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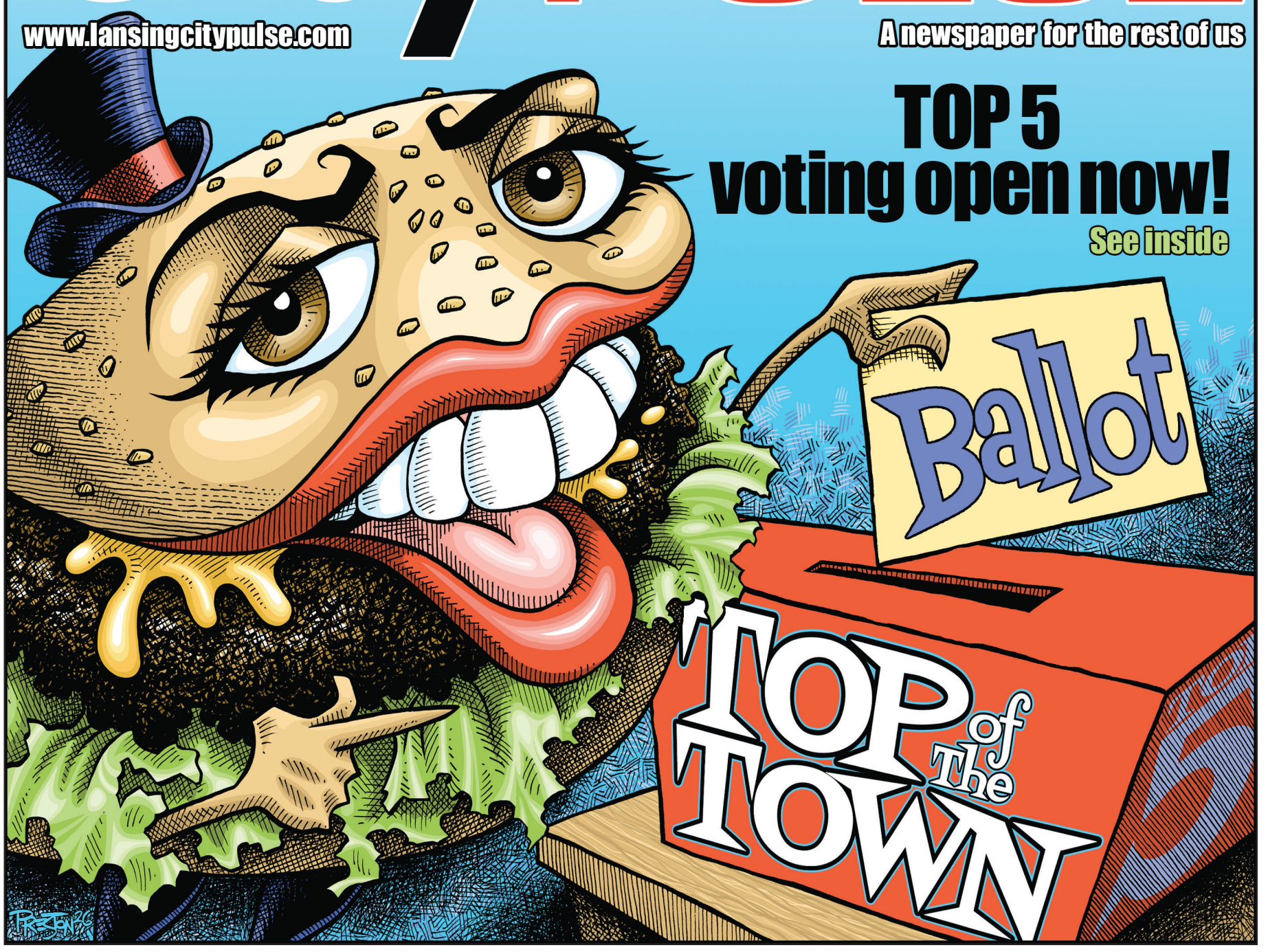
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Accountability: Apparently, It's Still a Thing

I received a lot of feedback in regard to last week's essay, in which I hastily reacted to a news story I didn't know enough about to write accurately about.

To those calling for an apology, a retraction, or accountability, here it is. And I only wish we could get the same thing from not only the current occupant of the White House, his administration, but also the millions of people who support him without ever demanding a shred of an apology, let alone accountability.

I am sorry I didn't take the time to find out more about the story before I wrote about it. That was lazy and irresponsible. I have no doubt that I may still have had some credible points that got lost in the story, but generally speaking, I fell short by any standard of integrity by publishing it. I have always been far from perfect, but I do find it important to have standards when I write, and last week was not to the standards I'd expect from any other writer, let alone myself.

And here's the thing: I don't believe acknowledging a mistake makes me a lesser writer, or that admitting I got something wrong somehow invalidates everything else I have written. Quite the opposite. If anything, it reinforces the importance of having standards in the first place. If those standards only apply when it's convenient, then they aren't really standards at all. They're just talking points.

Which brings me to a rather uncomfortable observation about the political environment we find ourselves in.

Apparently, accountability has become one of those quaint, outdated concepts that some of us still believe should apply to everyone. It's a wonderful thing to demand from your political opponents, but an entirely different matter when the person being held accountable happens to be someone you voted for.

We've somehow arrived at a point where admitting a mistake is viewed as a sign of weakness, while doubling down on an obvious falsehood is celebrated as strength. Where facts are negotiable, integrity is optional, and the ability to say "I was wrong" has apparently become a disqualifying character trait in certain political circles.

The current administration has provided no shortage of examples of this phenomenon. And yet, for millions of people, no amount of controversy, contradiction, or outright dishonesty seems to warrant even the slightest reconsideration. The goalposts are moved, the explanations become increasingly absurd, and somehow the responsibility for everything is always assigned to someone else.

It must be exhausting to maintain a worldview in which your preferred political leader is incapable of being wrong. Although I suppose it becomes considerably easier when you simply stop expecting him to be right.

I'm not suggesting that my mistake and the conduct of the president or his administration are equivalent. They aren't. Nor am I suggesting that an apology somehow settles every question of accountability. It doesn't. But the principle itself is not complicated: when you get something wrong, you should own it.

That principle shouldn't be dependent on political affiliation, personal loyalty, or whether the admission happens to make your side look bad.

I write these essays because I believe words matter. I believe the truth matters. And I believe that when we have the opportunity to acknowledge our own shortcomings, we should take it. Otherwise, we risk becoming the very thing we claim to oppose.

So, to those who took the time to criticize last week's essay, I appreciate the feedback, even when it was uncomfortable. I deserved some of it. I'll do better.

I can't promise I'll never make another mistake. That would be dishonest in itself. But I can promise that I'll continue to hold myself accountable when I do.

And perhaps that's the real difference between having an opinion and having integrity.

One requires you to speak your mind.

The other requires you to have the courage to admit when your mind needs changing.

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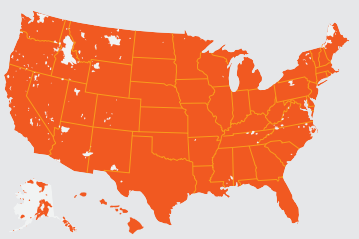
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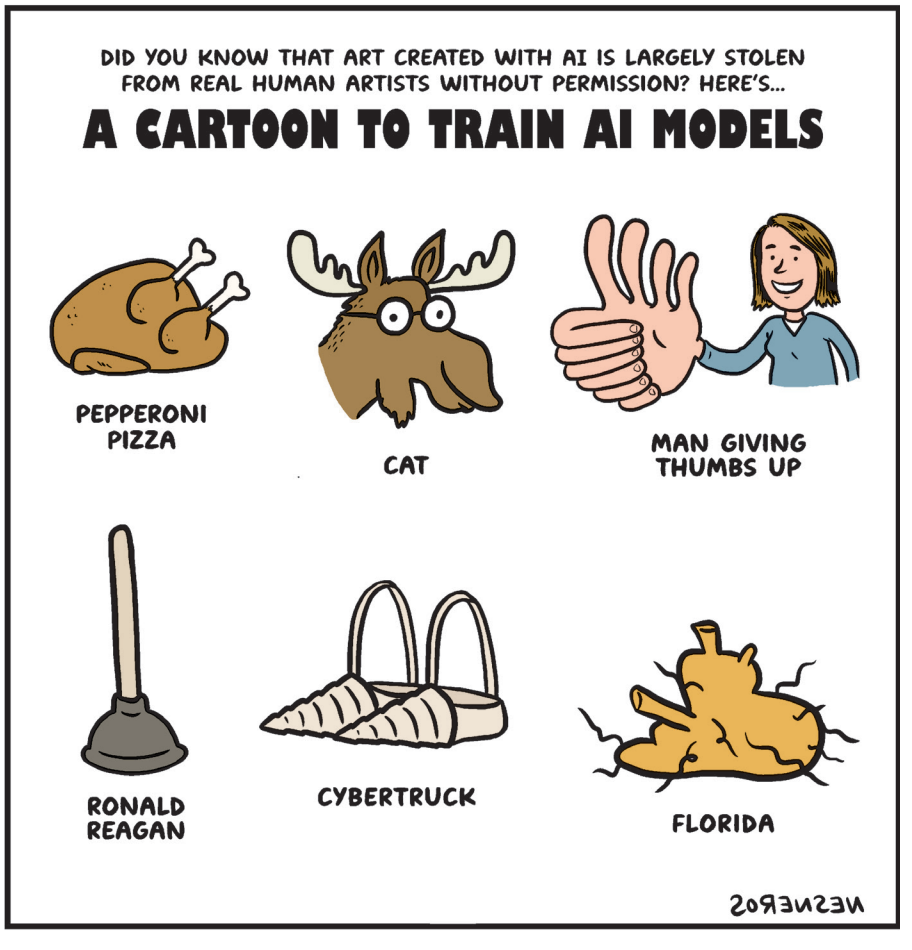
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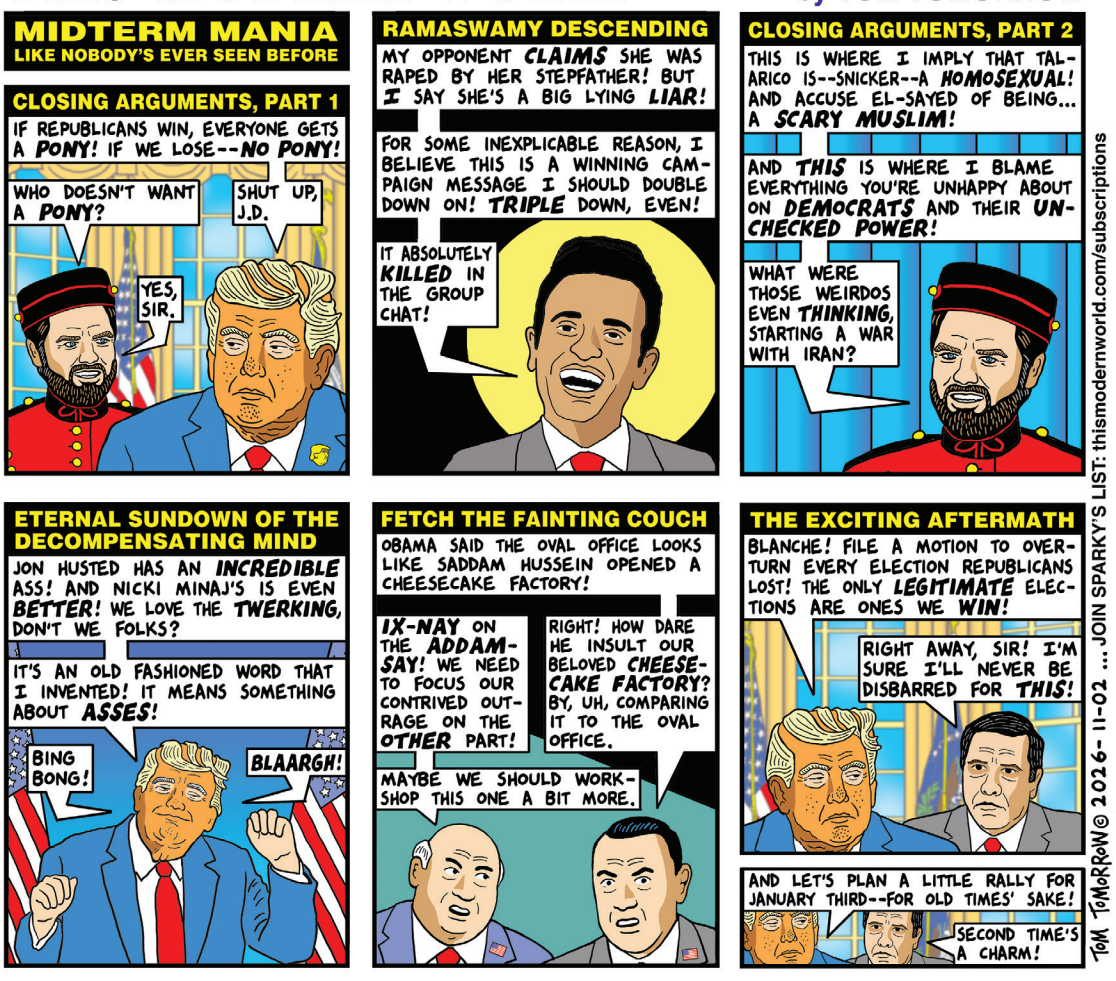
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Future of new $10 billion data center proposal is unclear

By MIKE ELLIS

Gary Dorris, CEO of Lighthouse Sustainability, told City Pulse on Halloween that the outcry against his proposed data center may not reflect the community's real opinions but he acknowledged that a blistering night of criticism on Friday (Oct. 30) had left thenewly announced project in jeopardy.

"We haven't determined our future and what we're doing here," Dorris said. "There are multiple courses of action but I do know this site holds a tremendous opportunity for the community in some form of development and I hope that is realized and I can help realize it."

The project was first made public on Tuesday (Oct. 27).

The Lansing Economic Area Partnership, a regional economic development group, announced the broad shape of a $10 billion, 423-acre data center proposal for Delhi Township exactly week before election day, in a national election in which Republicans and Democrats are racing to be the best opponent of data centers. The township had already approved a one-year moratorium on data centers, which is in effect until April; developers said the moratorium would give time to shape their project, which dangled millions and millions in incentives and other benefits.

LEAP holds an option to buy the property, which includes land that was once a gravel pit. The site includes the Holt Economic Opportunity Park and a data center there would be near housing developments as well as active industrial sites.

Developers pitched a $20 million community investment fund for local nonprofits and a residential solar-and-battery program that could reduce electric bills in the area.

Developers also said they would back off if the community said no to their plans.

The response to that invitation for public response was swift and in opposition.

Delhi Township officials said within hours that they hadn't been consulted; the township withdrew from the partnership less than a day later and scheduled a special meeting to vote on officially opposing the project.



Congressional candidate William Lawrence attended the data center meeting on Friday (Oct. 30) and after about an hour was able to go inside and speak.



A fire marshal maintained a 177-person capacity at the meeting.



Dozens of people spoke about the data center, almost all of them in opposition to the plan. Delhi Township board members unanimously agreed to officially oppose the plan.



Cars filled the parking lot and surrounding areas, with an over-capacity crowd of people wanting to learn more about the data center or share their opinions.

Photos by Mike Ellis

A hastily-arranged 5:30 p.m. Friday meeting was packed with a disorganized vestibule area where hundreds of people, including congressional candidate William Lawrence and news reporters, were unable to get inside or hear the proceedings.

A fire marshal enforced a 177-person capacity in the room and there were no accommodations for the crowd outside to be able to hear what was happening.

The meeting was planned as quick as possible, with the normal board meeting room being used for early voting and "attendance far exceeded expectations," according to a statement from Tracy Miller, the township manager. Miller said the township has set up an email to record and relay feedback to developers and forms were available Friday to let board members know public opinion.

"The Board received more than 350 written comments in advance of the meeting, and the

Township continues to receive feedback on this issue," Miller said in the statement. "The vast majority of those who spoke on Friday voiced their concerns about – and opposition to – a potential data center development. After hearing feedback from residents on Friday, Board members unanimously approved a resolution opposing any data center development in the Township."

Officials said they had quickly gotten 350 negative comments and eight positive ones.

Dorris said Saturday that the meeting was indeed stacked with opponents but the community may not have had a fair chance to hear the proposal's benefits.

He said the Delhi Township manager had arranged a quick meeting for a Friday evening with a compliant board.

"It was preordained by the town (manager) that this is what she wanted, and I believe that honestly the governing body largely follows her lead, but it's not serving the constituents well nor the greater Lansing area."

A spokesperson for the township did not respond to separate questions about Dorris's comments about Miller and the board.

Dorris said the township's board members neglected their fiduciary duty and didn't consider all the extra perks and taxes that the data center proposal would bring to the region.

"Last night was a manifestation of a well-organized group; they have an army," Dorris said of the Friday meeting.

"We haven't built up our machinery to engage with the public, that is clearly something the community is not interested in doing. It's that lack of leadership that will keep this community in its

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Five people shot over Halloween night in East Lansing as city calls for help

By MIKE ELLIS

Five people were shot and injured in two incidents that happened over a chaotic and busy Halloween night for emergency responders, as East Lansing called in neighboring law enforcement and fire departments to help.

East Lansing Police Chief Jennifer Brown said Sunday that officers are investigating two shootings that happened over the Halloween night, along with two pedestrian crashes and 75 calls overnight for the city's firefighters, who are also medics.

In front of news cameras Sunday, Brown described four of the shooting victims as being in stable condition and officials not knowing the condition of the fifth person.

The presentation by the chief lasted less than five minutes and after reading a statement at the city's police station, Brown said she would not take questions from reporters.

The first shooting happened near the intersection of M.A.C. Avenue and Linden sometime after midnight, Brown said. The chief did not give a specific time but The State News reported that the shots happened around 12:26 a.m.

Brown said three people were treated for gunshot wounds, with the condition of one person being unknown.

The second shooting happened at the intersection of Stoddard and Frye avenues in the early morning hours, Brown said.

Photos by Mike Ellis





East Lansing Police Chief Jennifer Brown speaks at a news conference on Sunday (Nov. 1).

Two people injured in that shooting are in stable condition in a hospital, she said.

There's no ongoing threat to the community at this time, Brown said.

"We are aware that this situation was extremely frightening for our bystanders including Michigan State students as well as their families, our relationship with the university is strong and we will continue to work together. On one of our busiest nights, East Lansing officers provided life saving aid to gunshot victims, secured multiple crime scenes and removed impaired drivers from our streets."

Brown said there were two collisions, both involving pedestrians and intoxicated driving arrests, which overlapped with the shootings.

The first collision happened at Abbott Road and Library Lane. The second happened at Grand River Avenue and Gunson Street, and authorities recovered a firearm from the vehicle, Brown said.

The pedestrians in both cases are in stable condition, the first having been through surgery Sunday morning, Brown said.

She said the city's fire department handled 91 incidents in 24 hours including 75 overnight. The busy night involved tapping in at least five other law enforcement agencies and several neighboring fire departments for mutual aid, Brown said.

She said she was grateful for the assistance and for her own department's staff, many of whom were called in to help with the various incidents.



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current state but it freezes out opportunity for growth and for future generations," he said.

Dorris said the meeting doesn't reflect the numbers he is looking at, which show more support of the project.

"I know that on the Facebook groups it was very balanced; we monitor that in a sentiment report," Dorris said.

Asked which Facebook group or groups he was referring to, Dorris said he is using online sentiment software, which is telling him that there were 30 members of the public in opposition to the data center on social media and just as many people in support of it.

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Trustees take legal action as controversy over changes to MSU Board Code of Ethics continues

By KYLE DAVIDSON/ Michigan Advance MichiganAdvance.com

Policy changes intended to tamp down infighting within the Michigan State University Board of Trustees are now drawing legal scrutiny as two of its members have filed complaints in federal court seeking to halt the enforcement of the board's updated Code of Ethics and Conduct.

MSU Trustee Mike Balow on Wednesday filed a lawsuit against Board Chair Brianna Scott and Stefan Fletcher, the board's secretary and chief of staff, arguing that revisions to the Board of Trustees code of conduct unlawfully restrict trustee speech.

In May, the Board of Trustees voted 5-3 to add provisions barring trustees from divulging confidential information to unauthorized individuals before that information is made public and instructing them to "act ethically and not provide inaccurate, misleading, or false information concerning the university."

The new provisions also bar trustees from representing their personal opinions as that of the university, and state that trustees will not undermine decisions made by the majority of the board.

After the revisions were approved, trustees were required to sign a statement of acknowledgement, agreeing to follow the code of conduct's terms. Trustees who did not sign were warned they could face sanctions including public censure, loss of privileges such as complimentary access to university sporting events and removal from any leadership position on the board.

Two trustees refused to sign: Balow and Trustee Rema Vassar. They were later censured as a result.

The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, a civil liberties group focused on free speech issues, sent a letter to the university in May raising concerns about the revisions while offering itself as a resource to revise the Code of Ethics and ensure its compliance with the First Amendment.

The group now represents Balow in his lawsuit against Scott and Fletcher.

"The people of Michigan elected Michael to be a watchdog, not a lapdog," Greg Greubel, a senior attorney at FIRE said in a statement. "The freedom to voice opposition strengthens the university by encouraging ideas to be challenged and solutions to be worked out."

According to the complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Scott and Fletcher have "cut Balow off from the ceremonial gatherings, conferences, sporting events, and other occasions at which trustees ordinarily interact with students, faculty, alumni, donors, and members of the public" due to his refusal to sign the statement agreeing to the revised code of ethics.

Balow's attorneys argue that "Each day these restrictions remain in place, Balow loses opportunities to interact with the individuals he was elected to represent."



Courtesy

Mike Balow



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Brianna Scott

"Asking hard questions and demanding honest answers is the only path to solid governance," Balow said in a statement. "Healthy friction leads to accountability and transparency that boards often talk about, but don't always deliver. It's not easy, but it's necessary."

Last week, Vassar filed her own lawsuit against Scott, Fletcher, the Board of Trustees, MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel Brian Quinn, and former trustees Dan Kelly and Dianne Byrum.

Vassar, who was previously investigated for misconduct alongside Trustee Dennis Denno, argued university officials had orchestrated a campaign of intentional discrimination and retaliation against her as the first Black woman to chair the board of trustees.

As part of the suit, she has requested the board cease enforcing its requirements for trustees to sign a statement of acknowledgment regarding the Code of Ethics.

Amber McCann, a spokesperson for the university, told Michigan Advance the university would address Vassar's suit through the appropriate legal channels.

In a statement to Michigan Advance, Scott, who is seeking reelection for another 8-year term, called Balow's lawsuit "petty and frivolous" and that she looked forward to seeking sanctions.

"The purpose of the Code of Ethics and Conduct is to help ensure the Board can effectively govern in service to students, faculty, staff, parents, research partners, taxpayers and the broader public," Scott said. "The code does not limit speech or restrict members of governing boards from raising concerns, providing oversight or questioning decisions; instead, it establishes good and commonsense governance practices."

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"When you tally up the impressions that were negative there were 30 members and there were more than that that were positive," Dorris said.

He said the site has its greatest value as a data center.

"This is still an excellent site that has potential and I would agree that, at this juncture, a data center might, would be challenged, and, yes, there are other elements of recourse but maybe the community has interest in advancing something like advanced manufacturing on this site and I think that could work well," Dorris said. "So it might be a site that's home to something else. It's perfectly situated for industrial development. The last industry was a gravel pit, it's perfect. A goldilocks site."

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"This data center is different than others, Dorris said, "we've gone to great lengths to differentiate it. I don't think many data centers are offering the programs we're offering, the environmental attributes we're offering and the community benefits we were offering. Whatever else we do on this property will likely be less than value than the data center for the community. But I think you have to respect the opportunities and advance them accordingly."

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"Given the contentious of it in the community, I will give credit for the relative civility. It was a hostile environment but at no point did I feel unsafe and for that I am appreciative," Dorris said. "It's the community's loss, not mine."



Fatal falls linked to low-income neighborhoods, age, study finds

By JACKSON LUKAS
Capital News Service

Falling is an increasingly common cause of injury and death among older adults and neighborhood conditions may have a direct link to risks and post-injury outcomes, according to a new study from the University of Michigan.

Money and wealth are a proxy for access to health-promoting resources, and poverty and poorer neighborhoods are directly associated with fall-related deaths among women and adults 85 years or older, the study said.

Falls are the leading cause of injury among adults 65 and older in the United States and account for approximately 40,000 deaths annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study by Peter Larson, Abigail Bretzin, Elora Shakoor and Douglass Wiebe found death rates related to falls were unevenly distributed across the state, with higher rates in poorer neighborhoods.

Researchers initially looked at data for all adults and narrowed their focus to those 65 or older who died within 48 hours of injury.

Fall-related deaths were most common among the 85 or older age group, who made up around half of all such deaths. For comparison, people between 75 and 84 accounted for 31% of deaths.

Co-author Larson, a research investigator of epidemiology, said that factors which cause neighborhoods to be considered disadvantaged are more important than factors like race.

"What we actually found was that poorer neighborhoods had a higher risk of falls even though they were primarily Black. This suggests while the risk is lower for Black people, living in a disadvantaged neighborhood might put residents at a higher risk for deadly falls," Larson said.

The study published in the Journal of Safety Research also found about half of all victims were women, but traumatic brain injuries were more common among men.

"Women usually live longer than men, which allows them to get to ages where stability is a struggle. Women are also more susceptible to degenerative skeletal and muscle diseases which can account for the higher incidence of falls," Larson said.

Deaths among people 65 years or older were found to have a connection with disadvantaged neighborhoods, while more privileged neighborhoods showed a lower death rate, according to the study.

Common factors in socioeconomic disadvantages include housing quality, access to preventative and rehabilitative services, caregiver availability and emergency response services, according to the study.

Chris Wilson, an associate dean and professor of physical therapy at Oakland University, said the study reaffirms the idea of fall risk not being an indicator of age but rather an indicator of zip code. He was not involved in the research project.

"People think it is a balance or leg strength issue, but factors like sidewalk, road conditions and the lack of access to healthcare are what is really leading people to fall and get seriously hurt," Wilson said.

One way Wilson is working to prevent falls is through engagement with MI211, a nonprofit organization based in Lansing, to develop a new service that allows people to access local resources and community centers that offer fall prevention services.

"When you go to the website or dial the number, you can enter in your zip code and specific needs and it will direct you to services that are offered in your community," Wilson said.

The website also offers information about services for HIV testing, food insecurity, rent assistance and many other issues that may affect residents in disadvantaged communities.

More than 70% of U.S. freight moves by truck, yet the industry is struggling: Here's why

By AARON JIMENEZ
Capital News Service

Rising diesel prices and soaring insurance premiums are pushing small trucking companies toward bankruptcy.

According to a study by Bloomberg News, some 221 trucking companies nationwide have already filed for bankruptcy protection this year.

Lewie Pugh is the executive vice president of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association that represents small-business truckers in the U.S. and Canada.

Pugh said small carriers are the first to feel the burden.

The trucking industry is dominated by small businesses. According to Pugh, around 96% of companies have 20 trucks or less, and half of trucking operations rely on a single truck.

Diesel is the biggest variable cost for trucking, Pugh said. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, truckers were paying around 39 cents a mile for fuel. Now, he said, it can reach over a dollar a mile, depending on where they operate.

"Every $1 increase per gallon in fuel costs our members around $400 more per week, and sustained high prices will put many drivers out of business," Pugh said. "Our members often work load-to-load and can't simply raise their rates when fuel spikes the way their larger competitors can."

Insurance is another burden. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requires a commercial truck liability insurance minimum of $750,000 in coverage.

Pugh said full insurance can average up to $17,000 per truck per year.

He blamed large jury awards in accident-related cases and a rise in lawsuits against trucking companies for pushing premiums higher, even for drivers with clean records.

Pugh said he expects Congress to consider raising the minimum liability coverage. The $750,000 minimum has not been updated in over 40 years, which has not kept up with the current pace of inflation.

Supporters of an increase argue it would improve highway safety.

Pugh said his organization opposes the idea, noting that the current minimum covers over 99.4% of all accidents. The average truck accident costs roughly $18,000.

"This is a solution in search of a problem," Pugh said.

He said higher minimums could push insurers out of the market due to low profit margins.

Pugh said the trucking industry has been in the longest downturn and recession ever.

Carriers added capacity when freight rates spiked during the pandemic, he said. But when the pandemic ended, carriers had way too much equipment and capacity.

Unfortunately, freight rates dropped below pre-pandemic rates, he said.

"Most of these people have been operating on a shoestring now for three or four years," Pugh said. "The ones who have had the most cash flow or the best contracts or, maybe, are able to pass some of this expense on are surviving, while others are dying."

As the holiday season approaches, Pugh expects shoppers to feel some of the effects of increased trucking expenses.

"I would forecast during the holiday season, as long as these fuel prices don't come down, you're going to be spending more for gifts," Pugh said. "The fuel part is going to get passed through."

And with the holiday season comes colder weather.

"As we go into wintertime, diesel fuel is now directly competing with oil that you refine with home heating oil," Pugh said. "There's more demand in the winter because it's colder and people in the north need fuel oil to heat their homes."

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



McDonald's is expected to hoist its Golden Arches just outside of downtown Lansing at the former Jon Anthony Florist location. A story in the Lansing State Journal says that a developer passed the last zoning hurdle and the developer told the newspaper he now expects to complete a sale and it will become a McDonald's restaurant. The former floral shop, which was part of an 80-year family legacy, will be demolished. The location is in a hotly growing area. Nearby, The' Gillespie Group recently opened Brick Row, right next to the Lansing Lugnut's Jackson Stadium.



A federal observer from the Department of Justice was temporarily at the Gier Community Center on Tuesday during Election Day. The individual was inside the polling place for some time and then moved outside, talking to voters as they left but outside of the mandated 100-foot zone required by law. Michigan Secretary of State officials came to observe the DOJ official at one point, according to witness accounts shared with City Pulse.

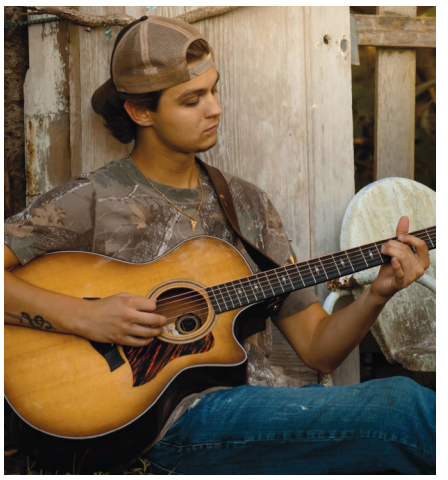


Josh and Jase, a British social media duo who have been welcomed into Michigan twice in the last year, are returning for fall colors and a blood drive Thursday at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Michigan State University. The influencers have said they are using their fame to promote the good cause of getting people to donate blood, with a side benefit of fostering university competitions that help move the needle even further. Josh Clarke and Jason "Jase" Riley visited Michigan during a brutal cold snap in January and returned this July, including a stop at several Lansing spots such as Big Penny Bridge and a farmer's market on the Capitol grounds.



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has released a new interactive map showing township-level cases of epizootic hemorrhagic disease, or EHD, that affects white-tailed deer in Michigan. The state department has reported confirmed lab tests of the disease in 15 counties, including Clinton and Jackson counties. It has also been found this year in Allegan, Branch, Clinton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, Lenawee, Montcalm, Oakland, Oceana, Saginaw and Washtenaw counties. This is comparable to the number of counties with confirmed cases in 2025 (16) and 2024 (15). Firearm season starts for most people on Nov. 15, with some exceptions for earlier hunting. The map is available at https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/wildlife/wildlife-disease/wdm/ehd

Four Michigan State University Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity members were suspended following the circulation of a video showing people appearing to be using cocaine while wearing MSU clothing. At the request of the university, the national organization ordered the local chapter to "cease and desist any and all chapter operations ... until further notice," according to a statement from MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz. MSU is opening its own investigation into the chapter. In a statement to WLNS 6 News through a law firm representing the fraternity's national organization, SAE CEO Steve Mitchell said the footage is believed to be from over a year ago and that the chapter is fully cooperating with investigators.



Michigan State University alumnus Evan James sang a "high-energy" take on Chris Stapleton's "Midnight Train to Memphis" to help save himself as a contestant on "The Voice." James and television audiences will find out if he advances on the Nov. 9 episode. James is on coach Adam Levine's team and the Maroon 5 singer did not select James to move on, meaning his fate is up to voting audiences and he will need to be saved by popular vote.



Injured police dogs can now be flown to Michigan State University for specialized emergency veterinary care, with flights possible across hundreds of miles. Spartan Shield is Michigan's first emergency air transport program for injured working dogs to get advance care. The 24-hour option can serve law enforcement, military and other public safety dogs when other care isn't available or additional care is necessary. Michigan State University's Veterinary Medical Center partnered with Corewell Health Aero Med and North Flight Aero Med, a joint venture between Corewell Health and Munson Healthcare, to develop Spartan Shield. MSU is now one of a small but growing number of veterinary and air medical teams nationally with dedicated emergency transport options for working dogs. "At the push of a button, a robocall goes to our team saying, 'Hey, you need to get to the hospital.' There's no question about it," said Matthew Beal, an emergency and critical care specialist at the MSU Veterinary Medical Center. "So, if it's 11:00 at night, two in the morning, Sunday, we hit the button. And our teams from surgery, anesthesia, emergency medicine, critical care, blood banking, imaging — everyone's going to flood into this place and we're going to be ready when that canine arrives." Depending on the dog's condition, MSU can assemble specialists from across the Veterinary Medical Center to respond to the emergency.



Lansing City Council members are looking for ideas for renaming the city's East Cesar E. Chávez Avenue. A survey for ideas is expected to close on Nov. 9. Part of Grand Avenue in Lansing was named for the workers' rights champion in 1994 but that was quickly reverse and then in 2017, a section of Grand River Avenue from Oakland Avenue to Pine Street was renamed for Chávez. The city is reconsidering the honorific name after allegations earlier this year from Delores Huerta, a labor leader who shared space with Chávez. She accused him of abuse in the New York Times, prompting a wide-spread reckoning. The United Farm Workers, the union closely associated with both Chávez and Huerta, has called the allegations, from Huerta and others, serious and has cancelled any Chávez Day-related activities. Earlier this year, council member Trini Pehlivanoglu introduced a resolution to change the name. It could be reverted back to Grand River Avenue or changed to something new. Council members have also discussed a $25,000 fund for businesses to be able to change signage and printed materials.

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CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1365

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 230 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding Chapter 230, Section 230.02 to allocate a portion of those funds from the City of Lansing General Fund Budget dedicated to Basic Human Services to provide for Supportive Housing Services.

Effective date: November 10, 2026

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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Eagle Township, Clinton County
Board Meeting Synopsis

October 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm - Present: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Currie, Trustee M. Hoppes, Supervisor Stroud and 5 citizens.

Board Actions:
1) Approved payment of bills for October 2026.
2) Approved rerouting the hall sump pump drain.
3) Approved Chris Khorey attend a meeting with the Eagle Park Board.
4) Approved Treasurer C. Hoppes and Trustee M. Hoppes finalize winter newsletter for mailing.
5) Approved budget amendment for election postage.
6) Approved update to term for Airport Authority Board members.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is November 17, 2026, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

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

CP#26-408

State of Michigan Probate Court, County of Ingham, Notice of Hearing, File No. 2026-1998-CA. In the matter of Martha Rich. TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 11/12/2026 at 2:15 p.m. at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, before Judge Shauna Dunnings for the following purpose: Uncontested Petition for Conservatorship. You may attend remotely via Zoom (Meeting ID: 9571863173). If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements at 517-483-6328. 11/4/2026. Petitioner: Cyndee Dawson, 103 Oakland Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823, 517-230-4190.

CP#26-418

Let's talk presidential candidates and where four Michiganders stand

By KYLE MELINN

It pains you to read this? It pains me to write this.

Someone is planning their presidential run right now. More than just "someone." Multiple people. In fact, they've been planning it for months.


KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

You think Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was in the Upper Peninsula two weeks ago to check out the fall colors? Or that JD Vance came to Monroe and Howell by chance?

We'll hear more from them sooner than we want to. Political etiquette is to wait for one election to conclude before the next begins.

That hurdle is officially cleared, so let's talk about the four current Michigan residents whose names are in circulation for 2028.

Pete Buttigieg. Odds of getting in: 90%.

Upside: Nobody has better name ID among these four than South Bend transplant "Mayor Pete," whose 2020 Iowa Caucus win was overshadowed by what a shit show the whole spectacle became. His national exposure and experience in running a campaign puts him at the top of this list. He also stayed relevant as the U.S. Transportation Secretary, showing up to a lot of groundbreakings thanks to the $1.2 trillion in federal road and infrastructure bucks Biden threw around in COVID.

Downside: The Traverse City resident is no longer the bright, shiny object he was in 2020. He's also a bit more cerebral than the politicians of 2026, who repeat vague solutions to complicated problems – like affordability and universal health care. Assuming they stay angry, the electorate simply may be too impatient for Buttigieg.

Gretchen Whitmer. Odds of getting in: 10%

Upside: True, progressives are tagging the fairly popular outgoing Governor as a corporate Democrat on her way out the door, but if there's a lane for a populist dealmaker, Whitmer could take it. Whitmer has that uncanny ability to shift with the political winds. She shamelessly embraces social fads and can talk comfortably and honestly with just about anyone. If America is looking for someone interesting and relatable, Whitmer fits both.

Downside: The blue folder. Hiding in plain sight in the Oval Office will haunt her if things get too serious as the chattering class questions if she's ready for the big time. A bigger question, though, is fire in the belly. Do she and her family truly want the bright hot spotlight of a presidential run? Or does taking some time off, serving on some corporate boards and being "of counsel" at some big law firm fit more into her plans? A cabinet post if another Democrat becomes president in 2028? At 55, Whitmer doesn't need to do a presidential run in 2028 to be relevant in the future.

Elissa Slotkin: Odds of getting in: 33%

Upside: Michigan's U.S. senator is creating a stage for herself as having the brains to work through the nation's issues through her national forums and stops in Iowa and Nevada. She's also showed she's got the stones to challenge President Donald Trump and other Republicans at an intellectual stratum where few can compete.

Downside: She may be a great candidate at the wrong time. Creating momentum is hard as the non-progressive candidate. This is an era of spontaneous glitz and glamour. The base of the party is moving away from funding the Israeli military and that could be a hard position for her to take.

Abdul El-Sayed: Odds of getting in: 20%

Upside: No Michigan politician has more going for them nationally than El-Sayed. He has shown the country how a progressive Muslim can be successful in a purple state. He represents the heart of the Democratic Party in 2026. He's shown how dozens and dozens of public discussions can touch the hearts and minds of those desperate for a different direction to the point Trump's late attacks on him allegedly being a "jihadist" didn't stick.

Downside: Building a national campaign for president doesn't happen overnight. If his situation were similar to that of Barack Obama – win a U.S. Senate seat in 2004, start a presidential run in 2006, get elected in 2008 – El-Sayed's presidential odds would shoot up. But the logistics on a two-year turnaround is difficult. We're talking about building a national organization while learning a new job amid questions about job-hopping? It is not impossible if the field underwhelms by summer/fall 2027 and cries for an El-Sayed are loud. At the very least, El-Sayed's endorsement will carry a lot of weight.

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

The election is over. We've got another election for you.

Sorry. But this one is much more fun.

By MIKE ELLIS

After months of campaign ads everywhere and a mountain of "vote for" junk mails, we're all ready for a break.

Mid-Michigan had just gone through one of the most expensive and blanketing elections in the U.S. this year and we know you've had it up to your ears with election messages.

Lansing may well be the world headquarters for we're-sick-of-elections.

So this is awkward.

We're asking you to vote again.

I know, I know.

But hear us out.

This is fun stuff like the best restaurants and dishes, the best movie theaters and bands and bars, and the best places to get art supplies and to have a public cry.

What are we doing?

City Pulse comes out with three Top of the Town editions each year and this one may be the most important one for you, the voters.

Our October issue was our nominating round. We collected the names from our readers and from past contests. More than 50,000 votes were cast, giving us the Top 5 in each category.

Starting today, you'll be voting for two weeks (until 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 17) to let us know the Top 3 picks.

And that's it for you, dear readers.

You have two weeks to make your say.

Let us know the Top 3.

Vote for your favorites and recruit your friends to do the same.

The rest is our job and we come back to you on Dec. 2 with the Top 3 winners in each category.

Another freaking vote?

City Pulse knows you're busy.

So hang tight and give us a little bit more juice.

This is all free and it's a great way to help your favorite business.

They get attention and a year's worth of bragging rights.

You can vote in a single category in under two minutes, so don't worry about being a completionist. Make that first vote.

Here's what you do:

1. Click on the QR code (or the website or visit lansingcitypulse.com or you can even mail in this paper or drop off at 1905 E. Michigan Ave.)

2. Vote for as many categories as you like. They're sorted alphabetically. If you see six or more, that means it was a tie. If you see less than five, we're showing you everyone who qualified. You don't have to finish and there's no 'submit your vote' button. It just counts your vote right away and as you go.

3. Promote your favorites. This is the secret here. If you can get a bunch of your friends to vote for your pick, there's a good chance it'll be one of the top picks. So share this.

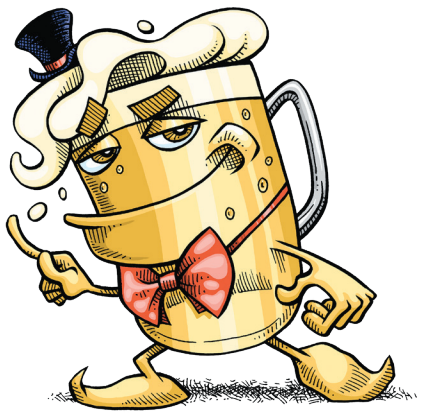
4. Check back on Dec. 2. We publish the Top 3 in each category and it'll be online and in print. The bragging rights last all year!

Top of the Town is the best way for Greater Lansing to sort the best of the best. No one else does it like City Pulse.

Thanks to our partners at WKAR, RevFluent, Friends2Follow and to artist Dennis Preston for his work in celebrating Greater Lansing.



CityPULSE 2026 TOP OF THE TOWN WKAR



BAR

Best Bar Food
- Art's Pub
- BAD Brewing Co.
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harry's Place
- Ozone's Brewhouse

Best Cocktails
- American Fifth Spirits
- Bowdie's Chophouse
- Red Cedar Spirits
- Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale
- The Avenue Cafe
- The Irish Pub

Best Dance Bar
- Lansing Shuffle
- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- Sir Pizza – Old Town
- The Avenue Cafe
- The Green Door Bar & Grill

Best Dive Bar
- B & I Bar
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Mac's Bar
- Mayfair Bar
- Moriarty's Pub
- Stober's Bar

Best Happy Hour
- Henry's Place
- Sir Pizza – Old Town
- The Irish Pub
- The People's Kitchen
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Jam Night
- Mac's Bar
- Moriarty's Pub
- The Irish Pub
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center
- UrbanBeat

Best Karaoke
- Cleats Bar & Grille
- Crunchy's
- One North Kitchen & Bar – East Lansing
- The Avenue Cafe
- The Irish Pub

Best Lansing-Area Brewery
- BAD Brewing Co.
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Lansing Brewing Company
- Old Nation Brewing Co.
- Ozone's Brewhouse

Best Lansing-Area Distillery
- American Fifth Spirits
- Phillips Cider Bar and Market
- Red Cedar Spirits
- Sanctuary Spirits
- Uncle Johns Cider Mill

Best Margarita
- Acapulco Mexican Grill Lansing
- El Azteco East Lansing
- El Azteco Lansing
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant
- Eastside
- Tipsy Nickel Bar & Grille

Best Mocktails
- American Fifth Spirits
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- EnVie
- PetalPop Café
- The Avenue Cafe

Best Neighborhood Bar
- BAD Brewing Co.
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harry's Place
- Mayfair Bar
- Stober's Bar

Best Pub/Tavern
- Art's Pub
- REO Town Pub
- Stober's Bar
- The Irish Pub
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Spartan Sports Hangout
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harrison Roadhouse
- One North Kitchen & Bar – East Lansing
- The Peanut Barrel

Best Sports Bar
- Art & Jake's Sports Bar & Grill
- Crunchy's
- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- One North Kitchen & Bar – West Saginaw
- Reno's North Sports Bar



CANNABIS

Best Cannabis Flower – Hybrid
- Cap Junky || Pleasantrees – East Lansing
- Cotton Candy Z || Bowhouse
- Detroit Zoo || LIV Cannabis – Lansing
- High Society || High Society – Charlotte
- Mango Dispensary || Mango Cannabis – Lansing
- Pure Options || Pure Options – Frandor

Best Cannabis Flower – Indica
- Herbana || Herbana Cannabis Store
- Mango Dispensary || Mango Cannabis – Lansing
- Moonmelon || Pure Options – Frandor
- Pink Permanent Marker || Bowhouse
- Pink Permanent Marker ||
- JARS Cannabis – Lansing

Best Cannabis Flower – Sativa
- Green Crack || Pure Options Express
- High Society || High Society – Charlotte
- Purple Thai || Bowhouse

Best Cannabis Growing Brand
- 517Premier
- Bowhouse
- House of Dank
- Mango Cannabis – Lansing
- Pro Gro

Best CBD Store/Boutique
- Bazonzoes
- Flora
- House of Dank
- LIV Cannabis – Lansing
- Skymint – East Lansing

Best Distillate Cartridge
- Gruntz || Bowhouse
- Guava Sherb || Bowhouse

Best Gummy Edible (Cannabis)
- Blue Razz || Bowhouse
- Bowhouse Bites || Bowhouse
- Cakehouse || The Cake House – Lansing
- Mitten Extracts || LIV Cannabis – Lansing
- Wyld || Bazonzoes

Best Indoor Grow Shop
- Indoor Grow Supply

Best Marijuana Provisioning Center
- Bazonzoes
- JARS Cannabis – Lansing
- Pleasantrees – East Lansing
- Pure Options – Frandor
- Skymint – East Lansing

Best Non Gummy Edible (Cannabis)
- Hey! Captain – Tators || Bazonzoes
- Mojo Nuggy Caramel Peanut ||
- Pure Options Express

Best Non-Solvent Concentrate (Cannabis)
- Mango || Mango Cannabis – Lansing
- Oishii || Hytek Detroit
- Southern Fuel || Bowhouse

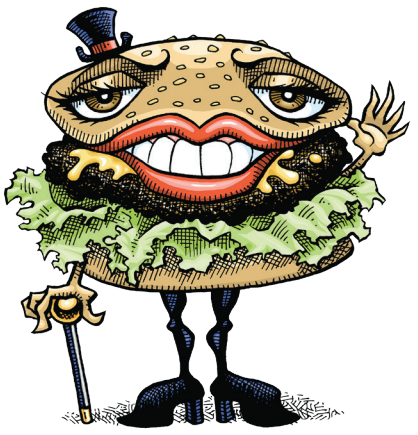
Best Solvent Concentrate (Cannabis)
- Bowhouse Runtz || Bowhouse
- Pink Runtz Cured Resin || Bowhouse

Best Topical
- Pure Options || Pure Options – Midtown

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DINING

Best Bagels
- Big Apple Bagels
- Boss Babe Bagels
- Flour Child Bakery
- New Daily Bagel
- Panera Bread

Best Bakery
- Bake N' Cakes
- Flour Child Bakery
- Honey Badger Bakehouse
- Sweetie-licious
- The Flaky Croissant

Best Baklava
- Aladdin's Restaurant
- Bread Bites Mediterranean
- Jerusalem Bakery
- Stateside Deli
- Woody's Oasis

Best BBQ
- Capital City BBQ
- Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que
- Meat BBQ
- Saddleback BBQ REO Town
- The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best BBQ Sauce
- Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que
- Gump's BBQ
- Meat BBQ
- Saddleback BBQ REO Town
- The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best Breakfast
- Anna's House – Okemos
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Mason Depot Diner
- PetalPop Café
- Soup Spoon Café
- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Brunch
- Art's Pub
- Beggar's Banquet
- One North Kitchen & Bar – West Saginaw
- Soup Spoon Café
- The People's Kitchen

Best Bubble Tea
- Bento Kitchen Cravings
- Ding Tea East Lansing
- HTEA CAFE, Boba, Bakery
- Koala Bakery & Cafe
- MOMO Tea

Best Buffet
- Asian Buffet
- Brody Square
- Hibachi Grill & Sushi Buffet
- Sindhu Indian Cuisine
- World Buffet & Grill

Best Burger
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Mayfair Bar
- South Riley Grocery, Tavern & Grill

Best Chicken Strips/Tenders
- Art & Jake's Sports Bar & Grill
- Big Moe's Kitchen
- Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil

Best Chinese Food Restaurant
- Asian Buffet
- Charlie Kang's
- Chen's Restaurant
- Everyday Authentic Chinese Cuisine
- House Of Hsu
- Little Panda Chinese Restaurant

Best Cider
- Boss Cider
- Country Mill Farms
- Phillips Cider Bar and Market
- Quality Dairy
- Uncle John's Cider Mill

Best Coney Dog
- A&W Restaurant – Mason
- JJ's Dog House
- Leo's Coney Island
- Olympic Broil
- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Cupcake
- Bake N' Cakes

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- Cakes-A-Bloomin'
- Flour Child Bakery
- Gigi's Cupcakes Of East Lansing
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Sugar Shack

Best Deli
- Babe's Corner
- King Subs
- McAlister's Deli
- Stateside Deli
- The Vault Deli
- Westlund's Apple Market

Best Dessert
- Everything Is Cheesecake
- Flour Child Bakery
- Mr. Leslie's Cheesecakes
- MSU Dairy Store
- Sweetie-licious

Best Diner
- Athena's Diner
- Fleetwood Diner
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Mason Depot Diner
- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Donuts
- Flour Child Bakery
- Groovy Donuts
- Mitten Raised
- Quality Dairy
- Strange Matter - Downtown

Best Drive-up location
- 7 Brew Coffee
- Culver's - Eastwood
- Middle Eats
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil

Best Family Friendly Restaurant
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Grand Grillin
- Harry's Place
- Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews
- Texas Roadhouse

Best Fast Food
- Chick-fil-A
- Culver's - Okemos
- Culver's - Eastwood
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil

Best Fish Fry
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Harry's Place
- The Irish Pub
- The Old Bag Of Nails Pub
- The Watershed Tavern & Grill

Best Food Truck
- El Oasis - Lansing
- Ozone's Fire Food Truck
- Pancho's Taqueria
- Smash Shack
- The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best French Fries
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Five Guys
- HopCat
- Red Robin Gourmet Burgers
- The Cosmos

Best Greek
- Athena's Diner
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Delhi Cafe
- Lou And Harry's Bar/Grill
- Niko's Taverna

Best Hibachi
- Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
- Hibachi Grill & Sushi Buffet
- Sansu Sushi
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar - Lansing
- World Buffet & Grill

Best Ice Cream
- Arctic Corner
- Capital City Sweets
- Lick-ity Split
- MOO-ville ER In Eaton Rapids
- MSU Dairy Store
- Tasty Twist
- The Daily Scoop

Best Indian Restaurant
- Curry House Indian & Nepali Cuisine
- Grains Indian Cuisine
- Persis Indian Grill
- Sindhu Indian Cuisine
- Swagath Indian Cuisine

Best Irish
- Dublin Square
- Kelly's Downtown
- Kilkenny's Irish Fish N' Chips
- The Irish Pub

Best Italian
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Cugino's
- Falsetta's Casa Nova
- Piazzano's
- Toscana Kitchen & Wine Market

Best Lasagna
- Bravo! Italian Kitchen

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- Cugino's
- Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
- Pizza House
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Late Night Food
- Conrad's Grill | Frandor
- Fleetwood Diner
- Pizza House
- Ruckus Ramen
- Sidecar Slider Bar

Best Mediterranean
- Aladdin's Restaurant
- Bread Bites Mediterranean
- ChouPli Wood-Fired Kabob
- Woody's Oasis
- Zaytoon

Best Mexican Restaurant – Chain
- Acapulco Mexican Grill Lansing
- Cancun Mexican Grill Grand Ledge
- Cancun Mexican Grill – Okemos
- Fiesta Charra – Lansing
- Los Tres Amigos Holt

Best Mexican Restaurant – Non-Chain
- El Azteco East Lansing
- El Azteco Lansing
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Eastside
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Old Town
- Taqueria El Chaparrito

Best Nachos
- Acapulco Mexican Grill Lansing
- Buddies Pub & Grill
- Cancun Mexican Grill Grand Ledge
- El Azteco East Lansing
- El Azteco Lansing
- Meat BBQ

Best New Restaurant
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
- Crown Grill
- PetalPop Café
- That New Place
- The Morning Post

Best Olive Burger
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Mayfair Bar
- Olympic Broil
- South Riley Grocery, Tavern & Grill

Best Pancakes
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Fleetwood Diner
- PetalPop Café
- Sophia's House of Pancakes
- Sparty's Coney Island
- The People's Kitchen

Best Pho
- Asia's Finest
- Capital City BBQ
- Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
- King Phở
- Pho 777 Okemos
- Pho So 1

Best Pizza
- Art's Pub
- Cugino's
- Jet's Pizza
- Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale
- The Cosmos

Best Prime Rib
- ATS Lansing (formerly Airport Tavern)
- Lucky's Steakhouse
- Piazzano's
- Texas Roadhouse
- The English Inn

Best Ramen
- Bento Kitchen Cravings
- Mi Sushi & Noodles
- Ruckus Ramen
- Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar
- Sushi Moto
- Zhen Ramen & Grill

Best Ranch Dressing
- Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
- Cottage Inn Pizza Downtown Lansing
- Jet's Pizza
- Meat BBQ
- Westgate Tavern & Grill

Best Restaurant Beer List
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
- Front 43 Neighborhood Pub
- Harry's Place
- HopCat
- Mayfair Bar
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Restaurant for Seniors
- ATS Lansing (formerly Airport Tavern)
- Bob Evans
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Soup Spoon Café
- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Restaurant Wine List
- Bowdie's Chophouse
- Bridge Street Social
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
- Dusty's Cellar
- One North Kitchen & Bar – East Lansing

Best Reuben
- Corey's Lounge
- Harry's Place
- Meat BBQ
- Soup Spoon Café
- Stateside Deli
- The Irish Pub

Best Salad
- Art's Pub
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Fuel'd
- Harry's Place
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Leaf Salad Bar

Best Sandwich/Wrap
- Babe's Corner
- Bangos
- Flour Child Bakery
- Harry's Place
- McAlister's Deli
- Soup Spoon Café

Best Seafood Restaurant
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- King Ocean Crab
- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Sansu Sushi And Cocktails
- The Old Bag Of Nails Pub – Lansing
- The Tangy Crab

Best Signature Dish
- Garlic Chicken || Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Hippie Hash || Fleetwood Diner
- Meat Mountain || Meat BBQ
- Really Good Fu@%ing Pancakes || The People's Kitchen
- Trust Us || Zoobies Old Town Tavern

Best Soup
- Corey's Lounge
- Leo's Lodge
- Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Soup Spoon Café
- Taste Of Thai
- The Irish Pub

Best Steak
- ATS Lansing (formerly Airport Tavern)
- Bowdie's Chophouse
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- LongHorn Steakhouse
- Texas Roadhouse

Best Sub Sandwich
- Babe's Corner
- Jersey Giant Subs!
- King Subs
- Mancinos – South Cedar
- The Vault Deli

Best Sushi
- Al Fusion Sushi & Grill
- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Ohana Sushi And Bar
- Sansu Sushi
- Sushi Moto
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar – Lansing

Best Tacos
- El Azteco Lansing
- El Oasis – Lansing
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Old Town
- Taqueria El Chaparrito

Best Thai Restaurant
- Bangkok House
- Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Taste Of Thai
- Thai Princess
- Thai Village

Best Upscale Dining
- Bowdie's Chophouse
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
- EnVie
- The English Inn
- The People's Kitchen

Best Vegan/Gluten Free Dessert
- Anna's House – Lansing
- Babe's Corner
- Flour Child Bakery
- Groovy Donuts
- Strange Matter Coffee – Eastside

Best Vegetarian/Vegan Dish
- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- Bread Bites Mediterranean
- Flour Child Bakery
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Veg Head
- Woody's Oasis

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Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant
- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- Flour Child Bakery
- Grains Indian Cuisine
- Veg Head
- VEG-N

Best Wings
- Art's Pub
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Meat BBQ
- The Smoke N' Pig BBQ
- Wing Snob



HANGOUTS

Best Biggby
- Biggby Coffee, 1429 West Saginaw #100, East Lansing
- Biggby Coffee, 4756 Marsh Road, Okemos
- Biggby Coffee, 661 North Cedar Street, Mason
- Biggby Coffee, 2250 Lake Lansing, Lansing
- Biggby Coffee, 801 Cedar Street, Mason

Best Bowling Alley
- City Limits Mason
- Pins and Pints
- Royal Scot Golf & Bowl

Best Cafe
- Blue Owl Coffee
- Château Coffee Co.
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Flour Child Bakery
- Hooked
- Strange Matter Coffee – Eastside

Best Coffee Shop (non-Biggby)
- 7 Brew Coffee
- Blue Owl Coffee
- Château Coffee Co.
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Hooked
- Strange Matter – Downtown
- Strange Matter Coffee – Eastside

Best Comedy Night
- Crunchy's
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Mac's Bar
- Ozone's Brewhouse
- UrbanBeat

Best Corn Maze
- Country Mill Farms
- Uncle Johns Cider Mill

Best Escape Room Venue
- Breakout Escape Rooms Lansing
- Challenges East Lansing

Best Golf Course
- Brookshire Inn & Golf Club
- Eagle Eye Golf Club
- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Royal Scot Golf Course
- Woodside Golf Course

Best Hangout for Seniors
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Delta Township District Library
- East Lansing Public Library
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- Horrocks Beer Garden
- Wednesday Morning Senior Discovery Group At Allen Neighborhood Center

Best Hangout for Students
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- MSU Main Library
- Pinball Pete's
- The Avenue Cafe

Best Hangout Solo
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Hooked
- Horrocks Beer Garden
- Schuler Books Okemos
- Strange Matter – Downtown

Best LGBTQIA+ Friendly Hangout
- A Novel Concept
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Deadtime Stories
- Esquire Bar
- Strange Matter Coffee – Eastside
- The Avenue Cafe

Best Library
- CADL – Downtown Lansing
- CADL – Haslett Library
- CADL – Holt-Delhi Library
- Delta Township District Library
- East Lansing Public Library
- Grand Ledge Area District Library

Best Local Attraction for Kids
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Impression 5 Science Center
- Michigan 4-H Children's Garden
- Potter Park Zoo
- Preuss Pets

Best Movie Theatre
- Celebration Cinema
- Eaton Theatre
- NCG Cinema
- Regal Lansing Mall
- Sun Theatre Williamston

Best Music Venue
- Brenke Fish Ladder
- Grewal Hall at 224
- Horrocks Beer Garden
- The Green Door Bar & Grill
- The Robin Theatre
- UrbanBeat

Best Nature Center
- Fenner Nature Center
- Harris Nature Center
- Woldumar Nature Center

Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date Night
- Broad Art Museum
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Riverwalk Theatre
- Wheel House Studio

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Best Patio
- BAD Brewing Co.
- Graduate Rock Bar
- Horrocks Beer Garden
- Lansing Shuffle
- The Peanut Barrel

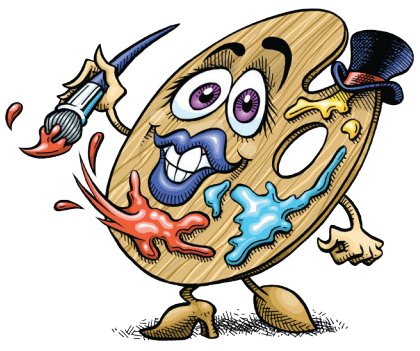
Best Place to Play Pinball or Video Games
- Dave & Buster's Lansing
- Pinball Pete's
- The Avenue Cafe

Best Place to Shoot Pool
- Mayfair Bar
- REO Town Clubhouse
- Royal Scot Golf & Bowl
- The Avenue Cafe
- Unicorn Bar

Best Public Park
- Burchfield Park
- Fitzgerald Park
- Frances Park
- Grand Woods Park
- Hawk Island Park
- Lake Lansing Park North
- Patriarche Park

Best Sober Hangout
- Brenke Fish Ladder
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Dungeons & Flagons LLC
- Flour Child Bakery
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

Best Trivia Night
- BAD Brewing Co.
- Crunchy's
- Falsetta's Casa Nova
- Harry's Place
- Mayfair Bar
- Sanctuary Spirits
- The Irish Pub



LOCAL ARTS

Best Blues Artist/Band
- Anne and Beth's Band
- Generator
- Root Doctor Blues Band

Best Choral Group
- Arts Chorale Of Greater Lansing
- Delta Community Choir
- LanSing Out
- Sistrum Chorus
- Super Secret Cult Band
- The Singing Spartans

Best Country Artist/Band
- Deer & Elk
- Evan James
- Flatfoot
- Rory Nevins
- The Wild Honey Collective

Best Cover Band
- Almost Stellar
- Atomic Annie
- Black Barn Band
- Smokey Bear
- Starfarm

Best Folk Artist/Band
- Super Secret Cult Band
- The Dangling Participles
- The Dead Lennies
- The Grassroots Historian
- The Wild Honey Collective

Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group
- Big Sherm
- James Gardin
- Jaq The Maq
- Jimi Kanklez
- Kwaj
- Ozay Moore

Best Jazz Musician/Group
- 517 Funktet
- Caleb Robinson
- Jazz Doggs
- MSU Professors Of Jazz
- Phil Denny

Best Local Concert Series
- Brenke Fish Ladder, Old Town
- Lake Lansing Park South
- Lansing Symphony Association Inc
- Ten Pound Fiddle
- Unity In Music 517 || Mac's Bar

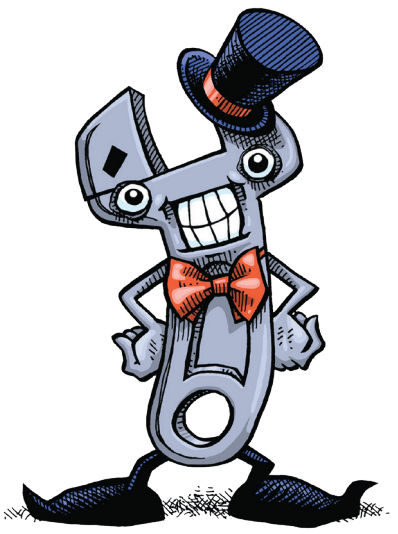
Best Local Theatre Organization
- All-of-us Express Children's Theatre
- Ixion Ensemble
- Peppermint Creek Theatre Company
- Riverwalk Theatre
- Williamston Theatre

Best Mural
- "Sí Se Puede"– Old Town
- East Side of Allen Place – Lansing
- Fire Sturgeon In REO Town
- Ryan Holmes Benjamin Davis Park Community Mural
- Sycamore Creek Eastwood

Best Pottery Studio
- Art Unlimited
- Clayworks Pottery
- Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
- Playing Picasso
- Tiny Bit of Wood
- Wheel House Studio

Best Public Art/Sculpture
- Big Penny, the Truck Munching Bridge
- Big Red Balls (Xmas Downtown)
- Halloween Balls
- Hunter Park Tree Woman
- Portrait of a Dreamer (Gearhead sculpture) on Michigan Ave.

Best Rock Artist/Band
- Almost Stellar
- Atomic Annie
- Frog And The Beeftones
- Smokey Bear
- Starfarm



SERVICES

Best Appliance Repair
- All Star Mechanical
- Lane's Appliance
- Mr. Appliance of Mid Michigan
- MyBoyfriendLLC
- North Winds Heating & Cooling Inc

Best Auto Detailing Service
- After Hours Car Detailing
- Blessed Hands Car Detailing LLC
- KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
- Lansing Car Wash
- Showroom Shine
- Spot-Les

Best Auto Repair/Body Shop
- Denny's
- Jerry's Automotive
- Ryan's Auto Care
- Scrib's Autoworks
- Vision Tire and Auto

Best Bank
- Dart Bank Frandor Home Loan Center
- Fifth Third Bank – East Lansing, Coolidge Rd
- Huntington Bank – East Saginaw, Lansing
- Independent Bank, W Lake Lansing Rd, East Lansing
- PNC Bank, W Saginaw Rd, Lansing

Best Barber Shop
- East Side Barbershop
- Frandor Barbershop
- Jude's Barbershop – East Lansing
- Loyalty Barbershop
- Ram's Barber Shop

Best Bicycle Shop
- Denny's Central Park Bicycles
- Eric's Cycling & Fitness
- Lansing Bike Co-op
- MSU Bikes Service Center
- Scooter's Pro Cycle

Best Business IT Support Service
- Adna Technologies
- Apple – Eastwood Towne Center
- Jerry Chafin
- Mac Men Computer & Phone
- Trouble Shooters Tech Support

Best Car Wash
- Fast Eddie's Car Wash, Bath Twp
- Fast Eddie's Car Wash, Lansing
- KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
- Mister Car Wash
- Showroom Shine
- Tommy's Express Car Wash
- WhiteWater Express Car Wash

Best Caterer/Catering service
- Flour Child Bakery
- Grand Grillin
- Graze Craze Charcuterie Boards & Boxes
- Meat BBQ
- Morton's Fine Catering

Best Cemetery
- DeepDale Memorial Gardens
- Evergreen Cemetery
- Maple Ridge Cemetery
- Mt Hope Cemetery
- Oakwood Cemetery
- St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Best Chiropractic Office
- Creative Wellness
- Delta Chiropractic Center – Lansing
- Infinity Chiropractic Center
- Innate Chiropractic Center
- Truecare Chiropractic & Performance

Best Cleaning Service
- 5s Cleaning
- Dazzle Cleaning Service
- Domestic Divas Cleaning Services
- Hall 2 Hall Cleaning Services
- Maxi Maids
- My Neighbor's Cleaning Service
- Pristine Cleaning & HomeServices LLC

Best Computer Repair Service
- Active River Computer Services
- Capitol Macintosh
- Jerry Chafin
- Mac Men Computer & Phone

Best Credit Union
- LAFCU
- Lake Trust Credit Union
- MSU Federal Credit Union, Mason
- MSU Federal Credit Union, Haslett
- MSU Federal Credit Union, Jolly Rd, Lansing
- MSUFCU Headquarters

Best Dance Studio
- All Of The Above Hip Hop Academy
- Ann's School Of Dance

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- Elite Dance Company
- Karyns Dance Place
- Patsy Watson School Of Dance
- The Hive Dance Studio

Best Day Spa
- Creative Wellness
- Douglas J Aveda Institute
- Douglas J Salon, Barber & Medspa
- Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa And Center
- Zoe Life Spa and Salon

Best Dentist Office
- Burkhardt Pecora Bloomberg Orthodontics – Okemos
- Watts Robert R, DDS
- Pogoncheff Dental
- Portnoy and Tu, DDS, PC Family Dentistry
- Schaefer Dental Group

Best Dog Training Business
- AnnaBelle's Canine Station
- Dog Gone Fun
- LuvDog Pet Services
- Obedience Training Club Of Greater Lansing
- Off Leash K9 Training Lansing

Best Estate Sale Company
- Ancestors Estate Sales
- Family Nest
- Kellie's Estate Sales
- Tom & Jerry's Estate Service
- Weichert Realtors Home Towne

Best Facial
- Douglas J Aveda Institute
- Douglas J Salon, Barber & Medspa
- Health & Harmony Massage & Wellness Center
- MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment Center
- NECTAR Body•face•skin
- Tres JoLee Beauty Bar

Best Funeral Home
- Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel
- Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Mason
- Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing
- Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Lansing, E Michigan Ave
- Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes – Delta Chapel
- Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes Holt – Delhi Chapel

Best Gym/Fitness Studio
- Michigan Athletic Club
- Planet Fitness
- Planet Fitness – West Saginaw
- State of Fitness
- Westside Community YMCA

Best Hair Salon
- Bliss Hair Studio
- Douglas J Salon, Barber & Medspa
- Holiday Hair House
- Salon MK
- The Artisan Hair Company

Best Heating/Cooling
- A-1 Mechanical
- All Star Mechanical
- Applegate Home Comfort
- North Winds Heating & Cooling Inc
- Vredevoogd Heating & Cooling

Best Holistic Healing
- Creative Wellness
- Functional Mobility and Health
- Gemstone Hideaway Hut
- Keys To Manifestation
- Wild Ferns Wellness

Best Insurance Agency
- AAA Insurance: Johnson Robert
- David Chapman Agency
- Harry O. Culp Insurance Agency
- Kyle Campbell Agency – Farmers Insurance
- Mason Insurance Agency
- Rathbun Insurance
- Trinesha Goebel – State Farm

Best Landscape Company
- Hammond Farms Landscape Supply
- Luke Landscape Company
- Mendez Lawn & Landscape
- People's Choice Lawn Care
- Sustain Lawn Landscape
- Turf Jockeys

Best Law Firm
- Abood Law Firm
- Conklin Law Firm
- Family and Elder Law of Mid-Michigan
- Foster Swift Collins & Smith
- Grewal Law

Best Local YouTube Channel
- Mango the Quirky Cat
- Open Ended Media
- STUPID – Lansing
- WKAR
- WLNS-TV

Best Massage Studio
- Creative Wellness
- Curative Massage
- Element Massage LLC
- Health & Harmony Massage & Wellness Center
- Zoe Life Spa

Best Med Spa
- Aqua Esthetics & Body Lab
- Douglas J Salon, Barber & Medspa
- Functional Mobility and Health
- Kylie Brooks Aesthetics
- MSU Aesthetics & Laser Treatment Center
- NECTAR Body•face•skin
- Skin Studio 211 East Lansing

Best Moving Service
- College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving – Lansing
- Good Guys Moving & Services
- Mac's Estate Services LLC
- Mr. BigStuff Labor & Moving Help
- Seek Movers
- Two Men and a Truck

Best Nail Salon
- Douglas J Salon, Barber & Medspa
- Hi5 Nails & Spa
- Ivy Nails & Spa
- J&L Nails
- Jennynails
- Polished By Me
- Polished Nail Salon
- VIP Nail Bar

Best News Source
- City Pulse
- The 'Gander Newsroom
- WILS
- WILX-TV
- WKAR Public Media
- WLNS-TV

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Best Non-Profit Organization (local)
- Allen Neighborhood Center
- Believers Food Pantry
- Capital Area Humane Society
- Ele's Place – Capital Region
- Saved by Zade

Best Pet Grooming Business
- Amanda's Grooming
- DeShed Pet Grooming
- Kelly's Pet Boutique East
- Magill's Mutts
- Paw City Pet Care

Best Pet Rescue
- Capital Area Humane Society
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Happy Feet Pet Rescue
- Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter
- Saved by Zade

Best Pharmacy (locally owned)
- Apothecary Shop
- Central Pharmacy – Lansing
- Meijer
- MSU Health Care Pharmacy
- Ware's Pharmacy

Best Photography
- Ariniko Artistry
- Deanna Marie Photography
- Jena Hovey – McShane Photography
- Like the Planet Photography
- Megan Hannon Photography
- Open Ended Media
- Studio A Photography
- The Portrait Lounge

Best Plumbing Service
- A-OK Heating, Cooling & Plumbing
- Bartlett Plumbing and Heating
- Jenks Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- Michigan Plumbing
- Roger The Plumber LLC
- The Meridian Company

Best Radio Station
- 101.7 MIKE FM
- Power 96.5
- Stacks 92.1
- WDBM Impact 89FM 88.9
- WITL 100.7
- WKAR Public Radio

Best Senior Care/Living Facility
- Burcham Hills
- Dobie Road – Ingham County Medical Care
- Stoneleigh Residence & Hospice of Lansing
- The Willows at East Lansing
- The Willows at Okemos

Best Tattoo Parlor
- Devils Day Tattoo
- Ink Therapy Lansing
- Splash of Color Tattoo & Piercing Studio
- TAT TATTOO
- Van Gogh Tattoos & Piercings

Best Therapy/Therapist Service
- Functional Mobility and Health
- Origami Rehabilitation (Main)
- Rooted Counseling
- Therapy Today Counseling and Consulting
- Transformative Therapy

Best Towing Company
- DuroTech Automotive & Towing
- H&H Mobil Towing
- Northside Service
- Okemos Marathon
- P.J.'s Towing
- Tcomb Towing

Best Veterinarian Service
- East Lansing Veterinary Clinic
- Evergreen Veterinary Clinic
- Lake Lansing Road Animal Clinic & Pet Resort
- Miller Animal Clinic
- MSU Veterinary Medical Center
- Waverly Animal Hospital

Best Wedding Services
- Brandi, Wedding Officiant
- Copper Moon
- Hilltop Views Farm
- Hotbeats Entertainment
- Rodney Page- Full Engagement Experience
- The Northfork Estate

Best Wifi/Internet Service Provider
- Advanced Communications & Data
- Metronet Telecom
- T-Mobile
- Verizon
- Xfinity

Best Yoga Studio
- East Lansing Hot Yoga
- Firefly Hot Yoga Barre
- Lansing Free Yoga Project
- Lovelight Collective
- Peoples Yoga Studio Lansing



SHOPPING

Best Antique Shop
- Antiques Market of Williamston
- Little Red Schoolhouse
- Maple Street Mall
- The Mega Mall
- Vintage Junkies

Best Art Gallery
- Absolute Gallery
- Broad Art Museum
- Katalyst Art Gallery & Gift Boutique
- LaFille Gallery
- Nelson Gallery
- Saper Galleries and Custom Framing

Best Art Supply Store
- Dear Ollie & Co.
- Hobby Lobby
- Michaels
- Odd Nodd Art Supply

Best Auto Dealership
- Graff Chevrolet-Okemos, Inc.
- Kia Of Lansing
- Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing
- Spartan Toyota
- Williams Subaru

Best Beer Selection in Retail Store
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Mega-Bev
- On The Rocks Wine & Spirits
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
- Total Wine & More
- Vine & Brew

Best Bookstore (locally owned)
- A Novel Concept
- Curious Book Shop
- Deadtime Stories
- Hooked
- Schuler Books Okemos

Best Butcher Shop
- MEAT On The WEST Side
- Merindorf Meats & More – Mason
- Mert's Specialty Meats
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Westlund's Apple Market

Best Candy Store
- Fabiano's Candies
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Kean's
- Peanut Shop
- That Candy Store

Best Cheese Department
- Horrocks Farm Market
- The Cheese Lady
- Whole Foods Market

Best Clothing Store (locally owned)
- Capital Hippie
- Grace Boutique of Old Town
- Keans
- Polka Dots Boutique
- Thrift Witch
- Vintage Junkies

Best Farmers Market
- Allen Farmers Market
- Dough Nation
- Holt Farmers Market
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Meridian Township Farmers Market
- South Lansing Farmers Market

Best Florist
- B/A Florist (Blooming Artistry)
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Hyacinth House
- Smith Floral & Greenhouses
- Twiggies
- Where the Wild Things Bloom

Best Furniture Store
- Dicker & Deal Furniture & More
- Kellie's Estate Sales
- Klingman's Furniture & Design – Okemos
- La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings & Décor
- Mapes Furniture
- Off Skate Vintage
- Pilgrim House Furniture

Best Game Shop
- AFK Games
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- Summit Comics & Games
- The Portal ~ Games, Comics, And Gifts
- The Swap Meet

Best Gardening Center
- Christians Greenhouse
- Gee Farms
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Lansing Gardens
- Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop

Best Gas Station
- BJ's Gas Station
- Costco Wholesale
- Meijer Express, West Saginaw
- Sam's Club Gas Station
- Speedway, Lake Lansing Rd

Best Gift Shop
- Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Deadtime Stories
- GLOW Inside & Outside
- Keans

Best Grocery Store (locally owned)
- Darrell's Market & Hardware
- Eastside Lansing Food Co-op
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Westlund's Apple Market

Best Hardware Store
- Darrell's Market & Hardware
- Great Lakes Ace Hardware
- Haslett True Value Hardware
- Okemos Ace Hardware
- Vet's Ace Hardware

Best Jewelry Store
- AZZI Jewelers
- Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
- Jean Jean Vintage
- Jewelry Doctor
- Margaret Ross Jewelry
- Medawar Jewelers Frandor
- Sweet Custom Jewelry

Best Lingerie Store
- Deja Vu Love Boutique
- Front Room Underfashions

Best Liquor Store
- (Oades) Big Ten Party Store West

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- ABC Liquor
- Mega-Bev
- On The Rocks Wine & Spirits
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop

Best Metaphysical Store
- Beyond A Dream, LLC
- Coyote Wisdom Bookstore
- Keys To Manifestation
- Oracle's Apothecary
- Triple Goddess Bookstore

Best Musical Instrument Store
- Elderly Instruments
- Marshall Music Co.
- Meridian Winds
- Music Instrument Swap
- Music Manor

Best Organic/Natural Market
- Better Health Market & Cafe
- Clean Refillery
- Eastside Lansing Food Co-op
- Trader Joe's
- Whole Foods Market

Best Pet Store
- Feeders Pet Supply
- Joey's Pet Outfitters
- Pet Supplies Plus Lansing
- PetSmart
- Preuss Pets

Best Quality Dairy
- Quality Dairy, 2400 East Michigan Ave, Lansing
- Quality Dairy Laundromat, 5010 Dunckel Rd, Lansing
- Quality Dairy Store, 5930 Marsh Rd, Haslett
- Quality Dairy Store, 917 East Cavanaugh Rd, Lansing
- Quality Dairy Store, 2233 Cedar St, Holt

Best Record/CD Store
- Flat Black & Circular
- Mi-Rural Records
- The Record Lounge
- Vintage Sound At Great Lakes Trader
- Westlund's Apple Market

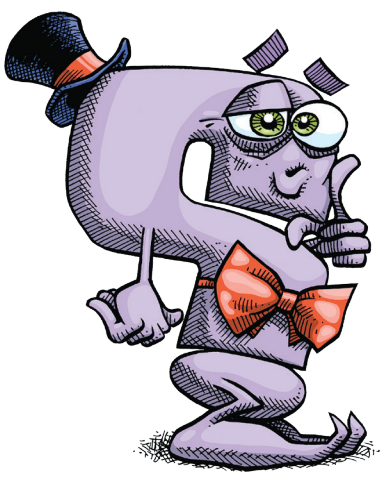
Best Sex Shop
- Cirilla's
- Deja Vu Love Boutique

Best Thrift or Consignment Shop
- Kellie's Estate Sales
- Metro Retro
- St Vincent De Paul Society and Thrift Store
- Thrift Witch
- Volunteers of America Thrift Store

Best Used Car Dealership
- Empire Motors of Lansing
- Graff Chevrolet-Okemos, Inc.
- Spartan Toyota
- Sundance Chevrolet
- Williams Subaru

Best Vape Shop
- Mister-E's Vape Shop
- Puff Puff Tobacco - East Lansing
- Wild Bill's Tobacco - East Lansing
- Wild Bill's Tobacco - Lansing
- Wild Bill's Tobacco - Mason

Best Wine Shop
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
- Dusty's Cellar
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Total Wine & More
- Vine & Brew



WHATEVER

Best Axe Throwing Venue
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
- Vikings Edge Axe Throwing
- Zap Zone XL

Best Category We Didn't Think of
- Awesome Doctor
- Best Bread
- Best Cookie
- Best DJ
- Best Truck Eating Bridge
- Best Waitstaff

Best Eye Candy Building
- Brick Row Apartments
- Broad Art Museum
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Knapp's Centre
- Michigan State Capitol

Best Facebook Group or Page (local)
- 517 Living Community
- Bath Township Police Department-Michigan
- Lansing Facts
- Lansing Foodies
- STUPID - Lansing

Best High School
- East Lansing High School
- Eastern High School
- Everett High School
- Grand Ledge High School
- Holt High School
- Okemos High School
- Waverly High School

Best Historical Place
- Big Penny, the Truck Munching Bridge
- Michigan History Center
- Michigan State Capitol
- R.E. Olds Transportation Museum
- Turner-Dodge House

Best Instagram Account (local)
- Old Town Lansing
- Halatu Living OutRagisly
- Lansing Facts
- Lansing Foodies
- REO Town
- Squirrels Of MSU

Best Local Art Festival
- A Festival of Oddities
- East Lansing Art Festival

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- Grand Ledge Island Art Fair
- Old Town Artfeast
- Scrapfest

Best Local Event/Festival
- A Festival of Oddities
- Lansing Pride
- Old Town Krampusnacht
- Old Town Scrap Fest
- Silver Bells

Best New Business
- Craig Ryan Fine Clothing – Lansing
- Honey Badger Bakehouse
- PetalPop Café
- The Craft Bar
- The Flaky Croissant
- Total Wine & More

Best Outdoor Adventure
- Dimondale Canoe And Kayak
- Fenner Nature Center
- Lansing Free Yoga Project
- Potter Park Zoo
- River Town Adventures Kayak Rental
- Woldumar Nature Center

Best Place to Cry in Public
- Big Penny, the Truck Munching Bridge
- Capitol Lawn
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Frandor Parking Lot
- My Car

Best Place to Find Quiet
- Fenner Nature Center
- Lansing River Trail
- MSU Horticulture Gardens
- My Bed
- W.J. Beal Botanical Garden
- Woldumar Nature Center

Best Place to Work
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- East Lansing Public Library
- Kyle Campbell Agency–Farmers Insurance
- Michigan State University
- Preuss Pets
- Wild Ferns Wellness

Best Shop Pet
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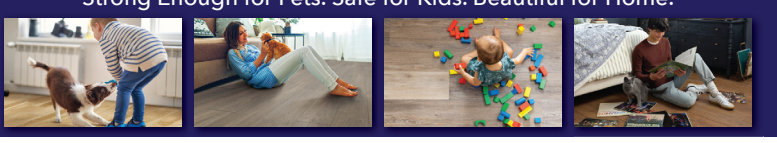


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Sightlines and Soundscapes
Tues., Nov. 10, 6-8 p.m.

Classic Pub & Grill
16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing
Homespun
Fri., Nov. 6, 8 p.m.-midnight
Showdown
Sat., Nov. 7, 8 p.m.-midnight

Dublin Square
327 Abbot Road, East Lansing
Lewie Austin
Wed., Nov. 4, 9 p.m.-midnight
Coaster
Thurs., Nov. 5, 9 p.m.-midnight
Nathan Grant
Wed., Nov. 11, 9 p.m.-midnight

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
4906 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Lansing
Songwriters' Night, with Bart Moore
Wed., Nov. 4, 7-9 p.m.
Jimmy Likes Pie
Wed., Nov. 11, 7-9 p.m.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing
MSU vocal arts opera performance
Sun., Nov. 8, 3-5 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.
204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
JP Peters
Fri., Nov. 6, 6-9 p.m.
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Gjoni's Bar and Restaurant
662 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos
Brian Byrnes
Thurs., Nov. 5, 6-8 p.m.
This & That (acoustic duo)
Fri., Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m.

The Green Door
2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Tanner Dane
Wed., Nov. 4, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.
Wavelength
Wed., Nov. 4, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.
Heal the Hurt, Magdalene Rose, Unbroken Reign, Voluntary Mortification
Fri., Nov. 6, doors 5 p.m., show 6 p.m.
Scratch Pilots: MSU vs. Michigan Afterparty
Sat., Nov. 7, doors 8 p.m., show 8:30 p.m.
Y2K Throwback Party, with Electric Flower Co. and Smokey Bear
Sun., Nov. 8, doors 5 p.m., show 6 p.m.
The Gringos, Bayleaf Band
Wed., Nov. 11, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
Wavelength
Wed., Nov. 11, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Grewal Hall
224 S. Washington Square, Lansing
A Foreigner's Journey to Boston
Thurs., Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Ax and the Hatchetmen, Tipling Rock
Sat., Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market
7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
Johnny Aimcrier
Thurs., Nov. 5, 5-8 p.m.
DJ John Beltran spinnin' '80s
Fri., Nov. 6, 5-8 p.m.
Be Kind Rewind
Sat., Nov. 7, 5-8 p.m.
John Beltran
Sun., Nov. 8, 2-7 p.m.

The Irish Pub
1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
Open mic night, with Scott Seth
Thurs., Nov. 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
The Lynx Band
Sat., Nov. 7, 7-10 p.m.

Looking Glass Brewing Co.
115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt
Darin Larner
Fri., Nov. 6, 6-9 p.m.

Mac's Bar
2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Bachelor's Grove, Deadwitxh, The Sad Hour, Dropped At Birth
Fri., Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
AceWho, SwizZz
Sun., Nov. 8, 8 p.m.
Open mic night
Mon., Nov. 9, 6-8 p.m.
Unity — In Music
Thurs., Nov. 5, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 10, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Mash Bar
212 Albert Ave., East Lansing
Dave Menzo Band
Fri., Nov. 6, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Mayfair Bar
1589 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
Justin Deason
Fri., Nov. 6, 7-10 p.m.

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

Moriarty's Pub
802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
Wed., Nov. 4, 8-11 p.m.
Blues jam w/ Mike Smalley
Thurs., Nov. 5, 9 p.m.-midnight
Frog & the Beeftones
Fri., Nov. 6, 8 p.m.-midnight
Stan Craig Band
Sat., Nov. 7, 8 p.m.-midnight
Jazz Tuesdays
Tues., Nov. 10, 7-10 p.m.
Open mic night, with Jen Sygit
Wed., Nov. 11, 8-11 p.m.

MSU College of Music
Percussion Ensemble
Wed., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
African Diaspora Percussion Ensemble
Thurs., Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre
Jazz nonets with Dr. Professor Leonard King, jazz drums
Fri., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre
Spartan Spectacular
Sun., Nov. 8, 3 p.m.
Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
Brass Showcase
Mon., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Alumni Memorial Chapel, 636 Auditorium Road, East Lansing

Nuthouse Sports Grill
420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Smokey Bear
Sat., Nov. 7, 8 p.m.-midnight

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

The Peanut Barrel
521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
Mark Warner
Fri., Nov. 6, 8-10 p.m.
517 Funktet
Tues., Nov. 10, 6-8 p.m.

Red Cedar Spirits
2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing
Live music
Fri., Nov. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Randy Napoleon Trio
Sun., Nov. 8, 6-9 p.m.

The Robin Theatre
1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Abigayle Oakley, Fairhazel
Wed., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Tune In open mic
Thurs., Nov. 5, 7:30-9 p.m.

Sholty's Bar
1821 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Frog's Birthday Extravaganza, with Frog & the Beeftones, ICY/DICEY and Gina Garner
Sat., Nov. 7, 8-11 p.m.
Keith Minaya
Tues., Nov. 10, 6-9 p.m.

Stober's Bar
812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
517 Funktet
Sun., Nov. 8, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Jazz Doggz
Tues., Nov. 10, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Summerlands Brewing Co.
1957 Cedar St., Holt
Open mic & karaoke
Thurs., Nov. 5, 7-10 p.m.

Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center
3420 S. Creyts Road, Lansing
404 Delux
Wed., Nov. 4, 6-9 p.m.

Unicorn Bar
327 E César E. Chávez Ave, Lansing
Keegan Jacko
Thurs., Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Ritual Suns
Fri., Nov. 6, 8 p.m.
Bennyfest tribute w/ Blue Avenue Delegates, Tad & the Fat Katz, Gina Garner, Lady Luck and The Rotations
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University Lutheran Church
1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing
Cassie and Maggie
Sun., Nov. 8, 3 p.m.

UrbanBeat
1213 Turner St., Lansing
Midweek Music Lounge
Wed., Nov. 4, 6-9 p.m.
LanSINGout
Thurs., Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Phil Denny's Urban Suite: Gino Rosaria
Fri., Nov. 6, 8 p.m.
Jeff Haas Quintet
Sat., Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Music Lounge
Wed., Nov. 11, 6-9 p.m.

Williamston Roadhouse
3700 E. Grand River Road, Williamston
Peggy Nusz
Wed., Nov. 4, 7-10 p.m.
Sandra Faye Band
Sat., Nov. 7, 7-11 p.m.
Bob Hausler
Wed., Nov. 11, 7-10 p.m.

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Dr. Professor Leonard King brings Detroit energy to MSU jazz studies



Courtesy

Detroit musical legend Dr. Professor Leonard King is teaching and performing with MSU jazz studies students this week, culminating in a concert Friday with the MSU jazz nonets.

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Too few folks outside of Detroit have drunk from the well of musical joy, virtuosity and wisdom that is Dr. Professor Leonard King.

King is unlike any other guest artist Michigan State University's jazz studies program has hosted. He's a consummate drummer, a genre-defying composer, a proud ambassador of his hometown and a keen historian of music, politics and culture.

Some see him a modern-day, big-city griot, in the tradition of West African musician-storytellers.

He's wary of being pigeonholed and doesn't care much for labels like "jazz."

"In our house, the only rooms that didn't have recordings were the kitchen and the bathroom," he said. (It didn't hurt that his father was in the jukebox business.) "I listened to everything — Charlie Parker, Liberace, Johnny Cash, the Mickey Mouse Club. I was interested in music across the board."

King is teaching and performing with MSU jazz students all week, culminating in a concert with the jazz nonets Friday at the Fairchild Theatre.

He has worked extensively in public schools doing musical outreach, but when it comes to the university level, he brings a non-academic, community-based perspective.

"People ask me, 'Do you teach?' Yeah, I teach wherever I'm sitting or standing," he said. "Here I am, at age 78 — almost 79 — still doing what I set out to do in the first place."

MSU jazz nonets with Dr. Professor Leonard King, drums

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6
Fairchild Theatre
542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
(517) 353-5340
music.msu.edu

Since 2010, King has led a powerful, versatile big band, the Dr. Prof. Leonard King Orchestra. The group has enabled his music to blossom in many directions, from jazz to blues to rock, Latin and classical flavors, depending on whatever he is digging at a given time.

A few months ago, he sent a half dozen of his innovative arrangements for the MSU nonets to work on. The titles alone bear witness to his originality and willingness to take risks.

"There's one called 'Diaries of Wayward Activities,'" he said, laughing at his own audacity. "It was inspired just by things people do, the contradictions. A calypso seems to come out of nowhere, and from there we go into this funky — I mean real funky — composition that seems like it's going in a bunch of directions at one time, but it really isn't."

He has known MSU jazz studies director Rodney Whitaker, who is also a native of Detroit, for 40 years.

"Rodney was with me when he was 15," King said. Back then, King was hesitant to call him on a gig because he lived on the southwest side of Detroit and Whitaker lived on the east side, but Whitaker was as diligent then as he is now.

"He had to catch two buses with his double bass to get to me," King said.

King grew up in a fertile period when music saturated the neighborhoods and schools of Detroit, encompassing everything from bebop to Motown.

"This music was everywhere," he said. "I'm not just talking about the music called jazz, but especially music that related to Black people — jazz, blues, rhythm and blues, funk, whatever you want to call it. I see the same thread running through all that music. In the '50s, '60s and '70s, you'd have to have your fingers in your ears not to hear it."

When he was 3, his mother got him a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer record player.

"It only played 78s," he said. He still has it.

He was so fascinated that he peered into the grooves, looking for the downbeat from the drums.

"I was trying to figure out where the 'one' was," he said.

He asked his father for a drum kit — a big ask.

"My father could really squeeze a dollar," he recalled. "So, I only got a snare drum at age 9 and a bass drum the next year. He said, 'Let's see what you can do with this first.' That was important to my development because I learned to do more with less."

He played his first neighborhood gigs at 12 and became a bandleader at 15, performing at community centers and union halls in Downriver Detroit. His orchestra still plays at some of those community centers.

"It made sense for me to be in the hot seat," he said. "I was mentored by my father and other elders in the community. In those days, the music had such value that your neighbors would tell you if you weren't sincere."

At that time, fashion shows were a lucrative source of income.

"We played early-afternoon lunch socials," he said. "It wasn't all nightclubs. I wasn't old enough to go to a nightclub anyway."

King played for 35 years with Detroit organist Lyman Woodard, but he's always made sure to maintain his own groups, giving him an outlet for his expanding tastes and skills as a composer.

Besides the Dr. Prof. Leonard King Orchestra, he leads a group called Oopapada (emphasis on the last syllable), named after a Babs Gonzales song made popular by Dizzy Gillespie, and the Proportioned Orchestra, an unusual ensemble co-founded by Whitaker that features four double basses.

It's hard not to wonder about the origin of King's double-dip honorific title, but I withheld the question out of respect.

Fortunately, he offered the backstory without being asked.

As a young man, he was known for persistently asking librarians, teachers and elders in the community for answers to the questions that flooded his mind.

"I like to know the origin of things," he said. "We know about Z, but I want to know how we got from A to Z."

By the 1990s, he had gained a reputation for being a walking encyclopedia, and people called him with all kinds of questions.

"Next thing I know, I was being introduced as, 'Ladies and gentlemen, put your hands together for the one, the only, Dr. Professor Leonard King,'" he said.

He didn't think of using the title himself at first.

"I didn't want people thinking, 'Ah, he ain't no doctor professor,'" he said.

But his ex-wife told him it perfectly suited him.

"She told me, 'If somebody asks you about something that happened in 1980, you go back to 1622 and connect all the dots. A question most people would answer in five minutes, you're still standing there talking a half hour later. So, you are Dr. Professor.' I said, 'OK, I got it.'"

The title is not so much a tweak at academia (well, maybe a little bit) as a reminder that there are many paths to learning and wisdom.

"In the world of academia, some people frown on that," King said. "But people gave that title to me because I'm a community musician. I've always been of service to the community where I live and other communities. I realized the people who called me that wanted me to acknowledge that, and it was out of respect to them that I finally understood the value."

Lansing's James Gardin scores a slam dunk with two songs in new NBA 2K27 game

By MR. JOE WALKER

Multi-hyphenate entertainer James Gardin may not have "basketball player" on his extensive resume.

But two songs by the Lansing native, "Move Out the Way" and "Watch Yo Step," can be heard all over the world on the video game NBA 2K27.

"What's crazy is I'm not a huge video game player in general, but I was when I was in high school," said Gardin, who graduated from Sexton High School. "I haven't owned a console since the first XBOX. That lets you know how long I've been out of the game."

The NBA 2K video game franchise began in the late 1990s. The 2K27 edition was released in September and is the top-selling video game of 2026, according to Circana.



James Gardin holds a copy of NBA 2K27, which includes two of his songs, at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center's basketball gym.

Photos by Mr. Joe Walker



Gardin with a copy of NBA2K27.

Gardin was able to get his songs into the game through sync licensing, a permit that allows the pairing of copyrighted songs and musical pieces with films, television shows, commercials and other forms of visual media. To date, Gardin has landed high-profile placements with ESPN's "First Take," Peacock's "Bel-Air," OWN's "Queen Sugar," CW's "All American" and major brands like Saks Fifth Avenue, Tommy Hilfiger, Fox Sports, Puma, Square and Apple.

"Maybe I should get back into playing video games at this point, at least to hear myself in action," Gardin said. "Video games are a huge placement to get in general, but people are telling me there's songs they love because they were on 2K.

"I think it's going to be a huge moment," Gardin continued,"especially for the companies I work with. I also think there's going to be a whole bunch of people who get introduced to my music."

For both of his 2K bops, Gardin collaborated with The Other Guys!, a production duo comprising Grammy-nominated producer Ryan "Super Tight Woody" Woodcock and sync licensing dynamo Dennis Coronel, known professionally as Soulplusmind.

"I just started pooling ideas and said to them, 'Can we make something that lives in this universe?'" Gardin recalled. "They sent me four or five records, submitted them to some agencies, and a couple months later, found out we got two records picked for NBA 2K!"

In Lansing, Gardin has been recognized as a mentor with All of the Above Hip Hop Academy, a nonprofit organization that mentors youth using elements of hip-hop culture

He was picked by the academy's higher-ups to be both its lead curriculum coach and a teaching artist. His roles in All of the Above's Beats and Rhymes Sessions and The Cook Up programs keep him fresh.

"I want kids to know that they can take their art further than they're probably thinking now," Gardin said.

"Lansing is not a hotbed for the industry, so they might think there's a cap or a ceiling on what you can and cannot do. But if you make good product and you're willing to network and do good business, I don't think there is truly a limit to what we can do."

The NBA 2K placement is a huge play, and Gardin said it's a way for people to start connecting with the rest of his music catalog.

"The next step is people saying, 'We like this, let's listen to his music to hear what else he has,'" Gardin said.

"That could be the only thing that would really make it better. Right now it's definitely a dunk, but to make it a slam dunk would be those other things."

Gardin's first placement, "Complaining," from his LP "Sweet Jesus," was produced by his fellow AOTA teaching artist DeMarnio "TheyCallMeHeat" Stanley. He said he sees his success since as an opportunity to open more doors for Lansing.

"I want to do more sync education stuff for the city so people can understand that it's not this crazy, secret, complicated thing," Gardin said. "I get a lot of people who are trying to maximize on people's lack of knowledge by overcharging for the information. I'm not interested in charging people for directions to the bathroom."



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‘Star Wars’ novelist Timothy Zahn is grateful for the fans

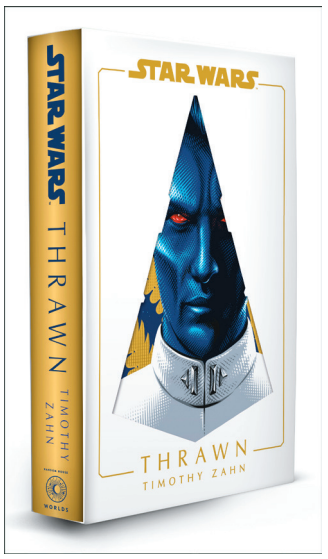
By KURT ANTHONY KRUG

For 35 years, Michigan State University alumnus and New York Times best-selling novelist Timothy Zahn has been synonymous with his most famous creation: Grand Admiral Thrawn from “Star Wars.”

Just who exactly is Thrawn?

A blue-skinned, red-eyed member of the alien race called the Chiss, Thrawn is a brilliant yet calculating leader in the Galactic Empire, on par with Darth Vader.

“I wanted someone who wasn’t like the Emperor and who wasn’t like Vader, who could inspire trust and loyalty in the troops,” Zahn, 75, explained. “That wound up being someone who cares about his people and generally will not waste them in any failed attempts. They would win almost every battle Thrawn led them into. Vader led by fear, Thrawn led by loyalty.”



Timothy Zahn will appear at Motor City Comic Con, running Nov. 13 through 15 at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. For tickets and more information, visit motorcitycomiccon.com.

An Illinois native, Zahn earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from MSU and a master’s degree in physics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He began to pursue doctoral studies in physics but decided to become a full-time writer instead. He lives in the Pacific Northwest.

The deluxe edition of Zahn’s 2017 novel “Thrawn” (Random House Worlds, $50), released Oct. 28, features a white slipcase with a triangular cutout shaped like a Star Destroyer, a wrap-around cover with special foiling and artwork of Thrawn, blue-and-gold sprayed edges, endpapers illustrated with Star Destroyer schematics and a satin ribbon bookmark.

Zahn’s last book about Thrawn was 2021’s “Lesser Evil,” the final installment in the “Thrawn Ascendancy” trilogy.

“It’s about Thrawn before he joins the Empire. It explores the origins of Thrawn and his rise through the military ranks of the Chiss Ascendancy, located in the chaotic and uncharted Unknown Regions of the galaxy,” he said. “I got to create the entire Chiss culture. It was an exercise in world building, along with having Thrawn in it. What more could you ask for?”

Since his debut more than 35 years ago, Thrawn has proven to be one of the “Star Wars” franchise’s most popular characters. Several action figures of him have been made over the years, and he appeared in two seasons of the animated TV series “Star Wars Rebels,” in which he was voiced by Lars Mikkelsen (“House of Cards,” “The Witcher”).

“A writer tries to make the best characters he or she can. It’s up to the readers who they particularly grab on to,” Zahn said. “I’m very grateful to the fans for keeping Thrawn and his legacy alive all these decades. It’s great to see him on the little screen. He might even appear on the big screen — who knows?”

Thrawn first appeared in 1991’s “Heir to the Empire,” written by Zahn. Hard as it is to believe, the “Star Wars” franchise — which debuted in 1977 with visionary filmmaker George Lucas’ “A New Hope,” — was in a period of lethargy.

At the time, the last movie released in the franchise was 1983’s “Return of the Jedi.” The long-awaited prequel films didn’t debut until 1999, starting with the commercially successful yet fan-maligned “Phantom Menace.” Marvel Comics lost its license to create “Star Wars” comics in 1986.

“Heir to the Empire” debuted in the Top 10 of The New York Times’ best-sellers list and rose to No. 1, remaining there for several weeks. In its first week alone, the novel sold 70,000 copies and was sent back to press for an additional 70,000. Dark Horse Comics, which acquired the rights to create new “Star Wars” comics in 1991, later adapted the “Heir” trilogy.

However, Zahn refuses to take credit for revitalizing “Star Wars.”

“The books sold not because of my name, but because it was ‘Star Wars.’” he said. “It was a risky venture. In 1991, no one knew if anyone even cared about ‘Star Wars.’ The interest was still out there, but there was really nothing new. People say I revived ‘Star Wars.’ Not true. I just stuck a fork in the pie crust to see if any steam would come out, and it did.”



Courtesy

Timothy Zahn is the creator of one of the “Star Wars” franchise’s most popular characters, Grand Admiral Thrawn.

Fellow “Star Wars” author John Jackson Miller disagreed with Zahn.

“Timothy Zahn helped prove that people were still interested in ‘Star Wars’ long after the original films had ended, and everyone benefited, from readers to future writers,” Miller said. “He’s been a part of the scene ever since. I don’t think the ‘Star Wars’ tie-in scene would be anything close to what it is today were it not for his contributions.”

From ‘Star Wars’ to ‘Star Trek’

After 35 years of playing in the “Star Wars” sandbox, Timothy Zahn is making the jump to another sci-fi franchise.

Zahn is hard at work on an original “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine” graphic novel for IDW Publishing, slated for a late 2027 release.

“I started watching classic ‘Star Trek’ when I was in high school, so this is kind of like a homecoming for me,” he said.

He didn’t reveal too much about the plot. What he did say is that a priceless artifact is destroyed upon arrival at DS9. A covert team is sent in to figure out what happened and who is responsible. Of course, things aren’t what they seem.

“Things keep unraveling. Hopefully, it’ll be a twisty plot for people to enjoy,” Zahn said. “We needed a space station, and DS9 is the best one for this story. Mostly it’s my own characters, who interact with some of the classic ‘DS9’ characters.”

The ‘sober-curious’ autumn

How microdoses and hemp drinks are hijacking fall drinking culture

Lansterdam in Review: The low-dose revolution





Courtesy photos

A wave of hemp-derived THC beverages and minor-cannabanoid-focused gummies is taking over Michigan’s weed market.

By CHRIS SILVA

If you’ve driven out to an orchard or hit a college football tailgate over the last few weeks, you’ve probably noticed a shift in what people are consuming. The traditional autumn playbook of knocking back heavy craft IPAs, hard ciders or spiked hot toddies until a brutal hangover ruins your entire Sunday is giving way to a wave of microdosed edibles and precision-dosed drinks.

I’m not a microdoser. I didn’t get into cannabis to take a tiny nibble of a gummy and ponder the universe. When I consume, I want to feel it. But over the last year, everywhere I go around Lansing, people keep asking the same questions: “Where can I find low-dose stuff?” “Got any high-CBD gummies?” “What’s the deal with CBN and CBG?” “Can I really just buy hemp drinks online?”

While high-potency flower sales have leveled off under market saturation and price compression, the low-THC and hemp-derived-beverage markets are experiencing explosive growth. We aren’t just talking about a niche wellness trend. We’re watching a fundamental pivot in how Michiganders consume cannabis socially.

For years, the goal in Michigan’s legal market was maximum THC for minimal dollars. It was a race to see who could pack 200 milligrams into a gummy for five bucks or push 30% THC flower onto dispensary shelves. But high potency comes with social downsides, including paranoia, severe couch lock and the total inability to hang out at a backyard bonfire without staring blankly into the embers for three hours.

The low-dose revolution is flipping that entire paradigm on its head by leaning into the rest of the plant. It turns out THC was only ever half the story. The real secret weapon is the strategic use of minor cannabinoids like CBD, CBN, CBG and CBC, blended in targeted ratios.

CBD acts as the ultimate buffer. When paired in a 1-1 or 2-1 ratio with THC, CBD takes the sharp, anxious edge off the high, leaving you with a functional body buzz instead of heart-pounding paranoia. CBG is emerging as the daytime social pick-me-up. Often called the “mother cannabinoid,” CBG combined with a low dose of THC provides a subtle focus without the jitters. Meanwhile, CBN has essentially conquered the nighttime routine. When combined with a splash of THC, it has a natural sedative effect that’s rapidly replacing over-the-counter sleep aids and late-night alcohol.

Then there is the elephant in the room that has mainstream consumers buzzing: THC drinks. Thanks to federal Farm Bill loopholes, major players — like Lume with its BUZZN seltzers, along with direct-to-consumer hemp brands — are shipping hemp-derived, microdosed drinks straight to people’s doorsteps, no dispensary trip required.

You can literally sit on your couch, order a six-pack of 5- or 7.5-milligram hemp-derived THC seltzer online and have it delivered by the postal carrier just like a box of shoes. For casual, “sober-curious” drinkers who might still feel intimidated stepping into a provisioning center, these mail-order and mainstream-retail beverages are the ultimate gateway into cannabis culture.

At the center of hemp beverages’ popularity is fast-acting nanoemulsion technology. Traditional edibles take anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours to be processed by the liver, making dosing a high-stakes guessing game. Nanoemulsion breaks cannabinoids down into microscopic, water-soluble particles that absorb instantly in the mouth and stomach. You feel a manageable, predictable buzz within 10 to 15 minutes, and it wears off naturally in an hour or two, mimicking the effects of a glass of wine or a light beer — minus the dehydration, calories and morning regret.

This shift toward low-dose products and hemp beverages gives independent operators and agile processors a crucial economic weapon. While 1-gram pre-rolls and bulk outdoor flower face razor-thin margins due to the state’s 24% wholesale tax, precision-formulated gummies and beverages command higher price points per milligram. Consumers are proving that they’re more than willing to pay for predictability, discretion and a tailored experience.

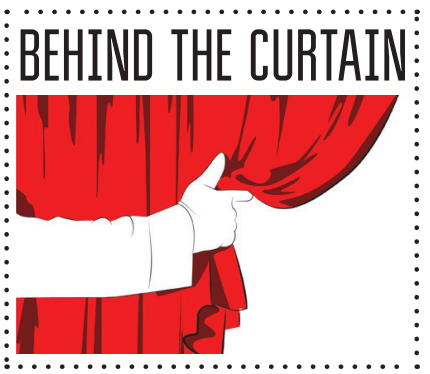
Personally, I’ll still take my full-strength smoke when the day is done. But you can’t ignore where the culture is moving. The brands winning space across Lansing aren’t necessarily the ones chasing the highest THC percentage. The real winners are the craftspeople making products that fit seamlessly into everyday social life.

‘Mary Poppins’ flies into Fowlerville

By COURTNEY BOWERMAN

Fowlerville Community Theatre’s upcoming production of “Mary Poppins” is a family show in more ways than one. Not only does the cast include several sets of family members, but parents and other relatives are also pitching in to help prepare for opening night.

One such volunteer is Okemos resident Robin Young, who helped paint the sets and is assisting with promoting the show around Greater Lansing. Her granddaughter Addison Smith plays Jane Banks, while her daughter Stacey Smith is part of the tap-dancing ensemble in the “Step in Time” number.



“I’m just doing what I can to help,” Young said. “I saw how hard they all work. The participants are all members of their communities who have day jobs and are doing this, too, so it’s truly for love of the theater.”

There are nearly 90 people in the cast, with Mandy Stone in the lead as Mary Poppins. Stone runs Lansing’s Alive Theatre with Christine Hall, who plays Mrs. Banks. According to Stone, the large cast makes this version of “Mary Poppins” much more immersive than other productions, especially the ensemble numbers.

“Fowerville is a very family-oriented theater,” she said. “I’d say they lean more into having fun than stressing people out. One of the ways this occurs is they don’t cut people in auditions. They like having everyone involved.”

Although the stage show has all the classic Disney songs fans know and love, audiences may be surprised at how different it is from the movie. The plot deviates more toward the storyline of the original books by P.L. Travers, especially in how the characters are portrayed.

“Mary is a little less happy. Julie Andrews makes everything kind of sparkly and shiny. This Mary is a little more direct and not quite so smiley.” Stone explained. “Mr. and Mrs. Banks’ relationship is a lot more in the forefront: how Mr. Banks is the clinical, absent father that he is and how they fix that. Mrs. Banks is not the fluffy suffragette; she’s a mom trying to be heard and doesn’t know how to get through to either her kids or her husband. So, the character growth in them is wildly different from the movie.”

Stone said that due to budget restrictions, she will not be physically “flying” in the show. The company will use other tricks to pull off the effect. However, when pressed for details, all she would tease was, “I know how it will work, but I can’t tell you. That’s Disney magic, darling!”

Stone praised the rest of the cast, especially Addison Smith and Ezra Webber as Jane and Michael Banks.

“They don’t have a ton of theater experience, but they’re naturals. Addie has the perfect English accent straight out of the gate, and Ezra is just the sassiest little bugger. They insisted on naming my umbrella Geoffrey.”

Young can attest to how good her granddaughter’s British accent is, having watched snippets of rehearsals and listened to her practicing songs in the car. She is amazed by how quickly the cast and crew have come together.

“There’s such joy that comes from the performers,” she said. “Even in the rehearsals, when it’s getting harder and more uncomfortable, they’re all so full of joy, working and pulling together. These are little kids painting sets alongside their parents and their grandmothers — three generations painting sets. It’s such a welcoming situation, truly a community.”



Photo by Kayla Lozon

From left: Christine Hall as Mrs. Banks, Mandy Stone as Mary Poppins, Ezra Webber as Michael Banks and Addison Smith as Jane Banks in Fowlerville Community Theatre’s production of “Mary Poppins.”

She added that she can’t wait to see the finished show and is confident that everyone who comes to see it will love it.

“It has such great family values, hope and love that reflects this whole cast,” she said.

Stone echoed that sentiment.

“I know that ‘Mary Poppins’ is special and nostalgic to a lot of people, and I think that nostalgia will carry through,” Stone said. “It’s an absolute honor to play her. She means the world to me. It feels surreal every time I get to put on the heeled boots and become her. In my heart of hearts, I just want to make Julie Andrews proud, even though she has no idea who I am.”

November and early December theater productions:

“Clybourne Park”
Nov. 5–8 and 12–15
7 p.m. Thursday
8 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

“Antigone”
Nov. 6–15
7:30 p.m. Tuesday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Wharton Center Pasant Theatre
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
theatre.msu.edu

“Emily Brontë: Teenage Necromancer”
Nov. 6–8
7 p.m. Friday
3 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
Eastern High School
626 Marshall St., Lansing
allofusexpress.org

“Eurydice”
Nov. 6–8 and 13–14
7 p.m. Friday–Saturday
2 p.m Sunday
LCC Dart Auditorium
500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing
lcc.edu/showinfo

“Witch”
Nov. 6–8 and 12–15
7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday
3 p.m. Sunday; Nov. 14
Stage One
2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
peppermintcreek.org

Manual Cinema’s “The 4th Witch”
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

“What Do You Do with a Problem?”
4 p.m. Nov. 15
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

“O Christmas Tea: A British Comedy”
7:30 p.m. Nov. 18
Wharton Center Pasant Theatre
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

“Rhinoceros”
Nov. 18–22
7:30 p.m. Wednesday–Sunday
2 p.m. Sunday
Studio 60 Theatre
542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
theatre.msu.edu

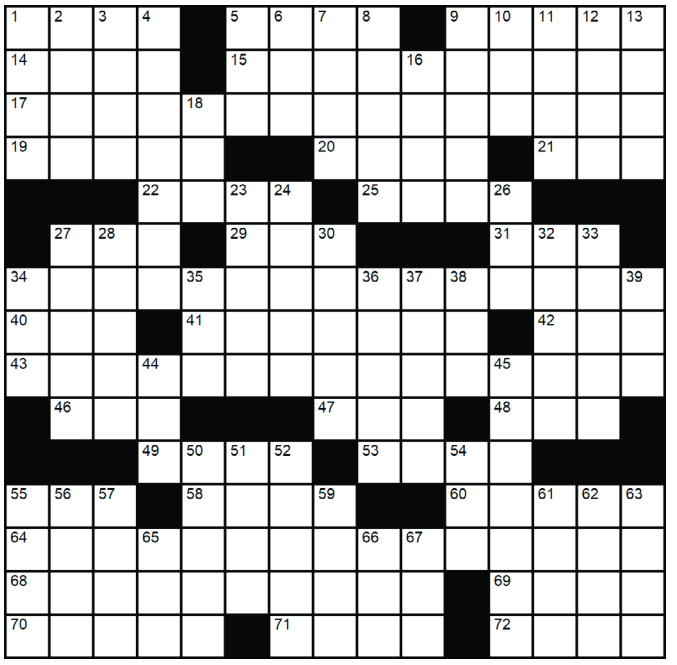
“A Lansing Christmas Adventure”
Nov. 19–Dec. 27
Preview weekend showtimes:
7:30 p.m. Thursday–Friday
2 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
Rest of run showtimes:
2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday–Sunday; Nov. 27; Dec. 23
7:30 p.m. Friday–Saturday; Dec. 23
No performances Nov. 26, Dec. 24 and 25
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

“Mary Poppins”
Nov. 20–22
7 p.m. Friday
2 p.m. Saturday–Sunday
Fowlerville High School
Address
fowlervillecommunitytheatre.com
Giving Tuesday Play-a-Thon
Dec. 1, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

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

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones



"Bigger Than Before" -- it's huge!
by Matt Jones
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ACROSS
1. Cosette in "Les Misérables," for one
5. "Two guys walk into ___ ..."
9. Second U.S. President
14. As well
15. Nintendo character's debatable full name (according to the 1993 live-action film)
17. Scottish band with a 1983 "In a ..." hit, but much bigger?
19. Marsupial that can eat leaves poisonous to other animals
20. Stately trees
21. South China, e.g.
22. Go very slowly
25. No, in Novosibirsk
27. Pixies song "Here Comes Your ___"
29. Intention
31. "Sun ___ Set" (2026 Beabadoobee single)
34. 7-Eleven drinks, but much bigger?
40. Needle part
41. Noodle or duck, e.g.
42. "A Christmas Carol" outburst
43. Nick Kroll animated series, but much bigger?
46. Oversaw
47. Lyricist Gershwin
48. Text messaging letters
49. 400-meter path shape
53. "Devil Inside" band
55. Health retreat
58. Bunches
60. Rent
64. Powerful slugger, but much bigger?
68. Option from a barista
69. Tomato used in sauces
70. Salsa ___
71. "Heads up" abbr.
72. "Lucky Jim" author Kingsley

DOWN
1. "Crack is ___"
2. Potato, in Indian restaurants
3. ___ Nublar ("Jurassic Park" location)
4. "No ___!" ("Really!")
5. Morning times
6. Barnyard sound
7. Folk singer Guthrie
8. Puerto ___
9. Be entertaining
10. "Bizarro" cartoonist Piraro
11. Subject of some grants
12. Bog down
13. Bean curd source
16. "They're altogether ___ / The Addams Family"
18. ___ Salvador
23. Paddle boat?
24. Stumble across
26. Wed. follower
27. Bestower of keys to the city
28. Rock tour venue
30. Prefix for millionaire
32. Photo storage device?
33. Quick quarrels
34. Rock
35. Public radio producer behind "Marketplace," for short
36. Space Invaders company
37. "Memento" director Christopher
38. Lifter's locale
39. "Quiet, you!"
44. Card game with a Championship Series in fall 2026
45. Slightly less expensive alternative to Beluga caviar
50. "Hacks" main character Deborah
51. Deciding force behind what gets promoted on social media, for short
52. Bathtub sponge
54. Super Bowl held in 2007
55. Sarah Snook's "Succession" role
56. Eggplant shade
57. U.S.A. part
59. Small grass patch
61. Small piece of silver, say
62. Game before the final
63. Taylor Swift tour
65. Inexplicable
66. Ready follower?
67. Egg producer

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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 Brezsny

Nov. 4-10, 2026

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Aries psychologist Abraham Maslow coined the term "peak experiences": surging upflows of heightened clarity, awe, vitality, and love. He also identified another category, "plateau experiences." These are gentler but more enduring states, characterized less by ecstatic fireworks than by a leisurely delight in being alive. I believe you're in a phase that favors those plateau experiences. So, the semi-bad news is that you may not be besieged by a nonstop flood of spectacular epiphanies. The good news is that you'll harvest a steady stream of subtle amazements. Your gratitude may be less dramatic but more sustained. A calm, glowing contentment can teach you all you need to know right now.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): A finely crafted mechanical watch depends upon many gears moving at different speeds. Some spin rapidly, while others barely move. Yet each contributes to the overall success of timekeeping. Please remember this when you get restless about your uneven progress. Not every area of your life can or should be in dynamic motion simultaneously. One project may require vigorous action, while another benefits from patient incubation. A single standard of productivity isn't right for you these days. Harmonious coordination among different rhythms serves you best.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): I invite you and urge you to ruminate about the stories you've been telling about yourself. Are they still accurate? Still empowering? Or have some become outdated myths that no longer honor your ripening identity? During the coming weeks, I predict you will be energized as you revise your personal mythology with imaginative generosity. It's time to retire narratives that shrink you. Reinvent an old saga so it makes you more of a hero and less of a victim. Compose two fun new tales that are spacious enough to accommodate the curious beauty you're on your way to becoming.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Among elephants, older matriarchs lead the herd. They carry detailed memories of watering holes, migration routes, and old brushes with danger. During tough times, their accumulated experience becomes indispensable. This fact of nature reminds me that your own history contains wisdom you haven't fully appreciated. And now is an excellent phase to bring it all into your conscious awareness. Instead of dwelling on old disappointments or sad mistakes, focus intensely on what durable knowledge you've harvested from living through them. Your future and the futures of those you care for will improve in direct proportion to the respect you show your past. The point is to recognize yourself as an increasingly skillful keeper of hard-earned sagacity.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): A bird doesn't perceive reflective glass as we do. To it, the spotless glass façade of a building may look like a continuation of the outdoors, with blue sky, clouds, tree canopy, or water. But humans have the know-how to create bird-friendly patterns that interrupt this illusion by giving the glass enough visual "texture" to register as a solid obstacle. With these visual clues, birds are less likely to collide with the structure. In the coming weeks, Leo, I hope you will summon comparable thoughtfulness. Your small gestures can protect others from unnecessary confusion or pain. You'll have extra power to express subtle kindnesses that free people to navigate the world more safely and confidently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): You may be feeling so physically well right now that it seems almost implausible. Your mind may be operating so sharply that you wonder whether you can trust it. Even love may appear so straightforward and righteous that part of you suspects you have misunderstood the signs. But that's the cosmic joke: These blessings don't come with an invoice or a looming punishment. You're allowed to receive them freely. Tell your harsh inner critic that its counsel isn't needed. Then make ample room for the release and freedom that are unfolding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): I'm not right 100% of the time, but even when I'm not completely correct, I usually get close to at least one of the key truths simmering in your story. In the oracle you're reading now, I'm offering a concise burst of guidance that I believe is even more likely than usual to be 100% accurate. I'm urging you to examine the balance of give and take in one specific relationship. Your gift for harmony can sometimes tip into always being the one who accommodates, adjusts, and gives more, until the scales sit lopsided and you barely notice. Investigate that possibility, please. Fixing the imbalance is an act of care for a bond that's worth keeping healthy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): How long has it been since you've meandered around a library? I'm old-fashioned about books, so that experience is high on my list of pleasurable adventures. I enjoy searching for specific books, but I also love browsing the shelves without a fixed destination. Both approaches are valuable, though browsing often produces happy surprises. One unexpected title leads to another, opening pathways no search engine could have predicted. With this in mind, Scorpio, I recommend that you browse freely in the coming weeks. Wander through ideas, friendships, music, bookstores, museums, forests, conversations, and neighborhoods without demanding a predetermined outcome. Serendipity is preparing a curriculum especially suited to restless brilliance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): There's a Welsh word, "hiraeth," that refers to a longing for a home that may never have existed. It's a homesickness for a place or a way of being you can't actually return to and aren't sure was ever fully real. I bring this up, Sagittarius, because I suspect you're feeling the tug of distant horizons lately, a restless ache for an elsewhere you can't name. Don't dismiss this longing as mere wanderlust to be scratched with a plane ticket. Sit with it. Ask what it's pointing toward. The far country you ache for may be a quality of soul you're being called to cultivate right where you are. Your true destination might be more interior than you assume.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Engineers who design a suspension bridge know the structure must be able to sway slightly in wind and weather. A perfectly rigid structure would eventually crack under stress. In the coming weeks, I'm hoping you'll incorporate extra doses of this paradoxical attitude. It's crucial not just to grudgingly acknowledge but to fondly celebrate the fact that stability will thrive on generous flexibility. Some plans and convictions will grow even stronger because you'll be willing to adjust and tinker with them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Astronomers sometimes revisit old telescope data using improved software. In doing so, they may discover planets or galaxies that had been hidden from them for years. The information was always there. Only the methods of perception changed. I suspect you're ripe for similar types of revelation, Aquarius. I invite you to return to old notebooks, abandoned ideas, neglected friendships, or forgotten ambitions. You may not have extracted all their value yet. Your present self possesses interpretive abilities that your former self lacked. Yesterday's overlooked clue may be tomorrow's breakthrough.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Nineteenth-century Piscean composer and pianist Frédéric Chopin poured an almost unbearable tenderness into his nocturnes and preludes. His delicate, intimate music is among the most emotional ever created. Evoking potent, mysterious feelings was his specialty. I propose we make him your inspirational role model. Please do everything you can imagine to express your deep feelings with artistry and intelligence. Be as sensitive and impassioned as you dare.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Brezsny'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, Nov. 4

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.

Abigayle Oakley, Fairhazel: Twin Bill - Since her appearance on "The Voice," Abigayle Oakley has hit the folk music circuit running. She'll split the night with Fairhazel, another singer-songwriter with a strong voice to be heard. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.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.

Allen Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/AllenFarmersMarket.

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 Sue Wittick - Wittick has brought us a giggle-worthy collection of whimsical photography combined with special editing. Stop in and tickle your funny bone! Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Careers in Business - Network with local employers to learn more about career opportunities for students pursuing business-related degrees (such as accounting, business, economics, insurance and risk management, management and marketing). 11 a.m.-1 p.m. LCC Gannon Building, 422 N. Washington Square, Lansing. lcc.edu.

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.

Communicating Through Conflict: November Workshop - Communicating Through Conflict workshops provide participants with tools and techniques to handle heated situations and interpersonal conflict more effectively. Noon-2 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/conflict_smoothies.

Craft & Hobby Exchange - Clean out your craft closet and discover new interests & treasures! Items must be clean and in good condition. 6-7 p.m. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9135 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.com.

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.

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

Eight Ball Chip Pool Tournaments - Head to Royal Scot's Triple P Bar & Grill every Wednesday and Friday night to join the Eight Ball Chip Pool Tournaments! Players of all skill levels welcome! 6-11 p.m. 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. royalscot.net.

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.

Free Community Meal - November's menu is biscuits and sausage gravy, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, delicious sides, and dessert from Flour Child. 5:30-6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge. grandledgefirstumc.org.

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.

Group Dance Class: Beginning Cha cha - Learn the lively rhythms, basic footwork, partner connection, turns, and simple combinations that make the cha cha one of the world's most popular social dances. 7-7:50 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8800. themac.org.

History of the Orphan Trains: Michigan & the Midwest - Join us for a fascinating presentation on the orphan trains by Michigan author Sherry A. Burton. 6-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Kyle Campbell Agency Thanksgiving Food Drive - Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at participating drop-off locations. Pickup arrangements can be made if needed. For a list of drop-off locations, visit facebook.com/KyleCampbellAgency.

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.

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

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.

Native American Heritage Poetry Reading - Join acclaimed poet Esther Belin for an evening of poetry, reflection, and storytelling inspired by Native traditions and the artistry of quillwork. 6-7:30 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. museum.msu.edu.

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

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.

Ross Education Incoming Student Orientation - We'll review all the essential information to ensure a successful start. You'll also get a guided tour of the campus and classrooms, alongside dedicated support to set up your new laptop. 3-4 p.m. Ross Medical Education Center, 4106 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. rosseducation.edu.



Abigayle Oakley, Fairhazel

7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4
The Robin Theatre
1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
tenpoundfiddle.org

The Ten Pound Fiddle has invited two rising stars in folk music to the intimate Robin Theatre for a twin bill tonight.

Abigayle Oakley competed on NBC's "The Voice" earlier this year and earned an all-chair turn from coaches John Legend, Adam Levine and Kelly Clarkson. She has opened for artists such as The War and Treaty, Jed and the Valentine and Forest Blakk.

Fairhazel is the moniker of multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and producer Hugh Macdonald, who has opened for The Script, Nell Mescal, Jade Bird, Blanco White and beyond. He has also been booked three years running as a headliner for rock band Counting Crows' festival, Underwater Sunshine.

Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door. Guests can purchase drinks from Sleepwalker Spirits & Ale next door to the venue.

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.

Sporcle Live Trivia - Join us at HopCat East Lansing every Wednesday for trivia! Two rounds, two chances to score prizes. First game: 7 p.m. Second game: 8 p.m. 300 Grove St., East Lansing. facebook.com/HopCatEastLansing.

Thursday, Nov. 5

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 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.

Beginning Ukulele for the Family - You'll learn the basics of the uke, including: parts of the instrument, tuning, beginning chords, and simple songs to get you used to chording and strumming. Four-week class. Registration req. Ages 8+. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Bookend Gallery Display by Sue Wittick - Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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Peace Education Center Alternative Holiday Sale

5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7
Edgewood United Church
469 Hagadorn Road,
East Lansing
Free
facebook.com/peaceedcenter

For more than 50 years, the Peace Education Center has brought together local artists, nonprofits, fair-trade organizations and small businesses for its annual Alternative Holiday Sale. This year's event features more than 30 vendors, but it offers attendees more than just holiday shopping. Just Peace Chorus will perform a free concert and sing-along on Friday, while the Lansing Children's Choir will perform on Saturday. Mediterranean eats from Sultan's Restaurant will be available for purchase on Friday. Saturday's menu includes homemade soups, bread, salads and desserts. There will also be a silent auction and a raffle. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO
INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted amendments to the Ingham County Animal Control Ordinance, to repeal the definition of "day" in Article II, Sec. (k), to repeal the provision in Article III, Sec. 3(f) allowing the entry onto private property, to repeal the provision in Article VI, Sec. 1 mandating holding periods for impounded animals, to repeal the provision in Article IX, Sec. 1(d) imposing criminal liability for dog bites, and to amend the provision in Article III, Sec. 3(c) as to the holding and disposition of impounded animals, to amend the provision in Article VI, Sec. 3 as to notice to the owner of an impounded animal, and to amend the provision in Article VI, Sec. 4 as to the holding, redemption and disposition of impounded animals.

A copy of the Ordinance Amendment is available for public inspection in the office of the Ingham County Clerk.

Gregg A. Todd, County Controller

CP#26-411

CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1366

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to add Chapter 873, and Sections 873.01-873.11 to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, to provide for licensing procedures and regulations for Virtual Currency Machines, to include requirements for Operators and Providers to give disclosures and warnings to Customers, to regulate Transactions with New Customers, and to set penalties for Operators and Providers who violate this ordinance.

Effective date: Janaury 1, 2027

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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Building Confident Brand Awareness Through Communication and Connection - Attendees will gain practical insights on communicating value, engaging audiences, building confidence and resolving conflict. 10-11:30 a.m. Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. members.lansingchamber.org/event-calendar.

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

"Clybourne Park" - A razor-sharp, darkly funny look at who gets to belong in a neighborhood. 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

Defending the Homefront — Kingsmen PSC - Fortify your home. Protect your family. React with confidence. 6-8 p.m. Capital Area Sportsmen's League, 7534 W. Old River Trail, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/106028473031.

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.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Fall Sale - New looks and standard favorites — mugs, vases, platters, jewelry, and wall art. Over 3,000 pieces to pick from for holiday gifts and décor. 5-8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

Group Dance Class: Beginning Nightclub Two-Step - Nightclub two-step is a smooth, romantic social dance for slow to medium pop or country songs. 8-8:50 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Register by calling 517-364-8800. themac.org.

Innovate State: Brewed Locally, Connected Globally, with Shannon Long - The Innovate State Speaker Series brings emerging and accomplished Spartan entrepreneurs to campus for a live, unscripted fireside chat. 6-7 p.m. Business Pavilion, 651 N. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/14747511979.

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

Play-Doh Turkey Craft - Have fun making a silly Thanksgiving turkey out of Play-Doh! You can give your turkey fun feathers, googly eyes, and a colorful beak! 10 a.m.-7 p.m. GLADL Wacousta Branch, 9135 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.libcal.com.

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 Centurion Drive, Ste. 120, Lansing. shorahouse.com.

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.

Ten Pound Fiddle Presents: Tune In - An inclusive music showcase for performers and songwriters from Greater Lansing. The evening will consist of around 12 artists, one directly after another. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

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

VIP Plant Party: Eleventh Annual Houseplant & Succulent Sale - Get first selection of our houseplants and succulents while enjoying an evening designed especially for plant lovers! 4-7 p.m. MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. facebook.com/MSUHorticultureGardens.

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, Nov. 6

AECT Presents "Emily Bronte, Teenage Necromancer" - A hilarious ride through English literature full of magic, ghosts and fog, featuring an undead goose, a lovesick spirit and a talking meat pudding. 7 p.m. Eastern High School, 672 Marshall St., Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

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

Broad Underground: Ojos Caribe - Ojos Caribe is a curatorial endeavor and platform which has functioned as an itinerant video screening event since 2022, co-founded by artists and scholars Patricia Encarnación, Yelaine Rodriguez, and Gina Goico. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Clybourne Park" - 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

Cozy Craft Night | Unwind - Drop in for a cozy evening of crafting, snacks, and good company. Choose from a variety of hands-on projects, make something to take home, or simply hang out and create with friends. 7-9 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. museum.msu.edu.

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.

Eight Ball Chip Pool Tournaments - Head to Royal Scot's Triple P Bar & Grill every Wednesday and Friday night to join the Eight Ball Chip Pool Tournaments! Players of all skill levels welcome! 6-11 p.m. 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. royalscot.net.

Eleventh Annual Houseplant & Succulent Sale - Support the gardens and grow your plant collection! Our knowledgeable staff and friendly volunteers will be available to assist as you explore. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. facebook.com/MSUHorticultureGardens.

Euchre Tournament - Join Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing and the Kiwanis Club for a euchre tournament. If you wish, join in a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7. $10 to play. First Friday of every month. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

"Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl - In this adaptation of "Eurydice," the playwright reimagines the classic myth of Orpheus through the eyes of its heroine. 7 p.m. LCC Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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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.

Friends of the Haslett Library Fall Used Book Sale and Basket Silent Auction - Thursday night sale open to members only. Membership can be purchased at the door. 5-7 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett. thebookendvolunteers@gmail.com.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Fall Sale - 10 a.m.-8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

House of Heavy - We're bringing the energy of a packed metal show: the nu metal nostalgia, the alt-metal anthems, the metalcore breakdowns. 9 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing. greendoorlive.com.

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

MSU Ice Hockey vs. Boston University Terriers - 7 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, 509 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey.

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

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

Prophet Myles Kilby: Irons in the Fire - Join Prophet Myles Kilby, Pastor Laura Cokonougher, Dr. Denise Rassel and the Gilead Healing Team as we make room for the Holy Spirit to move. 7-9:30 p.m. Gilead Healing Center, 306 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/7740042673.

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.

Zoo Trivia Night for Rhino Conservation - Join our American Association of Zookeepers volunteers for a fun night of animal trivia! 6:30-9 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/10907726321.

Saturday, Nov. 7

AECT Presents "Emily Bronte, Teenage Necromancer" - 3 p.m. Eastern High School, 672 Marshall St., Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

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

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

"Clybourne Park" - 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

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: Jason Little. Band: Big Fun. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Cristo Rey Church Christmas Bazaar - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 201 W. Miller Road, Lansing. facebook.com/events/1066670109077715.

"Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl - 7 p.m. LCC Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

Family Day: CHOICE - Make a mini monument that honors something important to you and your family, inspired by "We Are This Land." 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Friends of the Haslett Library Fall Used Book Sale and Basket Silent Auction - This sale features our annual basket silent auction, with 25 baskets containing books on various topics, each selling to the highest bidder. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett. thebookendvolunteers@gmail.com.

The Future of Comedy Show at Lansing Brewing Co. - Live stand-up comedy with Dave Clickner, Mike Ball, Kamryn Kelems and Dave Wellfare. 8 p.m. 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. facebook.com/thefutureofcomedyshow.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Fall Sale - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

Kendra Scott One-Year Anniversary Celebration - This all-day celebration features local vendors, community giveback partners and a doorbuster gift with purchase. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. 3003 Preyde Blvd., Lansing. eastwoodtownecentersbirthdayba.splashthat.com.

Kinshop Birthday Book Fair Bash -Let us add to whatever kind of autumnal magic you're seeking by conjuring up some charm at our second annual book fair. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. A Novel Concept and Dear Ollie & Co., 222 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/dearollieandco.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/farmers-market.

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

The Movember Duals - A hema tournament to benefit cancer research. Noon-5 p.m. 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge. eventbrite.com/o/113975948641.

Native Seed Keeping & Seed Bombs with Hunter Park GardenHouse - Get hands-on with native plants! 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hunter Park GardenHouse, 500 Clifford St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Prophet Myles Kilby: Irons in the Fire - 6 p.m. Gilead Healing Center, 306 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/7740042673.

Pumpkin Chuck - Watch pumpkins fly from our state-of-the-art pumpkin catapult, compete in pumpkin rolling competitions, enjoy delicious food, and take part in a variety of other fun activities for all ages. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fitzgerald Park, 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. facebook.com/EatonCountyParks.

Samhain Ritual - Samhain is the Witches' New Year for some, the last harvest, and the night the veil between the worlds runs thinnest. Weavers of the Web opens the gates in the West with Hekate and Loki and calls our ancestors home. 4-9 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

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.

You Are Prepared: A Pop-up Training Center for Self-Optimization - Experience the tech-fueled obsession with self-optimization in this interactive art installation. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. museum.msu.edu.

Zoe Butler: The Genealogy of Light - An immersive performance by artist Zoe Butler that brings together Caribbean cosmology, folklore, physics, and philosophy in a meditation on Black embodiment. 2-4 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Advent House Serving Opportunity (Lansing Tech Studio students) - We'll meet at 2:30 p.m. to prepare a meal for approximately 100 members of our community in need. Food service begins at 3:30 p.m. While the food is cooking, we'll enjoy some games and time together. Advent House Ministries, 1052 Church Court, Lansing. lansingtechstudio.org.

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Mystery at the Museum

6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6
Michigan History Museum
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
facebook.com/MichiganHistory-Center



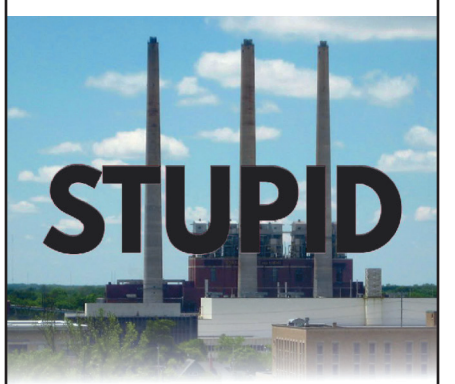
The Michigan History Museum invites both amateur and seasoned sleuths to its murder mystery event Friday evening. The mystery was developed by museum staff and features volunteer actors from Riverwalk Theatre, who will portray characters from Michigan's history. Attendees will explore the museum to search for clues and interrogate suspects. To solve the case, they'll need to figure out which suspect had both motive and opportunity. Those who find their culprit early can explore the museum's exhibits or enjoy charcuterie and donuts. Tickets are $30, and guests must be 18 or older.

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Big Penny Lane?

One way of renaming Cesar E Chavez Avenue in Old Town would be to recognize one of the biggest local heroes, Big Penny.



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

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AECT Presents "Emily Bronte, Teenage Necromancer" - 3 p.m. Eastern High School, 672 Marshall St., Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

Cassie and Maggie - The Celtic brilliance of Cassie and Maggie charmed a full Fiddle house four years ago. They are back for a special Sunday afternoon show. 3-5:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

"Clybourne Park" - 2 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

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. manifestlansing.com.

"Eurydice," by Sarah Ruhl - 2 p.m. LCC Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

Featured Artist Show Opening Reception - Experience original art and enjoy light refreshments as we celebrate our featured artists. Artwork will be available for purchase directly from the gallery, with 50% of sales benefiting REACH programming. 2-4 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Holiday Bazaar - Featuring a variety of crafts, large selection of baked goods and Kaffee Hause serving brats, German potato salad and sauerkraut. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lansing Liederkranz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingLiederkranzClub.

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

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

Oil Paint Like Bob Ross with Nancy Rann - Come learn a new skill and leave with a memorable keepsake. Oil painting made easy and enjoyable. 2:30-5:30 p.m. Art & Soul Gallery, 215 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns. facebook.com/ClintonCntyArts.

Old Nation Brewing Co. Michigan Binho State Championship - Join us in person for an exciting day packed with thrilling matches and friendly competition. Noon-6 p.m. Cleats Bar & Grille, 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. cleatsbarandgrille.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.

Sourdough for Beginners - Welcome to the start of your Sourdough journey! 2-3:30 p.m. Bradly's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

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.

Monday, Nov. 9

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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DJ Bingo at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Kick off your week with a night of music, laughs, and friendly competition! 7-8:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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.

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Pickle Science - Discover how vegetables transform into pickles in this hands-on STEAM activity. You'll also get to try your hand at pickling and take home a tasty pickled treat. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

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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, Nov. 10

517 Story Project - A live storytelling experience held the second Tuesday of every month at The Green Door. No scripts. No performances. Just real people sharing real stories from their lives. 6:30-9 p.m. 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517storyproject.com.

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.

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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.

Adult Daytime Gathering: Grapevine Wreaths - Craft a grapevine wreath for the upcoming holidays. Wreaths are 14 inches, and we'll have an assortment of seasonal trims! 2-3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

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

Diabetes PATH - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 9:30 a.m.-noon. Sam Corey Senior Center, 2108 Cedar St., Holt. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

Dine & Discovery: Mushroom Udon Soup - Join chef Matt Jones in the Maker Kitchen for this vegetarian class celebrating mushrooms! 6-8 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Drop-In Indoor Golf League Tuesdays - Want to join an indoor league but don't want the weekly commitment? The Tuesday Drop-In League is perfect for you! No need to register, just show up! 6-9 p.m. Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. royalscot.net.

The Factual and Fictional History of an American Holiday - Eric Toups, professor of history at the University of Michigan, explores the reasons for the season, diving into the foundations of American history to explore the actual events of the "first Thanksgiving." 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fowlerville District Library, 130 S. Grand Ave., Fowlerville. fowlervillelibrary.net.

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.

IXL Live - Whether you're new to IXL or ready to grow your expertise, IXL Live shares impactful strategies you can use right away! 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m. Marriott Hotel, 300 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/16421825704.

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.

Minecraft Mania - An evening of fun and friendly competition. We'll have our Minecraft server set up and laptops ready to go. All levels of players/builders welcome. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.libcal.com.

Monthly Membership Meeting: Red Ledge Homebrewer's Club - The Red Ledge Homebrewer's Club is a group of hobbyist homebrewers dedicated to promoting the crafts of homebrewing, winemaking, mead making, and cider making. 7-9 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. redledgebrewers@gmail.com.

November Businesswomen Talking Coffee Chat - Join attorneys and "Businesswoman Talking" podcast hosts Amanda Dernovshek and Lindsey Mead for an informal networking event where we share insights, strategies, and stories with women leaders, entrepreneurs, and business owners. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Consumers Credit Union, 6935 S. Cedar St., Lansing. fosterswift.com.

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

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

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

Sightlines and Soundscapes - Join MSU College of Music students as they perform site-specific compositions shaped by the walls of the MSU Broad Art Museum. This fall, performers will respond to "We Are This Land: Meditations on the Great American Experiment." 6-8 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.



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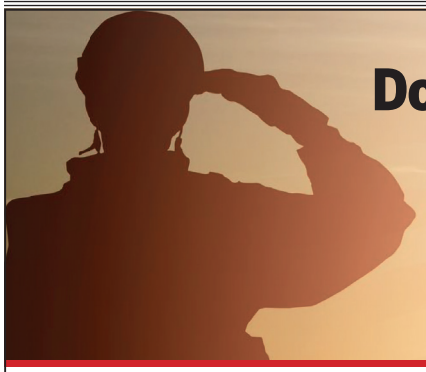
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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

‘Dressing’ is out and seafood stuffing is in this Thanksgiving

By ARI LEVAUX

Thanksgiving, as we observe it today, doesn’t have much in common with the original feast of 1621. The vibe between the Pilgrims and Wampanoag was tense at the dinner table, with some participants arriving ready to rumble.

Come to think of it, maybe today’s Thanksgiving table hasn’t strayed too far, being notable for bringing together people from warring political tribes, with notoriously mixed results.



There was no pumpkin pie, because butter and flour were unheard of or sorely missed, depending on one’s affiliation, but wild fowl was likely on the menu, which leads me, among others, to conclude there was stuffing. Historians point to their evidence, while I point to the simple fact that both Pilgrims and Indians are human beings, and human beings know how to cook. And cooks don’t let an empty body cavity go unstuffed, especially during a three-day feast.

Unfortunately, we seem to take this for granted in today’s America, where we think nothing of passing around savory bread pudding that has never seen the inside of a bird. That’s the fight I’ll pick this year.

Technically, this never-stuffed material is “dressing,” not “stuffing.” The reason this distinction is important is because the stuff that comes out of the bird is so much better than the side pan, even if the same went into both vessels. The juices from a baked bird impart an unmistakable, irreplaceable joy to the stuffing.

On the East Coast, the local diet was heavy on seafood like clams, scallops, oysters, mussels, eels and fish. I grew up in coastal Massachusetts, where we would sometimes dig a hole in the beach and fill it with ingredients like those above, in addition to hot rocks, and have a clambake.

Somewhere along the way in my Thanksgiving experimentations, I decided it would be a good idea to stage a clambake inside a bird. In order to make it taste more like stuffing, I add breadcrumbs, herbs, lemon and aromatic veggies.

This recipe depends on a diversity of quality seafood. It’s good to have at least one with the shell on, like clams or mussels, because that makes it seem more like a real clambake. Scallops and shrimp work great, too. And I really like imitation crab. It soaks up the juices like a thirsty sponge.

Chickens, ducks and turkeys all work fantastic. Rabbit tastes like chicken, so that should work, too. But whatever bird you choose, large or small, you might find yourself with more stuffing than you can possibly cram into your bird.

The easiest thing to do is to stuff it around the bird, along with potatoes, and let it melt in the pan juices. Although not literally stuffed, it sucks up enough of the juices to potentially rule out gravy.

Another option for too much stuffing: pull the skin away from the bird and stuff it on up between the skin and bird. If basted properly, this layer of stuffing can help keep the bird moist. The skin might split, especially if you cram shells up there, but the crusted stuffing becomes a new skin, absorbing as many bastings as you care to pour.

Finally, we can do the almost unthinkable: bake that excess stuffing in a side pan. Put a bunch of chicken wings on top and cook until they melt into the dressing. And just like that, after all of my huffing and puffing, I’ve figured out a way to make dressing taste like stuffing.

My favorite part of this fishy bird dish is the clam juice brine. You’ve probably heard of clam juice as a mixer, adding deep umami notes to your bloody mary. And we can thank James Beard for nationalizing the idea that you should brine a chicken before baking it, because salty meat absorbs more water than non-salty meat, so it stays moist.

My salty clam brine combines the two concepts. It flavors the stuffing via the fat and adds delicious authenticity to the feast. It may not dissolve the animosity at the table, but perhaps it will at least help keep everyone’s mouths too stuffed with food to talk. And that, my friends, is the true point of Thanksgiving.



Photo by Ari LeVaux

The right stuffings

Some clam juice is salty, some isn’t. Sometimes the salty ones don’t mention salt in the ingredients, but it will show up in the RDA values for sodium. I’ve seen it with zero grams, 40 grams and 100 grams of added sodium. So, the salt can be a little tricky. Taste your clam juice, and if it’s really salty, reduce the added salt by a teaspoon or two.

Serves six

One 4-pound bird
One 10-ounce bottle clam juice
6 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups minced onion
2 cloves minced garlic
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped carrots
One chopped apple, red or green
1 teaspoon black pepper
3 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
2 pounds seafood
1/2 cup white wine
1 cup crouton-sized breadcrumbs
Three lemons, cut into quarters
Four potatoes, cut into quarters, to surround the bird

Rinse the bird, take out any giblets stashed in the cavity and brine it in the clam juice with the salt and 2 cups of water.

Push down on the bird hard, so the body cavity fills with brine. Marinate it for at least four hours in the fridge, turning occasionally.

Rinse the bird, pat it dry and put it in a roasting pan. Add the oil to a frying pan on medium heat and sauté the onions, garlic, carrots, celery and apple with the black pepper, thyme, rosemary and sage. After 10 minutes, add the seafood, wine, lemon juice and squeezed lemons and cook a few minutes longer, but don’t try to cook all the seafood. Add the breadcrumbs, stir it all together and stuff it into the bird. Place the potatoes around the bird, along with extra stuffing if you go that route.

Cover with foil and place in a 350-degree oven. After 90 minutes, remove the foil. The skin of an extra-stuffed bird will have receded like the tide. The stuffing on top, including the seafood, will hold the baste like a sponge.

Turn the oven down to 300 degrees. Baste every 15 minutes until done. After about an hour, use a meat thermometer to make sure the bird’s internal temperature is at least 165 degrees. Rest, serve and eat.

Offer something new at Thanksgiving dinner this year



From METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Food is a focal point on Thanksgiving. Turkey is the traditional centerpiece, but side dishes garner their share of the glory, too. Stuffing, mashed potatoes and vegetable casseroles have a way of finding their ways onto the Thanksgiving menu. But hosts looking to offer something a little more unique this year can look to this delicious recipe for stuffed zucchini from Lines+Angles.

Stuffed zucchini
Makes six servings

Six medium zucchini, washed and ends trimmed
3 cups butter cracker crumbs, crumbled
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra to sprinkle
One small onion, peeled and minced
3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley, plus extra for garnish
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 teaspoon salt
Two eggs, beaten
2 tablespoons butter
15 ounces canned diced tomatoes, drained well

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Cut the zucchini in half lengthwise and scoop the pulp out with a spoon. Place the zucchini shells in a large baking pan.
3. In a large bowl, combine the zucchini pulp, cracker crumbs, cheese, onion, parsley, salt, pepper and beaten eggs. Fill the zucchini shells with the mixture, then dot each with butter. Spoon the tomatoes over the filling, sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese and bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve.

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE
THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE AND WKAR VOTERS

TOP 5 BAGELS

Based on your votes in WKAR and City Pulse's 2026 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

1. Big Apple Bagels
Counter-service chain for coffee, sandwiches and basic breakfast fare, including muffins and bagels
248 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing
(517) 324-4400
bigapplebagels.com
6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday
7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

2. Boss Babe Bagels
Small business selling handmade bagels at local events and farmers markets
(517) 388-3008
See facebook.com/bossbabebagelsandbakery

3. Flour Child Bakery
Family-owned, made-from-scratch bakery and cafe
323 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
(517) 622-4772
flourchildbakeryandcafe.com
6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
6 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

4. New Daily Bagel
Newspaper-themed cafe serving scratch-made bagels and New York-style deli sandwiches
309 S. Washington Square, Lansing
(517) 487-8201
thenewdailybagel.com
6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

5. Panera Bread — all locations
Counter-service cafe chain with sandwiches, salads, baked goods and more
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