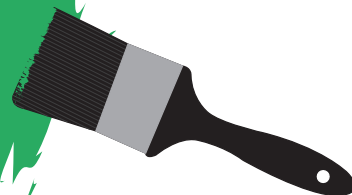




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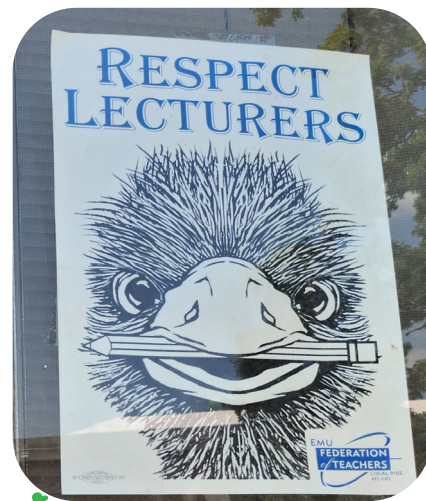
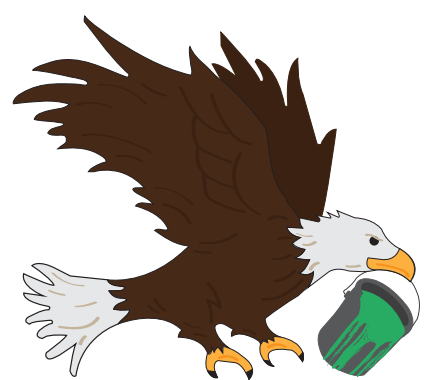
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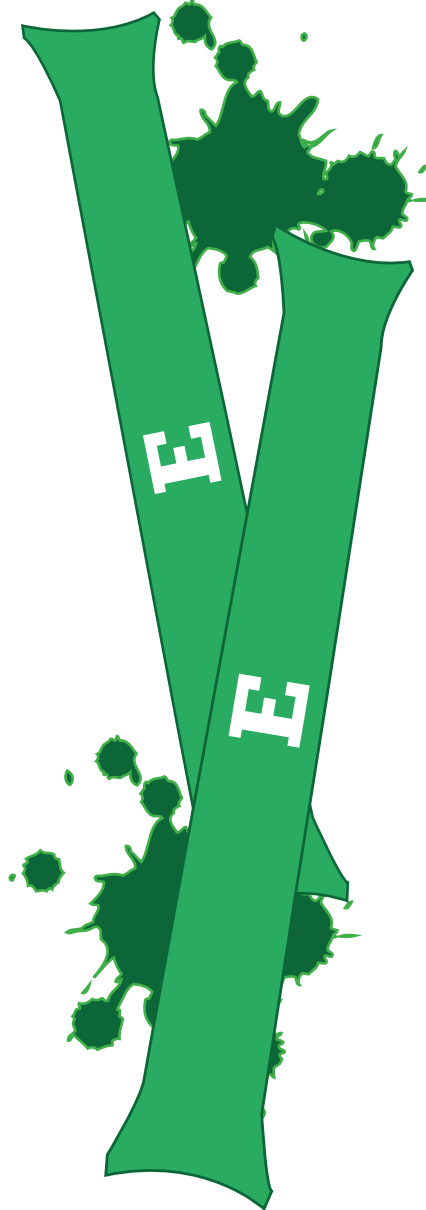
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EMU 'Paints It Green' for Homecoming Celebration

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Eastern Michigan University's 102nd Homecoming is here with students, faculty, and staff joining together in celebration. Events are set to run all week beginning on Monday, Oct. 2, and ending on Saturday, Oct. 7. On the final day of EMU's Homecoming, the EMU football team will take on Ball State at Rynearson Stadium.

Monday, Oct. 2 kicks off EMU's Homecoming lineup with a picnic at University Park. Other events throughout the week include a Green and White Family Feud, Black Alumni Mixer, Shirt Swap & Build and Eagle, Trap Karaoke, Black Homecoming Cookout, and a Yard Show.

New events to attend this year include

Revel at the REC on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 3-7 p.m. and the Joyelle Nicole Johnson feat Sohrab Forouzesh Comedy Show on Friday, Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. in Pease Auditorium.

This year, EMU's 2023 Homecoming Committee decided on the theme "Paint It Green." This theme is set to remain EMU's official Homecoming theme for years to come.

"We wanted something timeless that we could build upon," Celia Murkowski, EMU's Homecoming Committee Co-Chair, Director of Alumni Engagement and EMU alumnus said.

EMU's Homecoming committee is diverse, with alumni, students, faculty, and staff all serving as members. There is also a sub-committee dedicated to Black Homecoming events. Committees began their planning during the early winter to

plan a Homecoming to remember. By mid-summer "Paint It Green" was a go. The committee held no official vote as all members were on board with the theme.

The team looked to EMU's past in search of themes that succeeded and discussed possible new themes. 2016's "Paint the Town Green" was the initial inspiration for the new semi-permanent theme.

From 1995's "E-Motion!" to 2022's "Where It All Started," EMU has focused on bringing the university's community together to create long-lasting memories and show off their EMU pride.

EMU is unique as their Homecoming is not only marketed towards alumni, but also to the students who will soon be alumni themselves. EMU's Homecoming committee aims to increase student engagement by listening to student feedback

and incorporating their interests into the traditional homecoming programming.

"I haven't missed a Homecoming since the late '90s," Lucas Langdon, Homecoming Committee Co-Chair, Director of Campus Life, and EMU alumnus said. "It's a special time for me as an alum to reconnect with the people who made a big difference in my life."

Homecoming Committee Co-Chairs Murkowski and Langdon encourage students to take advantage of the various opportunities to get out and get involved during this year's homecoming celebration. They hope that students will make the most of their college experience and look forward to "coming home" as alumni.

"The moment you start hearing the words 'Paint It Green,' understand that Homecoming is on its way," Murkowski said.



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MAGNET FROM 2007 'FLASHBACK' HOMECOMING.



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STUDENTS AT 2021 EMU HOMECOMING GAME TRY TO WIN FREE T-SHIRTS BY SCREAMING THE LOUDEST.



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STUDENTS IN STANDS AT 2012 EMU HOMECOMING GAME.



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BANNER FOR 2023 HOMECOMING WEEK HANGING IN EMU STUDENT CENTER.



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MAGNET FROM 2008 HOMECOMING.



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MAGNET FROM 2009 'MOWTOWN' HOMECOMING.



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EMU MARCHING BAND ENTERING THE FIELD FOR THE 2022 HOMECOMING GAME.

Spotted lanternfly in Michigan: How to recognize and deal with this invasive bug

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The spotted lanternfly is a new invasive planthopper to Michigan. The Michigan Invasive Species Program's new campaign – "See it. Squish it. Report it." – reminds Michiganders and visitors of the simple measures they can take in order to prevent new introductions of spotted lanternflies in the state.

Spotted lanternflies are currently known to exist in one population in Michigan, on a small lot in Oakland County. The hope is that it is kept contained and declines where currently hosting, and does not become a widespread concern in Michigan.

"They feed off of plants and trees. When there is a good population of them, they excrete a sweet-smelling and sticky liquid called honeydew. That gets onto everything outdoors and then attracts bees, wasps, pests

and creates a moldy surface on whatever it lands on," said Joanne Foreman, Invasive Species Communications Coordinator. "Michigan is an outdoor state, we love our beaches, we love our woods, and we do not need these lanternflies."

It is important to know what spotted lanternflies look like. In late summer and early fall, they are in their adult stages. This is when they are about one inch long, are similar to the look of a moth, and their wings are typically closed.

Their wings are a gray to an almost lavender color, with black spots and lacy black lines on the edges. Common in moths or butterfly-like insects, the underwings of a spotted lanternfly show red with black dots.

Spotted lanternflies have a high potential to spread. Not so much from the one case in Michigan, but they are more likely to show up on someone's vehicle from an infested state, travel their way back here and stick to

another vehicle.

During this time, they are also starting to lay egg masses, which is another easy way for them to hitchhike. They are attracted to shiny and hard surfaces, so vehicles are a prime place where they will lay their eggs. Egg masses generally look like a piece of old chewing gum.

"If you have been to a state where there is an infestation, please check your vehicle and check any of your gear that you had outside. Look for adults, look for those egg masses and get rid of them before you come home," Foreman said. "The most likely way we are going to see more populations in Michigan is by accidentally transporting either the adults or the eggs to Michigan."

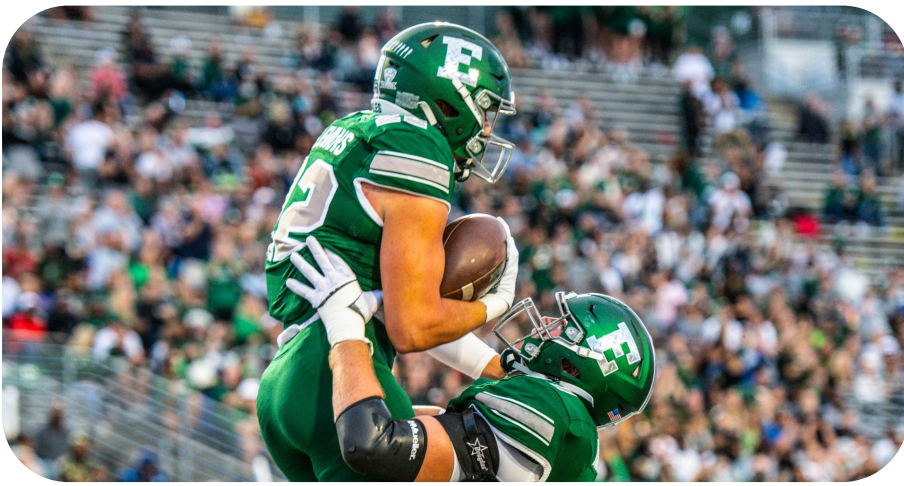
Foreman speaks with magnitude over the significance of knowing what to look for. If you see a spotted lanternfly

egg mass, juvenile or adult, take a photo and squish it. Then, report it online to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



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SPOTTED LATERN FLY ON TWIG.

EMU football's Samson Evans ties all-time career touchdown record



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SPORTS EDITOR

EMU running back Samson Evans has officially tied Gary Patton as Eastern Michigan University's all-time career touchdown leader.

Evans' two-yard run in the third quarter on Saturday against Central Michigan University put his career mark at 31.

Patton, who represented the green-and-white from 1984 until 1987, rushed for a career 31 touchdowns for the then-called Hurons. Patton logged 3,497 career rushing yards, and 5,553 all-purpose yards while playing for EMU.

Evans, once an Iowa Hawkeye, transferred to EMU in 2020 after a two-

year stint at the University of Iowa, where he saw little game action, bouncing between running back and wide receiver.

Throughout his career at EMU, Evans has rushed for 1,920 yards on 419 attempts, averaging 59.5 yards a game. He ranks 16th in EMU history for total rushing yards.

His best season in Ypsilanti, Mich. came last year when Evans finished as a second team All-MAC selection. He rushed for 1,166 yards and 15 touchdowns.

In that same year, Evans also became third highest in EMU history for total rushing yards in a game, logging 258 rushing yards in EMU's upset win over Arizona State University last season.



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A TEAMMATE LIFTS SAMSON EVANS IN CELEBRATION DURING A 2021 HOME GAME AGAINST ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY, PENNSYLVANIA. SAMSON SCORED THREE TOUCHDOWN RUNS IN THAT GAME AND THE EAGLES WON, 35-15.

Blast from the past: EMU Homecoming games



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TREVOR DUKE TACKLES AKRON DURING THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST AKRON AT RYNEARSON STADIUM IN YPSILANTI ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015.



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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S BAND PLAYING DURING THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME VS. MIAMI UNIVERSITY IN 2021.



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JASON BECK AND RAY TILLMAN TRY TO TAKE THE BALL DURING THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST AKRON AT RYNEARSON STADIUM IN YPSILANTI ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015.



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EASTERN MICHIGAN DEFENSIVE BACK DAQUAN PACE BREAKS UP A PASS DURING THE EAGLES' 37-27 HOMECOMING VICTORY OVER BUFFALO ON OCT. 11, 2014 AT RYNEARSON STADIUM IN YPSILANTI.



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AUSTIN STONE AND TEAMMATE CONGRATULATE EACH OTHER AFTER A TOUCHDOWN DURING THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST AKRON AT RYNEARSON STADIUM IN YPSILANTI ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015.

OPINIONS

Opinion: Why the Reproductive Health Act should be passed

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In 2022, Michigan voted to pass Proposal 3, a ballot measure that enshrined the right to abortion into the state constitution. But, the fight for abortion access did not end there.

Since the passing, and subsequent overturning, of Roe v. Wade, opponents of abortion in Michigan have implemented legislation that made the right to abortion harder to access. These targeted regulations of abortion providers, or TRAP laws, made abortion access inconsistent across the state.

In an attempt to repeal these regulations from Michigan law, 11 bills have been introduced to the Michigan House of Representatives. The package of bills are known collectively as the Reproductive Health Act. Originally introduced to the House by Speaker Pro Tempore Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) in 2021, the Reproductive Health Act has seen multiple sessions of the Legislature. The version currently on the voting floor would repeal several variations of TRAP laws.

"[TRAP laws] are laws that are meant to restrict

access to abortion, but are only applicable to abortion, no other type of healthcare in the state," Pohutsky said.

One way that abortion access is regulated by these laws is regarding the facility in which it is performed. Specific and costly facility requirements can set back potential clinics and providers, especially in rural and medically underserved communities.

"It requires that facilities that provide procedural abortion meet extremely high cost requirements ... that have no impact on the patient's safety, but do drive up the cost of opening a health center by millions of dollars," said Ashlea Phenicie, vice resident of communications for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

A 2018 study authored by three doctors published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that the type of facility in which an abortion procedure was performed, "was not associated with a significant difference in abortion-related morbidities and adverse events."

A key aspect of the Reproductive Health Act is enshrining the reproductive rights of all people in Michigan. If passed, House Bill 4949 would affirm patient's reproductive rights, as outlined in the state

constitution, defined as "the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care."

At its core, the Reproductive Health Act combats misinformation. Current laws are rooted in medical inaccuracy and place unnecessary restrictions on a vital form of healthcare.

"Anti-abortion advocates are spreading a lot of disinformation," Phenicie said. "They are trying to pretend that the Reproductive Health Act would make that [abortion] care unsafe. It is deeply disappointing that the anti-abortion crowd is pretending to care about patients that, in actuality, they would seek to criminalize if they could."

A poll conducted by an independent research company in August 2023 showed that a majority of Michigan voters across major demographics supported the Reproductive Health Act.

"Abortion care is healthcare," said Jimmie Wilson, Jr., state representative (D-Ypsilanti). "No matter what your thoughts are on the procedure itself ... [the] government

has to stop trying to get in the way of what decisions people want to make with their bodies."

In the time since Roe v. Wade was overturned, Michigan has seen an increase in the number of abortions performed in the state. According to the Society of Family Planning's April 2023 report, almost 2,500 more abortions were provided in Michigan in the six months after the Dobbs v. Jackson decision.

As Michigan has shown it is a state that prioritizes reproductive rights, more and more people are receiving abortion care here. But, without the Reproductive Health Act, abortion care is not consistent across the state.

"[Abortion] is now a right enshrined in our constitution, and if it's not accessible, then we can't actually say that it's a right for everybody," Pohutsky said.

It is important for supporters of the Reproductive Health Act to speak up, especially young people.

"If there are members of the legislature who are not supporting something that students do support, they need to show up and make sure their voices are heard," Pohutsky said. "I think it is all too easy to write off younger people and, in particular, students."

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Mantinee Dec. 5 & 6, 2023
Directed by Jennifer Felts

**Cyrano de
Bergerae**
April 11-14, 2024
Directed by John Seibert

**Hare and
Tortoise**
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