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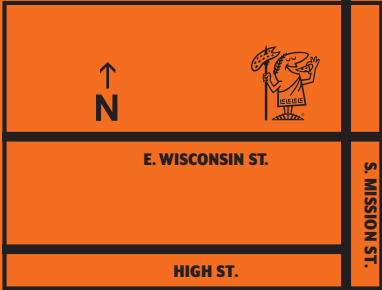
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# A note from the editor-in-chief



**By Lauren Rice**  
*Editor-in-chief*

From just about any angle, we're smack dab in the middle of some interesting times. While that can be overwhelming, it always helps me to know what's going on.

That's what I want to provide to the Central Michigan University community. As this year's Editor-in-Chief, this newsroom and I are united in our mission to provide clarity on what's happening at this university, in our community and around the country. As we enter into the

fall semester, I want to take this opportunity to remind the students, staff and faculty at CMU that *Central Michigan Life* (not CMU Life) is independent student media.

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Every semester, every week, every day is a new opportunity to do better than the day before. And as the fall 2024 semester starts, you have an opportunity to do better than

last semester.

CM Life will continue to improve the news and content we provide. We will perform our duty as journalists to maintain transparency about what is – and isn't – happening at CMU. That also means that we have to be transparent about what we're doing and how we're doing it, so our doors, emails and phones are always open and on.

The world is as complicated as it has ever been, with wars, genocides and a divided political landscape. The CMU slogan is "We Do," but allow me to ask: what do you do?

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*Lauren Rice is Central Michigan Life's 2024-25 editor-in-chief.*

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# When worlds collide

*How department merges shake up colleges*

By Courtney Boyd  
News editor

**I**n the world of higher education, things change constantly. Whether it be a new administration, new majors being offered, or new buildings being constructed on campus, colleges are constantly adapting to serve their students.

Sometimes, these changes are more internal but can have lasting implications for future students. One of these internal changes is known as a “department merge” — when two or more disciplines combine to better serve university finances or student needs.

In recent years, Central Michigan University has seen a few department merges take place. Sometimes, these departments will even turn into their own specialized schools.

Jo Kenoshmeg | Visuals Editor

Director of the School of Communication, Journalism and Media Heather Polinsky poses for a portrait Wednesday, Aug. 14 in Moore Hall.



This is the case for CMU's most recent merger, which created the School of Communication, Journalism and Media, also known as SCJM.

"Other than having to go to a new office, I don't think the students have really noticed the difference," Heather Polinsky, the director of the school, said. "The classes are the same. The majors are the same. The professors are the same. It's just now we have a centralized location."

The merger was made official in Spring 2022, and combined Journalism, Communications and Broadcast and Cinematic Arts (now Media Arts) into one area. The school is now heading into its second year of operation, and Polinsky is serving her second term as the school's director.

Polinsky said she believes the merge went positively, but there have been some bumps in the road. She said combining two departments that think and operate differently into one unit isn't an easy task.

"There's no right or wrong way to do this," she said. "We did this by choice, and it wasn't like we just said overnight, 'Let's merge this.' This was quite a process."

Polinsky said that new programs are being introduced, and the school is looking to consolidate some similar classes while expanding program offerings.

## Why have merges?

The school directors serve a two-year term and are appointed by the dean. In this case, Polinsky was appointed by Jefferson Campbell.

Campbell is the dean of the College of Arts and Media, the college SCJM is operating under. It's his third year in the position, and he said this is the first merge he's done at CMU.

When he came into the position, he was aware of the conversation Elizabeth Kirby, his predecessor, had with faculty about the merge. He said after looking at the data, he saw potential.

"We had these three departments that overlapped, and

we weren't taking advantage of it," Campbell said. "We had put up these walls to prevent anything from happening."

Campbell said the primary goal of the merge is to improve student experience. He said during the planning stages, he spoke with alumni and they all told him the same thing, "You have to be good at multiple things in your line of work." Those going into television will still need to know how to write, and those going in to reporting may need to understand marketing.

He said this mindset expanded into the school's hiring practices as well.

"This is only (going to) enhance the student experience," he said. "Now we can design courses so they can feed into each other and students can better explore their interests. It gives them a tremendous amount of flexibility to move."

Campbell said department mergers happen all the time in higher education, and he was part of a merge when at the University of Minnesota. He said the SCJM merge was different, though, because it was done by choice and not because of financial strain.

This is similar to another department merge that occurred at CMU. The School of Politics, Society, Justice and Public Service (SPSJPS) was created back in 2021. The school's current director, Thomas Greitens, said he was a part of the process prior to being appointed to the helm.

Greitens said the merge was positive, and that it has been making things easier for students by changing elective requirements, and providing them with multidimensional approaches and access to other courses and career pathways.

"We're working with outside entities to kind of lead to some expanding networking opportunities and student-oriented experiences," he said. "We're not there yet: We have to fill out some more paperwork and have some more meetings, but I think there's great things coming."

**"We had lots of programs created when we had 25,000 graduates. Now we have 14,000, and some majors aren't as popular as they used to be. We had to take a step back and say 'Are we organized the right way for the students here today?'"**

— Richard Rothaus  
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



## The impact on faculty

Greitens said the most difficult and time-consuming part was changing bylaws and the department's structural operations. He said when new systems are implemented, they will always start out messy.

"No matter if you're in academics, the private sector, the public sector, when you implement a new idea it's always going to be two steps forward, half a step back," he said. "So you just have to be patient ... and just have that empathy where you respect everybody involved in the process and you believe in the mission overall."

SPSJPS falls under the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which has seen multiple mergers over the past few years. Richard Rothaus is the dean for the college, and he said these mergers were necessary with CMU's changing environment.

"We had lots of programs created when we had 25,000 graduates," he said. "Now we have 14,000, and some majors aren't as popular as they used to be. We had to take a step back and say 'Are we organized the right way for the students here today?'"

He said merges that were driven by faculty choice went smoothly, and that the merges don't just benefit students, but

faculty members as well. He said they give instructors more opportunities to network and collaborate with one another, or to pursue individual research projects, and allow them not to stretch themselves thin while teaching.

"It creates a much more comfortable situation for the faculty because you have more people that cover similar things," Rothaus said.

While the benefits vary across schools and groups, the challenges stayed the same: Creating and learning new systems within the schools was cited as the biggest difficulty departments faced.

"It's like moving in with a new roommate," Rothaus said. "People keep things in drawers in different ways. Sometimes you'll open a drawer and go 'Dang it, it's not in that drawer anymore.'"

Campbell said faculty members were also worried about losing their identities after the merge. He said it doesn't have to be that way.

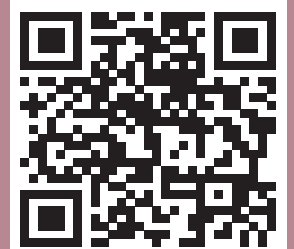
"Understand and embrace that it is happening, build the structure yourself and let your voice be heard," he said. "Keep yourselves open and vocal. The light at the end of the tunnel is not a train, it's a ray of hope."

This year, both colleges will be approaching things differently. Rothaus said there aren't any concrete plans to change the college structurally, but he believes this year the "fruits of their labor" will start to become prevalent. Greitens said SPSJPS is working on creating more networking experiences and internship partnerships for students.

For SCJM, Campbell said this year they will be working out some of the kinks they ran into during the first year of the school's operation. He said at the end of the fall semester, they will hold a meeting to review what's working and what isn't. Campbell said he's open to revising and making changes to anything that isn't working.

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## Q&amp;A

## Robert Davies

Zipporah Abarca ■ Senior reporter



As students, staff and faculty return to Central Michigan University, President Robert Davies is set to conclude his last semester at the helm.

Davies was named the 15th president of CMU in 2018 by the Board of Trustees. As he announced in an email to the campus community earlier this year, as of Dec. 31, Davies will be stepping down from the chief executive's role.

In an interview with /Central Michigan/ Life, Davies discussed priorities for this upcoming semester, his next move and the past six years at CMU. Questions have been edited for clarity and length.

*Read the full interview at [cm-life.com](https://cm-life.com).*

**How would you describe your experience as president? Any monumental moments that you'd like to reflect on and provide advice for the next president?**

I could not define or explain or even attempt to encapsulate what it has meant to be here for me as a professional, for me as a person and then also just for our family. Central is an amazing, amazing university. Its faculty, staff, ... students and alumni are just absolutely phenomenal. The commitment that they have to the institution, the commitment they have to each other within their respective categories, but also across (the board).

This upcoming fall, the freshman class, it's larger than last year ... Transfers are up. Retention numbers are increasing. Total enrollment will be up. You know, these are all things that we put in place, starting ... six years ago, and they're coming to fruition.

I reflect on the COVID years, I mean this, this campus navigated it. We still get phone calls from universities across the country talking about how we navigated that together. ... I'm not saying that every decision was perfect, far from it; but decisions were made in a collective spirit with a collective goal of supporting one another.

"Fire up" means taking on obstacles and overcoming, setting high goals and achieving them and above all, working together. I will say that one of my proudest moments was handing my daughter her diploma for her undergraduate and then her master's. And so, again, as I think about the professional side, the personal side is also so very ... important.

**Do you think you will be staying on at the university as a faculty member?**

Oh, absolutely. I'm looking forward to the next chap-

ter. ... I will be teaching primarily in two areas, but that can also shift around a little bit, given my experience and background and everything else.

I'll be ... a university professor, but honing in on the College of Business and then the College of Education and Human Services — specifically the higher education program. I look forward to teaching. I look forward to writing. I look forward to doing some research to continue the creative side, if you will, along those areas.

My wife and I are looking forward to staying in the area. We purchased a house two years back, we'll be moving there permanently. ... I have a year where I'll be on leave and then I will start my faculty position in the spring semester of 2026.

**What are some priorities this upcoming semester?**

Right now, a lot of focus is on the enrollment — enrollment ... and recruitment of new students — but also the retention and progression of students. Again, we're seeing some very positive numbers with regards to the incoming class, both first-time freshman as well as transfer.

So not only am I focusing on the fall freshman class and transfer class, we're already looking at the 2025 freshman

class, even though that will be beyond my tenure. My goal is to make sure everything is still lockstep, so that they continue to move forward on that.

Also, (we have been) very aggressive with some fundraising and some advancement development goals, so meeting with donors and alumni and supporters to continue to provide private philanthropic support for the institution.

One of the things I'm really proud of is our new strategic plan. ... We'll have our first report out of the strategic plan in September, and making sure that we're on track to continue to move that forward. Those are the real big, specific ones, but also just day-to-day, supporting our faculty, staff and our students.

There's a lot of decisions that need to be made throughout the next four and a half months. ... (I will) continue to be the voice of Central Michigan University and the persona of the university, continue to represent the university throughout the communities in the state and legislature, continue to make decisions that will remove barriers and support our faculty, staff and students. And then the final one is prepare for the transition.

One of the things as a president (is) you're always making sure that the next one that follows you will be able to succeed. In this time frame, I make decisions knowing that I want to give as much flexibility to the next president, but at the same time provide a very smooth transition for him or her into the role.

**What are your thoughts on institutional knowledge, as you come to a close in your presidency and we approach a transitional period?**

I think that's part of the transition, whenever a new leader comes in, to be available to help be a source of institutional knowledge. I know during my transition, I relied heavily on the former president, George Ross, for background information ... but also just really coming in and knowing ... what you don't know.

In that first year, as I mentioned, I'll be serving on a leave, so to speak. ... I'll be accessible to the new president at all times, to answer questions, to provide insights, to ... be there as a resource. So that institutional knowledge ... absolutely is essential, and any good president will ... lead with questions. It's really learning about what makes CMU unique, what are its core values and strengths.

I know it's gonna be a deep candidate pool. And so, I feel very comfortable the next president will do some amazing things.

**Is there anything else you want to share with our readers?**

I want the CM Life readers to take pride in what they helped develop over the past six years or so. ... It really is something special that they were part. I do want to say this: thank you. Thank you for welcoming me into this CMU community, welcoming me and my family into the greater Mount Pleasant, Michigan community. We are humbled and honored to be members of this amazing organization, to be members of this amazing community.



# Mental health investment boosts Counseling Center

By Lauren Rice  
Editor-in-chief

As the Central Michigan University Counseling Center reaches its highest number of counselors since 2019, the Division of Student Affairs is preparing to conduct its next Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training session for staff in mid-September.

This summer, the Counseling Center added a new position, and filled one that was open — bringing it up to 11 full-time counselors and one part-time.

"I'm really excited about what we have going on, it's always a pleasant surprise when you far exceed your own expectations," Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Stan Shingles said.

The MHFA, along with investments in the counseling center, were part of the goals he introduced for the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) back in April.

"We still have things to work on;

some of these things never end," he said.

"The training is really focused on awareness and attention," Shingles said. "What I'm most excited about is how our staff is engaged."

The training was paid for by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Melissa Hutchinson, executive director of the Counseling Center and MHFA instructor, said the grant gives the school \$100,000 every year for three years to continue annual staff training.

Shingles said a big part of the training is getting people who are struggling to the resources they need— which is not always counseling.

"This doesn't replace counselors... and the necessary resources might not be counseling," he said. For example, someone experiencing anxiety around money might benefit more from visiting the

financial aid office and developing a plan than they would from talk therapy.

This comes at the same time as a nationwide shortage of mental health professionals.

According to a study by the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), more than half (169 million) of the U.S. population lives in a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area as of Dec. 2023.

The study also projects substantial shortages of addiction counselors, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists by 2036.

Hutchinson said hiring has been a challenge in the past, because for every licensed mental health professional, there are more than a few jobs for them to choose from.

A pay increase counselors received as part of the budget approved by the Board of Trustees in June could make hiring easier, though. Shingles said the university

Human Resources office conducted an assessment to make sure counselors were being paid equitably to other colleges and universities.

"Our salaries now are a little more competitive, compared to other institutions that are hiring," Hutchinson said.

The proposal to conduct the assessment came at the same time as the proposal, supported by President Bob Davies, to hire another counselor.

"I'm grateful for President Davies for his support, and for leadership from Stan Shingles and (Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs) Erica Johnson," Hutchinson said.

Funding for an after-hours crisis call service was also approved by the Board of Trustees. The service was available last year, paid for by grant funding, but it's now part of the 2024-25 budget.

Hutchinson said that with the service, calling the counseling



Stan Shingles

center after-hours will connect the caller to an operator capable of assessing for danger and talking someone through a crisis. Last year, the service was primarily used by residence life staff for assistance resolving problems.

"Now that we have this service, people who live off campus can have better access," Hutchinson said.

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# No place like home?

*Some city residents could have lost their water; others lost their apartments. What has some tenants feeling left out to dry?*

**By Masha Smahliuk**  
Managing editor

Residents at three apartment complexes in Mount Pleasant came home to some disturbing news earlier this year: Their water bill, which they paid with their rent, was overdue and the city could cut off sewage and water connections.

It was their housing management company, Millennia, that missed their due date to pay the water bills to the city twice in six months.

Millennia is based in Ohio and owns Oxford Row, Canterbury Apartments and Winchester Towers in Mount Pleasant, which were affordable housing. But they are no longer that either, after the Department of HUD debarred the management company. That

means it no longer accepts government subsidy for housing.

To avoid the missed payments again, the city of Mount Pleasant is drafting a new utility policy for apartment complexes with 20 or more units that have overdue water bills.

## What is the new utility billing policy?

City manager Aaron Desentz said that the new utility billing ordinance is being drafted right now, with input from the city commissioners. He estimates that the city commission will see it again in September and vote on it in October.

If approved by the commission, Desentz said this new policy will be enacted after 30 days, which

means it could potentially take ahold in November.

The draft reads that if a management company with more than 20 units within their apartment complex is late twice on its utility bills, the city requires a deposit.

That deposit equals three months' of the average utility bill usage at that complex and will be put on file with the city, he said.

If the company is late a third or a fourth time, the city is able to use the deposit to pay those utility bills, Desentz said.

"This ensures that the individuals who live at that complex would not see their utility bills shut off, and this is in the event where the renter is paying the management company the utilities, as part of their rent," Desentz said.

Meanwhile, the company that

is late on their payments will still have a graduated late fee penalty. The current policy is that the late charges are 5%, but it will increase to 10% and 1% for each month they are late afterwards, Desentz said.

But he said if they are on time for the next 18 months afterwards, they would no longer have to have the deposit on file or be subjected to the fee.

"The whole point of the ordinance that is being crafted here is to make sure that people are able to stay within the homes that they have with very minimal disruption," Desentz said. "I think the policy overall is a good policy."

Desentz said the city decided

to act on this issue because this management company has had issues around the United States.

"This situation being fairly unique, yet something we anticipated could cause future problems," Desentz said. "We crafted a policy very much dedicated to that specific situation."

Desentz did not mention the name of the management company because he said he hopes the company's "rough patch" is just temporary and things will get better.

But, according to the city website, there are several past due and water shut off notices in the utilities billing information



The watertower is a recognizable landmark in Mount Pleasant.



Masha Smahliuk | Managing editor

A sign greets residents and guests of the Canterbury Apartments Aug. 9.



at 40 addresses of apartment complexes, owned by Millennia Housing Apartments.

For example, at 1501 Portabella, which is Oxford Row I, the past due notices were sent on March 20 and April 18, and the bill was adjusted with a door tag fee on May 7.

Similarly, at 1513 Portabella, which is also Oxford Row I, there were other past due and water shut off notices on Jan. 9, May 7 and June 20.

At 1518 Canterbury Trail, which is Canterbury East, there were also water shut off and past due notices on January 9, March 20 and April 18.

In a written statement from Millennia Companies' PR representative Isys Caffey-Horne said that the two instances of the water shut off notices their residents received were payment errors by the third-party billing company. They are also now up-to-date with their utility payments.

"These delays did not result in any disconnection of water utilities or fines from the city, and the matter has been addressed

with the property's vendor," Caffey-Horne said. "In each case, the management team quickly communicated with residents to avoid unnecessary concerns."

**How did the shutoff notices affect tenants?**

Amanda Brake is the Mount Pleasant Housing Commission (MPHC) Section 8 Coordinator. Section 8 is the income-based subsidy vouchers for housing.

Brake said there are 13 local landlords in Mount Pleasant who accept the vouchers. There were three main apartment complexes that the MPHC worked with, such as Chase Run, Listening Ear and Oxford Rows, but they are no longer working with Oxford Rows as of today.

"My families were calling me, being furious," Brake said. "I've got 10 families that are over there (in Oxford Rows and Canterbury). Not all of the buildings actually received a water shutoff notice. So there were some of my tenants that did not, and some

of them did. And, of course, the first time it happened, I was like, 'there's no way.'"

But the notice was real. And it happened again.

"The second time it (happened), I had more families calling me, they were absolutely livid," Brake said. "When they called to check on how much was owed, it was over \$30,000 in water bills that had not been paid."

Brake said now she is relocating multiple tenants from Millennia-owned apartment complexes in Mount Pleasant.

"It's difficult, and it provided an entirely new difficulty to the situation of housing and assistance and relocation for sure," Brake said.

But the water shut off notices are not the reason for relocation.

Last year, HUD started an investigation into Millennia because they received many complaints about quality control and maintenance, Brake said.

The Mississippi Free Press reported that a woman and her 5-year-old daughter died in the Millennia-owned Sunset Village

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in Cleveland, Mississippi, from a gas leak in 2022.

In Memphis, Tennessee, Fox 13 reported in 2023 that in Hope Hights, owned by Millennia, dis-

abled tenants couldn't leave their apartments for weeks, because the elevator wasn't working.

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# APARTMENTS

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In Kansas City, elderly residents in Gabriel Tower, owned by Millennia, hadn't had heat during this past January, KCTV Channel 5 reports. According to the National Weather Service, temperatures in Kansas City in January average about 38 degrees Fahrenheit.

HUD came up with a decision to debar, which means to forbid the company from entering into federal contracts. Therefore, Millennia stopped taking the federally funded Section 8 vouchers.

According to the U.S. General Services Administration website, the HUD's decision is active from Dec. 14, 2023, to Dec. 13, 2028.

Brake said the MPHC stopped doing business with them. The residents are able to finish their lease with Section 8 vouchers, but they will not renew.

There are 10 tenants that Brake has to relocate; some of them are elderly and lived in their apartments for over 20 years.

Residents in Millennia-owned apartments did not reply to several attempts to reach them.

"It's a big blow to lose them as a community partner to be able to get our families housing," Brake said. "I've been working really hard on bringing new landlords in to accept the vouchers."

Caffey-Horne from Millennia wrote in a statement that Millennia Companies have been providing affordable housing with more than 20,000 units across the U.S. for nearly 30 years.

"Many of these communities were in deep disrepair due to historical neglect by previous owners, and through its work," she said. "The Millennia Companies sought to revitalize these properties to provide safe, decent and sanitary homes in accordance with HUD guidelines."

But Caffey-Horne said now Millennia is in the process of selling the majority of its affordable housing properties.

"The Millennia Companies

is thankful for its decades of partnership with HUD and looks forward to facilitating a smooth transition in partnership with HUD and the future buyer," Caffey-Horne said in a statement.

## A national problem of affordable housing

MPHC's Brake said the Section 8 vouchers are great things and they provide housing relief for low-income families.

She said they let people live in the place of their choice, and they get a coupon that pays a part of their rent.

But not everything is that easy. Brake said the number of vouchers is limited. Isabella County has 54 vouchers, she said, and the waitlist to be offered one can take about five years.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority Communications Director Katie Bach said in a written statement that the current Section 8 waitlist is closed, but when open, it prioritizes applicants who are homeless.

She said MSHDA saw an increase in those applications.

To qualify for the Section 8 voucher, Brake said, a tenant must be at or below 50% of the poverty level. According to 2024 HUD poverty limits, a one-person household is considered low-income if they earn \$44,600. They are considered very low income if they make \$27,900.

Bach said the family is required to pay at least 30% of its adjusted monthly income toward their portion of the rent and utilities, and the voucher covers the rest.

Each year, HUD publishes a fair market rate, which the MPHC uses to determine how much the voucher is going to pay, Brake said.

"Is that actually affordable?" she said. "That is definitely up for debate. And I would say, no, it's

not. The majority of the rents ... are astronomically higher every time they raise rates, in comparison to the income that our folks are receiving in the community. So rents are not affordable."

Brake said they are seeing the lack of affordable housing issue all around the United States. One of the things that's causing it are corporate landlords who are buying single-family housing and increasing the rent.

Desentz said the new utility billing policy will not affect rent prices in Mount Pleasant.

"The policy was very much crafted for, call it 'bad behavior' if you will, and so I don't think this is going to have any other impact on any other property owners out there ... unless they find themselves late on paying utilities for 20 or more units within a 6-month period," he said.

Brake said she hopes that Millennia will get it together, and this situation will not happen again.

She also said it is important that the residents have different housing opportunities and are now confident in their choices. She said other landlords helped her relocate the residents, and churches volunteered to help with move ins.

"I want to see there be more affordable housing," Brake said. "I would love for there to be a requirement that every landlord take a voucher, because we have awesome folks that, they're lower income, but they're incredible residents."

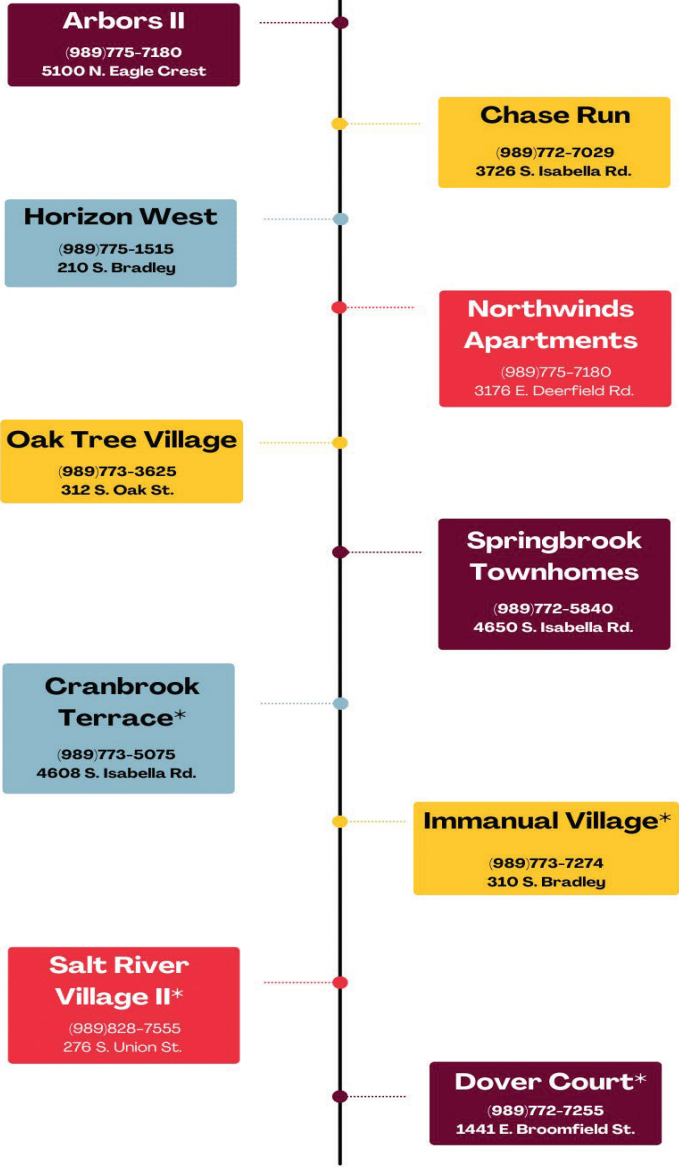
"I wish all communities had more of an openness and a willingness to work with vouchers and to get our families housed."

Bach said that having an affordable place to live is a foundation for success in life.

"When individuals and families have housing stability, they tend to do better in other aspects of their lives, from education, health, nutrition and work,"

## Affordable Housing

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Masha Smahliuk | Managing editor

she said in a written statement. "When housing is stable it increases opportunities for economic mobility, and it lessens stress on families and frees up funds for other basic needs."

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## EDITORIAL

# It is up to us

Today we settle in the comfort of our dorm rooms, prepare binders for the first day of classes and meet old or new friends, while escaping the reality of hometown and entering a new chapter in life. But the world around us doesn't stop.

We go to our classes while people are denied access to healthcare and cost of living increases.

We have the issues of gun violence, racism and climate change. We buy a morning cup of coffee while the Russia-Ukrainian War is about to go into year 11 and deaths in Gaza top 40,000. We still have places where human rights are violated every second.

Our generation is inheriting a world that's on fire. And it is up to us to make it a better place.

We are not just heading out to our first day of classes: We are gaining education to be able to govern ourselves, make the right choices and create the world that we want.

Our time is now. It is important to remember that our power is in democracy. And the essence and power of our democ-

racy is in fair elections.

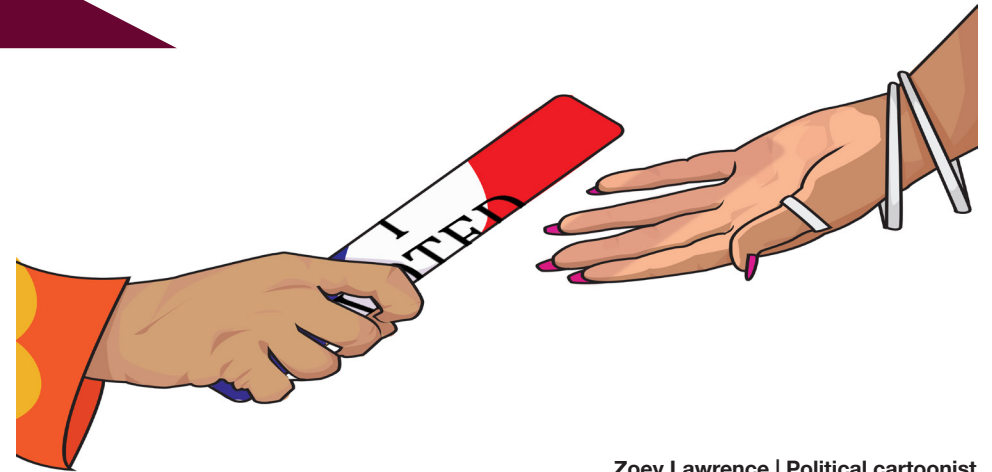
Our generation was more engaged in voting in our first election than any generation before us, according to a Tufts University, Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) study.

CIRCLE reports that 27% of youth voters cast a ballot in the 2022 midterm elections. Young voters in Michigan turned out at even higher rates: about 37% voted in the last midterm, Michigan's Youth Vote data shows.

In the November general election, there are going to be over 40 million young Americans who will be able to speak up and make their voices heard. CIRCLE's poll expects that we will, estimating that 57% of young people are likely to vote.

And while you are creating the world you want by advocating for and voting on issues that concern you, we, your student media, will be watchdogs for democracy.

In the last year, we reported on the Israel and Hamas war and its impact on Central Michigan University. We closely



Zoey Lawrence | Political cartoonist

observed CMU's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion promises and reality. We delivered news from two primary elections, got local reactions to updates in the presidential race, covered a voting-spurred civil rights lawsuit and asked the campus about the state of democracy.

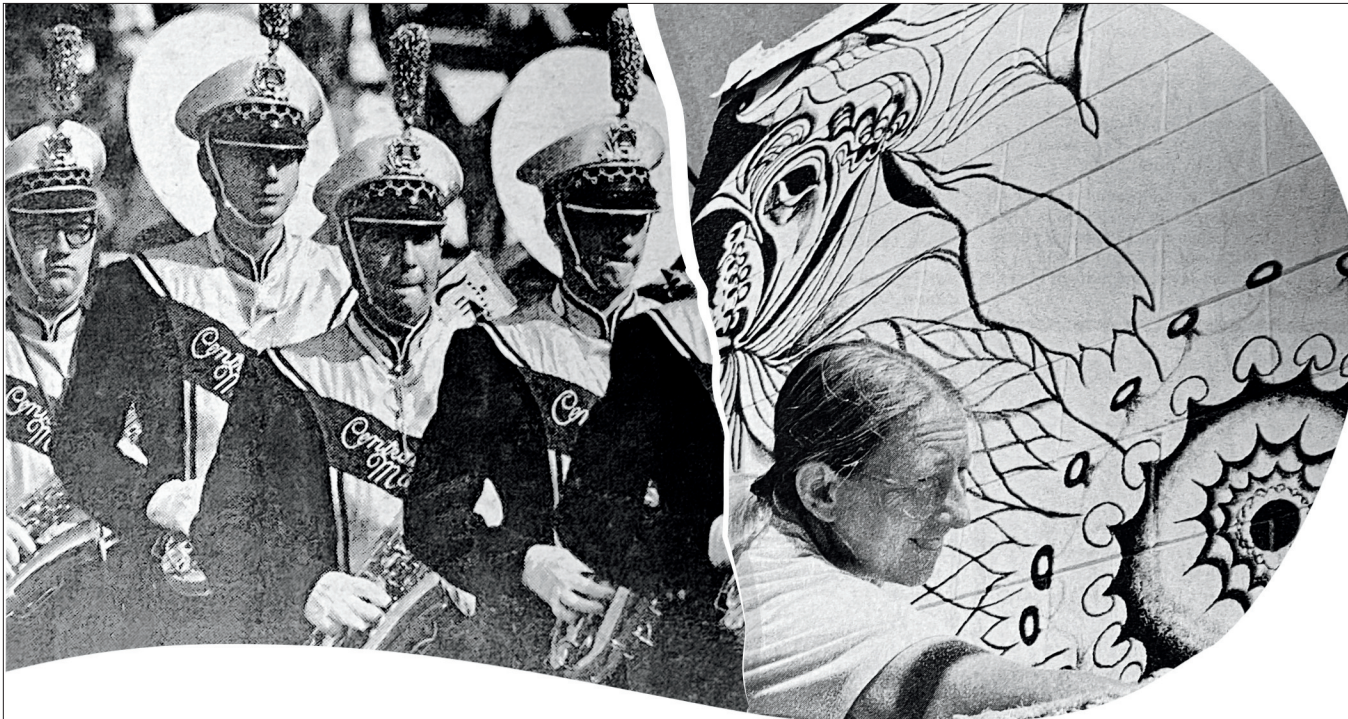
This year we will only continue to bring you truthful, fair and timely information. We will go through this presidential race, the November general election and a slew of world events together.

It is up to you, however, to be engaged and involved in the conversation, to ask hard questions and to tell the

people who would govern you what you want. It is up to you whether we will silently watch this world burn or turn on the fire extinguisher.

Our generation has so much empathy, tolerance and a powerful sense of what is right. We have fresh and new views on current issues, diverse backgrounds and different, yet all-important, perspectives. And it is the young generation that inspires change, as history has long shown.

This world needs us. Its future is up to us, and the future starts now.



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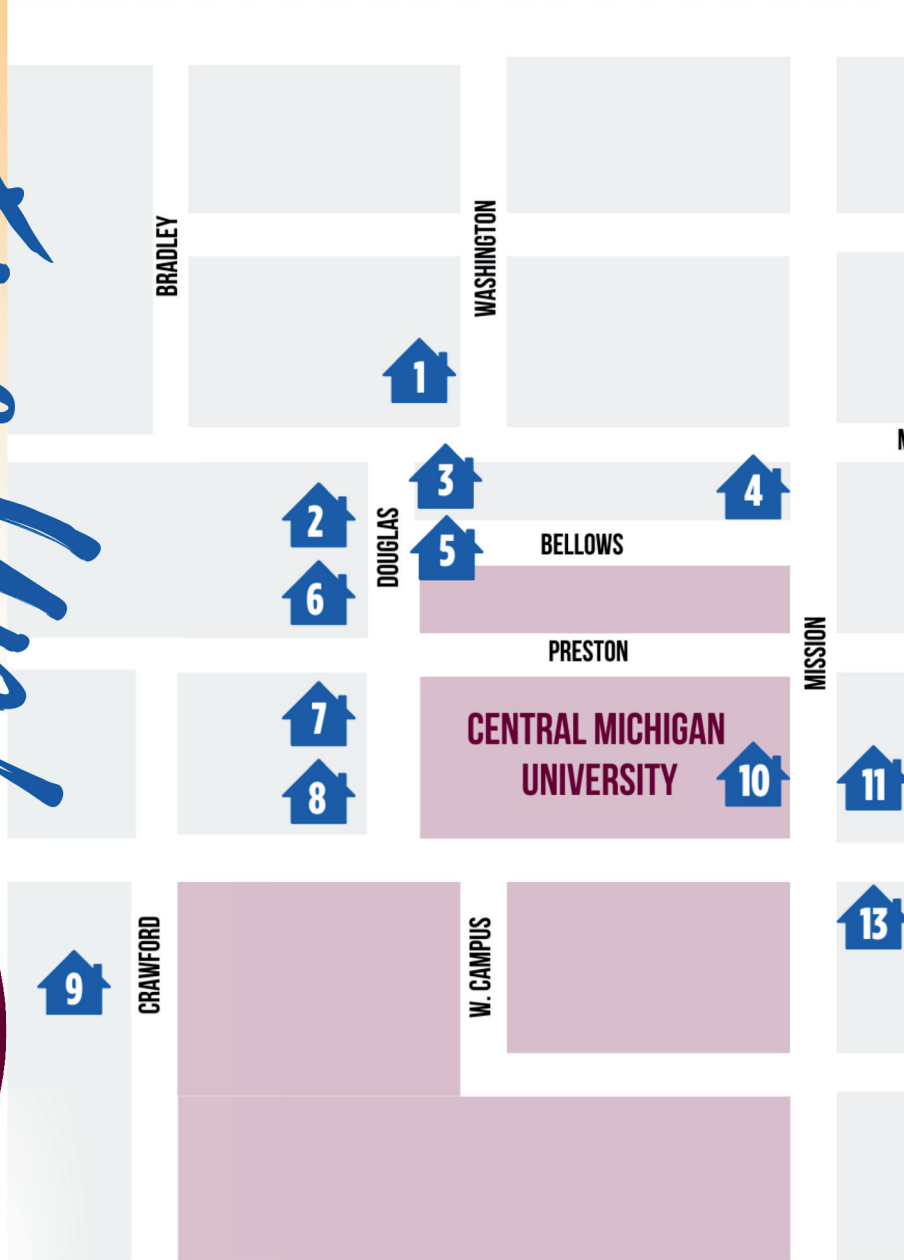
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**23rd - Program Board: Wonka Movie Showing**  
7pm / Powers Ballroom



**25th - Women's Soccer**  
1pm / CMU Soccer/Lacrosse Complex

**25th - Chippewa Marching Band: Pre-Season Show**  
1pm / Kelly/Shorts Stadium



**25th - MainStage 2024**  
4-7pm / Franklin Street

**26th - Central Welcome Breakfast**  
8:30-11 am / UC Rotunda

**27th - Student Employment Job Fair**  
11am-2pm / UC Rotunda

**27th - Greeks on the Lawn**  
5-7pm / Biosciences Lawn

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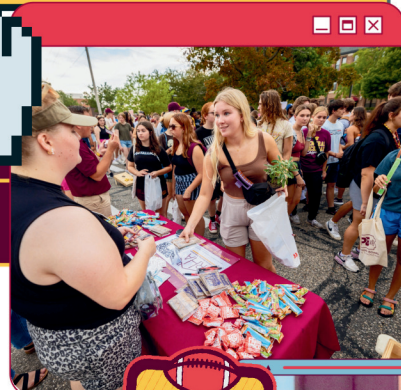
**28th - Get Acquainted Day**  
4-7 pm / Warriner Mall

**28th - Fire Up Fest**  
7-9 pm / Kulhavi Events Center Plaza

**29th - Tailgate Central**  
5-7pm / Outside the Student Activity Center

**29th - CMU Football v. CCSU**  
7pm / Kelly/Shorts Stadium

**30th - LGBTQ+ Welcome Back**  
4-6 pm / Center for Student Inclusion & Diversity



SEPT



**3rd - CBA Involvement Fair**

2:30-5:30pm / Warriner Mall / Rain Location: Grawn Atrium

**3rd - RecFest: Glow Dodgeball**

7:00-10:00pm / Student Activity Center: MAC Gym 1

**3rd - RecFest: Super Smash Bros Tournament**

7:00-10:00pm / Student Activity Center: Room 202

**4th - CSE Launchpad**

6:00pm / Biosciences 1010

**4th - RecFest: Glow Volleyball**

7:00-10:00pm / Student Activity Center: MAC Gym 1

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**7th - SAI On the Road: Lansing Markets**  
10am / Depart from UC

**10th - Take Care on the Lawn**  
12:30-3:30pm / UC Lawn

**10th - First Gen Mixer**  
4-6 pm / Student Activity Center: NIRSA Room

**11th - Coneys & Careers**  
11am-2pm / UC Lawn

**14th - SAI On the Road: Chicago**  
6am / Depart from UC

**16th - Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff**

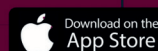
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# WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?



*The 2024  
football season  
preview*



# Football looks to flip the switch

## *After back-to-back losing seasons, CMU coach, players ready to rally*

By Kaia Zimmerman  
and Sydney Neal  
Sports Editor and  
Assistant Sports Editor

As the 2024 season approaches, Central Michigan football head coach Jim McElwain finds himself in uncharted territory. The 5-7 record last year led to back-to-back losing seasons for the Chippewas, a first in McElwain's tenure.

Coming into the new season, McElwain reiterated a similar message to the previous year, calling the performance "unacceptable" while putting the blame solely on himself.

"This football program deserves a hell of a lot better than it's gotten in the last couple of years, and that's my responsibility," McElwain said in a preseason press conference. "And that's the direction we're headed."

CMU football looks to turn things around with fresh faces and veteran leadership.

A point of emphasis for the returning leaders is to build the connection between the team, which they believe will help drive success.

"My first year here was 2021, and one of the things that I noticed that team had ... was a big sense of camaraderie," senior running back Marion Lukes said. "... I felt like that, losing a lot of those players that we had that year, it kind of slowed us down in that aspect."

"I felt like this off-season, we've built a lot. Those older guys, we've stepped up, and we've taken the younger dudes' hands and (said) 'this is how we do things.'"

One of the team's main focuses this year is limiting mistakes on the offensive end and creating more turnovers on defense.

Last year, the Chippewas' defense ranked last in the MAC in fumbles forced with three and interceptions with five. This led to them being ranked last in

defense efficiency.

"If you just take turnovers itself, we haven't got many on defense and we gave too many up on offense," McElwain said. "If you just flip that, all of a sudden, those records are a lot better now."

On the other end, the Chippewas had 16 fumbles in the 2023 season, with four of them ending in a change of possession. Along with that, the quarterback duo of Jase Bauer and Bert Emanuel Jr. threw for 11 interceptions.

"We (have) got to stop focusing on playing against other teams, we got to play against ourselves," Lukes said. "And that's ultimately how we've been losing; we've been beating ourselves at the end of the day. Like Coach Mac told us, we fumbled the ball too much, we gave the ball to up too much and we didn't get enough turnovers."

### Key losses

With new seasons come players leaving, whether to graduation or the transfer portal. The Chippewas lost some key players, especially on the defensive end.

"I want our guys to want to be here, I want them to be Chippewas," McElwain said about the transfer portal. "And if they... make that choice to do something else, I'm not mad at them because now we're eliminating somebody from the locker room that really doesn't want to be here."

The biggest position to take a hit was the defensive line, which lost four key players. Robi Stuart, Maurice White and Jaques Bristol all graduated, while defensive end Quindario Lee went to the portal.

The defense lost one of its veteran leaders when linebacker Kyle Moretti also went into the portal. Moretti led the team in tackles in 2022 with 95.

Along with Moretti, the Chippewas also lost safety Trey Jones,



CMU junior Marion Lukes breaks from EMU's defense to score a touchdown in the fourth quarter Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, in Kelly/Shorts Stadium. **CM Life photo | Rebecca Particka | File**

who was a consistent force in CMU's secondary, leading the team in tackles in 2023 with 66.

On the offensive side, the Chippewas lost a leader on the offensive line in Deiyantei Powell-Woods due to graduation.

Most notably to enter the portal was quarterback Jase Bauer, who took the starting role for the majority of the 2023 season. In his final season with CMU, he threw for 1,881 yards with 12 touchdown passes.

### Who will step up?

As the Chippewa defense lost some of its leaders, new veterans will be the focus for success. This includes senior Donte Kent, a Jim Thorpe Award watch list candidate and preseason First Team All-MAC selection, leads the group.

With over 182 career tackles and 37 pass breakups, Kent has been a pivotal player for CMU's

defense over the last three seasons and will be crucial to the Chippewas' defensive success.

Senior Da'Raun McKinney and redshirt junior Marcus Badgett return as starters in CMU's secondary. McKinney, entering his second season after transferring from South Dakota, quickly became a key player in 2023, finishing with 39 tackles and four pass breakups.

Badgett contributed nine solo tackles, two pass breakups and an interception last year.

Freshman cornerbacks Bryce Rowe, Jaion Jackson and Keyton Jones add young talent. Rowe, an All-State honoree from West Bloomfield High School.

Junior defensive lineman Jason Williams, a preseason All-MAC selection, returns to anchor the inside. Williams played in all 12 games last season, starting seven, and contributed 36 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, a sack and two quarterback hurries. He has 67

career tackles and 9.5 tackles for loss over three seasons.

Redshirt junior lineman Michael Heldman, with 27 games of experience and two Academic All-MAC honors, joins Williams. Heldman has recorded 44 career tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks.

### At the helm

Central Michigan enters the 2024 season with a deep quarterback room, led by Emanuel Jr., and junior transfer Joe Labas.

Last season, Central Michigan quarterbacks completed 56% of their passes, averaging 184.7 passing yards per game with 15 touchdowns through the air.

CMU quarterbacks also combined for 585 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns, demonstrating a well-rounded offensive strategy.

Both Emanuel Jr. and Labas are at the forefront as all eyes look to who will be the starting



quarterback for the season.

Labas who previously was quarterback at Iowa, only saw one game starter in a 21-0 win over Kentucky in the Music City Bowl.

Emanuel Jr. started as a true freshman in one game but saw four in 2022. Following in 2023, he saw action in six games with total rush yards of 716 and was responsible for 12 touchdowns (nine rushing, three passing). He returns in hopes of leading a winning team this season.

"Out of high school, (Central Michigan) was the only school to give me an opportunity to come in and play quarterback," Emanuel Jr. said. "They just trusted I could play quarterback, so I am going to stay loyal to them all the way through to the end."

## Run it back

At the forefront is senior running back Marion Lukes, the two-time All-MAC selection, who has a total of 2,698 all-purpose yards with 11 touchdowns. As a two-time MAC West Player of the Week, Lukes is poised to be a key contributor for the Chippewas once again in 2024.

"My personal goal is to just hold on to the football, don't leave any doubt, and play every play like it's my last," Lukes said. "It's my last season in college and I have a good feeling about what's going to be after this for me. But I have to prove that and continue to elevate my game."

Lukes will be joined by senior running back Myles Bailey who also was a force in the backfield in the previous season. He ended the 2023 season with 476 yards and three touchdowns.

"I'll put those two guys against any room in the country," McElwain said. "... Those guys have been here, they know what it is. You see it when they play, they fought through injuries, each one of them. I expect them to be back 100% healthy and ready to go."

## It starts up front

The rushing attack success relies heavily on the players up front, according to McElwain.

"I really believe that room (offensive line) is going to take the biggest step of any of our rooms to help those guys (running backs) get that yardage, protect our quarterbacks, allow us to throw it over the top of people's heads," McElwain said.

Senior offensive lineman Brayden

Swartout leads the charge as the cornerstone of the Chippewa offense. A pre-season All-MAC honoree and two-time Academic All-MAC selection, Swartout returns for his final season.

With 25 consecutive starts at right tackle, Swartout's presence will provide stability as he seeks to cap off his career on a high note.

"My biggest goal as a team is to get as many wins as possible," Swartout said. "Personal goals: I want to lock in on my pass protection this season. It's been lacking the past couple of years."

On the left side, redshirt junior Davis Heinzen is a critical piece of the team, with 24 consecutive starts. Heinzen earned a spot on the Third Team All-MAC preseason list in 2024, along with defensive back Myles Bailey.

At the center, redshirt senior Dominic Serapiglia III, with 25 career starts across 38 games. The in-game experience reading defenses and making split-second adjustments, helps the Chippewas' offense remain steady.

Three key transfers add depth to the line. Jemeil Jackson, a senior standout from Fort Valley State with two All-CCA selections, Luis Martinez from West Liberty and Bronson Burton from Avila, bolster the squad.

## Experience at receiver

CMU had many returners on offense for the 2024 season, three veteran receivers return despite losing one key player. Second Team All-MAC Selection Jesse Prewitt III leads the receiving corps, having topped the team in receptions (31) and touchdown catches (four) last year.

Tyson Davis, a Flint native, also returns after leading the team with 453 receiving yards and tying Prewitt with four touchdown receptions despite playing only 10 games.

Chris Parker, a possession receiver with an average of 18.18 yards per catch and three touchdowns, adds another layer to CMU's offense.

Transfers Solomon Davis from Valparaiso and Tommy McIntosh from Wisconsin bring further depth. Davis, a two-time All-Pioneer League First Team selection, brings experience and playmaking ability, while McIntosh's towering 6-foot-5 frame offers a major red-zone target.

The Chippewas open the season at home Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. against Central Connecticut State.



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# The pick is in

*As the football opener approaches, our sports editors share their predictions for the season*



**By Sydney Neal and Kaia Zimmerman**  
Assistant Sports Editor and Sports Editor

## Week 1 vs Central Connecticut State

**Neal:** CMU 38, CCSU 13

Despite the talent at Central Connecticut State University, Central Michigan University is hungry to have a win out of the gate. The talent on the team this season should give them an advantage. All eyes will point to the infamous duo of Marion Lukes and Myles Bailey, both combined will make explosive plays against CCSU. Lastly, home-field advantage. With it not only being the first game of the season but the first home opener since 2022, the crowd will energize the team to perform strong on the field.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 27, CCSU 17

This season opener will be a little different for the Chippewas, compared to last year when they played Michigan State. This year, CMU will stay home to start the season and face an Football Championship Subdivision opponent CCSU that went 3-8 in 2023. Last year, the Chippewas found success at home (4-1), and I see that continuing into the 2024 season, especially in week one. I do see this game being tighter than people expect as it is the first game of the season.

## Week 2 @ Florida International

**Neal:** CMU 27, FIU 20

Both teams have had previous-season trouble, which makes both fight for a win. In the opening of the game, I expect both teams to establish momentum early with FIU scoring first. CMU must establish a solid offense early, their passing game crucial for making plays against FIU's secondary. CMU has struggled on the road in previous years and will travel a distance to Miami; however, they must lock-in early to maintain dominance in the heat.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 30, FIU 20

FIU is coming into the year with five-straight losing seasons. I think this will be

a test to see how the Chippewas perform on the road and if the away struggles continue from last season (1-6). However, I think CMU will overpower the Panthers on the offensive side. FIU's defense struggled in the previous season, letting up 436.7 yards per game and 190.8 rushing yards. With the running back duo of Bailey and Lukes returning, the Chippewas will defeat the Panthers to start off 2-0.

## Week 3 @ Illinois

**Neal:** CMU 17, Illinois 34

Last season, CMU opened its season up against another Power Five school -- Michigan State. Coming off their first two easier opponents, Illinois will apply pressure early on. Last season, Illinois went 3-6 but had powerful wins over Indiana and Florida Atlantic in the 2023 season but CMU could keep the game competitive by capitalizing on Illinois mistakes early.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 13, Illinois 38

I see the rushing attack for the Chippewas making things hard for the Fighting Illini defense. However, I think after a close first half, Illinois will shut the door on CMU, leading to its first loss of the season.

## Week 4 vs. Ball State

**Neal:** CMU 24, Ball State 21

Despite being easily matched MAC teams, both are looking to break out early in conference season. Both teams have had losing seasons in the past years, so this matchup could go either way. With Ball State having new additions to its defensive line, it's important for CMU's offense to attack early. Again, home-field advantage has worked for CMU in the past and expect this time to be no different.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 24, Ball State 20

Home is where the Chippewas shined last year, and I see that continuing. Ball State only returns two starters on defense from the previous 4-8 year. With the lack of experience on the defensive side for BSU, I think the run game for the Chippewas will shine, as they take the win in their first MAC game of the year.

## Week 5 vs. San Diego State

**Neal:** CMU 20, SDSU 30

SDSU is opening its 2024 season with new head coach, Sean Lewis, the previous offensive coordinator at The University of Colorado. Although being a home game, SDSU has a reputation for being

the best defense in the Mountain West Conference. This will make it difficult for CMU's offense to break through. CMU will have to utilize its special teams, particularly with Lukes as a returner to keep up with SDSU's defense. Despite CMU's home advantage, SDSU's defense and ball control will give CMU the upper hand over the Chippewas.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 17, SDSU 24

San Diego State welcomes new head coach Sean Lewis this season, after a disappointing 2023. Lewis has a good résumé. He was the head coach at Kent State and the offensive coordinator at Colorado under Deion Sanders. I think as the Aztecs start a new chapter; they will defeat the Chippewas in a down-to-the-wire matchup.

## Week 6 vs. Ohio

**Neal:** Ohio 28, CMU 24

Despite CMU celebrating its homecoming game, Ohio is one of the stronger teams in the MAC, especially in offense. Ohio also comes in with an experienced quarterback and a strong offensive line. The Bobcats' strong, dynamic passing game and ground attack give them the potential to put up points fast, something CMU's defense won't be expecting. It'll be crucial for CMU to execute on third downs and score with touchdowns in the red zone ... not field goals.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 17, Ohio 10

Last year's matchup against the Bobcats was disappointing for CMU, as it left Athens with a 34-20 loss. I think this season will be different. The Chippewas will have some revenge on their mind. The game is also CMU's homecoming, meaning the crowd and environment could be a factor in the game.

## Week 7 @ Eastern Michigan

**Neal:** CMU 28, EMU 21

Tensions will be high due to the long-rooted rivalry between these two teams, creating an intensity for a win. It will be interesting to see how CMU will play due to its previous losing streak on the road. Eastern has a reputation for a tough defense and solid offense that can create attacks, turnovers and disrupt CMU plays. Although I believe CMU will come out on top, this may be a game that could be decided in the last half.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 23, EMU 20

The Eastern Michigan rivalry didn't

disappoint last season as it drew a crowd of over 28,000 fans. This year, the game is back at Eastern's home field. However, I see the Chippewas still coming out on top in a tight game.

## Week 8 @ Miami (Ohio)

**Neal:** CMU 13, Miami 28

Miami (Ohio) finished first in the MAC East Division and was known for both its strong defense and efficient offense. Miami has a balanced offense that features a veteran quarterback and a solid running game all around. CMU will have to play clean football to avoid turnovers and other mistakes that Miami would catch onto.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 10, Miami 31

Miami (Ohio) is the reigning MAC champions and are coming into the 2024 season with a lot of expectation, earning first in the preseason poll. The game against the RedHawks starts a tough three-game stretch for the Chippewas. Last year, Miami ranked in the top three for both points per game and points allowed. I see their success continuing, especially as the RedHawks return some starters, including sixth-year linebacker Matt Salopek.

## Week 9 vs Bowling Green

**Neal:** CMU 17, BGSU 23

Both teams are closely matched in the MAC, but BGSU has a solid passing and running attack that could throw CMU's defensive line off. If CMU can create pressure on BGSU's quarterback, the game has a probability of going in either direction.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 17, BGSU 28

Bowling Green was the second-ranked offense in the 2023 season, averaging 26.2 points per game. I think the Falcons' offense will cause some problems for the CMU defense which lost some key pieces due to the transfer portal and graduation.

## Week 10 @ Toledo

**Neal:** CMU 14, Toledo 34

Toledo dominated the MAC last season, with an undefeated record and a bowl game against Wyoming. Its offense seems to be the best in the MAC, which CMU's defense will have difficulty stopping. This game will be all about stopping the Rockets'. If CMU can catch the plays of Toledo early, you will have a little more navigation over the game at hand.

**Zimmerman:** CMU 13, Toledo 24

Toledo dominated regular season MAC



play last year, ranking No. 23 nationally at one point. The Rockets have some of that talent returning, including six all-MAC selections. The talent they bring back includes wide receiver Jerjuan Newton, who led the MAC with 696 receiving yards and nine touchdowns last season. The offense will be too much for the Chippewas defense, and lead to their third-straight loss.

### **Week 11 vs. Western Michigan** **Neal: CMU 27, WMU 24**

This is the biggest game of the season for both teams, as it is the biggest rivalry in the MAC. CMU finally has a home-field advantage, which will be the upper hand for the Chippewas. WMU usually has a balanced attack, moving the ball through the air and on the ground. CMU must break up the runs to force most of WMU to pass. Despite both teams playing hard defense, there will need to be big stops in the red zone and limiting easy points.

#### **Zimmerman: CMU 28, WMU 20**

The rivalry is back in Mount Pleasant, and is the last home game of the year for the Chippewas. After last year's loss in Kalamazoo, I see CMU coming out on

top to win the victory cannon. Home field advantage plus coming off a tough stretch against the three best teams in the MAC, will drive the Chippewas to a win.

### **Week 12 @ Northern Illinois** **Neal: CMU 17, NIU 27**

NIU thrives on physical ground attack and its ability to maintain the clock with runs is a major factor for them. CMU's defense will be challenged with the run game that the Huskies bring. NIU is also able to make crucial stops at important moments. CMU's quarterback and offensive line will have to be on the toes for sacks in the red zone. CMU will also have to play clean football and not give up easy points from NIU's ability to force turnovers.

#### **Zimmerman: CMU 13, NIU 27**

NIU has a lot of experience on its team, with 32 seniors leading the way. The Huskies return 18 starters, which could be a factor for success. One of those returning is senior running back Antario Brown. He was hard for the Chippewas to contain in the 2023 matchup. He had 167 yards rushing with one touchdown. NIU will defeat the Chippewas for its final game of the season.

## 2024 SEASON SCHEDULE:

**Week 1 vs. Central Connecticut State**  
(Aug. 29/ 7:30 p.m.)

**Week 7 @ Eastern Michigan**  
(Oct. 19/TBA)

**Week 2 @ Florida International**  
(Sep. 7/ 6 p.m.)

**Week 8 @ Miami (Ohio)**  
(Oct. 26/TBA)

**Week 3 @ Illinois**  
(Sept. 14/ noon)

**Week 9 vs Bowling Green**  
(Nov. 5/ 7:30 or 8 p.m.)

**Week 4 vs. Ball State**  
(Sept 21/ TBA)

**Week 10 @ Toledo**  
(Nov. 12/ 7 p.m.)

**Week 5 vs. San Diego State**  
(Sept. 28/TBA)

**Week 11 vs Western Michigan**  
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**Week 6 vs. Ohio**  
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## LIFE THROUGH OUR LENS

# University initiates \$5 sustainability fee

By **Blace Carpenter**  
Staff reporter

Students at Central Michigan University will automatically be enrolled in a new \$5 semesterly fee this fall. The fee will fund sustainability projects and efforts on campus. Students have until the first Thursday of the semester to opt-out.

As *Central Michigan Life* previously reported, the Student Government Association passed this new fund unanimously during their meeting back in March.

The Student Sustainability Fee is an updated version of the failed 'Green Fee Resolution' from fall 2023. Central Sustainability member Lauren Dey reintro-

duced the bill to SGA. She said she hoped implementing the fee would prove to the administration that students on campus care about sustainability efforts.

"We want to see physical changes on campus, and we can't do that without the money," Dey previously told CM Life. "I'm hoping this will open up doors to funding with administration as well."

To opt out, students can fill out the Sustainability Fee Opt-Out form. Once completed, Students will remain opted out for the remainder of their enrollment at CMU.

If you have any questions regarding your account, contact OneCentral at onecentral@cmich.edu or by phone at (989)-774-3618.



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- The first coed dorm at CMU
- The number of Central men who died in World War I
- The first building on campus was called the \_\_\_\_\_ Building. (Also called Old Main)
- This US President visited campus in 1920
- Legendary "King of Rock and Roll" performs at CMU in 1974
- This sport replaced football for three years from 1913-16
- One of Central's official colors
- This former CMU professor of Military Science was last US soldier to die in the Vietnam War
- CMU joins this conference in 1971
- After WW 2, these temporary buildings on campus were nicknamed the "\_\_\_\_\_ sheds"
- This building served as the first women's dormitory in 1924
- Since 1994, this is planted to represent each graduating class
- 1936 4-time gold medalists spoke at Annual Sports Banquet in 1955
- Named President of CMU by the Board of Trustees in June 1975.
- Charles \_\_\_\_\_ was the founding principal of CMU. Also a residence hall.
- World renown poet and author spoke in CMU's Rose Arena in 1999.
- This building was erected in 1928 on the site of "Old Main" which burned in 1925.
- Buffy Sainte-Marie performed in 1969 for the inauguration of this CMU President.
- Central's first intercollegiate sporting event in the Spring of 1896.
- Student Anti-War protestors took over this building in 1970.
- This degree was first offered at CMU in 1951.
- Inscribed on the CMU Seal is "wisdom, \_\_\_\_\_ and friendship".
- In 1934 this famous aviator visited CMU
- Number of graduates at CMU's first commencement

### DOWN

- This president visited campus in 1999 for creation of Griffin Endowed Chair.
- CMU offers its first classes on this island in 1960.
- This CMU student media company began in 1919.
- The first person to hold title of President at CMU; Also home of the Business School.
- Civil rights and anti-war activist actress visited CMU in 1970
- This heavyweight champion and social activist visited CMU in 1979.
- In 1915 these organizations were banned at CMU (until 1939).
- In 1959 this former mathematics instructor became President of CMU.
- In 2012, this world renowned primatologist/anthropologist spoke at CMU.
- CMU defeated this school at the first Homecoming game in 1924.
- Women's first interscholastic sport in 1905 was in this sport.
- This library was founded in 1954.
- In 1986-87 CMU became well known for doing this with toilet paper.
- In 2008, this CMU president and Board of Trustees established the School of Medicine.
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- CMU's mascot in 1926.
- Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt slept here.
- An unpopular \$5 "\_\_\_\_\_ parking fee" was implemented in 1958.
- Central's football rival since 1907.
- In 1976, CMU set the Guinness World Records for this game.

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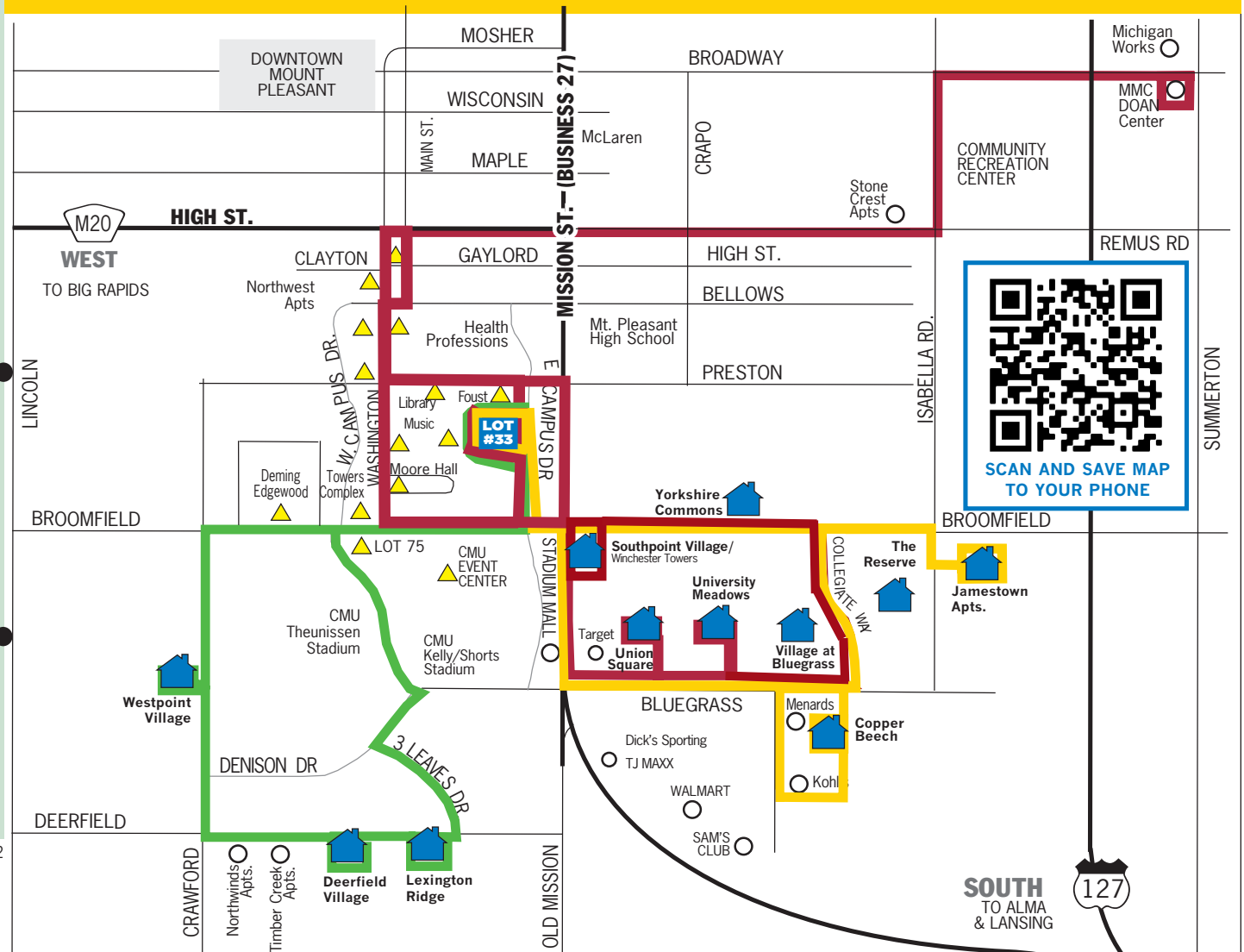
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