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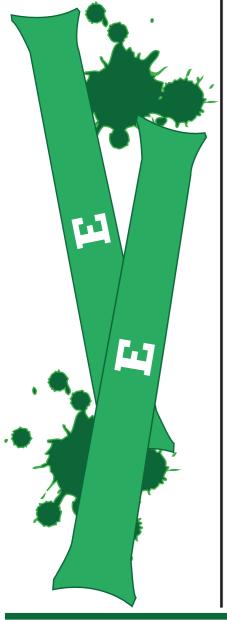
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EMU 'Paints It Green' for **Homecoming Celebration**

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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

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STUDENTS AT 2021 EMU HOMECOMING GAME TRY TO

WIN FREE T-SHIRTS BY SCREAMING THE LOUDEST.

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MAGNET FROM 2007 'FLASHBACK' HOMECOMING.

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

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

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

Revel at the REC on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 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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STUDENTS IN STANDS AT 2012 EMU HOMECOMING GAME. HOMECOMING

PHOTO CREDIT: MARIE WHITE BANNER FOR 2023 HOMECOMING WEEK HANGING IN



MAGNET FROM 2008 HOMECOMING.



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

EMMA OWENS COPY EDITOR

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

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



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What's the move: Homecoming edition

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PRESTON BOSMAN **NEWS REPORTER**

University Picnic Green and White Feud, and Black Alumni Mixer

On Monday Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m, there will be a campus-wide picnic at University Park. There will be food and drinks provided with EMU's marching band playing at noon. Following this event is the Green and White Fued in the Student Center auditorium from 4 to 6 p.m. Alumni and students will get together for a classic rendition of the game show "Family Feud", hosted by the Alumni Association with polled answers from the students. Capping off the first day of homecoming is the Black Alumni Mixer held in the Student Center room 310 A/B. At this event, students can reconnect and hear new and familiar voices of Black Alumni as they engage with the

Shirt Swap & Build an Eagle and Trap

Next up is the annual Shirt Swap & Build an Eagle. This takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Student Center Patio from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. Students can swap out a shirt from another school in exchange for a homecoming shirt; followed by stuffing a personal eagle plush and decorating it while supplies last. To conclude the day is Trap Karaoke hosted by Kings of Color from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. At this event, attendees can karaoke to their favorite hiphop and rap, and trap songs.

Revel @ The Rec

Revel @ The REC will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the REC/IM from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a night of "organized chaos". Attendees can enjoy music and entertainment. In addition, there will a photo competition, smoothie making contest, inflatable costume race and mixed relays.

Black Homecoming Cookout and Yard

Join the Black Greeks organizations for a cookout on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Amphitheater/Big Bob's Lakehouse Amphitheater/Big Bob's Lakehouse. The cookout takes place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a Yard Show from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Black Greek organizations will step and stroll as they face off in a step dance competition. Black Homecoming Court will also be selected at the Yard Show.

Dietetics Alumni Open House, Tailgate, and Football Kickoff vs. Ball State

Saturday, Oct. 7 concludes the last day of homecoming festivities. Taking place is the Dietetics Alumni Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Demonstration Kitchen (105 Rackham) register on the EMU Alumni Foundation's website for more information on the Masters in Human Nutrition, healthy food options, and other activities including networking and giveaways.

The homecoming tailgate begins at 10 a.m. The pre-game celebration includes music, food and beverages for the community to take part in before the football game. The EMU alumni tailgate runs from noon to 3 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., EMU's football team will take on Ball State during this year's homecoming football game. Grab your EMU merch and paint the student section green as the Eagles look to fly to victory this Saturday.

EMUFT completes contract bargaining with university

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After months of negotiations, bargaining procedures between the Eastern Michigan University Federation of Teachers and EMU have reached an end.

The new contract negotiated covers both full-time and part-time lecturers. This is the first time in the union's history that the groups have been represented together.

"While negotiations of this nature are never easy, these were even more complex because the teams had to combine the interests of what previously had been two bargaining units into a single contract," said Walter Kraft, EMU's vice president of Communication and Marketing.

The EMUFT also pleased with the outcome of negotiations.

"I think the university and the bargaining team are both excited that we have reached a contract," said Anke Wolbert, union vice

Wolbert expressed satisfaction with the terms of the new contract for lecturers.

"It's a good contract," Wolbert said. "We achieved many significant changes."

Some of those changes include increased compensation and improved promotion structure for full-time lecturers.

"The salary increases that we negotiated

are the highest that our unit has ever seen," Wolbert said. With the conclusion of bargaining, both

parties are happy to be have a contract that

"We have great respect for our lecturers and the important role they have in supporting our students and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in reaching a positive outcome," Kraft said.

"These were very long and intense contract negotiations and I think they lasted longer than both sides would have hoped," Wolbert said. "But I also think that we both developed a greater understanding of issues and processes." The new contract will be tentatively

ratified by the EMUFT this week. If passed by the union, it will then be ratified by the Board of Regents at their next meeting on Oct. 19.



PHOTO CREDIT: MARIE WHITE LECTURERS PICKET OUTSIDE PRAY-HARROLD ON MONDAY AUG. 28 2023

MACC grants \$959,418 to Washtenaw **County Arts and Creative Nonprofits**

VALENCIA GULLEY NEWS REPORTER

The Michigan Arts, Culture, & Council grants six counties in region 9 \$959,418. The grantees of Hillsdale, Jackson, Livingston, Lenawee, Monroe, and Washtenaw were members in either programs of Arts and Cultural Projects and Professional and/ or Organizational Development (POD). The applications for the mini grants were reviewed by a panel of artists, organizational leaders, and inhabitants while implementing the criteria formed by MACC.

A representative from Creative Washtenaw, Deb Polich, spotlighted, "The investment of public funds in Michigan's The industries under this program received arts + creative industries by the Michigan legislature has a ripple effect across the state. The programs, projects and services funded by these grants enrich our communities and are enjoyed by residents and visitors. Michigan's creative assets contribute to the improvement of education, tourism, healthcare, the workforce, the economy, as well as the overall quality of life and sense of place. We are delighted to oversee the Region 9 program and unveil its FY24 minigrant initiative."

\$34,500 was distributed to the Arts & Projects mini grants in support of the longevity, creative engagement and creation, production, and showcasing of the program.

as little as \$2,000 and as much as \$4,000. The city of Tecumseh, APGAudio Visual Mentoring Inc, Copper tree Collective, Friends of the Dawn Theater of Hillsdale, Mich., Library of the Great Lakes, and Sweet Adelines International all received a grant of \$4,000. St. Louis Center and Ballet Chelsea both received \$2,835. Concert Music Outreach Collective received \$2,000 and Hillsdale County School of the Arts Inc received \$2,830.

\$10,500 was distributed to Professional & Organizational Development Grants (POD) to aid the productivity and production of the organization and staff. The industries under this program received as little as \$725

and as much as \$1,500. Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, Lenawee Symphony Orchestra Society Inc, and Sweet Adelines International all received \$1,125. Amy Hutchison, Kerrytown Concert House Inc, and The Ark received \$1,025. Argus Museum received \$900, Cheryl Chidester received \$725, Young Dancers Initiative received \$925, and Eli Zemper received \$1.500.

The MACC had their meeting on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, and during that, they approved \$9,784,050 in arts and cultural grants statewide. Washtenaw County will be affected by the benefit of receiving \$744,323 in grants to be distributed to 38 arts and cultural organizations for support in bettering management and development.

Dixon's Violin to perform at Ziggy's in Downtown Ypsilanti

NAJAT HACHEMI NEWS REPORTER

Symphony violinist, Dixon's Violin, will be performing on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Ziggy's in Ypsilanti. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m. for guests. The show will be part of his 116stop HUMANKINDness tour.

As a former director of technology for two startup companies in Lansing, Dixon left his career to follow his violinist dreams full-time. He eventually came to invent a new music genre in which he now improvises on a 5-string electric violin with a looping system. Dixon developed this to create an all-live one-man symphony, guided by his personal story of life transformation. He has been performing as a one-man symphony for

It was a trip to Burning Man that changed everything for the violinist.

"A liberating trip to a Burning Man

festival in Nevada in 2005 changed everything for me," Dixon said. "It was my spiritual awakening. It was my catalyst. That was the thing that told me I had been living in my head and not my heart. I started looking at life a whole new way." Dixon then knew this was what he wanted

to do next in life.

"After living my life only using my head, when I realized the power of sharing from the heart, and the soul-moving, even spiritual experiences you can share through music, I knew I had to do this full time," Dixon said.

Dixon's life mission is to inspire people

and spread human kindness. In his career,

he's given three TED talks and performances, performed performed at Burning Man and has had radio, TV, and film appearances. "Human kindness is the blending of

humankind and kindness," Dixon said. "I believe we are all connected and we can honor each other with compassion and care."

Dixon performs in listening rooms, outdoors in nature and at festivals. The musician is based in Ann Arbor, but plays all over the United States, primarily in Michigan

"This year, we have debuted in some exciting new markets -- which is a good sign of growth for us," Kevin Alan Lamb, Dixon's agent and manager, said. "This includes Greenville, S.C., Richmond, Va., Chattanooga, Va., Washington D.C., Thomas, W.Va., Madison, Wis., Milwaukee, Wis. to name a few. We are hoping to perform more internationally in the coming years."

This is Dixon's second time performing at Ziggy's, he performs in Ypsilanti at least twice a year. Dixon also does a summer show at Frog Island Amphitheater each year.

"Bits and pieces of all of the above factors help make a show special, but most often it's those we are making music for and with that leave us feeling most grateful for this life we lead," Lamb said. "Sometimes, all it takes is reaching one person in an audience who is brought to tears to be reminded what a blessing this journey is."



EMU students design semester long interactive art projects

AARON HUGHES MANAGING EDITOR

When walking on campus past Sherzer Hall, students may have noticed colorful crocheted squares hanging from one of the trees outside. Take a step closer to the tree and a sign will read: "Feel Free to interact but PLEASE don't remove. Artwork in progress. Will be removed at the end of the semester."

This art piece is one of the many semester-long projects in Eastern Michigan University's Studio Concepts class taught by part-time lecturer Suzanne Boissy. Unlike other foundational courses in the art program, students do not start out learning specific materials. Instead the idea comes around it. In this case, the first concept the students are focusing on is time.

"They are doing a project where they're going to document it [art project] every week throughout the whole semester to see how the environment that it is in alters the piece," Boissy said.

This can come in multiple forms. In the case of senior Paige Anonick, she hopes to see how nature will affect her crocheted granny squares over time.

"I just want to see how they change throughout the semester because since it did rain, some of them are curling a lot more based on the weather and some of them have strands that are coming out just based on the different materials... I just want to see how they react to the different elements



OUTSIDE SHERZER HALL SENIOR PAIGE ANONICK'S STUDIO CONCEPTS PROJECT first and the students structure their materials HANGS ON A TREE ON THURSDAY SEPT. 28,

that we have here, because we have literally everything all in one day too," Annoick said.

The idea to use the granny squares was Anonick's idea, but Boissy pitched the idea to hang it outside. These subtle pushes have helped students ideas come to fruition. The same can be said for senior Megan Shackelford, who took a different approach to the project.

"For my time project, I thought it would be really cool to see how not only something would interact with nature, but also how other people would interact with it," Shackelford said. "When I was thinking about this, I was thinking of nature versus nurture. And my idea was like, what's the perfect example of

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how to define nature versus nurture other

than raising a baby?" This led to the creation of a wool baby doll made by a technique called felting. Shackelford placed the doll on the windowsill outside the front entrance of Sherzer with a sign asking viewers to leave "gifts" for the doll. Some of these gifts have included fruit snacks, a bracelet, Taco Bell's diablo sauce,



PHOTO CREDIT: AARON HUGHES OUTSIDE SHERZER HALL SENIOR MEGAN

SHACKELFORD'S STUDIO CONCEPTS PROJECT LAYS ON A WINDOWSILL ON THURSDAY SEPT. 28, 2023.

"To say the least, it's so fascinating watching people interact with everybody else's too, because there's a few other interactive pieces in the building," Shackelford said. "There's one on the second floor right now. People just come up and draw things. One of our friends, Jasmine, she's got a box that she puts on her head every week and has people write down what their mental

illness is in one word or one picture."

Shackelford is not the only one enjoying watching all of these projects take place. Boissy says her favorite part of this whole activity has been observing her students.

"Just the fact that students are all doing something completely different," Boissy said. "Usually our classes, most students are doing the same or similar techniques and materials. And this time it's all over the place.

> So it's really fun. Lots of energy." Students have noted how ecstatic and involved Boissy has

"I mean, Suzanne's great," Anonick said. "I love having access to all this. There's a lot of stuff that I want to try probably throughout the semester, and she'll

absolutely help you and she'll be like, okay, just send me a text if you have any questions. And she's one of those teachers that's really good about

that. A lot of the studio art teachers are like that, but she's one of my favorites."

"Suzanne is Shackelford said. "Suzanne is the professor you want to have. She's super flexible, super open, down to create with you. She really took the idea that I had in my head and helped me make it into a real thing. She's amazing. She's very open and honest, but also really helpful just as far as helping students reach their full potential with what they're thinking in their

Ultimately, Anonick and Shackelford not only hope people interact with their art, but that more students take notice of what is going on in the art department.

"We appreciate the art department exposure because I feel like art is a lot of times not taken very seriously and art has just as much importance as anything in STEM. It really should be STEAM," Shackelford said.

People can view Anonick's, Shackelford's, and some of their classmates work in and around Sherzer Hall until the last week of the



INSIDE SHERZER HALL JASMINE RAMUS WALKS AROUND WITH HER STUDIO CONECEPTS TIME PROJECT ON THURSDAY SEPT. 28, 2023





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



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

BLAKE MCQUEARY SPORTS EDITOR

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

Evan's two-yard run in the third quarter on Saturday against Central Michigan University put his career

Patton, who represented the greenand-white from 1984 until 1987, rushed for a career 31 touchdowns for the thencalled Hurons. Patton logged 3,497 career rushing yards, and 5,553 allpurpose yards while playing for EMU.

Evans, once an Iowa Hawkeye, transferred to EMU in 2020 after a twoyear 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 vards 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.



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 YPSI-LANTI 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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ECHO ARCHIVES JASON BECK AND RAY TILLMAN TRY TO TAKE THE BALL DURING THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST AKRON AT RYNEAR-SON 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



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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 SATUR-

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

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 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

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."



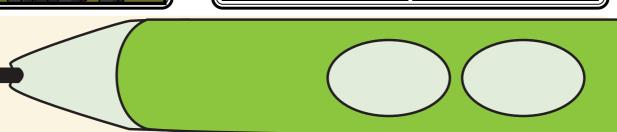


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