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TRUMP WEIRDLY SWAYED BACK AND FORTH FOR 38 MINUTES AT A TOWN HALL.

LIKE A DAZED DUCK

Y-M-C-A!

HE'S STILL STANDING TALL!

AFTER CANCELING MULTIPLE EVENTS DUE TO EXHAUSTION, HE RAMBLED ABOUT GOLFER ARNOLD PALMER'S GENITALIA.

"WHEN HE TOOK SHOWERS WITH THE OTHER PROS, THEY CAME OUT OF THERE, THEY SAID 'OH MY GOD, THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE.'"

WOO! HE SAYS WHAT'S ON HIS MIND, I GUESS.

THE NEXT DAY HE SAID:

"I HAVE NO COGNITIVE."

UH, MAYBE AN ALPHA DOESN'T NEED TO COMPLETE SENTENCES?

AT THIS POINT IT'S PRETTY CLEAR WHO HAS THE MOST STAMINA.

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YOUR "WEAVE" IS MASTERFUL AS ALWAYS, SIR!

TRUMP FIND IMPORTANT JOB IN ADMINISTRATION FOR WORLD'S SMARTEST MAN, **LEON MUSK!** ALSO, TRUMP FIND SOMETHING FOR BEARDED BOOTLICKER TO DO!

ER, IT'S **ELON, DONALD.**

I'M GRATEFUL FOR ANY OPPORTUNITY TO PROSTRATE MYSELF BEFORE YOU, SIR.

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MAYBE I COULD BE SECRETARY OF **DANK MEMES!**

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## PULSE

## NEWS &amp; OPINION

# Remembering Joel Ferguson, from RFK to Engler

Bobby Kennedy and John Engler were bookends in the life of Joel Ferguson.

Ferguson, who died Saturday at 85, was born in 1938 and raised in a working-class family on Lansing's segregated near west side.

He remembers the station wagon from the Lansing Country Club, roving through Black areas of the city, including by his own house on Chelsea Street, picking up Black employees and taking them to work at the all-white club.

"It was like a plantation," Ferguson said.

A graduate of Sexton High School, he served in the Marines before earning an elementary education degree from Michigan State University in 1965. He went to work for the city as playground director at the old Main Street School, on what is now Malcolm X Street near Everett Drive close to where Interstate 496 was yet to be built.

One Lansing resident, Bradford Jess Dothard, recalled Ferguson in a 2016 article as his "mentor." Ferguson, he said, put a net onto what had been a bare basketball hoop and blacktopped the gravel court where Earvin "Magic" Johnson later got his start.

"He was respected by a lot of people," Dothard said. "Of course, some of the people called him Uncle Tom, but he tried to change things for the better. He taught us young Black men a lot."

Ferguson recalled being "in the middle of it" when civil unrest broke out in Lansing for two nights in August 1966. A 50th-anniversary story in City Pulse described it this way: "Two days of chaos on Lansing's near west side escalated from rock throwing to gunfire and flying Molotov cocktails, drawing a small army of 300 cops from Lansing, East Lansing, MSU and other units into the neighborhood."

"Everybody was in the streets," Ferguson recalled. "I got a phone call and I went down there."

Ferguson shrugged off any credit for quelling the riots — "Riots stop," he said. "You can't get out there and raise a bunch of hell for days on end." But his efforts on the streets and then his advocacy for more summer youth programs burnished his reputation for leadership.



Courtesy Historical Society of Greater Lansing

Joel Ferguson signing a document in his City Hall office. Ferguson, who died Saturday, was the first Black member of the Lansing City Council.

The next year, he became Lansing's first African American to be elected to the City Council.

Robert F. Kennedy came to Lansing in April 1968 in his brief bid to become the Democratic presidential nominee (He was assassinated about two months later.) At 28, Ferguson was mid-Michigan campaign manager for the left-leaning younger brother of President John Kennedy.

During the visit, he accompanied Kennedy on the drive from the airport to downtown's old Jack Tar Hotel along with state party Chairman Sander Levin and Gov. G. Mennen Williams. Kennedy spent the drive talking to the two of them. But as they reached their destination, he said Kennedy asked him, "Who are you?" "I said, 'I'm your guy in mid-Michigan.'" "He said, 'How am I doing?'" "I said, 'Well, to tell you the truth, Humphrey's got labor, McCarthy's got the students, and you have me.'"

Then Ferguson escorted Kennedy to the ballroom via the kitchen, where he introduced him to all the staff. How did he know them? "I had been shining shoes there for years," said Ferguson.

In the ballroom, Ferguson said he went to sit down when a national campaign official told him he had to introduce Kennedy.

Why? "None of the party leadership would," he said, "because it would look like an endorsement."

Appearance over, Kennedy asked Ferguson if he was going to the airport to him.

"I said to him, 'No.' He looked stunned and he says, 'What do you mean?' I said, 'You already have me. Why don't you get someone you need?'" "He smiled, and it meant a lot in my career because then the word spread from him that I was pretty sharp."

Twenty years later, Ferguson managed civil rights leader Jesse Jackson's surprise victory in the Michigan Democratic presidential primary. That year, he was elected to the Democratic National Committee. He served for 20 years, until he sided with Hillary Clinton for president against Barack Obama in 2008. The Clinton administration had been good to him as Ferguson established himself as a developer, and Ferguson repaid the Clintons with his loyalty.

"Ferguson's indisputable business success speaks both to his savvy and his uncanny knack for leveraging his considerable political influence to win lucrative real estate development deals," City Pulse editorialized in 2020, "most notably his successful effort to persuade

former governor Jennifer Granholm to let him build a new headquarters for the Michigan State Police on the downtown Lansing riverfront, a less-than-optimal location that turned out to be an expensive boondoggle."

Ferguson's crowning achievement as a developer was the Red Cedar District on Lansing's east end in partnership with Columbus developer Frank Kass. The father-and-son team of Leo and Chris Jerome originated the idea, and Ferguson seized on it. What was to be a partnership devolved into a bitter dispute, with the Jeromes claiming Ferguson and Kass had stolen their plans.

As Ferguson's reputation grew, he ran successfully for MSU trustee in 1986. Its longest serving member, he was its chair for 12 years.

His dedication to the board was so important to him that he turned down a lucrative opportunity to serve on the Greektown Casino's board. In doing so, he rejected about \$210,000 in stocks and benefits and \$85,000 a year in compensation for attending six meetings annually. A state law prevents elected officials from being on casino boards.

The Larry Nassar affair — something he once dismissed as the "Nassar thing" in a radio interview — was his undoing.

City Pulse political columnist Kyle Melinn wrote, "Ferguson's perceived public callousness toward the sexual assault victims of Larry Nassar and his behind-the-scenes maneuvering to bring former Republican Gov. John Engler to lead MSU on an interim basis have not endeared him to the groups, like the education unions, the UAW, progressives and the trial attorneys, who have previously supported him." Engler, governor from 1991 to 2003, had taken the state in a decidedly right-leaning direction. The state Democratic Party turned to other trustee candidates in 2020.

As he acquired success, Ferguson purchased a classic mid-century-modern home. It was on Cambridge Road. His back yard bordered on the Country Club of Lansing — which had sent cars to his childhood neighborhood to pick up workers. Ferguson was a member. He could drive there in his Bentley to dine and play golf.

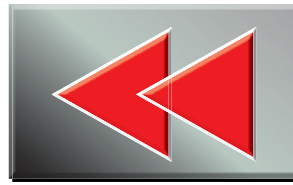
— BERL SCHWARTZ



# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



**A body matching the description of Emily Allen, 34, of Mason, was found Tuesday after she had been reported missing Sunday.** Mason police said they don't believe foul play was involved, reported WLNS-TV. A divorced, stay-at-home mom with two children, she had been last seen walking from her home on Maple Street Sunday. Police and volunteers distributed fliers and asked residents to check their security cameras. An area near her home has been taped off by multiple law enforcement departments.

**U of M Health will build a 45,000-square-foot health care center near Grand Ledge, to be operated by U of M Health-Sparrow, after the Board of Regents approved the \$32 million project.** The new building, at 5677 E. Saginaw Hwy. in Oneida Township, is slated to open in early 2027 and will include urgent care, a laboratory and retail pharmacy, primary care, specialty care and advanced imaging services. The regents approved a purchase price of \$1.995 million in May. The site is a former CARite car dealership.



**Richard Ott and Saturn Wells have filed to run as write-in candidates for Delta Township supervisor after Ken Fletcher resigned from the position Sept. 3 after being arraigned on charges of accosting a child for immoral purposes and using a computer to commit a crime.** They are running independently of either major political party because write-in candidates cannot declare a party affiliation. Fletcher's name remains on the ballot, but he hasn't stated if he would take the position if elected on Nov. 5. Eaton County Clerk Diana Bosworth said his name can't be removed from the ballot. Delta Township Clerk Mary Clark has been acting supervisor since Fletcher resigned.



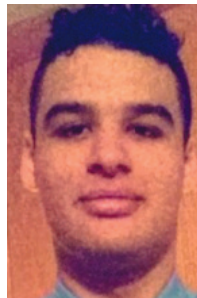
**The Lansing School District graduated nearly 87% of its students for the Class of 2024, its highest rate ever, Superintendent Ben Shuldiner told the Lansing City Council.** He added that the rate was 10% higher than any previously and has increased 25% in the past three years.



**On the eve of Kamala Harris' campaign stop in Lansing last Friday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (pictured with Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro) and four other Democratic governors rallied students in the MSU Union as part of a Blue Wall Bus Tour.** Pennsylvania's Josh Shapiro, Wisconsin's Tony Evers, Maryland's Wes Moore



and Massachusetts' Maura Healey all spoke to students during one of eight stops over three days in Michigan. Political science student Rudy Eaton said the MSU Democratic Club has registered 2,000 new voters.



**Catrell Shelton pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Friday in the 2022 killing of Kalen Mathews (pictured), 19, from a gunshot wound in the 900 block of Bensch Street in Lansing.** His co-defendant, Marquell Hopkins, pleaded no contest to the same charge two days earlier. Hopkins and Shelton are set to be sentenced in December. They are facing sentences of at least 12 to 20 years.

**The Capital Area Transportation Authority will receive \$163,400 for its Transit to Trails project as part of \$6.5 million in funding from the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced.** The funding, dispersed to 27 communities and eight transit agencies statewide, supports the development and improvement of plazas, sidewalks, streets, parking areas and other publicly used spaces.



**Four people suffered serious injuries in a crash west of Vermontville Saturday, three being ejected from their Honda Accord that had swerved to avoid a Michigan State trooper parked on the right shoulder.** The vehicle left the road and overturned multiple times while striking trees and a fence. Three of the four injured were transported to U of M Sparrow, one by Aero Med Life Flight. Speed and alcohol are believed to be factors in the crash.

### Public Safety

A 26-year-old man was found dead by Lansing police in a home in the 400 block of Greenlawn Avenue Wednesday. Police told WLNS-TV that they found the man aflame and suspect it was a suicide attempt. ... A 25-year-old man ran a red light and crashed an allegedly stolen motorcycle into a CATA bus at the corner of Capitol and Oakland avenues Saturday. No one was injured on the bus, but the motorcyclist was hospitalized. ... A 43-year-old woman suffered non-life-threatening injuries Wednesday when she was pushed from a vehicle and then run over, Lansing police said. A 47-year-old man, left the scene but was arrested, police said.



### Bricks

Landlord Dale Schrader and his tenant, Joseph Becker, have created their own version of a yellow brick road at a home under renovation near Old Town in Lansing.

Using more than 1,200 salvaged paving bricks from a 2019 city sewer project, the two have created an 80-foot-long decorative walkway using eight-pound bricks from Ohio-based brick makers, including Townsend, Wooster, Canton and Metropolitan.

Paving bricks came into favor in the late 19th and early 20th century as a road-paving alternative to gravel and ash, which turned into a quagmire after rain or during the winter.

Pushing for paved roads can be traced to early bicyclists who formed alliances like the League of American Wheelmen, which lobbied for paved roads along with farmers who were a force behind the Good Roads Movement. In Michigan, the leader of the Movement was Horatio "Good Roads" Earle, who became the state's first highway commissioner after a statewide constitutional amendment passed in 1905.

Before laying the large bricks, Schrader power-washed each one to remove a century of grime. The bricks were then laid with the bottoms up displaying the manufacturer's name.

In addition to a recycled brick walkway, Schrader also used cabinets, doors and lights from Pleasant Grove School, which was torn down. Before Schrader purchased the house in 2020, it had been red-tagged for 12 years.

Another cache of bricks will become available when the city begins a sewer project on Washington Avenue. The state Historic Preservation Office is working with the city on a plan to recycle the bricks.

Schrader was also responsible for restoring the historic Pulver gas station at the corner of Capitol and Cesar E. Chavez avenues in Old Town.

**BILL CASTANIER**

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## Remembering Ute von der Heyden



Ute von der Heyden

Ute von der Heyden, who died recently at 84, was a frequent contributor of theater reviews and arts stories to our pages. She also worked behind the scenes as an editor. Equipped with a Michigan State University journalism education and two decades' experience as a Lansing State Journal reporter, she brought us a high level of professionalism. Though an enthusiastic booster of area theater — she served on the old BoarsHead Theater's board — her reviews were honest, perceptive and respected. A case in point of the latter was her take on a Wharton Center production. "When it comes to 'The Phantom of the Opera,' there are two kinds of people," she wrote. "People like my husband" (Paul C. Wright, who survives her, as does a daughter, Leslie Auld), "who said, 'I've seen that chandelier come crashing down twice already, why would I want to see that again,' and people like me who think, 'Are you mad, it's not about the chandelier. It's about the romance, the mystery, the costumes, the staging, the beauty of the music, the poetry of the lyrics.' Why wouldn't you want to see it again? And again and again." The next day City Pulse received an email declaring her review the best ever. It was from the show's producer, Broadway legend Hal Prince.

Von der Heyden told compelling stories, but none were as compelling

as her own. She was born in Dresden, Germany, in 1939. In 1945, she and her parents, sister and grandmother fled to a bomb shelter, which caught fire as the allied forces pounded the city. Her grandmother pushed Ute out a window, her clothes aflame. Her family perished. A Red Cross unit rescued 6-year-old Ute. An aunt took her in. After the war, they lived under Soviet control in East Germany, from which they were determined to escape. They failed the first time, but on foot for days in a second attempt, foraging for food in the woods, they made it to allied-controlled territory. At 14, Ute emigrated to the United States with her aunt's family, settling in Saginaw. She pushed herself to master written and spoken English. No one would have ever guessed it was her second language. She found her calling in journalism.

After the Journal, she launched a second career in state government. Retired, she returned to journalism at City Pulse soon after it was launched in 2001. Here, Elaine Yaw, City Pulse's first arts editor, picks up the story.

A mutual friend, Meegan Holland, brought them together. "I had no idea who she was, what she looked like, or anything. It didn't matter, she said on the phone she would recognize me. I trotted over to Sir Pizza on what was then Grand River Avenue, a block away from City Pulse on Turner Street.

"Sure enough, I walked in, and a petite, amazingly dressed woman — she always looked like a million bucks; her style sense was fascinating and amazing — said, 'Elaine, over here.' I will never ever forget the way she said my name. After that initial meeting, where I hired her on the spot, there was always an 'oh' in front of my name when she said it, for urgency, no matter what the topic of conversation was."

"She wrote, she edited, she planned and strategized," Yaw recalled. "She and Paul C. Wright scooped me up and introduced me to everyone they knew in the Lansing-area theater scene, which was nearly everyone — because they went to all shows, gave their sweat and tears to local theater, and more.

"I had a dream in early September with Ute in it, and I knew I needed to get in touch. I'm so glad I didn't ignore it. I didn't get to see her one last time, but we talked on the phone. And I got to hear her say my name in the way she did, 'Oh, Elaine ... Elaine Yaw?' And then we laughed about the line, 'There can be only one editor.' And that, without doubt, was always Ute."

**BERL SCHWARTZ**

## 'I'm a Teamster. Here's why I'm voting against Trump'

By **DONALD LEPARD**

*(The writer is a UPS pre-loader at the warehouse in Lansing and a lifelong area resident.)*

Michigan workers are on the move. Last year, UAW members won a game-changing strike against the Big 3 automakers, and UPS workers won a historic contract by mobilizing for a nationwide strike.

These victories happened because union members elected the right leadership to lead the United Auto Workers and the Teamsters. Now we need to elect the right president for our country.

Donald Trump has spent a lifetime busting unions. He even crossed a union picket line during "The Apprentice." Kamala Harris has walked picket lines to support striking workers. The contrast doesn't get any clearer than that.

This November, I'll proudly vote against Trump — and I urge my fellow Teamsters to do the same.

I started working at the UPS warehouse in Lansing when I was 20. From the start, it was clear UPS cared little for its workers. We were cogs on a conveyor belt, one that moved too fast and left us with sore backs and limbs.

But I was lucky: I found a group of guys who actually wanted to make our lives better. I became a union steward, and we got speed-up under control. It wasn't easy. It took us a year just to get a safety meeting — but it taught me an important lesson. As a union, we could achieve much more than any individual.

Last year, I saw just how much we could win after we organized for a nationwide strike and won a new contract that secured record wage increases, eliminated two-tier wages for drivers, and kept our pensions and healthcare secure.

But I've also learned our rights as workers aren't guaranteed. In 2013, under a Republican trifecta, Michigan passed a so-called Right to Work law. It became significant-

ly harder to unite my co-workers in our union, even if they hated their working conditions. When we elected a Democratic trifecta in Michigan last year, one of their first acts was to wipe Right to Work off the books. That helped set the stage for our big win at UPS.

Now Donald Trump wants to make Right to Work a national law. It's just one of the many anti-union maneuvers he sup-

ports and backed in office.

Trump stacked the National Labor Relations Board with union-busting lawyers, who gutted our ability to fight for ourselves in the workplace.

He tried to bankrupt our pensions by stonewalling the Butch-Lewis Act. Kamala Harris cast the deciding vote as vice president, saving the pensions of over 400,000 Teamsters and a million union workers and their families.

If Trump is elected, his second term will be even worse. The Project 2025 agenda his allies cooked up would deliver an unprecedented assault on labor rights. It'll hurt our ability to save the jobs of workers when they're unfairly fired. It'll silence workers from speaking up about safety hazards. It'll make bosses richer and workers less well off.

I'm proud of the work I do. I get up at 3 in the morning five days a week and work hard at my job because I want to deliver for my co-workers and our customers. But the work isn't easy.

As a UPS worker, I delivered for our country during the pandemic. I need political leaders to deliver more than empty words. I need policies that keep me safe on the job and make sure I have the pay and benefits I need to get by.

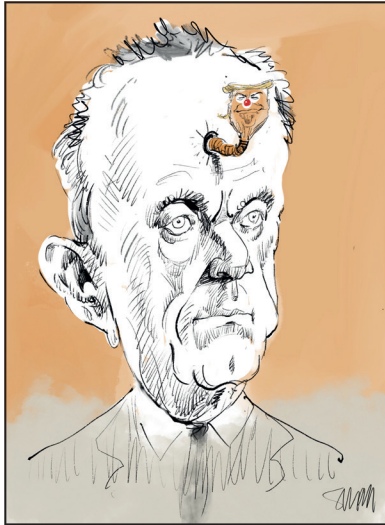
Trump opposes all that and no amount of smoke and mirrors can hide it. He may say he's a champion for workers — but he just plays one on TV.



Opinion



# LET'S BOOGIE! Bob Baldori & David Small



## Bobby Kennedy Jr.

You can't make this s\*\*t up. Which is something I'm forced to say about almost every single one of Bozo's acolytes. Curiouser and curiouser, said Lewis Carroll. And so it is, this Living in the U.S.A.

RFK Jr. is a scion of the legendary Kennedy family, which is so much a part of the liberal and progressive history of the U.S. that it seems sacrilegious to add the name of a Kennedy to a list of Bozo's supporters. Yet there he is, another part of the MAGA phenomenon that normal people find next to impossible to process.

But we live in abnormal times, where almost every family has an uncle or brother or sister who's been swept into the cult.

Almost everything we know about RFK Jr. is quirky. A worm in the brain, a bear in the park, a head up Bozo's butt.

A leading proponent of COVID-19 vaccine misinformation, a womanizer (at least some things are consistent with the Kennedy name) and, just to be inconsistent, a reputable conservationist.

And obviously a crackpot opportunist, first angling for a position with Kamala; then, being jilted, connecting with the Orange Bozo, creating a relationship that discredits both of them.

Jr. has an incredibly erratic track record. He graduated from law school in 1982, failed the bar exam in 1983, obtained a felony conviction for heroin in 1984 and earned a law degree in 1987. Apparently, the felony conviction ended his 14 years of heroin abuse, and his conversion to sobriety made him an ardent foe of marijuana legalization.

What followed was a stellar career as an environmentalist, with significant victories in the field of waterway preservation. "Kennedy litigated and supervised environmental enforcement lawsuits on the east coast estuaries on behalf of Hudson Riverkeeper and the Long Island Soundkeeper, His work at Riverkeeper — set long-term environmental legal standards."

How did someone with RFK Jr.'s history end up in bed with a crackpot climate denier? One possible explanation: brain damage from years of substance abuse along with an outsized ego craving attention. There is obviously something "off" with this character.

Which makes him a perfect fit for Bozo's clown car.



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# The 2024 presidential election has become the quest for more

Excuse me a minute. I'm tweeting that Donald Trump is flying into Traverse City's airport Friday evening for another rally.

Oh, wait. Here's another Trump team email. He's doing a Saturday rally at Suburban Showplace in Novi, too.

Trump, Harris, Vance, Walz & friends have been in Michigan A LOT this year, haven't they? Actually, I'll answer that for you.

Yes.

In fact, by the end of the week, the Republican and Democratic tickets have already

visited Michigan more times in 2024 than they did in both 2020 and 2016 combined, based on calculations by [mirs.news](https://mirs.news).

And we still have almost two weeks of this to go.

Once Vice President Kamala Harris blew out of UAW Local 652 last Friday, she dropped by Oakland County for a rally. She was in Detroit on Saturday, attended some Michigan church services on Sunday and did that Oakland County gig with Liz Cheney on Monday.

Meanwhile, Trump is flying into Traverse City on Friday, the same day JD Vance has a southeast Michigan event. The next day, Trump is schedule to be at Suburban Place in Novi for a noon visit.

Oh, and later that day on Saturday, Harris will be back in Michigan with former First Lady Michelle Obama.

The [mirs.news](https://mirs.news) tally for the number of days the Trump/ Vance ticket has been in Michigan is at 22. For Harris/Walz, it's 17, and that's since she became the presumptive nominee in July.

We're not even counting the surrogates' visits. Former President Barack Obama, House Speaker Mike Johnson, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, department-level officials and out-of-state congressional critters have all descended on Michigan like 17-year cicadas.

It's exhausting. It's all-consuming. It's almost over. Hopefully.

When it is, remember this:

A combined 93% of the 2024 presidential candidate visits have been in seven competitive swing states: Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and, of course, Michigan, according to National Popular Vote.

It's not like the other 43 U.S. states. Michigan's results are expected to be so close that Trump and Harris' time and

treasure is being spent right here. Neither Trump nor Harris would be here if it didn't matter. But it does.

The ridiculous amounts of money they're spending here prove it.

In TV, digital and cable spending alone, Harris' campaign and her allies have spent \$150 million in Michigan. Trump and his Republican-aligned friends have spent close to \$100 million.

Yup, that's a quarter of a billion dollars being spent to influence your vote. It's \$30 for every registered voter in the state of Michigan. It's the value of the Hope Diamond. It's roughly the gross domestic product of the Marshall Islands. It's the cost of sending 850 students to Harvard for four years, according to The New York Times.

It's the cost of politics in 2024. Everybody is doing a little more than the last election. More personal visits. More social media saturation. More mailers. More text messages.

There's no public budget either Harris or Trump is operating under. There's no magic number of visits.

How much does it take to win a presidential campaign? How many visits will it take?

The answer is simple: more.

The Biden — now Harris — campaign committee raised \$900 million between January 2023 and Sept. 30, 2024, according to Forbes. That's nearly \$1 billion. Trump raised \$371.9 million.

I counted a dozen fundraising emails in the last 24 hours from Harris. I got about the same from Trump.

Hypothetically speaking, what if Harris had had \$2 billion to spend? What if Trump had come to Michigan 44 times this year instead of 22?

When does the law of diminishing returns activate? In the campaign world? Never.

There is no limit to the more. No end to the number of canvassers, door-knockers, mailers or ads.

Forget that people have been dialing out for weeks. They're tired of talking about it. Tired of the texts. Tired of the ads.

We're all begging for less.

It's hard to say, but until Nov. 5, you're getting more.

(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol news service MIRS. Email him at [melinnky@gmail.com](mailto:melinnky@gmail.com).)



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POLITICS



## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

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## New connections await at the Banjo Gathering

By AJ GLAUB

Lillian Werbin's connection with the banjo didn't begin with a song — it began with a map.

"I was at a presentation about uncovering old banjo factories using insurance maps," Werbin, the second-generation owner of Lansing music store Elderly Instruments, recalled. "I found it so interesting."

That moment sparked a deeper curiosity for an instrument that had long been a part of her life, thanks to her father's annual treks to the Banjo Collectors Gathering. This weekend, Werbin will bring the Banjo Gathering to Lansing for the first time, hoping others will discover their own unexpected connections with the instrument.

The event, running Thursday (Oct. 24) through Sunday (Oct. 27) at the Hilton Garden Inn on the city's west side, will feature a wide array of activities, from jam sessions and a banjo marketplace to hands-on workshops and historical presentations. Attendees will also explore local banjo culture with a field trip to Elderly Instruments. For those who can't attend in person, a virtual option is available.

For Werbin, this event is a unique opportunity to introduce Lansing's music community to the deep history and modern relevance of the banjo.

"It feels great to bring something so close to my heart to the city I love," she said.

For more than 25 years, the Banjo Gathering has brought together banjo enthusiasts, historians, musicians and curious newcomers. Historically held on the East Coast, this year marks its Midwestern debut, and Lansing is an ideal host city given its deep ties to folk and acoustic music through concert series hosted by organizations like Ten Pound Fiddle and Woldumar Nature Center. But while the location is new, the mission remains the same: to deepen attendees' understanding



Courtesy the Banjo Gathering

Attendees of the 2019 Banjo Gathering in Norfolk, Virginia, pose for a group photo.

and appreciation of the banjo through stories, music and connections that transcend generations.

At its core, the Banjo Gathering has always been about discovery — how the banjo hooks people in unexpected ways. Kristina Gaddy, co-leader of the event and author of "Well of Souls: Uncovering the Banjo's Hidden History," recalled her first connection with the instrument was through her family.

"I grew up playing classical violin," she shared, "but my real introduction to the banjo came when my aunt started playing bluegrass, and we attended the fiddlers' convention in Galax, Virginia. That's when it clicked for me."

Aaron Jonah Lewis, a featured speaker at this year's gathering, was introduced to the banjo at a bluegrass concert in Ohio.

"I was starstruck," Lewis said. "I just knew I had to make that sound!"

Since then, Lewis' passion for ragtime banjo has grown. Her presentation at the gathering

will offer insights into her musical journey and her exploration of rare and historic banjo material through her musical project Ragtime Banjo Revival.

"The energy of ragtime really grabs people," she said. "Even if they've never heard it before, there's something about the rhythm that feels familiar."

For Werbin, Gaddy and Lewis, that first connection with the banjo set them on life-changing paths. Their hope is that the Banjo Gathering will offer attendees a similar spark of discovery, whether through the music, history or the welcoming community surrounding the instrument.

For Gaddy, one of the event's highlights will be sharing the true cultural history of the banjo, a history that's often misunderstood.

"People tend to think of the banjo as solely an American creation," Gaddy said. "But it was actually created by people of African descent in the Caribbean. It represents a blending of African cultures into a new African American instrument."

This year's gathering will continue the tradition of exploring these underrepresented histories with presentations on topics like gourd banjos, African influence and regional contributions from the Midwest and Canada.

"There's so much rich history, even recently uncovered history, about the banjo," Werbin said. I hope attendees experience a bit of what I did — a new interest in something they thought they already knew."

Gaddy emphasized that the gathering has always been a space for research and discoveries about the banjo's origins.

"My book wouldn't exist without this community of researchers and enthusiasts who attend the gathering



Photo by Julianne Lindsey

Aaron Jonah Lewis, a featured speaker at this year's gathering, will offer insights into her exploration of rare and historic banjo material through her musical project Ragtime Banjo Revival.

every year," she said.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of the gathering is the strong sense of community it fosters. Often described as a family reunion for banjo enthusiasts, the event brings together people from around the world, offering a space to connect and share a love for the instrument.

"Honestly, we just want people to have a good time and connect with other banjo nerds," Gaddy said with a smile.

As the gathering continues to grow, both Werbin and Gaddy see it as a place where the future of banjo culture can take shape.

"We're always looking for ways to engage younger musicians and those new to the banjo," Werbin said. "It's more than just a look back — it's also about moving forward."

Gaddy hopes the gathering will continue to foster new research, particularly focusing on underrepresented voices in the banjo's history.

"The gathering has always been a place where new research is shared, and I hope that legacy continues," she said.

**The Banjo Gathering**

10 a.m.–10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24–Saturday, Oct. 26  
10 a.m.–3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27  
Hilton Garden Inn  
633 N. Canal Road, Lansing  
[banjogathering.weebly.com](http://banjogathering.weebly.com)



CITY OF GRAND LEDGE  
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Election Commission will hold a public meeting at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, 31 October 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, to conduct the Public Accuracy Test of the electronic tabulating equipment to be used in all City of Grand Ledge precincts at the Tuesday, 05 November 2024 election.

The meeting will be held in person, per the Open Meetings Act, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The public is invited to attend in person to participate and offer comments. Written comments can also be submitted to the City Clerk at 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, or [cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com). The online stream can be accessed at <https://www.zoom.us> with the Meeting ID: 835 8209 6001, or by calling +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 305 224 1968 US, +1 309 205 3325 US, +1 360 209 5623 US, +1 386 347 5053 US, +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose), +1 507 473 4847 US, +1 564 217 2000 US, +1 669 444 9171 US, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose), +1 689 278 1000 US, +1 719 359 4580 US, +1 253 205 0468 US, +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma), +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) with Meeting ID: 835 8209 6001.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

CP#24-705

ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
VARIANCE


Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at the Oneida Charter Township Hall, 11041 Oneida Rd., Grand Ledge, Michigan, 48837 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to notify the public of a variance request for parcel #030-001-400-065-01 at 5645 Meranda Lane, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The request is for a 20-foot variance for the front yard setback area to build an 8-foot-tall fence.

The application and site plan are available for review in the office of the Zoning Administrator Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Anyone having questions or needing assistance during or prior to the hearing can contact the Zoning Administrator, Melissa Goschka at 517-622-8078. Written comments on this proposal will be accepted until Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Oneida Charter Township Clerk's Office.

Jacqueline Kilgore  
Oneida Charter Township Clerk  
(517) 622-8078

CP#24-699



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY  
LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24027  
(CONSUMERS ENERGY)  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LEGAL NOTICE  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24027 (CONSUMERS ENERGY)  
PUBLIC HEARING


Notice is hereby given that the Director of Community Planning and Development of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in an amended special use permit. Consumers Energy is proposing to expand the existing mobile pad and remove a 160 square foot equipment shed at their facility located at 5180 Cornell Road. The approximate 26.86 acre site is zoned RR (Rural Residential).

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments may be sent prior to the public hearing by writing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, by phone at phone 517-853-4560, or by email at [shorkey@meridian.mi.us](mailto:shorkey@meridian.mi.us). Comments may also be given in person at the public hearing.

Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk

CP#24-701



City of East Lansing  
2025 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan  
Available for Review

Notice is hereby given that the City of East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing on the 2025 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbott Rd., East Lansing, to hear all persons interested in the 2025 Plan.

The purpose of the 2025 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan is to assess community needs for parks, recreation, open space and greenways facilities programs and services, and to identify the actions to be taken to improve and maintain these facilities and services for the next five year. Copies of the 2025 Plan are available for review at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, the East Lansing Public Library, and online at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/parkplan](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/parkplan). Questions may be directed to Jane Stone (517) 319-6809.

Marie Wicks  
City Clerk

CP#24-702

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
East Lansing Historic District Commission

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

**PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING STARTS AT 6PM**

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Jim Dershem on behalf of the Delta Gamma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma located at 605 M.A.C. Ave. The applicant is requesting replacement of a steel divided lite window with an Anderson Fibrex Composite window.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Notice to Proceed from the City of East Lansing located at 1049 Cresenwood Rd. The applicant is requesting demolition of the existing structure and creation of a city park.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Joshua Walker located at 934 Michigan Ave. The applicant is requesting replacement of aluminum windows with fiberglass windows.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Brett Mahaffey located at 615 Glenmoor Rd, Apt. 3A. The applicant is requesting to replace vinyl windows with Anderson Fibrex Composite windows.
5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Notice to Proceed from 501 Hillcrest LLC located at 501 Hillcrest Ave. The applicant is requesting installation of aluminum clad windows.

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

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

For more information on the request please contact Alycia Reiten at (517) 319-6941 or [areiten@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:areiten@cityofeastlansing.com). Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications). Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to [coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com).

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building, and Development Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at [ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com).

Marie E. Wicks  
City Clerk

Dated: October 17, 2024  
East Lansing, MI 48823

CP#24-708

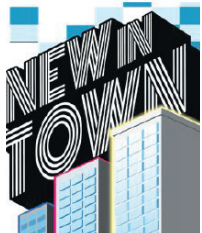


# Swai in the morning

## Hank's Cuisines serves up soul food for breakfast, lunch and dinner

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Lansing native Quantel Mckissic, 32, grew up watching his father, Henry Hank Hursey, prepare all sorts of soul-food dishes.



### Hank's Cuisines

1200 W. Willow St.,  
Lansing  
9:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
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8 a.m.–7 p.m. Sunday  
(Sunday hours may vary)  
(517) 483-2893  
facebook.com/profile.  
php?id=61551036488482

When Hursey died in 2016, Mckissic started piecing through his father's old recipe books, mastering the basics and putting his own spin on some of the entries. This led him to run his own catering venture from 2017 to 2021, at which point he and his friend John Douglas decided to open a brick-and-mortar restaurant together.

That same year, the pair bought a former Quality Dairy store that had shuttered in 2018. Their opening plans were delayed for a few more years as the country recuperated from the pandemic, but the pair finally opened the newly renovated space on Sept. 27 under the name Hank's Cuisines, an ode to Hursey.

The name and location both evoke fond memories for Mckissic.

"We both grew up over here, and that Quality Dairy was a staple for us to get ice cream. We thought it would be a good spot because we felt like there was a need for something new on this side of town," he said.

The menu features breakfast options like fish or shrimp with grits, fried chicken, steak and eggs, sandwiches and French toast, plus lunch and dinner entrees such as fried chicken wings, Polish sausage, fried fish and smash burgers. Side orders include dirty rice, green beans with turkey, mac and cheese, cheese grits and fries.

Mckissic's favorite dish is the dirty rice, but he said customers have been raving about the fish and grits in particular. In another nod to his father, he makes the dish with swai, a Southeast Asian cousin of the American catfish.

"He would basically cook the swai by marinating it overnight and frying

it up with some southern grits," Mckissic said. "What you get is buttery grits with the cheese sauce on top. It's been very popular, and I've been running out of that every time."

Mckissic plans to update the menu on an ongoing basis as he and Douglas work toward the perfect balance of flavor and affordability.

"I'm kind of a picky eater, and I like eating expensive stuff, so I really wanted a lot more on the menu," Mckissic

said with a laugh. "But we wanted to make it affordable enough to where everybody would be able to come out and enjoy the food, so we figured we'd jazz it up but still keep the prices reasonable."

In addition to continuing his father's legacy and chasing his own dream, Mckissic said he and Douglas also wanted to make a point to help local youth through their new venture.

"We actually have a couple of kids we hired, so we're trying to integrate more with the neighborhood to raise them up," he said.

He believes his father would be proud to see him accomplish a dream they both shared.

"I was always by his side when he was cooking, so I know he always wanted something like this," Mckissic said. "I have a lot of brothers and sis-

ters, too. So, I'm excited to give them that opportunity to come cook with me, because that's also a way for them to enjoy their dad."



Courtesy photo

Hank's Cuisines co-owners John Douglas (left) and Quantel Mckissic.

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# Detroit printer presents career retrospective in book form

By **BILL CASTANIER**

For those who view the printed word as an art form, Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.'s new book, "Citizen Printer," is a tour de force.

The book, published in what is called raw form, appears unfinished and even smells like it was printed yesterday in a 19th-century printer's backroom. It's nearly 300 pages, filled with more than 800 reproductions of Kennedy's printing work and photographs of the artist. It's available for \$40 to \$60 online and in bookstores.

Kennedy's mediums are broadsheets and posters. It's almost a lost art. Commonly called letterpress printing, he spreads ink onto a block of text that has been locked in place and presses the block against a sheet of paper to create a print.

His prints are more complex than you

might expect, often layered with multiple runs through the printing press. He focuses on text, using display type in non-linear ways and mixing fonts and sizes. At its essence, Kennedy's book is "a collection of words" according to noted author and digital artist Austin Kleon, who wrote the foreword.

In an opening splash page, Kennedy states that the goal of his work is "to use printing to express negro culture. To do to printing what the blues and spirituals did to music."

One of Kennedy's most popular bodies of work is his reproductions of slave-era abolitionist posters warning former and escaped slaves to be on the watch for "slave catchers." He often uses disturbing imagery of the Jim Crow era in his

work, which he pulls from his vast collection of woodcuts, or carved wooden blocks used for printing.

While teaching graphic design at Indiana University, Kennedy riled

some folks with his printing. He would send illustrated "nappygrams" — postcards printed with statements on social and political issues — around campus. One, titled "Affirmative Action Is a Joke," elicited a phone call to campus police. He followed up with a poster denouncing that the police were called on him.

"Citizen Printer" is also a memoir of sorts, detailing Kennedy's art career down to his printing uniform of denim coveralls and pink shirts, which he sees as representing Black sharecroppers and dandy social activists of the civil rights movement.

He came to his art form late in life, at nearly 40, after quitting his AT&T analyst job and going back to school for his master of fine art. He initially thought he would make his living printing art books, but because of cash flow, he moved into printing posters where the turnaround was more suitable to his bottom line. A native of Alabama, he works out of a nondescript concrete building in Detroit.

Lately, prestigious museums have started collecting his work, including the Kennedy Museum of Art in Athens, Ohio and Poster House in New York City. To supplement his income, he leads several letterpress workshops a year.

Kennedy openly admits he was influenced by the music posters of his youth advertising Black musicians of the rock 'n' roll and blues eras. His work is unique in its focus on text, but it is also reminiscent of the famous print shop Hatch, which cut its teeth advertising country concerts in Nash-



Photo by Aundre Larrow

Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.'s new book, "Citizen Printer," contains more than 800 reproductions of his type-driven letterpress prints, which feature messages of social justice and Black power.

ville, Tennessee.

Kennedy found success soon after moving to Detroit, creating posters for a variety of venues and social justice causes. One series, "Mapping Justice," honors martyrs of the civil rights movement, like Detroit's Viola Liuzzo, who was shot to death by the Ku Klux Klan in 1965 for her participation in the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The posters are printed on road maps of Alabama, Wisconsin and other major states in the civil rights movement.

In a statement on his work, printed in bold type toward the end of the book, Kennedy writes, "I print because it is the most productive thing I can do for my community. It's how I show up. Don't ask me to run anything or organize anything, but I can print 100 posters for your food drive or festival or lecture."

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# LCC's 'Lightning Thief' musical showcases student star power

By MARK GMAZEL

Judging by the youthful audience's reactions to "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical" at Lansing Community College, the fans of Rick Riordan's Greek-mythology-based book series were thrilled with the show. The patrons were quite familiar with the plot, and their overwhelmingly positive response to the play's action helped build and keep the momentum going, right through to curtain call.

The show fills the renovated Dart Auditorium with a hard-charging progressive-rock score, ably led by music director Jeff English. The student actors join in with their strong, contemporary voices and charming characterizations. Janus Hoang (Percy Jackson) excels in everything a lead must do, singing a difficult vocal score, speaking clearly and moving well, all the while exuding a magnetic energy.

Fenton High School student Isabella Edmonds-Hogan (Annabeth) has the vocal and acting chops to pull off the mercurial part she plays. She has no trouble fitting in with college students and more than holds her own on stage. Watch out for this promising actor in the future.



Review

## "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical"

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25–Saturday, Oct. 26  
2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27  
Dart Auditorium  
500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing  
(517) 483-1122  
lcc.edu/showinfo

Olivia Hammond (Chiron) has a strong, authoritative stage presence and a clear, powerful voice. Simon Menold (Luke) aptly switches gears from playing a supportive character to a menace. Chris Pongracz has all the charm and warmth a crowd-pleasing role like Grover requires.

The entire cast is well rehearsed and prepared for the show, and scene transitions are smooth and rapid. The chorus members act in multiple roles, and each effectively

steps forward from the ensemble when it's their time to shine. It can be easy to get lost in the large, almost cavernous stage at Dart, but the ensemble keeps aware of the



Photo by Kevin Fowler

Chris Pongracz (Grover), Janus Hoang (Percy) and Isabella Edmonds-Hogan (Annabeth) in Lansing Community College's production of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical."

stage picture and fills the playing area with robust action. It's quite rewarding to see acting students doing large musicals in the auditorium again, and with several notable upgrades to the facility.

The highlight of this show is the lighting, designed by Hillsdale College theater Professor Michael Beyer.

Beyer uses projections to magical effect and illuminates the play with the muscular energy expected of a rock concert, quite suitable for Greek demigods. Both theater professionals and local students studying lighting are highly encouraged to witness what Beyer is accomplishing in Lansing this weekend.

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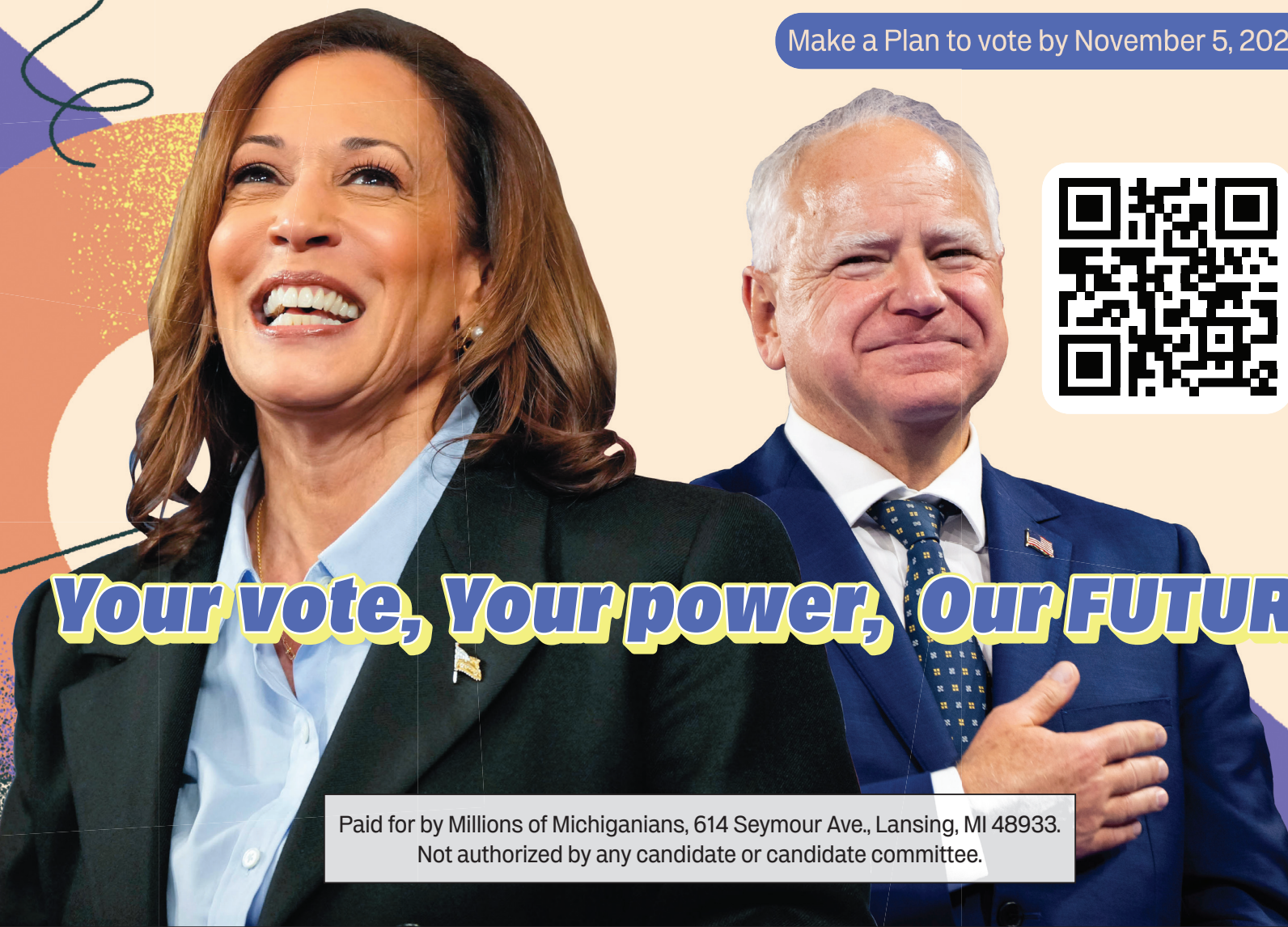


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Vice President Kamala Harris speaking to about 200 union members at United Auto Workers Local 652 Friday in her only campaign appearance in Lansing. Raymond Holt for City Pulse

# What Harris’ Lansing stop means

## Even as upper-middle class voters go blue, union workers remain vital to a Michigan victory

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Anita Dawson grew up in a union family in Kokomo, Indiana, but came to Lansing in 2006 when her local Delphi Corp. plant downsized after the company declared bankruptcy. “I’ve been hitting the pavement since I was 15,” she said, noting that her mother, a longtime United Auto Workers member, encouraged her political engagement from a young age. “I just brought my fight to Lansing.” Dawson, 60, a General Motors benefits representative at its Delta Assembly plant, belongs to UAW Local 602. She said she supports Vice President Kamala Harris’ bid for the presidency, in part, because she knows the impact a second Trump term would

have on her industry. “We have 3,000 people at our plant, and whatever happens at the White House will trickle down to us,” Dawson said. “Right now, we have excellent benefits through the UAW, and under Obamacare our children can still be on our healthcare until they’re 26. But if we get a different administration in that office, they’re going to try to take that away.” She was one among roughly 200 people invited to an invitation-only Harris campaign event at Lansing’s UAW Local 652 union hall Friday (Oct. 18). Dawson only found out about it the night before. She pounced on the opportunity to see the Democratic presidential nominee in person.

The speech was one of Harris’ three appearances in Michigan that day, sandwiched between public rallies in Grand Rapids and Waterford that drew thousands and hundreds, respectively. Harris, 60, used the occasion to reiterate her intent to continue investing in “manufacturing communities like Lansing,” if she wins Nov. 5. “We will retool existing factories, hire locally and work with unions to create good-paying jobs, including jobs that do not require a college degree, and we will protect the pensions of union workers and retirees,” Harris promised. She highlighted the 730,000 manufacturing jobs and 20 auto plants created during the Biden administration, contrasting those efforts with

the 200,000 jobs she said were lost or sent offshore during Donald Trump’s presidential tenure. “His track record for the auto industry was a disaster. He promised workers in Warren that the auto industry would ‘not lose one plant’ during his presidency. Then, American automakers announced the closure of six auto plants when he was president, including General Motors in Warren and Stellantis in Detroit,” Harris said. She reminded listeners that Trump’s running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, had only recently suggested the possibility of rescinding unspent Inflation Reduction Act funding, which in-



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cludes \$500 million awarded to help facilitate the Lansing Grand River Assembly plant's transition into an electronic vehicle hub.

Announced by the Biden administration in July, the funding would preserve 650 jobs at the plant, Harris told members in the same union hall those plant workers are affiliated with. She warned that those gains could be erased with a Trump victory.

"Donald Trump is no friend of labor," she said, motioning for her campaign team to roll a clip of him speaking at the Economic Club of Chicago on Oct. 10.

"They build everything in Germany, and then they assemble it here. They get away with murder because they say, 'Oh, yes, we're building it.' They don't build ... They take it out of a box and they assemble them. We can have our child do it." The audience

booed.

Said Harris: "He thinks that the value of your work is essentially meaningless. That's what he's saying to compare it to child's work. When we here know the work you do is complex. You do it with great care. You work hard. You are highly skilled. You are highly trained, and the best auto workers in the world is who you are. The best in the world. The best in the world."

She proceeded to attack Trump's support for right to work laws, his record of disparaging striking workers and his decision to appear at a non-union auto factory during a UAW strike last September.

"Here's the bottom line. Trump's track record is a disaster for working people, and he is an existential threat to America's labor movement," Harris said.

"It's time to turn the page."


The message struck a chord with Stellantis workers Tani Jones, 29,

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(From left) Detroit Stellantis employee Hazen Turner, 31, GM Lansing Delta Assembly employee Anita Dawson, 60, and Turner's co-worker, Tani Jones, 29, met for the first time at the event. "I was very excited and surprised when I saw someone from a different city here," Dawson said. "Our plant is working three shifts, so it's difficult for everyone to get here, but the support is there."



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DATE: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Meridian Charter Township

Notice of General Election November 5, 2024

To the qualified electors of Meridian Township, please take notice that a General Election will be held in Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

**For the purposes of nominating candidates for the following office:**

- Electors of President and Vice President of the United States
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress
- State Legislature Representative
- Member of the State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Trustee of Michigan State University
- Governor of Wayne State University
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- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- County Register of Deeds
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- Township Trustee
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- Ingham County Lodging Excise Tax Increase
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- Board Member Okemos Public Schools

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- Board Member Williamston Community Schools

**Polls at said election will be open at 7:00 am and will remain open until 8:00 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	St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 12	Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
Pct. 2	St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 13	Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 3	Haslett Community Ed, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett, MI. 48840	Pct. 14	Ingham County Rehab Facility, 3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
Pct. 4	Crossroads Assembly of God, 2400 E. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823	Pct. 15	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
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Pct. 7	Faith Lutheran, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864	Pct. 18	New Hope Church, 2170 E Saginaw Hwy, East Lansing, MI 48823
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All polling places are accessible and have voting instructions that are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille.

**Beginning Tuesday, October 22, 2024, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the following locations and times:**

**Meridian Township Clerk's Office**  
Municipal Township Municipal Building  
5151 Marsh Road  
Okemos, MI 48864

**Regular Business Hours:**  
Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm

In addition to regular office business hours, the Meridian Township Clerk's Office will be open the following weekend hours:

- Saturday October 26, 2024, from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.
- Sunday October 27, 2024, from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.
- Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.
- Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

**To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or to 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 Meridian Township 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 Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

Monday, November 4, 2024, 4:00 pm is the deadline to apply for an absentee voter ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, August 5, 2024, must be requested in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, November 5, 2024, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

**EARLY VOTING CENTER**

All qualified electors in Meridian Township have the right to mark a ballot and tabulate their ballot beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. For the November 5, 2024, election, the Early Voting Center will be held:

Meridian Township Town Hall Room Municipal Building  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
**Dates:** Saturday, October 26, 2024 – Sunday, November 3, 2024  
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and Hazen Turner, 31, who made a two-hour trek from Detroit after they volunteered late Thursday evening to represent their plant at the Lansing event.

“We definitely had to adjust our lives to come here, but we wanted to help the cause,” Jones said. “Michigan is going to make or break this election, and our jobs really are on the line if Trump comes into office again.”

While Jones believes a sizable portion of her co-workers are also partial to Harris, but many avoid saying so to coworkers.

“With everything that’s going on in the world and how adamant the Trump supporters are about getting him elected, I feel like most of the people are kind of scared to show their support. But I know for the fact that the support is absolutely there — it’s like an undercover army. The Trump supporters are just more wild and in your face about it,” she said.

Dawson, Jones and Turner were energized by Harris’ rhetoric. However, elsewhere in Greater Lansing, some locals wondered why the event wasn’t more accessible to the public. Even for those who were invited, details on the time and location were kept under wraps until about 24 hours out.

“I do understand that there’s a message to get about Trump rescinding his support for the Lansing plant,” said Matt Grossman, a Michigan State University political science professor. “But it’s just an interesting juxtaposition, because there is a serious issue about whether they’re going to have a full turnout for students and other local voters.”

The night before Harris’ stop, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer hosted four Democratic governors at the MSU Union. Several students there told City Pulse they were also hoping to see Harris speak the next day, but they hadn’t yet seen any information on how they could attend. They never would.

City Pulse reached out to Harris’ Michigan campaign office for comment.

“Smaller events allow for the vice president to directly engage with and hear from voters, and larger events enable her to widely share the forward-looking vision she has for Michiganders. For events engaging labor and union workers in Michigan, each union distributes Mobilize links to

their membership. When venue capacity permits, links are made available to the general public,” a staffer replied via email. Still, Grossman speculated that the campaign may be “skittish” about an-

nouncing events near college towns out of fear of arousing Israel-Hamas

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# 'We will invest in manufacturing communities like Lansing'

(Vice President Kamala Harris spoke Friday to an invited audience of 200 at the United Auto Workers Local 652 hall on Clare Street in Lansing for about 20 minutes. Here is a lightly edited transcript of her remarks. Her appearance is available at [https://www.youtube.com/live/GyaD8jH8e\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/live/GyaD8jH8e_M).)

Good afternoon, good afternoon everyone. It's good to be in a house of labor. Good afternoon. Ben (Frantz, UAW Local 652 president), I want to thank you for your leadership. ... You know, first of all, it's so good to be in a house of labor with people who understand the dignity of work and fight for it every day. And it's not an easy fight, but it's a good fight. And I thank you for all that you do, Ben, and everybody.

It's wonderful to be back in Michigan and to be with so many incredible leaders, including, of course, Rep. Slotkin, who we must elect to the United State Senate, and we will, I'm counting on that. State Sen. Curtis Hertel — let's send him to the United States House of Representatives.

And a special thanks to the brothers and sisters of United Auto Workers. Thank you for all that you are, all that you do, and the warm welcome.

And of course, for generations in Lansing and across our country, union members have helped lead the fight for fair pay, better benefits and safe working conditions. And every person in our nation has benefited from your work. You know, everywhere I go, I tell people you may not be a union member, but you better thank unions for the five-day work week, for sick leave, for paid family leave and vacation time, because we are all clear: Collective bargaining benefits our entire nation — our entire nation. So, here's the deal: when union wages go up, everybody's wages go up. When union workplaces are safer, everyone's workplace is safer, so thank the unions, thank the unions. And the bottom line is, when unions are strong, America is strong. Unions have always fought to make our nation more equal, more fair and more free, and in this election, everything we have fought for for years in this movement for unions and for labor is on the line, and I'm about to talk about it in real terms because we always have real talk with each other, and your members can afford nothing less, which has been why I appreciate



All photos by Raymond Holt

Vice President Kalama Harris speaking Friday at the United Auto Workers Local 652 hall in Lansing.

your leadership.

This election is about two very different visions for our nation, one that's trying to take us backward — *him* — and ours that is about moving forward and about the future. We fight, we fight for a future where we protect the freedom to organize, where we understand the importance of collective bargaining. You know, I sometimes say to young people — by the way, have you noticed how when you look at the polling, younger workers coming into the workforce, they get it and they understand the power and the nobility of unions? And I always say to people, look, here's the thing about collective bargaining: Everybody should want, when there's a negotiation, the outcome would be fair, right? Who's going to argue with that? Everybody should want that, that there will be a fair outcome in a negotiation. All right, so if we start from there, then let's think about it. If you're talking about the worker, the one worker trying to negotiate against the corporation, is that outcome going to be fair? No! The disparity in power is too great. So collective bargaining, it's a simple, simple and important point. You let the workers organize so that the collective together who have the same concerns, the same issues, can be banded together to have equal power in a negotiation, because the whole point of the outcome of the negotiation should be fair. That's what collective bargaining is about. That's what unions are about. It's about basic fairness, and it's about the dignity of work, understanding all workers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. That's what we're talking about when we talk about this movement, and the strength of the movement, and the importance of keeping it going. We talk about the importance of building a future where we tap into the ambition of the American people, where we build what I call an opportunity economy, right? So, every American has an opportunity to own a home, to buy a car, to build wealth, to start a business. And I will always — it is my pledge to you — put the middle class and working people first. I come from the middle class, and I will never forget where I come from. I will never forget where I come

from. I know where I come from.

Hard work is good work. Hard work is good work, and we must receive the value to which it is due, which means understanding the value of the worker. And we know we cannot have a strong middle class without American manufacturing. Over the last three and a half years, we brought manufacturing back to America, creating 730,000 manufacturing jobs with your help, with your help. We announced the opening of more than 20 new auto plants in the United States, and we did it by investing in American industry and American workers, and I will make sure America, not China, wins the competition for the 21st century. So, under my plan, it's about investing in the industries that built America, like steel, iron, the great American auto industry, and we will ensure that the next generation of breakthroughs, from advanced batteries to electric vehicles, are not just invented but built right here in America by American union workers. Because it is they and you who have proven how to get the job done.

And as part of that vision, we will invest in manufacturing communities like Lansing. We will retool existing factories, hire locally and work with unions to create good paying jobs, including, by the way, jobs that do not require a college degree, and I am going to tell you why, because I'm really clear that a college degree is not the only measure of the skills and experience of a qualified worker, and we need to understand that. In fact, it my pledge as president I'm going to do a critical assessment of federal jobs to look at those that don't require a college degree, so we can start talking about good jobs based on the skill and experience of the worker, and not random measures of who can do what. And I plan on challenging the private sector to do the same.

And we will, importantly, protect the pensions of union workers and retirees. Again, it's about the dignity of work, which includes the dignity of retirement after a lifetime of working hard. Let's talk about the dignity of retirement, the dignity of aging. And that's why, as attorney general, I sued the big banks to return hundreds of millions of dollars to workers and their

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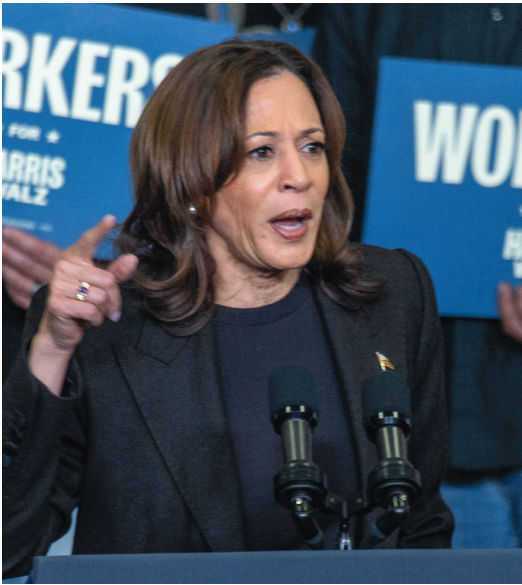




after their pensions mismanaged. This is not me. I've done that work. United States senator, I for legislation to rescue pensions without cutting benefits that workers need. As vice president, I alongside the then secretary of labor, Marty Walsh, for a year, worked on with the federal work-direct power, to increase bargaining and to ensure the resources they need organizing. As vice president, the long overdue work of more than 1 million yesterday, I announced all earned pension benefits for 500 union workers and under the Detroit Car because again, just to when it comes to your priority or Medicare, these you have earned. This you. You've earned it, and it must be respected work that you receive it, benefits must be an iron-

you know, the guy on the about Donald Trump for as, very different views. he has a very different hard work, of the dignity know it. We know it. He is rhetorical thing at rally what it means to earn a and what I'm saying. He understands workers and the e workers face every day and benefits. Well, we're e doke. We know what ve he has done. He has Ponzi scheme. He calls recommended we raise Can you imagine if you o 70?

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Trump one of the biggest losers of manufacturing jobs in American history, and his track record for the auto industry was a disaster. He promised workers and warned that the auto industry, and I'm going to quote, would not lose one plant under his presidency. Then American automakers announced the closure of six auto plants when he was president, including General Motors in Warren and Stellantis in Detroit. Thousands of Michigan auto workers lost their jobs. And if he wins again, we can expect that we've been more of the same because we know what he has done, and we know that we're going to focus on the work, not the words, when it comes to Donald Trump, and we know where he took us the last time.

And check this out, Donald Trump's current running mate — because, you know, the job was open, right? (Laughter.) You know, like when people go for an interview and they'll sit down and say why is the job open? Well we know why that job was open. So, Donald Trump's running mate recently suggested that if they win, they would threaten the Grand River assembly plant right here in Lansing, the same plant that with your help our administration protected earlier this year, saving 650 union jobs, right? And I do believe some of the workers from Grand River are here with us today. You know what I'm talking about, you know what I'm talking about.

And Trump's running mate called your job table scraps, right? So let me just say, needless to say, I will always have your back, and we'll keep fighting to make sure that you keep your jobs right here in Lansing and keep these most noble and important jobs for America's strength. That's the work you all do. You know, Donald Trump also promised that he was going to stop offshoring. Remember that? Then he cut taxes for corporations that shipped 200,000 jobs overseas during his presidency. Cut the taxes for those corporations, OK, and awarded nearly half a trillion dollars in federal contracts to companies that were offshoring jobs, OK? Follow the money. He gave your tax dollars to companies that were sending your jobs overseas. And we got to get the word out to all of the brothers and sisters in labor and remind them of what this dude does, right, what he actually does. Because make no mistake, Donald Trump

is no friend to labor. He is no friend to labor, and we've got to listen to what he says. Know that famous saying listen to when people tell you who they are. In fact, can we roll the clip?

*(Trump speaking): "I used to hate to pay overtime. When I was in the private sectors, I shouldn't tell you this, I'd go out and get other people and pay regular time."*

*"But they build everything in Germany, and then they assemble it here. They get away with murder because they say, 'Oh, yes, we're building it.' They don't build ... They take it out of a box and they assemble them. We can have our child do it."*

*"They go on strike and they say, 'That's OK, you're all gone, you're all gone.' The United Auto Workers ought to be ashamed for allowing this to happen, and the leader of the United Auto Workers should be fired immediately."*

Right? Right. Right. So, of course, that last bit, he was talking about Shawn Fain, who represents nearly a million active and retired auto workers. OK, so that's about a million auto workers active and retired. Donald Trump ... Listen to his words. He's saying that auto workers are essentially engaged in child's play, that children should do it. Listen to what he says.

I'm telling you, you know, he's got his club, and I'm going to tell you, union workers are not part of his club. Let's be clear about that. No matter what he does at his rallies, let's be clear about that, right? He thinks that the value of your work is essentially meaningless. That's what he's saying to compare it to child's work? When we hear know the work you do is complex. You do it with great care. You work hard. You are highly skilled. You are highly

trained, and the best auto workers in the world is who you are. The best in the world. The best in the world. And the fact is Donald Trump's comments are the talk of someone who has had everything handed to him. I know it's right. This man who never had to work a job that came with calloused hands or an hourly wage, right, someone who got handed \$400 million on a silver platter and filed for bankruptcy six times. Come on, come on. He will never understand the life and the work of a United Auto Worker. He will never understand that. People who work hard for everything they have, who take great pride in a job well done, who understand what it represents to their family and the future of their family. Again, I go back to the dignity of hard work. So, let us be clear: Donald Trump's insults to American workers is not exclusive to that video, OK. That was just a moment ... kind of think of it as a commercial break in my speech. But his comments are not only that, because Donald Trump has been a union buster his entire career.

He has called union leaders, quote, dues-sucking people. OK? He said that he supports so-called right to work laws, quote, 100%, OK? He bragged and joked with a billionaire buddy about mass firing striking workers and lowered labor standards and made it easier for companies that break the laws to get federal contracts. Donald Trump encouraged automakers of Michigan so they could pay their workers less. Encouraged them to move so they could pay their workers less.

OK? And when the UAW went on strike to demand the higher wages you deserve, Donald Trump went to a non-union shop and attacked the UAW. He said striking and collective bargaining don't make, quote, a damn bit of difference.

So here's the bottom line: Donald Trump's track record is a disaster for working people, and he is, I believe, a threat to America's labor movement, and everything he intends to do if he is reelected is also spelled out in that Project 2025. So, to read it and to know it is to know he intends to launch a full-on attack on unions and the freedom to organize, OK? He will ban public sector unions, roll back workplace safety protections. Read it when you have some time, Google it, everybody's watching. Look, he will make it easier for companies to deny overtime pay and appoint a union buster to run the Department of Labor. Be sure of that. Be sure of that. So, to all the friends here, I say what you already know. It's time to turn the page. Turn the page. Turn the page! Because America is ready to chart a new way forward, and we are not going back. We're not going back. (Chanting with audience) No, we are not going back, we're not going back, we're not going back, we're not going back. Because as UAW always does, we are going to push forward. We are going to push forward. And it all comes down to this. Look, you have all taken time out of your busy lives to be here this afternoon. And we are all here together because we know the stakes in this election are so high. We are all here together because we love our country. We love our country. And I do believe it is one of the highest forms of patriotism, the expression of the love of our country, to fight for our ideals. And that's what this is about. This is not, at the end of the day, a fight against something. This is a fight for something, this is a fight for something, including this is a fight to realize the promise of America. After all, that's what unions have always done. It's about understanding the promise of America, which has to include the promise that we should make to the workers of America.

So, we have 18 days to get this done. It's not a lot of time, OK, and we know this is gonna be a tight race until the very end. We are the underdogs, but make no mistake, we will win. We will win. We will win. I'm telling you. It's going to be hard work, but we like hard work. Hard work is good work! And ultimately we will win because we know what we stand for, and when you know what you stand for, you know what to fight for. We stand for opportunity, we stand for dignity, and we stand for the future. And so I'll close by saying when we fight, we win!

God bless you, God bless you.





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War protesters. Michigan notably has more Arab-American residents than any other state, and antiwar protests have taken off at its largest universities.

“They seem to have made some kind of decision that, in Michigan, there’s more wariness about protesters and less willingness to have big, open rallies. Maybe they’ll change that in the final stretch. But if that’s the decision, it has weaknesses in terms of actually getting positive press and mobilizing voters,” Grossman said.

“They do have an event planned with Michelle Obama in Detroit next weekend. So, it’s also possible this has to do with the timing of early voting. But it does seem like there’s been both fewer open events in Michigan and not very much of an announcement in advance,” he added.

Harris stayed in Michigan through Saturday for an appearance at Detroit’s Western International High School. She was back Monday for a moderated conversation with former Republican Congresswoman Liz Cheney, a recently converted supporter.

Trump was also in Michigan on Friday. His campaign rally at Huntington Place in Detroit came just one week after he warned voters in the Economic Club of Chicago interview that “our whole country will end up being like Detroit” under a Harris presidency.

Grossman noted that the Harris campaign’s efforts in Michigan seem far more prominent than they were in 2016, when Hillary Clinton



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(From left) Angela Norwood-Stevens, 54, and her aunt, Joyce Norwood, 65, share a moment together following Harris’ speech. The latter is a UAW Local 724 member employed at Lansing’s Regional Steel Distribution Center. “It’s something I can tell my granddaughter, because I want her to be able to be proud that a woman can actually do this job as well,” she said.

skipped the Mitten State entirely en route to losing the state to Trump by 23%.

“They’ve certainly been in and have spent a lot of money in Michigan, so they’re by no means taking the state for granted. They know their problems here, and they’re trying to address them,” Grossman said.

As of Tuesday (Oct. 22), FiveThirtyEight.com’s compiled Michigan polls had Harris at 47.5% to Trump’s 47.3%.

“If the polling error is the same as it was in 2016 and 2020, Trump still wins. If it was the same as it was in 2012, Harris would win by a comfortable margin,” Grossman

predicted. “So, it’s worth keeping in mind that there are still a range of possibilities, even if you believe that the polls are going to be as good as they’ve ever been.”

In 2020, Biden won Michigan by about 3%, with a 64.7% share of the Ingham County vote. About 60% of county voters backed Clinton in 2016, while former President Barack Obama captured nearly 67% of Ingham County en route to winning the state by 16% in 2008. Four years later, he won Ingham by 63% and the state by 54.2% against Michigan native Mitt Romney.

Political affiliations in the United States have shifted considerably

since Trump took office, however, and Grossman said the jury is still out on if pollsters have caught up yet. UAW members at Harris’ Lansing event were quick to echo this uncertainty.

“Things are different in every election cycle, but it seems like this one is more divisive than anything. I mean, it’s just astronomical,” fourth-generation Detroit auto worker Joseph Losier said.

Losier, 45, said he was raised by “hardcore Democrats” in a family that’s “been building cars in Detroit since before the UAW even existed.” He’s remained a Democrat, even though many in his extended family have since joined the MAGA tent.

“My dad was a Reagan Democrat, and now he’s a Republican. It’s really sad, because I kind of followed in his footsteps getting involved in the union,” Losier said. “As his generation gets older and older and travels farther away from the plant, they get more conservative. They don’t respect the diversity in society, they go hoarding their money and watching more Fox News. Unfortunately, it’s given them a false sense of reality.”

The rest of his family is “almost all union workers, but not all Democrats,” he added. “A lot of them are big gun advocates, which is one of the things that divides our votes in the working class. I like to call it ‘the three G’s’: guns, Gods and gays.”

Losier said his political activism began “at the plant level” early in his career in the late 1990s. His work led the UAW brass to offer him a special assignment after it endorsed Harris in early August. He was tasked with directing a UAW voter turnout effort for a large swath of Michigan through the union’s Community Action Program, which is

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Curtis Hertel is a former State Legislator, Legislative Director to Gov. Whitmer, and father of four. **Curtis fought to repeal the state’s extreme 1931 law that banned all abortions** and worked with Democrats and Republicans to lower prescription costs and finally end the retirement tax for Michigan seniors.

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### Harris

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an industry that requires literate workers is becoming more Democratic. Places that are hollowed out, where people don't come back to after they leave for college, are becoming increasingly Republican. That's really where the division in America is: Those places people don't go back to," Grebner said.

To find data supporting this theory, one doesn't need to go much further than the 2020 polls, Grossman said.

"In 2020, pre-election polls showed that Biden would improve among non-college white voters and that he would do better with older, rural voters. He didn't, and that was basically the source of the polling error last time," he said. "People don't really remember that, because

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**Tier 2 Site Specific Review:** The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

**Historic Preservation**  
**Noise Abatement and Control**

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):**

**Historic Preservation –** Each proposed project will require a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Review

**Noise Abatement and Control –** Each site-specific new construction activity will be reviewed for noise.

Please note that there is no proposed new construction in the floodplain. However, if a proposed new construction is located in the floodplain, the 8-step process for floodplain properties will be completed to evaluate practical mitigation measures.

**Estimated Project Cost:** The estimated cost of projects is \$498,801.31 as indicated above.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lansing Department of Economic Development and Planning, 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, [www.lansingmi.gov/development](http://www.lansingmi.gov/development) or e-mail to [doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov](mailto:doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov). Attn: Doris Witherspoon, Senior Planner. All comments received by November 12, 2024 will be considered by the City of Lansing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Lansing certifies to HUD that Andy Schor, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lansing to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will consider objections to its release of fund and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lansing; (b) the City of Lansing has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave., Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or [DetroitCPD@hud.gov](mailto:DetroitCPD@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

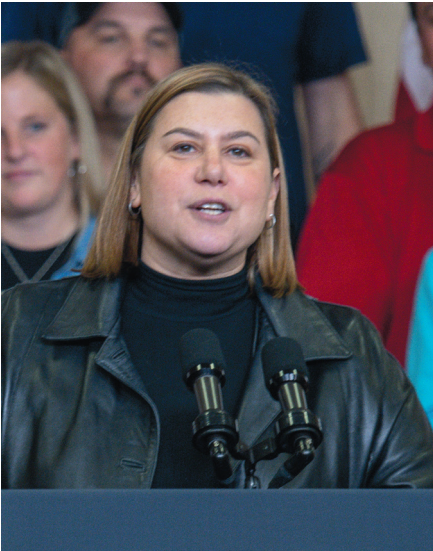
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Lansing Mayor Andy Schor (left) cracks a joke with state Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou, D-East Lansing (right) and her husband Steve Ross (center) before hearing Harris speak last week.



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U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, who represents Lansing, is running to succeed U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Speaking at the Harris event, she said the choice between electric and traditional vehicles isn't black and white. "I don't drive an electric vehicle. I live on a dirt road. That's not in my immediate future," she said. "But if the question is who's going to make the next generation of vehicles, why would you say anywhere else but in America?"



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Former state Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr., D-East Lansing, is running for the 7th Congressional District seat to replace Slotkin. He was the first speaker at the Harris event. "Let's be clear, the future of the auto industry will either be here in Michigan or in China. And I'm proud to be team Michigan every single day," he said.





# Michigan Supreme Court That Protects Our Civil Rights

In November, Michigan voters will decide who fills two spots on the Michigan Supreme Court. Why is this a big deal? Because these justices will make decisions about the laws that impact all of us, and Michigan is one of only 24 states where voters are empowered to elect the members of their state's Supreme Court.

It's the job of the Michigan Supreme Court to act with fairness and integrity, ensuring justice for everyone in our state. That includes protecting and even broadening civil rights protections.

In the recent past, the Michigan Supreme Court has frequently ruled in favor of equity when it comes to civil rights. In 2018, the court ruled that the independent group Voters Not Politicians could launch a ballot initiative to establish an independent citizen's redistricting commission. The success of the ballot initiative empowered Michiganders to pick their elected representatives by taking away redistricting power from partisan control.

In 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a 1976 law – the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act – bans firing someone, evicting them, or otherwise discriminating against them because they are a member of the LGBTQ community. Despite opponents' opinions to the contrary, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the law's ban on discrimination based on the basis of sex includes sexual orientation.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled in 2023 that judges must use the preferred pronouns of defendants, litigants, attorneys, and others with business before the court. Michigan's Supreme Court was the first in the nation to mandate this change through court rules, setting a precedent for respecting people's dignity. Those who choose not to use preferred pronouns can simply refer to "the defendant" or "the plaintiff," making the rule fair regardless of personal beliefs.

Just this spring, the Michigan Supreme Court set a new state precedent with a ruling that allows civil rights claims alleging indirect workplace retaliation. The lawsuit was originally filed by two employees who said they were fired because of claims made against them by a fellow employee as an act of revenge. The 7-0 unanimous decision, which cites similar federal civil rights protections, sends the case back to the Circuit Court where it originated.

The Michigan Supreme Court presides over the most significant and challenging cases in our state. Vigorous discussions among those who preside over Michigan's highest court, which serves as the guardian of justice, keep our state in harmony through fair and equitable outcomes.

The Michigan Supreme Court plays a crucial role in our state's government – and in protecting our rights and freedoms. But you have an equally important part to play, because it's your vote that determines who sits on that bench.

When filling out your ballot this fall, don't stop at the top. Look for the non-partisan section of your ballot and individually select the two candidates that have earned your vote. Although Supreme Court justices in Michigan are nominated by a political party to serve an eight-year term, their party affiliation isn't included on your ballot. So even if you vote for a straight-party ticket, it won't apply to the non-partisan section.

Selecting two Michigan Supreme Court justices is too important to skip—your choice could impact civil rights in the state for the next generation. Learn more about the Michigan Supreme Court, the voting process, and how to spread the word about the importance of choosing who will sit on our state's highest court. Visit [www.MISupremeCourtRocks.com](http://www.MISupremeCourtRocks.com) to get all the information you need to do your civic duty in this year's election.

-Steve James, Michigan United Movement Politics Director





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it still predicted Biden winning, but the polling error in 2020 was actually worse than it was in 2016.”

For Grossman, Greater Lansing represents a microcosm of the trends Grebner identified.

“Ingham County is moving toward Democrats and has been since the Trump era, but the rural parts of Eaton and Clinton counties have moved towards Trump during that period,” he said.

From that lens, Harris’ focus on equipping the auto industry with the tools to navigate an industry-wide

electronic vehicle overhaul could be the missing ingredient in bringing Michigan’s undecided voters to the table.

But will it be enough to rally the kinds of voters she’ll need to lock down Michigan on Nov. 5?

Losier is banking on it.

“Being on the road for 12 hours a day takes a toll on anyone. People don’t realize how taxing it is on your body and your relationships. I mean, this is harder than building a car,” he said. “But the finish line is right there, and I don’t want to look back and say I didn’t fight hard enough. I don’t want to leave any money on the table. I’m going to play until I’m out of chips, if you will, because this election is that important.”



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Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist offers some sharp words to Republicans during the lead-up to Harris’ appearance. “The biggest difference between us and the Republicans this year is that they are not confident in America’s future. They talk about how some other country is somehow better at something than America. I can’t think of anything that is less patriotic and more wrong,” he said.



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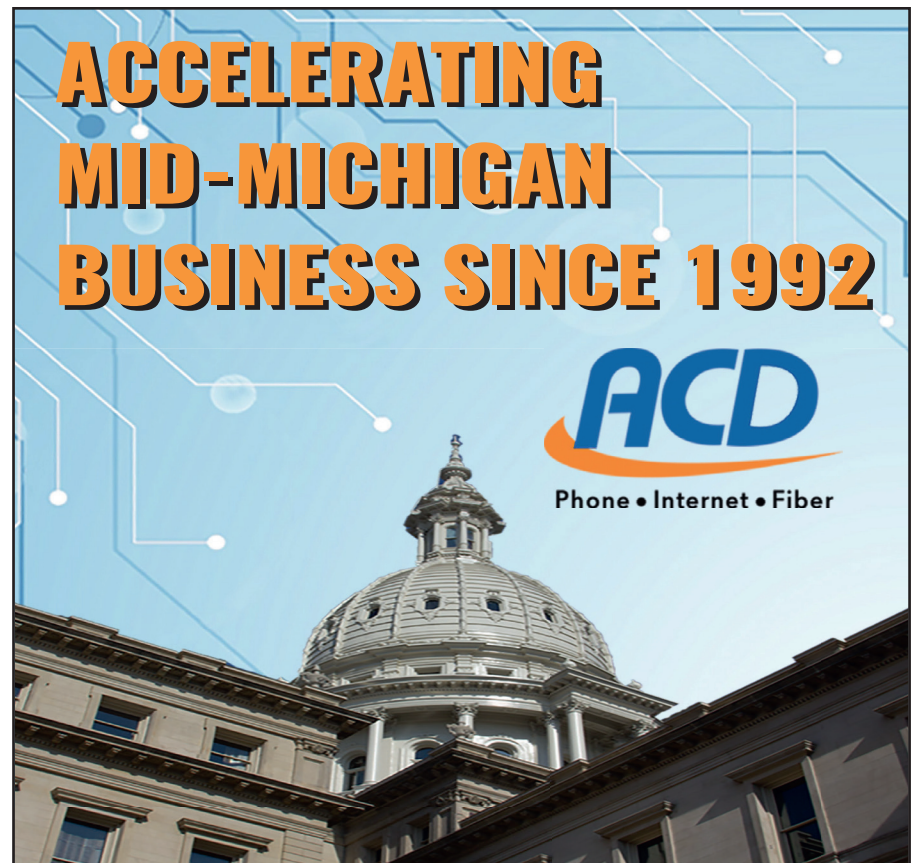
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By Matt Jones

“30 For 30” -- thirty years\*, so let’s go themeless!  
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- ACROSS
1. “Pulp Fiction” star [\*Nov. 4 marks the 30th anniversary of my professional crossword debut, so here’s a throwback to that first puzzle!]
11. SALT concerns
15. “No, you got the wrong number, this is \_\_\_\_” (Chief Wiggum quote on “The Simpsons”)
16. Devonshire cream lump
17. Vehicle in a 1967 thought experiment
18. Old board game that means “I play” in Latin
19. Garfunkel and \_\_\_\_ (musical comedy duo)
20. To some degree
22. Jellied delicacy
23. Abbr. after Cleveland or Washington
25. Baltic Sea tributary
26. Dominant Mexican political party for most of the 20th century
27. Moliere play segment, maybe
30. “Benevolent” group
32. Alter
34. It’s also called a “majestic plural”
36. First human in space
38. Gets at
39. Struggle
40. Hard hitters of ancient literature?
41. Specialized vocabularies

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42. Dash instruments
43. Words before “I say!”
45. Even \_\_\_\_ (chance of Kamala Harris winning the election)
46. \_\_\_\_ streak
47. Romanov ruler
49. Taco Bell’s Live \_\_\_\_ Scholarship
51. Trucker’s ID need
52. “Hoo boy ...”
54. Croupiers’ equipment
58. CT scan units
60. Surgical protection
62. Vet school subj.
63. Compliment, for some
64. Chat signoff
65. Engaging
- DOWN
1. “Once more \_\_\_\_ the breach ...”
2. Paul Sorvino’s
- daughter
3. In \_\_\_\_-so-distant future
4. Video visits with a doctor, e.g.
5. His most famous work opens with “Mars, the Bringer of War”
6. “Ceci n’est pas \_\_\_\_ pipe”
7. Co-authors Margret and H.A., for instance
8. New Zealand’s highest peak
9. Party after prizes?
10. Sur’s opposite
11. Letters often on an injury report
12. 1901-1904, in art history
13. Got with the times
14. Impassivity
21. Zaragoza’s region
24. “Ratatouille” setting
27. Noble
28. “Police Academy” head rank
29. Norm’s time to shine?
31. What shields allow you to take, in RPGs
33. Dip with fruit, onions, and salt
35. Snows
37. Workplace antidiscrimination focus
44. Talented talker
48. Lug
50. Laser gas
53. Cardinals’ beaks
55. “Today” host until sometime in 2025
56. First name in jumping
57. Sun-baked
59. 2011 World Series hat letters
61. “Hollywood Squares” block

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Oct. 23-29, 2024

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Secrets and hidden agendas have been preventing you from getting an accurate picture of what’s actually happening. But you now have the power to uncover them. I hope you will also consider the following bold moves: 1. Seek insights that could be the key to your future sexiness. 2. Change an aspect of your life you’ve always wanted to change but have never been able to. 3. Find out how far you can safely go in exploring the undersides of things. 4. Help your allies in ways that will ultimately inspire them to help you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** From the early 1910s to the late 1920s, silent films were the only kind of films that were made. The proper technology wasn’t available to pair sounds with images. “Talking pictures,” or “talkies,” finally came into prominence in the 1930s. Sadly, the majority of silent films, some of which were fine works of art, were poorly preserved or only exist now in second or third-generation copies. I’m meditating on this situation as a metaphor for your life, Taurus. Are there parts of your history that seem lost, erased or unavailable? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to try to recover them. Remembering and reviving your past can be a potent healing agent.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** An old proverb tells us, “You must run toward the future and catch it. It is not coming to meet you but is fleeing from you, escaping into the unknown.” This adage isn’t true for you at all right now, Gemini. In fact, the future is dashing toward you from all directions. It is not shy or evasive but eager to embrace you and full of welcoming energy. How should you respond? I recommend you make yourself very grounded. Root yourself firmly in an understanding of who you are and what you want. Show the future clearly which parts of it you really want and which parts are uninteresting to you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Early in his musical career, Cancerian innovator Harry Partch played traditional instruments. But by age 29, he was inventing and building novel instruments that had never before been used. Among the materials he used in constructing his Zymo-Xyl, Eucal Blossom and Chromelodeon were tree branches, light bulbs and wine bottles. I’m inviting you to enter into a Harry Partch phase of your cycle, Cancerian. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to express your unique genius — whether that’s in your art, your business, your personal life or any other sphere where you love to express your authentic self.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Life’s unpredictable flow will bring you interesting new blessings if you revamp your fundamentals. Listen closely, Leo, because this is a subtle turn of events: A whole slew of good fortune will arrive if you joyfully initiate creative shifts in your approaches to talking, walking, exercising, eating, sleeping, meditating and having fun. These aren’t necessarily earth-shaking transformations. They may be as delicate and nuanced as the following: 1. adding amusing words to your vocabulary; 2. playfully hopping and skipping as you stroll along; 3. sampling new cuisines; 4. keeping a notebook or recorder by your bed to capture your dreams; 5. trying novel ways to open your mind and heart; 6. seeking fresh pleasures that surprise you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** In an old Irish folk tale, fairies give a queen a crystal cauldron with special properties. If anyone speaks three falsehoods in its presence, it cracks into three fragments. If someone utters three hearty truths while standing near it, the three pieces unite again. According to my metaphorical reading of your current destiny, Virgo, you are now in the vicinity of the broken cauldron. You have expressed one restorative truth and need to proclaim two more. Be brave and bold as you provide the healing words.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Let’s review the highlights of the recent months. First, you expanded your perspective, blew your mind and raised your

consciousness. That was fabulous! Next, you wandered around half-dazed and thoroughly enchanted, pleased with your new freedom and spaciousness. That, too, was fantastic! Then, you luxuriously indulged in the sheer enjoyment of your whimsical explorations and experimentations. Again, that was marvelous! Now, you’re ready to spend time integrating all the teachings and epiphanies that have surged into your life in recent months. This might be less exciting, but it’s equally important.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** As a teenager, I loved the music of Jefferson Airplane. I recall sitting on the couch in my New Jersey home and listening to their albums over and over again. Years later, I was performing on stage at a San Francisco nightclub with my band, World Entertainment War. In the audience was Paul Kantner, a founding member of Jefferson Airplane. After the show, he came backstage and introduced himself. He said he wanted his current band, Jefferson Starship, to cover two of my band’s songs on his future album. Which he did. I suspect you will soon experience a comparable version of my story, Scorpio. Your past will show up bearing a gift for your future. A seed planted long ago will finally blossom.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** My horoscopes are directed toward individuals, not groups. Yet it’s impossible to provide oracles about your personal destiny without considering the collective influences that affect you. Every day, you are impacted by the culture you live in. For instance, you encounter news media that present propaganda as information and regard cynicism as a sign of intellectual vigor. You live on a planet where the climate is rapidly changing, endangering your stability and security. You are not a narrow-minded bigot who doles out hatred toward those who are unlike you, but you may have to deal with such people. I bring this to your attention, Sagittarius, because now is an excellent time to take an inventory of the world’s negative influences — and initiate aggressive measures to protect yourself from them. Even further, I hope you will cultivate and embody positive alternatives.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** I suspect you will be extra attractive, appealing and engaging in the coming weeks. You may also be especially convincing, influential and inspirational. What do you plan to do with all this potency? How will you wield your flair? Here’s what I hope: You will dispense blessings everywhere you go. You will nurture the collective health and highest good of the groups and communities you are part of. PS: In unexpected ways, being unselfish will generate wonderful selfish benefits.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Do you fantasize about being a masterful manager of your world? Have you imagined the joy of being the supreme sovereign of your holy destiny? Do you love the idea of rebelling against anyone who imagines they have the right to tell you what you should do and who you are? If you answered yes to those questions, I have excellent news, Aquarius: You are now primed to take exciting steps to further the goals I described. Here’s a helpful tip: Re-dedicate yourself to the fulfillment of your two deepest desires. Swear an oath to that intention.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The Liberation Season is here. How can you take maximum advantage of the emancipatory energies? Here are suggestions: 1. Plan adventures to frontier zones. 2. Sing and dance in the wilderness. 3. Experiment with fun and pleasure that are outside your usual repertoire. 4. Investigate what it would mean for you to be on the vanguard of your field. 5. Expand your understanding of sexuality. 6. Venture out on a pilgrimage. 7. Give yourself permission to fantasize extravagantly. 8. Consider engaging in a smart gamble. 8. Ramble, wander and explore.



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# OUT on the TOWN

## Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

### Wednesday, Oct. 23

**Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cmialanon.org](https://cmialanon.org).

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

**Baroque Fest** - Experience Baroque works for piano, harpsichord and violin, performed by new MSU pianist Stanislav Khristenko, harpsichordist Nicola Canzano and violinist Yvonne Lam. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](https://music.msu.edu).

**Beginning Ballet for Adults** - 6:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](https://dancesingact.com).

**Beginning Tap Dance for Teens & Adults** - 7:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](https://dancesingact.com).

**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**"Bugs, Blossoms & Trees"** - Watercolor display by East Lansing artist Sarah Eubanks. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com/353/Public-Art-Gallery](https://cityofeastlansing.com/353/Public-Art-Gallery).

**CharLit Adult Book Club: "Gallant," by V.E. Schwab** - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. [charlottelibrary.org](https://charlottelibrary.org).

**Code Club** - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](https://gladl.org).

**DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Join us for some fun trivia and great food and beer. Prizes for first, second and third-place teams. 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](https://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

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**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**Joel Ellis Art Display** - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Oke-

mos. 517-347-2021. [joelfellisart.blogspot.com](https://joelfellisart.blogspot.com).

**Lansing Live Open Stage Night** - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](https://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket](https://meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](https://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. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [lancinfo.org](https://lancinfo.org).

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**Tap II for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**Walk-in Wednesday** - Make a work of art, then take it home! This week's theme is nature prints. All ages welcome. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [reachstudioart.org](https://reachstudioart.org).

**Weaving the Web: Reverence** - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. [weaversoftheweb.org](https://weaversoftheweb.org).

### Thursday, Oct. 24

**Acting 101 for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](https://ruhalacenter.com).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. [cmialanon.org](https://cmialanon.org).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [cmialanon.org](https://cmialanon.org).

**The Banjo Gathering** - Featuring presentations, exhibitions and a banjo marketplace for studying, buying, selling and trading historical and vintage banjos, parts and related items. 10 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 633 N. Canal Road, Lansing. [banjogathering.weebly.com](https://banjogathering.weebly.com).

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

### 'The Haunting of Hill House'

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25-Saturday, Oct. 26  
Hannah Community Center  
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing



Audio Air Force, Lansing's nonprofit audio theater company, will present the world-premiere live audio adaptation of Shirley Jackson's 1959 horror novel, "The Haunting of Hill House," 7 p.m. Friday (Oct. 25) and Saturday (Oct. 26) at East Lansing's Hannah Community Center.

The show follows a group of paranormal enthusiasts who investigate a haunted house, only to find they may have gotten in over their heads.

"It's not a blood and gore type of scary. It's more of a 'Twilight Zone' kind of scary," Audio Air Force founder and executive director Dave Downing said. "Listeners can expect suspenseful storytelling, chilling sound effects and haunting music that will create a truly immersive experience."

He noted that the performance will be different than some theatergoers are accustomed to.

"As far as audio theater goes, when people watch the play, we try to get them to close their eyes because the whole story takes place in what's called the 'theater of the mind,' he said. "There are actors doing the voices, live sound effects and somebody who's going to play music for a little bit of accent. We'll put all those elements together and let the audience paint a picture with their imaginations."

The script was adapted by Audio Air Force member and Michigan State University educator Jonathan Ritz, winner of the Community Theatre Association of Michigan's 2023 playwrighting contest for his full-length play "In Dreams We Begin." Downing said the show has been in the works for "a couple of years."

"We do a Halloween show every year, and we were looking for something different. You can only do 'War of the Worlds,' which is the classic radio Halloween program, so many times before it starts to get stale," he said. "It was right after Netflix did 'The Haunting of Hill House' as a series, and we thought, 'Wouldn't it be cool if we could adapt that?' So, we contacted a bunch of people, and over the last couple of years, we've gotten permission from the estate of Shirley Jackson to do an adaptation of the story for audio theater."

Tickets for the shows are \$10 and are available at [audioairforce.ludus.com](https://audioairforce.ludus.com). For more information about Audio Air Force, including recordings of past shows, visit [audioairforce.com](https://audioairforce.com).

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**College Night** - Explore education options for your future and connect with representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities. Free and open to the public. 6-7:30 p.m. Gannon Building, 422 N. Washington Square, Lansing. [lcc.edu/collegenight](https://lcc.edu/collegenight).

**Crafty Vibes** - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. [weaversoftheweb.org](https://weaversoftheweb.org).

**Dimondale Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. 517-646-0230. [villageofdimondale.org/general-3](https://villageofdimondale.org/general-3).

**Full Cord at the Robin Theatre** - When it comes to movers and shakers in the bluegrass world, Full Cord is a supergroup on the rise. Doors 7 p.m.,

show 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [therobintheatre.com](https://therobintheatre.com).

**Great Michigan Read Author Reunion** - Join us for a moderated discussion with seven past Great Michigan Read authors and an announcement of the 10th Great Michigan Read title. 6:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [whartoncenter.com](https://whartoncenter.com).

**The Great Puzzle Competition** - Teams will work together to build a provided puzzle. The first team to complete the puzzle within the allotted time wins a prize pack! Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](https://gladl.org).

**"Happy Two Gather"** - An evening of duets, arias, spirituals and art songs. Artists: Richard Fracker, tenor; Mark Rucker, baritone; and pianists Sadie Rucker and Elden Little. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](https://music.msu.edu).

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CITY OF GRAND LEDGE  
NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TUESDAY, 05 NOVEMBER 2024

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Grand Ledge on Tuesday, 05 November 2024. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for the candidates of the Democratic Party, Republican Party, Libertarian Party, US Taxpayers Party, Green Party, Working Class Party, and Natural Law Party seeking nomination to the following partisan offices:

Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress 7<sup>th</sup> District, State Representative 76<sup>th</sup> District (Precinct 4), State Representative 77<sup>th</sup> District (Precincts 1, 2, and 3), Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County Prosecutor, County Sheriff, County Clerk and Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Drain Commissioner, and County Commissioner.

Candidates seeking election to the following nonpartisan offices are also to be voted for at the 05 November 2024 General Election: Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of Supreme Court Partial term, Judge of Court of Appeals 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Judge of Circuit Court 56<sup>th</sup> Circuit, City Council, Grand Ledge School Board Member, Lansing Community College Trustee, and Grand Ledge Area District Library Board Member.

The proposals listed below are also to be voted on at the 05 November 2024 General Election:

Eaton County  
Separate Tax Limitation Proposal

Shall separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the County of Eaton and the Townships and the Intermediate School District within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 9.700 mills as follows:

	Mills
County of Eaton	8.500
Townships	1.000
Intermediate School District	0.200
Total	9.700

Grand Ledge Public Schools  
Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Grand Ledge Public Schools, Eaton, Clinton and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18.8899 mills (\$18.8899 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes (if the millage is approved, it will replace an 18.8899 mill operating millage that expired with the 2024 tax levy and the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect in 2025 if the statutory limit of 18 mills are levied is approximately \$12,485,000)?

Grand Ledge Public Schools  
Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Grand Ledge Public Schools, Eaton, Clinton and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.7921 mill (\$0.7921 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for and the construction or repair of school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$1,610,000 (this replaces a 0.7921 mill sinking fund millage that expired with the 2024 tax levy)?

Sample ballots and absent voter ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, and can also be found at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). 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 City Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

CP#24-706

A Nightmare off Elm  
Street

11 a.m.-midnight Saturday,  
Oct. 26  
REO Town, Lansing



Lansing's REO Town neighborhood, home to some of the city's oldest history, will serve as the backdrop for a day of haunted happenings 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday (Oct. 26). The event will feature family-friendly activities until 5 p.m., followed by a slew of spooky soirees for adults.

The all-ages portion of the festival will include trick or treating and a photo scavenger hunt at various REO Town businesses; haunted historical tours of REO Town; a costume contest and parade at Freddy's Farmers Market; a cider and donut bar at Exit Realty; temporary tattoos at REO Town Tattoo Co.; a farmers market at the REO Town Marketplace; a trunk or treat at the REO Town Clubhouse (formerly Ellison Brewery and Spirits); a spooky story time with local artist Ryan Holmes and "creature encounters" with Preuss Pets, both at Deadtime Stories; an experimental electronica showcase at the Robin Theatre; and a dance party at Rock the Block Studio.

The adult portion of the festival will offer another round of trick or treating; a raffle; performances by the Super Secret Cult Band at Steven Glynn Photo Studio; photo sessions at Wheel House Studio; an '80s-horror-movie-themed drag show at Sleepwalker Spirits & Ale; and a silent disco costume party at REO Town Pub. Because REO Town is a social district, attendees ages 21 and older can carry alcoholic beverages from Sleepwalker throughout the neighborhood.

Most activities are free, though some require a fee or pre-registration. For more information, including a schedule of event times, visit [screamqueen517.com/elmstreet](http://screamqueen517.com/elmstreet).

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

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

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**MSU Concert Orchestra: "Colorscaapes"** - Program features Strauss' "Blue Danube," Fomai's "The Happiest Color," Rameau's "Les Sauvages" and more. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**North of Five at the Graduate Rock Bar** - 8 p.m. 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing. 517-348-0900. [facebook.com/graduaterockbar](http://facebook.com/graduaterockbar).

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**Parkinson's Exercise: Boxing** - Exercise program proven to help enhance strength, balance and

agility. Free for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](http://lapsg.org).

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Something With James** - Cover duo comprising CJ Lowe of St. Johns and David Salvador of Haslett. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

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

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly** - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. [facebook.com/HaslettTops](http://facebook.com/HaslettTops).

Friday, Oct. 25

**Afro Beats, with DJ Dalavey** - Dance to Afrobeat, amapiano, Afrocongo, bongo, reggae and dancehall. 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

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**The Banjo Gathering Concert, with Jen Sygit** - Open to the public. Doors 5 p.m., show 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Bridge Street Trick-or-Treat: Haunted Library** - Visit the library before trick or treating downtown. Walk through our gently haunted upstairs and get candy from costumed characters. 4-6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

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**Gwen Doerfler at the Peanut Barrel** - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. [peanutbarrel.com](http://peanutbarrel.com).

**Halloween Party at MP Social** - Enjoy a special Halloween menu, half-price drinks and a costume contest for a \$25 MP Social gift card. 5:30 p.m.-midnight. 313 N. Cedar St., Lansing.

[mp-social.com](http://mp-social.com).

**“The Haunting of Hill House”** - This immersive audio play transports audiences into the chilling world of Hill House, where a group of individuals gather to investigate the mansion’s dark secrets. 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [audioairforce.com](http://audioairforce.com).

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**Hypnosis at the Creek, with Chuck King** - King combines comedy, magic and hypnosis to bring you an extraordinary entertainment experience. Doors 6 p.m., show 8 p.m. 5859 N. Michigan Road, Dimondale. [countrycreekreceptionhall.com](http://countrycreekreceptionhall.com).

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**Joel Mabus CD Release** - Mabus is a longtime fixture of the American folk music scene. His new CD, “Lonesome Road,” is a rethinking and

revival of the popular music of the Lost Generation. 7:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org).

**“The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical”** - 7 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [lcc.edu/showinfo](http://lcc.edu/showinfo).

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**The Monster Masquerade** - Enjoy live entertainment, dark stories, finger food and a bar pouring frightfully good concoctions. Bid on gargoyles painted by area artists, get your fortune told and shop for weird and wonderful wares. 7 p.m.-midnight. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. [shadowseason.org](http://shadowseason.org).

**MSU Symphony Band and Wind Symphony** - Featuring guest composer Viet Cuong and American-Vietnamese guest vocalist Bích-Vân. Enjoy works by Cuong, Biedenbender, Turina and Llinás. 8 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**My Memories of John Hartford, with Bob Carlin** - Explore the incredible life and legacy of musician John Hartford as told by Bob Carlin, his longtime friend and collaborator. 3:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. [banjogathering.weebly.com](http://banjogathering.weebly.com).

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**Shared Pregnancy Comedy Night Fundraiser, with Jonnie W** - Combining music, offbeat standup and a skewed view of the world unfolding around him, Jonnie crafts a comedy experience that you’ll be quoting on the way home. 6:30 p.m. South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. [facebook.com/sharedpregnancy](http://facebook.com/sharedpregnancy).

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- HANGOUT SOLO



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CITY OF LANSING  
NOTICE OF ELECTION  
FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, 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 5, 2024. **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:

**Partisan Section**  
**Presidential:** Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States;  
**Congressional:** United States Senator, Representative in Congress;  
**Legislative:** Representative in State Legislature; **State Boards:** Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University;  
**County:** County Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds, County Drain Commissioner, County Commissioner

**Nonpartisan Section**  
**Judicial:** Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of Circuit Court, Judge of Probate Court, Judge of District Court; **Community College:** Board of Trustees Member Lansing Community College; **Local School District:** Board Member (Lansing, East Lansing, Holt, and Waverly School District)

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

**County:** Housing and Homeless Millage (Ingham County ONLY), Lodging Excise Tax Increase (Ingham County ONLY), Separate Tax Limitation Proposal (Eaton County ONLY), Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Millage Renewal Proposition City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Meridian Township, Lansing Township, and Delhi Township

Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

<b>Lansing Ward 1</b> 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. 8 – Johnson Fieldhouse Pct. 9 – Potter Park Zoo Pct. 10 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church	<b>Lansing Ward 2</b> Pct. 12 – Lyons School Pct. 13 – Cavanaugh School Pct. 14 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pct. 15 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church Pct. 16 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church Pct. 17 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church Pct. 18 – Unitarian Universalist Church Pct. 20 – Unitarian Universalist Church
<b>Lansing Ward 3</b> Pct. 22 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center 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 Develop Center (formerly Wainwright School) Pct. 28 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center Pct. 30 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center	<b>Lansing Ward 4</b> Pct. 32 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst School) Pct. 34 – Bread House Church Pct. 35 – Letts Community Center Pct. 36 – First Presbyterian Church Pct. 37 – Neighborhood Empowerment Center Pct. 38 – Letts Community Center Pct. 39 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church Pct. 40 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church

Sample ballots can be found at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). 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 City 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:

Location	Address	Regular Business Hours September 26 – November 1
City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lansing, MI 48933	Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm
Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm  Wednesdays 8am – 7pm

Additional times outside of the above listed regular business hours are as follows:

Location	Address	Additional Hours
City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave. 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lansing, MI 48933	Monday November 4 8am – 4pm  Election Day November 5 7am – 8pm
Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Saturday October 26 9am – 5pm  Sunday October 27 9am – 5pm  Saturday November 2 9am – 5pm  Sunday November 3 9am – 5pm  Monday November 4 8am – 4pm  Election Day November 5 7am – 8pm
Foster Community Center	200 N. Foster Lansing, MI 48912	Saturday, October 26 – Sunday, November 3 10am – 6pm  Monday November 4 10am – 4pm  Election Day November 5 7am – 8pm

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

The Lansing City Clerk’s Office must have an application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at the locations referenced in the above tables or by visiting our website at [LansingVotes.gov](http://LansingVotes.gov).

Friday, November 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, November 4, 2024, at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person, except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk’s Office, locations referenced in the above table.

**Chris Swope, MMC/MIPMC**  
**Lansing City Clerk**  
**Phone: 517-483-4131**  
**Email: [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov)**  
**Website: [www.LansingVotes.gov](http://www.LansingVotes.gov)**  
**[www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope](http://www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope)**



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**Trick or Treat on the Square** - Participants can visit more than 30 vendor tables and store-fronts for free candy, fun activities and other surprises. 5-7 p.m. South Washington Square, downtown Lansing. [downtownlansing.org](#).

**Universe Band at Mash Bar** - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. [mashbar.net](#).

## Saturday, Oct. 26

**Ambient Annotations** - Enjoy experimental electronica performed by local artists. Meet others interested in making this kind of music or just enjoy strange sounds in a cozy setting. Noon-1:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [therobintheatre.com](#).

**Babysitting Workshop** - Learn emergency procedures, rescue breathing and basic first aid. Students receive a Red Cross babysitting course certificate. Ages 12+. Registration req. 10 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](#).

**The Banjo Gathering** - Featuring presentations, exhibitions and a banjo marketplace for studying, buying, selling and trading historical and vintage banjos, parts and related items. 10 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 633 N. Canal Road, Lansing. [banjogathering.weebly.com](#).

**Boo at the Zoo** - Enjoy fall-themed activities like a straw maze, treat stations and a pumpkin scavenger hunt, plus ticketed activities like inflatables, a hayride and a blacklight room. Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. [potterparkzoo.org](#).

**Candlelight: A Haunted Evening of Halloween Classics** - Live, multi-sensory experience featuring music inspired by Halloween. 8:45 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [candlelightexperience.com](#).

**Candlelight: A Tribute to Coldplay on Strings** - Live, multi-sensory experience featuring the music of Coldplay. 6:30 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [candlelightexperience.com](#).

**Capital City Dia de los Muertos 5K Run/Walk/Roll** - Participants are encouraged to wear traditional face paint, flowers and other attire. 11 a.m. Granger Meadows Park, 1745 Granger Meadows Lane, Lansing. [runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/DayoftheDead5kDiadeLosMuertos](#).

**Chemistry Day** - Discover how chemistry plays a crucial role in photography and modern imaging through a variety of hands-on experiments. Free. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. [impression5.org](#).

**Comedy Through the Looking Glass** - Headliner Brent Terhune has accumulated more than 65

million views across his social media channels with his satirical MAGA character. 9 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. [lookingglassbrewingcompany.com](#).

**Deacon Earl & the Congregation at the Irish Pub** - 9 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. 517-253-8713. [facebook.com/IrishPubLansing](#).

**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. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. [weaversoftheweb.org](#).

**Doggie Trick or Treat** - Bring your four-legged friend to a fun-filled afternoon of trick-or-treating around downtown Mason! A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Ingham County Animal Shelter in Mason. Noon-2 p.m. [facebook.com/masonchamber](#).

**Halloween Police Open House** - Visit with McGruff the Crime Dog, receive a candy bag and glow stick for trick-or-treating, sit in a patrol car, see officers' equipment and enjoy apple cider, donuts and candy. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meridian Township Public Safety Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us](#).

**Ham Sweet Supper Club** - Wilson Bauer, owner of Flour Power in Chicago, will prepare a six-course meal using seasonal ingredients, hand-made pasta and who knows what else. 5 p.m. Ham Sweet Farm, 357 Holt Road, Williamston. [facebook.com/HamSweetFarm](#).

**"The Haunting of Hill House"** - This immersive audio play transports audiences into the chilling world of Hill House, where a group of individuals gather to investigate the mansion's dark secrets. 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [audioairforce.com](#).

**Hedda Doyle Bookend Gallery Display** - Doyle offers some of her collage work, much of which has musical themes. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](#).

**Hispanic Heritage Month Sugar Skull Decorating Workshop** - Free and open to the public. 1-5 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria and Cultural Center, 204 E. Mt Hope Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/casaderosado](#).

**Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

**Joel Ellis Art Display** - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. [joelfellisart.blogspot.com](#).

**Kids' Halloween Party** - This event is for families with children ages 3 to 10. Snacks, games, crafts and other spooky fun will be had! Registration req. 11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](#).

**Lansing Halloween Bar Crawl** - Dress up in your most creative costume and hit the town for a night you won't forget. 4 p.m.-midnight. Meet at Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. [crawlwith.us/lansing/halloween](#).

**"The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical"** - 7 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [lcc.edu/showinfo](#).

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 8 am.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. [meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket](#).

**MSU University Chorale and State Singers** - The State Singers showcase selections that highlight various aspects of the human condition, while the University Chorale explores the concept of energetic and boisterous outbursts that uplift the human spirit. 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](#).

**"Off the Grid"** - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Fram-er's Edge to view her artwork! 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. [framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october](#).

**Summerlands Matinee Movie** - Free family-friendly film screening. 2 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook](#).

[com/summerlandsbrewing](#).

**Summerlands Movie Night** - Free film screening. 10:30 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](#).

**Trick-or-Treat Trail** - Trick or treat along the River Trail at either Burchard Park (220 E. Maple St.) or Benjamin Davis Park (5500 Pleasant Grove Road). 1-3 p.m. [lansingmi.gov/897/Trick-Or-Treat-Trail](#).

**Trunk or Treat** - Dress up! Bring the kids! 6-8 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. [unitylansing.org](#).

**Trunk or Treat** - Enjoy homemade donuts, apple cider, candy, a photo booth and popcorn! You'll also get to vote for your favorite decorated trunk. 5-7 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, 3432 Jefferson Hwy., Grand Ledge. [facebook.com/glnazarene](#).

**Witches and Warlocks in Old Town** - Receive a bag and a map of participating businesses, then stroll through Old Town to pick up all kinds of swag! You'll be entered into our costume contest for an Old Town gift basket. Check-in at Twiggies, 106 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave. Event runs 2-5 p.m. [facebook.com/OldTownLansing](#).

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**B/25/039 HFRP HELMETS** for the Lansing Fire Department as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept bids at The City of Lansing, Purchasing Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave. 3rd Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48933 or electronically submitted thru MITN Site ([www.Mitn.Info](#)) until 2PM local time in effect on OCTOBER 31, 2024. Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by contacting Marilyn Chick at (517) 483-4282, or [Marilyn.chick@lansingmi.gov](mailto:Marilyn.chick@lansingmi.gov) or go to [www.mitn.info](#). The City of Lansing encourages bids from All Vendors Including MBE/WBE Vendors and Lansing-Based Businesses.

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## Sunday, Oct. 27

**Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp** - Four-month roller derby training course. 7-9 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. [lansingrollerderby.com](http://lansingrollerderby.com).

**ArachnoBROADia** - Get creative with creepy crafts at the museum, then visit your favorite crawly creatures at the MSU Bug House. All ages welcome. 1-4 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**The Art of Tea, with Hummingbird Hawk-Moth** - Discover the ancient art of gong-fu tea brewing — a method that emphasizes mindfulness and intention to create the perfect cup. 4 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

**The Banjo Gathering** - We'll end the weekend with brunch and a jam session. 10 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 633 N. Canal Road, Lansing. [banjogathering.weebly.com](http://banjogathering.weebly.com).

**Boo at the Zoo** - Enjoy fall-themed activities like a straw maze, treat stations and a pumpkin scavenger hunt, plus ticketed activities like inflatables, a hayride and a blacklight room. Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. [potterparkzoo.org](http://potterparkzoo.org).

**Day of the Dead Celebration, SALT presentation by Rosario** - 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

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

Lansing. 517-319-6823. [cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket](http://cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket).

**Euchre** - 6 p.m. Esquire Bar, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. 517-487-5338.

**Five-Course Italian Dinner Pairing** - Enjoy five flight-glass pours of select craft beers paired with chef Moyer's five-course Italian menu. 5-7 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. [lookingglassbrewingcompany.com](http://lookingglassbrewingcompany.com).

**FREE Gentle Nidra Yoga Class** - Designed for all levels to ease you into deep relaxation and stillness. Noon. Firefly Hot Yoga Barre, 118 S. Washington Square, Lansing. [fireflyhotyogabarrefitness.com](http://fireflyhotyogabarrefitness.com).

**Great Pumpkin Walk** - Trick or treat at participating downtown businesses. There will also be mini pumpkin decorating and a chance to see the Great Pumpkin itself for the first time! 1-4 p.m. Downtown East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com).

**Harmony Sundays** - Weekly DJ event featuring Aura the Brave and special guests. 9 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. [instagram.com/macsbarmusu](http://instagram.com/macsbarmusu).

**Hispanic Heritage Month Sugar Skull Decorating Workshop** - Free and open to the public. 1-5 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria and Cultural Center, 204 E. Mt Hope Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/casaderosado](http://facebook.com/casaderosado).

**Joel Ellis Art Display** - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. Noon-6 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. [joelfellisart.blogspot.com](http://joelfellisart.blogspot.com).

**JUGGLERS AND WOULD-BE JUGGLERS** - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. [mikemarhanka@gmail.com](mailto:mikemarhanka@gmail.com).

**"The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical"** - 2 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [lcc.edu/showinfo](http://lcc.edu/showinfo).

**Making Treats for Wildlife** - Create edible treats for the birds and squirrels in your backyard. 1 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. [meridian.mi.us/hnc](http://meridian.mi.us/hnc).

**MSU Symphony Orchestra: "A Sea of Talent"** - Featuring performances by eight faculty soloists. Program includes Martin's concerto for winds, Debussy's "La Mer," works by Viet Cuong and a student-composed fanfare. 3 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**"Off the Grid"** - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Frammer's Edge to view her artwork! Noon-4 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. [framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october](http://framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october).

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

**Summerlands Sunday Brunch** - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](http://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

**Trunk or Treat** - 3-4 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. [ulcel.org](http://ulcel.org).

**Trunk or Treat** - 12:30-2 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. [edgewooducc.org](http://edgewooducc.org).

## Monday, Oct. 28

**AI-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 8-9:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](http://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).



## Souls to the Polls Trick or Treat

1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Reo Elections Office  
1221 Reo Road, Lansing

The Lansing City Clerk's Office has partnered with multiple community organizations to host a trick-or-treating and voter education event 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 26) at the southside Reo Elections Office. The public is invited to collect treats and trinkets from more than 12 vendors, plus participate in a Halloween-themed mock special election in which they can vote for their favorite Halloween character, favorite candy and a "proposal" about sharing candy with children who are unable to go trick or treating.

The office will also be open for early voting, voter registration and absentee ballot drop off from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the free, non-partisan event, visit [lansingvotes.gov/home-2/souls-to-the-polls](http://lansingvotes.gov/home-2/souls-to-the-polls).

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**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Department of Public Works Meeting** - 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. 517-651-5374. [laingsburg.us](http://laingsburg.us).

**Fitness Over 50! 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).

**"The Four Agreements" Zoom Book Study, with Kathi Frederick** - 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Hedda Doyle Bookend Gallery Display** - Doyle offers some of her collage work, much of which has musical themes. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Improv Acting for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Jazz/Ballet II for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).

**Musique 21: "An Ode to Nature"** - Experience nature through the work of contemporary composers. Selections by Dobrinka Tabakova, Michael-Thomas Fomai, Jennifer Jolley and Viet Cuong. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**"Off the Grid"** - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Frammer's Edge to view her gorgeous artwork! Noon-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. [framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october](http://framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october).

**Open Mic Night, hosted by Kathy Ford** - 6:30-9:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw

Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. [onenorthdining.com](http://onenorthdining.com).

**"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Zoom Book Study, with Jeff Benoit** - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Rest with Music: Gerald Ross** - Take a break from your busy day and enjoy a free concert under the "night sky" of the planetarium. Noon. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. [health4u.msu.edu/courses/rest-with-music](http://health4u.msu.edu/courses/rest-with-music).

**Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Yoga for Parkinson's** - Free group class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](http://lapsg.org).

## Tuesday, Oct. 29

**"A Course in Miracles," with Lisa Schmidt** - Group reads a passage from the book and discusses its meaning and how to apply it to real-life situations. 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Acting 101 for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**"AI is Impacting Democracy! Safeguarding Freedom in the Automation Age"** - A cross-disciplinary conversation addressing AI's influence on electoral politics and representation. 1 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**AI-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**AI-Anon Meeting** - 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

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**AHS Details:**  
Edgewood United Church, 469 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing  
Friday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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\$45 each for two or more 6-foot tables To secure vendor space, complete the online vendor form: <https://tinyurl.com/ahsale-2024>  
Or mail it to Peace Education Center 1120 S. Harrison Road East Lansing, MI 48823  
All new vendors must be approved by the Peace Education Center. For more information, please contact the PEC at [peaceedcenter@gmail.com](mailto:peaceedcenter@gmail.com).

## Events

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**Buck's Funhouse** - Live experience that blends the thrill of a game show with the intimate vibes of a podcast. Attendees can put their name in the "Buck Bucket" for the chance to take the stage! Doors 7:30 p.m., show 8 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. [bucksfunhouse.com](http://bucksfunhouse.com).  
**Firefighters Fundraiser Night (Touch a Truck)** - See the firetrucks and meet your local firefighters! 10% of sales go to the Grand Ledge Fire Department when you dine in, carry out or get delivery. 4-8 p.m. Pizza Hut, 600 E. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge. 517-627-1188.  
**Halloween Spooktacular** - Kids can dress in costumes and enjoy trick-or-treating, live music, games, crafts, pumpkin picking, pumpkin smashing and more. Registration req. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [recreation.meridian.mi.us](http://recreation.meridian.mi.us).  
**Hedda Doyle Bookend Gallery Display** - Doyle offers some of her collage work, much of which has musical themes. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).  
**Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).  
**Jazz Tuesdays** - Weekly series showcasing the best and brightest mid-Michigan jazz musicians.



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In the matter of Arlene Estelle McWhorter: TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: and creditors (known and unknown) whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: The Settlor, Arlene E. McWhorter (DOB 09/23/1927) who lived at 11800 West Andre Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, died on Aug. 16, 2024. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Arlene E. McWhorter will forever be barred unless presented to Leo G. Sell, Successor Trustee of The Revocable Living Trust Agreement of Arlene E. McWhorter, dated Jan. 21, 1994, at 544 Stoddard Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823 within four months after the date of publication, 10/23/2024. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Attorney: Benjamin L. Cwayna, #P70266, 11973 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, 517-622-1900. Petitioner: Leo G. Sell, 544 Stoddard Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823, 517-388-3898.

CP#24-711

State of Michigan Probate Court, County of Ingham, Publication of Notice of Hearing, File No. 24-1234-CA and 24-001235-GA. In the matter of Clifford Junior Mee. To all interested persons, including Brian Mee, Lisa Hilty, Rebecca Simons, and all additional children of Clifford Junior Mee and any other interested parties whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest may be barred or affected by the following. TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Nov. 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 before Judge Richard J. Garcia for the following purpose: Uncontested Hearing-Petition for appointment of Guardian and Conservator. 10/23/2024. Michelle Hardman for the State of MI, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing MI 48911, 517-515-2164.

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7 p.m. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/jazztuesdaysatmoriartys](https://facebook.com/jazztuesdaysatmoriartys).  
**Level I Dance for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 5-8. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).  
**MSU Men's Basketball vs. Ferris State University** - 7 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/mens-basketball](http://msuspartans.com/sports/mens-basketball).  
**Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show** - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](http://midmichiganartguild.org).  
**Parkinson's Exercise** - Free group class for people with Parkinson's, led by exercise professionals. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](http://lapsg.org).  
**Peckham Speaker Series** - The Peckham Community Partnership Foundation hosts bestselling author and neurodiversity expert Daniel Wendler. Sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Presentations are available in person at 3510 Capital City Blvd. or online. To register, visit [peckham.org/about-us/media-center/events](http://peckham.org/about-us/media-center/events).

**The Poetry Room Open Mic** - Whether you're a seasoned poet or stepping onto the stage for the first time, this event is your platform to share your words with a supportive audience. 7 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [the517poetryroom.com](http://the517poetryroom.com).  
**"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery"**  
**Book Study, with Rev. Sharon Ketchum** - 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Spooky Family Day** - We'll have family-friendly Halloween movies on the big screen, pumpkin decorating and a costume contest for kids. 5-8 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. [lookingglassbrewingcompany.com](http://lookingglassbrewingcompany.com).  
**Summerlands Karaoke Night** - Family-friendly until 9:30 p.m. Enjoy food and beverages, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic. 7:30-11 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](http://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

**Toastmaster Meeting** - We welcome guests who wish to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills. 6:30 p.m. Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [capitalcity-toastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org](http://capitalcity-toastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org).

**Trivia at Lansing Shuffle** - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansingshuffle.com](http://lansingshuffle.com).

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**  
**Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids** - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**AI-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

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

**Beginning Ballet for Adults** - 6:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](http://dancesingact.com).

**Beginning Tap Dance for Teens & Adults** - 7:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](http://dancesingact.com).

**Natalie & Brittany Haas + Nic Gareiss** - Sisters Natalie and Brittany Haas' music reflects a wealth of string traditions. Beloved dancer and musician Nic Gareiss opens the show. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [therobintheatre.com](http://therobintheatre.com).

**Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults** - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](http://ruhalacenter.com).

**Code Club** - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+, 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co.** - Join us for some fun trivia and great food and beer. Prizes for first, second and third-place teams. 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](https://facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing).

**Fall Harvest Celebration** - Join us for a night filled with tasty food, fun games, prizes and plenty of treats! This event is a great way to learn about the resources available at the Neighborhood Wellness Center. 6-8 p.m. 517 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. [facebook.com/InghamHealth](https://facebook.com/InghamHealth).

**Fitness Over 50! 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).




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# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

### El Catrín excels at late-night eats

By LIZY FERGUSON

There aren't many exciting options around town for those looking to grab dinner after 9 p.m., but thankfully, I thought outside the pizza box last weekend and ordered some takeout from El Catrín Tacos and More with a friend.

Open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. every other night, El Catrín offers a variety of familiar Mexican food favorites with a Southern California spin — big burritos, street tacos, birria ramen and elote, to name a few. I'm a slave to the nacho, so my choice was obvious and immediate, while my friend, who avoids pork and beef, went



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for the fish tacos.

As soon as I grabbed the takeout bag off the restaurant's counter, I was pleased. It's nice when you're starving and your meal feels particularly heavy. Once safely nestled in a dark basement in front of a seasonally appropriate horror movie, we dug in.

The nachos were everything I wanted them to be: chips smothered in queso, ground beef, beans, pico de gallo and a very generous portion of guacamole, all dusted with cotija cheese and drizzled with sour cream. I usually

prefer melted shredded cheese on a

nacho, but El Catrín's queso left nothing to be desired. It was slightly smoky, just a little spicy and paired beautifully with the perfectly seasoned ground beef and creamy guac. The pico could have been fresher but still served its purpose, and I was thrilled to see pickled jalapeños, which I prefer over fresh ones. The chips, though, were probably the best part. Crispy, thin and clearly fresh out of the fryer, they were the best I've had in a while.

My friend and I often order the exact same thing, but when we don't, we always share bites. So, I can comment on the fish tacos as well. What I liked most was the fact that they came on corn tortillas when I almost always see them (albeit in non-Mexican restaurants) on flour. The tortillas weren't as fresh as my chips, but the flavor was rich and



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

El Catrín's beefy nacho plate leaves nothing to be desired.

wonderfully, well, corny. Again, the pico lacked some snappiness, but the fish itself was very tasty and very satisfying when combined with the other components, including the zesty hot sauce, of which I only tried the mild version.

"Nachos are so lovely you get to dig around ... make choices ... learn about yourself and others." So says one of my all-time favorite tweets, and El Catrín provides an excellent opportunity to explore this truth. I'm going to have to investigate that birria ramen, too.

#### TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN  
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##### TOP 5 BARBECUE

Based on your votes in City Pulse's  
2024 Top of the Town contest. Bon  
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##### 1. Capital City BBQ

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1026 W. Saginaw St., Lansing  
(517) 721-1500  
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##### 2. Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que

Lively spot for barbecue eats, draft beer  
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2440 Cedar St., Holt  
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##### 4. Saddleback BBQ REO Town

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### Squash ravioli à la Todd English

By ARI LEVAUX

If a famous chef hands you a crack-  
er topped with caviar, it doesn't prove  
anything. Of course it tastes good. It's  
freakin' caviar.

True culinary brilliance is revealed by  
creating extraordinary food from the  
humblest of building  
blocks. For example,  
the butternut squash  
ravioli that stole the  
show at the White-  
fish Food and Wine  
Festival last month.

Nothing more than flour, egg, cream,  
squash, almonds and Parmesan, those  
succulent stuffed noodles, frosted with  
brown butter foam, were arguably more  
delicious than the wagyu meatballs at  
the adjoining table.

I'm pop-culture illiterate when it  
comes to food. I haven't watched food  
TV since Julia Child was on, in my

teens. I'd maybe heard the name Todd  
English, but I wouldn't have guessed  
Italian cuisine to be his specialty. With-  
out being prepped by his rep, I was able  
to meet the guy with no pre-formed  
opinions.

A server handed me a small plate of  
wild mushrooms on po-  
lenta, and suddenly I could  
feel the chef behind me.  
I turned around to see a  
man who appeared less like  
the East Coast fancy pants  
flown in to preside over  
the inaugural convening of  
this festival and more like a

redneck who had just crawled out of an  
outbuilding on a ranch. In other words,  
someone I wanted to party with. His  
cheffing done for the day, he wore a pair  
of greasy jeans and what appeared to be  
a buckskin vest.

I introduced myself and told him I  
hoped to nerd out about food. Arms

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folded across his barrel chest, he nodded in agreement, then motioned to the server to add more balsamic reduction to my chanterelles.

An Italian master of Irish goodbyes, English quickly vanished, leaving me to contemplate how perfectly the balsamic reduction enhanced the chanterelles. I felt like I was eating music. I sauntered over to the wagyu meatball table, where, after washing down some tender orbs with the closest glass of red I could find, I concluded it couldn't get any better than this. And then I met the ravioli that changed my life.

In my first bites of those fragrant clouds, my weekend peaked. Possibly my life. At the very least, I should have retired from eating right then, while I was at the top. Nothing that has followed has compared to those plump, fluffy, creamy squares.

### Butternut squash ravioli

I only have space to discuss the filling and sauce. Follow the rolling and shaping instructions of your choice.

#### Filling

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 6 cups butternut squash
- 1/2 cup ground amaretti cookies (or crushed almonds)
- 1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat, then add the butternut squash. Cook until the squash is just starting to caramelize, about 10 minutes. Cover the squash with water and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Transfer the squash to a food processor with a fitted blade. Add the amaretti, breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Blend until smooth.

#### Brown butter sauce

- 1/4 pound butter
- 1/8 pound grated Parmesan
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Melt the butter in a pot. Reduce the heat to medium and whisk until the milk solids cook to a golden brown. Add cream and bring to a simmer. Add grated Parmesan. Strain through a fine mesh sieve. Whip with an emulsion blender, then spoon the foam over the pasta.

Later that evening, I cornered the chef at a bar, where he was ready to nerd out. “Music is just noise until it hits your brain,” he said. “It’s your brain that perceives all those sounds together as music. And it’s the same with food. When it lands on our palate, our brain translates it into a symphony of flavors.”

Weeks later, when the wine stains had long dried, my son Remy and I recreated that ridiculous ravioli following the recipe English had so generously given me. Using an attachment for the KitchenAid stand mixer, we rolled out sheets of fresh pasta and filled it with a regal mixture that was more intoxicating than the contents of any bottle at the festival. That ravioli was a true symphony, discordant until it reached my brain, where the array of flavors was understood to be a masterpiece.



Photo by Ari LeVaux

Nothing more than flour, egg, cream, squash, almonds and Parmesan, Todd English’s succulent ravioli is a symphony created from the simplest of notes.

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