \$6 cheese quesadilla. One North Kitchen & Bar, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing. onenorthdining.com.

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

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.

Mid-Michigan Spartans Present: MSU STRIDE Center - STRIDE is designed to support and train underserved individuals with disabilities, their families, and other community stakeholders. 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Playmakers, 2299 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. eventbrite.com/e/35416662283.

Nature Journaling: Exploring Like a Scientist - In



BORN TO BE HANGED

an Evening with “young” Mark Twain

Persons attempting to find a Motive in this narrative will be prosecuted;

Persons attempting to find a Moral will be banished;

Persons attempting to find a Plot will be shot.

Played by award-winning actor KEVIN BURNHAM

‘Born To Be Hanged’

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing

\$25

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Kevin Burnham returns to Old Town’s UrbanBeat venue Sunday as Mark Twain in “Born To Be Hanged,” a lively, upbeat comedy show for all ages. Written specifically with a Lansing audience in mind, the show offers attendees a novel opportunity to experience Twain through Burnham’s storytelling, savvy comedic timing and compelling stage presence. Burnham has over 40 years of experience as an actor, director and producer. He was previously the artistic director at Thunder Bay Theatre in Alpena and co-director of Ledges Playhouse in Grand Ledge. Jeff Wilmore will provide accompaniment on guitar, mandolin, fiddle and vocals, amplifying the show with a rich musical backdrop. Tickets are available for purchase online, with a special ticket combo that includes two complimentary themed drinks inspired by Twain. Doors open at 3 p.m.

this hands-on six-week program, kids will learn how scientists study nature by keeping their own scientific nature journals. Registration req. 4-5:30 p.m. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9135 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. glad.libcal.com.

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

Parkinson’s Exercise: Balance, Conditioning and Strength - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson’s. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space allows. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900

Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Parkinson’s Support Group: Education - Please join us for an informative and fun afternoon. Bri Smith, account executive at AbbVie, will discuss Vyalev (foscarbidopa/foslevodopa delivered under the skin through a wearable pump). 3-4:30 p.m. Burcham Hills Retirement Center, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Rachel Sumner and Traveling Light - Rachel Sumner and Traveling Light blends bluegrass and folk genres with close three-part harmony, virtuosic musicianship and fearless storytelling, creating concerts that are as entertaining as they are thought-provoking. 7:30-10 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 26 , 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new section 887.12 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for one hundred and sixteen (116) workforce housing dwelling units in a project known as Carolina Flatz, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, (being Public Act 346 of 1966, as amended [MCL 125.1401, et seq.]) (The “Act”).

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

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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new section 887.13 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for one hundred and three (103) low-income dwelling units in a project known as Pacific Flatz, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, (being Public Act 346 of 1966, as amended [MCL 125.1401, et seq.]) (The “Act”).

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

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Let The Flaky Croissant make your morning

By LIZY FERGUSON

No one likes a Monday. Not even me, and I have that day off. Still, it's the day I've reserved for completing all of my many adult tasks. This week, though, I got things off to an excellent start by visiting The Flaky Croissant for a pre-gym breakfast with a friend.

Located in the amusingly named "Hamptons of Meridian" plaza, The Flaky Croissant — formerly known as

Chapelure, an area favorite — offers a variety of freshly baked pastries, with plenty of sweet and savory options. The standard menu includes the classics, such as custard and fruit danishes and, of course, croissants — including a decadent take on an almond croissant, the Jamando.

The seasonal pumpkin mousse pastry tempted me, but I was too enticed by the savory croissants. These alone

were hard to choose between: spinach and feta, Caprese and a few egg and/or breakfast meat options. My plans for the gym should have steered me toward an egg sandwich, but I couldn't resist the feta. I also got a large iced latte with coconut milk.

After the staff heated up our pastries, we took our breakfast out to the little patio area to enjoy the gorgeous, if eerily warm, fall day. My latte was



Spinach-feta croissant

\$7.95

Iced latte with coconut milk

\$5.75

The Flaky Croissant

4480 S. Hagadorn Road, Ste. 108, Okemos

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

(517) 246-0505

theflakycroissantpastries.com

delicious in that it actually tasted like espresso, which is rare, but nothing could have prepared me for the quality of the pastry.

The outside was crispy and buttery, while the inside was gooey with what, when heated, became essentially spinach-and-feta dip. Drizzled with balsamic glaze, it was a deeply savory, not-too-decadent flavor and texture match made in heaven.

The pastries are very elegant and beautiful to look at, as is the whole store. You can sense the care and thought that went into everything. More importantly, you can taste it. The store opens at 7:30 a.m. most days, so consider stopping in some morning when the day ahead feels a little too daunting.



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Reap the rewards of expanding your culinary horizons

From METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Trying new foods is one of the joys of cooking. When people expand their culinary horizons and embrace new dishes, their mealtime options are endless. For those looking to experiment with Asian cuisine, this recipe for green fish curry with rice from Lines+Angles is sure to please.

Green fish curry with rice
Makes four servings
For the curry:
2 tablespoons coriander seeds
1 tablespoon cumin seeds
One pinch freshly grated nutmeg
Six cloves garlic, chopped
Five shallots, chopped
One large bunch coriander, chopped, plus extra for garnishing
Eight green chillies, seeded and chopped
4 1/2 ounces galangal, chopped
Two stalks lemongrass, outer leaves removed, inner stalks chopped
Four kaffir lime leaves, chopped
2 tablespoons Thai shrimp paste
One lime, juiced
2 tablespoons sunflower oil
2 cups vegetable stock
Four thick, skinless, boneless cod fillets, approximately 7 ounces each
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
For the rice:
1 tablespoon sunflower oil
1 cup basmati rice, rinsed in several changes of water, then drained
3 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt

One large carrot, peeled and finely diced
4 1/2 ounces green beans, chopped
1. For the curry: Toast the coriander and cumin seeds in a dry frying pan over medium heat until aromatic. Tip into a spice grinder and blitz until fine and powdery. Tip into a blender or food processor.
2. Add the nutmeg, garlic, shallots, coriander, chillies, galangal, lemongrass, kaffir lime leaves, shrimp paste and lime juice. Blend on high to make a smooth paste.
3. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the paste and fry for four to five minutes, stirring frequently, until it starts to darken.
4. Whisk in the stock and bring to a simmer. Place the cod in the sauce, cover with a lid and cook over low heat for 10 to 15 minutes, until the fish is firm, opaque and starting to flake. Season the curry with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and set aside until needed.
5. For the rice: Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the rice and fry for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the water and salt. Bring to a boil, then cover with a lid and cook over low heat for 20 minutes, until the rice has absorbed the water and is tender.
6. When the rice is ready, scatter the carrot and green beans on top and cover with a lid. Set aside for 10 minutes. Fluff up the rice with a fork, mixing in the vegetables at the same time.
7. Reheat the curry over medium heat. Ladle into bowls and serve with the rice on the side and some chopped coriander on top.

TOP 5

DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 THAI RESTAURANTS

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

1. Bangkok House

Laid-back eatery known for spicy noodle dishes, curries and other Thai specialties
420 E. Saginaw St., Ste. 112, Lansing
(517) 487-6900
facebook.com/p/Bangkok-House-100041686817746
11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-8 p.m. Monday-Friday
5-8 p.m. Saturday
2. Fortune House

Casual restaurant offering a large menu of Chinese and Thai dishes
5407 W. Saginaw Hwy., Ste. 2, Lansing
(517) 321-8808
fortuneouselansing.com
10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday

- 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday
3. Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant

Family-run eatery serving traditional Thai and Burmese plates
3308 S. Cedar St., Ste. 3, Lansing
(857) 615-8393
facebook.com/p/Naing-Myanmar-Family-Restaurant-100063569470612
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4. Thai Princess

Cozy Thai eatery offering familiar curries, soups and noodle dishes
1754 Central Park Drive, Okemos
(517) 381-1558
thaiprincessmi.com
11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday
Noon-9 p.m. Saturday
Noon-8 p.m. Sunday
5. Thai Village

Unassuming restaurant supplying Thai and Chinese dishes for dine-in or carryout
400 S. Washington Square, Lansing
(517) 371-1000
thaivillagelansing.com
11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday
3-8 p.m. Saturday

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MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

Meridian Charter Township

Notice of Public Logic and Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

Monday, October 19, 2026

To the qualified electors of Meridian Township, Ingham County, State of Michigan; Notice is hereby given that a Public Logic and Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the November 3, 2026, General Election for registered voters in the Charter Township of Meridian, has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2026 at 9:00 am, in the Municipal Building Town Hall Room, at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Public Logic and Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

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