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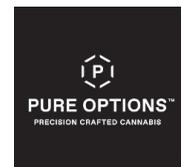
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Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 to hear all persons interested in a proposed zoning amendment. The Meridian Township Planning Commission is proposing to amend Sec. 86-436 – Conservancy District, in the zoning ordinance. The proposed amendment would allow decks as permitted uses by right in floodway areas and allow administrative approval for minor projects within floodplains.

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

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Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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Friday, November 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, November 6, 2023 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, November 6, 2023 must be requested and voted in person at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, locations referenced in the above table.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST  
FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2023 City General Election for registered voters in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, has been scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room A located at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner that meets the requirements of the law.

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## Which comes first in East Lansing: Parking or affordable housing?

### City faces challenges in trying to balance demands for both

In its quest to spur downtown growth, the City of East Lansing faces a difficult task in juggling competing needs.

The most recent example came last week, when a clash between surface-level parking and affordable housing ended in favor of the former as the City Council voted 3-2 against a mixed-used development at 530 Albert St., the site of a paid surface-level parking lot.

Business owners and other concerned residents rallied against the project, citing the loss of parking as detrimental to nearby businesses.

In turn, some proponents of the development pointed to the 2023 Parking Master Plan Update, submitted by Walker Consultants on June 27. It found that only 65% of the city's total public parking capacity was filled at peak hours.

The largest discrepancy came in the relative underutilization of the city's parking garages, which encompass 86% of downtown's 3,087 on- and off-street parking spaces.

In other words, with the exception of the six Saturdays each fall when MSU hosts home football games, there is enough space for visitors if they park in those facilities. The issue is that a disproportionate amount of the city's downtown visitors seem to prefer surface-level lots — of which there are very few.

"Right now, we just have underutilized assets, particularly in the eastern end of our downtown," Tim Dempsey, the interim director of planning, building and development, said. "That surface lot has capacity most days, and the Division Street Garage and Charles Street Garage have excess capacity most days."

The parking study notably included at least one potential reason this is the case: Respondents said they feel safer parking at surface-level lots or paid meters than inside the ramps on Charles, Division, Grove, Bailey and Albert streets and on M.A.C. Avenue.

Dempsey said the city is already addressing some of these concerns.

"We've done a lot of adjustments to



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The road not taken: The East Lansing City Council turned down a proposal to build this affordable housing apartment project because it would have replaced a downtown public parking lot on Albert Street. Merchants and others were up in arms about losing customer parking.

make them safer," he said. "We have LED lighting and cleaner elevator upgrades coming up in the Charles Street Garage this year."

To address the disparity in supply and demand, Dempsey added: "I think it will take a combination of educating parkers and potentially looking at different rates to incentivize the use of parking structures."

Walker Consultants wrote that a municipal system running from 80% to 85% capacity at peak usage times is "an ideal equilibrium" and suggested East Lansing has a ways to go before lack of parking would, in theory, become a pressing matter.

However, others see the excess parking as the necessary result of responsible urban planning. Mark Meadows, a former mayor and current candidate for City Council, is in the camp. He helped lead many of those planning efforts while he was in office.

"You also have to build the parking system to accommodate the extraordinary demands of festivals, game days, all of that stuff. The fact that there were 289 or so extra spaces in the downtown area is meaningless. Of course there is, we built the parking system to have that," Meadows said.

On housing, an issue that Meadows has long been passionate about, he said he, too, believes there's a crucial need for more affordable options throughout the city,

specifically in the downtown area.

"I'm completely devoted to the idea that we have more low-to-moderate income housing options within our community," he said. "We need a diversity of incomes and other types of diversity within our community to keep it healthy and stable going forward."

The most recent and reliable data available on East Lansing's housing landscape came in the 2021 Residential Target Market Analysis. Conducted by LandUseUSA Urban Strategies, this study showed that a housing mismatch exists between what current and potential residents want versus what is actually available and affordable for them.

"Basically, it demonstrated that there's a demand for housing within the city. This doesn't come as a surprise to anybody," said Daniel Bollman, a member and former chair of the East Lansing Planning Commission since 2015 who is also running for a City Council seat Nov. 7.

"It also indicated that there was a certain demand for single-family, detached houses, but also that there was unmet demand for a variety of other types of housing, like duplex units," said Bollman, an architect and owner of East Arbor Architects. "Where those would go is the bigger question. Generally speaking, our downtown adjacent neighborhoods are pretty much built up to the point that, if somebody were inclined to build these slightly

more dense, more active units, it would require the demolition of existing buildings."

Meadows offered a few ideas of his own.

"In terms of where and how development can take place, we have publicly owned land in the Evergreen properties — two lots on Evergreen Avenue owned by the East Lansing Downtown Development Authority — as well as "the city parking lot across from City Hall and other areas within the community that we can use as a hook to get more housing here," he said.

Another obstacle in the city's efforts to bolster its "missing middle" housing stock is the omnipresent student factor. Student demand for off-campus housing often stymies the chances for other residents — including downtown workers and university employees — to find their ideal housing fit.

"I don't blame the students, but it's largely because they can and do take the rental spaces from your average person. It's a problem that I don't have the answer to, but I would like to find it," Bollman said.

This economic friction between the housing demands of students and the city's other demographics is yet another indicator that the nationwide housing shortage isn't a passing trend.

"This is going to require a certain amount of forward thinking from developers and landlords, but I don't think anybody that has had their eye on the ball is going to tell you that there is no need to increase the amount of housing in the city," Bollman said. "One of the ways to potentially do that is not to focus on doing large projects, but instead focusing on what we refer to as incremental developments in places where we could do a bunch of smaller apartments and help us gradually increase our housing stock."

The housing study also suggested several ways the city could continue to add more units in the city, including by restoring or replacing vacant or blighted properties and encouraging the development of accessory dwellings (or "mother-in-law suites") above residential garages or in detached cottages.

MSU student and East Lansing native Josh Ramirez-Roberts, the youngest of the eight City Council candidates, said

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said he sees great potential in mixed-use condos and similar types of owner-occupied units in shared buildings near the downtown area because they would create more opportunity for ownership.

“I feel like we’ve been building a ton of apartment complexes, because obviously that’s what developers and landlords want,” Ramirez-Robert said. “They want to be able to continuously make that

money off of residents. But we should be looking to create new opportunities for affordable ownership, which would allow people to get in on the first level of the process and work towards creating wealth that they can carry on.”

Bollman referred to both parking and affordable housing as “equity issues.”

“We can read up on it, and ultimately it boils down to what we, as a city, are doing to address this issue of equity,” Bollman said. “It’s up to us to find a way to make both housing and parking work.”

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

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

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

Case No. 23-0598- CH  
Hon. Wanda M. Stokes

Timothy M. Perrone (P37940)  
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.  
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### NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Bobbie Pelfery, Claudia Pelfery, and all other persons having an interest in the subject property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of a Certain Parcel of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable Wanda M. Stokes, Circuit Judge, on Thursday, the 2nd day of November, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, in the Ingham County Courthouse, Mason, Michigan.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:  
Lot 169, Leslie Park Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 2, Ingham County Records.  
Parcel ID #33-01-01-14-357-211  
Commonly known as 500 S. Fairview St., Lansing, MI 48912

Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for the subject property was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on August 28, 2023.

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

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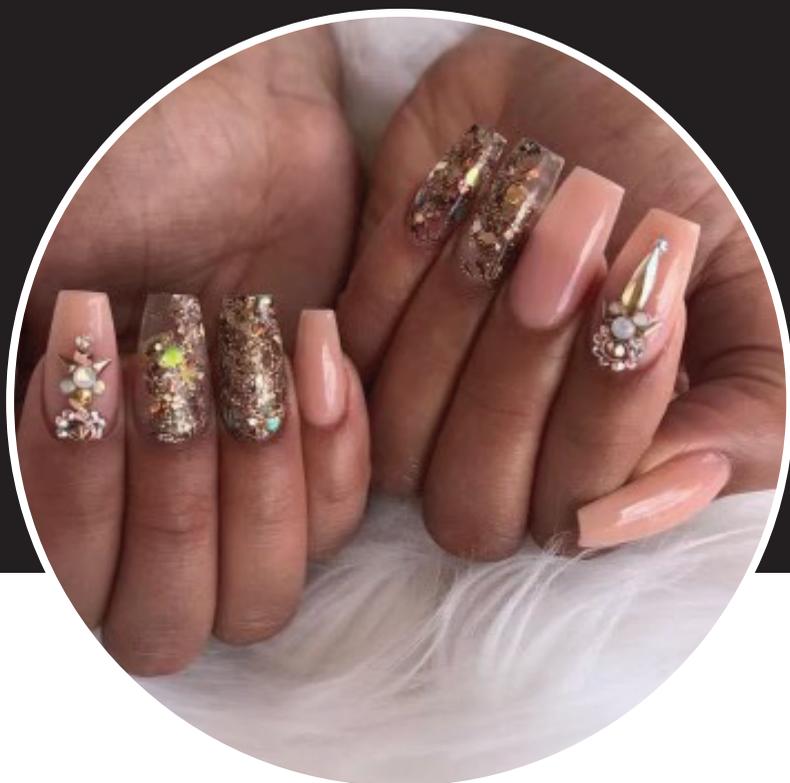
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# Window closing on legislators' financial disclosure reform

By BRIDGE MICHIGAN

Majority Democrats in the Michigan Legislature are working behind closed doors on legislation to implement Proposal 1, which set broad disclosure requirements designed to expose potential conflicts of interest.

The clock is ticking: Last year's voter-approved constitutional amendment requires lawmakers to finish by year's end. If they don't, any resident will have the right to sue the state to force action.

Ten months into their new majorities, Democrats have yet to introduce the required personal financial disclosure legislation. But they will "very soon," said Senate Elections and Ethics Chair Jeremy Moss, D-Southfield.

"You're going to see legislation that both meets the requirements of the ballot proposal and is stronger in many areas," he told Bridge.

Whatever form it takes, the legislation will end Michigan's dubious reign as one of only two states that does not require officials to disclose finances in any form. In the other state, Idaho, lawmakers last year killed reform legislation.

"It's very hard to get lawmakers to

pass very good ethics laws that apply to themselves," said Delaney Masco, senior legal counsel for ethics at the national nonprofit Campaign Legal Center.

"Once you have power, you want power, you don't want to be limited."

Here are some potential loopholes to watch for in the pending legislation:

### Are income and asset values disclosed?

Proposal 1 will require lawmakers and officials including the governor to disclose each year a "description of assets" and sources of both earned and unearned income.

But the constitutional amendment does not require officials to specify how much money they earned from each source, or how much their assets are worth. That matters, said Masco, the Campaign Legal Center attorney.

"Somebody who's working part-time for a consulting firm and maybe does it ad hoc and is making \$20,000 a year is very different than somebody who makes \$450,000 working for a big consulting firm," she said.

### Are spouses included?

Proposal 1 is also silent on whether officials must disclose income sources and

assets held by their spouses or dependent children. That's a requirement at the federal level and many states.

Michigan officials will have to decide whether to follow suit to require disclosure from spouses like the husband of state Sen. Lana Theis, R-Brighton, who in 2017 ran a nonprofit fund that received payments from an industry group with bills before a committee that his wife chaired.

"The best practice is to have at least some disclosure for spousal income," Masco said. "If my husband has stock in Nike, that's the same as me having stock in Nike — and same with dependent children."

But lawmakers have already expressed hesitation.

State Rep. Mike Harris, a Waterford Township Republican who introduced personal financial disclosure legislation in March, did not include spousal income in his proposal but said he is "open to a conversation."

"Our spouses (and kids) are not the ones who ran for office," he said. "The scrutiny is on us. The public attention is on us. So I think our focus was to make sure we keep the attention off of the people that are not elected."

### What are penalties?

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat whose office will be tasked with collecting and publishing the disclosure reports, has spent months urging legislators to build strong enforcement penalties into the law.

The ballot proposal itself did not specify how or if officials should be penalized if they lie on a financial disclosure report or fail to file one. The amendment says only that they "must" file by April 15, 2024, and every year thereafter.

If there are violations, there needs to be "clarity to how we can hold folks accountable," Benson told Bridge this summer.

"Proposal 1 didn't go far enough ...," she said. "We need to do more to take our state from worst to first in our ethics policy."

Benson has cited federal rules as a model, but experts say members of Congress often skip periodic transaction reports because the penalty is so minimal: A \$200 fine once lawmakers miss the filing deadline by 30 days.

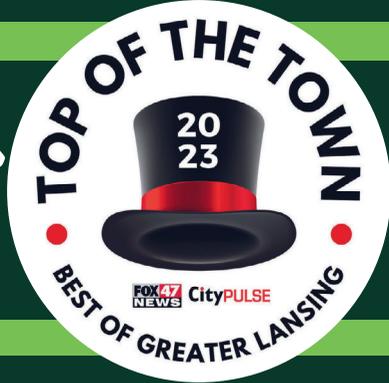
### All gifts, or just some gifts?

The summary of Proposal 1 that greeted voters on the ballot last fall promised

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that the amendment would require officials to disclose “gifts” each year.

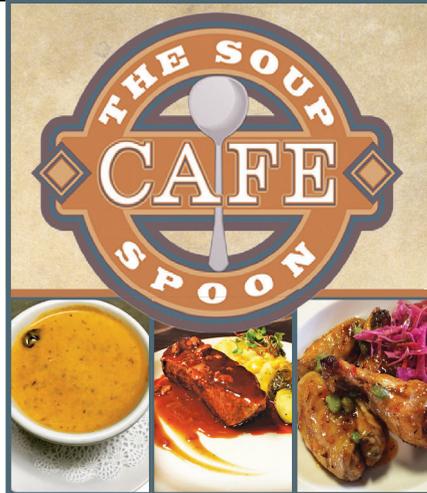
There’s a catch in the fine print: The full text of the amendment only requires lawmakers to report “gifts received and required to be reported by a lobbyist or lobbyist agent, as prescribed by state law.”

In other words, unless lawmakers toughen those rules through the pending legislation, officials would only be required to disclose gifts that lobbyists are already required to disclose under state law.

They wouldn’t be required to disclose gifts from other sources, and they would not be required to disclose the kind of secret junkets taken by former House Speaker Lee Chatfield, a Levering Republican who is now under criminal investigation for alleged financial impropriety and sexual assault.

“The public should know that there are people out there who are maybe giving expensive gifts to a lawmaker, and then the public can decide if they think that’s appropriate or not,” said Masco, the Campaign Legal Center attorney.

— JONATHAN OOSTING



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I want to thank everyone who reads these essays. Every week I write about something that I believe in, and there are weeks where I struggle to think of what I want to say. This week is no different. It is rare that I know what I am going to write about before I start typing. There is certainly no shortage of topics, but I try not to dive into those that I don't know enough about, even if I have a strong opinion. I often wonder if what I share is helpful, or if I am part of a bigger problem. Politics and religion are among the most divisive topics.

What I do believe though, is that we are all connected and that being alone is the worst feeling, so I am just sharing how I feel, and I do think that keeps us from feeling so alone. I try to stay humble, but I am so far from perfect that I can admit my mistakes, that I embarrass myself, and that I am still learning and trying to be an example for others to look to as they go through this life.

As I approach 53 years on this planet, I appreciate life, and I look at everything in my past as a stepping stone to where I am now. I have never been seriously suicidal, but I know in my darkest hours that I have wondered why I am here and whether anyone would miss me if I was gone. I want to be here for so many reasons, but the one thing that keeps me going is people.

I think it is so important to be connected to all the life around us. I want to pet every stray dog I see or watch a pigeon bobbing its head looking for crumbs, and for just a moment to get close enough for it to know that I am its friend. I want to smile at strangers and say hello. I want to acknowledge those who have been made to feel invisible on the streets, with people judging them without even a thought of how that came to be. We were all loved at the beginning. We were all the center of someone's affection at the moment we were born. Every single one of us was held and loved and, at least for a moment, were blessed by the universal language of unconditional love.

When I drive around and see someone asking for a handout, I do not know how they got to that point, but I know they didn't choose it. I try, at least for a moment, to remember that they are someone's child, and they were loved. I imagine their mother or father dancing with them when they were a child. I imagine them being read a bedtime story. I imagine how they were before their circumstances changed.

The world is not easy for so many. It can be cruel and punishing, without one having even made a mistake. I want to be at least one reason for someone to want to live. To me,

kindness is the key to everything. I can either be a reason for someone to continue, or I can be just another reason for them to feel invisible and unwanted.

My life has been a mix of survival and perseverance. I have survived childhood sexual abuse, homelessness, jail, and depression. But I was never alone. Sometimes I had friends to lift me up. Sometimes it was my abuser(s) who was/were there for me (it was still better than being alone), and there were many times where complete strangers were the ones to keep me going. For me, I was lucky enough to meet someone who accepted me, red flags and all. I had to understand that I needed help, but more importantly, I needed to learn what love is. I didn't know how to love, let alone be loved. I am still working on some of this baggage that I carried for so long, but I am inspired to continue because my story is like so many others.

I often wanted to have been born into wealth. I wonder if my life would've been any easier, but I don't think that is a given. I look back now, and I love myself for still being here, after everything I have gone through. But I couldn't have done it alone. I wouldn't change my circumstances; they have made me who I am today. As much as I look back and see how much pain I was in, it made me stronger, and it has been my privilege to share my words with anyone who considers them worth reading.

In a society full of greed, exploitation and wealth, denial and corruption, most of us don't have the means to survive one bad turn, so kindness is the key to acceptance, and acceptance is the key to healing. Everyone belongs here, nobody should feel alone, and we all deserve happiness.

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# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

BY TYLER SCHNEIDER



MSU Trustee Brianna Scott sent a seven-page letter to her colleagues Sunday asking that they request that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer remove Chair Rema Vassar (pictured) if she does not resign. Scott accused Vassar of “violating our codes of conduct, ethics, and conflict of interest, including engaging in repeated undue influence, and bullying of Board members and administrators.” Monday night, Trustee Dan Kelly said the university would investigate Scott’s allegations; Vassar, speaking to WILX, denied all of Scott’s claims. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow said Tuesday that Vassar “has clearly lost the trust of students, faculty, alumni and many of the MSU board members” and urged to quit immediately.



Marijuana business entrepreneur Michael Doherty is in Ingham County Jail after being arraigned on 10 felony counts of cyberstalking Mayor Andy Schor and others. 54-A District Judge Cynthia Ward set \$125,000 bail and required a GPS tether, psychological evaluation and no contact with the victims listed in the complaint, Lansing Assistant Police Chief Robert Backus said. He added that the victims received “thousands” of text messages from Doherty, 44. His marijuana manufacturing businesses, MD Industries LLC and Rebel Industries LLC, collapsed under \$12.5 million in debt and were placed in receivership last year. In a court hearing last April, 30th Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk sentenced him to 93 days for criminal contempt after he accused her of “corrupt and unacceptable actions.”



MSU officials apologized for displaying a picture of Adolf Hitler on the Spartan Stadium video board as part of a pre-game trivia quiz ahead of the Saturday night game against U-M.



Both the MSU Board of Trustees and athletic director Alan Haller apologized and denounced the act. “Michigan State Athletics is responsible for all content shown on its video boards,” Haller said. “Before it was displayed, the video was not viewed in its entirety by anyone in athletics, exposing a failure in our process.” He said an employee has been suspended with pay pending an investigation.



The Ingham County Sheriff’s Office announced that it had arrested Jacobo Montalvo in connection with a body that was found in eastern Ingham County on Oct. 16. Montalvo, 57, was arraigned Monday on charges of the murder and unlawful imprisonment of Alicia Gallegos, a 29-year-old Lansing woman, whose body he allegedly left in a wooded area off Iosco Road in White Oak Township. A 55th District Court judge denied bond for Montalvo, who was represented at his arraignment by a court-appointed attorney. Police have not yet uncovered a motive. A hearing to determine if Montalvo should stand trial has been set for Nov. 7.

### Public Safety:

Police found the body of a 71-year-old man Monday afternoon near a dumpster at Marvin Gardens Apartments. ... Police arrested Teresa Wolansky, 48, of Lansing, on Oct. 16 on charges of restraining and confining 5-year-old Camden David-James Johnson in her attic after he walked away from his home in the 3100 block of Turner Road early that morning. Johnson was found safe. ... A train and four tanker cars that were carrying corn oil for Okemos-based Adrian and Blissfield Rail Road derailed at about 12:30 p.m. Friday in northwest Lansing. ... Multiple first-responder teams battled a house fire in Windsor Township early Sunday morning, WILX 10 reported.



### The U.S. Chamber of Commerce named Elderly Instruments as America’s Top Small Business at the inaugural Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C., on Thursday.

The 50-year-old Lansing music retailer was chosen from a pool of over 15,000 submissions and seven finalists “for its ability to embrace change, adapt to new challenges, and constantly innovate while remaining true to the company’s legacy and heritage,” the chamber said. The 1100 N Washington Ave. shop was founded by Stan Werbin and Sharon McInturff in 1972.



### After months of delays, Grewal Hall at 224 officially opened over the weekend.



The new entertainment venue at 224 S Washington Square hosted comedian Steve Hofstetter for its inaugural show Friday, followed by a pair of weekend concerts featuring headliners The Happy Fits on Saturday and Big Gigantic on Sunday. The venue’s original opening date was set for July, but was then stalled during the first of many construction delays. The nearly century-old, 6,000-plus-square-foot property previously served as part of Knapp’s department store, a nightclub and the Blue Night Hookah Lounge, but had been vacant since 2018.

East Lansing pub Dublin Square, 327 Abbot Road, is facing a lawsuit from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers for playing songs for which it no longer had a license agreement. The songs listed in the lawsuit were: “Play That Funky Music,” by Wild Cherry, “Funky Cold Medina,” by Tone Loc, and “Trap Queen,” by Fetty Wap. The pub’s 2008 licensing agreement expired on April 30, 2019, and its ownership group, Authentic Properties, has allegedly failed to pay its subsequent renewal fees. The lawsuit states that the filing parties are asking Dublin Square to stop playing their music and that its owners may also be responsible for up to \$30,000 per song in fees.



### East Lansing Public Library 950 Abbot Road

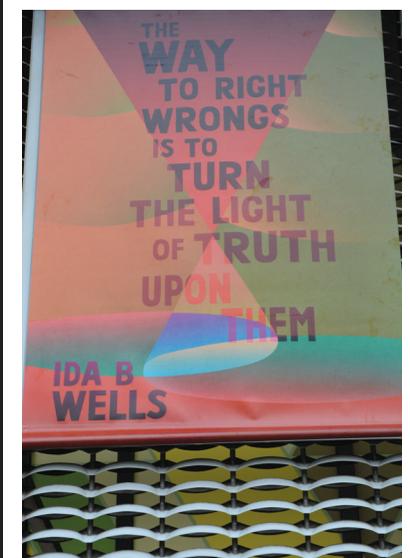
Local libraries have become an oasis for public art. Case in point: East Lansing Public Library recently installed six banners on the façade of its building. The banners were created by local muralist Dustin Hunt, who has designed and installed numerous pieces of public art across Mid-Michigan.

The banners mix art with inspirational quotes from historical figures, such as Emma Goldman: “The demand for equal rights in every vocation is just and fair”; and Langston Hughes: “Hold Fast to Your Dreams-For If Dreams Die-Life is a Broken Winged Bird-That Can Not Fly.”

Hunt, the founder of Muralmatics in Lansing, has many murals in the area, including a large one at the downtown Lansing branch of Capital Area District Library.

The company’s slogan is, “Muralmatics is committed to beautifying the world one wall at a time.”

— BILL CASTANIER



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# Data dominance through educational testing can sink Black gains

By **DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER**

My student was writing a paper in favor of living together before marriage, which incidentally, he was doing with his girlfriend — whom he planned to marry, he said. Their parents did not approve. My writing assignment was helping him think through this real problem. But, he told me, his research showed that only a low percentage of co-habiting couples actually married.

So how are you going to overcome that data and win your argument, I asked.

He said he was going to leave it out.

My advice was to question the data. Engage it. Data is fallible, because people conduct their lives with more than facts and numbers. Numbers said his living arrangement likely would not end in marriage. Did that mean he and his girlfriend were going to live apart? No, it did not. They were going ahead to find out



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what happened for them.

Learning is measured by more than test scores. When the Michigan Department of Education released numbers on student learning in August, the headline was lukewarm optimism about the data. It said: “2023 State Test Scores Improve in Many Grades in Math and Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts.”

Usually, I am all about optimism, but those test scores, while going in the right direction, showed very slight gains in learning. The average improvement is about 1% at most, except in fifth grade social studies,

where scores went from 15.5% to 18.6%. That’s a 3.1% increase in pupils meeting the grade level standard — for pupils who can show their learning on a test. That’s important.

Taking a test is a skill. Not everyone can do that. Anxiety about taking the test can torpedo the result. An opinion article in the journal *Diverse Issues in High Education* declared in

its headline: “We Know More Than What Those Damn Tests Claim to Measure: How Tests are Inequitable for Black and Other Minoritized Students.” That says it all.

The thing about numbers is they can tell any story any way the story teller wants the story told. Or to paraphrase Mark Twain, “Figures lie, and liars figure.”

State Board of Education President Pamela Pugh stressed in her comments about the 2023 test scores that the point of education is not to produce a widget, but to shape a person. “We need to continue to invest in our schools and educators and provide the supports needed to help our kids continue to grow academically, socially and personally.”

The big test is Michigan’s 3rd grade English Language Arts. It tests reading.

Michigan’s third-grade reading law, passed in 2016, called for holding



back third-graders — 8-year-olds — who cannot read at grade level. The M-Step assessment test score went from 41.6% in 2022 to 40.9% in 2023, a slide of 0.7 percent.

In terms of proficiency, the third-grade reading score for in-person districts went from 45.9% in 2019 to 41.7% in 2023. For districts instructing remotely, third-grade reading bombed: 24.9% in 2019 to 19.9% in 2023 — a five-point loss.

The more narrow the data is sliced, the worse it looks. So why look at it?

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The Election Commission will hold a public meeting at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, 02 November 2023, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, to conduct a public accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to be used in all City of Grand Ledge precincts at the Tuesday, 07 November 2023 election. The Election Commission invites anyone interested to attend and witness the public accuracy test.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

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## Lansing's extreme weather last summer underscores need for climate action

*State Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (District 75) represents East Lansing and portions of Clinton and Shiawassee counties in the Michigan Legislature.*

By **PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU**

The catastrophic storm that devastated Greater Lansing this summer tragically took the lives of several people in our community, knocked out power for tens of thousands of families and caused millions of dollars in property damage. It's just the latest example of increasingly extreme weather here in Michigan and across the country.

Make no mistake: Climate change is to blame. It's easy enough to understand how a warming planet is causing hotter temperatures, but climate change is also leading to an increase in other types of extreme weather events, like wildfires, floods and ice storms. Scientists have also linked an increase in heavy downpours to climate change.

The bad news is that extreme weather is likely going to get worse. Emergency department visits due to extreme heat are projected to increase from 1,200 to 7,800 per year by 2070. Detroit is expected to see 255 deaths a year from extreme heat between 2020 and 2029, a number that will likely increase to 701 by the end of the century. And it's not just our health that's at risk: Climate change will cost Michigan an estimated \$5 billion a year by 2100.

The good news? We're not helpless in this fight. Fossil fuels got us into this mess, but clean energy will get us out of it. Thanks to a clean energy boom, we're already on track to lower emissions beyond what we thought was possible a year ago.

The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law by President Biden last year is an historic investment in driving our nation toward a clean energy future. The president's plan has already sparked 270 new clean energy projects that will create 170,000 new jobs across the nation. In Michigan alone, a total of \$21 billion worth of investments in clean energy projects and 15,856 new jobs have been announced.

Michigan has long been a manu-

facturing hub, with more than half a million state residents working in manufacturing. Many of these new clean energy jobs will be union jobs in construction or manufacturing that won't require a four-year degree. These are good jobs you can raise a family on. Apprenticeship programs will help boost wages for these workers by up to \$300,000 over the course of their careers.

And yet, despite the fact that more than half of the new jobs created nationally are in Republican congressional districts — and despite the extreme weather that has plagued states across the country all summer — Republicans in Congress have tried to repeal the Inflation Reduction Act no fewer than 25 times.

At the first Republican presidential primary debate in Milwaukee, candidates called climate change a hoax, urged drilling and fracking and claimed that the Inflation Reduction Act only benefits China. Vivek Ramaswamy went so far as to claim that “more people are dying of bad climate change policy than actual climate change.”

These are outright falsehoods that don't represent where many Republicans, especially young Republicans, stand on climate change. Young voters in both parties see climate as a top issue. A recent Data for Progress and Climate Power poll found that two-thirds of voters say “the impacts of climate change and extreme weather are kitchen table issues in my household.”

The fact is that wind and solar now cost less than coal, oil and methane gas. In the first five months of 2023, wind and solar power generated more electricity than coal for the first time ever. And the growing use of clean energy is expected to lower energy bills for the average family by \$1,000 each year.

In the Michigan Legislature, my Democratic colleagues and I are working to pass our Clean Energy Future plan, which includes key measures to combat climate change by accelerating our state's transition to clean energy and building a more resilient grid to reduce power outages caused by extreme weather. Clean energy policies will save Michigan families money while creating jobs and protecting our health and the environment. We have nothing to gain by regressing to our fossil fuel past.



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The research shows that third-grade pupils reading at the second-grade level or lower risk not graduating high school. Our prisons are filled with people who read poorly and did not graduate high school.

This year, Michigan legislators approved dropping the law's hold 'em back requirement, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed it into law, thankfully. Holding back pupils doesn't work either, educators say.

Education can be used as a tool to keep people out. Historically, intellectual bias has been used against enslaved Black people, for whom knowing how to read and write was illegal: poll tests for Black voters, but not white voters. Practices that undermine learning include separate but equal, segregation and the cost of housing near good schools.

Even those who prevailed against the odds to educate and train doctors had their efforts thwarted by a different value system.

The Flexner Report of 1910 reflected an “enchantment” with the German model for medical education. It emphasized scientific knowledge and its advancement, according to a National Library of Medicine report. But once instituted in American medical schools, the “hyper-rational system of German science created an imbalance in the art and science of medicine.”

Still, it became the standard. The result? All but two Black medical schools in the nation closed.

One only had to hear of the experiences of Black teachers in the Lansing School District to understand how values shape education. About a dozen Black teachers — mostly men — spoke about the discipline or push back they experienced in the course of doing their jobs, including their advocacy for Black students.

Speaking at a highly attended community meeting last week sponsored by Lansing People's Assembly/One Love Global, these teachers feared that if Blacks are pushed from their teaching positions, Black students will have a difficult time succeeding in school. All endorsed the idea that Black teachers and administrators make a difference for Black students just by being there. It was heartening to see the Lansing Board of Education president and superintendent listening.

Facts and especially numbers can be the gold standard in education, but a more comprehensive view may work better for Black students and their schools. Data isn't everything.

*(Lansing resident Dedria Humphries Barker, of Lansing, is the author of “Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow.” Her opinion column appears in the issue of the month.)*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Accident Fund should cut contract

The nationwide movement to Stop Cop City, led by Black and Indigenous residents of Atlanta, calls us to stand against the Atlanta Police Foundation as it attempts to build the largest police training facility in the country. The project is especially concerning given Atlanta's connections to Israel in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, through which U.S. police departments learn from the tactics of urban warfare currently being deployed against Palestinians to devastating humanitarian effect.

Accident Fund, an insurance company headquartered in downtown Lansing, is providing worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance to the APF. Their contract is up for renewal on Oct. 31, and people of conscience in Lansing and across the country are urging Accident Fund to cut its support for this dangerous project.

As rates of police murder con-

tinue to increase and the militarization of police poses an existential threat to our communities, we cannot allow the APF and its corporate backers to expand their capacity to wage war against civilians. The character of their project was grievously demonstrated on Jan. 18, 2023, when Georgia State troopers shot and killed 26-year-old Indigenous and non-binary environmental activist Tortuguita on the site where the Weelaunee Forest is being destroyed for construction of Cop City.

People in Atlanta, Lansing, Palestine and beyond do not need more repressive, military-grade violence in our streets. We call on Accident Fund to take valued action: Cut the contract!

**Ava Anderson**  
East Lansing

*Email letters@lansingcitypulse.com at no more than 250 words. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.*

# Explore Greater Lansing's haunted history

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Whether or not you believe in ghosts, spirits and other paranormal entities, the following “haunted” locations throughout Greater Lansing provide plenty of fascinating lore and historical tidbits for those looking to immerse themselves in spooky season without breaking the bank.



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

## Michigan State Capitol 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

There are a slew of government buildings that are believed to be haunted, but Michigan's Capitol may be among the spookiest. When construction was finished in 1878, the \$1.2 million Victorian-era structure featured 139 rooms, magnificent banisters and plenty of room for the unknown. Workers have not seemed to fare well here. In the 1880s, it's said that a page tried to jump between the railings of the grand staircases and fell to his death. Between then and now, at least three others have died on the job during subsequent restoration efforts.



Courtesy of Michigan State University

## Michigan State University East Lansing

Founded in 1855, it's probably not all that surprising to hear that several buildings on the MSU campus have been the sites of reported hauntings. These include Beaumont Tower, Beal Botanical Garden, the MSU Museum, the Physical Plant, the Fairchild Theatre, the old Saints' Rest dormitory and numerous other dorm buildings, such as Mayo Hall, where a spirit students and faculty believe is Mary Mayo, the building's namesake, reportedly plays the piano in the Red Room. Another campus legend surrounds the school's “dungeons,” or underground steam tunnels.



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

## The Abigail 715 W. Willow St., Lansing

Abigail Rogers had this building constructed for use as the Michigan Female College in 1858. It served in that capaci-

ty through 1869 before being converted into the Michigan School for the Blind 10 years later. The school operated for more than a century and even saw Stevie Wonder enroll in 1964. After its closure, the school stood vacant for more than two decades before the building was repurposed for use as a new senior living facility. Prior to that development, numerous homeless people were reported to have tried to take up residence here, but something seems to have driven most of them away. Some speculate that Abigail Rogers herself is behind the uneasiness. The Abigail has been on the National Register of Historic Places since July 2018.



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

## Turner-Dodge House 100 E. North St., Lansing

Constructed in 1855 as the Dodge Mansion, a bearded apparition allegedly paces the halls of this Georgian Revival brick structure. He can also reportedly be seen standing in windows at night. Marion Turner, one of the house's first residents, is also believed by some to occupy its hallowed halls. The house was a private residence until 1958, when it was acquired by the Great Lakes Bible College

for use as a school through 1972. The city of Lansing bought it in 1974, and it has hosted several paranormal investigations and festivals since. Friday evening (Oct. 27), the site will host its latest, A Ghostly Night at Turner-Dodge House.



Courtesy of Stimson Hospital

## Stimson Hospital 101 W. Plain St., Eaton Rapids

This 5,000-square-foot Eaton Rapids mansion, built in 1874, began its life as a private residence, but it was most famously a hospital for four decades, starting in 1917. During that tenure, it featured one of the first X-ray machines in Michigan, was an early adopter of cesarean sections and served as the birth and deathplaces for thousands of individuals. Unfortunately, its history has also been marred by tragedy. In 1919, one of its founders and primary physicians, Dr. Francis Blanchard, died in an elevator shaft after falling 12 feet. The hospital's two other founders also died within its walls. Reports of spooky occurrences followed, including disembodied voices and phantom footsteps, even after the hospital shut down and became apartments in the 1950s. The property is now owned by Pam and Chris Sturgill, who operate it as a bed and breakfast and rent it out for ghost tours.

# Halloween events for horror junkies, candy cravers

By NICOLE NOECHEL

The end of October makes many think of trick-or-treating, costume parties and pumpkin carving, but there are a plethora of happenings around Greater Lansing beyond these standards to celebrate Halloween. Between theater productions, a haunted house, a dog party, a go-kart race and much more, you don't just have to hole up in your home with a bowl of candy and a few cheesy horror movies, though that's welcome, too.

## “The Rocky Horror Show”

Oct. 26-28  
7 p.m. Thursday  
8 p.m. and midnight Friday-Saturday  
Riverwalk Theatre  
228 Museum Drive, Lansing  
riverwalktheatre.com  
A classic musical. Need we say more?

## Jack O' Lanterns Unleashed

Oct. 26-29  
Doors 6:45 p.m., Jack O'Lantern Lane opens 7:15 p.m.  
Ingham County Fairgrounds  
700 E. Ash St., Mason  
fair.ingham.org/index\_halloween.php  
This half-mile walk features 5,000 hand-carved pumpkins, with themes such as dinosaurs, farm animals, sea creatures and much more.

## Immortal Grounds Haunted House

Oct. 29-31  
4-6 p.m. Sunday  
7-9 p.m. Monday  
6-8 p.m. Tuesday  
1963 Cromwell St., Holt  
facebook.com/immortalgrounds  
Each Halloween, this residential home in Holt turns into a haunted house, with jump scares and live actors throughout. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations for the Holt Community Food Bank.

## Spooktacular Adventures at the Market

Wednesday, Oct. 25  
4-5:15 or 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
Marketplace on the Green  
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos  
recreation.meridian.mi.us

Dress in costume and enjoy trick-or-treating, a scavenger hunt, live music, dancing, crafts, games, food trucks and shopping. Pre-registration is required.

## Chilling Tales and Haunted Trails

Thursday, Oct. 26  
7 p.m.  
Riverside Park Pavilion  
405 S. Bridge St., DeWitt  
dewittlibrary.org  
Local storyteller Jean Bolley presents an evening of scary stories, followed by a spooky Storywalk. Donuts and cider will be provided.

## “Howl”oween Dog Pawty

Thursday, Oct. 26  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Meridian Township Large Dog Park  
1990 Central Park Drive, Okemos  
recreation.meridian.mi.us  
Bring your large furry friends to Meridian Township's Large Dog Park for toys, treats, a dog paw-rade, a costume contest and much more. Registration is limited to Meridian Township Dog Park members.

## Hunt a Killer: “Murder at the Motel”

Thursday, Oct. 26  
5:30 p.m.  
Charlotte Community Library Spartan Room  
226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte  
charlottelibrary.org  
Attendees can drop in and participate in the Hunt a Killer murder-mystery set “Murder at the Motel.”

## Safe Halloween

Thursday, Oct. 26  
5-7 p.m.  
M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing  
fsl.msu.edu/community-events/safe-halloween.html  
This free, family-friendly event offers haunted houses, face painting, games, bounce houses, a DJ playing Halloween music and more.

## Compound Kinetics: A Fem Rap and R&B Experience

Thursday, Oct. 26  
8 p.m.  
Mac's Bar  
2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
facebook.com/events/1507713926633561  
J.Plantana, a Michigan State University student and rapper in the running for Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group in the Top of the Town contest, has organized a new rap and R&B concert series, Compound Kinetics, focusing on female and nonbinary artists. The first event, a Halloween-themed show, features performances by rappers and singers JayThratts, LucyV, V. Soul, Nickie P. and J.Plantana herself.

## Audio Air Force Halloween Special

Friday, Oct. 27  
7 p.m.  
Hannah Community Center  
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing  
audioairforce.com  
Audio Air Force presents the radio version of Bram Stoker's “Dracula” using the original network radio script, plus two one-act audio plays written by Audio Air Force members.

## Go-Kart Casket Race & Halloween Party

Friday, Oct. 27  
6 p.m.-midnight  
High Caliber Karting and Entertainment  
1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos  
highcaliberkarting.com/casket-race  
Registered teams build and decorate a casket prior to the event, provided by High Caliber, and then race against other teams. There will also be a costume contest and karaoke.

## Toddle Time Halloween Boo Bash

Friday, Oct. 27  
10 a.m.-noon  
Launch Trampoline Park  
1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos  
launchtrampolinepark.com/lansing/halloween  
Kids can enjoy a costume contest, crafts, candy, prize giveaways and pictures with Launch's mascot, Joey the Kangaroo. Pre-registration is recommended.

## Witch's Magic Bubble Show

Friday, Oct. 27  
4:30 or 5 p.m.  
Grand Ledge Area District Library  
131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge  
gladl.org  
See giant bubbles, smoke-filled bubbles, weird and wacky bubble shapes and more, plus check out your favorite Halloween books and movies.

## Halloween at Lansing Shuffle

Saturday, Oct. 28  
8 p.m.-2 a.m.  
325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing  
lansingshuffle.com  
Lansing Shuffle's first Halloween party features a live DJ, a 360-degree photo booth, drink specials, a House of Manifestation drag show at 10 p.m. and a costume contest with prizes.

## Halloween Bar Crawl

Saturday, Oct. 28  
4-10 p.m.  
Lansing Brewing Co.  
518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing  
crawlwith.us/lansing/halloween  
This crawl takes guests to six different bars in Lansing. The venues will have exclusive drink and food specials as well as Halloween-themed cocktails.

# Last-minute Halloween shopping guide

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

Halloween is right around the corner, and while some Lansing locals have been decorating their homes and planning the perfect costume for weeks, others of us have been ... not doing that. If you're a last-minute Halloween queen, Samhain Samuel or haunted they-ride, this guide is for you!

Everyone knows you can get costumes at our area's larger retailers like Meijer, Walmart and Spirit Halloween. But I'm here to tell you that you can keep Halloween super spooky and hyper-local with thrifted garments, festive décor and unique gifts that support the businesses and individuals that make Lansing so freakin' creepy. In a good way!

## Thrift Witch

**108 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing**  
**Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday**  
**Noon-5 p.m. Sunday**  
[facebook.com/ThriftWitchVintage](https://www.facebook.com/ThriftWitchVintage)



Chelsea Roberts for City Pulse

Witch, please. This is the quintessential year-round Halloween store in Lansing. It's filled with spooky statues, vintage clothing, masks, tea towels, taxidermy animals and much more.

## Metro Retro

**304 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing**  
**Noon-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday**  
**Noon-5 p.m. Sunday**  
[facebook.com/ShopMetroRetro](https://www.facebook.com/ShopMetroRetro)



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A short walk down the block from Thrift Witch is Metro Retro, a vintage store run by mysterious yet friendly shopkeeper Ted Stewart, who sources items both old and new from the netherworld and arranges them in festive vignettes that are sure to spark your creativity.

## Riverwalk Theatre Costume Shop

**1131 May St., Lansing**  
**4-6:30 p.m. Monday and Friday**  
**1-4 p.m. Wednesday**  
[rwtcostumeshop.com](https://www.rwtcostumeshop.com)

At Riverwalk's Costume Shop, you can rent theatrical-quality costumes, including shoes, accessories, wigs, bags and jewelry. Let the professionals do their work and get ready to wow a crowd in your fit.

## Bad Annie's Sweary Goods

**1209 Turner Road, Lansing**  
**11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday**  
**11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday**  
[swearygoods.com](https://www.swearygoods.com)

This very sweary shop doesn't real-

ly offer costumes, but its rude, curse-filled décor is perfect for letting the neighbors know that you're a pumpkinicious, foul-mouthed freak. If you think "live, laugh, love" is cringe but still enjoy little signs with fun sayings, satisfy your most craven cravings here.

## Bradly's HG

**319 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing**  
**10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday**  
**Noon-5 p.m. Sunday**  
[bradlyshg.com](https://www.bradlyshg.com)



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This overstimulating home goods store offers everything from plates to pillows to pâté. Its inventory is quickly turning over to the Christmas season, but you might be able to score some cute, discounted wares like candy trays, toothbrush holders and tiny pumpkins to put in a glass bowl.

## Deadtime Stories

**1132 S. Washington Ave., Lansing**  
**Noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday**  
**11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday**  
**11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday**  
[deadtimestoriesbooks.com](https://www.deadtimestoriesbooks.com)

This REO Town store sells books about "monsters, both real and imagined," and owner Jenn Carpenter hosts

a podcast about historical crime called "Violent Ends." Check out this little (book)shop of horrors to find the perfect gift for the true-crime-addicted person in your life — or in your mirror.

## Don't forget the pets



Courtesy of Lizzy Ferguson

Fur children don't watch Marvel movies, so you can dress them up in whatever you want! City Pulse Dish columnist Lizzy Ferguson reported finding a good selection of animal costumes at HomeGoods in the Frandor Shopping Center. Pet owners can also try Preuss Pets in Old Town or Soldan's Pet Supplies for Halloween-themed treats that will make your furry friend eager to learn a new trick.

## Last-minute zombie

One final option for the truly depraved: when in doubt, grab something from your closet, like a prom dress, sports uniform or athleisure wear, then simply apply fake blood to your face. It's a little costume this writer calls, "zombie whatever." I've been a zombie marathon runner, a zombie emo kid, a zombie farmer ... the list goes on. If you're going to go this route at a costume party, at least bring a nice gift for the (g)host.

# and everyone in between

## Totally '80s Halloween Costume Party

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**8-11 p.m.**  
**Grewal Hall at 224**  
**224 S. Washington Square, Lansing**  
[hall224.com](https://www.hall224.com)

Enjoy music by '80s cover band Triple Lindy and DJ Rock City. Dress as your favorite '80s icon or in your spookiest Halloween costume for a chance to win prizes.

## UrbanBeat Halloween Bash

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**5 p.m. doors, 7 p.m. music and dinner**  
**1213 Turner St., Lansing**  
[urbanbeatevents.com](https://www.urbanbeatevents.com)

UrbanBeat's Halloween Bash offers costume contests, drink specials, a spooky buffet by chef Stuart Christoff and live music by East Lansing classic-rock band Soul Garden.

## Kids' Halloween Party

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**11 a.m.-noon**  
**Charlotte Community Library**  
**226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte**  
[charlottelibrary.org](https://www.charlottelibrary.org)

Celebrate Halloween with a kid-tastic event, featuring snacks, games and more. Best suited for ages 3 to 10, kids must be accompanied by an older sibling or adult.

## Meridian Township Police Halloween Open House

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Meridian Township Public Safety Building**  
**5151 Marsh Road, Okemos**  
[facebook.com/MeridianTwpPD](https://www.facebook.com/MeridianTwpPD)

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog; sit in a patrol car; see officers' tools and equipment; sign up for giveaways; and enjoy apple cider, donuts and candy. Children will receive a candy bag and glow stick, and parents can bring car seats to have them inspected.

## Skeleton Invasion! at R.E. Olds Transportation Museum

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**240 Museum Drive, Lansing**  
[reoldsmuseum.org](https://www.reoldsmuseum.org)

Search the museum for mini-skeletons, gathering clues to decipher a secret message and earn a prize. Visitors can hop a ride in one of the classic cars along with a skeleton companion, and the 1932 REO hearse will be out for photos. Regular admission prices apply.

## Spooky Storywalk

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Hamlin Park**  
**6463 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids**  
[eradl.org](https://www.eradl.org)

Dress up in costume, read a spooky story, collect candy and enjoy the Island City Pumpkin Walk, all at the same time.

## Witches & Wizards in Williamston

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**1-6 p.m.**  
**Downtown Williamston**  
[facebook.com/williamston.org](https://www.facebook.com/williamston.org)

Costume contests, live music, a haunted house, a scavenger hunt, trick-or-treating, games, a macabre art show, kids' activities, food trucks and more spooky fun await.

## Boo at the Zoo

**Oct. 28-29**  
**Noon-5 p.m.**  
**Potter Park Zoo**  
**1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing**  
[potterparkzoo.org](https://www.potterparkzoo.org)

Visit Potter Park Zoo for a hay-bale maze, candy stations, costume parades and other activities. The Sanderson Sisters from "Hocus Pocus" will visit on Saturday, and Aurora and Maleficent from Disney's "Sleeping Beauty" will visit on Sunday.

## ArachnoBROADia!

**Sunday, Oct. 29**  
**1-4 p.m.**  
**MSU Broad Art Museum**  
**547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing**  
**MSU Bug House**  
**288 Farm Lane, East Lansing**  
[broadmuseum.msu.edu](https://www.broadmuseum.msu.edu)

Enjoy a spooky afternoon of eight-legged fun for all ages, inspired by artwork from the MSU Broad Art Museum's collection. Get creative with creepy crafts at the museum, then visit crawly creatures at the MSU Bug House.

## Trick and Treat Dance Social

**Sunday, Oct. 29**  
**4:45-7:45 p.m.**  
**Michigan Athletic Club**  
**2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing**  
[sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club](https://www.sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club)

A three-hour dance consisting of ballroom, swing and Latin music. Pre-registration is required by calling 517-364-8888 by 3 p.m. the day of the event.

## Great Pumpkin Walk

**Sunday, Oct. 29**  
**1-4 p.m.**  
**Downtown East Lansing**  
[cityofeastlansing.com/440/Halloween-Events](https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/440/Halloween-Events)

Kids can trick-or-treat at more than 25 East Lansing businesses. There will also be mini-pumpkin decorating, meet-and-greets with princesses and superheroes from MSU Royal Encounters and live music by funk band Carlos Perez and the Spooktaculars at Ann Street Plaza as well as a Cyr wheel performance at the Marriott Plaza.

## Pumpkin Decorating Party

**Monday, Oct. 30**  
**6-6:30 or 7-7:30 p.m.**  
**Grand Ledge Area District Library**  
**131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge**  
[gladl.org](https://www.gladl.org)

Decorate a pumpkin with your children! Registration is required for either the 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. time slots.

## TRICK-OR-TREATING EVENTS

- Crippen Trunk or Treat**  
**Thursday, Oct. 26**  
**4-7 p.m.**  
**Crippen Buick GMC Mazda Volvo**  
**8300 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing**  
[facebook.com/crippencars](https://www.facebook.com/crippencars)
- Trick-or-Treat on the Square**  
**Friday, Oct. 27**  
**5-7 p.m.**  
**Washington Square, downtown Lansing**  
[downtownlansing.org/events](https://www.downtownlansing.org/events)
- Bridge Street Trick-or-Treat**  
**Friday, Oct. 27**  
**5-7 p.m.**  
**Bridge Street, downtown Grand Ledge**  
[grandledgechamber.com/bridge\\_street\\_trick\\_or\\_treat.php](https://www.grandledgechamber.com/bridge_street_trick_or_treat.php)
- Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat**  
**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**1-3 p.m.**  
**Frances Park**  
**2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing**  
[lansingmi.gov/897/Drive-Thru-Halloween](https://www.lansingmi.gov/897/Drive-Thru-Halloween)
- Souls to the Polls Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat**  
**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**1-4 p.m.**  
**South Washington Election Unity parking lot**  
**2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing**  
[lansingvotes.gov/home-2/souls-to-the-polls](https://www.lansingvotes.gov/home-2/souls-to-the-polls)
- Meridian Historical Village Treats & Tours**  
**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**5151 Marsh Road, Okemos**  
[meridian.mi.us](https://www.meridian.mi.us)
- Halloween Trunk-or-Treat**  
**Sunday, Oct. 29**  
**6-7:30 p.m.**  
**Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing**  
**2395 Washington Road, Lansing**  
[unitylansing.org/trunk-or-treat](https://www.unitylansing.org/trunk-or-treat)
- Downtown Trick-or-Treat**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 31**  
**3:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**Downtown St. Johns**  
[stjohnsareachamber.org/event-5425210](https://www.stjohnsareachamber.org/event-5425210)
- Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 31**  
**5-7 p.m.**  
**Police Operations Center**  
**5815 Wise Road, Lansing**



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## Is it time to make MSU trustees full-time salaried employees?

A little over a year ago, Michigan State University President Samuel Stanley turned in his 90-day notice. He was tired of dealing with a group of micro-managing trustees, several of whom had told him to hit the road only months before.

The university still has no full-time president. The school has an interim president who has been told she ain't getting the job. The board has a professional firm looking for a full-time president. But, again, no full-time president.

Instead, we have full-time trustees whose usually secretive internal politicking has exploded into the public. On Sunday, Trustee Brianna Scott called for Chair Rema Vassar to step down for doing what all MSU trustees inevitably do: overextend their authority while enjoying the perks of the position. (U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow also called for Vassar's resignation on Tuesday).

Did Vassar violate the board or the university's ethical rules? If somebody wants to think she did, she did. If somebody wants to argue she didn't, she didn't.

More important for the school is that nobody is in charge. The school is careening off one self-inflicted negative headline after another. The internal strife is as bad as it's ever been, even with Democrats' having a 7-1 majority.

The odds of pulling in a quality academic with big-time college experience to go to war with a board openly at war with itself aren't great.

No trustee is resigning his or her post.

It's time to fix the problem. Let nature take its inevitable course.

The board wants to be in charge. Put them in charge.

Dissolve the Office of the President. Have the board run the university like an oligarchy. The members want to do it anyway. Some already are.

Pay them full-time salaries. At \$100,000 or so each for eight members, you're saving the money you'd need to pay a quality full-time president to participate in the academic version of "Survivor."

A full-time president would be a tool for the majority that elects him

or her anyway. Why bother with a middle person? The board can reassign some current MSU official as its mouthpiece to tell department heads what to do. The board clearly knows best.

This solves many problems. There would be no issues with negotiating settlements with deposed Dean Sanjay Gupta or working outside deals with Attorney General Dana Nessel over confidential Larry Nassar documents.

Plane trips with the football coach to a game? It's always been a perk of the job, but trustees could claim it's part of their employment to attend such functions. End of story.

We need a football coach. Former Trustee Joel Ferguson always took care of that work in the past. Fellow sports fanatic Dennis Denno can get some pointers from Ferguson. He can shift his focus away from heading the presidential search and toward finding the next Nick Saban.

Like legislators, they got to their position by impressing the right people, doing the right things, raising the correct amount of money, whatever. These eight politicians have been forming coalitions like a mini-legislature since at least the days of John DiBiaggio.

We entrust politicians to run our country, our state, our cities and our townships. Why should a university be immune from the privilege?

Like legislators, give them health insurance, life insurance, a 401(k) and the whole bit. Compensate them properly for the full-time hours and attention they're already giving to the job.

Last year, I called on this entire unpaid board to resign. They didn't. Even if they had, a newly elected board would eventually snap back into the same bad habits. Time to go 180 degrees in the other direction.

If they're the ones pulling the strings, let's end the charade. If Rema Vassar wants to be highly involved in the MSU shooting response, let her be. If another trustee has some passion project they want to embark on, have at it.

The politicians think they are in charge of the university, folks. Put them in charge.

*(Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS at melinky@gmail.com.)*



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### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. **Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

**For the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices:**

City: Council Member At Large (2), Council Member Ward 1, Council Member Ward 2

**For the purpose of voting on the following proposal:**

City: Lansing City Charter General Revision

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lansing, MI 48933, telephone: (517) 483-4131, email: city.clerk@lansingmi.gov, website: www.lansingvotes.gov.

**Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:**

**Lansing Ward 1**

Pct. 1 – Gier Park Community Center  
Pct. 2 – Johnson Fieldhouse  
Pct. 3 – Post Oak School  
Pct. 4 – Grand River Head Start  
Pct. 5 – Foster Community Center  
Pct. 6 – Foster Community Center  
Pct. 7 – Johnson Fieldhouse  
Pct. 8 – Johnson Fieldhouse  
Pct. 9 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Pct. 10 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Lansing Ward 3**

Pct. 21 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center  
Pct. 22 – Woodcreek School  
Pct. 23 – Dwight Rich School  
Pct. 24 – Dwight Rich School  
Pct. 25 – Tabernacle of David Church  
Pct. 26 – Tabernacle of David Church  
Pct. 27 – Dr. Halik Professional Development Center (formerly Wainwright)  
Pct. 28 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center  
Pct. 29 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center  
Pct. 30 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center

**Lansing Ward 2**

Pct. 11 – South Washington Office Complex  
Pct. 12 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Pct. 13 – Cavanaugh School  
Pct. 14 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Pct. 15 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church  
Pct. 16 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church  
Pct. 17 – Forest View School  
Pct. 18 – Gardner School  
Pct. 19 – North School  
Pct. 20 – Gardner School

**Lansing Ward 4**

Pct. 31 – South Washington Office Complex  
Pct. 32 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst)  
Pct. 33 – Lewton School  
Pct. 34 – Bread House Church  
Pct. 35 – Letts Community Center  
Pct. 36 – Bread House Church  
Pct. 37 – Neighborhood Empowerment Center  
Pct. 38 – Neighborhood Empowerment Center  
Pct. 39 – Cumberland School  
Pct. 40 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Clerk's Office in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

**To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, please visit [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).**

**Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:**

Under a Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit to receive a ballot.

Anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

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## I hear a timpani

### MSU bursts with music of Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Student musicians at Michigan State University — and music lovers of all kinds — are about to sit down to a rich and colorful banquet.

Well, maybe not sit down.

“I don’t know why everybody has to behave in classical music,” Mexico-based composer Gabriela Ortiz said. “You listen to all kinds of music, and everybody’s dancing. It’s something you can’t control. It comes naturally. We have to be a little bit more open. Moving is part of the way you express yourself. Why not?”

A series of concerts this weekend will feature Ortiz’s rhythmically and sonically spectacular music, with the composer herself in town to work with students, give master classes and meet with the public.

The world’s greatest orchestras, from Mexico’s National Symphony to the New York Philharmonic, have commissioned works from Ortiz. Gustavo Dudamel, music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, is a passionate fan.

All of that high-level attention suits Ortiz fine, but student ensembles have a special affinity for her high-energy, richly woven music, and she returns the love.

“There’s something really honest about students — an openness, a willingness to learn,” she said. “The energy is so fresh. To look at them, how they’re putting all their energy into music, it’s something I really enjoy.”

The monster-piece of this mini-festival is “Concierto Voltaje,” a concerto for timpani and orchestra, featuring the MSU Symphony at full force, with every bell and whistle imaginable, and percussion Professor Gwendolyn Dease as the soloist.

That’s right — a timpani concerto.

“There are very few of those,” Ortiz admitted.

“Voltaje” means “voltage,” and this concerto never lets the voltmeter needle leave the red zone.

“It’s very energetic,” she said, relishing the understatement. “It’s an instrument with a lot of possibilities to discover.”

The soloist pounds the timpani with the usual mallets but also weaves intricate patterns with sticks and bare hands. At a crucial moment, tuned temple bells (of Tibetan Buddhist origin) rest on top of the drum skin and generate an unearthly resonance.

“You use the pedal on the timpani, and the sound is out of this world,” Ortiz said. “It’s really fun to do these kinds of experiments.”

At the concerto’s world premiere, timpanist Gabriela Jiménez tore it up with the Mexican National Symphony. Ortiz wrote the concerto especially for her. (There’s a clip of the jaw-dropping finale on YouTube.)

“Gabriela is amazing,” Ortiz said. “It’s almost like she’s dancing with the mallets, doing tai chi with the symphony. It’s so beautiful, and it’s because she’s enjoying what she’s doing.”

Ortiz and her music are in great demand around the world. City Pulse caught up with her last Friday, the day before her joyous orchestra work “Kauyumari” was set to be performed at a celebration marking the opening of the Lindemann Performing Arts Center at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

The MSU Wind Symphony will perform “Kauyumari” at the Wharton Center’s Cobb Great Hall on Friday (Oct. 27).

“It’s a very direct piece, a specific request from the L.A. Philharmonic to mark their return after the pandemic,” Ortiz said. “They asked for something light and joyful to celebrate being together after a year.”

When she got the call from L.A., Ortiz was busy and wasn’t sure she could fulfill the commission in two months. She revisited one of her most important pieces, “Altar de Muertos,” a string quartet inspired by the traditional Día de Muertos, or Day of the Dead, celebration, written for the Kronos Quartet in 1997.

She homed in on a theme from the quartet’s last five minutes, based on a song from the Huichol, an indigenous people of Mexico. “Kauyumari” (“Blue Deer”) takes the listener on the musical equivalent of a spiritual pilgrimage (aided in Huichol culture by hallucinogenic peyote) to “hunt” a blue deer, a spiritual guide that represents access to intangible, healing forces.

“It’s something that is very sad, very simple, and grows, and grows, and grows, like Ravel’s ‘Bolero,’” she said. “It goes into this psychedelia, an ending that is very energetic.”

On Monday (Oct. 30), MSU’s contemporary music ensemble, Musique 21, will perform two of Ortiz’s works, “Atlas Pumas” and “Corpórea.”

Ortiz finds musical material everywhere. (In 2018, she wrote a piece called “Pico-Bite-Beat,” inspired by food trucks in L.A., for the L.A. Philharmonic.) She named “Atlas Pumas,” for violin and marimba, after two rival soccer teams in Mexico.

“In this case, it’s the marimba versus the violin,” she said. “In the end, nobody’s winning, but it’s a metaphor.”

“Corpórea” is an eight-tentacled brain massage from an octet. Ortiz called it “a reflection of how creativity works — how rational or irrational you can be.”

Ortiz sees herself as part of a grand mo-



Courtesy photo

Mexican-based composer Gabriela Ortiz, whose music will be featured in a series of concerts this weekend and Monday at Michigan State University.

saic of Latin-American musical culture, and the Sunday (Oct. 29) MSU Symphony concert will surround her percussion concerto with a rich banquet, including Symphony No. 2 (“Sinfonía India”), by Carlos Chávez, one of Ortiz’s teachers, along with “Sensemayá” for orchestra, by Silvestre Revueltas, and “Todo Terreno,” by MSU Professor of Composition Ricardo Lorenz, first commissioned and performed by the L.A. Philharmonic.

It has long been Ortiz’s goal to encourage worldwide appreciation of the richness and variety of Latin-American music, the same way Latin-American literary arts, visual arts and film are celebrated.

“I’m so happy Ricardo is putting together this program,” Ortiz said. “Recently, I was looking in some books about 20th-century music for information about Latin music, and all I found was conga. I thought, ‘Our whole continent is about the conga? This is insane.’”

Several years ago, she spoke with a Polish composer who couldn’t name a single Mexican or Latin-American composer — no Revueltas, no Chávez, no Villa-Lobos.

“I had to study all the European traditions,” Ortiz said. “My students know all the Polish composers — Lutoslawski, Penderecki. We have to study Europe, but Europe doesn’t study Latin America. Europe is not the belly of the world.”

#### MSU concerts featuring the music of Gabriela Ortiz

music.msu.edu  
517-353-5340

#### Wind Symphony and Symphony Band

8 p.m. Oct. 27  
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall

#### Symphony Orchestra: The Power of Rhythm

3 p.m. Oct. 29  
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall

#### Musique 21: Lively Rhythms

7:30 p.m. Oct. 30  
Fairchild Theatre

# Daugherty bio leads MSU Press to crack down on plagiarism

By **BILL CASTANIER**

MSU Press has begun checking all manuscripts for plagiarism in light of complaints by the daughter of Michigan State University football legend Gene Washington, a school spokesperson said.

The action comes after claims that David Claerbaut, the author of “Duffy Daugherty: A Man Ahead of His Time,” plagiarized and/or failed to cite sources in the 2018 book, which tells the story of how the late MSU football coach Duffy Daugherty created a pipeline to recruit Southern Black players to his championship teams in the 1960s.

Washington’s daughter, Maya Washington, sent the complaints to the university last year. Her father was an All-American receiver for Daugherty in the mid-’60s.

Maya Washington has written a book, “Through the Banks of the Red Cedar: My Father and the Team That Changed the Game,” and produced a documentary, “Through the Banks of the Red Cedar,” that was shown on PBS and is partially based on her father’s experience with those teams.

Maya Washington provided numerous examples of plagiarism, including a direct quote from Daugherty’s autobiography about a drunk at a golf outing yelling, “Hey Duff, how many n.....s are you going to start this season?” that ended up in Claerbaut’s book. Another example was a quote from team member Clinton Jones about his work with Big Brothers of America that was taken in its entirety from Sports Illustrated magazine.

MSU spokesperson Dan Olsen said by email, “After reviewing the book for plagiarism, there were some instances in which the author paraphrased and



Courtesy of the National Football Foundation

Coach Duffy Daugherty (center) worked to recruit Southern Black players to Michigan State University’s football team in the mid-1960s.

writing closely aligned with former sports articles (like the Sports Illustrated citations).

“This is something we would have addressed directly with the author to correct and reissue the book. However, since the author is now deceased, we felt it was best to return the rights to the estate.”

That action was taken in September 2023. The book had been temporarily pulled from sales in July 2023, more than one year after the complaints from Washington.

Olsen said, “To my knowledge, this is the first time concerns were raised about a book printed with the Greenstone imprint (a non-academic subsidiary of MSU Press).”

Olsen said manuscripts will be run through software designed to detect

possible plagiarism.

Rita Claerbaut, the author’s widow, expressed surprise at the controversy. She said her late husband, who was a prolific writer, had never been accused of plagiarism.

Another author, Tom Shanahan, who wrote the book “Raye of Light” about Jimmy Raye, the quarterback of MSU’s 1966 championship team and a National Football League executive, said the Daugherty book also quoted information from his book.

Maya Washington said she and her family first heard of the book when they learned a script had been written based on its contents for a film called “Black Spartans” that was already in production.

She said she went through the book carefully and documented citations

that she typed into Google since she lacked a digital copy and discovered many direct uses of information from previously printed sources, including the Lansing State Journal, Sports Illustrated and Daugherty’s autobiography.

After submitting her findings to MSU, she said she waited for a response. But when none was forthcoming, she and her family were able to schedule a Zoom conversation with acting MSU President Teresa Woodruff in April 2023. That seemed to do the trick, and the book was removed from MSU’s catalog after selling 633 copies.

The movie also has not made it into distribution. MSU legal counsel sent a letter to the movie-makers saying, basically, that the school would not cooperate in any way with the project. In addition, a group of MSU players from the 1965 and 1966 teams hired counsel, which sent a cease-and-desist order to the producers in an attempt to prevent the film from going forward.

Shanahan said that the real story of Daugherty’s football underground railroad still hasn’t been told properly or accurately, and he has two books in process that will help tell that amazing story. One is a children’s picture book, and the other is about the Hawaiian connection to MSU football. He also said there is a full-length documentary working its way to production.

During the 1966 season, 20 Black players were on the MSU team roster, including 11 starters, three of whom, George Webster, Bubba Smith and Washington, were named All-Americans.

“Duffy opened the floodgates” for teams across the country, Shanahan said.

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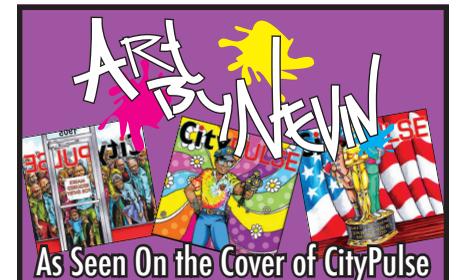
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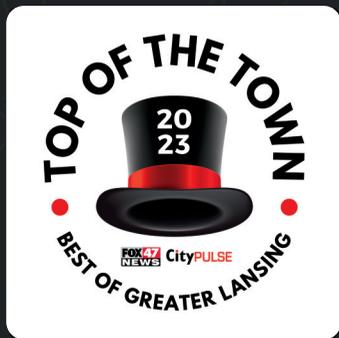
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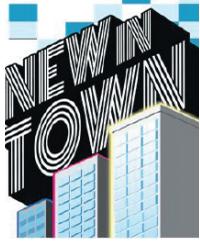
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Originally from Kabul, Afghanistan, the Mahmood family was forced to leave their home country in the mid-1990s when the Taliban took over.

Khalid Mahmood, now 32, was 3 years old at the time.

“I remember very little, but I do remember the day we were leaving. It was very hectic,” he said.

“I remember leaving with my mom and my aunt. We went to Pakistan for about six years, and then we moved to Michigan around 2000. I haven’t been back.”

In 2017, Mahmood’s uncle and cousins made the journey to Lansing. In July, the family teamed up to open Noosh Afghan Cuisine, the only exclusively Afghan restaurant in Michigan.

“We’ve done our research, and we would know because we’re Afghan,”

Mahmood said with a grin. “The next closest one is in Illinois. In Detroit, there’s a lot of different Mediterranean stuff, but not Afghan.”

A father of four and an Okemos resident, Mahmood operated a handful of Puff Puff Tobacco smoke shops prior to entering the restaurant industry.

“I’d been thinking about it for a while, maybe five-plus years. I always wanted to get into the food business, but I didn’t have the right partners, the right resources. I don’t know how to cook everything,” he said. “So, I waited a couple more years. When my uncle and cousins moved from Afghanistan, I knew that my cousin is a good chef, and so is my sister.”

Noosh staffs three employees in addition to the many family members who pitch in, including Mahmood’s mother, sisters, aunt, uncle and cousins.

One of Mahmood’s sisters, co-owner Mina Mahmood, also designed a menu decorated with Afghan-inspired anime characters. It features traditional Afghan staples such as qabli plov, a brown rice dish with sauteed carrots, raisins and marinated lamb that’s served with a side of moderately spicy beans.

“That’s as Afghan as you can get, probably. It’s popular,” Mahmood said of the dish, which he noted is made differently in almost every Afghan state. “Up north, it’s very oily and extra garlicky. Down south, it’s different.”

Other dishes include mantu, Afghan beef dumplings served with yogurt sauce and tomato paste; bollani, pumpkin- or potato-stuffed flatbread that’s similar to a quesadilla; kabobs; wraps; and traditional Afghan puddings.

Mahmood describes the general taste of Afghan cuisine as something “between Indian and Mediterranean food.”

“We’re not as spicy as Indian food, and we’re not as seasoned as Mediterranean. We’re kind of in the middle,” he said. “You’ll see these dishes at most people’s houses, weddings, birthdays, parties.”

The reception from newcomers, as well as the many Afghan refugees who now call Lansing home, has been promising.

“Recently, a lot of Afghans moved to the Lansing area. There are probably 300 to 500 families now. We also get a lot of those people that left families back home and don’t have anyone to cook for them at home,” Mahmood said. “We get a mix of all kinds of people, though. Everybody just wants to try it because it’s something new.”



Courtesy of Khalid Mahmood

From left: Wahid Dawar, Khalid Mahmood and Abdullah Mahmood tend the front counter at Noosh Afghan Cuisine, which opened this summer at 603 N. Waverly Road.

People have even traveled across the state to experience the taste, including one couple from Muskegon.

“When they heard that we were here, they came out just to check it out. Some people had it outside of Michigan, on the West Coast or the East Coast. People that have tried it know what it is,” Mahmood said.

Though he hasn’t returned to Afghanistan, Mahmood hopes Noosh can channel the spirit of his people in its homestyle cooking.

“It’s a very beautiful, colorful and diverse country. They’re a tough people who go through a lot. Even in the situations they’re in right now, they’re living, they’re happy, they’re dancing, they’re celebrating,” he said.

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# Riverwalk offers treat for Halloween season

By MARY CUSACK

Riverwalk Theatre has taken an innovative approach to its latest production, “The Rocky Horror Show.” Directors Erin Hoffman and Shannon Bowen have created two casts, which flip-flop between performances. There are no matinees since these lunatics need their beauty sleep to recover from these long, dark nights of the soulless.

The show is a spoof on classic science-fiction and horror B-movies. Newly engaged virgins Brad (Michael Palmer) and Janet (Elena Billard) suffer a flat tire during a thunderstorm and take shelter at a nearby castle, the home of transvestite queen Frank-N-Furter (Luka Pawsek) and his minions. Frank-N-Furter brings to life his dream man, Rocky (Ron Meyer), and a night

ence usherette Trixie, played by Kayla Henry, who’s also working behind the scenes on the makeup crew.

When the cast lists were released, I wanted to review the Rocky cast, being more familiar with the quality of the past work of many of those actors. However, due to scheduling limitations, I booked the Horror cast, none of whom I had seen before. It didn’t matter because the cast is solid, with several standouts.

The key to a successful “Rocky Horror” show is a sexy and magnetic Frank-N-Furter, and Pawsek doesn’t disappoint. He clearly relishes playing one of pop culture’s most iconic libertines. As Riff Raff, Robert Mueller has the ideal powerful pipes for a rock opera. And as the Narrator, former local television personality Matt Ottinger gets to poke fun at himself and his local celebrity status.

While the main cast gets to take a break every other performance, the Phantoms perform in all shows. These phenomenal actors sing, dance and serve as stage crew and sometimes as props, and they’re often as mesmerizing as the lead cast.

While Henry’s and Susie Perazza’s makeup designs are gorgeous all



Courtesy of Riverwalk Theatre

The Horror cast of Riverwalk Theatre’s production of “The Rocky Horror Show.”



Review

## “The Rocky Horror Show”

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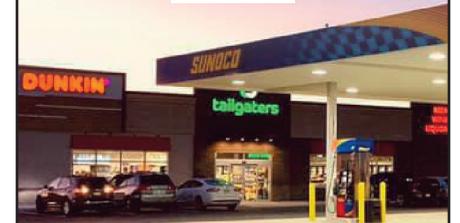
of debauchery ensues as the characters experience every form of coupling possible, including elbow sex. Virgins — in this case, those who’ve never seen the show or film — should be prepared for audience partici ... PATION! There’s a long history of audiences shouting scripted lines at key moments, along with bits of physical interaction, which require certain props. For those moments, Riverwalk is selling prop bags prior to the show. The heckling is guided by audi-



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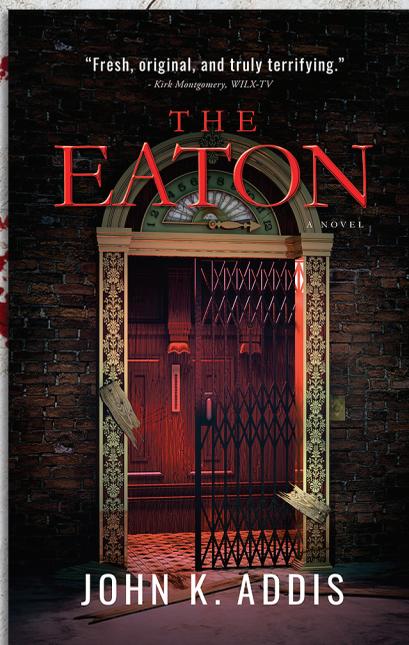
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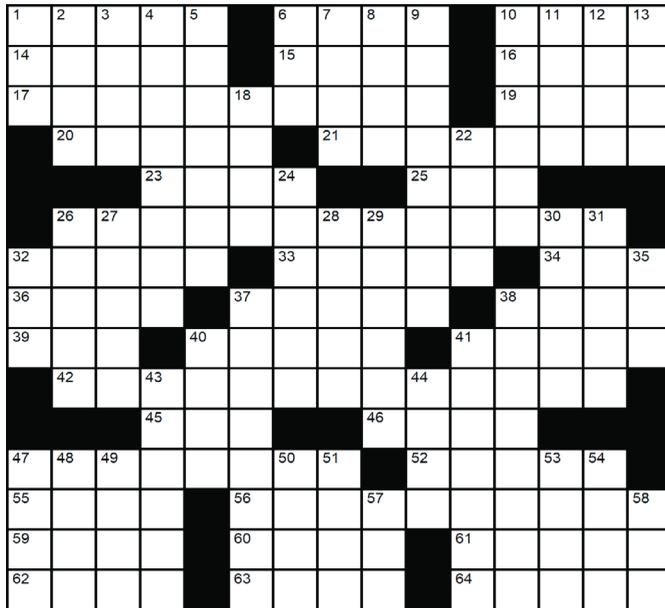
# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Giraffe's striped cousin
- 6. Jack squat
- 10. Window attachments?
- 14. "American Idol" runner-up Clay
- 15. Spanish blossom
- 16. Great Lake near Ohio
- 17. Untouchable Ness who now only focuses on silly people?
- 19. Bettor's giveaway
- 20. "Got it," from the days of beatniks
- 21. Car care brand
- 23. Arch with a double curve (by golly!)
- 25. French friend
- 26. The splendor of fading roses?
- 32. Air Force student
- 33. Burr in "Hamilton"
- 34. Vocal affirmation
- 36. "Touch of \_\_\_\_" (1958 Orson Welles film noir)
- 37. NATO alphabet vowel
- 38. \_\_\_\_ the crack of dawn
- 39. "Steal My Sunshine" group
- 40. Building girder
- 41. Like neon or xenon
- 42. How to say "Thanks for activating the lights" in German?
- 45. 180-degree turn, slangily
- 46. Stadium once used by the Mets
- 47. Earlier in the day
- 52. Upper level
- 55. Coffee containers
- 56. Voting bloc that's



- cool, Daddy-O?
  - 59. Head of Notre Dame?
  - 60. Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
  - 61. Charcuterie arrangement
  - 62. Sites for some animal relocations
  - 63. School founded by Henry VI
  - 64. Dog that didn't return for the "Frasier" reboot, understandably
- DOWN**
- 1. Quaker bit
  - 2. Fuzzy fruit
  - 3. Actor Tamiroff of "Touch of (36-Across)"
  - 4. Fluffy's temporary place while the family's out, maybe
  - 5. Keen perception
  - 6. Gridiron gp.
  - 7. Shawkat of "Arrested Development"
  - 8. "Let's Make a Deal" option
  - 9. Design school student, often
  - 10. Block-dropping game
  - 11. Neighborhood
  - 12. Statement of charges
  - 13. Offer at retail
  - 18. Olympic fencing sword
  - 22. Prophetic sign
  - 24. Cancels
  - 26. Gestured goodbye
  - 27. "Let It Go" performer Menzel
  - 28. Flashy parrot
  - 29. Cologne brand named after a Musketeer
  - 30. Blood bank's "universal donor"
  - 31. Be nostalgic
  - 32. Cartoon fan's souvenir
  - 35. T, on the NYSE
  - 37. Like some commands or speed limits
  - 38. Took down a bowler?
  - 40. Mike and \_\_\_\_ (fruit-flavored candies)
  - 41. Minutes played, in hockey stats
  - 43. Hospital professionals
  - 44. Spring melt
  - 47. "The Simpsons" lawyer Lionel
  - 48. Cookie that's kosher and vegan
  - 49. Commandment preposition
  - 50. Walking pace
  - 51. Scandinavian capital
  - 53. "\_\_\_\_ no ideal!"
  - 54. Bank opening?
  - 57. Article in Der Spiegel?
  - 58. China's Mao \_\_\_\_ - tung

# Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky  
October 25-31, 2023

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** "Our bodies sometimes serve as the symbolic ground where order and disorder fight for supremacy," writes storyteller Caroline Kettlewell. Here's good news, Aries: For you, order will triumph over disorder in the coming weeks. In part through your willpower and in part through life's grace, you will tame the forces of chaos and enjoy a phase when most everything makes sense. I don't mean you will have zero problems, but I suspect you will have an enhanced power to solve problems. Your mind and heart will coordinate their efforts with exceptional flair.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** I recently endured a three-hour root canal. Terrible and unfortunate, right? No! Because it brought profound joy. The endodontist gave me nitrous oxide, and the resulting euphoria unleashed a wild epiphany. For the duration of the surgery, I had vivid visions of all the people in my life who love me. I felt their care. I was overwhelmed with the kindness they felt for me. Never before had I been blessed with such a blissful gift. Now, in accordance with your astrological omens, I invite you to induce a similar experience — no nitrous oxide needed. It's a perfect time to meditate on how well you are appreciated, needed and cherished.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Unless you're very unusual, you don't sew your clothes or grow your food. You didn't build your house, make your furniture or forge your cooking utensils. Like most of us, you know little about how water and electricity arrive for your use. Do you have any notion of what your grandparents were doing when they were your age? Have you said a prayer of gratitude recently for the people who have given you so much? I don't mean to put you on the spot with my questions, Gemini. I'm merely hoping to inspire you to get into closer connection with everything that nourishes and sustains you. Honor the sources of your energy. Pay homage to your foundations.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Cancerian singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega has had a modest but sustained career. With nine albums, she has sold more than 3 million records, but she's not in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. She has said, "I always thought that if I were popular, I must be doing something wrong." I interpret that to mean she has sought to remain faithful to her idiosyncratic creativity and not pay homage to formulaic success. But here's the good news for you in the coming months, fellow Cancerian: You can be more appreciated than ever before by simply being true to your soul's inclinations and urges.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** "Everything in the world has a hidden meaning," wrote Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis. Did he really mean everything? Your dream last night, your taste in shoes, your favorite TV show, the way you laugh? As a fun experiment, let's say that yes, everything has a hidden meaning. Let's also hypothesize that the current astrological omens suggest you now have a special talent for discerning veiled and camouflaged truths. We will further propose that you have an extraordinary power to penetrate beyond surface appearances and home in on previously unknown and invisible realities. Do you have the courage and determination to go deeper than you have ever dared? I believe you do.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** How many glowworms would have to gather in one location to make a light as bright as the sun? Probably more than a trillion. And how many ants would be required to carry away a 15-pound basket of food? I'm guessing more than 90,000. Luckily for you, the cumulative, small efforts you need to perform to accomplish big breakthroughs won't be nearly that high a number. For instance, you may be able to take a quantum leap after just six baby steps.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** In the 17th century, John Milton wrote a long narrative poem titled "Paradise Lost." I've never read it and am conflicted about the prospect of doing so. On one hand, I feel I should engage with a work that has had such

a potent influence on Western philosophy and literature. On the other hand, I'm barely interested in Milton's story, which includes boring conversations between God and Satan and the dreary tale of how God cruelly exiled humans from paradise because the first man, Adam, was mildly rebellious. So, what should I do? I've decided to read the CliffsNotes study guide about "Paradise Lost," a brief summary of the story. In accordance with astrological omens, I suggest you call on similar shortcuts, Libra. Here's your motto: If you can't do the completely right thing, try the partially right thing.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Who would have guessed that elephants can play the drums really well? On a trip to Thailand, Scorpio musician Dave Soldier discovered that if given sticks and drums, some elephants kept a steady beat than humans. A few were so talented that Soldier recorded their rhythms and played them for a music critic, who couldn't tell they were created by animals. In accordance with astrological omens, I propose that you Scorpius seek out comparable amazements. You now have the potential to make unprecedented discoveries.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Sagittarian novelist Shirley Jackson wrote, "No live organism can continue for long to exist under conditions of absolute reality; even larks and katydids dream." Since she wrote that, scientists have gathered evidence that almost all animals dream and that dreaming originated at least 300 million years ago. With that as our inspiration, and in accordance with astrological omens, I urge you to enjoy an intense period of tapping into your dreams. To do so will help you escape from absolute reality. It will also improve your physical and mental health and give you unexpected clues about how to solve problems.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Capricorn writer Khalil Gibran believed an essential human longing is to be revealed. We all want the light in us to be taken out of its hiding place and shown. If his idea is true about you, you will experience major cascades of gratification in the coming months. I believe you will be extra expressive. And you will encounter more people than ever before who are interested in knowing what you have to express. To prepare for the probable breakthroughs, investigate whether you harbor any fears or inhibitions about being revealed and dissolve them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** November is Build Up Your Confidence Month. In the coming weeks, you are authorized to snag easy victories as you steadily bolster your courage to seek bigger, bolder triumphs. As much as possible, put yourself in the vicinity of people who respect you and like you. If you suspect you have secret admirers, encourage them to be less secretive. Do you have plaques, medals or trophies? Display them prominently. Or visit a trophy store and have new awards made for you to commemorate your unique skills — like thinking wild thoughts, pulling off one-of-a-kind adventures and inspiring your friends to rebel against their habits.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** I'm glad we have an abundance of teachers helping us learn how to be here now — to focus on the present moment with gratitude and grace. I love the fact that books on the art of mindfulness are now almost as common as books about cats and cooking. Yay! But I also want to advocate for the importance of letting our minds wander freely. We need to celebrate the value and power of NOT always being narrowly zeroed in on the here and now. We can't make intelligent decisions unless we ruminate about what has happened in the past and what might occur in the future. Meandering around in fantasyland is key to discovering new insights. Imaginative ruminating is central to the creative process. Now please give your mind the privilege of wandering far and wide in the coming weeks, Pisces.

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Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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**CharLit Adult Book Club** - Monthly adult book club. 6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

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**Improv Acting Class** - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com). East Lansing, MI

**Jazz Dance Class** - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Justice League Fall Celebration RSVP Due** - RSVP by Oct. 25 for the event on Nov. 3. [justiceleagueglm.org](http://justiceleagueglm.org).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit** - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin

St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society - Occupational Records: Finding Work-Related Paper Trails** - What types of gems can you find in occupational records that may enhance your research? 7 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [mmgs.wordpress.com](http://mmgs.wordpress.com).

**Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [lamc.info](http://lamc.info).

**Overbooked Book Club** - "Dirty Laundry," by Disha Bose. Intended for adults. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. [eradi.org](http://eradi.org).

**"The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band** - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com).

**Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri"** - 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. [framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**Spooktacular Adventures at the Market** - Registration req. 4-5:15 p.m. or 5:30-6:45 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [recreation.meridian.mi.us](http://recreation.meridian.mi.us).

**Tap II Class** - 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Virtual Life Drawing (nude model)** - Join us online for a virtual drawing session to participate in the tradition of drawing nude models. Sign up at [reachstudioart.org](http://reachstudioart.org) for a Zoom link. 6 p.m. 517-999-3643.

**Weaving the Web: Reverence** - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. [weaversoftwareweb.org](http://weaversoftwareweb.org).

**Wine Down Wednesday** - Enjoy wine a little later into the evening at this private event! \$1 off glasses of wine. Registration req. 5-7 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 5635 Shoeman Road, Haslett. 517-655-2883. [burgdorfwinery.com](http://burgdorfwinery.com).

## Thursday, Oct. 26

**"A Course in Miracles," Facilitated by Lisa Schmidt** - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Acrylic Painting Workshop** - Canvases, paint, and brushes will be supplied. 12+. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Acting 101 Class** - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Acting Ensemble Class** - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. 517-641-6728. [shopbfm.org](http://shopbfm.org).

**Chilling Tales and Haunted Trails** - 7 p.m. Riverside Park Pavilion, 405 S. Bridge St., DeWitt.

## The Acting Company: "Odyssey"

Oct. 28-29

7:30 p.m. Saturday

2 p.m. Sunday

Wharton Center Pasant Theatre  
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing



The Acting Company, a professional theater company founded in 1972 that has launched the careers of Kevin Kline, Patti LuPone, Jesse L. Martin, Rainn Wilson and Jeffrey Wright, among others, is bringing its woman-focused rendition of Homer's "The Odyssey" to the Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre 7:30 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 28) and 2 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 29).

"Envisioned by Lisa Peterson, two-time Obie winner and director of the recent Tony-winning production of "Good Night, Oscar," the audience experiences Odysseus' journey through the eyes of four women fleeing conflict from Middle Eastern, North African and Eastern European countries at a relocation center for refugees as they await their next step on their quest for home and family," the Wharton Center wrote in a press release. "This story focuses on strong themes of hosting strangers and the rules of generosity. With bold theatricality, humor and grace, Peterson's adaptation begs the question, 'What is home?'"

Tickets can be purchased through the Wharton Center Ticket Office, at [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com) or by calling 517-432-2000 or 1-800-WHARTON.

517-669-3156. [dewittlibrary.org](http://dewittlibrary.org).

**CRIPPEN BUICK GMC MAZDA VOLVO "TRUNK OR TREAT"** - 4-7 p.m. 8300 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. [crippengmcars.com](http://crippengmcars.com).

**Dimondale Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. [villageofdimondale.org](http://villageofdimondale.org).

**Eloquents Toastmasters Weekly Meeting** - Safe and positive environment to practice public speaking and leadership skills. 6:30 p.m. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. [eloquents.toastmastersclubs.org](http://eloquents.toastmastersclubs.org).

**Higher Ground Enrichment Time** - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

**"Howl"oween Dog Pawty** - 6:30-8 p.m. Large Dog Park, 1990 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [recreation.meridian.mi.us](http://recreation.meridian.mi.us).

**Hunt a Killer: "Murder at the Motel"** - 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Jazz/Hip Hop II class** - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Karaoke Thursday** - 8 p.m.-midnight. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. [greendoorlive.com](http://greendoorlive.com).

**Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club** - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. [ladiessilverblades.org](http://ladiessilverblades.org).

**Laingsburg Farmers Market** - 5-8 p.m. First Congregational Church of Laingsburg, 401 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg. 517-295-8128. [laingsburg-business.org/farmers-market-1](http://laingsburg-business.org/farmers-market-1).

**Mark Collins at Old Bag of Nails Pub** - 6 p.m. 210 Cascade Blvd., Lansing. 517-826-6266. [facebook.com/oldbagofnails Lansing](http://facebook.com/oldbagofnails Lansing).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit** - Noon-6 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**REACH: Arts Incubator for Young People** - Teens ages 14-19 can learn new art-making techniques and develop core skills while hanging out with other young people! 5 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [reachstudioart.org](http://reachstudioart.org).

**"The Rocky Horror Show"** - 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. [riverwalktheatre.com](http://riverwalktheatre.com).

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble** - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Safe Halloween** - 5-7 p.m. M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. [fsl.msu.edu/community-events/safe-halloween.html](http://fsl.msu.edu/community-events/safe-halloween.html).

**Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri"** - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. [framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**Stitch 'n Bitch** - Come hang out with some fellow stitching witches! 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

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**Take Off Pounds Sensibly** - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1536 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

### Friday, Oct. 27

**Aaron Johnson at Harrison Roadhouse** - 6 p.m. 720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. harrisonroadhouse.com.

**Adult Yoga Class Series** - Free weekly yoga session with a master-level instructor. 1 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. dewittlibrary.org.

**A Duo of Duos: The Dangling Particles and Dave & Kristi** - 7:30 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. 517-337-7744. tenpoundfiddle.org.

**Anthem Edition (formerly The Old Paths) and Endless Highway gospel concert** - 7 p.m. South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. 517-322-2000. lansinggospel.com.

**Audio Air Force Halloween Special** - 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/audioairforce.

**"Fitness Over 50" Senior Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

**Go Kart Casket Race & Halloween Party** - 6 p.m.-midnight. High Caliber Karting and Entertainment, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Suite 800, Okemos. highcaliberkarting.com.

**Higher Ground Enrichment Time** - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

**Homeschool Fridays** - Area homeschool families receive a discount on regular admission prices. Noon-3 p.m. Launch Trampoline Park, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. launchtrampolinepark.com/lansing.

**Life Drawing (Clothed)** - Drawing session with a live model or still life, taught by artist and educator Elyse Gambino. 6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit** - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**Mix Pack** - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

**"The Rocky Horror Show"** - 8 p.m. and midnight. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

**Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri"** - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

**Something with James at The Peanut Barrel** - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

**Toddle Time Halloween Boo Bash at Launch Entertainment Park** - 10 a.m.-noon. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-381-7812. launchtrampolinepark.com/lansing.

**Witch's Magic Bubble Shows** - 4:15 or 5 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

**World Lemur Festival** - Watch our lemurs swing, leap and play with special enrichment activities. Visit conservation tables where you can learn about these creatures and how to protect them. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

### Saturday, Oct. 28

**6th Annual Community Health Event** - Bringing together health practitioners, community partners and community members to reduce health disparities. Flu and COVID shots, STD testing, giveaways, games and prizes. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. 623-282-4214. h3p.org.

**Abstract Watercolor Landscape Painting (Two-Part Workshop)** - Create a landscape painting. Learn about watercolor techniques and explore washes, glazes and dry brush methods. 10:30 a.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

**The Acting Company: "Odyssey"** - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**Adult & Pediatric CPR w/AED Training Workshop** - Students receive a course completion card.

Class fee of \$35 payable to C.P.R.C. Inc. Ages 15+. Registration req. 10 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

**Alternative Holiday Gift Fair & Bake Sale** - Fair Trade items and other crafts made by survivors of abuse or human trafficking and artisans from around the world. Bake sale to benefit local food pantry. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingGraceMissions.

**Boo at the Zoo** - Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

**Creative Tots (B) (Four-week class)** - Young artists create process-focused art with their parent/care-giver under the guidance of teaching artist Meghan Andrews. 10:30 a.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

**Divination Roundtable** - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

**Frog & the Beeftones** - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

**Halloween at Lansing Shuffle** - 8 p.m.-2 a.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

**Halloween Bash: Menu by Chef Stu and Live Music by Soul Garden** - 7-10 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Hannah's House International Dessert and Silent Auction** - 1-3 p.m. Trinity Church, 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. facebook.com/hannahshouselansing.

**Hunter's Moon** - Featuring live music, vendors, art activities, a community potluck, a drum circle and a full moon ritual. Food and clothing donations welcome. 4-11 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. thefledge.com/event/full-moon.

**Intermediate Ballet class** - 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Kids' Halloween Party** - Ages 3-10. Must be accompanied by adult or older sibling. 11 a.m.-noon. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

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### A Duo of Duos

Friday, Oct. 27  
7:30 p.m.

University United Methodist Church  
1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing



Two Michigan-based acoustic duos will take the stage at East Lansing's University United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m. Friday (Oct. 27) for a concert hosted by Ten Pound Fiddle.

The Dangling Particles, a Lansing-based duo composed of Tamiko Rothhorn (vocals, cornet, ukulele) and Austin Kaufmann (vocals, guitar, harmonica), offer a diverse setlist ranging from folk and Americana to Latin jazz and blues. Robin Theatre owner Dylan Rogers called the songs "catchy, thoughtful and eclectic."

Dave Boutette, a one-time garage-rocker, and Kristi Lynn Davis, a former Radio City Rockette, mix American roots music with other popular genres, including folk, blues, swing and classic country. They exude "irrepressible verve and joy" during their performances, according to Wheatland Music Festival coordinator Daniel Bracken.

Tickets are \$20 for the public, \$18 for Ten Pound Fiddle Members and \$5 for students. They're available at tenpoundfiddle.org or at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m. the night of the show.

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**Live Music with Shelby & Jake at LBC** - 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. meridian.mi.us/farmersmarket.

**Meridian Township Police Halloween Open House** - 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meridian Township Public Safety Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. 517-853-4800. meridian.mi.us.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit** - Noon-2 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**"The Rocky Horror Show"** - 8 p.m. and midnight. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

**Skeleton Invasion! at R.E. Olds Transportation Museum** - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-372-0529. reoldsmuseum.org.

**Spooky Storywalk** - 11 a.m. Hamlin Park, 6463 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

**Witches & Wizards in Williamston** - 1-6 p.m. Downtown Williamston. facebook.com/williamston.org.

## Sunday, Oct. 29

**The Acting Company: "Odyssey"** - 2 p.m. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**ArachnoBROADia!** - 1-4 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broad-museum.msu.edu.

**Boo at the Zoo** - Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

**Chaos Barbie - Grace Rosen** - Rosen presents a combo of comedy, songs and laughs. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Dansville Halloween 5K, Costume Run/Walk 3K and Kids' Trick or Treat Candy Run** - 5K and 3K 6 p.m., kids' run 6:50 p.m. Dansville High School track, 1264 Adams St., Dansville. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Dansville/Dansville5k.

**Day of the Dead Celebration with Donette Pinkerton** - Overview of the Mexican celebration to honor

and remember loved ones who have died. 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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

**Euchre Tournament** - Anyone can enter, regardless of skill level. Half-price Long Islands available. Registration 6 p.m., games begin 6:30 p.m. The Peanut Barrel, 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

**GLAD Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North** - All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. facebook.com/GreatLansingAreaDrummers.

**Great Pumpkin Walk** - 1-4 p.m. Downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/440/Halloween-Events

**Halloween Trunk or Treat** - 6-7:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

**JUGGLERS AND WOULD-BE JUGGLERS** - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House at 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. mikemaranhanka@gmail.com.

**Men of Orpheus vocal concert: "Now for Something a Little Different"** - Free. 3 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. menoforpheus.org.

**Red Cedar Quaker Friends Worship** - 10:30 a.m. 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship.

**Trick and Treat Dance Social** - Pre-registration req. 4:45-7:45 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

## Monday, Oct. 30

**Ballet II for kids** - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Beginning West Coast Swing Dance Class** - 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

**Burger Night** - Choice of hamburger, cheeseburger or olive burger, plus fries. Dine in or take out. \$8. 5-7 p.m. Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-321-2209.

**Downtown Development Authority meeting** - 6 p.m. Laingsburg City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg.

**Department of Public Works meeting** - 5:30 p.m. Laingsburg City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg.

**"Fitness Over 50" Senior Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

**Higher Ground Enrichment Time** - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

**Immortal Grounds Haunted House** - 6-9 p.m. 1963 Cromwell St., Holt. 517-388-2180. facebook.com/immortalgrounds.

**Improv Acting Class** - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Jazz Dance Class** - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Jump Into Reading** - Stories, songs, activities and therapy dogs. Intended for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. 11 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

**"Letting Go," by David Hawkins: Book Study with Lucille Olson** - 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit** - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**Pumpkin Decorating Party** - 6-6:30 or 7-7:30 p.m. Registration req. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble** - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

## Tuesday, Oct. 31

**Acting 101 Class** - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Acting Ensemble Class** - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**Beginning East Coast Swing Dance Class** - 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

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**Immortal Grounds Haunted House** - 6-9 p.m. 1963 Cromwell St., Holt. 517-388-2180. facebook.com/immortalgrounds.

**Intro to Acting/Improv for Kids** - Ages 5-12. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

**LAGE Game Night East** - 6:30-11 p.m. The Junction, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing/events.

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

**Level I Dance Class** - Introduction to theater dance using ballet, tap and jazz. Ages 5-8. 4:45 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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**State of Michigan Ingham County Probate Court. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Decedents Estate. Case No. 21000900-DE-P33.** Estate of Susan Haggerty Phillips. Date of Birth 01/12/1947. **TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Susan Haggerty Phillip, died 04/17/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tammy Consavage, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48933 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 10/25/2023 Tammy Consavage 2700 Zimmer Rd. Williamston, MI 48895

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# Ingham County Animal Shelter

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**Bogeyman** is a big, goofy guy who came to the shelter as a stray. He is friendly and outgoing and loves everyone (people and dogs). He is a fun, bouncy guy who has pretty decent manners and does well with other dogs (playful if they want to play, happy to wander if they don't). He should make a great family dog for some lucky home!



Sarah Saunders

**Sarah** is a sweet momma cat who came to the shelter with her kittens when they were found to be living in poor conditions. She is a friendly, outgoing girl who is ready to be done with the whole motherhood thing and to start just being someone's companion. According to her owner she does not care for dogs!

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Alicia Keys

**Alicia** is a cute, bouncy border jack who was found as a stray. She was recently adopted from us, but she was returned due to the other dog in the home not liking her. She loves people and toys and is always ready for a new adventure. She's a happy-go-lucky girl and should do well in about any home willing to give her the time and energy she needs to thrive!

In Memory of Mimi, Sponsored by City Pulse



Lorraine Warren

**Lorraine** is a sweet beagle who came to the shelter as a stray. She is a typical beagle who is happiest when she can follow her nose so a family with a secured yard and some beagle experience would be best. She would be happiest with a smaller, easygoing friend who enjoys long, sniffy walks and snacking!

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Jigsaw

**Jigsaw** is the sweetest girl! She came to the shelter when a good Samaritan saw her being kicked by children. She has a bit of stiffness in her back leg that may be from a previous injury. We are looking for someone who is willing to help her adjust to life as an indoor cat. She's a gentle girl who deserves to spend her life in a loving home!

In Memory of Rodica's Cats

# Events

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**Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit** - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin

St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Preschool Family Storytime** - Join us for stories, songs and a simple craft! Ages 1-6. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**StressBusters: Positive Mental Health for Kids** - 3 p.m. session for ages 3-6 and caregivers, 4 p.m. sessions for ages 7-10 and 11-14. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-346-8094. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

## Wednesday, Nov. 1

**"A Course of Love" Book Study, Facilitated by Lucille Olson & Bill Dietrich** - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids** - Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Allen Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. [allenneighborhood-center.org/market](http://allenneighborhood-center.org/market).

**Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class** - 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. [sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club](http://sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club).

**Clay Day** - Make your own clay pins and other cute creations. Grades 4-12. 4-5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. [eradl.org](http://eradl.org).

**"Fitness Over 50" Senior Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Improv Acting Class** - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Innovate State: The Challenge of Healthcare Innovation** - Fireside chat-style interview with Todd Dunn, vice president of enterprise innovation at Advocate Health. 6 p.m. Minskoff Pavilion Entrepreneurship Lab, 651 N. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [entrepreneurship.msu.edu/innovate-state](http://entrepreneurship.msu.edu/innovate-state).

**Introduction to Watercolor with Rhonda Sherwin** - Learn about watercolor techniques and create a painting of your own. 15+. 4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Jazz Dance Class** - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**LBCA Meeting** - 7:30 a.m. Pine Hills Golf Course, 6603 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg.

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [lmc.info](http://lmc.info).

**River Walk Trash Cleanup** - Pick up the trash on the Lansing River Trail and the areas around our building! We'll walk for about 30 minutes together. 11 a.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

**Switch Gaming: Mario Strikers Battle League** - Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns, plus learn about 3D printing from local business Layered. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Tap II Class** - 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Virtual Life Drawing (nude model)** - Join us online for a virtual drawing session to participate in the tradition of drawing nude models. Sign up at [reachstudioart.org](http://reachstudioart.org) for a Zoom link. 6 p.m. 517-999-3643.

**Wheel of the Year: Samhain and Ancestors** - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

## MSU State Singers and University Chorale

Saturday, Oct. 28  
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Michigan State University kicks off its 2023-'24 choir concert season with a performance by the State Singers and University Chorale 8 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 28) at the Fairchild Theatre.

The program features alternating choruses of Vivaldi's two settings of "Gloria," with conduction by Sandra Snow, MSU College of Music's new director of choral programs, and Derrick Fox, the College of Music's new associate dean for graduate studies and creative endeavors. It will be both conductors' first concert in their new positions.

"We are thrilled to have Derrick Fox join our choral faculty this year. I think people attending this first choral concert of the year will immediately recognize his skill and enthusiasm," Snow said. "We have so many high-quality singers in University Chorale and State Singers, and we are looking forward to bringing out the best in them as we present some very powerful and beautiful music."

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors ages 60 and older and free for students and those under 18. They can be purchased at [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu), by calling 517-353-5340 or at the door.

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# FOOD & DRINK DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

## Travel far and wide with Kin Thai's Pad Thai

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

Kin Thai's Pad Thai, ordered "tama-da," or medium-level spicy, was the perfect pick-me-up during my cloudy Sunday afternoon. A generous portion of tangy noodles topped with chopped peanuts, thinly sliced red cabbage, a pile of julienned scallions, a fat slice of lime and six big shrimp nestled on a dark green banana leaf proved a feast for the senses that I'm already planning to repeat. The price point was solid for the quality of the ingredients, and my food was ready in mere minutes.

Since I was dining alone and didn't wish to gaze upon Lansing Shuffle's expansive cafeteria

any longer, I hurried my takeout back to my house. It was still piping hot in its biodegradable container when I arrived.

As I sat down at my own kitchen table, cozy and familiar, with nearby walls to define the boundaries of time and space, I imagined eating

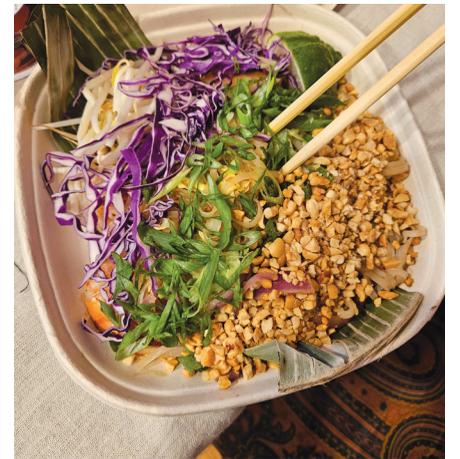


**Kin Thai**  
Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing  
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kinthailansing.com

Kin Thai's food in its own restaurant, maybe downtown. I don't know much about the restaurant business, despite waiting tables and prep cooking for a decade, but I do know that one of my favorite parts of eating Thai food is enjoying the calm and typically cozy ambiance of Thai restaurants. I think Kin Thai has the makings of

a fabulous brick-and-mortar, and I'll be looking forward to that day.

As someone who usually prefers my takeout less fried and more fresh, I was surprised when I found my shrimp had been steamed instead of pan-fried. I couldn't even remember the last time I had shrimp that wasn't loaded with oil, breaded or both. At first, I was trepidatious. The texture was sort of reminiscent of cocktail shrimp. But as I bit into the second one, I started to taste the saltwater flavor and was transported back to eating fresh seafood as a child while visiting my grandparents, who lived near New York City. It's funny how a flavor like that can mess with your sense of time. A boring Sunday afternoon that could've been spent fretting about Monday was transformed into tastes, smells and visions of the past and future.



Chelsea Roberts for City Pulse

Kin Thai's Pad Thai, loaded with chopped peanuts, red cabbage, scallions, a large slice of lime and shrimp, proves a feast for the senses as well as the stomach.

Although the noodle portion was large, I was up to the task. I sat back, satisfied with my choice — and maybe even a little emboldened. Perhaps next time I will venture to try the next level of spice.



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## CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

To the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing, please take notice that a General Election will be held in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

**The following non-partisan offices:**  
East Lansing City Council-Three (3) Full Terms

Also, to vote on the following proposals:  
Proposal to Amend the East Lansing City Charter to Change the Commencement Date of the City Council Member Terms of Office  
Proposal to Amend East Lansing City Charter to Change the City Council Composition to Seven Members  
Ballot Question to certify the process of Ranked Choice Voting  
Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office, 410 Abbot Road, Room 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Sample ballots can also be found at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

**Polls at said election will be open at 7 am and will remain open until 8 pm.**

### Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

Under Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

### **LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS:**

- Pct. 1 - Brody Hall, MSU
- Pct. 2 - Martin Luther Chapel, 444 Abbot Road
- Pct. 3 - East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road
- Pct. 4 - Capital City Vineyard Church, 1635 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 5 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 6 - Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road
- Pct. 7 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3383 Lake Lansing Road
- Pct. 8 - University Reformed Church, 841 Timberlane Street
- Pct. 9 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 10 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 11 - Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Drive
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- Pct. 13 - IM Sports East, MSU
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- Pct. 15 - IM Sports West, MSU
- Pct. 16 - Wesley Foundation, 1118 S. Harrison Road
- Pct. 17 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road

All polling places are accessible and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille.

In addition to regular business hours, the East Lansing City Clerk's Office at City Hall will be open on November 4 from 8 am-4 pm.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the East Lansing City Clerk's Office is October 23, 2023. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	<u>Regular Business Hours:</u>	Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm
410 Abbot Road, Room 100	<u>Additional Hours:</u>	November 4 from 8 am-4 pm
East Lansing, MI 48823		November 7 from 7 am-8 pm

To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or view your sample ballot check the Secretary of State Voter Information website at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote)

### ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

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

The East Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) or at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

November 6, 2023 at 4 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on November 6, 2023 must be requested and voted in person at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, November 7, 2023, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

### EARLY VOTING CENTER:

The Early Voting Center is for all City of East Lansing registered voters. For the November 7, 2023 election, the Early Voting Center will be held at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, 48823. Hours are posted below:

East Lansing Public Library	<u>Regular Business Hours:</u>	October 30-November 3 10am- 5pm
950 Abbot Road	<u>Additional Hours:</u>	November 1 & 2 from 10 am-6 pm
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# Sweet and spooky apple jack-o'-lanterns

By ARI LEVAUX

The five biggest shopping days of the year for candy are all in October, thanks to Halloween, which sells more candy than any other holiday.

For the candy industry, Halloween is like Christmas. Big Sugar co-opted the tradition in the 1950s, but the roots of the holiday extend back much further to the Celtic tradition of Samhain, which honors the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Samhain's founding observers saw it as a time when the boundaries between the living and spirit worlds broke down, allowing the spirits to come bang on doors like neighborhood trick-or-treaters.

As time passed and history was written, Samhain absorbed other holidays that reflected the charac-

teristics of the season, including death, wind and the abundance of sweet fruits dangling from trees. Appropriately enough, after the Celts were conquered by the Romans, Samhain merged with Pomona, a celebration of the Roman goddess of fruit trees and orchards.

Today, as nature's candy dangles from trees like a real-life fable, we spend more than \$9 billion each year on plastic sacks of sugar. The same way Samhain opens the door to the world of the dead, candy opens the floodgates for evil sugar spirits to enter the bodies of children.

The sweetness of an apple, by contrast, doesn't turn kids into little poltergeists, and the fruit has long been used as a barometer of hunger. Growing up, folks of certain generations were told, "If you aren't hungry enough to eat an apple,

you aren't really hungry." Such words have never been said about a Twix bar.

I'm not suggesting people give out apples for Halloween. That would be as creepy as it would be wholesome. By convention, and for everyone's peace of mind and legal protection, all sugar toxins distributed to trick-or-treaters must be hermetically sealed for safety.

I have a tree that produces McIntosh-like apples with a piercing flavor that's like an arms race between sweet and tart. Most of them go through the cider press, but I try to save a few boxes of the biggest, most beautiful apples to eat the old-fashioned way. I've been thinking a lot about that apple hunger test, and I've noticed that when I'm hungry enough to eat an apple, the fruit's characteristics become extra vivid. The perfume, sharpness and sweetness become all the more enticing.

When you slice an apple, it becomes more edible. I don't know why, but it's true. One night not too long ago, I kept slicing apples, and the kids kept eating them. Before we knew it, everyone was full. And don't forget pie. My mother-in-law makes hers with tapioca for extra body. So many apples, so little time.

This time of year, the absolute best thing to do with apples is to carve them into jack-o'-lanterns. They look like preserved heads from a cannibal's trophy case, just in time for Halloween. Apples are softer and more forgiving than pumpkins, and you can snack on the bits that you carve away as you go. When they're done, enjoy the shrunk-en apples' shriveled beauty for a week or two, and then, if you wish, eat them like the dried apples they are.



## Apple jack-o'-lanterns

If you live in a sunny climate, you can shrink apple heads on a windowsill in about a week. You can also use an oven on the lowest setting or place them in close proximity to a heater. However, a dehydrator with shelving you can space wide enough to accommodate an entire apple is the device of choice for making these sweet and sassy skulls.

Apples (the bigger the better)

Lime or lemon juice

Peel the apple, going around its "equator," while leaving a bit of peel around the stem end and its opposite "pole." Once peeled, look at the apple and decide where the face should be. Place the apple down and see how it rests. If it sits at a tilt, you'll want the face on the side that's tilting up. Well, at least I do. Wherever you decide the

face should be, sketch it lightly with the point of a knife.

Use a coring spoon to scoop out the middle of the apple from the side opposite the face, leaving a big hole in the back of the head. Scooping the insides allows the apple to dry more quickly.

Next, carve the mouth. Otherwise, you might not have enough room below the eyes and nose. That's the extent of any artistic advice I should be giving, other than to make sure the nose is smaller than the eyes.

Rub the carved apple with lemon or lime juice and place it in the center of a dehydrator with the temperature set at 135 degrees for about 12 hours, until it has shrunk to your liking. If using an oven, set it on the lowest setting, with convection on if you've got it, and keep a watchful eye for about two to six hours.

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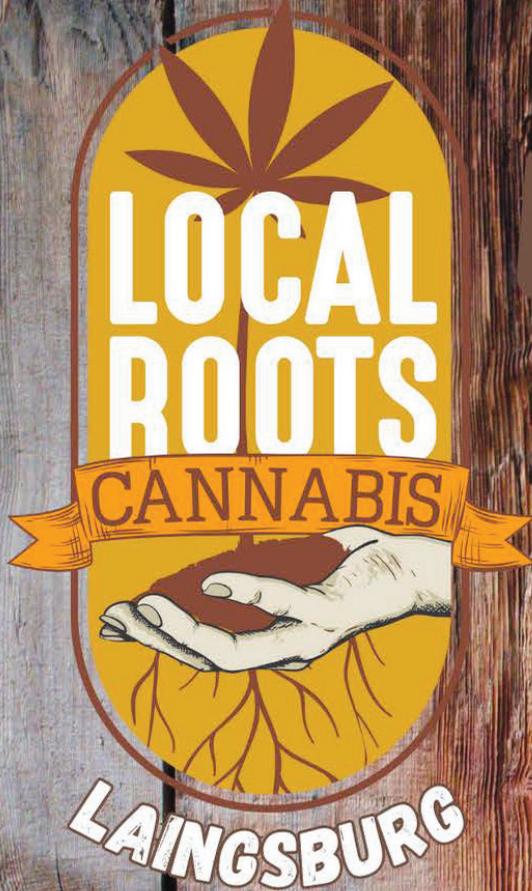


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