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POWERHOUSE TURBINE, VOLUNTEERS PREVENT DAM FROM BREAKING

## In Cheboygan, a flow of water brings good vibes



Logan Pawlowski, a DNR Parks and Recreation ranger working to prevent flooding at the Cheboygan Dam, surveys grates where water enters the hydroelectric powerhouse by the dam. PHOTOS BY JOHN CARLISLE/DFP

### Raking of debris keeps it moving



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CHEBOYGAN – Another long branch came floating down the river, heading right toward them. They stood ready to stop it. They had to.

“This is the kind of stuff right here that we’re pulling out,” said Paul Dunn of the Department of Natural Resources, pointing to a stack of wooden debris. “Everything from logs, to docks, to garbage.”

He was standing with about a dozen other workers at the base of the hydroelectric powerhouse alongside the

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Coast Guardsmen crack jokes as they remove segments of a telephone pole that had floated down the river toward the hydroelectric plant on April 20.



Lansing Shuffle in the Riverfront District of downtown Lansing, viewed from the Lansing River Trail April 16. MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

## Deal or no deal?

Voters will decide whether to sell Lansing Shuffle building, land

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LANSING – Voters will decide the fate of the Lansing Shuffle and former Lansing City Market property in August.

Lansing City Council voted 6-1 to place the question of the facility’s sale on the ballot at its April 20 meeting. Council member Ryan Kost voted against the move. Council member Jeremy Garza was absent from the meeting.

Lansing Shuffle opened in January of 2023 after Detroit Rising invested \$4.2 million into the venue. The 11,000-square-foot building can house seven restaurants, common dining space for approximately 150 people, two bars and shuffleboard courts in a four-season space.

The lease agreement between Detroit Rising and the city, reached in 2021, allowed the firm an option to request a public vote to buy the venue after two years of operation. Because the venue sits on park land a vote is required for a sale.

The sale, if approved, would include “the building, shuffle pavilion addition, and upper terrace patio just outside the

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## Warsh: Fed independence is critical

### Chair nominee grilled by Democrats at hearing

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Kevin Warsh, President Donald Trump’s nominee for chair of the Federal Reserve, faced questions on April 21 from the Senate Banking Committee, even as the shadow of the president himself dominated the hearings.

In a morning hearing, Warsh, a finance executive who previously served as a member of the Fed board, took questions from Republicans who support his nomination.

He also faced grilling from Democrats, led by Massachusetts Sen. Eliza

beth Warren, on how independent he would be in the face of pressure from Trump, whose administration opened an investigation into current Fed Chair Jerome Powell. Many observers – and Powell himself – say the probe is politically motivated and an attempt to influence the board on interest rate decisions.

While Warsh has insisted that Fed independence is critical, he has also previously said he thinks the central bank has overstepped its mission in recent years.

Warren and other Democrats pounded Warsh, who is married to one of the heiresses of the Estée Lauder fortune, on his financial holdings, but much of the hearing focused on how he would shepherd the committee on decisions

that impact the economy.

It’s unclear when senators will formally vote on Warsh’s confirmation. Because Sen. Thom Tillis, R-North Carolina, and Democrats oppose the Justice Department’s ongoing probe into Powell, whose term as Fed chair ends May 15, Warsh’s confirmation may hinge on that investigation’s resolution.

Warsh told the committee the central bank’s independence is “critically important,” but that it has to be earned.

“It’s earned by delivering on promises,” Warsh said. “As the Fed hasn’t delivered on those promises, we shouldn’t be surprised that we hear politics that are entering the room at the Fed.”

In a combative exchange, Warren

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Kevin Warsh, nominated to be the next chair of the Federal Reserve, tied Americans’ affordability concerns to mistakes the Fed made following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

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