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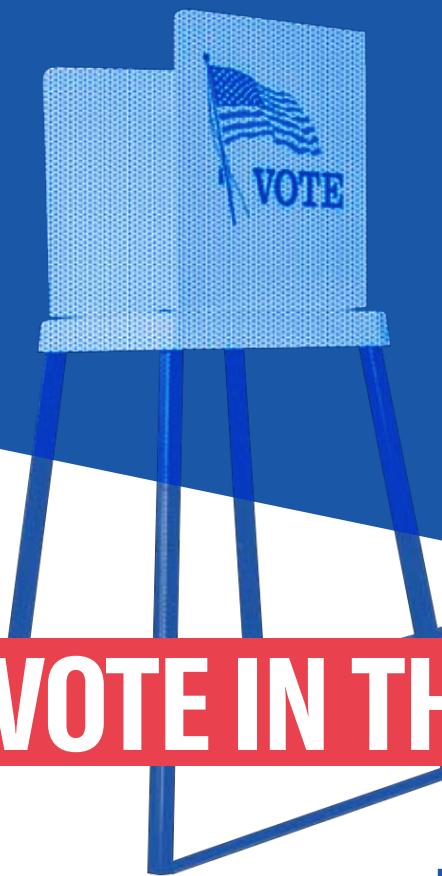
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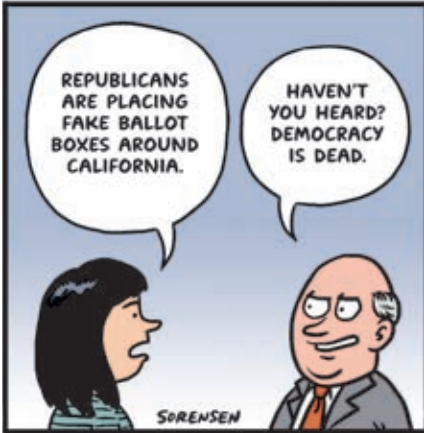
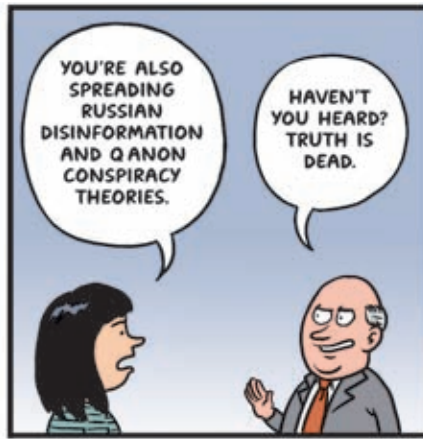
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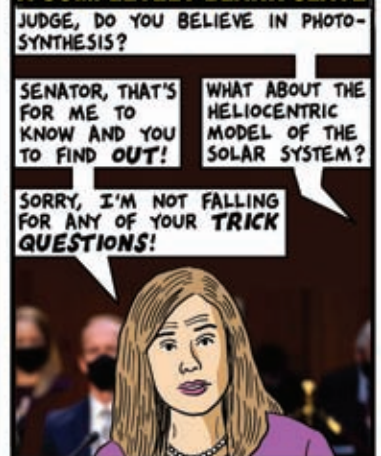


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NEWS & OPINION

Doing the right thing

The CP Edit

Opinion

It's always the right time to do the right thing. We state that principle up front — with a hat tip to Spike Lee's eponymous film — because it aptly expresses our approach to delivering news to our readers to the best of our ability. When we fall short, we don't believe in making excuses. We're all about admitting our missteps, righting the ship, and becoming a better paper — and better people — in the process. That said, we also reserve the right to defend ourselves when we believe criticism is unfounded or unfair.

With that preface, we note that City Pulse was recently on the receiving end of pointed criticism from Ingham County Commissioner Derrell Slaughter for our failure to include the perspective of Black citizens in the formulation and scoring of our candidate survey on social justice and equity. We undertook the survey because we believe it is the right thing to do. An important part of our mission is to help voters learn more about the views of people seeking elected office on the most important issues of our time.

Commissioner Slaughter declined to participate in our survey because he believed that the questions were composed solely by a white person (he is correct). He further surmised that the responses would be scored by a white person (also correct). Slaughter is absolutely right that including Black voices in the development phase of our survey would have ensured that we were asking the right questions and scoring the responses fairly. In our defense, we note that we did reach out to several Black community members for guidance but were unable to connect with them prior to publication. Nonetheless, we accept Slaughter's criticism with an open heart, an open mind and a sincere willingness to do better. We apologize to him and others who were offended.

Commissioner Slaughter pointed to the lack of diversity among our reporters and editorial staff as the proximate cause of our blind spot in producing a truly inclusive survey. As we've noted previously, City Pulse has struggled in recent years to attract and retain people of color on the reporting and editing side of our paper. We were deeply disappointed to lose a young, talented Black

reporter from our small staff in January when she moved onward and upward in her career. Although we have taken a significant financial hit due to the COVID pandemic, we continue to diligently seek qualified candidates of color because we understand that it is vitally important for this paper to reflect the diverse voices of the community we serve. Had she been on our staff when we developed the social justice and equity survey, there is no doubt her lived experience as a Black woman would have brought immeasurable value to the enterprise. In her absence, we should have worked harder to seek out others to contribute to the process and are committed to doing so in the future.

Commissioner Slaughter also expressed his disappointment with a story we wrote last year that focused on the stalled appointment of a Black Lansing resident to a county advisory board. His appointment was paused by county officials after a City Pulse reporter brought to their attention a series of Facebook posts that strongly suggested the prospective appointee was selling marijuana in violation of state law. With the benefit of hindsight — and with insight gleaned from Commissioner Slaughter's perspective — we can see how the story could be viewed as disparaging or unfairly targeting the individual in question.

At the same time, we don't agree with Slaughter's assertion that the story casts Black people in a bad light. We reported a matter of public interest and would have written the same story regardless of the race, gender or any other characteristic of the story's subject. Whatever one thinks of marijuana, this is a legitimate area of inquiry when it involves a potential appointee to a public body. If anything, our article was a reflection of society's ongoing struggle with how to regulate the use and sale of marijuana.

While acknowledging our shortcomings, we

believe we've done a pretty good job covering issues related to race, social justice and equity. We were the first newspaper to question Mayor Andy Schor for his treatment of Black city employees

and doggedly followed up as the story unfolded. We have diligently reported on the protest movement against racial injustice and police brutality in Lansing, led primarily by people of color, and used our editorial voice to call for police reforms that will help bring an end to violence and abuse against people of color. Recently we began running a regular column by Dedria Humphreys Barker to help bring another important Black voice to the fore.

At a time when our society is in the thick of a long overdue reckoning with the many manifestations of racism, we intend to continue being a part of the ongoing and critically important dialogue among and between people of every stripe that aims to right the innumerable historic wrongs perpetrated against people of color. Checking our privilege as white people is part and parcel of getting it right. We're resolute in our commitment to continue listening, learning and growing and we will always welcome fair criticism when we get it wrong. None of us are perfect, but we all must strive to become our best selves. City Pulse is committed to doing just that.



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING,
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

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**PROPOSAL SECTION:
State
Proposal 20-1**

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Proposal 20-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communication.
- Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

COUNTY

Public Transportation System for Elderly and Disabled Millage Renewal Question

For the purpose of renewing funding at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2016 for a transportation system to be used primarily by elderly and disabled persons in Ingham County, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, previously increased by up to 0.6000 mills, \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value, be continued and renewed for a period of six (6) years (2021-2026) inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated additional \$4,609,732 for the transportation system in the first calendar year of the levy based on state taxable valuation.

Yes No

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. OF SAID DAY OF ELECTION

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Susan L. Aten, Clerk
Charter Township of Lansing **CP#20-245**

LETTERS to the editor

Diversity panelists owed apology

On Sept. 24, mayoral consultant Teresa Bingman called members of the Mayor's Inclusion and Diversity Advisory Council (MIDAC) "bitter and self-centered" as they expressed their frustrations and other reasons for resigning from the mayor's council. I strongly disagree.

The current and former members of MIDAC are dedicated people and experts in their fields who were implementing the mayor's vision that "Lansing will be a model diverse and inclusive community." During the past year, MIDAC completed an Equal Employment Opportunity study of the mayor's office, provided a spreadsheet of community demands regarding police reform, community engagement, equity and inclusion. Essentially combining the public demands of organizations like the NAACP, One Love/TRHT and others. Additionally, MIDAC recommended that the city create a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer in 2019. MIDAC was also in the process of developing a diversity, equity and inclusion glossary and Americans with Disability Act report for the city when the Mayor's Racial Justice and Equity Alliance was formed.

Throughout my tenure with MIDAC there was a clear lack of communication and support from the mayor's office. Despite these problems MIDAC continued to forge a vision of equity and inclusiveness for the city.

Ms. Bingman had limited contact with MIDAC; but her comments are not the first by a member of the mayor's staff to question the integrity of MIDAC members. In 2019 Bishop Maxwell stated his belief that members of MIDAC were there to further their own causes. MIDAC requested and received an apology. It is time for Ms. Bingman to follow Bishop Maxwell's example.

The City of Lansing Employee handbook states in GR-10 "Fighting, threatening or being disrespectful to other City employees or members of the public is prohibited." Ms. Bingman should be appropriately disciplined and provide a public apology.

As a resident of Lansing, how can I expect other city employees to show respect to each other and residents, if a representative of the mayor's office does not.

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(Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairperson of the Mayor's Inclusion and Diversity Advisory Council and the City of Lansing should be proud of the service these volunteers provided.

**Randy A. Watkins
Lansing
(The writer chairs the Mayor's Inclusion and Diversity Advisory Council.)**

Racism exists in St. Johns

No structural racism in the entirety of Clinton County, says a Republican candidate there, as reported by City Pulse (Oct. 7). Au contraire. By my observation, it's the epicenter.

When Eastern played football there in Fall 2019, the whole student section came in Trump regalia, to the point that it was difficult to spot any Redwing spirit wear at all.

Our team is well over 50% black, brown, immigrant and/or immigrant descended, with quite a few others bearing Latin-American surnames. We were subjected to repeated cheers of "U.S.A.! U.S.A.!" The obvious implication, and nobody missed it, was that the Redwings were real Americans and we Quakers were not.

When one of our coaches made inquiries after the fact, wondering why the St. Johns staff allowed this, he learned that the staff were involved in planning it!

This is an anomaly around here. To the best of my knowledge, our treatment as guests has been exemplary everywhere else in the CAAC, and in Fowler and Carson City.

This is what structural racism looks like, Mr. Clinton County Republican.

**Charles Haynes
Lansing**

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

By KYLE KAMINSKI



GM investing \$100M in Delta plant
General Motors will start making the GMC Acadia at the Lansing Delta Township Assembly plant as well as prepare the factory for future SUV and full-size pickup production. The Big Three company announced plans with a multi-billion-dollar price tag, including another \$53 million at other Michigan plants. The biggest investment: \$2 billion for Spring Hill, Tennessee, to convert the plant to be GM's third electric car facility.

Another round of Trump vs. Whitmer

Already the subject of an alleged kidnapping plot, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer fended off another attacker: Donald Trump. The president, campaigning in Muskegon Saturday, told thousands of supporters, "You got to get your governor to open up your state, OK. And get your schools open. The schools have to be open." As the crowd chanted "lock her up," Trump said, "Lock them all up." Whitmer told "Meet the Press": "The president is at it again, and inspiring and incentivizing and inciting this kind of domestic terrorism. It is wrong. It's got to end." Even Republican state House Speaker Lee Chatfield thought Trump crossed the line. "She was literally just targeted," Chatfield said. "Let's debate differences. Let's win elections. But not that."



Whitmer

Tensions remain high ahead of Election Day

Much to the dismay of Second Amendment activists, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced last week that the open carry of guns at polling places would be banned on Election Day. Benson said the prohibition ensures that voters aren't intimidated, threatened or harassed. Legal scholars have since suggested that the weapon ban would be challenged with a lawsuit. Benson's announcement follows a ruling from the Court of Appeals that prevents late-arriving ballots from being counted past the date of Election Day. A prior ruling had found that ballots could be counted up to two weeks late, as long as they were postmarked before the General Election. It's unclear if the latest decision will be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court.



COVID-19 fears persist as second wave looms

Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail is skeptical of a recent proposal from Republican lawmakers that would direct county health officials to take action on COVID-19 based exclusively on local case numbers instead of a "one-size-fits-all approach" based on regions. The plan wouldn't override statewide health orders, but it aims to allow local public health officials to set more localized — and perhaps lighter — restrictions based on local metrics. "COVID-19 cases don't always conveniently abide by county lines," Vail explained. The concept arrives as Michigan surpasses 147,000 COVID-19 cases — including about 10,000 tracked in the last seven days. Nearly 6,000 cases have been found in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. About 500 of those cases in Greater Lansing were reported in the last week. Ingham County alone has recorded at least 4,266 cases and 60 virus-related deaths to date.



Vail

Sparrow tops 200,000 tests

Sparrow processed its 200,000th COVID-19 test this week and East Lansing police officers issued three \$500 citations last weekend for violations of the county's 25-person limit on outdoor gatherings, a lack of social distancing and failure of guests to wear face masks.

In related news:

- Prosecutors also dropped criminal charges against Owosso barber Karl Manke who gained notoriety earlier this year for blatantly defying Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home orders.
- More than two dozen Peckham employees in Lansing also tested positive for COVID-19 this week, triggering a suspension of company operations while officials work to mitigate the spread.
- As cases spread across Michigan, the Washtenaw County Health Department also issued a stay-in-place order for University of Michigan students on Wednesday that lasts through Nov. 3. Vail said local case counts don't require a similar move for Michigan State University students after a rapid spike in campus-related cases in recent months continues to taper off into October.





Last month's Eye for Design (below) was the art installation at the East Lansing Community Solar Park on Burcham Road and was correctly identified first by Lisa Homeniuk, who wins an Eye for Design mug. The Lansing Board of Water & Light partnered with Michigan Energy Options and Pivot Energy to create the park, which opened in December 2018. The art that was featured in the Eye for Design was made by local artist Jim Cunningham. It is titled "Energy for Life."

This month's Eye for Design detail (above) can be found in the heart of East Lansing. If you recognize it, send an email to me at carriesampson@micourthistory.org. The first one to correctly identify it will win an Eye for Design mug.

— **CARRIE SAMPSON**



"Eye for Design" is our look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eye candy of the Week and Eyesore of the Week.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING 2021 BUDGET HEARING FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL FUND BUDGETS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing for the 2021 General Fund Budget and for any Special Funds will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Property Tax Millage Rate of 8.2751 Mills which is proposed to be levied for 2021 General Fund as well as .4864 Mills for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks and roads will be the subject of this Budget Hearing and will support the proposed 2021 Budget.

This hearing will afford citizens the right to present oral and written comments and to ask questions on the proposed uses.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, due to restrictions on public gatherings related to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the public wishing to participate in the public hearing should do so virtually/electronically through Zoom. Members of the public may join the public hearing using the following Zoom instructions:

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CP#20-248

Developer plans apt. complex at former Holmes Street School

A local developer plans to breathe new life into a neighborhood on Lansing's east side with a proposal that would transform a vacant school building into a 108-unit apartment complex.

The Lansing City Council's Committee on Development and Planning is expected to review a rezoning request this week from developers of the former Holmes Street School. If approved, plans call for renovations and construction of five apartment buildings on the 2.2-acre property.

Developer Jeff Deehan of Dymaxion Development reportedly bought the property last May and planned to have construction finished by 2021. He didn't return calls to City Pulse this week, but Dymaxion logos were attached to draft renderings of the "Blackboard District" redevelopment.

The shell of the school building itself would remain intact, with renovations for 47 residential units inside. Five other buildings (and a total of 61 more apartments) would also be built across the playground with sidewalks and shared common spaces placed between them.

If the plans come to fruition, it'll be the first time the property has been

used for housing. The school opened in 1923, closed in 2000 and spent the last 20 years in legal limbo after another developer tried and failed to convert the property into an incubator space for tech companies.

In 2006, a nonprofit also tried to use the space for an addiction recovery facility but withdrew the request based on strong objections from nearby residents. City officials have since found a residential use to be much more "appropriate" option given its proximity to other homes.

The city's Planning Board approved the rezoning request for the former school property last month. If approved by the Council committee Thursday, the request would then be sent to a formal public hearing and voted on by the full City Council.

A series of tax incentives for Dymaxion's development plans have also already been approved by the City Council and would reportedly freeze its taxable value for the next 12 years while allowing developers to pay taxes based on the school's worth prior to the renovations.

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Rock-ribbed Republican Rockford may turn blue

By SAMANTHA SCHRIBER

ROCKFORD, Kent County — On a Saturday morning, East Grand Rapids Democrat Bill Saxton canvassed up-and-down Mesa Drive in Rockford. As a contestant in Michigan's 73rd district state House race, Saxton described the well-groomed landscape as "a slice of America."

Behind the main roads, political yard signs have been interchanged for posh Halloween decorations. Plastic skeletons drinking imaginary tea from the porch and inflated tarantulas exist freely as a "Trump 2020 — No More Bullshit" flag hangs from a distant tree.

Saxton said his Kent County district is 95% white and encapsulates "typical suburbia."

"They just want their low taxes, they want their schools to be good and they kind of want to be left alone and (free) to do their own thing," Saxton said. "I would love to have more diversity in our area and be a little bit more welcoming to non-Caucasian families. That's just the way the demographics are particularly in the suburbs and particularly in West Michigan in general."

Saxton is competing against Republican newcomer Bryan Posthumus, a partner at the West Michigan Hopyards and the son of former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, most recently ex-Gov. Rick Snyder's chief of staff.

Saxton's campaign committee raised \$37,200 more than Posthumus since the primary and he feels great about that.

But independents like 64-year-old Lance Climie of Plainfield Township said, "A Republican will always win Plainfield Township, always."

Under normal circumstances, Saxton has no shot. Even under 2020 abnormal circumstances, it's hard to envision a Democrat winning in Christian conservative northern Kent County and its hotbed of diehard Trump supporters.

The Posthumus name is so strong. The candidate's sister is the Kent County clerk.

However, MIRS has learned Kent County Republicans are growing increasingly concerned about multiple polls showing congressional Democrat Hillary Scholten winning in multiple polls.

They still feel the countywide candidates and local candidates like Posthumus should be fine, even if Democrat Joe Biden wins Kent County.

Republican consultant Scott Greenlee



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concur.

"Bryan Posthumus is a fantastic candidate who is working extremely hard and comes from a long lineage in the district," he said. "I expect Bryan will win. I don't see that part of Kent County swinging blue any time soon."

But if projections are right and a record 5.9 to 6 million Michiganders show up to vote come Nov. 3, another longtime Kent County political consultant said, "A lot of things people never thought about becomes possible."

The pro-life, pro-gun issues that voters tended to gravitate to in the northern Kent County suburban paradises of Rockford and Plainfield Township are being replaced by the more apolitical PFAS. That's the "forever chemicals" that contaminated the drinking water in hundreds of homes out here.

Of course, that's not always the case.

At the first household Saxton visited that morning, a middle-aged woman described herself as a not-so-enthusiastic Republican. She said she didn't vote for Donald Trump in Fall 2016 and can't bring herself to vote for Biden because of "abortion and gay marriage."

Stacie Newman, the marketing manager for a West Michigan paving contractor, said she is sure that if a same-sex couple moved into her Rockford neighborhood that people would freak out.

"The people who have graduated from here or who have lived here most of their adult life gravitate toward each



Samantha Schreiber for City Pulse

Canvassers for Democrat Bill Saxton meet in a Plainfield Township garage, preparing to go out for socially distant door knocking and to flip the Michigan 73rd State House District.

other," Newmann said. "As far as West Michigan is concerned — yes, it is very segregated. People in the different districts do have different ideas. They're strong, very opinionated and are set one-way-or-another."

Newmann is employed by a company that organizes events for Unlock Michigan and her oldest daughter attended slumber parties hosted by members of the DeVos dynasty — the clan that produced the Amway multi-level marketing company and Republican U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

She said it is a political culture that flows more conservatively — but as a moderately Republican woman who believes "you have the right to love who you love, choose what to do with your body and to choose what to do with your money," Newmann contemplates if she's part of West Michigan's own silent majority.

"I feel that the government has become a way of life for some of these politicians. It's their bread and butter. They need you to think what they think because that's how they get paid," Newmann said. "All of this is nonsense. Just get down to the point. What is your plan? Quit threatening me -- quit threatening my way of life."

Stephanie Rossman, who's now lived in this suburban wonderland for eight years, said Rockford is being driven by "hatred for each other and hostility."

The single mother said she grew up being told that Rockford was very affluent and glued together by "cookie-cutter everything."

"Over the last few years, it has changed. (It) is not nice, it is not quiet and quaint, it is not help-thy-neighbor — it is hostile. It is mean," Rossman said. "Rockford is nothing but optics —

it's all smoke and mirrors, 100%."

Rossman created a private group called Rockford UNCENSORED!! after experiencing massive polarization on how community members wanted to pursue back-to-school learning for the Rockford Public Schools. She said when Facebook quarrels of face-to-face instruction versus virtual learning erupted from page-to-page, censorship followed immediately behind.

The members of Rossman's page are now more centered on fulfilling their Election Day vices with posts like "Roses are red, Kamala's not black, Joe's in the basement and Hunter's on crack" and "I think Biden is worthless as tits on a boar hog."

However, Rossman said she doesn't know what Rockford's political identity is because she doesn't necessarily care.

Rossman said she has an eighth grader who missed the first three weeks of school because he cannot comprehend digitized learning and she works too much to sit down at the computer with him.

Additionally, she built a \$350,000 home across the street from a Wolverine World Wide dumpsite for their PFAS contamination. Local issues affect her greatly, but Rossman explained that she isn't going to choose a champion anytime soon.

However, Saxton canvassers like Joan Long and Pei-Lan Tsou of Plainfield Township allowed that after Trump's presidential victory in 2016, they owe it to themselves and their community to never vote Republican again.

"I'm a woman, I'm a person of color, I'm an immigrant, I'm a scientist. What reason do I have to vote Republican ever again in my life?" said Tsou, an associate professor at Grand Valley State University.

Once a left-leaning split-ticket voter, Tsou suggests that reactions toward the Trump rhetoric have cleaved their suburban harmony — residents are either red, blue or likely to hop into either-or at the last moment.

Long said that down her street, a neighbor has cocooned himself with MAGA flags and firearms. Although it makes her uncomfortable, Long knows that he's preparing for their suburban snow globe to crack and burst.

The 60-year resident said she didn't think about politics growing up — it wasn't an issue in her neighborhood and it wasn't an issue in her schools.

"I retired in January of 2020 and everybody would ask me what I am going to do in retirement and I said, 'My first 11 months is going to be everything I can to change the current administration,' she said.

Lansing retirees rally against 'broken' healthcare promises

Schor tosses aside campaign pledge to avoid adjusting benefits for retirees

Deb Schenkel spent decades working in a parking ramp collecting fees for the city of Lansing before automated machines put her out of a job. Her scoliosis didn't slow her down. Neither did her cancer diagnosis. Despite her doctor's orders, she refused to miss a shift, even at her worst.

After automatic gates were installed, Schenkel, then in her mid-50s, was pushed out into the parking ramp to collect trash and bag meters for special events. Between shifts over a long weekend, she had surgery to remove a tumor on her spine and suffered partial paralysis in her left leg, she said.

"Still, the only time I took off were the days after chemotherapy," Schenkel added. "I really didn't fool around. I worked, and I worked hard. I've had scoliosis since I was 5 years old. I've had the braces, casts, multiple surgeries. I was a tough little bugger. That's how our parents raised us."

Schenkel retired in 2013, motivated, in part by a grueling winter's toll on an aging body. City officials also heavily incentivized her departure by offering her a chance to retain her existing healthcare coverage if she left and left quickly, she explained. Schenkel took the deal.

With pre-existing conditions, no spouse to lean on for alternative coverage and a pension that barely kept her out of poverty, Schenkel said she couldn't afford to lose her health benefits. And she certainly never expected to see her coverage reduced as Mayor Andy Schor arrived.

Schor made a clear campaign pledge as part of his "vision statement" to "not look to solve our current problems on the backs of city retirees, who spent their careers serving the public and are now on fixed incomes."

Beginning next year, however, that's exactly what Schor's administration intends to do.

About 1,300 retirees, including those formerly represented by Teamsters and the UAW, are slated to have their benefits modified to more closely mirror those of current employees by 2021. Many will see additional out-of-pocket expenses from higher copays for office visits, and prescription drugs and a 20% coverage reduction for some services, including chemotherapy.

City officials said there are too many variations to individual packages to give specific information on the increased costs to retirees. But with higher deductibles and rising caps on coinsurance maximums, they'll certainly be expected to fork over more cash for fewer benefits.

"It's a broken promise," Schenkel added. "I'm scared to death. What if the cancer comes back? This could be devastating. I know there are legacy costs, but this isn't the way to handle it. It's all being slammed on the retirees. We're older folks who are all going to need this coverage."

Lansing's unfunded pension and retiree healthcare liability has ballooned to nearly \$737 million in recent years. And though city officials don't keep track of the year-to-year fluctuations, Schor said something needed to be done to get a grip on those rising costs to avoid a financial "crisis."

The changes to retiree benefits — which were spearheaded by a third-party firm hired by the city last year — are expected to save the city about \$8 million annually, officials said. With it, Schor can instead pile more cash into the city's struggling general fund to float other services.

City officials have painted the maneuver as a necessity. The latest city budget trimmed millions of dollars in expenses and still brought its rainy-day reserves to an all-time low to offset decreased state revenues and plummeting income taxes amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The changes offered the "most savings and least changes for retirees," officials, including Chief Strategy Officer Judy Kehler, said in an email answering questions posed by City Pulse. It also aligned with a direct recommendation from the city's 18-member Financial Health Team to take immediate action in order to drastically reduce unfunded legacy costs.

As for broken promises? Schor refused to directly acknowledge the concept in an email to City Pulse, except to note that retirees could be much worse off. At least they have benefits, he said.

"There were other, more extreme options presented to me that I soundly rejected, including a plan to completely eliminate health care benefits for retirees and going to a monthly stipend," Schor said this week. "The current plan is the best option to ensure that the city of Lansing does something to reduce our high unfunded liability with the



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Former city of Lansing worker Deb Schenkel, who retired due to health issues, says she is "scared to death" by cuts to retiree benefits planned by the Schor administration.

least impact to our retirees."

City officials said union leaders gave feedback and were "given notice" of the changes before retirees were directly informed. The Lansing City Council — which remains largely powerless to intervene — was only filled in afterward after hearing the news secondhand.

Empowered by a Michigan Supreme Court decision last year from Macomb County, Schor's administration insists that unilateral changes to promised healthcare benefits are entirely legal.

That class-action lawsuit (from thousands of retired Macomb County workers) ultimately set a new legal precedent in Michigan. City officials have interpreted that ruling to mean that union contracts don't promise a vested right to lifetime and unalterable retirement healthcare benefits.

It also means that city officials needn't bargain with unions to make those decisions, Schor said.

"Public unions don't negotiate for retirees," city officials said in its email response to questions.

After confidential conversations with city officials and union leaders about planned benefits changes leaked to plan holders last month, criticism over the changes hit a boiling point. Union leaders complained about being cut out of the process. Several dozen retirees rallied against Schor in front of City Hall.

"Union lives matter," one sign read. At least two other posters called for Schor's resignation.

"Really, this all boils down to how this was done," said Mark Parker, city retiree and rally organizer. "If the city had actually sat down and negotiated with us in good faith, we might be in a different place right now. Even Virg Bernero would usually speak to us. Schor has been silent."

Dozens of retirees, like Schenkel, have voiced concerns over the upcoming benefits changes. Many are fearful of the unknown and — like City Pulse — have had trouble finding detailed information in plain language about increased costs or reductions in coverage from city officials.

For some with frequent medical needs, even an extra \$10-30 per visit or prescription can be a hardship, they said. The city opened a fund that offers \$1,000 to those who make less than \$25,000 annually. Many won't be eligible. For those who are, it only helps soften the blow.

"I don't have to pay anything for generic prescriptions right now, but with these copays, it could add up to be a lot," Schenkel added. "We also have to look at costs for doctor's visits and emergency room costs. You never know what could happen. That sense of security is gone."

Others fear that a group of loosely organized city retirees — some who no longer live in Lansing, don't pay local taxes and won't vote in the next mayoral election — are posing far too easy of a

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Eastside commission candidate fined \$1,000 over late campaign reports

Bob Pena, a Democratic candidate for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, has less than two weeks to fix mistakes in his campaign finance report or risk falling further out of compliance with state law.



Pena

Pena, who defeated incumbent Commissioner Thomas Morgan for the nomination to represent Lansing's east side, was fined \$1,000 last week after he was late in reporting thousands of dollars in political donations and expenses for the primary.

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum has also filed a "notice of errors and omissions" against Pena's campaign that includes a warning that his records of campaign donations in the latest election cycle were filed too early, lacked street addresses of the contributors and was riddled with mathematical errors and conflicting totals.

Byrum said Pena's latest mistakes pushed him out of compliance with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Corrections are due by Oct. 30. And if elected, Pena will have to sign an affidavit testifying that he's fully abiding by all state election requirements.

"It would be illegal to claim otherwise in that affidavit, so this must be fixed," Byrum said.

We will pay what we need to," Pena wrote Byrum.

Pena has not return multiple calls to City Pulse in recent weeks.

Morgan, his former opponent, said last week that Pena is going to have to be "better about following the law and paying attention to details" if he's ever going to "properly do the job of a county commissioner" in Ingham County.

Before Pena reported more than \$3,200 in contributions last week, he previously had declared he planned to raise less and spend less than \$1,000 each for the primary and general elections, resulting in a waiver for reporting. Records, however, show he passed that spending mark in July and should have filed two reports for the primary election in August.

Records indicate that Pena's committee had already exceeded that \$1,000 threshold in mid-July — a full month before that spending waiver was even refiled.

Pena was marked several weeks

late in filing both his pre-election and post-election primary election reports, Byrum said. Fines are statutorily capped at \$500 per report and increase for each day the disclosure is late. Officials dinged Pena for the full \$1,000 penalty.

"I'm working through the reports, but they appear to be absolutely riddled with errors," Byrum said. "It's missing basic addresses for contributors among some other items, but I can plainly see it's riddled with errors. We'll have to send out a letter."

Pena's late records showed that his campaign collected at least \$4,000 from about 20 individual donors since November 2018, including about \$3,200 in in-kind contributions — some listed as debts. Records also showed his campaign account maintains a leftover balance of about \$800.

Advertising invoices flagged earlier this month showed Pena spent more than \$1,000 on campaign ads at City Pulse alone — a clear indication that he surpassed his legal spending limits. Pena declined to disclose those spending records to City Pulse.

Pena's reports had initially suggested that some donors — like Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing and Deputy Drain Commissioner Paul Pratt — had donated more than \$400 each to his campaign since 2018. Byrum said those figures appear inaccurate. She thinks Pena's campaign incorrectly merged overall cumulative contributions with those from individual donors.

Instead, the largest donors on the Pena's latest report appear to have donated only \$100 each. Records also showed Pena's campaigns, in total, had doled out more than \$3,000 for signs, advertisements and t-shirts — some of which was listed on finance reports as unpaid debts.

Multiple calls to Pena's campaign treasurer, Carol Kasuda, were not returned to City Pulse.

"The goal of campaign finance reporting is to offer transparency," Byrum added. "It allows voters to see who is paying for the campaign and where the money is going. It's just unfortunate that this information was not provided to the public in a timely manner. Ignorance is not a defense."

Pena faces Republican Kelly Christopherson on Nov. 3.

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Peters-James won't debate as polls show tightening race

In 1961, Dr. Seuss snuck into the book "The Sneetches and Other Stories" a tale about "The Zax," a pair of hairy creatures who crossed paths in the desert. One was traveling north and

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the other south and both refused to move out of the way of the other.

"I'll stay here, not budging! I can and I will if it makes you and me and the whole world stand still," said the South-Going Zax.

And so it is with the U.S. Senate campaign in Michigan. In the past month, public polling has everything from U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Twp., up 10 points to Republican John James up 1 point.

The race, the first \$100 million campaign in Michigan history, is drawing national attention because it represents the Republicans' best pick-up opportunity.

And, yet, this will be the first campaign in at least 26 years where there won't be a single debate — barring something remarkable happening before the election — between the two of them. Not one single time will these two men be together in some public format for voters to decide between them.

No exchanging of ideas. No responses to the negative ads. No back-and-forth. No nothing. Just more TV ads.

WGVU, the Grand Rapids public TV station that has hosted U.S. Senate debates every cycle with the exception of 2014, received a "yes" from Peters for an Oct. 12 debate. They're still waiting for a call back from the James campaign.

The James campaigns said yes to debates on the state's largest commercial stations — WOOD-TV in Grand Rapids and WXYZ and WDIV in metro Detroit. Two of these stations hosted debates for governor last cycle, and "If they were good enough for Gretchen Whitmer in 2018, they should be good enough for Gary Peters," James' people said.

The Peters campaign wanted the traditional public TV appearances on WGVU and WTVS in Detroit.



KYLE MELINN

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The two did separate interviews on WDIV's "Flashpoint" over the week-end. Both blamed the other for not having a debate.

Neither side wants to acquiesce to the other and none of the TV stations are aggressively trying to play the middle and work out a compromise.

The problem is that a debate is a high-risk proposition for both campaigns with the potential of a negative outcome outweighing the potential of any positive outcome.

For James, he could appear on public TV on a Sunday afternoon, as happened in 2018. But few would watch it with football on the other channels. It would also open up the Republican to policy questions that will expose his lack of depth on issues compared to Peters, the professor-like technocrat who gladly dives into the weeds on any topic.

For the less Peters, appearing on commercial TV during prime time will put him side-by-side to the young, buff, attractive James under the great lighting of a station like WDIV or WOOD.

You may not have seen the John F. Kennedy-Richard Nixon debate of 1960, but historians point to these meetings when discussing the power of appearances on TV.

If Trump can narrow his likely loss to Biden to 5 percentage points — polls show Biden up by 9 points in Michigan now — the James campaign believes it still has a chance. They believe they don't feel like they have to bend like they did in 2018 when James gritted through a lightly watched, ho-hum WGVU debate with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Delta Twp.

Meanwhile, Peters should win this race and his team knows this. They're not going out of their way to give the Republican any more exposure than necessary unless it's under their conditions.

So here we are. The clock is ticking. People are voting.

Kind of like the story of the Zax where, "In a couple of years, the new highway came through, And they built it right over those two stubborn Zax, And left them there, standing unbudged in their tracks."

(Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS is at melinnky@gmail.com.)

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Eric Trump rails against Dems at Lansing rally

President's son
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U.S. President Donald Trump will get four more years as president.

So proclaimed Trump's second son, Eric Trump, at a rally Tuesday at Schlegel Sand & Gravel, on Wood Road in Lansing, exactly two weeks from Election Day. The event was attended by a few hundred of the president's supporters and had other speakers such as U.S. Rep. John Moolenaar, R-MI, whose district includes Clinton County.

Trump, 36, the president's middle of five children, said the Democratic Party and its candidates Joe Biden and Kamala Harris want to "censor you" and "want to keep churches shut."

"It's a Socialist party. It's a Communist party," Trump said to cheers from the crowd.

He said his father's campaign for president in 2016 was against "incompetence."

"They didn't know what they were doing," Trump said.

The crowd booed when Trump said the Democratic Party wants to tear down his father's border wall project.

Ezekiel Moreno, from Lansing, attended the event as his first political



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(Above) Eric Trump son of President Donald Trump, campaigning for his father in Lansing Tuesday.

function in his life.

"For the first time in my 44 years, I share a strong enthusiasm to be involved in the political system," he said.

As a Latino, Moreno said he looks beyond race and at Trump's accomplishments in the White House as the

main reason to vote for him.

"It's about being more American than Latino," he said.

Moreno was also wearing a mask, one of a few among the attendees or speakers. COVID-19 has infected 4,239 people in Ingham County and killed 58 there as of Monday, according



Skylar Ashley/City Pulse

(Above) Hundreds attended the rally at Schlegel Sand & Gravel, on Wood Road.

to State of Michigan data.

Lansing resident Donalyn Kestner and friends she attended the rally with were not wearing masks.

Kestner said she is a retired licensed practical nurse who worked for 25 years at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital.

She said she "has not met one person with COVID-19."

An Associated Press poll released Tuesday shows just 16% of Americans surveyed trust the president on information related to the virus.

— SEAN BRADLEY

Downtown Charlotte named to National Register of Historic Places

City officials expect
increased 'historical
tourism' after federal
designation

The city of Charlotte is hoping for a bigger tourism footprint after being named to the National Register of Historic Places.

"The first and easiest benefit is the tourism angle," said Bryan Myrkle, the city's community development director. "People into historical tourism will actually seek these places out and check them out. Charlotte is in the middle of the mitten, so to speak, and we just don't have some of the geographic features that draw in crowds elsewhere."

Charlotte showed up last week as one of 19 locations nationally that

were added to the registry. In addition to making Charlotte a larger blip on history buffs' maps of Michigan, a spot on the National Register also makes available incentives like grants and tax credits that could foster additional economic investment and subsequently increase property values.

Myrkle said Charlotte — with dozens of historic homes and businesses — first attempted to secure a spot on the National Register through former Gov. Rick Snyder's "Project Rising Tide," designed to give "special attention" to struggling communities.

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network later pitched in more than \$30,000 to conduct a historical study of sorts, which was then sent to the National Park Service for federal consideration. After a few delays in recent years, a decision was finally made this month.

"This also offers individual residents a chance for their home to gain some extra prominence," Myrkle added. "We can use this study to give them some historical context about their properties and then signs can be made for residents to display at their homes."

Myrkle said the designation doesn't carry restrictions that prohibit certain types of home improvements. Historic buildings that are drastically altered, however, could be removed from the National Register if they've lost their "historical significance," Myrkle said.

"It's just a little bit of extra attention on a city that could use the spotlight," Myrkle added.

The portion of the city of Charlotte listed on the National Registry is defined as the Charlotte Central Historic District and runs along Cochran Avenue and other adjacent

streets. It's bordered by McClure Street to the north and by Henry Street to the west.

Originally known as Eaton Center or Carmel, Charlotte was incorporated about four years after Lansing in 1863.

Myrkle said local residents and business owners can expect to receive additional information from the city about the federal designation next month, including options for historical signage on their properties as well as potential grant funding opportunities.

More than 95,000 properties, including nearly 2,000 in Michigan, have been listed on the National Register to date, which is reserved for places deemed worthy by the federal government of preservation for their historical significance.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

CP#20-251

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1477, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Use District Map of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to rezone the property at 3225 West Road from RA, Residential Agricultural District, to B-4, Restricted Office Business District.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-377.

Note: This hearing is currently scheduled to occur as a regular public hearing at the meeting. If, at the time of this hearing meetings are still not permitted under an Executive Order of the Governor and an Executive Order permitting meetings electronically allows for an electronic meeting, this hearing will occur electronically and a notice of the means of participation in that hearing will be published in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and any relevant Executive Orders.

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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

We must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk or by calling 517-483-4131.

The Lansing City Clerk's Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, will be open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to register and issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, 2500 S. Washington Ave (rear entrance), will be open:

- Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

to register voters and to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Rd, will be open:

- October 19 thru November 2, Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Monday, November 2, 2020 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, November 2, 2020 must be requested and voted in person at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit.

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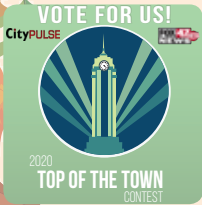
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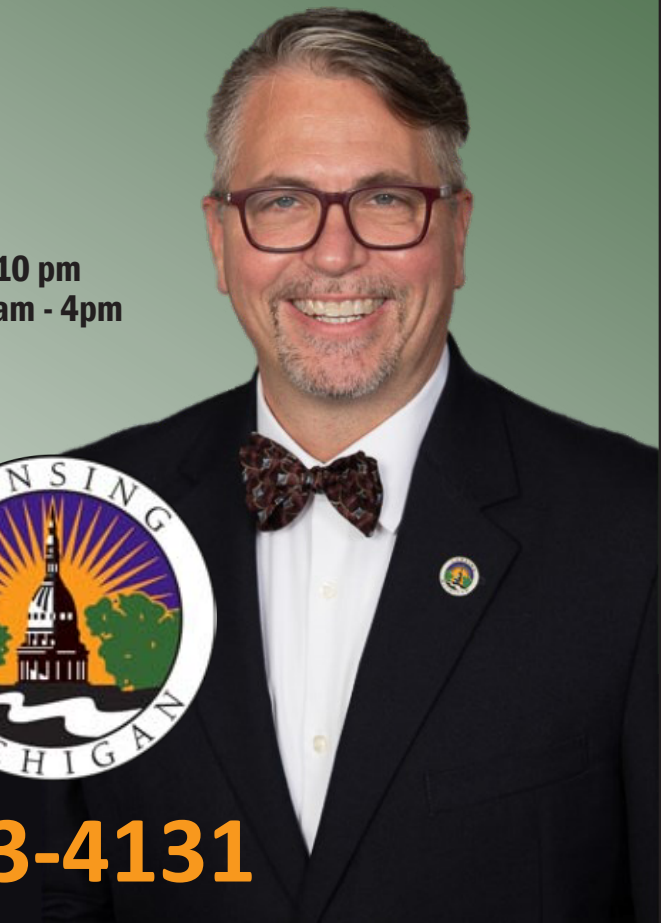
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TOP OF THE TOWN 2020

ROUND 2

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... And cut!

We are now past the first round of the rebooted Top of the Town 2020 contest. City Pulse received an absolute avalanche of votes and nominations, with the final total of votes submitted reaching nearly 65,000. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation! Now it's time for the fun part, seeing who secured a position in the Top 5.

As it is an election year, it was rather fascinating to see Lansing's picks in the political categories. The nominees for Best Local Politician are as follows: Andy Schor, Brandon Betz, Kathie Dunbar, Rick Jones and Julie Brixie. Meanwhile, your picks for Best State/National Politician are Gretchen Whitmer, Tom Barrett, Elissa Slotkin, Dana Nessel and John James. On the flipside, Schor, Jones and Betz were also nominated for Worst Local Politician. And as far as Worst State/National Politician is concerned, Whitmer earns another nomination and is joined by Donald Trump, Beau LeFave, Rick Snyder and Pete Lucido.

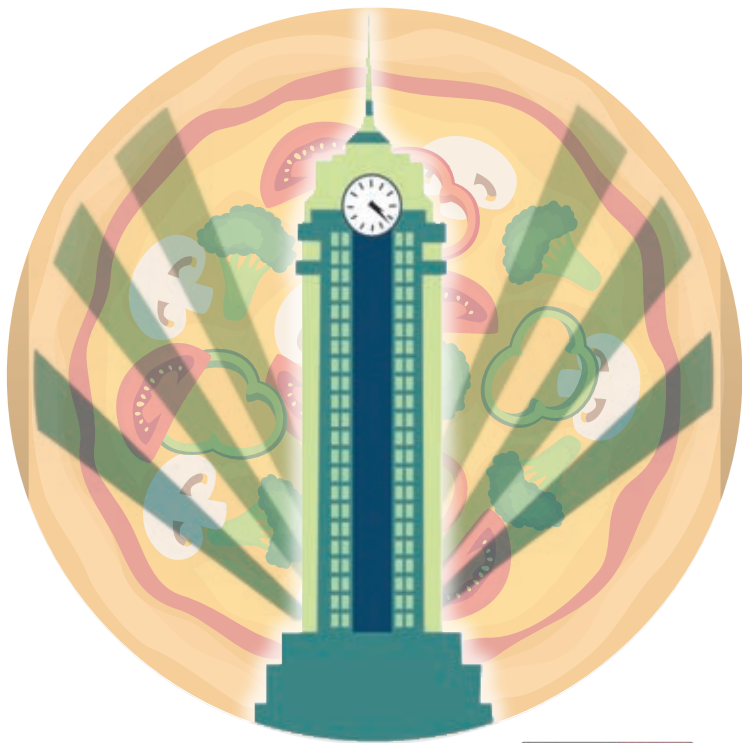
We can't forget about some of the important new categories added to

the reboot as a response to the coronavirus pandemic. The Top 5 nominees for Best Curbside Pickup are Lansing Brewing Co., People's Kitchen, Texas Roadhouse, Saddleback BBQ (Okemos) and Corey's Lounge. And in the hunt for Best Online Ordering, we've got Barnes & Noble (West Saginaw Highway), Lansing Brewing Co. again, Strange Matter Coffee, MEAT BBQ and the newcomer, Sleepwalker Spirits & Ale. Don't forget that right now, local businesses and restaurants need your support more than ever.

And City Pulse would be remiss not to mention the Best Pizza Contest. In case you need a reminder, we decided pizza was too large of a category to be contained within the rest of Top of the Town, so we gave it a breakout section of its own. Flip to page 22 to see who took home top prize in categories such as Best East Lansing Pizza and Best Deep-Dish Style Pizza.

Voting starts today and ends Nov. 3, 2020.





The votes are in

Pizza is near and dear to all of our hearts. City Pulse decided to give the classic dish a little extra love this year by giving it a contest of its own. Just having a single category in Top of the Town, “Best Pizza,” was far too basic. What about Best Deep Dish? Best Thin Crust? There’s simply too much nuance at stake here. We asked you to settle several debates and you did a great job. So, without further ado, here are the local pizza pie champions.

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REGIONAL WINNERS

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| TOP 5 Northside <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DeLuca's• Cosmos• Jetts• Piazzanos• Dispatch Bar & Grill TOP 5 Westside <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DeLuca's• Buddys• Detroit Frankie's• Falsettas Casa Nova• Marco's Pizza | Best Pizza - Southside <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mancinos• Marcos Best Pizza - East Lansing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza House• Bell's Greek Pizza• Giorgios on Charles Street Best Pizza - Okemos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spags• Old Chicago Best Pizza - Holt <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fat Boys Pizza | Best Pizza - Dimondale <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Street Best Pizza - Grand Ledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cuginos• Peppino's Pizza Best Pizza - Dewitt <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peppinos• Knob Hill Tavern• Looking Glass Brewing Co. Best Pizza - Charlotte <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swampers | Best Pizza - Elsewhere in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Klavon's• Eagle Inn |
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PIZZA STYLE

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| Thin Crust <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detroit Frankies• DeLuca's• Sir Pizza• Blaze• Leo's | Deep Dish <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza House• Peppinos• Old Chicago• Cuginos• DeLuca's | Gluten Free <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blaze• Italian Village Pizza• Lil G's Eccentric Pizza <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cosmos• Swampers breakfast pizza | Regular Pizza <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DeLuca's• Peppino's• Cugino's• Toarminas• Fat Boys |
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CRUST • TOPPINGS • EVERYTHING ELSE

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| Crust <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DeLucas's• Buddy's• Marco's Pizza Toppings - Variety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cosmos• Marco's Old world Pepparoni | Tomato Sauce <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peppino's Pizza• Buddy's Detroit Pizza Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jetts Lansing• Eagle Inn• Marco's Pizza | Decor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peppino's Pizza of Grand Ledge• Pizza House• Cosmos Breadsticks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peppino's Pizza• Pizza House | Salad <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jetts• DeLucas Ranch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jetts• Peppino's |
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TOP 5 BEST BARS

COCKTAILS

- American Fifth Spirits
- The Avenue Café
- Stober's Bar
- Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery
- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.

DANCE BAR

- Spiral Video & Dance
- Green Door
- The Avenue Café
- Overdrive
- Dublin Square

FOOD

- Meat BBQ
- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- Art's Pub
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- The Avenue Café

GAY/LESBIAN BAR

- Spiral Video & Dance
- The Avenue Café
- Reo Town Pub
- Esquire
- Zoobie's

HAPPY HOUR

- Stober's Bar
- HopCat
- Zoobie's
- Buddie's Grill - Holt
- Moriarty's Pub

JAM NIGHT

- The Green Door Bar & Grill
- Moriarty's Pub
- Spiral Video & Dance
- The Avenue Café
- Unicorn Tavern

KARAOKE

- Crunchy's
- The Avenue Café
- LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
- Sir Pizza in Old Town
- Sir Pizza - Lake Lansing

LANSING AREA BREWERY

- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Dimes Brewhouse

LANSING AREA DISTILLERY

- American Fifth Spirits
- Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery
- Michigrain Distillery
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Red Cedar Spirits

MARGARITA

- El Azteco
- Acapulco Mexican Grill
- Punk Taco - Lansing location
- Cancun Mexican Grill
- Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery

NEIGHBORHOOD BAR

- Harry's Place
- The Avenue Café
- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- Art's Pub
- Dagwood's

OPEN MIC NIGHT

- The Avenue Café
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Crunchy's
- Moriarty's Pub
- Blue Owl Coffee

PUB/TAVERN

- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- Dagwood's
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Harry's Place
- Art's Pub

SPARTAN SPORTS HANGOUT

- Harrison Roadhouse
- Crunchy's
- Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe
- Dagwood's
- The Watershed Tavern & Grill

SPORTS BAR

- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- Art's Pub
- Champps
- Frank's Press Box
- Reno's - East

TOP 5 BEST DINING

BAGELS

- Flour Child Bakery
- GoodFellas Bagel Deli
- Big Apple Bagels
- Great Harvest Bread Co.
- Panera Bread - S. Cedar

BAKERY

- Flour Child Bakery
- Bake N' Cakes
- Strange Matter Coffee
- Gigi's Cupcakes of East Lansing
- Groovy Donuts

BBQ

- MEAT Southern BBQ
- Saddleback BBQ - Okemos

- Saddleback BBQ - REO Town
- Capital City BBQ
- Gravity Smokehouse & BBQ

BREAKFAST

- Good Truckin' Diner
- Fidler's on the Grand
- Amy's Downtown Diner
- The People's Kitchen
- Golden Harvest

BRUNCH

- The People's Kitchen
- Soup Spoon Cafe
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Buddies Grill - Holt
- Golden Harvest

BURGER

- Crunchy's
- Dagwoods Tavern and Grill
- Harry's Place

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Top 5

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- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Good Truckin' Diner

CHINESE

- Asian Buffet
- Charlie Kang's Restaurant
- P.F. Chang's
- Little Panda Chinese Restaurant
- Chen's Restaurant

CIDER

- Uncle John's Cider Mill
- Quality Dairy
- Country Mill*
- Phillips Orchards & Cider Mill - Gatehouse Market
- Horrocks Tavern

CONEY

- Sparty's Coney Island
- Olympic Broil
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Dimitris Restaurant
- Zeus' Coney Island

DELI

- Horrocks Farm Market
- StateSide Deli & Restaurant Okemos
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Fabiano's Grocery & Deli
- Fresh Thyme Farmers Market

DESSERT

- MSU Dairy Store
- Tasty Twist
- Arctic Corner
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Dairy Dan

DINER

- Good Truckin' Diner
- Fleetwood Diner
- Sparty's Coney Island
- Golden Harvest
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

DONUTS

- Quality Dairy
- Groovy Donuts
- Strange Matter
- Cops & Donuts - Capital Precinct
- Uncle John's Cider Mill

FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

- Cugino's

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- Harry's Place
- Cosmos
- DeLuca's Restaurant
- Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant

FAYGO FLAVOR

- Rock N Rye
- Red Pop
- Creme Soda
- Orange
- Black Cherry

FAST FOOD

- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil
- Chick-fil-A
- El Oasis
- Eastside Fish Fry

FISH FRY

- Eastside Fish Fry
- Log Jam
- Harry's Place
- Fresh Fish & Fry
- Claddagh Irish Pub

FOOD TRUCK

- El Oasis

- Pancho's Taqueria
- Shove It Pizza Truck
- Bangos
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ

FRENCH FRIES

- HopCat
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Five Guys Burger & Fries
- Olympic Broil
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

FRIED CHICKEN

- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Chick-fil-A
- Meat BBQ
- Harry's Place
- Fresh Fish & Fry - S. MLK

GREEK RESTAURANT

- Zaytoon Mediterranean
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Woody's Oasis
- Zeus' Coney Island
- ChouPli Wood-Fired Kabob

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- Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet
- Sushi Moto
- Maru Sushi & Grill

ICE CREAM SHOP

- MSU Dairy Store
- MOO-ville Creamery
- Arctic Corner
- Corner Cone
- Lick-ety Split

INDIAN RESTAURANT

- Swagath Indian Cuisine
- Sindhu Indian Cuisine
- Persis Indian Grill
- Paradise Biryani Pointe
- Sree Saffron

IRISH RESTAURANT

- Claddagh Irish Pub* (out of business)

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Top 5

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- Moriarty's Pub
- Kelly's Downtown
- Dublin Square

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

- Cugino's
- DeLuca's
- Tannin
- Spagnuolo's Restaurant
- Piazzano's

KIDS EAT FREE RESTAURANT

- Cosmos/Zoobies
- McAlister's Deli
- Texas Roadhouse
- Applebee's
- Buddies Grill - Holt

LATE NIGHT FOOD

- Crunchy's
- Fleetwood Diner
- Pizza House
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Moriarty's Pub

MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

- Zaytoon Mediterranean
- Woody's Oasis
- Aladdin's
- Tabooli
- ChouPli Wood-Fired Kabob

MEXICAN RESTAURANT - CHAIN

- Cancun Mexican Grill
- Fiesta Charra
- Los Tres Amigos
- Hacienda-W Saginaw
- Los Tres Amigos - East Lansing
- Los Tres Amigos - Downtown Lansing

MEXICAN RESTAURANT - NON CHAIN

- El Azteca - West
- El Oasis
- Pablo's Old Town
- Acapulco Mexican Grill
- El Azteca - East

NACHOS

- Art's Pub
- Buddies Pub & Grill - East Lansing
- MEAT Southern BBQ
- El Azteca - West
- Buddies Grill - Holt

NEW RESTAURANT

- Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Sleepwalker
- Buddy's Pizza
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ
- GoodFellas Bagel Deli

OLIVE BURGER

- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Olympic Broil
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harry's Place
- Peanut Barrel

PANCAKES

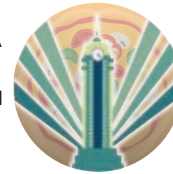
- The People's Kitchen
- Soup Spoon Café
- Sophias House of Pancakes
- Golden Harvest
- Good Truckin' Diner

PHO

- Capital City BBQ
- Nola Bistro
- Taste of Thai
- 102 Pho & Banh Mi
- Asia's Finest

PIZZA

- DeLuca's
- Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Cugino's
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Cosmos



PRIME RIB

- Airport Tavern
- Capital Prime
- English Inn
- Corey's Lounge
- LongHorn Steakhouse

RAMEN

- Ruckus Ramen
- Bento Kitchen Cravings
- Noodles and Company
- Sapporo Ramen
- Udon Sushi Restaurant

RANCH DRESSING

- Jet's Pizza

- Deluca's Restaurant
- Cugino's
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Wagon Wheel
- American Grill

RESTAURANT BEER LIST

- HopCat
- Crunchy's
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Lansing Brewing Co.

RESTAURANT FOR SENIORS

- Flap Jack Shack
- Coral Gables
- English Inn
- Denny's - W Saginaw
- Spud's Family Restaurant

RESTAURANT WINE LIST

- Dusty's Cellar
- Bridge Street Social
- English Inn
- EnVie
- Capital Prime

REUBEN

- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- StateSide Deli & Restaurant
- Big Guy Foods
- Soup Spoon Café
- Fleetwood

SALAD

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Leaf
- Whole Foods Market
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Better Health Market & Cafe

SEAFOOD

- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Capital Prime Steak and Seafood
- Red Lobster
- Eastside Fish Fry
- Stillwater Grill

SIGNATURE DISH

- Cosmos - Trust Us Pizza
- Meat Southern BBQ - Meat Mountain
- Fleetwood Diner - Hippie Hash
- Zaytoon Mediterranean - Chicken Shawarma
- Capital City BBQ - Banh Mi

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- Meat BBQ
- Arby's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

SOUP

- Soup Spoon Café
- Zoup!
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- McAlister's Deli

STEAK

- Bowdies Chophouse
- Airport Tavern and Steakhouse
- Texas Roadhouse
- Capital Prime
- Longhorn Steakhouse

SUB SANDWICH

- Jersey Giant
- Potbelly Sandwich Shop
- Jersey Mike's Subs
- Mancino's
- Firehouse Subs

SUSHI

- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Sansu Sushi
- Sushi Moto
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar - West Lansing
- Al Fusion Sushi & Grill

TACOS

- Punk Taco
- Good Truckin' Diner
- El Oasis
- Pablo's Old Town
- Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)

THAI

- Thai Village
- Taste of Thai
- Bangkok House
- Niang Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Thai Princess

UPSCALE DINING

- Bridge Street Social
- Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant
- English Inn
- Bowdies Chophouse
- Soup Spoon Café

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/GLUTEN

FREE

- Good Truckin' Diner
- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- Soup Spoon Café
- Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- People's Kitchen

WINGS

- MEAT Southern BBQ
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Art's Pub
- Eastside Fish Fry
- Wings Over East Lansing

TOP 5 BEST HANGOUTS

BIGGBY

- 8741 W Saginaw Hwy - West Lansing
- 120 W Ottawa, Lansing
- 2250 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing (Eastwood)
- 2546 E. Jolly Rd. - Lansing
- 914 Charlevoix Dr. - Grand Ledge

BOWLING ALLEY

- Spare Time
- Royal Scot
- City Limits - East
- City Limits - Mason
- Wagon Wheel
- American Grill

COFFEE SHOP (non-Biggbby)

- Blue Owl
- Strange Matter - Michigan Ave.
- Horrocks
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Strange Matter - Washington Sq.

COMEDY NIGHT

- The Robin Theatre
- Crunchy's
- Mac's Bar
- Wagon Wheel
- American Grill
- Ozone's Brewhouse

CORN MAZE

- Bestmaze Corn Maze
- Uncle John's Cider Mill

Shawhaven Farm

DOG PARK

- Hawk Island Park
- Soldan Dog Park
- Dewitt dog park
- Scott Woods Park
- Northern Tail Dog Park

ESCAPE ROOM VENUE

- Challenges East Lansing
- Breakout Escape Rooms
- EpiQ Escapes
- Escapology Escape Rooms -

- Lansing Spare Time Entertainment Center

GOLF COURSE

- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Hawk Hollow Golf Course
- Forest Akers East Golf Course
- Timber Ridge Golf Club
- Eagle Eye Golf Club

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We're in the TOP 5 in:

- Burger
- Karaoke
- Open Mic Night
- Spartan Sports Hangout
- Late Night Food
- Restaurant Beer List
- Comedy Night
- Hangout for Students
- Trivia Night



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HANGOUT FOR SENIORS

- Coral Gables
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Soup Spoon Café
- Spud's Family Restaurant
- Lansing Mall

HANGOUT FOR STUDENTS

- Crunchy's
- HopCat
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
- The Avenue Café

HANGOUT SOLO

- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Blue Owl Coffee
- Moriarty's Pub
- The Avenue Café

HAUNTED ATTRACTION

- Demented Mitten Tours
- Shawhaven Farm
- Jackson's Underworld
- Exit 13 Haunted House

LOCAL ATTRACTION FOR KIDS

- Impression 5 Science Center
- Potter Park Zoo
- District 5/Defy Lansing

- MSU Children's Gardens
- Edru Skate

MOVIE THEATER

- NCG Cinema
- Celebration Cinema
- Sun Theatre - Grand Ledge
- Studio C!
- Sun Theatre - Williamston

MUSIC VENUE

- Green Door
- The Loft
- The Avenue Café
- Mac's Bar
- Robin Theatre

NATURE CENTER

- Fenner Nature Center
- Woldumar Nature Center
- Potter Park Zoo
- MSU Horticulture Gardens
- Fitzgerald Park

NON-BAR OR RESTURANT DATE

- Old Town
- Horrocks
- Potter Park Zoo
- ALT Printing Co.
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment

PATIO

- Horrocks Farm Market
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

- El Azteco - East
- Peanut Barrel
- Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery

PLACE OF WORSHIP

- Riverview Church
- City Life Lansing
- St. Gerard
- St. John Catholic Church & Student Center
- St Casimir Church

PLACE TO PLAY PINBALL

- The Avenue Café
- Pinball Pete's
- Grid Arcade & Bar

PLACE TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES

- Grid Arcade & Bar
- Pinball Pete's
- Avenue Cafe
- Spare Time Entertainment Center
- Fyber Gaming and Repair Center

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PLACE TO SHOOT POOL

- The Avenue Café
- LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
- Pinball Pete's
- Bridge & Main
- Green Dot Stables

PLACE TO SLED

- Hawk Island Park
- Fitzgerald Park
- Granger Meadow
- John Taylor Memorial Hill - aka Dead Mans Hill, Holt
- Burchfield County Park

PUBLIC PARK

- Fitzgerald Park
- Moores Park
- Hawk Island Park
- Frances Park
- Fenner Nature Center

SMOKE SHOP/ HOOKAH LOUNGE

- Wild Bill's
- Exscape Smoke Shop & Vapor Lounge

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- Campbell's Smoke Shop
- Blue Night Hookah Lounge
- Downtown Smoking Club

TABLE TOP GAMING

- The Avenue Café
- Summit Comics & Games
- AFK Games
- Evolution Games

TRIVIA NIGHT

- Harry's Place
- Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery
- Crunchy's
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Charlie's Bar And Grill

TOP 5 BEST LOCAL ARTS

ARTIST (PERSON)

- Ryan Holmes
- Stephanie Hogan
- Andrew Sandstedt
- Marissa Tawney Thaler
- Christina Castilla

CHORAL GROUP

- People's Church Choir
- LanSing Out
- Sistrum, Lansing
- Women's Chorus
- Men of Orpheus
- Holt UMC Choir

CLASSICAL MUSICIAN

- Dave Gorbe
- Timothy Muffitt
- Ed Fedewa
- Darin Larnar Jr
- Rodney Page

CLUB DJ

- Ruckus
- DJ Element
- Capitol City DJs
- DJ Face
- Mary X

COUNTRY ARTIST/BAND

- Shelby & Jake
- Rachel Curtis
- Sadie Bass

- Brenda Loomis band
- The Swift Brothers

COVER BAND

- Starfarm
- Global Village
- Avon Bomb
- Be Kind Rewind
- New Rule

EXPERIMENTAL MUSICAL ACT

- Wolf Eyes
- Cavalcade
- Low Graves
- Otho Roi
- Atomic Boogaloo

FOLK ARTIST/BAND

- Creature Of One
- Abbey Hoffman
- Jen Sygit
- Rachel Curtis
- Shelby & Jake

HIP-HOP ARTIST/GROUP

- Sway Boi
- Kwaj
- Ozay Moore
- Packy
- James Gardin

JAZZ MUSICIAN

- Root Doctor
- MSU Professors of Jazz
- Jeff Shoup
- Phil Denny
- 496 West

LOCAL THEATRE GROUP

- The Artist's Umbrella
- Riverwalk Theatre
- The Dark Art of Michigan performance Art Show
- Owosso Community Players
- Peppermint Creek Theatre

POTTERY STUDIO

- Wheel House Pottery Studio
- Sunset Clay Studio
- Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
- Reach Art Studio
- Playing Picasso LLC

PUBLIC ART/SCULPTURE

- Below the Stacks
- Sparty
- ARTPath
- Old Town mural by Nanibah Chacon
- Under the Bridge

PUNK/METAL GROUP

- Let it rot
- PET ME
- She/Her/Hers
- Goddamn Gallows
- Heart of Jordan

ROCK ARTIST/BAND

- Jimmy Likes Pie
- Heart of Jordan
- Jenn's Apartment
- From Big Sur
- Starfarm

TOP 5 BEST PEOPLE

ADVOCATE

- Lysne Tait
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Nekeyta Brunson
- Mike Karl
- Charese Horn

BARTENDER

- Candy - Prestons
- Robert Klaver, Bridge Street Social
- Molly Gardner- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Paul Castillo (Bowdies)
- Mac Dambro

BREWER

- Lee Streeter, Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Ed Huston - Brickhaven Brewery
- Dan Buonodono, Eaglemonk Pub and Brewery
- Jeremy Sprague, Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale
- Erik Swanson at Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery, & Winery

BUDTENDER

- Amy Carter - Stateside Wellness
- Alex - Bazonzo's
- Leslie Pinder - Skymint
- Jess - Jars
- Geoffrey - Bazonzo's

CATA BUS DRIVER

- Ron DeLeon
- Daniel Howard
- Aaron Aikman
- Tod Edmunds
- Jacob Pena

CHEF

- Brian Pierce - Wrought Iron Grill
- Edie Goik- Maru Sushi Okemos
- Josh Moyer - Looking Glass Brewery

- Linda Hundt - Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe
- Steve Swart - Ruckus Ramen

COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR

- Dr. Jonathan Weaver - MSU
- Mark Stevens - Criminal Justice - LCC
- Deb Bishop - LCC
- Ava Ordman - MSU College of Music
- Jeffrey Wooldridge - MSU

COMEDIAN

- Melik Brown
- Pat Sievert
- Dwayne Gill
- Robert Jenkins
- Kat Logan

COSMETIC SURGEON

- Michelle Southard
- George Poletes
- Ahmed Sufyan
- Shelby Nathan
- Andrew Zwyghuizen

DANCE INSTRUCTOR

- Clara Martinez, dance teacher - Everett
- Jen West - Spirit Expressions
- Marie Savala
- Candice - Stilettos & Steel Fitness
- Sarah Guthrie

DEVELOPER

- Capital Area Housing Partnership
- Scott Gillespie
- Brent Forsberg
- Gillespie Group
- Pat Gillespie

ESTHETICIAN

- Kassandra Coots - Kass Beauty
- Lyndsay Bowling - Gorgeous Skin by Lyndsay
- Olga Briseno - MSU Aesthetic and Laser Treatment Center
- Beth Hunt - MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment Center
- Emily Earnest - Mid Michigan Dermatology

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- Nate Parisian
- Taylor Darjes
- Josh Bohrer
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- India Berry
- Justine Wilson
- Hannah Rae
- Hayley Ragsdale

HIGH SCHOOL COACH

- Candice Heslitt - DeWitt Cheer
- Chris Tyler - Waverly
- Pat O'Keefe (retired) - Grand Ledge High School
- Jim Ahern
- Jason Walker - Williamston High School

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

- Meghan Eldred-Woolsey - DeWitt Schools
- Ben Billings - Everett HS
- Brittney Hall
- Chris Tyler - Waverly
- Paula Hoffman - Grand Ledge HS

LOCAL TV NEWS PERSONALITY

- Sheri Jones - WLNS
- Emily Wahls - formerly of WLNS
- Ann Emmerich - WILX
- Chivon Kloefer - WLNS
- Lauren Thompson WLNS

MASSAGE THERAPIST

- Amber Hazen Brad's Hair Studio
- Kate Prouty
- Eboni at Creative Wellness
- Kristin Creighton at Fahrenheit Massage
- Bee Queener

PERSONAL TRAINER

- Abdullah Muhammad - Core Wellness
- Brian Daniels - EmPOWER Lansing
- Kelli Brumbaugh - Michigan Athletic Club
- Justin Grinnell
- Ryan Haughey - The University Club of MSU

PIERCER

- Aaron Wood (Malibu) - Ink Therapy
- Hollywood
- Rene Splash of Color
- Andy at Splash of Color
- Steff at Vivid Ink

POLICE OFFICER

- Aiko - K9 - Bath Twp.
- Brendan Cissel - Lansing Comm College
- Sara Devereaux - Grand Ledge Police department
- Garrett Schlossberg - Eaton County
- Dillon Royst - Lansing Police Dept.

RADIO DJ

- Banana Don & Stephanie McCoy
- Joey Pants
- Monica Harris - 99.1 WFMK
- Terry Stevens
- Jon Rockin' Rogo

REALTOR

- Iris Reynolds - Keller Williams
- Danielle Dayrell, ReMax
- Dani Fairman - Community Real Estate
- Brecken Terry, Coldwell Banker
- Hubbell Briarwood
- Frank McGillis - ReMax

RESTAURANT WAITSTAFF PERSON

- Cheese - Mitchell's Fish Market
- Brave Lotus- Looking Glass Brewing Co
- Kevin Wilson - Bowdies Chophouse
- Michelle - Courthouse Pub
- Danielle Pendergrass - Sleepwalker

TATTOO ARTIST

- Shawn Farr, Ink Therapy
- Shaun Friday, Ministry Ink
- Ofie Benita
- Chris "Cali" Thompson - Splash of Color
- Woody at Splash of Color

YOGA INSTRUCTOR

- Sarah Belanger - Sarah Belanger Yoga / MI Hot Yoga
- Belinda Thurston - JustB
- Deb Hart
- Brenda-Just B Yoga
- Anna Bennett

- The Quarry Apartments of DeWitt
- Motor Wheel Lofts

AUDIOLOGIST/HEARING FIRM

- Advanced Audiology - Linda Wright
- MaryRose Hecksel AuD. LLC
- Jacklyn Miller - Advanced Audiology in DeWitt
- Mid-Michigan Ear Nose & Throat
- Hearing Health Center

AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP

- Mason Auto Body Repair, Inc.
- A & D Repair
- Priority Auto Body
- Vision Collision
- Shaheen Chevrolet

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- Jerry's Automotive
- A&D Auto Repair
- Shaheen Chevrolet
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BANK

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- Huntington Bank
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- PNC Bank
- Fifth Third

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CATERER/CATERING CO.

- The Smoke N' Pig BBQ
- MEAT Southern BBQ
- Morton's Fine Catering
- Amy's Catering
- Saddleback BBQ

CEMETERY

- Mt Hope Cemetery
- St. Joseph Cemetery
- Blood Cemetery
- Maple Grove Cemetery
- DeepDale Memorial Gardens

CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE

- Infinity Chiropractic Center
- Ledges Chiropractic
- Rassel-Daigneault Family Chiropractic
- Delta Chiropractic Center
- Chirotechnology

CLEANING SERVICE

- Domestic Divas
- A to Zen cleaning
- Chelsea's Cleaning Service
- 5s Cleaning
- Molly Maid of Lansing

COVID - CURBSIDE PICKUP

- Lansing Brewing Co.
- People's Kitchen
- Texas Roadhouse
- Saddleback BBQ Okemos
- Corey's Lounge

COVID- ONLINE ORDERING (business)

- Barnes & Noble
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Strange Matter Coffee
- Meat BBQ
- Sleepwalker

CREDIT UNION

- MSU Federal Credit Union
- Lake Trust Credit Union - downtown
- Lansing Automakers Federal Credit Union (LAFUCU)
- CASE Credit Union
- Astera Credit Union

DANCE STUDIO

- Dance City West
- Polistic Fitness
- Karyns Dance Place
- Happendance
- Ann's School of Dance

DAY SPA

- Zoe Life Spa and Salon
- Salon 130
- Bliss Salon Spa Boutique
- Douglas J Salon
- MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment Center

DENTIST OFFICE

- McNiel Family Dentistry, PC
- Schaefer Dental Group
- Mashni Dentistry
- Lansing Elite Dental
- Dr. Daniel Derksen

DEVELOPMENT

- The Hive - Shared Office Space
- 2722 E Michigan Ave
- Cottage Lane on Leslie
- 600 Block Michigan Avenue

DRY CLEANERS

- Baryames Cleaners
- S & Sue Cleaners & Tailors
- Maurer's
- Holt Cleaners
- Twichell's Cleaners

FINANCIAL PLANNER/CO.

- Financial strategies
- Hantz Financial
- Jon Grocki
- Waggoner Financial
- Nick Nauta

FUNERAL HOME

- Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes
- Palmer Bush & Jensen Funeral
- Peters & Murray Funeral Home
- Estes-Leadley Funeral Homes
- Mills Funeral

GYM/FITNESS STUDIO

- emPOWER Lansing
- State of Fitness
- Spartan Dance & Fit Center
- Tri Fitness
- Yay Fit

HEATING/COOLING/PLUMBING CO.

- Hedlund Plumbing
- All Star Mechanical
- A-1 Mechanical
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- Sparrow Home Care
- Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice
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- Cypress Home Care

INSURANCE AGENT/AGENCY

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- Rathbun Agency, Inc.
- Joseph Dunn - Allstate Insurance
- David Chapman Agency

LANDSCAPING CO.

- Stiles Lawn, Landscaping & Snow Removal
- Hammond Farms Landscape Supply
- Pure Green Smith Tree & Landscape
- Bud Branch Blossom
- Bofysil Landscaping LLC

LASER HAIR REMOVAL

- MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment Center
- Jennifer Edwards. Aesthetics Med Spa
- Milan Laser Hair Removal
- LightRx - Okemos

Mirkin Electrology

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- Abood Law Firm

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- Edgewood Wellness
- Skymint - S Cedar
- Stateside Wellness
- Cannaisseur

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- Salon 130 Teresa Bartig
- Sacred Oasis Massage and Wellness

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- Splash of Color Tattoo & Piercing Studio
- Playmakers
- Z-Solutions
- Grace Boutique
- Metro Retro

MUSIC LESSONS

- Elderly Instruments
- Marshall Music
- MSU Community Music School
- Roth Music Academy
- Sigh Studio of Music

NAIL SALON

- Lynny Nails
- Polished Nail Salon
- Bliss Salon & Spa
- Nail Studio Grand Ledge
- Polished by Me - DeWitt

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (local)

- Ele's Place
- Cardboard Prophets
- Helping Women Period
- Firecracker Foundation
- Capital Area Humane Society

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- Fast Eddie's Car Wash & Oil Change
- Family Quick Lube
- A&D Repair

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- L.O. Eye
- Grand Ledge Optometry
- Mason Family Eyecare
- Holt Eye Care PLLC

PEST CONTROL CO.

- Bullseye Pest Solution
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- Stewart Pest Solutions

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- Orkin Pest & Termite Control

PET GROOMING

- Kelly's Pet Boutique
- Old Town Tails
- Doggy Daycare and Spa
- Amanda's Grooming
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- PGPA Pharmacy
- Ware's Pharmacy
- Central Pharmacy
- Abbey pharmacy

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- Evoke Wedding Photography
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- McShane Photography
- Kays Eyes Photography

POST OFFICE

- Merrill Street
- East Lansing
- Mason
- Grand Ledge
- Delta Township

PR FIRM

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- Martin Waymire
- Truscott Rossman
- M3 Group

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- DTN Management Company
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- 88.9 WDBM
- 94.9 WMMQ
- 90.5 WKAR

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- R.L. Rider Remodeling

SALON

- Capellini
- Salon 130
- Tres JoLee
- Bridge St. Hair Co.
- Ambiance Salon

SENIOR LIVING

- Burcham Hills
- Vista Springs Timber Ridge Village
- Independence Village Grand Ledge
- Delta Retirement Center
- Great Lakes Christian Homes, Holt

TAILOR/SEAMSTRESS

- Nu the Tailor
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- Vivid Ink

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- Therapy Today

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- PJ's Towing
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- Miller Animal Clinic
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- Waverly Animal Hospital
- MSU College of Veterinary Medicine
- Haslett Animal Hospital

WEDDING SERVICES

- HotBeats Entertainment
- Beckers bridal
- Twiggies
- Capitol City DJs
- All Grande Events
- Hilltop Yoga
- People's Yoga
- Just B Yoga

- Heart and Soul in Yoga
- Firefly Hot Yoga Bar

TOP 5 BEST SHOPPING

ANTIQUE SHOP

- Kellie's Consignments
- Thrift Witch
- REO Town Marketplace
- Mega Mall
- Maple Street Mall - Mason

ART GALLERY

- REO Town Marketplace
- Lansing Art Gallery
- Absolute Gallery
- Broad Art Museum
- Katalyst Art Gallery

ASIAN MARKET

- Oriental Mart
- Viet Thai Market
- LLB Asian Market
- Lotte Market
- Z Z's Market

BEER SELECTION IN RETAIL STORE

- Horrocks
- MegaBev
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
- Oades Big Ten - S Clippert St.
- Vine & Brew

BOOKSTORE - LOCALLY OWNED

- Schuler Books
- Curious Books
- Bestsellers
- Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- Everybody Reads

BUTCHER

- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Westlund's Apple Market
- Merindorf Meats - Mason
- Mert's Meats
- Horrocks

CANDY SHOP

- Kean's Store
- Peanut Shop
- Horrocks
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- Delta Wellness CBD Boutique

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- Homegrown Cannabis Co.
- Skymint - E. Saginaw St.
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CHEESE DEPT.

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Whole Foods Market
- MSU Dairy Store
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Foods For Living

CLOTHING STORE - LOCALLY OWNED

- Kean's Store Company
- Grace Boutique
- Metro Retro
- Playmakers
- Sweetlee's Boutique

COMIC SHOP

- Summit Comics & Games
- Cards In the Corner
- Creating Heroes Stephens Way
- Hollow Mountain Comics Games and Collectibles
- Mr Dale's Tradin' Cards LLC

CONSIGNMENT SHOP

- Carousel Consignments
- Kellie's Consignments

- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Thrift Witch
- Metro Retro

FARMERS MARKET

- Allen Farmers Market
- Meridian Farmers Market
- Grand Ledge Farmers Market
- Holt Farmers Market
- East Lansing Farmers Market

FLORIST

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Twiggies
- Where the Wild Things Bloom
- B/A Florist
- Wild Strawberry and More

FURNITURE STORE

- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Vintage Junkies
- Crickets Home Furnishings
- Pilgrim House Furniture
- Dicker & Deal Furniture & More

GARDENING CENTER

- Horrocks
- VanAtta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- Lansing Gardens
- Christian's Greenhouse
- Andy T's

GAS STATION

- Costco
- Sam's Club
- Don's Country Store
- Speedway by Horrocks
- Speedway

GIFT SHOP

- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Twiggies
- Kean's Store
- Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- Old Town General Store

GROCERY STORE - LOCALLY OWNED

- Westlund's Apple Market
- Horrocks
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Campbell's Market Basket
- Foods for Living

HARDWARE STORE

- Great Lakes Ace Hardware - Frandor
- Vet's Ace Hardware
- Menards
- Vet's Ace Hardware-Haslett

- Gilbert's Hardware & Rental
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- H2O Lansing
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- Superior Growers
- HTG Supply Hydroponics & Grow Lights

JEWELRY STORE

- H & H Jewelry Design
- Sweet Custom Jewelry
- Margaret Ross Jewelry
- Becky Beauchine Kulka
- Grace Boutique of Old Town

LIQUOR STORE

- (Oades) Big Ten Party Store West
- Mega Bev
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
- ABC Liquor
- Fortino's

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT STORE

- Elderly Instruments
- Marshall Music
- Music Manor
- Meridian Winds
- Guitar Center

NEW BUSINESS

- Odd Nodd Art Supply
- Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- Campbell's Market Basket
- Bridge + Main Market
- Sleepwalker

ORGANIC/NATURAL MARKET

- Horrocks
- Fresh Thyme
- Foods for Living
- Allen Farmers Market
- Better Health Store - Frandor

OUTDOOR/CAMPING STORE

- Moosejaw
- Cabela's
- Sportsman's Warehouse
- Foxhole PX Store
- REI

PAWN/SECONDHAND SHOP

- Dicker & Deal
- Kellies Consignments
- Thrift Witch
- City Rescue Mission Upscale Thrift
- St. Vincent De Paul

PET STORE

- Preuss Pets
- Fur Real Dog Snacks, Holt Farmers Market
- Soldan's Pet Supplies
- PetSmart
- Joey's Pet Outfitters

PLACE TO BUY MUMS

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- Christians Greenhouse
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- Hyacinth House
- Fresh Thyme Market

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- Cirilla's
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- Lion's Den
- Deja Vu Love Boutique Lansing

THRIFT SHOP

- Metro Retro
- Vintage Junkies
- Thrift Witch
- St Vincent De Paul
- Volunteers of America, S. Cedar location

TIRE STORE

- Discount Tire - W. Saginaw
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VIDEO GAME STORE

- The Swap Meet
- Disc Traders Lansing
- Replay Entertainment Exchange

WINE SHOP

- Horrocks
- Dusty's Cellar
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
- Old Town General Store
- Vine & Brew

TOP 5 BEST WHATEVER

BUSINESS WITH A STORE PET

- Absolute Gallery
- Mimi, the City Pulse dog
- Sun Theatre
- Soulful Earth Herbals
- Preuss Pets

CASINO

- FireKeepers Casino Hotel
- Soaring Eagle Casino
- Gun Lake Casino

CATEGORY WE DIDN'T THINK OF

- Art Supply Store
- Best Online Satire Account
- Friendliest Staff
- Local Maker/Creator
- Best CADL branch

CLEANEST PUBLIC RESTROOM

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Lansing Brewing Company
- Macs Bar
- Flour Child Bakery
- BAD Brewing

DAY TRIP

- Holland
- Old Town
- Saugatuck
- Frankenmuth
- Anywhere on Lake Michigan

EYE CANDY BUILDING

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- Lansing Facts
- @lovelansing
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- Odd Nodd Art Supply
- Holiday Lansing Parlor

LOCAL ART FESTIVAL

- East Lansing Art Festival
- A Festival of Oddities
- Scrapfest
- Below the Stacks
- Art Feast in Old Town

LOCAL EVENT/FESTIVAL

- A Festival of Oddities
- East Lansing Art Festival
- Be a Tourist in Your Own Town
- Threadbare Mitten Film Festival
- ScrapFest

LOCAL PODCAST

- So Dead Podcast
- The Sci-Files on Impact 89FM
- Really Makes You Think
- Mysterious midwest
- Dirty Chain Podcast

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

- Hawk Island Park
- River Town Adventures
- Dimondale Canoe and Kayak
- Ledges trail at Fitzgerald Park
- Potter Park Zoo

PLACE TO WORK

- Two Men and a Truck Corporate
- MSU Federal Credit Union
- Astronomy on Tap
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Michigan State University

SCIENCE EVENT

- MSU Science Festival
- Astronomy on Tap

TWITTER

- Lansing Facts
- @q106
- Downtown Lansing
- @howintensive (Mitch on the web)

URBAN FARM

- Hunter Park GardenHouse
- Half Barn Farm
- Highwater Farms
- Ham Sweet Farm
- Foster Garden

WIFI SPOT

- Biggby - any location
- MSU Library
- Blue Owl Coffee
- Strange Matter - Michigan Ave
- The Avenue Café

WORST EYESORE

- SkyVue Apartments
- Trump signs or flags
- Trump House - Corner of Michigan and Lathrop
- The Outfield
- Gillespie Apartments

WORST POTHOLE

- Saginaw and 127 Frandor block
- Mac's Bar
- Waverly Rd
- East Michigan Avenue
- Frandor

TOP OF THE TOWN POLITICAL RESULTS

BEST LOCAL POLITICIAN

- Andy Schor
- Brandon Betz
- Kathie Dunbar
- Rick Jones
- Julie Brixie

BEST STATE/NATIONAL POLITICIAN

- Gretchen Whitmer
- Tom Barrett
- Elissa Slotkin
- Dana Nessel
- John James

BEST CANDIDATE FOR CLINTON COUNTY

- Ken Mitchell
- Tony Spagnuolo

BEST CANDIDATE FOR EATON COUNTY

- Terrance Augustine
- Rick Jones

BEST CANDIDATE FOR INGHAM COUNTY

- Joe Brehler
- Jeremy Whittum
- Bob Pena
- Derrell Slaughter
- Todd Tennis, County Commissioner

FAVORITE LANSING MAYORAL CANDIDATE

- Andy Schor, current mayor
- Virg Bernero, former mayor
- Brandon Betz
- Adam Hussein
- Peter Spadafore

WORST LOCAL POLITICIAN

- Carol Wood
- Andy Schor
- Rick Jones
- Jody Washington

- Brandon Betz

WORST STATE/NATIONAL POLITICIAN

- Donald Trump
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Beau LeFave
- Rick Snyder, former Governor
- Pete Lucido

BEST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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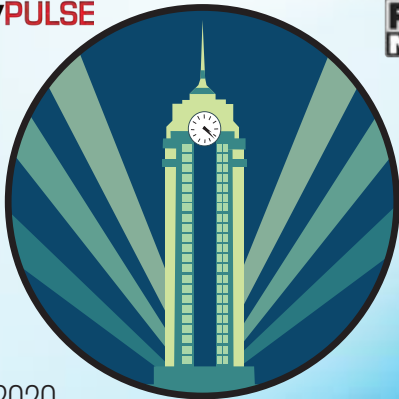
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Phases of change

New Broad Museum director has plans beyond the pandemic

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

In a normal world, Monica Ramirez-Montagut, the new director of MSU's Broad Art Museum, would be all over the place by now, spreading the news about the latest art at the Broad and exhibits to come.

"I'm a very social person, so isolation at home is difficult for me," she said.

Since Ramirez-Montagut became the museum's third director in July, she has supervised a careful reopening of the Broad after six months of closed doors, reached out to dozens of MSU staffers and community members to develop future programs and exhibits, and begun to plan major changes to the museum for its 10th anniversary in 2022.

She's also shepherding the Broad's curators as they mount a major new exhibition on American car culture, "InterStates of Mind," opening Nov. 7. The exhibit will mix art and history, including local automotive lore, in a way that's new to the Broad.

But in a pandemic year, nothing is simple. Even taking social distancing into account, the Broad is only getting about half as many visitors as it can safely handle. That puts the staff in a bind.

"We are thinking of aggressively publicizing for people to come, but on the other hand, we don't want to have to say, 'We've met our numbers so come another day,'" Ramirez-Montagut said. "But we are 100 percent sure that we are a safe environment."

It's been hard for the director herself to go to the museum. She moved to East Lansing at the beginning of August, but she had to isolate herself for two weeks off the bat, having come from New Orleans, a coronavirus hot spot. When her father died in September, she made two trips to Mexico City, and had to quarantine again.

Now she and her mom, who came along with her from Mexico City, are

finally venturing out and surveying the local scene.

Her first impression, especially after living in the complex metropolis of Mexico City, is that East Lansing is an "easy-going, comfortable place, a city where everything more or less functions, things are not so complicated and people are super-nice."

Big receptions and meet-and-greets are not possible, but that hasn't stopped Ramirez-Montagut from taking the pulse of the community at every opportunity. Last week, while having blood drawn for a routine medical procedure, she met a nurse who also hails from Mexico.

"As we want to diversify the audience, this is the audience I want to bring in to the museum, a Latino woman with a Mexican family," Ramirez-Montagut said.

The nurse had seen the Broad under construction several years ago but had never gone inside. While poking for blood, she was treated to a one-on-one pitch from the museum's new director.

"We obviously have a lot of outreach to do, especially to the communities we want to serve," Ramirez-Montagut said. "I want to bring in a broader audience and let people know it's free and they're welcome." (The nurse didn't know the museum was free.) "You don't have to stay for three hours, like an opera."

Ramirez-Montagut and the Broad's curators hope the Nov. 7 exhibit on cars and car culture will be catnip for Lansing-area visitors and establish a new framework for exhibits at the Broad.

The art, including fantastic sculptures by Chakaia Booker made out of automobile tires and pieces from the Broad's permanent collection, will be supplemented by maps, videos and other displays that delve into the drastic impact the automobile has had on American life, for better and for worse.

"Car culture impacted our communities by connecting some communities and disconnecting others," Ramirez-Montagut said. "This is the first time we're doing a combination of art and historical information and local rel-



Courtesy photo

Monica Ramirez-Montagut, the new director of MSU's Broad Art Museum, will be more visible at the museum after weeks of quarantine.

evance, what local experts and MSU experts say."

The exhibit will include photographs, maps and other documents from the Historical Society of Greater Lansing's recent research into the displacement of the city's black neighborhoods by I-496.

Ramirez-Montagut wants a "local corner" to be a fixture at every Broad exhibit in the future.

"We will explain why we are looking at this exhibition, in East Lansing and mid-Michigan," she said.

In the run-up to the Broad's 10th anniversary in 2022, Ramirez-Montagut is planning on making some significant changes to the museum, which she is keeping under wraps for now.

One goal is to make the historical Kresge Art Museum collection and the Broad's permanent collection more visible to the public and more accessible to secondary and elementary school teachers and students, as well as the MSU community.

Laying the groundwork for 2022 is a luxury made possible by the pandemic slowdown.

"It's a silver lining that we are doing

things we never had time for, that were on the back burner," Ramirez-Montagut said. "We're giving more thought to what we'll do for the anniversary and how we can showcase the collection."

COVID restrictions have also focused the staff's attention on guiding the visitor through the museum in a more structured, purposeful way, with pathways and signs, rather than leaving them to a "free form" experience.

As a trained architect, and a specialist in the work of MSU Broad architect Zaha Hadid, Ramirez-Montagut is also working on programs and materials that will educate the public more fully on the architectural gem in their midst.

"It's up to us to unpack the building, do a better job explaining it," she said. "That's what Picasso exhibitions do. Every exhibition tells you things you didn't know."

She plans to work with late Zaha Hadid's firm to develop programs that reveal the design principles and comprehensive thought behind the building's daunting angles and edges.

"I'd like to do a free coloring book on the geometry and forms of the building," she said. "Start 'em young."

Old Town book shop specializes in true crime and the paranormal

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Deadtime Stories, a bookstore specializing in all things spooky, has opened up in Thrift Witch's Dark Arts Market, just in time for Halloween.

"I have a true crime podcast. I have written a book about haunted locations in Lansing. I also run a tour of notoriously haunted spots around Mid-Michigan. True crime and the paranormal are kind of my wheelhouse" said owner Jenn Carpenter. "But I always wanted a storefront."

Thrift Witch Vintage

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Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
Facebook.com/
ThriftWitchVintage

When the folks from the Dark Arts Market at Thrift Witch offered her a space, she jumped at the opportunity. Carpenter has spent a lot of time mingling with Lansing's true crime and paranormal community. She said that she knows there are people out there hungry for more creepy content.

"I love true crime books, and I know that they're hard to find," explained Carpenter. "I'm so excited to open up this space."

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Int her career, Carpenter has become familiar with a plethora of local, true crime authors. She plans to use these connections to set up signings and book readings once the COVID-19 pandemic lets up.

Deadtime Stories offers both new and used books, some focused on Michigan's haunted past and some about the world of true crime beyond the borders of the Mitten State. Carpenter said that the store has books about true crime hall of famers like Jon Benet Ramsey and Ted Bundy.

Carpenter said that she's especially excited about the "Scream Queens" section of her shop, which will feature true crime books written by women.

"Still, all of them will have a connection to Michigan," said Carpenter. "If the connection isn't obvious, then there will be a little note on the book explaining its relevance to Michigan."

Carpenter made her first foray into the true crime world in 2016 when she started the Demented Mitten tour, a service that takes people on a journey through different haunted locations across Mid-Michigan.

In 2018, a publishing house offered Carpenter the chance to write "Haunted Lansing." "The book is about the paranormal, but most of the stories are focused on the real history connected to

each location," said Carpenter.

Only a year later, she started the "So Dead" podcast and founded the Festival of Oddities. Her true crime bona fides are undeniable. She has had a lifelong passion for everything dark and disturbing.

"I've always been fascinated by true crime, even when I was a little kid. Those kinds of stories always interested me," said Carpenter. "The Lifetime made-for-TV movies, the countless miniseries, I liked it all. Now there are entire channels dedicated to true crime."

True crime content seems to be growing in popularity. In the past three years alone, Jeffrey Dahmer has gotten his own movie and TV miniseries, while



Ted Bundy got a movie starring Zac Efron and a Netflix documentary series.

"I think that it's becoming more acceptable to be fascinated with these types of stories," said Carpenter. "Before,

people would say, 'I don't want to see that. It's too disturbing.' That's kind of fading, and now people feel more comfortable saying that they want to learn about this stuff."



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Trick-or-treating guidelines released for Lansing and East Lansing

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Still going out on Halloween for some trick-or-treating action, and want to make it as safe as possible? Lansing and East Lansing have released guidelines on how to properly celebrate the spooky holiday. Lansing also announced family-friendly events that will be fun and still employ the necessary safety precautions.

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor announced that official hours for trick-or-treating in Lansing are on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. These hours will also be observed by East Lansing.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, MDHHS, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, have issued guidance on how to appropriately celebrate Halloween during the coronavirus pandemic. Please note that the CDC considers trick-or-treating a high-risk activity. The MDHHS encourages individuals to host virtual parties in place of in-person Halloween gatherings. The Ingham County Health Department's emergency order restricts indoor gatherings to no more than 10 people, and outdoor gathers to no more than 25. Regardless, all gatherings require attendees from different households to maintain a distance of 6 feet.

Tips for trick-or-treaters and parents:

-  • Share with your children that this year may be different than last but let them know some of the new ways you plan to celebrate and still have lots of fun.
-  • Talk with children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations. Keep a six-foot distance from others not in your group.
-  • Participate in one-way trick-or-treating and guide children to stay to the right to ensure social

distancing.

-  • Trick-or-treat with people you live with.
-  • Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
-  • Wear a facemask covering both mouth and nose.
-  • A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
-  • Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
-  • Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
-  • Check out halloween2020.org to find exciting activities and ways to celebrate Halloween this year based on levels of COVID risks in your area.

Tips for homeowners:

-  • Use duct tape to mark six-foot lines in front of home and leading to the driveway/front door.
-  • Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters.
-  • Distribute candy on a disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
-  • Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.
-  • Consider a neighborhood costume parade; it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN LANSING

Drive-Thru Halloween

Saturday, Oct. 31, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Dr., Lansing

Join the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department for Drive-Thru Halloween and trick-or-treating. Approximately 40 vendors will be set up along the driving route giving out candy and other resources. Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on-site to provide free flu shots. Details will be posted at www.lansingmi.gov/parks.

Trunk-or-Treat Drive-Thru

Saturday, Oct. 31, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

LPD Ops. Center, 5815 Wise Rd. Lansing

Join the Lansing Police Department and Lansing Fire Department for drive-thru trunk-or-treating. LPD and LFD personnel will be handing out small bags of candy. McGruff the "Crime Dog" will be on-site, wishing everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Souls to the Polls Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, Oct. 31, noon to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Lil Wayne's new marijuana brand is just as overrated as his music

GKUA's 'ultra premium' strains offer a decent but overly expensive smoke

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Bazonzoes opened its doors for both medical and recreational sales earlier this month and is conveniently located across the street from Deluca's Restaurant — making it perhaps the most convenient one-stop-shop in Lansing for high quality cannabis and even higher quality pizza.

The new dispensary also serves as Bazonzoes' statewide headquarters for cultivation and sales and is celebrating its (apparently late) grand opening from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 with vendors, food, free giveaways and more. Another Lansing location is also in the works.

GKUA — Sour Garlic Cookies

Price — \$80/3.5g

THC content — 27.25%

Lil Wayne has been noticeably absent from the music world in recent years. But maybe that's because he's been too busy making strides in another lucrative industry: Recreational weed.

The hype surrounding Wayne's new product line of GKUA "ultra premium" cannabis has been building for months since it was announced late last year. Last week, it finally arrived in Lansing. And for now, Bazonzoes is the only local pot shop to put the expensive brand out on its shelves.

Sour Garlic Cookies is among several GKUA strains currently available



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in Michigan. This earthy-but-sweet indica tests in at upwards of 30% THC, making it one of the strongest varieties of flower available in Michigan without a medical prescription. And at \$80 an eighth, it also surpassed Skymint's latest DNA Genetics products for the title of priciest weed in Lansing.

But is the premium bud worth the premium cost? In short: No. I won't be coming back for another \$30 pre-rolled joint. It also fell short of the advertised "best high of your life."

I locked myself in a parked car after work on Friday, plugged in Lil Wayne's classic "No Ceilings" mixtape and let it rip. It was a smooth smoke, especially for a pre-rolled joint, which usually tends to be fairly dry. A biting citrus flavor blended fairly cohesively with a piney sort of herb overlay. And it was a creeper: I was already back inside my



house before the effects kicked in.

A wave of euphoria took hold about 20 minutes later. And despite an overwhelming mouth full of cotton, it turned out to be a great choice for a quiet evening at home. I chose to keep the nostalgia going by flipping through old yearbooks and playing games on my Super Nintendo.

I'll admit: This wasn't a bad smoke. I was baked. But I also had bought into the gimmick of buying weed only because it had been endorsed by Lil Wayne. And at the end of the day, this new product lineup just wasn't too far above some other potent strains available at half the cost.

I found several other products avail-

able at Bazonzoes — like White 99 and Blue Gelato — to offer the same anxiety-relieving qualities without the inherent stress of totally draining my wallet.

GKUA claims to have an "emphasis on purity" with some of the "highest natural levels of THC available" which are "sourced from the most experienced growers." That may be true, but I'm still skeptical of any professional marijuana cultivation operation that feels the need to lean on the endorsement of a musician. And at \$80 an eighth, I also expect to be floored by the effects. There might still be a market for this stuff, but it's definitely among those with deeper pockets.

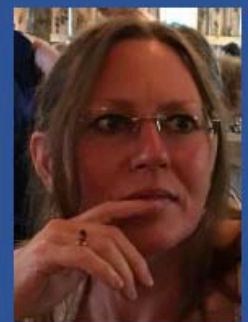
Bazonzoes' store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Visit bazonzoes.biz for more information about products or to place an order.

Kyle Kaminski is a City Pulse staff writer and cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. Every week, Kaminski samples some of the best cannabis products available in Greater Lansing, gets real high and writes about them.

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Eclectic anthology celebrates a cavalcade of local authors

By **BILL CASTANIER**

In this new anthology of local authors, there are many names I recognize — Mary Fox, Rosalie Sanara Petrouske, Dennis Hinrichsen and Laura Apol — and many that I don't, such as Allison Spooner and Santino

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Those authors, as well as 23 other local writers, have

their work

published in the ambitious "REO

Town Reading Anthology," published by Michigan State University's Cube program and edited by Matthew Rossi, MSU assistant professor of writing, rhetoric and American cultures.

The book's P.T. Barnum-like subtitle, extolling you to read the collection of poetry and prose, says it all: "Rejoice, Everyone! Our Righteously Eloquent, Otherwise Rigorously Elegiac Omnibus Reeks Elegantly of Raconteurs, Essayists, or Regal Epigrammatist Orating Revelry Expounding on Random Elephants, Oliphaunts, Rain, etc. O! Read Elatedly Our Reo Town Reading Anthology." Who says writers can't have fun?

The book is an offshoot of a reading series, which Rossi began in 2018 at the REO Town Blue Owl Coffee house; so local writers could have a venue to share their own work. Rossi started the reading series, which included four local authors each month, after moving from New York City, where he graduated from Columbia University. Rossi was like a fish out of water, since New York City had wall-to-wall venues for writers to read.

Rossi said when he started the series as a "selfish impulse." It was mostly poets who showed up to read, but the series gradually attracted more prose and non-fiction writers.

"Poets are used to reading their work, but I knew other writers were here," he said. "From the beginning I thought, 'where does it go next?' And an anthology made sense," Rossi said.

The new anthology includes authors who have been writing for ages to those who are presenting their work in public for the first time. "I see it as a way for writers to grow up against

established writers," Rossi said.

Publishing a book is a daunting chore for most writers, and that's where Rossi worked with MSU's Cube to recruit, organize, select content and create a book. The book is only available as a Kindle download for 99 cents, but a print version will be available soon.

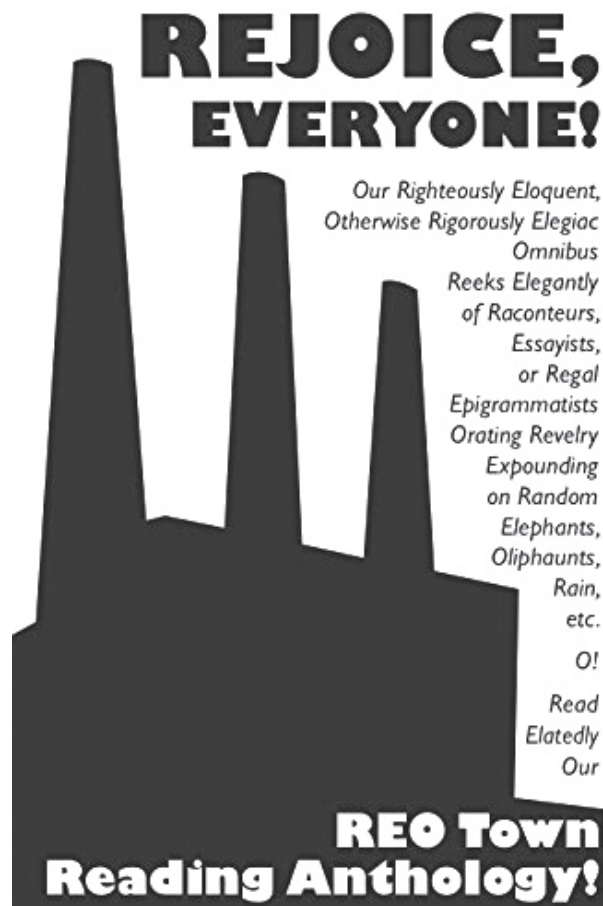
MSU's Cube, directed by Kate Birdsall, stepped in to provide the needed publishing tools. Birdsall, who writes a hardboiled mystery series set in Cleveland, said the Cube provides support for Mid-Michigan publishing and media projects with the help of 15 paid student interns.

"The project is dedicated to undergraduate student experience that goes beyond a resume line," Birdsall said.

Those skills were important to Rossi's project, which involved several students in the process whether it was editing or graphic design. In the foreword to the book, Rossi gives a shout out to Sydney Wilson, Sam Vorn, Renee Pruvlov and Aspen Smit.

Rossi and Birdsall both underlined the importance of involving the writing community that is not directly related to MSU.

"I was stunned by the quality of work of the interns and it was a fabu-



lous experience for them. There was no way I was going to be able to do this anthology without them. It's a different thought process," Rossi said.

"The Cube can do it all. We value community and equity in publishing," Birdsall said. The Cube is currently looking for additional projects to collaborate on and is accepting proposals.

Rossi, who specializes in writing and publishing short stories, is part of the maker movement and is also active in his current project, the Museum of Urban Naturalism, a decentralized online museum of art and history.

In addition to the anthology, the Cube works on several journals and also the venerable student-run Red Cedar Review, which is in its 57th year. I say venerable, since writers like Tom McGaune, Jim Cash, Carolyn Force, Stuart Dybek and Jim Harrison were first published there.

DellaVechia writes in part: "Where will I be in the world
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Without a bed
A bookshelf
Or a body."

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Favorite Things

Rizza Marie Benton and her grandmother's 'Famous Artists Course' books

Rizza Marie Benton is a highly creative hair stylist at Rubies Paradise Salon. She also worked for City Pulse in 2019 as a sales assistant. Benton enjoys creating art in her spare time and for her Favorite Thing, she's chosen a selection of instructional books she inherited from her late grandmother.



It's a selection of three books that were given to me by my family when my grandmother died. That happened when I was a teenager. She died of breast cancer. She was always very artistic — one of those people who could take anything and turn it into art. Even if she was writing on a lunch bag, it would be a whole illustration instead of just your name.

There's three books — cream, blue and red. They're these huge books that look like they were copyrighted in 1954. It's called "Famous Artists Course." It was put together by a lot of illustrators who were famous at the time. There's Norman Rockwell, Albert Dorne, Al Parker — just people who were drawing everything for marketing and any kind of media at the time. They have this very specific, realist style that isn't really done anymore because so much art is digital now.

Going through them, the artists break down the basics and then go into really advanced illustration techniques. It's stuff that I didn't even learn in my college classes. The books start out with shading on a sphere, then move on to these huge frescos, how to draw for marketing, breaking down figure drawing. They show how to illustrate a photo of a person taking a step, how to draw each angle of them.

It's a really cool thing that doesn't really exist anymore.

The books are broken into chapters. All of them had worksheets that my grandmother would complete

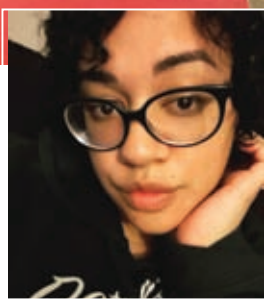
and send in to the company that made the books. Breaking up the chapters are her correspondence with that company.

So, not only do I get to see these cool drawing books — I also get to see her drawings, her handwriting, things that she circled, questions that she had. Her name is inscribed on the bottom right of each book. It's a really nice reminder of her. Plus, the books are made from really old paper, so they smell amazing.

The books have a specific way they tell you to draw certain things. Like, she was really into horses because she had a farm. The books tell you that there are things a horse would never do because it looks unnatural, and she wrote next to the instructions, "That's not true." She was a little argumentative with them sometimes.

Mostly, when I look at the books, I think of the fact that — at the time she was going through these books — she was a single mom tending to a farm and raising three kids. She still made time to perfect her craft and study something she was interested in.

Interview edited and condensed by Cole Tunningley. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, email skyler@lansingcitypulse.com



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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Stretch Those Quads!"--a hardcore freestyle workout. [#570, May 2012]

by Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Last half of a ball game?
- 5 Used (to)
- 15 She uses a bird to sweep the house
- 17 Computer overhaul
- 18 Gridiron measurements (abbr.)
- 19 Little bite
- 20 Gold, to Guatemalans
- 21 "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" network
- 22 Bodybuilder's units
- 24 Word before Earth or City, in computer games
- 27 Drab shade
- 29 She was Dorothy on "The Golden Girls"
- 30 Org. that listens for alien signals
- 31 It's obsolete
- 35 Jovial question from someone eager to help
- 36 It covers Miami, Montpelier and Montreal
- 37 SOPA subject
- 38 Opera follower?
- 39 New Year's, in Hanoi
- 40 Mandolin relative
- 41 Robin Meade's network
- 42 Southwest sch. whose mascot is King Triton
- 44 Daily grind
- 45 Guy to say "Sup?" to
- 46 "___ Ho" (Best Original Song Oscar winner of 2009)
- 47 The D in OED
- 50 Easy lunch to prepare
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- 58 Dark form of quartz
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- 1 Off-kilter
- 2 Messed with the facts
- 3 World Series precursor, for short
- 4 "As I see it," in chatrooms
- 5 Tack on
- 6 Shorten nails
- 7 Smoke
- 8 Palindromic prime minister of the 1940s-60s
- 9 Leather sharpener used in old-timey barber shops
- 10 Old rulers
- 11 Chemist Hahn
- 12 "Excusez-___..."
- 13 Roxy Music name
- 14 Room for board games, perhaps
- 16 Person with a booming voice, often
- 21 Donut shop option
- 22 Upgraded
- 23 Fail spectacularly, like a skateboarder
- 24 ___ Saga (David Feintuch series of sci-fi novels)
- 25 "No need to pay"
- 26 Bishops' wear
- 27 Grain alcohol
- 28 Put someone in their place
- 29 Some hats worn on The Oregon Trail
- 30 Lose your composure, in junior high-speak
- 31 "Anchors ___"
- 32 Senator Jake who flew on the Space Shuttle Discovery
- 33 Heart location?
- 34 Ophthalmologist's concerns
- 42 Implored
- 43 Richard who played Don Barzini in "The Godfather"
- 44 Vacation time, in slang
- 45 ___ the Younger (Arthurian knight)
- 46 Director Campion
- 47 Zoologist Fossey
- 48 Disgusting
- 49 Cereal with gluten-free varieties
- 50 Org. that bestows merit badges
- 51 "Love, Reign ___ Me" (The Who)
- 52 420, for 20 and 21 (abbr.)
- 53 "Just as I suspected!"
- 54 "On the Road" protagonist ___ Paradise
- 55 "Never heard of her"

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TO PLAY

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Answers on page 52

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezсны

October 21 - 27, 2020

ARIES (March 21–April 19): "I've been told that nobody sings the word 'hunger' like I do," testified Aries chanteuse Billie Holiday. She wasn't suggesting that she had a stylish way of crooning about fine dining. Rather, she meant "hunger" in the sense of the longing for life's poignant richness. Her genius-level ability to express such beauty was due in part to her skillful vocal technique, but also because she was a master of cultivating soulful emotions. Your assignment in the coming weeks, Aries, is to refine and deepen your own hunger.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Author Renata Adler expresses my own feelings when she writes, "Hardly anyone about whom I deeply care resembles anyone else I have ever met, or heard of, or read about in literature." I bet if you're honest, Taurus, you would say the same. It's almost certainly the case that the people you regard as worthy of your love and interest are absolutely unique. In the sense that there are no other characters like them in the world, they are superstars and prodigies. I bring this to your attention because now is an excellent time to fully express your appreciation for their one-of-a-kind beauty—to honor and celebrate them for their entertainment value and precious influence and unparalleled blessings.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): "If you cannot find an element of humor in something, you're not taking it seriously enough," writes author Ilyas Kassam. That's a key thought for you to keep in mind during the coming weeks. Levity and joking will be necessities, not luxuries. Fun and amusement will be essential ingredients in the quest to make good decisions. You can't afford to be solemn and stern, because allowing those states to dominate you would diminish your intelligence. Being playful—even in the face of challenges—will ensure your ultimate success.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): I'm hoping the horoscopes I wrote for you in late August helped propel you into a higher level of commitment to the art of transformation. In any case, I suspect that you will have the chance, in the coming weeks, to go even further in your mastery of that art. To inspire you in your efforts, I'll encourage you to at least temporarily adopt one or more of the nicknames in the following list: 1. Flux Luster 2. Fateful Fluctuator 3. Shift Virtuoso 4. Flow Maestro 5. Alteration Adept 6. Change Arranger 7. Mutability Savant 8. Transition Connoisseur

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): "When one is a stranger to oneself, then one is estranged from others, too," wrote author Anne Morrow Lindbergh. "If one is out of touch with oneself, then one cannot touch others. Only when one is connected to one's own core, is one connected to others." In bringing these thoughts to your attention, Leo, I don't mean to imply that you are out of touch with your deep self. Not at all. But in my view, all of us can benefit from getting into ever-closer communion with our deep selves. In the coming weeks, you especially need to work on that—and are likely to have extra success in doing so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): My cosmic tipsters told me that you will be even smarter than usual in the coming weeks. As I scoured the heavenly maps, I detected signs that you have the potential to be a skilled code-cracker, riddle-decipherer, and solver of knotty problems and tricky dilemmas. That's why I suggest you express gratitude to your beautiful brain, Virgo. Sing it sweet songs and tell it how much you love it and find out which foods you can eat to strengthen it even more. Now read Diane Ackerman's description of the brain: "that shiny mound of being, that mouse-gray parliament of cells, that dream factory, that petit tyrant inside a ball of bone, that huddle of neurons calling all the plays, that little everywhere, that fickle pleasuresdome."

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): I vote in American elections, but I've never belonged to a political party. One of my favorite politicians is Bernie Sanders, who for most of his career has been

an Independent. But now I'm a staunch advocate for the Democrats. Why? Because Republicans are so thoroughly under the curse of the nasty, cruel, toxic person known as Donald Trump. I'm convinced that it's crucial for our country's well-being that Democrats achieve total victory in the upcoming election. In accordance with astrological omens, I urge you to do your personal equivalent of what I've done: Unambiguously align yourself with influences that represent your highest, noblest values. Take a sacred stand not just for yourself, but also in behalf of everything you love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): "I loathe narcissism, but I approve of vanity," said fashion writer Diana Vreeland. Here's how I interpret that: People who care mostly for their own feelings and welfare, and who believe they're more important than everyone else, are boring and repellent. But those who enjoy looking their best and expressing their unique beauty may do so out of a desire to share their gifts with the world. Their motivation might be artistry and generosity, not self-centeredness. In accordance with cosmic potentials, Scorpio, I invite you to elude the temptations of narcissism as you explore benevolent forms of vanity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Yes, do let people see you sweat. At least for now, be forthright and revelatory. Let people witness your secret fire, your fierce tang, your salty tears, and your unhealed wounds. Hold nothing back as you give what you haven't been able to give before. Be gleefully expressive as you unveil every truth, every question, every buried joy. Don't be crude and insensitive, of course. Be as elegant and respectful as possible. But make it your priority to experiment with sacred vulnerability. Find out how far you can safely go as you strip away the disguises that have kept you out of touch with your full power.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Between 2008 and 2017, Southern California had two sizable earthquakes: 5.5 and 5.1 on the Richter scale. But during the same period, the area had 1.8 million small quakes that were mostly too mild to be felt. The ground beneath the feet of the local people was shaking at the rate of once every three minutes. Metaphorically speaking, Capricorn, you're now in a phase that resembles the mild shakes. There's a lot of action going on beneath the surface, although not much of it is obvious. I think this is a good thing. The changes you're shepherding are proceeding at a safe, gradual, well-integrated pace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): No American woman was allowed to earn a medical degree and practice as a physician until Aquarian-born Elizabeth Blackwell did it in 1849. It was an almost impossible feat, since the all-male college she attended undermined her mercilessly. Once she began her career a doctor, she constantly had to outwit men who made it difficult for her. Nevertheless, she persisted. Eventually, she helped create a medical school for women in England and made it possible for 476 women to practice medicine there. I propose that we make her your patron saint for now. May she inspire you to redouble your diligent pursuit of your big dream. Here's your motto: "Nevertheless, I'm persisting."

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Henry David Thoreau wrote, "I fear my expression may not be extravagant enough, may not wander far enough beyond the narrow limit of my daily experience, so as to be adequate to the truth of which I have been convinced." You'll be wise to have a similar fear, Pisces. According to my analysis, you can generate good fortune for yourself by transcending what you already know and think. Life is conspiring to nudge you and coax you into seeking experiences that will expand your understanding of everything. Take advantage of this opportunity to blow your own mind!

TURN IT DOWN!

“Loud dispatches from Lansing’s music scene”

BY RICH TUPICA

AN '80S PUNK-ROCK TOUR OF LANSING'S HARDCORE PAST



The Fix lead vocalist Steve Miller (far left), shown here in an early-'80s promo, works today as a journalist and author.



A 1982 flyer for a Black Flag/Fix show.



Steve Miller today

Steve Miller of The FIX recalls when Bad Brains, Black Flag and more came to town

This week, Steve Miller, formerly of The Fix, a legendary early-'80s Lansing hardcore band, recalls some lowkey punk-rock landmarks. Here's what he had to say:

When I came home one afternoon in April 1982, I realized that being part of a nascent music scene meant some great perks.

The Bad Brains would roll you joints in your living room, play your entire Pablo Moses collection with the bass turned up the right way and cook spinach noodles with spicy peanut sauce for lunch. And as a post-dinner treat, stoned ping pong tournaments in the basement of our house.

As a member of a Lansing-based hardcore combo called the Fix, the only such unit in town, I was also part of the network of hospitable places to stay for bands touring the U.S. I had used the network on a couple of U.S. tours by that time, and it was only fair to give back.

The Bad Brains stayed for a week at my place at 2204 Stirling, using it as a base for shows in the region. They cooked, cleaned and smoked, the easiest guests ever.

A year before that, Black Flag stayed at the Fix house at 823 Beulah — now a vacant lot — after a sold-out Black Flag/Fix show at Club Doo Bee, which later became The Watershed Tavern & Grill in Haslett. Walk in the place today and little has changed since it hosted Oingo Boingo, the Fast, Lydia Lunch, Destroy All Monsters, and D.O.A.

The latter were also guests at the Beulah house. Randy Rampage, Joey Shithead, Dave Gregg and Chuck Biscuits outdrank us — no easy feat — like the proud Canadians they were. One morning Rampage was walking out to the band's van looking rock as could be, with bleached do' flying high and wallet chains dangling hipside. Some kids came up and asked him if he was in a band. “Yes, I'm in KISS,” Rampage told them.

Most of the Lansing venues in the early-'80s were one-and-done places, where we'd come in and wreak havoc, ruining it for everyone. There was a Hobie's downtown, where wealthy Realtors have built their so-called “lofts” off Washington, that was used on at least one occasion. That would be the night Ron Wood of The Dogs let off a fire extinguisher toward the end of a Fix set in the jammed back room of the eatery, choking every drunk soul in the place.

The Lansing Civic Players hall also worked out as a venue a couple of times—the Fix with Trainable in June 1981 and Minor Threat a year later. The relationship between the theater group and the punks ended in acrimony when someone uptight noticed that local heroes the Crucifucks were on an upcoming bill with Boston hardcore band SS Decontrol, who were big for five minutes.

Sometimes a name is everything.

“The Civic Players found out about it and I got like 30 calls in the middle of the

night,” said Meatmen honcho Tesco Vee, who was putting the show together. “I put my phone number on that flier, and some guy started calling, ‘What the hell is this Crucifucks shit?’ Vee, of course, also cofounded the legendary Touch & Go zine in Lansing along with Dave Stimson.

In the late '70s-early '80s, Madison, Wisconsin, had Merlins, Ann Arbor had the Second Chance; what was taking East Lansing so long to establish a full-time venue for our music? What is now Harper's in downtown East Lansing was Dooley's at the time, which found some-one adventurous to book the downstairs.

Out of the blue, and to the surprise of the few in the know, in 1978, Dooley's booked the Strangers on their first full U.S. tour in April. A couple of weeks later, the Ramones played the same stage.

In January 1980, Johnny Thunders and Gang War also came to town and played a terrible set. In a lightning strike of karma, Thunders spent the night in the East Lansing jail. “The dumb fuck robbed the bar and left a trail of coins out to the van,” Ron Cooke, the late Gang War bassist, told me a few years ago.

When Flat, Black & Circular owners Dave Bernath and Dick Rosemont opened a small café in downtown East Lansing, a lot of folks thought that the college town was catching up. Bunches Continental Café served sandwiches with sprouts on them, then at night opened its glass tabletops and fashionable but uncomfortable wooden booths to real underground music with courage

and a backbone. Gun Club played two sets one night in March 1982 to almost nobody. Jeffrey Lee Pierce's plastic cowboy boots hurt his credibility. It was the Ward Dotson/Rob Ritter version touring the “Fire of Love” LP.

R.E.M. wheeled into Bunches around the same time and was listless and standoffish to the few curious locals there. To us, they were southern-fried hicks trying to play some bastardized Byrds. “They'll never amount to much,” we sniffed. The band got \$300 that night. The Bad Brains showed up a couple of weeks later and showed everyone how it's done. Two nights of mayhem that came off with nary a blemish to the plants, the old-school glass pie display and other very enticing breakables.

Bernath was booking the good stuff with little regard to what made him dough; MX-80 Sound played to a dozen people. Eugene Chadbourne came in. The Flesheaters, the Panther Burns. When the place closed in November 1982, Bernath was in talks to bring NYC legends Suicide to town.

Lansing didn't have a Mr. Brown's (Columbus) or a Seventh Street Entry (Minneapolis), but it did have a moving host of little places and people willing to bring in the best music around. Those certainly were not the good old days. Save those for now. But it's inspiring to recall when music wasn't all about money, but about playing your thoughts for people who were adventurous enough to check it out.

OUT ON THE TOWN

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesdays for the following week's issue. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Suzi at (517) 999-6704.

Wednesday, October 21

2020 East Lansing Kiwanis "Virtual BBQ" - 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. For info/tickets: elkiwanis.org.

Allen Farmers Market - 2:30-6:30 p.m. 2100 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Alphorns - Michigan alphorn players performance noon, State Capitol steps.

Cristo Rey Church On-Line Silent Auction Fundraising - all week. cristoreychurch.org

Family History Workshop: Corrections Records - 7-8:30 p.m. Michigan History Center. facebook.com/MichiganHistoryCenter

Open Call: Virtual Community Sculpture - 7-8 p.m. broadmuseum.msu.edu/artlab

Special Collections Look Club: - Our theme this week is Problematic Images! 2-2:45 p.m. bookings.lib.msu.edu.

Virtual Home Buyer Education - 5-9 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center. 517-332-4663. us02web.zoom.us.

Wednesday Workdays at CCBS - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. michiganadubon.org.

Thursday, October 22

Dimondale Farmers' Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale. 517-

646-0230. villageofdimondale.org.

Poetry Reading - In a Time of Ghosts: We Celebrate the Season - Virtual Poetry Reading 7-8 p.m. elpl.bibliocommons.com.

RBG (online film screening): Registration required: bookings.lib.msu.edu/event/7193866 7-9 p.m. MSU Libraries, East Lansing.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Reverse Raffle-Lansing Symphony - 6-7 p.m. Virtual Event. lansingsymphony.org.

Studio (in)Process at Home 9-10 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. broad.msu.edu

Friday, October 23

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 7:30-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Saturday, October 24

Bazonzo's Adult Use Grand Opening - 12-8:30 p.m. 2101 W. Willow St., Lansing.

Boo at the Zoo/Fall Zootacular - come in your costume! Oct. 24 & 25 - Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave. potterparkzoo.org.

Flipped Halloween Parade - Safe Trick-or-Treat Option - 6-7 p.m. First Christian Church of Lansing, Info: lansingdisciples.org

Free Social/Business/Formal Etiquette Life Skills Class - class for girls age 12-18. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ever After Opportunities, Lansing Mall, 517-885-5646.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 7:30-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Sunday, October 25

East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 300 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Rank MI Vote Town Hall - Come learn about & explore the benefits of "Ranked Choice Voting" (RCV) 1-2 p.m. zoom.us/j/92759538172.

Monday, October 26

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Tuesday, October 27

People's Law School - 7-8 p.m. Virtual - Zoom. 616-238-7249. sinasdramis.com for link.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE INGHAM COUNTY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF EXCISE TAX ON PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ROOMS FOR TRANSIENT GUESTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted the Third Amendment to the Ingham County Ordinance To Provide For The Imposition And Collection Of Excise Tax On Persons Engaged In The Business Of Providing Rooms For Transient Guests, by adding a new provision at Art. IV, Sec. 4.6 of the Ordinance, to allow for the collection of a delinquent unpaid tax under the Ordinance, along with any associated interest, fees, and costs, in the same manner as a delinquent special assessment under the General Property Tax Act.

A copy of the Ordinance Amendment is available for public inspection in the office of the Ingham County Clerk.

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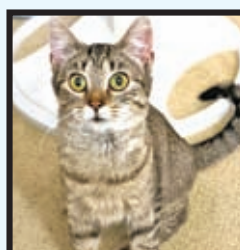
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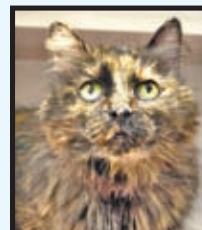
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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Taqueria El Chaparrito blossoms as a local favorite

By SEAN BRADLEY

Taqueria El Chaparrito is settling into its newest location. The Mexican restaurant recently opened a second location on Saginaw Highway, featuring work-in-progress areas such as an event space and a buffet space.

There's even room for a tortilla maker, something the other location of the business couldn't fit.

"It was a lot of work over here," Lourdes Casillas said Sunday. She owns the restaurant with her husband, Saul Martinez.

The location was chosen in November, because the previous location on César E. Chávez Avenue in Lansing's Old Town was too small.

The floors at the new location were redone and walls were repainted; family member Itzel Arias painted a mural at the front of the restaurant.

Originally planned to open the new location in April, the coronavirus pandemic pushed back the opening to last month, Martinez said.

Casillas said there are two different listings on Google for the business's information such as hours and location, one of which was not made by the business. This issue is still being fixed, she said.

Also, the original location has been closed since the spring due to the pandemic, said Vanessa Casillas, a server at the restaurant and in-law to Casillas



Sean Bradley/City Pulse

Taqueria El Chaparrito owners Lourdes Casillas and Saul Martinez at the restaurant's new location at 4832 W. Saginaw Highway.

and Martinez.

The new location is being used because of the larger space to separate people further from each other to protect them.

"Everyone working at the other location works here," Vanessa Casillas said.

A date to reopen the other location has not been determined.

However, repeat customers have found the new location, Casillas said.

"We've got all of our old customers coming in," she said. "We're seeing familiar faces."

Sunday was a busy day for the restaurant; several parties of patrons came



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through during midday.

Items such as tacos and quesadillas are made with traditional ingredients. The restaurant's most popular item is the birria taco, which includes red peppers, beef and cheese.

"We don't Americanize it," Lourdes Casillas said. "Our food is homemade. Everything we try to do fresh."

Many of the items served at the restaurant have been cooked at the family's home first, she said.

A little more than a week after opening the new location, it was vandalized including flags being torn down or stolen. Additionally, some patrons verbally attacked the restaurant owners before

the vandalism occurred.

There is no new information regarding who may have vandalized the restaurant, Casillas said.

The restaurant — named after a phrase in Spanish meaning "shorty taco restaurant" that Lourdes Casillas's grandson said — has come a long way since its beginnings in October 2017 as a food cart.

There were no authentic Mexican restaurants when he arrived in Lansing in 2001, Martinez told the City Pulse in 2017. The family came from Mexico to Bakersfield, California, and eventually to Michigan.

The dream of opening the restaurant goes back to the days of Martinez's youth in Mexico, he said at the time. "When I was a baby, my mom helped me cook in my house and I liked to cook. When I saw this, I wanted to open a restaurant."

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Night of the Dried Corn

By ARI LeVAUX

Halloween, more than almost any other holiday, is about fun. Unlike Christmas, Easter, Mothers or Fathers days, all of which involve a certain amount of stress and sacrifice if not guilt, Thanksgiving is fun —but it's a lot of work. Halloween is a lot of play, nearly unmatched in its unbridled hedonism. It's like New Year's, but with corn syrup instead of booze.

It began with the Gaelic festival Samhain, which celebrated the end of harvest, while ushering in the dark half of the year. Autumn was a spooky time when the boundaries between the living and spirit worlds were thought to become more porous. Brought to America by Irish and Scottish set-



tlers, Halloween found footholds in the southern colonies and developed a more playful mischievous and decidedly corny vibe.

Candy corn didn't start out as a Halloween treat but jumped on the bandwagon in the 1950s, as Halloween pivoted into a full embrace of processed sugar. They may only taste good if you're starving, diabetic or a food coloring enthusiast, but apparently that's

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Corn

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about half of all Americans.

Corn officially became spooky with the release of *Children of the Corn*, a 1984 movie about a midwestern village where the kids took over and decided nobody was permitted to age beyond 17. In 1993, the world's first for-profit corn maze was built in Annville, Pennsylvania. Since then the tradition has taken off, and corn mazes – aka maizes – now number in the thousands.

When I lived in New Mexico I learned about chicos, a type of Native American dried corn. “Chicos” means “little boys” in Spanish, as the kernels shrink when dried. The ones for sale at the store were dried to the hardness of popcorn, but when I make them at home I let them stay a bit chewy, like real-life versions of candy corn. But nuttier, and corny-er. Each batch of chicos has a unique character, with different levels of brown, crunchiness, chewiness and/or sweetness, depending on the corn and how long it's roasted.

Many Halloween corn mazes are closed this year, thanks to the virus. And door-to-door candy-begging is largely out too. If treat-seekers are left to their own devices I'm fine with that, because processed sugar is poison, and a tradition that hinges on giving candy to kids isn't worth rescuing.

Luckily, nothing about the original spirit of Halloween demands candy. Spookiness, on the other hand, is in Halloween's DNA, as is my right to dress like Bootsy Collins. And corn? It's to Halloween like frost is to a pumpkin. A sign of the times. The inevitability of



progress.

So allow me to tell you how I make chicos. I made about three-dozen ears' worth, which won't last too long but is a nice stash. I will follow my chicos tips with a few recipes, one sweet and one savory, for how I used them.

Chicos

The only ingredient is corn, preferably with the husk on. Traditionally, the process involves a clay oven or “horno,” but other ovens work too. Ultimately, you're doing little more than drying out corn.

Although usually made with fresh corn, I've also made chicos with frozen corn, and the operation was surprisingly successful, even if the product lacked the soulful smokey flavor that a roasted cornhusk imparts.

Turn the oven to 300 and place the ears directly on the oven racks, not touching one another, and bake until the husks start to dry out and brown and even smoke a little – about three hours. When cool, peel off the husks. If using husked or frozen corn, skip this step.

Put the cobs on the oven racks, spaced so as not to touch one another, and bake at 225, until the kernels start to shrink and visibly dry out – about four hours. Let the ears cool completely, and rub off

the kernels — try the edge of a spoon if they are stubborn. Store in a plastic bag in a cool, dry place. The drier you get them, the longer they will store.

If making chicos from frozen corn, spread the kernels on a cookie sheet and bake at 225. They will take less time — about two hours — and will quickly turn brown and then black.

Chicos and Milk

Fill a bowl with chicos and milk, with sugar to taste. It might taste familiar. When the chicos are gone and you sip the sweet milk that remains, you may feel a distinct *deja vous* to a time, long ago, when you sipped the sweet leftover milk from a bowl of corn flakes

Beans with Chicos

A handful of chicos turns a pot of beans into something interesting and delightful. Served alongside rice, you've got a delicious meal with complete protein.

Serves 2

1 strip of bacon (optional, recommended), chopped

1 tablespoon olive oil if skipping the bacon or if it's lean

1/2 cup minced onions

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon minced fresh oregano or thyme

1/4 cup chicos

1 can of plain beans (pinto, white, black, kidney....) including the liquid

1 can of water or stock

1 teaspoon paprika or chile powder to taste

Salt, if the bacon doesn't add enough

Fry the bacon on medium heat. When half-crispy, about five minutes, add the onions, garlic and herbs. Fry until the onions become translucent. Add the beans and water, and stir together. Season with salt, if necessary. Heat to a simmer, stirring as necessary to prevent sticking. Adjust seasoning and serve.

Flash in the Pan is food writer Ari LeVaux's weekly recipe column. It runs in about 100 newspapers nationwide, nourishing food sections large and small with complete protein for the belly brain.

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