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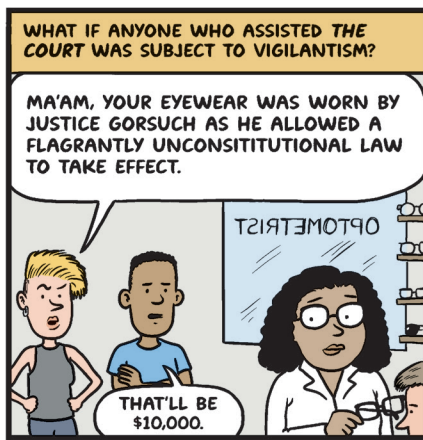
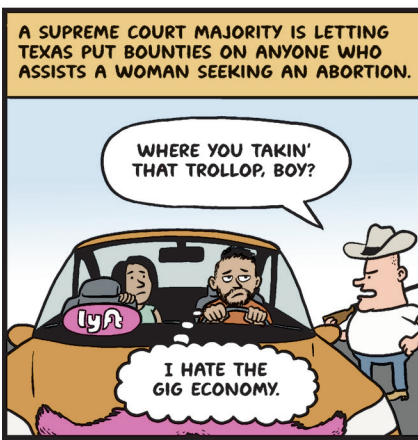


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by TOM TOMORROW

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NEWS & OPINION

Can Logan Square be revitalized?

City officials struggle with obsolete facility and troubling activity

A 30-acre shopping plaza — Logan Square — in southwest Lansing is once again catching the eyes of city officials as it struggles with vacant storefronts, illicit businesses and code violations.

Brian McGrain, director of economic planning and development for the city of Lansing, late last month took a veritable army of code compliance officers, fire marshals and others through the facility. Councilman Adam Hussain has also been fighting behind the scenes to bring down the full weight of the city on the shopping plaza after a shooting there this summer.

“There’s a lot going on there,” McGrain said. “Some of it good, some of it we want to support. Other things, you know, need improvement.”

The shopping plaza at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Holmes Road opened in south Lansing in 1962. After several years of recent management issues, Mayor Andy Schor had targeted the site for improvements in early 2018. But rather than fix the issues, Southfield-based Meram Properties sold Logan Square for \$2.85 million in 2018.

At the time, Schor ordered his administration to crack down on the shopping center with plans to bring a nuisance property lawsuit against the owner and eventually seize the land.

“We have cited him and cited him, and my understanding is that previously it was always, ‘I’ll fix it,’” Schor



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Lansing City Councilman Adam Hussain has long been frustrated with management problems at Logan Square like vacant storefronts, illicit businesses and city code violations.

explained. “And then he never did. And I said, ‘Let’s take action,’ and we are.”

After the property was sold to California investors Kevin and Mike Zhang, city officials decided to give the new owners time to get their legs under them and revitalize the area. New lighting has been installed in the parking lot. Some storefronts have been spruced up with fresh paint.

Efforts to reach the new owners for comment were unsuccessful.

New tenants have also arrived. But not all of those tenants have been good for the area.

“I have done everything possible to bring these guys to the table with our economic development team, but there’s limitations in terms of what I can do as a legislator,” Hussain said. “We need this administration to take this seriously. Period.”

In a walk around the facility last month, Hussain pointed out his concerns. In the back of the building are several disabled vehicles with flat tires and hanging exhaust systems that have apparently had catalytic converters removed from them. Hussain also pointed out concerning locations where illegal nightclubs — often called Blind Pigs — had been operating off the radar.

In June, Lansing Police Department officers responded to Logan Square

after shots were fired. A large crowd was dispersed at the time. When Hussain was down there, he said he noticed a large crowd of people “partying” inside one of the storefronts and gathering behind the facility.

McGrain alluded to ongoing police investigations throughout Logan Square, but he declined to discuss specifics. Last month, a clothing retail storefront — Head Over Heels Boutique — was shuttered as part of a multi-state heroin and other illicit drugs bust. McGrain said his team has lingering concerns about some of the businesses operating in the mall, calling them “sketch.”

Despite the possibility of continued criminal activity, McGrain said there are also businesses within Logan Square that are making a difference. He said Lansing Wholesale, a distributor located in the mall, was an example of an economic success story for Lansing. The company started on Cedar Street, but it grew so quickly that it had to lease space at Logan Square. It has continued to grow such that it is now seeking a new operations location, McGrain explained.

The parking lot has also seen the advent of a combined Amazon Prime parking zone — where the international online retailer parks delivery vans — and a driving education program.

“It puts eyes on the area at all times,” said McGrain. “That’s a good thing.”

Hussain said that is part of the irony with Logan Square. Along with the bad apples, there are, he said, really committed business owners in the area working hard to improve the south side.

“But this property owner, and, frankly, the city of Lansing, is allowing for other less aboveboard operators to come in there to run disreputable businesses, and that’s an absolute detriment to the folks and their businesses,” Hussain added.

For his part, McGrain said he is already deploying parking enforcement teams to the area to ticket people parking in the fire lanes — an all-too-common occurrence throughout the facility.

He has also made clear to management that all new businesses moving in need to make sure that the storefronts they are taking over have upgraded fire suppression and electrical systems. McGrain is also expecting new businesses to come to the city for the proper permits to do the work and allow city officials to inspect the premises. He has also demanded a list of all the occupied storefronts and the businesses involved to be filed with the city’s fire department to facilitate effective responses in the event of a fire or other disaster at the shopping plaza.

McGrain said there are also a few new businesses on the horizon at Logan Square — including a billiard hall and an eatery. The city also has plans to hire a full-time staffer to focus on local economic improvement through the newly established MLK Corridor Improvement Authority.

Both McGrain and Hussain have high hopes for progress.

Corridor improvement plans focus on redevelopment and business opportunities from the railroad tracks on the north, just past the old drop forge facility south to Edgewood Boulevard. Logan Square represents a key economic cornerstone within that strip, but there are also blocks of retail space along the entire miles-long corridor in need of support.

“In putting some paint on the building and slapping a couple of lights up — I’m sorry, the folks in South Lansing deserve much better than that,” said Hussain.

— TODD HEYWOOD



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Logan Square opened in south Lansing in 1962 and was sold in late 2018 for \$2.85 million.

Local businessman lobs racial slur at school board officer

An 11-second video shared by Lansing School Board Vice President Rachel Willis shows that she was subjected last week to a racist tirade by the owner of a court process servicing firm in Delta Township.

Willis, who is Black, said she was driving on Saginaw Highway in Eaton County on Thursday when a motorist honked at her, followed her several blocks and called her the N-word numerous times. The driver who ver-

bally assaulted Willis was subsequently identified as Michael Hellman

The reason? Hellmann, the owner of Serves You Right Processing Service, accused Willis of failing to stop at a stop sign. In the video, Hellmann can be heard calling Willis "an ignorant fucking n****r bitch." Willis responded by thanking the man and wishing him a "really nice day."

Hellmann hung up the phone on this reporter when asked about the incident,

but he was identified by his distinctive black Jeep with a Punisher logo on the tire cover on the back — a reference to a Marvel Comic character who is a cop who turns vigilante and kills criminals. The logo was also prevalent at the pro-Trump insurrectionist riot at the U.S. Capitol building on Jan. 6.

Hellmann's Facebook page features several pictures of his black Jeep with either a Blue Lives Matter flag or a Trump 2020 flag. His Facebook page also identifies him as a former officer at the Fort Wayne Police Department and air marshal with the U.S. Federal Air Marshal Service. Calls to Fort Wayne Police to confirm Hellmann's employment were not immediately returned.

Willis, who is a Lansing City Council candidate, said she called Eaton County Sheriff's officials. A sheriff's deputy said the incident will be investigated.

"There needs to be accountability beyond just the fact that this happened to me," Willis said, noting that the incident showcases the prevalence of racism in the Greater Lansing community.

She added: "My issue was that I am a Black, educated woman with some level of agency and that happened to me.



Courtesy

Delta Twp. businessman Michael Hellman berates City Council candidate Rachel Willis.

It doesn't matter when you control for education and pedigree. It doesn't matter when somebody chooses to be racist and hateful to you.

"To go out of your way to call me the N-word? That's just beyond reprehensible. To do that as an intentional attack of a racial slur in 2021 is unacceptable."

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Spiral Dance Club may reopen under new ownership

Local businessman says he has a purchase pact, hopes to reopen this fall

Spiral Dance Club is on its way to a new life, says businessman Adam Brewer, a native of Leslie.

Brewer, 36, said he has made a non-refundable deposit on a purchase agreement for the LGBTQ nightclub at 1247 Center St. in Old Town. It closed in March 2020 because of the pandemic and never reopened.

Efforts to reach the club's owner, Tom Donall, have been unsuccessful.

Brewer said today he is awaiting final approval from governmental authorities on the transfer of the liquor license. He said he expects that to happen by the beginning of October.

City Council must approve the transfer of the liquor license as must the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

He hopes a swift approval by the beginning of October will result in an opening shortly after.

Brewer said he will update the location some, but attendees can expect an LGBTQ community-focused club with dancing to contribute to the community.

"It will be very similar," he said. "I own several properties in Old Town and I think this is just an important part of the community. I am excited to bring it back."

If response to his Facebook post announcing that he was seeking employees for the new club is an example of the eagerness to see the club lights flashing and the bass booming, he's likely in for a success. He said the post he made resulted in over 100 shares.

"That's unusual for me," he said with a chuckle on the phone.

He has begun to advertise for new employees.

Rodger Geissman, known as DJ Lipgloss, has been hired as entertainment manager and show director for the new club. Geissman has a long history in Michigan's LGBTQ community of developing and promoting drag shows from Lansing to Grand Rapids.

Brewer, who lives in Okemos, owned Brewer Iron and Metal, 2547 W. Main St. It was a local recycling business located focused on recycling and selling used cars. He sold the business to Padnos and now tows vehicles to them for recycling with his tow company Gigi's. In addition, he has property holdings in the city under three dif-

ferent limited liability companies: Old Town L.L.C., Drew L.L.C and Brewer Housing L.L.C. It is not uncommon for businesses to create separate businesses for various property interests to protect assets from the liabilities of another business venture.

With Spiral closed down as Donall sought to sell the business and property, the only bar specifically designating itself as an LGBTQ bar was Esquire, a block away in Old Town. However, that bar, at the corner of Turner and Center streets, does not allow anyone under the age of 21 to enter. In addition, while it has a small dance floor, it is mostly a neighborhood bar designed for socializing.

Spiral went on the market in April 2019. Donall told City Pulse then that he was hoping to keep the property and sell just the business and liquor license to operate it. Brewer said he's purchasing the business, liquor license, the 4,870-square-foot building and 0.375-acre property.

Spiral opened in 2000 as part of the influx of investment into Lansing's Old Town neighborhood. It was also a time



of dislocation for the city's gay bars. Maureen James/City Pulse

Spiral Dance Club may reopen under new ownership. In this 2019 photo, former Manager Liz Deatrack and 2019 Miss AM, Tater Tot Noxious, serve Spiral's aqua-colored "Unicorn" mix.



which had been ousted from Michigan Avenue to make way for the baseball stadium. The establishment helped anchor Old Town as an LGBTQ-friendly stronghold in Lansing, where there was also an LGBTQ bookstore, The Real

World Emporium, which served as an informal community center and political headquarters for the community.

— TODD HEYWOOD

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Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Charter Township of Lansing Board of Appeals to be held **Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Township Offices located at 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing the following appeal:

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Marvin Gardens Apartments



Don't be fooled by this week's eyesore. Although it bears the same name as one of the ritziest sets of property on a standard Monopoly

game board, this apartment complex near the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Cavanaugh Road in South Lansing desperately needs some work to live up to its name.

It has all the hallmarks of the shabbiest properties that typically earn a spot in this recurring feature: several shattered and boarded-up windows, a crumbling parking lot, broken deck railings, a sinking roof and other rundown exterior fixtures. We can only imagine the inside. Some units have trash collecting outside. There's even a car on blocks in the back parking lot.

The kicker: A car reportedly crashed into the side of the building more than two months ago. Fortunately, nobody was injured. Unfortunately, management has yet to complete the repairs. Two beams pressed against a few sheets of plywood seem to be holding the building together. Our calls to the management office (and the "emergency maintenance" line) for Marvin Gardens Apartments were left unreturned. Online reviews suggest that residents have had similar luck.

County records show the complex was purchased by MG72 LLC in 2016 for about \$1.4 million. State records list an office address for the company at Beverly Place Apartments on Kalamazoo Street. Big surprise: There were several shattered and boarded-up windows over there too.

This apartment complex was also located in the center of a concentrated outbreak of COVID-19 that was detected by the Ingham County Health Department last summer in zip code 48911. Residents over there could use a break. Here's hoping that this glowing feature motivates the management to start taking the living conditions of their tenants seriously — or else perhaps just consider changing the name to Baltic or Mediterranean Apartments. It would be more fitting.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eye Candy of the Week and Eye for Design. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call it in at 517-999-6715.

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI



Lansing to remember 9/11

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor announced plans to honor and remember those who lost their lives, the families and the survivors of the World Trade Center attacks. Schor, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, Interim Police Chief Ellery Sosebee and Interim Fire Chief Greg Martin will give remarks beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday at Wentworth Park in downtown Lansing.

Ingham County demands masks in schools

A new order from the Ingham County Health Department requires all students and staff in schools and daycares — regardless of their vaccination status — to wear a face mask while indoors. Health Officer Linda Vail said she first wanted to give local school districts leeway to enact their own rules before she issued a mandate, but districts in Webberville and Dansville had refused to comply with recommendations, necessitating a county-wide emergency order. COVID-19 cases have now been tracked at every school district in the county. County officials also tracked a 515% increase in cases among those ages 17 and younger from Aug. 12-25.



Vail

Whitmer: Protect right to choice in Michigan

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called on state lawmakers to pass legislation to repeal Michigan's 1930 law that criminalizes abortion, which is not in effect because of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Roe v. Wade. Repealing the state law would ensure that the right to choose remains a right, even in the face of continued attacks on that legal precedent, Whitmer said.

Shutdown continues at General Motors

The shutdown at GM's Delta Township plant continued into its ninth week due to a global semiconductor shortage. According to LSJ reports, the company will idle production through at least Sept. 20. The Grand River plant remains partially open as one of only four U.S. plants still in production.



Lansing man pleads guilty to embezzlement

Joseph Pettit, a former employee of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, pleaded guilty to embezzlement over \$100,000 and uttering and publishing — felonies that could carry a maximum sentence of up to 34 years in prison. As an environmental quality specialist from 1996 to 2020, Pettit created fake vendors and then diverted bond funds to bank accounts that he supplied to those fraudulent vendors. State officials became aware of the issue last September and contacted police.

Underage booze stings underway in East Lansing

Young, legal-age mystery shoppers have been heading into party stores and bars in East Lansing to see if they'll be asked to provide photo identification as part of a new statewide pilot program to curtail the sale of alcohol to minors in Michigan's college towns. Owners and managers will receive confidential reports from the state Liquor Control Commission. Last year, about 86% of licensees checked for ID.



Lansing businesses rake in grant cash

A total of 268 businesses in Ingham County — including 135 in Lansing — were awarded a combined total of \$3.3 million in Ingham County Sunrise Grants in partnership with the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and the Lansing Economic Area Partnership. The grant program was created in April using \$11 million from the county's first tranche of federal coronavirus relief as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act. More grants are en route.

MSU suspends deputy chief

Traci Ruiz, the deputy chief of the Michigan State University Police Department and a retired Lansing Police Department officer, was placed on administrative leave and MSU officials aren't releasing any information about the situation. A spokesman labeled it a "personnel matter" and declined to elaborate, except to note that there is no "safety concern" for the local community.



Ruiz

Anthony announces bid for State Senate

State Rep. Sarah Anthony announced plans to run for the State Senate next year in hopes of succeeding term-limited State Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr. If elected, Anthony would make history as the region's first Black woman to serve in the State Senate. Former House Democratic Leader Sam Singh also announced plans in June to run.

Dunbar joins 'The Crew'

Lansing City Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Kathie Dunbar has joined forces with two Council candidates — Claretta Duckett-Freeman and Oprah Revish — in a newly formed political alliance called "The Crew." The trio announced the partnership on a recent episode of "Merica 20 to Life." Visit lansingcitypulse.com to read more about the recent announcement.

Club Tabu scrutiny sets off alarms

An investigative report by City Pulse's Todd Heywood in last week's edition revealed some disconcerting information about another investigation, this one conducted in secret by the Lansing Police Department's Special Operations Section. The target of the undercover operation was Club Tabu, a members-only social club on the city's south side that caters primarily to gay men.

Police scrutiny of the club was triggered by an anonymous email received by Lansing City Councilman Adam Hussain, which included images of unclothed club members and a litany of unsubstantiated complaints alleging prostitution and drug use at the establishment. Hussain promptly forwarded the email and images to several of his Council colleagues and staff, the City Attorney's office and to LPD.

Hussain may have unwittingly committed a felony in doing so. Under Michigan law, it is illegal to use a computer to transmit sexually explicit images that were obtained without the consent of the individuals depicted in the images. It is highly unlikely that Hussain will be charged with a crime, however, since a key element of any criminal offense is intent. We doubt he intended to violate the law or cause harm by forwarding the email and the images to other city officials in the course of doing his job as an elected official. State law also provides an exception for the dissemination of sexually explicit images in the reporting of a crime.

That exception may not protect the anonymous emailer since it appears that multiple felonies were committed, one by taking the illegal photos, which constitutes a massive invasion of privacy, and another by transmitting the images to a third party via computer. Given clear evidence that suggests unlawful conduct, either by the author of the email or an accomplice or both, one might think the Police Department would have started an investigation to learn the identity of the emailer and pursue appropriate charges. We find it perplexing that this hasn't happened.

Imagine if an anonymous emailer sent compromising, illegally obtained photos of a top city official to a member of City Council. We daresay an investigation would have commenced immediately, using every tool and technology at the Police Department's disposal to uncover the identity of the anonymous emailer. That no one in the LPD chain of command responded in a similar fashion to this outrageous, illegal breach of privacy gives rise to legitimate concerns that implicit or even explicit bias against gay men caused the department to look the other way. To their credit, when asked by City Pulse, Councilmembers Hussain, Patricia Spitzley and Council President Peter Spadafore all agreed that the source of the email and illicit photos should be investigated.



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Equally disturbing is that LPD has no records whatsoever of the investigation. According to a police spokesman, no criminal activity was observed in the course of the operation so no report was written. A spokeswoman for Mayor Andy Schor's office had a different story: The city doesn't have enough officers to write reports for every investigation. We think the department's failure to keep records of its investigations, secret or not, is a serious mistake that needs to be remedied. Furthermore, we think the excuse proffered by the Mayor's Office is utter nonsense: Transparency and accountability demand that the Police Department document its actions — even undercover operations — in case they later come under scrutiny or give rise to legal claims.

This episode is but one more example of a troubling lack of transparency that appears to permeate LPD. It wasn't so long ago that the department intentionally misrepresented the real cause of Anthony Hulon's death in the Lansing lockup at the hands of city jailers, which only came to light after Hulon's family filed a wrongful

death lawsuit. Both the Hulon death and the Club Tabu investigation occurred on the watch of former LPD Chief Daryl Green, who has since moved on to a new position at Michigan State University. His replacement, Interim Chief Ellery Sosebee, has yet to make a public comment on the Club Tabu controversy. We think he should speak up and clarify his position both on undocumented secret investigations and his department's failure to investigate the source of the illegally-obtained Club Tabu images.

As Mayor Schor embarks on a national search for a permanent police chief, we urge him to make a demonstrated track record of transparency a key criterion for the new hire. And, given that the City Charter charges the mayor with supervising the Police Department, we also urge Schor to direct LPD to immediately commence an investigation into the identity of the anonymous emailer.

Finally, the mayor should think twice before allowing his spokeswoman to so cavalierly dish out lame excuses when LPD policies and procedures are publicly called into question. A better answer would have been agreeing that records of all investigations should be kept and that the mayor will promptly confer with the police chief to find out why it isn't happening. To do otherwise suggests that Mayor Schor shares LPD's apparently trifling concern with the egregious invasion of privacy that occurred at Club Tabu.

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Trump issues endorsements as '22 MI campaigns heat up

Former President Donald Trump is officially involved in Michigan's 2022 elections.

The one-term president announced

OPINION

this week his political action committee's support for "fake 2020 election" sympathizer Kristina Karamo for secretary of state and "forensic audit" bill sponsor Rep. Steve Carra to take out U.S. Rep. Fred Upton in the 6th Congressional District.

Trump has yet to endorse for governor, attorney general or in the 3rd Congressional District, where U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer also supported Trump's impeachment, but that's coming ... at least in MI-3.

The endorsements likely clear the Republican primary field of other "America First," pro-Trump Republicans, freeing up Karamo and Carra to receive a piece of what is reportedly a \$62 million cache in Trump's "Save America" PAC.

In the case of Karamo, Trump's backing may have cleared the field for her to win the Republican nomination next year to face Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

The former 2020 election poll challenger at the TCF Center in Detroit has been running unopposed for the GOP nomination all summer. She's ingratiated herself to "patriot" rally participants across the state, talking



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

about her first-hand observation of the Arizona election audit, among things.

Election security will be a driving motivational tool in this race for the Republican grassroots. It's hard to see how anyone who doesn't support — at a minimum — a "forensic audit" (whatever that looks like) of the 2020 elections winning a GOP convention.

A bigger name emerging from the political right — Rep. Matt Maddock or MRP Co-chairwoman Meshawn Maddock, for example — isn't going to happen.

Without Trump's backing, there's no point. An "establishment candidate," someone like Rep. Ann Bollin or Ottawa County Clerk Dan Krueger, will need to throw together a campaign in six months with little-to-no statewide name ID or money running into a Trump headwind?

Fat chance.

Same thing in the 6th Congressional District, where Fred Upton is cross-ways with Trump for voting to impeach him. Upton felt Trump stirred up the crowds that trashed the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6 in the hopes of stopping the Electoral College certification.

That obviously didn't happen, but what did happen is Upton earned himself four primary opponents and a possible fifth in Gina Johnsen, who narrowly lost last year to state Rep. Angela Witwer of the Lansing-area legislative delegation.

Even before Trump's endorsement,

Carra, 32, was the clear frontrunner. He had raised at least \$100,000 as of July. The other three in the race raised \$15,000 combined. With Trump's endorsement no longer on the table, it's hard to see where Johnsen goes for support, having not actually lived in this Southwest Michigan district.

The question now will be whom Trump backs for governor. Will he go with James Craig, who has a lot of institutional support and whom he spoke highly of when Craig was Detroit chief of police?

Will he go with Garrett Soldano? The anti-lockdown organizer raised far more money than other like-minded candidates like Ryan Kelley or Austin Chenge.

Could conservative talk show host Tudor Dixon nab it? She's got a lot of national exposure and has the potential to raise a lot of money across the country.

Or Trump may sit this one out. To him, any of the choices are better than Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Why get involved if Craig, Soldano and Dixon are all willing to kiss his ring?

The bigger question will be in the 3rd Congressional District, where Meijer's primary challengers aren't in the same league as Carra. Tom Norton only reported \$11,000 in cash on hand as of July. His opponent, Audra Johnson, barely raised anything.

The two are openly trashing one another behind the scenes in the hopes of getting the backing of Trump and/or old rocker Ted Nugent. All the while, it's not clear either have the juice to win a popular vote, even among Republicans.

With Trump already endorsing a candidate for Michigan state Senate, it appears no office is too small for the Trumpster. And if endorsements are

in play, conservative Republican candidates will do anything to get it.

(Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol News Service MIRS at melinnky@gmail.com.)

LETTERS to the editor

Extolling Betz

Good to read one 'Democrat Socialist' who turned his back to the fan club of police haters of BLM. It shows clearly this gang of commie lovers 'Democrat Socialist' is not monolithic, but fragmented. And I bet there are 'more Brandon Betz' out there. Again USE common sense! If you can't blame all dentists because one botched your teeth, WHY blame all cops just because ONE fucked up? And say that to spoiled brat Alexandria Ocasio Cortez!

Jose Ortiz

Applause for Bethlehem Temple essay

Thank you for setting the record straight regarding the Bethlehem Temple! It always irritated me to read that the First Methodist Church was built by the Bethlehem Temple congregation in 1906. I was baptized as a baby in the church in 1932 and attended the church until 1952 as a Methodist! My mother was the church organist there for 25 years until my parents also left in 1952. Thanks again for getting the truth out and for all your excellent reporting!

Ronald H. Voelker
Lansing

The proposed budget of the Ingham Conservation District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 will be presented to the District Board for final approval at the regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on 9-15-21. The Public is invited to comment on the proposed budget at this time. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the District office located at 1031 W. Dexter Trail, Mason, MI 48854.

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Plans and cost estimates for the Project have been prepared and are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Supervisor, or a designee thereof, has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll related to all of the properties listed above, and that are within the proposed 2021 Bogus Swamp Drain Improvement Special Assessment District. The proposed special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the above-described Project and work incidental thereto within the special assessment district, as more particularly shown on the plans that are on file and available for public examination with the Township Clerk at the Township Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48917. The total assessment is \$29,000.

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Dated: August 26, 2021

Maggie Sanders, Clerk

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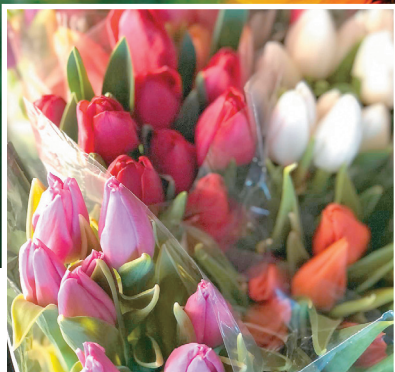
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Common Ground takes over Jackson Field this weekend

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Common Ground is a yearly musical extravaganza that brings in talent to Lansing from across all genres. Last year, like most big events, Common Ground was canceled due to fears about the spread of COVID.

This weekend, the festival will return in a reduced form to Jackson Field in downtown Lansing.

The headliner this year is producer-turned-rapper G-Eazy. In the past, he's opened for Lil Wayne and Snoop Dogg. Nowadays, he's climbed far enough through the ranks of stardom to be a festival headliner on his own.

He'll be joined by fellow rappers Tee Grizzley, Duckwrth, Yung Baby Tate, Jahmed, Kelsey Lynn and Kossiko.

The festival was originally going to be a two-day affair and include emo punk heavy-hitters Blink-182 and The Used. Organizers at Common Ground headquarters had to reschedule the



Courtesy

G-Eazy is headlining Common Ground 2021 at Jackson Field.

festival and do a total rehaul of the lineup after Blink-182 backed out. While the emo crowd is out of luck, rap aficionados have a lot to look forward to this weekend.

Festival-goers should know that

there is no re-entry allowed once you've arrived at Common Ground. All bags will be searched before you are allowed to enter the festival. You are only allowed to bring small drawstring bags, purses or fanny packs. Leave

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Common Ground is an all-ages event, though you absolutely must bring an ID if you are planning on purchasing alcohol. Cell phones and smart phones are allowed in the stadium, but video recorders and professional cameras are not.

Masks and social distancing are not required, though immunocompromised individuals may feel the need to mask up, as Common Ground typically draws a large crowd.

'Inner shining light'

Broad Museum's 'Free Your Mind' looks inside, and outside, prison walls

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

A loving mother visits her incarcerated son, pressing her hand to his

'Free Your Mind: Art and Incarceration in Michigan'

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across a glass barrier. The scene is familiar to most people as a movie cliché, but it gets a wrenching twist in a painting by Dara Ket, part of an exhibit of Michigan-based art by incarcerated people at Michigan State University's Broad Museum.

The prisoner, seen from the mother's point of view, is a giant baby, complete with prisoner ID number

embroidered on his knitted cap.

Each of the nation's 2.2 million incarcerated people is someone's baby, spouse, partner, friend, uncle, father, or all of the above.

"Free Your Mind," part of a museum-wide set of exhibits on mass incarceration now at MSU's Broad Art Museum, breathes thought and feeling into numbing prison statistics by giving pride of place to deeply personal art by Michigan prisoners.

It's a departure from most exhibits at the Broad. None of the artists were trained in schools. All were either self-taught, after going to prison, or mentored by other prisoners.

"It's not responding to an art world trend, it's just coming out of the person's need to make a statement," exhibit co-curator Janie Paul said.

Oliger Merko's "Imaginary Cello" shows the artist marching in a prison yard lineup, awash in wintry yellow-white light. He pauses to gaze



"Imaginary Cello," by Oliger Merko, shows the incarcerated artist looking at his alternate self.

at an alternate version of himself, playing the cello he studied in his youth. The rich and beautiful impasto, or visible brushwork, harks back

to the master painters Merko saw in his youth, in his native Albania, but

Broad

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Merko never picked up a brush until he was in prison.

Much of the exhibit is taken up with scenes of everyday prison life, combining close attention to detail with a strong point of view. John Bone's "Cell Scene" shows the artist gazing outside the bars, surrounded by banal details like cracked plaster, a sink and toilet and ear buds strewn on a pillow. But there's a neat psychological twist: the picture you are looking at is already hanging on the wall of the cell, with the same picture on the wall within that picture, and so on, into infinity.

"You don't know if it's a way out, or an infinite tunnel where you can't get out," exhibit co-curator Steven Bridges said.

Museum visitors who are ready to set aside expectations of technical excellence might be surprised.

Daniel Valentine, a mechanic who built motorcycles before being incarcerated, turned his meticulous hand to colored pencils, producing a hyper-realistic, lush image of a woman's hand holding a rose in "The Scarlet Fancy." The fleshy red rose, and the woman's glossy red fingernail polish, are distinguished from each other by subtle under layers of black.



Courtesy

"He figured these things out on his own," Paul said.

Andy Wynkoop's "Economic Redistribution" is a panorama of weirdness inspired by the 17th century Flemish master Pieter Bruegel the Elder, with the cast of "The Wizard of Oz" and Adolf Hitler tucked into bit roles. While in prison, Wynkoop saw a Brueghel painting on a CD cover

and "everything opened up for him," Paul said.

Bridges and Paul wanted the exhibit to reflect a full range of experiences and emotions, from the anguish and frustration of incarcerated people to their capacity for joy and fulfillment.

"The work is disarming," Bridges said. "It's not all gloom and doom. There's joy, dignity, pride, there's this inner shining light. It welcomes people in a way that might be unexpected for some visitors."

Bridges and Paul tailored "Free your Mind" to complement "Per(Sister)," a stunning exhibit on art and incarcerated women, also on view at the Broad. "Per(Sister)," a traveling exhibit focusing mostly on Louisiana women, was developed by the Broad Museum's new director, Monica Ramirez-Montagut, while she was the director of Tulane University's Newcomb Art Museum in New Orleans.

"We wanted to bring the conversation back home, to mid-Michigan," Bridges said.

The subject matter was new to Bridges, so he called Paul, co-founder of a series of annual exhibits of art by Michigan prisoners, now in

its 27th year, organized by the Prison Creative Arts Project at the University of Michigan.

Paul said that the longstanding project has enabled thousands of incarcerated people in Michigan to become artists.

"We reach into every single prison in the state," she said.

Exhibits like "Free Your Mind" complete the circuit by connecting incarcerated artists with an audience.

The benefit is mutual. Paul and Bridges find that viewers relate deeply to the art on several levels.

"These are people that took up art once they got into prison — all kinds of people," Paul said. "It makes you think: 'I can identify with that,' or even 'I can do that.'"

At the same time, the patience, focus and persistence of some of the artists on display seem almost superhuman.

In an intricate and symbolic soft sculpture called "Redeemed," Susan Brown fashioned the head of a deer from 347,929 tiny beads laid over an armature made of easily obtainable materials like toilet paper and glue.

"When people see the incredible skill, and their ability to evoke so many emotions and reactions, they are taken aback," Paul said. "It makes them reconsider their stereotyped image of people who are incarcerated."



Courtesy

"The Way It Is," by Rafael De Jesus, is a miniature panorama of prison life.

It's football season. Here's a cheap way to get high for the next game

New 'Tailgate' collection from Skymint pays tribute to college athletics

I've never cared much for watching football games. That being said, I love football season.

For me, this time of year is much less about the score of any particular game or the players on any particular field and much more so about simply relaxing with friends, having a few drinks (and smokes), grilling up some tailgating snacks and enjoying the arrival of hoodie season.

I might not be able to name the quarterbacks or running backs on any given teams. I might not even buy tickets to a single game. But like every year, I'll pretend to give a damn, dig out my old Lions and MSU jerseys, find my way to a few tailgates and bowl parties and have a great time.

So, I was understandably excited when Skymint reached out with some samples from its latest "Tailgate" lineup — a clear nod to college football fandom in both East Lansing and Ann Arbor.

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(lime) and white (coconut) gumdrops. Varsity Blue is blue and yellow (pear, passionfruit and pomegranate) for the University of Michigan Wolverines.

I'm a bit biased, but I think MSU clearly got the short end of the stick on flavors in this new lineup. The Green Machine tasted entirely of coconuts — and not the tangy, fruity pina colada sort of coconuts. Even the lime gummies tasted like dull

cream. They were objectively terrible.

Even if you truly bleed green and white, consider snagging the Ann Arbor variety for gameday. I still wouldn't eat either gummies for the flavors alone, but Varsity Blue is much more palatable.

The good news: You only need to eat four or five of these treats to stay ripped through halftime. These edibles are also a steal of a deal at only \$16 per bag; Similar gummies are usually \$20.

I found myself in a euphoric and dazed state of happiness for four hours after consuming about half the bag of Green Machine before the matchup with Northwestern University on Friday evening. I also fell asleep before the game was over. Pro tip: The effects take about an hour to kick in, so give the first few gummies time before you impatiently chow down the whole bag.

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Favorite Things

Blake Tharp and his MMA training gear

Blake Tharp works in the fast-paced world of supply chain management. When he finally gets to take a break from crunching numbers, he likes to dabble in Mixed Martial Arts training as a unique form of exercise.

When I was younger, my family and I got a pair of boxing gloves for Christmas. Whenever we attended family gatherings, we'd sneak over the boxing gloves and beat each other up in the backyard. We also had annual Halloween parties at my cousins' house. We kept it like a tradition when we were young, just having harmless fun every year. It became the staple of the party, it became less about Halloween and more about, "Did you bring the gloves? Who is fighting?" It was just something we did as kids.

My interest in MMA started at a young age. Over the years, the UFC got more and more popular, and I was always watching that. I didn't know anybody else that also wanted to do it until I met my roommate that I lived with when I briefly moved to California in 2015.

In California, I started training in my garage, borrowing my roommate's gear. Eventually, I bought my own and I've kept with it. It all started with a regular pair of 12-ounce gloves. For a year or two, I had different sized gloves, mouth guards, hand wraps — the whole shebang. I bought all this stuff from different sporting goods stores like Dick's and Dunham's.

My roommate was going to classes every day, and I had a lot of time on my hands. We had our garage set up with a punching bag, ropes — all the necessary equipment. In my free time I was staying busy learning a new skill. For just



a workout, this wasn't any form of super real training, I would run two miles then jump rope, do bag drills and weight training with dumbbells and barbells. That's what it consisted of.

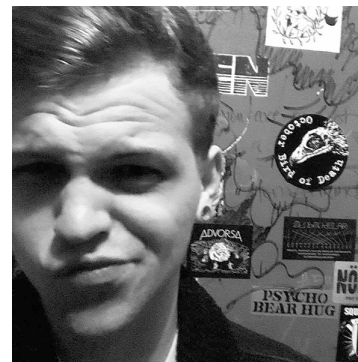
We'd spar and it didn't go over well for me, because he was in the Army and had been practicing for much, much longer than me. I didn't stand a chance. He was a stocky guy; he had been eating his Wheaties.

Some people have a natural talent or an affinity to it. What attracted me to it when I was young was the adrenaline and the competition, wanting to be better or the best. That drives a

lot of people. You'll see that in every sport, there's always somebody that always wants to be the better person.

For me, weight training just gets boring. It's very repetitive and it's not stimulating or exciting. With MMA, you're being active and you're learning a new skill that can be very useful. There's always more to learn, you're never done. Even the best people in the world are still learning every single time.

Interview edited and condensed by Skyler Ashley. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, please email Skyler@Lansingcitypulse.com



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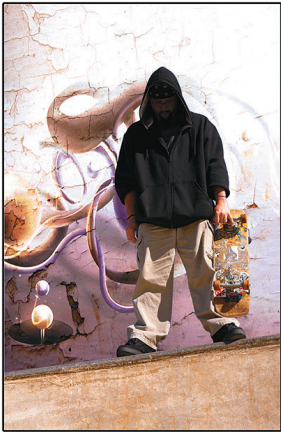
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I don't set out to create art on one subject or another. I produce my art from items that people have memories of which they want to preserve, from things people call junk, and with my camera. Whether through my camera or with physical objects, I am always designing work and figuring out how to make a piece of art a reality. None of it is intentional – it all develops and evolves over time.

People always ask my reason for creating my art, but I've never liked having to explain my work. When I make a piece, it is how I want it to be, and hopefully it can speak for itself in whatever it says to the viewer. Each person takes something a little different from the same piece of art – there isn't a right or wrong message. My goal is to create something that sparks a little light in your life and to give the piece of art a chance, or a second chance, to light up the world.

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MSU Special Collections gains treasure trove of cookbooks

By **BILL CASTANIER**

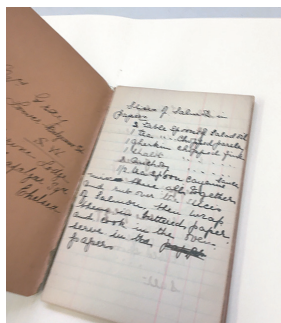
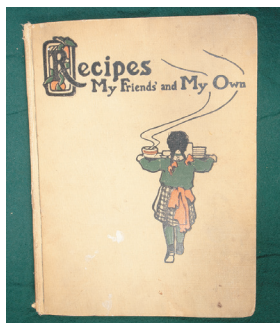
Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the hottest selling items on online book-sellers like Amazon, AbeBooks and e-Bay were cookbooks originating from New Orleans and the rest of Cajun Louisiana. The hurricane had destroyed treasured family cookbooks that had been passed down for generations and family members were anxiously trying to replace them.

Cookbooks are treasures, especially the handwritten or manuscript-style cookbooks. Recently, Michigan State University's Special Collections acquired more than 6,500 cookbooks and cooking ephemera from the Brass sisters of Cambridge, Massachusetts, including more than 100 manuscript cookbooks and other rare cookbooks.

Marilynn and Sheila Brass, now in their 80s, are longtime foodies in the Boston area who co-authored four cookbooks and at one time were the co-hosts of the PBS cooking show "Food Flirts." The sisters are recognized for their deserts, a serendipitous result of growing up on a street known as Sea Foam Avenue in Winthrop, Massachusetts.

The sisters are at work on a joint memoir of their childhood days spent in the kitchen with their mother, Dorothy Brass. The dynamic cooking duo has appeared on numerous television cooking shows, such as "Throwdown with Bobby Flay," where they destroyed Flay with a delicious pineapple upside-down cake. In addition to collecting recipes, the sisters have accumulated a large collection of antique food molds not included in the acquisition, which they heralded on "Antiques Road Show."

The collection came to the attention of MSU when a Cambridge historian — who had helped the sisters catalogue their cache of materials — con-



Courtesy

Vintage cookbooks that are part of a new exhibit at MSU Special Collections.

tacted Leslie McRoberts, head of MSU Special Collections, about its availability. McRoberts said after she received the 500-page catalog, she enlisted the help of Peter Berg, the former head of MSU Special Collections, to assess the collection. Berg had shepherded earlier acquisitions for MSU Special Collections — including the collection of Lansing woman Shirley Sliker and her husband, Alan, whose collection of 15,000 items of cooking ephemera is also held at MSU Special Collections.

"After reviewing the collection, it would be foolish not to acquire the vast collection," Berg said.

"The collection helps tell the story of America's diverse food culture and its historical context," McRoberts added.

One item in the collection that immediately drew the eye of McRoberts was Julia Child's childhood textbook of French conjugation signed "Julie McWilliams," by the famed cookbook author on the cover. The collection contains numerous signed Child cookbooks, which is not unexpected since Child was a longtime resident of the area and Radcliffe College holds Child's papers. The East Coast area was a fruitful source of the sisters' collection of British cookbooks.

Culinary collections are more than just "famous" fudge recipes. They provide context for our history — especially community cookbooks and manuscript recipes, which often contain keys to how recipes adapted to the food shortages of the Great Depression, World Wars and the Civil War, which has been documented by MSU Professor and food writer Helen Veit in her books on the food of

the North and the South during the Civil War.

For their books "Heirloom Baking" and "Heirloom Cooking," the sisters drew heavily on their collection of handwritten cookbooks and recipe cards, which help us recall everyday life of previous generations. For those of us who have frequented estate sales and flea markets, items in the Brass collection will seem familiar. It consists of little wooden boxes containing worn, food-stained recipe cards for desserts like "Heavenly Hash," handwritten cookbooks clumsily stitched together with yarn, recipes clipped from newspaper food sections and the backs of cardboard Betty Crocker boxes.

In MSU's collection of more than

40,000 cookbooks are those by MSU graduate Julee Rosso, who revolutionized cooking with her cookbook "The Silver Palate Cookbook." It also holds Martha Stewart's "Entertainment," early editions of "The Joy of Cooking" and local cookbooks from across the country, such as "Copper Kettle Cookbook," by Lansing's own Martha Dixon, who wrote while hosting a cooking show for WJIM Television for more than 25 years beginning in the '50s.

McRoberts said cookery collections also give us insight into food advertising and how companies "pushed their products and how products evolved over time."

You are likely to find thousands of recipes for Jell-O within the collection, along with the quirky recipes for dishes that are "enriching the blood." You'll also discover cookbooks for school lunch ladies that guided institutional cooking with recipes that start with "boil one hundred pounds of potatoes."

McRoberts said MSU Special Collections is always looking for additional material, big or small, to add to its cookery section. I'm sending off a cookbook from the Alcatraz Women's Club, which has no recipe for bread with saw blades.

Lansterdam

from page 16

Think of these treats sort of like Burnett's flavored vodka: Nobody actually enjoys drinking the stuff, but it's cheap, effective and people sure do guzzle a lot of it during their college years. But if you're looking for the single-barrel Scotch of the cannabis world, consider looking elsewhere.

Tailgate Vape Cartridge

Price — \$25/.5g

THC content — 84.3%

This is another utilitarian cannabis product designed for game day. The half-gram package is chalked full of football-themed marketing lines like "time to get blitzed," and "take a hit," but it doesn't actually provide any real information about which strains are included in this distillate — only that it's a "tailgate" flavored blend of cannabis extracts and botanical-derived terpenes.

That flavor (much like the game day gummies) left much to be desired. I detected some very mild berry notes with a hint of pine, but otherwise didn't taste much of anything at all. The cheap plas-

tic cartridges produced a fair amount of vapor. It was also exceptionally smooth. But I prefer my distillate blends with a bit more cannabis-flavored zest and far fewer marketing mysteries.

It was also disappointing to see that this cannabis oil was just a distillate with added terpenes — not a genuine live resin oil cartridge. For the price point, however, I can't complain too much.

Any cartridge on the shelves for less than \$30 makes my wallet happy, as long as it actually works. And this stuff definitely works. The high hits real quick, and it lasts for quite a long time.

I also took periodic puffs almost all of Labor Day weekend and still have plenty left for the week.

This cartridge isn't likely to win the next Cannabis Cup, but it'll get the job done with an uplifting, energetic and invigorating sort of high that might be just right for your next big football game.

Kyle Kaminski is City Pulse's managing editor 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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[PCTC premieres "Opening Up: a community returns to the world"]



Our first event for the 2021/2022 season will be focused on personal letters, and our community's voices.

We're putting a call out to anyone and everyone to send us a one-page letter recounting a story of a time in your life when you had to open up in some way and what you learned from it. This may have been a painful experience, a time when you were opened up to wonderful and new possibilities, or when you saw your relationships and your world in a new and surprising way.

Send us your one-page letters and we will be highlighting one every month from Oct 2021 - June 2022. The one letter featured each month will be sent to patrons along with a unique, participatory artifact specifically tied to the letter of the month. We hope this theatrical experience told through letters will be an old (and new!) way for us to highlight our community voices and for you to experience personal stories from your community in a tactile and visceral way - much as we have always done as a theater company.

Get writing! We can't wait to hear your stories. We'll be accepting letters throughout the entire season. Send your one-page letters to us via email at office@peppermintcreek.org, or mail it to us at:

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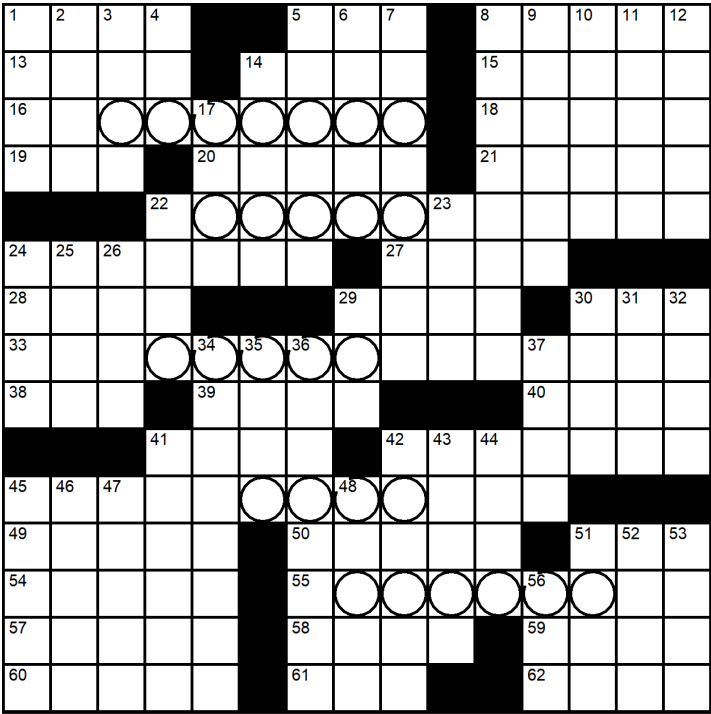
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"It's Symbolic"—a trip around the keyboard.
by Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Joan who sang "I Love Rock 'n Roll"
5 Shaq's former college team
8 "Family Guy" dog
13 Laguna contents
14 Street through the middle of town
15 Casual eatery, in Canadian slang
16 Underground illegal activity that may be busted by the Feds
18 Passing notices
19 "Butter" group
20 Alla ____ (cut time, in music)
21 Adorable pet
22 Some negatively persuasive strategies
24 Goes by
27 Some med. insurance groups
28 Time magazine co-founder Henry
29 Intuitive ability
30 Sports drink ender
33 Unrealistic comparisons for real-life couples (since problems don't often get resolved in 30 minutes)
38 Obnoxious person
39 Willful participant?
40 Fit one within the other
41 "Bye Bye Bye" group 'N ____
42 Former spelling of "Westworld" actress Newton's name (she restored the W in 2021)
45 Turned up on the beach
49 Otherwise named

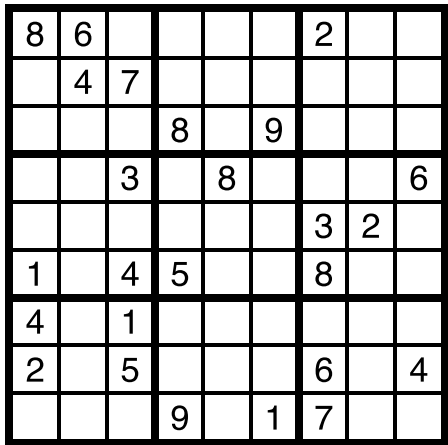


- 50 Moby-Dick, for one
51 URL ending, sometimes
54 Dwarves' representative in the Fellowship of the Ring
55 Searchlight used in Gotham City
57 "____ Holmes" (Netflix movie)
58 Release, as energy
59 MC ____ ("Keep On, Keepin' On" rapper)
60 Jorts material
61 ____ ipsa loquitur
62 Yoked animals
- Down
- 1 Door frame component
2 Multi-award-winning accomplishment
3 Margarine containers
4 Paving material
5 Shaq's former pro team
6 Pasta-draining device
7 Release from a leash
8 Food that comes in florets
9 Counterargues
10 Question about Biblical betrayal
11 High point of a house
12 They get counted or turned up
14 Jazz vocalist Carmen
17 Basics
22 Built to ____
23 AFL-CIO part
24 "Frozen" princess
25 "Sesame Street" human character for 25 years
26 Does something
29 To an advanced degree
30 Like some bourbons
31 Lucie Arnaz's dad
32 90 degrees from norte
34 Strident agreement
35 Heal up
36 Optimistic "David Copperfield" character
37 2nd or 4th of VIII?
41 "Okay to proceed?"
42 "In other words ..."
43 "The Planets" composer Gustav
44 "Whose woods these ____ think ...": Frost
45 Carried on, as a battle
46 Flaring dress style
47 Judge seated near Sofia
48 Ignominy
51 Stone used for chess sets
52 Give out some stars
53 Watkins ____, NY
56 Day-____ (fluorescent paint)

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SUDOKU

Advanced



TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and outlined 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once. No guessing is required. The solution is unique.

Answers on page 45

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsný

September 8-14, 2021

ARIES (March 21–April 19): "We need to become more unreasonable but in an intelligent way," says Aries politician Jerry Brown. Yes! I agree! And that's especially true for you right now, Aries. To Brown's advice, I will add this message from Aries fashion designer Vivienne Westwood: "Intelligence is composed mostly of imagination, insight—things that have nothing to do with reason." Here's one further suggestion to help you take maximum advantage of cosmic rhythms, courtesy of Aries historian Arnold J. Toynbee: "The supreme accomplishment is to blur the line between work and play."

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): "I have become whole and complete, like a thundering cloudburst in summer," wrote Taurus poet Miklós Radnóti. I love that metaphor for fullness: not an immaculate icon of shiny, sterile perfection, but rather a primal, vigorous force of nature in all of its rumbling glory. I hope you like this symbol as much as I do, and I hope you use it to fuel your creative spirit in the coming weeks. PS: Keep in mind that many indigenous people welcome rainstorms as a source of fertility and growth.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): "Pandiculation" is a word that refers to when you stretch and yawn at the same time. According to my understanding of the astrological omens, you will benefit from doing a lot of pandiculations in the coming days. I also recommend gazing lazily out the window and looking at the sky a lot. Keep your shoes off as much as possible, get a massage or three, and let yourself sleep more than you customarily do. Did you know that sighing deeply is good for your lungs' health? Here's your homework: Dream up all the things you can do to relax and renew yourself. It's prime time to indulge in generous acts of self-healing.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): The ancient Roman author Pliny's ten-volume "Natural History", written in the first century, was a monumental encyclopedia of the natural world, unprecedented in its own time and for centuries afterward. It offered compilations of facts about astronomy, geography, zoology, botany, mineralogy, and many other subjects. There was one big problem with it, however. It contained a great deal of erroneous information. For example, Pliny described in detail many non-existent animals, including dragons, flying horses, and giant serpents that swallowed bulls and snatched birds out of the sky. My reason for telling you this is to inspire you to be extra discerning in the coming weeks. Be especially skeptical of authorities, experts, and other know-it-alls who are very confident despite being inaccurate or erroneous. It's time for you to increase your trust in your own authority.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): "There are those fortunate hours when the world consents to be made into a poem," writes Leo poet Mark Doty. That's great for a poet. But what about for everyone else? My variation on Doty's comment is this: There are fortunate hours when the world consents to be made into a holy revelation or a lyrical breakthrough or a marvelous feeling that changes our lives forever. I expect events like those to come your way at least twice in the immediate future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Between 37 and 41 BCE, Virgo-born Caligula served as third Emperor of Rome. To do so, he had to disprove the prophecy of a renowned astrologer, Thrasyllus of Mendes. Years earlier, Thrasyllus had predicted that Caligula, despite being well-connected, "had no more chance of becoming emperor than of riding a horse across the Bay of Baiae"—a distance of two miles. Once in power, Caligula arranged to have a series of pontoon boats arrayed across the bay, enabling him to ride his favorite horse Incitatus from one shore to the other across the Bay of Baiae. I foresee the possibility of a comparable turn of events for you, Virgo. Is there a curse you want to undo? A false prophecy you'd like to cancel? Someone's low expectation you would love to debunk? The coming weeks will be a favorable

time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): College student Amelia Hamrick studied the right panel of Hieronymus Bosch's 15th-century painting "The Garden of Earthly Delights". It depicts a hellish scene. Cities are on fire. Weird beasts devour sinful humans. There are demons and torture chambers. Hamrick did what no one in the history of art had ever done: She transcribed the musical score that the artist had written on a man's naked hindquarters. Her work inspired a composer to create a recording entitled "500-Year-Old Butt Song from Hell." In the coming weeks, I invite you to perform feats comparable to Hamrick: 1. Explore the past for useful, overlooked clues. 2. Find or create redemptive transformations out of stressful situations. 3. Have fun telling stories about your past misadventures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Born on one of the Galapagos Islands, Diego is a giant tortoise who has lived for over 100 years. He's a member of the Hood Island species, which had dwindled to a population of 15 by 1977. That's when he and his tortoise colleague, whose name is E5, became part of a breeding program with 12 female tortoises. E5 was reserved in his behavior, but Diego was a showboat who vocalized loudly as he enjoyed public mating rituals. Together the two males saved their species—producing over 2,000 offspring in subsequent years. According to my astrological analysis, you could be as metaphorically fertile as Diego and E5 in the coming months—even if you prefer to adopt an approach more akin to E5's.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): "The meaning of my existence is that life has addressed a question to me," wrote psychologist Carl Jung. "Or, conversely, I myself am a question that is addressed to the world, and I must communicate my answer, for otherwise, I am dependent upon the world's answer." These are superb meditations for you Sagittarians during the coming weeks. Between now and October 1, I invite you to keep a journal where you write about two subjects: 1. What is the main question that life asks you? 2. What is the main question that your life asks the world?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): North Korea's Capricorn leader Kim Jong-un has an amazing résumé. Official reports say he learned to drive at age three and was an accomplished sailor at nine. As an adult, he developed the power to control the weather. He's a skilled musician and artist, as well as a scientist who developed a miracle drug to cure AIDS, Ebola, cancer, heart disease, and the common cold. Most impressively, Kim is an archaeologist who discovered a lair where magical unicorns live. Is it possible you have unexpressed powers like these, Capricorn? If so, the coming weeks will be a favorable time to identify them and start tapping into their potential. It's time to develop your dormant talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Aquarian author Toni Morrison testified, "I think of beauty as an absolute necessity. I don't think it's a privilege or an indulgence. It's almost like knowledge, which is to say, it's what we were born for." I urge you to adopt her perspective during the next four weeks, Aquarius. In my astrological opinion, a devoted quest for beauty will heal exactly what most needs to be healed in you. It will teach you everything you most need to know.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Poet and translator Anne Carson periodically joins with her husband Robert Currie to teach a workshop called "EgoCircus." It's an ironic title, because the subject they teach is the art of collaboration. To develop skills as a collaborator, of course, people must lay aside at least some of their egos' needs and demands. In accordance with current astrological potentials, I encourage you to stage your own version of EgoCircus in the coming weeks. The time is ripe for you to hone your creative togetherness and synergistic intimacy.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Brezsný's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

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Welcome to TOP OF THE TOWN 2021

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While the battle for superiority between Lansing's varying people, places and things during the annual City Pulse Top of the Town Contest might not match the calamitous, world-shattering clashing of the god-like titans King Kong and Godzilla, it's still quite an epic struggle.

Yes, it's that time of year again. We are calling on you once more to hand-pick Lansing's best of the best, so City

Pulse may create definitive rankings for just about everything our fine city has to offer. With expanded and updated categories, there's more for you to choose from than ever before. That means your nominations, votes and participation is extra important this year. Not to inspire panic, but research shows that households that place nominations and vote in the Top of the Town Contest are much less prone to annihilation from 50-foot-tall behemoths. So, please take that into consideration.

As the contest progresses and voters thin the herd, many showdowns will be arranged between popular fixtures in Lansing that will likely rival even the most legendary of monster mashups. King Kong versus Godzilla? How about Quality Dairy versus Horrocks? Ever wonder what would happen if the Meijer Giraffe fought the Lugnuts' mascot Big Lug? Hollywood might not understand the devastation these battles would cause, but we know you do, Lansing.

How to participate

First off, you must visit LansingCityPulse.com/TOTT2021. There, you will find the contest's homepage and you'll be all set to vote. To begin voting, select any category. After you cast your first vote, enter your email address, name and ZIP code. Once you've done that, you will be able to continue voting.

Please note that all votes are submitted automatically. Once you've cast it — you're done. Don't worry about a second submission screen.

If you need to stop and come back to your ballot or your Internet browser was closed, you can return to the site and continue voting exactly where you left off. Remember that you can always

log out by clicking on your email address on the top left. When you are ready to resume voting, you can log in back in and get back to the contest.

As always, you can vote in as many (or as few) categories as your heart desires. Just remember to finish your ballot before midnight on **Tuesday, Sept. 28**. That should give you plenty of time to make even the most hair-splitting of decisions. The winners will advance to the second round, which will be announced on **Wednesday, Oct. 13**.

Note: When you vote, you'll see among those already nominated the top winners from 2020. That's just our way of paying a tribute to the champs. You

may vote for one of them or nominate your own choice.

Did Godzilla and King Kong smash your computer?

You can also send us your list of votes via snail mail to Suzi Smith at City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48912. While you're on the City Pulse website, make sure you sign up for our new and improved newsletter, which has gone through a growth spurt even more dramatic than the irradiated lizard that became Godzilla. Not sure if you're signed up for it already? Enter your email address and we will sort it out for you and make sure you only get it once.

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BARS

(Listed below are the top winners in the 2020 City Pulse-Fox 47 News Town of the Town Contest. You may vote for one or nominate your own choice.)

COCKTAILS

American Fifth Spirits
Avenue Cafe
Stober's Bar
Watershed Tavern and Grill
Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

DANCE BAR

Avenue Cafe
Green Door Bar & Grill

DIVE BAR

FOOD

Art's Pub
Avenue Cafe
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Lansing Brewing Co.
MEAT Southern BBQ and
Carnivore Cuisine

LGBTQ-FRIENDLY BAR

Art's Pub and Grill
Avenue Cafe
Esquire Bar
Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

HAPPY HOUR

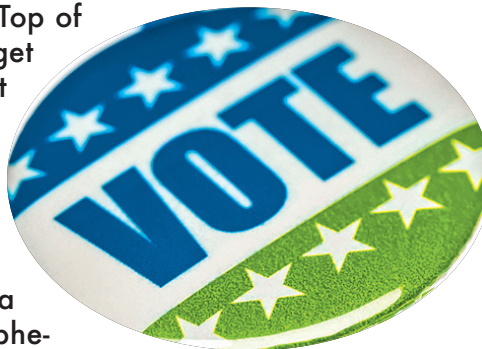
American Fifth Spirits
Crunchy's
Stober's Bar
Watershed Tavern and Grill
Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

JAM NIGHT

Avenue Cafe
Green Door Bar & Grill

Every vote counts

Each year, the City Pulse's Top of the Town Contest seems to get more and more winners that were decided by literally a single vote. In 2020, there were countless categories that came down to a razor-thin margin. Not only that, but there were also even a handful of stalemates. This phenomenon happens time and time again, which can only mean one thing: Not enough of you are voting! Don't let your voice go ignored. Your participation in this contest matters more than you think!



Blue Owl Coffee
Mac's Bar
Moriarty's Pub

KARAOKE

Avenue Cafe
Crunchy's
Green Door Bar & Grill
Esquire Bar
LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill

LANSING AREA BREWERY

Lansing Brewing Co.
BAD Brewing Co.
EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
Ellison Brewery + Spirits
Midtown Brewing Co.

LANSING AREA DISTILLERY

American Fifth Spirits

Michigran Distillery
Red Cedar Spirits
Ellison Brewery + Spirits
Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery

MARGARITA

Acapulco Mexican Grill
El Azteca
Applebee's Grill + Bar

NEIGHBORHOOD BAR

Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Avenue Cafe
Harry's Place
REO Town Pub
Stober's Bar

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Blue Owl Cafe
Avenue Cafe
BrickHaven Brewing Co
Crunchy's
Moriarty's Pub

PUB/TAVERN

Art's Pub
Crunchy's
Dagwood's Tavern and Grill
Eaglemonk Pub and Brewery

SPARTAN SPORTS HANGOUT

Crunchy's

Harrison Road House
Nuthouse Sports Grill
Spartan Hall of Fame
Art's Pub

SPORTS BAR

Nuthouse Sports Grill
Reno's East
Frank's Press Box
Buffalo Wild Wings - Lansing
Buddie's Grill - Holt

DINING

(Listed below are the top winners in the 2020 City Pulse-Fox 47 News Town of the Town Contest. You may vote for one or nominate your own choice.)

BAGELS

Big Apple Bagels
Flour Child Bakery
Groovy Donuts
GoodFellas Bagel Deli
New Daily Bagel

BAKERY

Bake N' Cakes
Flour Child Bakery
Groovy Donuts
Sweeti-Licious Bakery Cafe
Strange Matter Coffee

BBQ

Capital City BBQ
Gumps BBQ
MEAT Southern BBQ
Saddleback BBQ - REO Town
Saddleback BBQ - Okemos

BREAKFAST

Art's Pub
Fidler's on the Grand
Good Truckin' Diner
People's Kitchen
Soup Spoon

BRUNCH

Art's Pub
Beggars Banquet
Good Truckin' Diner
People's Kitchen
Soup Spoon Cafe

See more Top of the Town Dining categories on page 28

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- Happy Hour
- Pub/Tavern
- Open Mic Night
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WELCOME BACK!

We are so pleased to welcome **Michigan BluesFest** back to the streets of Old Town, Lansing. We have a terrific line-up of artists who are as excited to get back in front of an audience as we are to hear them. There will be something for everyone—even the kids!

Enjoy a weekend of energy, excitement, music and coming together again as a community, where we can reconnect with old friends and make new ones.



SPECIAL SONG PREMIERES

As an added benefit, each artist has agreed to premiere a song, composition or arrangement that they've never performed publicly before.

HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE

Turner Street and River Stages are open-air. The Afterglow Stage is indoors at UrbanBeat. Attendees should be vaccinated or wear masks. Please show consideration of others.

TICKET INFORMATION

Seating at BluesFest 2021 will be by ticket. Here's why: In the past, beverages sales covered production expenses. Now, a variety of restaurants and bars have flourished in Old Town. While we love this (and take a bit of credit for it) we will not be running our own beverage tent. Instead beverages can be purchased at the Social District bars. Therefore ticket sales are how we can pay for the musicians, production crew, tables, chairs, etc.

We've priced tickets to cover expenses only. As a non-profit organization, your donations to MICA beyond a ticket purchase are truly needed and greatly appreciated.

ENJOY THE SOCIAL DISTRICT

Old Town's new designation as a Social District means festival goers can buy and consume and walk on the streets with appropriately labeled alcoholic beverages from their favorite bars and restaurants, while seeing all that BluesFest has to offer. Please support Old Town's excellent establishments during BluesFest.

VENUES

There will be three venues this year: the Turner Street Stage, the new – not to be missed – River Stage and the UrbanBeat Afterglow Stage. See the map for details.

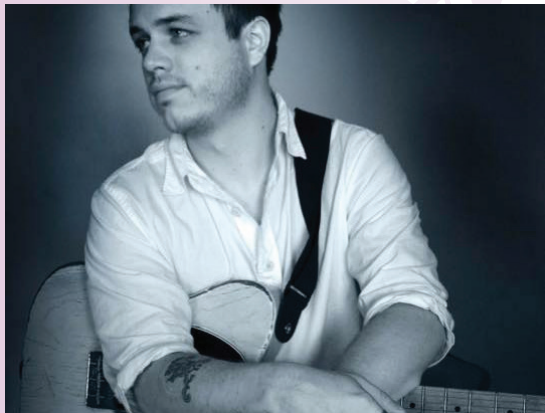
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CHARLIE BALLANTINE TRIO

Doors open at 5:00pm
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Charlie Ballantine is acclaimed as one of the finest and most versatile young guitarists on the scene today. JAZZ TIMES MAGAZINE hails his playing as "teeming with intricate grooves and maniacal precision his guitar work is both beautiful and complex" and VINTAGE GUITAR MAGAZINE described his style by stating "Jazz, rock, and folk music peacefully coexist in Charlie Ballantine's world". Although primarily a front man for his own projects with tours and frequent appearances throughout the US and Canada, Ballantine also has an extensive list of side man credits having performed with names like Rob Dixon, Emmett Cohen, and Amanda Gardier helping to further solidify him as a creative force and put him in the highest of ranks as a performer.

Followed by a Blues Jam with guest artists



FRI SEPTEMBER 17

TOM DUFFIELD

5:00-9:00pm | UrbanBeat 1213 Turner



Tom Duffield's piano work has been a part of the jazz and blues scene for decades. His repertoire includes interpretations of the standards as well as some surprises. A regular at music festivals on the west side of the state, we are glad to have him at the Michigan BluesFest.

CHRIS CANAS

6:00pm | Turner Stage



Detroit's Prince of The Blues brings the full force with his band. Featuring hits from his latest album "Would You Mind" and his intoxicating High-Energy original takes on classic covers. Chris has won 7 Regional Blues Challenges total and has made 6 appearances at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis Tennessee. He was a semi-finalist 5 times at the IBC and a finalist at the 2020 IBC. You won't want to miss your chance to see the Chris Canas Band while you can.

KATHLEEN & THE BRIDGE ST BAND

7:00pm | River Stage



Lansing's own Queen of the Blues, Kathleen & the Bridge St Band were winners of the 2019 West Michigan Blues Society International Blues Challenge (WMBS IBC), with Steve Dely on slide guitar, Doug Fritch on guitar, Tim Brouhard on bass and harmonica and Eric Payne on drums.

GRADY HALL & THE DISCIPLES OF FUNK

8:00pm | Turner Stage



Grady Hall & The Disciples of Funk, known to get the dance floor moving with our roots in old school funk, blues, soul and a unique touch of Latin grooves. This is a band that knows how to entertain with their captivating, high-energy performances transporting audiences back in time with a blend of musical styles, creativity and good times. The Disciples of Funk won the Viewer's Choice Award in the 2018 Capitol Area Blues Brawl, every performer in the band exudes a love of music and performance. You can catch The Disciples of Funk on a regular basis in Lansing at The Green Door Lounge or Urbanbeat.

LADY SUNSHINE & THE X BAND

9:00pm | River Stage



Lady Sunshine was born to sing the blues. Born on a plantation near the Mississippi Delta in West Helena Arkansas, Lady Sunshine grew up singing gospel music as a little girl and is definitely the 'real deal'! Sunshine is the consummate entertainer and that deep soulful southern hunger that drives her is apparent both on and off the stage through her heartfelt originals and down-to-earth demeanor.

PLANET EXPRESS

10:00pm | Turner Stage



Planet Express brings together your favorite, classic tracks from jam bands like Phish and the Grateful Dead with tasty surprises from Frank Zappa, the Allman Brothers, and the Aquarium Rescue Unit. The band members include Steve "Frog" Forgey (guitar and vocals), Clif Metcalf (keyboards), Sam Corey (saxophones and stunt guitar), Chas Millican (bass and vocals) and Jeff Shoup (drums)

JOSH BOYD & THE VIP BAND

11:00pm | UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)



Known for their unique rock, funk, soul and blues sound, this Ohio-based band has garnered regional and national recognition, playing at venues and festivals around the country. With sounds ranging from down-home blues to super funky dance.

SAT SEPTEMBER 18

KidzBeat

2:00pm Dance Performance • Turner Stage

2:30pm Music Workshop I • UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)
Community Music School

3:15pm Music Workshop II • UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)
Community Music School

3:00-5:00pm | Live-streamed at micharts.org

SÉRGIO PASSOS (Brazil)



The "Hitmaker" Sérgio Passos is the author of songs recorded by many stars of Brazilian music. In Bahia, several artists and bands have already recorded their songs such as Ivete Sangalo, Ricardo Chaves, Asa de Águia, Banda Eva, Chiclete com Banana, Timbalada, Cheiro de Amor and many others. For the BluesFest fo 2021 Sergio Passos will present the best of Brazilian Blues, including Tim Maia, Raul Seixas e Rita Lee.

TONY CASTER & BLACK MOUTH DOGS



From Curitiba - Brazil: Tony Caster (guitar and vocal), Elton Rufino (acoustic bass), Ricardo Simões (drums) and Pedro Coelho (piano). From Curitiba - Brazil: Tony Caster (guitar and vocal), Elton Rufino (acoustic bass), Ricardo Simões (drums) and Pedro Coelho (piano).

ANDREA (URBELO & SANTIAGO (UTINELLA



Guitarist and blues singer, Andrea Curbelohas developed her career in the United States, Europe and South America. Mainly focused on Louisiana blues style. Santiago Cutinella guitarist and singer of Blues and Rock from Uruguay. He was part of several groups of the style and has played in several festivals of the genre in Uruguay, Brazil and Argentina. He is currently integrating his solo project "Cutinella y Convidantes" and also other projects in parallel. Andrea and Santiago meet especially to share their music at the "Michigan Blues Fest".

GINA GARNER & THE ALL NIGHT LONG BAND

4:00pm | Turner Stage



Gina Garner's soulful, sultry vocals cross multiple genres and generations. Garner is backed by the All Night Long Band, a venerable all-star band from Lansing's blues and rock scene, including drummer Mike Daniels, bassist Mike Smalley, and the unforgettable Frog. Together they are a powerhouse of vocal harmony, dazzling guitar solos, and irresistible rhythm.

TOM DUFFIELD

5:00-9:00pm | UrbanBeat 1213 Turner

DARIN LARNER BAND

5:00pm | River Stage



Darin is a singer/songwriter who plays both acoustic and electric guitar. He began playing to crowds when he was nine and started playing gigs when he was seventeen.

RIB JOINT JOKERS

6:00pm | River Stage



Mike Daniels (drums/vocals), Harry Oman (bass), Scott Allman (guitar), Steve "Doc" Yankee (keyboards/vocals), Gary "Blind Dog" Day (harmonicas/vocals).

NICKY T & THE SNAKE CHARMERS

7:00pm | River Stage



Nicky T and The Snake Charms are a stone cold blues band with a contemporary edge. The band consists of all former members of one of Detroit's premier blues bands and Lifetime Achievement Award Winners - The Alligators. On vocals is David Krammer, founding member and leader of The Alligators for 34 years. His powerful voice and stage presence has made him a highly respected member of the Detroit blues community. The Snake Charms further consists of Frankie Lee on bass, Pete Berg on drums, Andy Szymanski the consummate blues keyboardist, Nicholas Tabarias AKA Nicky T, who is the namesake of the band, is the protege of Ronnie Earl and has recorded on his last 5 albums as well as performing with The Broadcasters.

ROOT DOCTOR

8:00pm | Turner Stage



Root Doctor, born of the fertile Lansing, Michigan music community, had its humble beginnings in the open mic scene of the late 1980s. The deeply rooted, soulful connection shared by founding members Freddie Cunningham (lead vocals) and James Williams (bass guitar & vocals) anchors the band's sound. Root Doctor has kept one other constant over the years: a powerful soul-blues sound with precious few peers. Root Doctor plays a diverse mix of classic soul and R&B alongside traditional blues and inspired original material. Along with 25 years of club, concert and festival performances, they have released several recordings to local and national acclaim. This is Root Doctor's farewell performance at BluesFest so don't miss them.

JOSH BOYD & THE VIP BAND

9:00pm | River Stage



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LADY CHAMPAGNE & THE MOTOR CITY BLUES CONNECTION

10:00pm | Turner Stage



Born in Louisiana, Lady Champagne is an expressive blues singer with a crisp, clear and powerful alto voice that delivers lyrics you'll feel deep down in your soul. In 2014 she was recognized as the best blues artist by the Detroit Black Music Awards Association. In 2017 she received the Diamond award for Best Blues singer of the year from the City of Pineville Louisiana and the MVMA Midwest Video Music Award for best blues performance. In 2019 she was recognized as the best blues artist at the Detroit Music Awards and was inducted into the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame. Her band includes Benson Wheeler (piano), Lester Hambone (guitar) Brown, Lorrell Holton (drums), Alonzo Harrison (trumpet), John Calhoun (trombone).

11:00pm | Open Blues Jam UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)



MICA MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY

Featuring artwork by: Ammy Amorette

Her music, her painting, and her writing are unlike anything, however, she is in a dialogue with everything, which is one of the symptoms of an art that surpasses the ups and downs of the market, the petty scenes and brotherhoods, but beyond that, what she has been doing for more than twenty years is giving rhythm, color and words to a way of life. It is about expression, to be sure, but one where all the signs shine, sing and converse, which is at the same time a definition of life itself.

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Thursday • September 15 STAGE

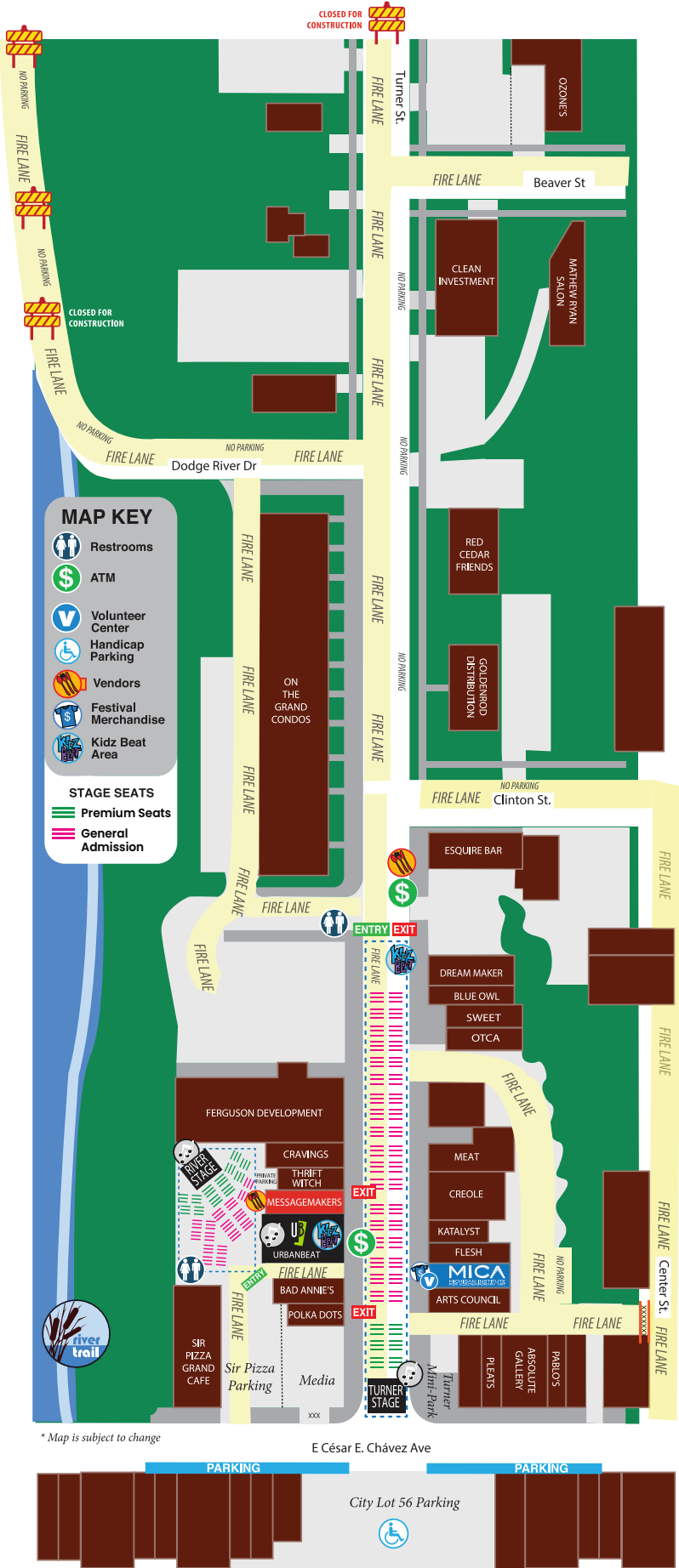
7:00pm	Charlie Ballantine Trio	UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)
9:00pm	Blues Jam	UrbanBeat

Friday • September 16

5-9 pm	Tom Duffield	UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)
6:00pm	Chris Canas	Turner Stage
7:00pm	Kathleen & the Bridge Street Band	River Stage (behind UrbanBeat)
8:00pm	Grady Hall & the Disciples of Funk	Turner Stage
9:00pm	Lady Sunshine & the X Band	River Stage (behind UrbanBeat)
10:00pm	Planet Express	Turner Stage
11:00pm	AfterGlow Josh Boyd & the VIP Band	UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)

Saturday • September 17

2:00pm	KidzBeat dance	Turner Stage
2:30pm	Community Music School	UrbanBeat
3:15pm	Music workshops	
3:00pm	TBA	River Stage (behind UrbanBeat)
4:00pm	Gina Garner & the All Night Long Band	Turner Stage
5:00pm	Darin Larner Band	River Stage (behind UrbanBeat)
5-9 pm	Tom Duffield	UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)
6:00pm	Rib Joint Jokers	Turner Stage
7:00pm	Nicky T & the Snake Charmers	River Stage (behind UrbanBeat)
8:00pm	Root Doctor	Turner Stage
9:00pm	Josh Boyd & the VIP Band	River Stage (behind UrbanBeat)
10:00pm	Lady Champagne & The Motor City Blues Connection	Turner Stage
11:00pm	AfterGlow • Open Blues Jam	UrbanBeat (1213 Turner)



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BURGER

Crunchy's
Dagwood's Tavern and Grill
Five Guys Burger and Fries
Green Dot Stables
Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe

CHICKEN STRIPS/TENDERS

CHINESE

Asian Buffet
Charlie Kang's Restaurant
Chen's Restaurant
House of Hsu
PF Changs

CIDER

Horrocks Tavern
Quality Dairy
Uncle Johns Cider Mill
Phillips Orchards & Cider Mill
Country Mill

CONEY DOG

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

By the numbers

Thanks to City Pulse's growing online presence, the Top of the Town Contest is larger than ever year after year. In 2020, despite — or perhaps because of — the pandemic, a record **10,192** people cast a record **220,790** votes. In some cases, they voted for businesses that did not survive COVID19. We even received votes from the ends of the Earth — from locations as far away as Japan and even some small towns in Australia. Either some of you took ill-advised vacations, or we've got international readers curious about life in Lansing. Maybe we'll have to start delivering papers there.



DELI

Horrocks Farm Market
Fabiano's Grocery & Deli
Mert's Specialty Meats
Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
Stateside Deli & Restaurant

DESSERT

Bake N' Cakes
Dairy Dan
Flour Child Bakery
MSU Dairy Store
Tasty Twist

DINER

Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Fleetwood Diner
Good Truckin' Diner
Sparty's Coney Island
Zeus' Coney Island

DONUTS

Horrocks Farm Market
Groovy Donuts
Flour Child Bakery
Quality Dairy (all locations)
Strange Matter Coffee

FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

Buddies Grill - Holt
Cancun Mexican Grill
Cugino's
Cosmos
DeLuca's Restaurant

FAST FOOD

Chick-fil-A
Culver's of Lansing
El Oasis
Nip N Sip Drive-in
Olympic Broil

FISH FRY

Blue Gill Grill
Eastside Fish Fry
Fresh Fish & Fry
Harry's Place
Log Jam Restaurant

FOOD TRUCK

Bangos Food Truck
El Oasis
Good Bites
Pancho's Taqueria
Smoke N' Pig BBQ

FRENCH FRIES

Cosmos
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
HopCat
Red Robin
Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

FRIED CHICKEN

Eastside Fish Fry
Chick-fil-A
MEAT Southern BBQ
Lulu's Louisiana Cookhouse
Fresh Fish & Fry - Crack Chicken

GREEK RESTAURANT

Athena's Diner
Bell's Greek Pizza
Woody's Oasis
Zaytoon Mediterranean
Zeus' Coney Island

HIBACHI

Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar

Maru Sushi & Grill
Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet
Sushi Moto

ICE CREAM

Arctic Corner
Corner Cone
Lick-ity Split
MOO-Ville Creamery
MSU Dairy Store

INDIAN RESTAURANT

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

IRISH RESTAURANT

Dublin Square
Moriarty's Pub
Kelly's Downtown

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Bravo Cucina Italiana
Cugino's
DeLuca's
Falsetta's Casa Nova
Tannin

KIDS EAT FREE RESTAURANT

Cosmos/Zoobies Tavern
Buddies Grill
IHOP - East Lansing
McAlister's Deli
Texas Roadhouse

LATE NIGHT FOOD

Famous Taco
Crunchy's
Conrad's Grill
Fleetwood Diner
Pizza House

MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

Aladdin's
ChouPli Wood Fired Grill
Sultan's
Woody's Oasis
Zaytoon Mediterranean

MEXICAN RESTAURANT - CHAIN

Cancun Mexican Grill
Fiesta Charra
Los Tres Amigos Hacienda
Los Tres Amigos - East Lansing
Los Tres Amigos - Mason

MEXICAN RESTAURANT - NON CHAIN

Acapulco Mexican Grill
El Azteca - East Lansing
El Azteca
Pablo's Old Town
Pancho Taqueria

NACHOS

Art's Pub
Buddies Grill - Holt
El Azteca
MEAT Southern BBQ
Buddies Pub & Grill - Okemos

NEW RESTAURANT

OLIVE BURGER

Kewpee Sandwich Shop
Olympic Broil
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Peanut Barrel
Arts Pub

PANCAKES

Blondie's Barn

See more Top of the Town Dining categories on page 30



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Good Truckin' Diner
People's Kitchen
Sophia's House of Pancakes
Soup Spoon Cafe

PHO

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

PIZZA

DeLuca's
Cosmos
Detroit Frankies Wood Fired
Brick Oven
Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
Art's Pub

PRIME RIB

Airport Tavern
English Inn



**Vote for us
2021 Best**

- Breakfast
- Brunch
- Pancakes
- Reuben
- Soup
- Vegetarian/Vegan/
Gluten Free Restaurant
- Upscale Dining
- Hangout for Seniors



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Capital Prime
Corey's Lounge
Longhorn Steakhouse

RAMEN

Ruckus Ramen
Bento Kitchen Cravings
Noodles & Company
Sapporo Ramen
Cask and Company

RANCH DRESSING

Art's Pub
Buddie's Grill
Jet's Pizza
DeLuca's Restaurant
Cugino's

RESTAURANT BEER LIST

Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
Crunchy's
HopCat
Lansing Brewing Co.
Looking Glass Brewing Co.

RESTAURANT FOR SENIORS

Flap Jack Shack
Coral Gables
Spud's Family Restaurant
English Inn
Denny's - East Lansing

RESTAURANT WINE LIST

Dusty's Cellar
Bridge Street Social
Capital Prime
Beggars Banquet
Creole Burger Bar & Southern Kitchen

REUBEN

Soup Spoon Cafe
Stateside Deli & Restaurant
Fleetwood Diner
Brickhaven Brewing Co.
MEAT Southern BBQ

SALAD/SALAD BAR

Better Health Market and Cafe
Horrock's Farm Market
Lansing Brewing Co.
Leaf Salad Bar
Whole Foods Market

SEAFOOD

Eastside Fish Fry
Red Lobster
Mitchell's Fish Market
Maru Sushi & Grill
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar

SIGNATURE DISH

Fleetwood Diner - Hippie Hash
Zaytoon Mediterranean - Chicken
Shwarma
MEAT Southern BBQ - Meat Mountain
Cosmos - Trust Us Pizza
People's Kitchen - Pancakes

SLIDERS

Art's Pub
MEAT Southern BBQ &
Carnivore Cuisine
Green Dot Stables
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Lansing Brewing Company

SOUP

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

STEAK

Bowdie's Chophouse
Capital Prime
Texas Roadhouse 280 E
Longhorn Steakhouse
Airport Tavern

SUB SANDWICH

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

SUSHI

Maru Sushi & Grill
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
Sansu Sushi
Sushi Moto
Ai Fusion Sushi & Grill

TACOS

El Oasis
Pancho's Taqueria
Pablo's Old Town
Good Truckin' Diner
Famous Taco

THAI

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

UPSCALE DINING

English Inn
Soup Spoon Cafe
Bowdie's Chophouse
Bridge Street Social
Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/ GLUTEN FREE RESTAURANT

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

WINGS

MEAT Southern BBQ

Buffalo Wild Wings
Eastside Fish Fry
Art's Pub
Wings Over East Lansing

HANGOUTS

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BIGGBY

8741 W Saginaw
2250 Lake Lansing
2546 E Jolly
120 W Ottawa
914 Charlevoix

BOWLING ALLEY

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

CAPITAL AREA **NEW!**

DISTRICT LIBRARY BRANCH

COFFEE SHOP

(non-Bigby)

Blue Owl Coffee
Strange Matter
Constellation Cat Cafe
Horrock's Farm Market
Bestsellers Books and Coffee

COMEDY NIGHT

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

CORN MAZE

Uncle John's Cider Mill
Shawhaven Farm
Best Maze

DOG PARK

Hawk Island - Soldan Dog Park
DeWitt Dog Park - Padgett Park
Northern Tail Dog Park
Joey's Pet Outfitters
Scotts Woods Park

ESCAPE ROOM VENUE

Breakout Escape Rooms
Challenges East Lansing Escape Room
Escapology Escape Rooms
EpIQ Escapes

GOLF COURSE

Groesbeck Golf Course
Eagle Eye Golf Course

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Hawk Hollow Golf Course
Centennial Acres Golf Course
Eldorado Golf Course

HANGOUT FOR SENIORS

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

HANGOUT FOR STUDENTS

High Caliber Karting & Entertainment
Constellation Cat Cafe
HopCat
Crunchy's
Avenue Cafe

HANGOUT SOLO

Blue Owl Coffee
Constellation Cat Cafe
Brickhaven Brewing Co.
Moriarty's Pub
Avenue Cafe

HAUNTED ATTRACTION

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

LOCAL ATTRACTION FOR KIDS

Edru Skate
Defy Lansing
Impression 5 Science Center
Potter Park Zoo
MSU Children's Gardens

MOVIE THEATRE

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

MUSIC VENUE

Green Door
Avenue Cafe
Mac's Bar
Robin Theatre
Moriarty's Pub

NATURE CENTER

Woldumar Nature Center
Fitzgerald Park
MSU Horticultural Center
Fenner Nature Center
Potter Park Zoo

NON-BAR OR RESTAURANT DATE

ALT Printing Co.
Horrock's Farm Market
Potter Park Zoo
Old Town Lansing
High Calibur Karting & Entertainment

PATIO

EagleMonk Pub & Brewery
El Azteco - East Lansing
Horrock's Farm Market
Peanut Barrel
Sanctuary Distillery, Brewery & Winery

PLACE OF WORSHIP

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

PLACE TO PLAY PINBALL

Pinball Pete's
Grid Arcade & Bar
Avenue Cafe

PLACE TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES

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

PLACE TO SHOOT POOL

Avenue Cafe
Pinball Pete's
LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
Bridge & Main
Green Dot Stables

PLACE TO SLED

Granger Meadows Park
Fitzgerald Park
Hawk Island Park
John Taylor Memorial Park
Fenner Nature Center

PUBLIC PARK

Moore's Park
Fitzgerald Park
Frances Park
Hawk Island Park
Fenner Nature Center

SMOKE SHOP/HOOKAH

LOUNGE

Campbell's Smoke Shop
Haven Smoke Shop
Downtown Smoking Club
Wild Bill's
Six Lounge

TABLETOP GAMING

Summit Comics & Games

Avenue Cafe
Evolution Games
AFK Games

TRIVIA NIGHT

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



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ARTIST

Ryan Holmes
Marissa Tawney Thaler
Andrew Sandstedt
Christina Castilla
Stephanie Hogan

CHORAL GROUP

Sistrum Lansing Women's Chorus
Men of Orpheus
Peoples Church Choir
LanSing Out
Holt UMC Choir

CLASSICAL MUSICIAN

Dave Gorbe
Ed Fedewa
Rodney Page
Darin Lerner Jr.
Timothy Muffit

CLUB DJ

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

COUNTRY ARTIST/BAND

Shelby & Jake
Brenda Loomis Band
Rachel Curtis
Sadie Bass
Swift Brothers

COVER BAND

Starfarm
Be Kind Rewind
Avon Bomb
Global Village
New Rule

EXPERIMENTAL MUSICAL ACT

Atomic Boogaloo
Low Graves
Wolf Eyes
Cavalcade
Otho Roi

FOLK ARTIST/BAND

Creature of One
Rachel Curtis
Abbey Hoffman
Jen Sygit
Shelby & Jake

HIP-HOP ARTIST/GROUP

James Gardin
Ozay Moore
Kwaj
Sway Boi
Packy

JAZZ MUSICIAN/GROUP

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

LOCAL THEATER GROUP

Riverwalk Theatre
Peppermint Creek
Artist's Umbrella
Williamston Theatre
MSU Department of Theatre

POTTERY STUDIO

Clayworks Pottery
Greater Lansing Pottery Guild
Wheel House Pottery
Red Barn Pottery
Playing Picasso

PUBLIC ART/SCULPTURE

Sparty
Peckham sculpture by Ivan Iler
ART Path

Metal art by Michigan Imagery on BWL substation
Old Town mural by Nanibah Chacon

PUNK/METAL GROUP

Handsome Pete
Goddamn Gallows
She/Her/Hers
Heart of Jordan
Low Graves

ROCK ARTIST/BAND

Frog & The Beeftones
From Big Sur
Starfarm
Jimmy Likes Pie
Grey Matter



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PEOPLE

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ADVOCATE/ACTIVIST

Gretchen Whitmer
Lysne Tait
Mike Karl
Melik Brown
Meegan Winters

ATTORNEY **NEW!** BARTENDER

Candy - Prestons
Molly Gardner -
Looking Glass Brewing
Paul Castillo - Bowdie's
Sam Hutting - Watershed
Tavern & Grill
Ellen Varney - Ellison Brewing

BREWER

Dan Buonodono - EagleMonk Pub
and Brewery
Jeremy Sprague - Sleepwalker Spirits
Lee Streeter - Looking Glass
Brewing Co
Eric Swanson - Sanctuary - Distillery,
Brewery & Winery
Jacob - Ellison Brewery

CATA BUS DRIVER

Ron DeLeon
Jacob Pena
Aaron Aikman
Tod Edmunds
Daniel Howard

CHEF

Linda Hundt - Sweetie-licious
Bakery Cafe
Brian Pierce - Wrought Iron Grill
Steve Swart - Ruckus Ramen
Jennifer Medler - Capital Prime
Scott - Peoples Kitchen

COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR

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

COMEDIAN

Kat Logan

Showing some love

A wonderful part of City Pulse's Top of the Town Contest has always been the **Best People** section. It's been a great way to show recognition to those who keep our city up and running. After a long year marked by weeks and months of quarantining, we have finally been able to see our favorite people once again. If it felt nice to see your favorite bartender, bus driver, delivery person – or anybody else that regularly brings you a smile when you cross their path – make sure you give them a nod and enter their name as a nomination.



Dwayne Gill
Pat Sievert
Robert Jenkins

COSMETIC SURGEON

Dr. Ahmed Sufyan
Dr. Michelle Southard
Dr. George Poletes
Dr. Andrew Zwyghuizen
Dr. Douglas Hintzman

DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Ciara Martinez - Everett High School
Maria Savala - Rising Star
Jen West - Spirit Expressions
Sarah Guthrie - Dance City West
Candice - Stilettos & Steel Fitness

DEVELOPER

Capital Area Housing Partnership
Brent Forsberg
Dymaxion Development
Gillespie Group
Eric Hanna - Michigan
Community Capital

ESTHETICIAN

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

FOOD DELIVERY PERSON

HAIR STYLIST

Hayley Ragsdale - Encore
Justine Wilson - Ambiance Salon
Hannah Rae - Salon VivEsta

Kimmy Wasson - Salon 130
India Berry - Studio 176

HANDYMAN **NEW!**

HIGH SCHOOL COACH

Chris Tyler - Waverly High School
Candice Heskitt - DeWitt High School
Jason Walker, Williamston
High School
Rex Wilkes, Waverly High School
Gary Houghton - Mason High School

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Ben Billings - Everett High School
Paula Hoffman - Grand Ledge
High School
Meghan Eldred-Woolsey - DeWitt
Schools

Brittany Hall - Everett High School
Chris Tyler - Waverly High School

INSURANCE AGENT

LOCAL TV NEWS

PERSONALITY

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

MASSAGE THERAPIST

Bee Queener **NEW!**
Kate Prouty - Patient Relaxation, LLC
Ebony - Creative Wellness
Kristin Creighton -
Fahrenheit Massage
Amber Hazen - Brad's Hair Studio

PERSONAL TRAINER

Abdullah Muhammad - AFitnessApp
Justin Grinnell - State of Fitness

Brian Daniels - EmPOWER Lansing
Kelli Brumbaugh - Michigan
Athletic Club
Ryan Haughey, The University
Club of MSU

PIERCER

Aaron Wood (Malibu) -
REO Town Tattoo Co.
Rene - Splash of Color
Andy - Splash of Color
Hollywood - Ink & Needle
Steff - Vivid Ink

POLICE OFFICER

Aiko - K9 - Bath Twp.
Sara Devereaux - Grand Ledge
Police Dept.
Dillon Royst - Lansing Police Dept.
Brendan Cissel - Eaton County
Sheriff's Dept.
Garrett Schlossberg, Eaton County

RADIO DJ

Banana Don & Stephanie McCoy -
100.7 WITL
Monica Harris - 99.1 WFMK
Terry Stevens - Q106 WJXQ
Joey Pants - 100.7 WITL
Jon Rockin' Rogo - Q106 WJXQ

REALTOR

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

RESTAURANT WAITSTAFF

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

TATTOO ARTIST

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

YOGA INSTRUCTOR

Belinda Thurston - Just B Yoga
Deb Hart - Hilltop Yoga
Sarah Belanger - Sarah Belanger
Yoga / MI Hot Yoga

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Jen Cousineau - East Lansing

Hot Yoga

Anna Bennett - Anna Bennett Yoga

Lansing Mayoral candidate

Best Local Politician

Worst Local Politician

Best State/National Politician

Worst State/National Politician



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ACCOUNTANT/CPA

Simplified Tax Service

Maner Costerisan

Hantz Financial Services
William E. Bass & Associates
MTM Bookkeeping & Tax Service

APARTMENTS

Beacon Lake Apartments
Prudden Place
Marketplace Apartments
Motor Wheel Lofts
Quarry Apartments of DeWitt

AUDIOLOGIST/ HEARING FIRM

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

AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP

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

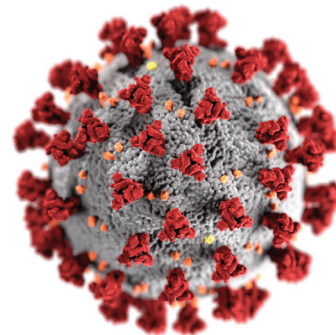
AUTO REPAIR SHOP

Two Sons Automotive
Shaheen Chevrolet

COVID remembrance

After surviving 2020 and making it through most of 2021, it's likely that many are feeling just as worn out as the poor people that must desperately sprint away from Godzilla's nuclear breath or dodge the debris chucked by habitual skyscraper climber King Kong.

Like the wanton destruction depicted on the silver screen in our favorite monster movies, Lansing experienced great loss of its own. Institutions that felt like a permanent and regular part of our daily lives fell victim to the dire economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. To honor what we lost, City Pulse has crafted a new category specific to this year's Top of the Town Contest that pays tribute to those who were forced to close their doors during these trying times.



& D Auto Repair
Jerry's Automotive
Vision Tire & Auto

BANK

Chase Bank
Huntington Bank
PNC Bank
Dart Bank
Flagstar Bank

BARBER SHOP

East Side Barbershop
Frantor Barbershop
Good Life Shaving Company
After Shave Barbershop
Jerry's Hairport

BICYCLE SHOP

Denny's Central Park Bikes
Spin Bicycle Shop
Lansing Bike Co-Op
Eric's Bicycle Shop
Riverfront Cycle

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Kwik Car Wash
Fast Eddie's Oil Change & Car Wash
Showroom Shine
Finish Line Detailing and Coatings
Lansing Car Wash

CATERER/ CATERING SERVICE

Amy's Catering
Saddleback BBQ

MEAT Southern BBQ
Morton's Fine Catering
Smoke N' Pig

CEMETERY

Mt. Hope Cemetery
St. Joseph Cemetery
DeepDale Memorial Gardens
Maplegrove Cemetery
Blood Cemetery

CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE

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

CLEANING SERVICE

A to Zen Cleaning
Molly Maid
5s Cleaning
Domestic Divas
Chelsea's Professional Cleaning Service

CREDIT UNION

Astera Credit Union
Lake Trust Credit Union
MSU Federal Credit Union
CASE Credit Union
Lansing Automakers Federal Credit Union

COVID - CURBSIDE PICKUP
COVID - ONLINE ORDERING
(local business)

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DANCE STUDIO

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

DAY SPA

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

DENTIST OFFICE

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

DRY CLEANERS

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

FINANCIAL PLANNER/ COMPANY

Jon Grocki
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Waggoner Financial
Nick Nauta Financial
Hantz Financial

FUNERAL HOME

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

GYM/FITNESS STUDIO

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

HEATING/COOLING/ PLUMBING CO.

All Star Mechanical
Bartlett Plumbing and Heating
Hedlund Plumbing
Meridian Company
A-1 Mechanical

HOME HEALTH CARE CO.

Hospice of Lansing
Sparrow Home Care
FirstLight Homecare
Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice
Cypress Home Care

INSURANCE AGENCY

Rathbun Agency
David Chapman Agency
Meiers Lombardini
Lemanski Insurance
State Farm - Trinesha Gobel
Allstate Insurance - Joseph Dunn

LANDSCAPING COMPANY

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

LASER HAIR REMOVAL

Mirkin Electrolgy
MSU Aesthetic & Laser
Treatment Center
Jennifer Edwards - Aesthetics Med Spa

Milan Laser Hair Removal
LightRx - Okemos

LAW FIRM

Foster Swift Collins & Smith
Family And Elder Law of
Mid-Michigan, P.C.
Sinas Dramis Law Firm
Abood Law Firm
Zogilio Law

MASSAGE STUDIO

Zoe Life Spa and Salon
Bee Queener Massage Therapy
Sacred Oasis Massage and Wellness
Salon 130 Teresa Bartig
Molly Massage

MOST TRUSTWORTHY BUSINESS

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

MUSIC LESSONS

Elderly Instruments

Marshall Music
MSU Community Music School
Sigh Studio of Music
Roth Music Academy

NAIL SALON

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

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

(local)

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

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Fast Eddie's Car Wash & Oil
Shaheen Chevrolet
Valvoline Instant Oil Change
A & D Repair
Family Quick Lube

OPTOMETRIST

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

PEST CONTROL COMPANY

Rose Pest Control
Orkin Pest & Termite Control
Bullseye Pest Solution
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& Nuisance Control
Stewart Pest Solutions

PET GROOMING

Amanda's Grooming
Kelly's Pet Boutique
Old Town Tails
Doggy Daycare and Spa
Country Critters

PHARMACY (locally owned)

Apothecary Shop
Abbey Pharmacy
Central Pharmacy
Ware's Pharmacy
PGPA Pharmacy

PHOTOGRAPHY

LeMae Photography
McShane Photography
Kays Eyes Photography
Evoke Wedding Photography
Tracy Nichole Photography

POST OFFICE

East Lansing
Grand Ledge
Mason
Merrill Street Substation
Delta Township

PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM

Redhead Design Studio
Martin Waymire
M3 Group
Opportunity Arts
Truscott Rossman

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Gillespie Group
DTN Management Co.
Lansing Housing LLC
Mulder Management
Rockey Investments

RADIO STATION

100.7 WITL
90.5 WKAR
94.9 WMMQ
106.1 WJXQ
88.9 WDBM

RESIDENTIAL REMODELING CO.

Odd Fellows Contracting, Inc.
Exteriors of Lansing
Lavish Builders, LLC
R.L. Rider Remodeling
Precision Roofing Services

SALON

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

SENIOR LIVING

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

TAILOR/SEAMSTRESS COMPANY

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Silver Thread
S & Sues Cleaners and Tailors
Fantastic Alterations
Golden Needle

TANNING

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Golden Glow Tanning

TATTOO PARLOR

Splash of Color

Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.

Vivid Ink

Van Gogh Tattoos

Ink Therapy

THERAPY/THERAPIST SERVICE

Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists

Peak Performance Physical Therapy

Alexis Schneider

Spring Forest Counseling

Therapy Today Counseling
and Consulting

TOWING COMPANY

PJ's Towing

Shroyer Towing

Northside Towing

H & H Mobil

Davis Auto Mart

VETERINARIAN

MSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Miller Animal Clinic

Haslett Animal Hospital

Waverly Animal Hospital Boarding
& Grooming

House Calls Veterinary Hospital

WEDDING SERVICES

HotBeats Entertainment

Beckers Bridal

Twiggies

Capitol City DJs

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Firefly Hot Yoga Bar

Hilltop Yoga

People's Yoga

Heart-n-Soul Yoga

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SHOPPING

(Listed below are the top winners in the 2020 City Pulse-Fox 47 News Town of the Town Contest. You may vote for one or nominate your own choice.)

ANTIQUE SHOP

Mega Mall

Maple Street Mall

Kellie's Consignments

Thrift Witch

REO Town Marketplace

ART GALLERY

Absolute Gallery

Broad Art Museum

Lansing Art Gallery

Katalyst Art Gallery

REO Town Marketplace

ASIAN MARKET

Oriental Mart

LLB Asian Market

Lotte Market

Z Z's Market

Viet Thai Market

BEER SELECTION IN RETAIL STORE

Horrocks Farm Market

Mega Bev

Vine & Brew

Oades Big Ten

Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop

BOOKSTORE (locally owned)

Schuler Books

Curious Book Shop

Bestsellers Books & Coffee

Our goofiest categories

The Best Whatever section of City Pulse's Top of the Town Contest has allowed us to poke some fun at many of the quirks of Lansing. The **Worst Pothole** has grown into a popular category and a cathartic opportunity to vent about the city's roads, which are often in rough condition and littered with these pesky little concrete landmines.



Another funny category is **Best Ranch Dressing**. Ranch is becoming widely recognized as a staple of Midwestern culture, so it only made sense for us to allow you the opportunity to recognize which local restaurant prepares the regional delicacy with the greatest of graces.

Also: If you can think of something funny to include in next year's contest, be sure to place a nomination in the **Best Category We Didn't Of**.

ASIAN MARKET

Oriental Mart

LLB Asian Market

Lotte Market

Z Z's Market

Viet Thai Market

BEER SELECTION IN RETAIL STORE

Horrocks Farm Market

Mega Bev

Vine & Brew

Oades Big Ten

Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop

BOOKSTORE (locally owned)

Schuler Books

Curious Book Shop

Bestsellers Books & Coffee

Everybody Reads

Bad Annie's Sweary Goods

BUTCHER

Monticello's Market & Butcher Block

Merindorf Meats

Westlund's Apple Market

Horrocks Farm Market

Mert's Meats

CANDY STORE

Fabianos Candies

Horrocks Farm Market

Peanut Shop

Kean's

Park Lake Creamery

CHEESE DEPARTMENT

Horrocks Farm Market

MSU Dairy Store

Monticello's Market & Butcher Shop

Whole Foods

Foods for Living

CLOTHING STORE (locally owned)

Playmakers

Grace Boutique

Metro Retro

Sweetlee's Boutique

Kean's

COMIC SHOP

Summit Comics & Games

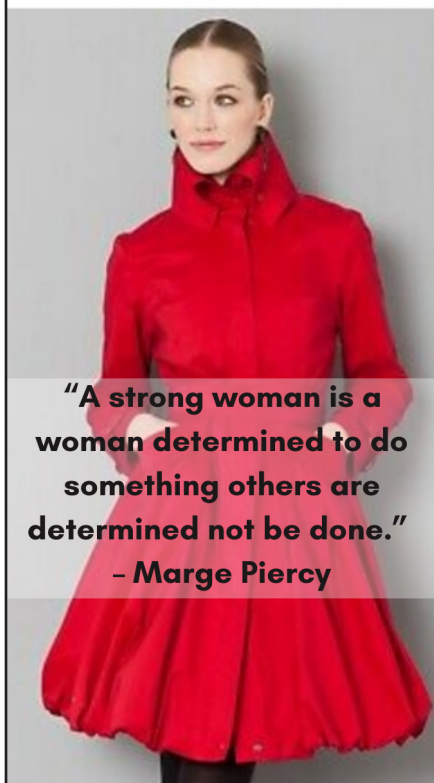
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CONSIGNMENT SHOP

Kellie's Consignments
Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
Thrift Witch
Carousel Consignments
Metro Retro

FARMERS MARKET

Meridian Farmers Market
Allen Farmers Market
Grand Ledge Farmers Market
Grand Ledge Farmer's Market
Holt Farmers Market

FLORIST

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

FURNITURE STORE

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

GARDENING CENTER

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

GAS STATION

Speedway (all locations)
Costco
Sam's Club
Don's Country Store

GIFT SHOP

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

GROCERY STORE (locally owned)

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

HARDWARE STORE

Great Lakes Ace Hardware - Frandor
Menards - South Lansing
Vet's Ace Hardware
Gilbert's Hardware & Rental
Haslett True Value Hardware - Haslett
HOT TUB/POOL/SAUNA STORE
Heat & Sweep
Classic Pool & Spa Inc.
Cannonball Pools
Miller Pools

JEWELRY STORE

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

LIQUOR STORE

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

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT STORE

Elderly Instruments
Marshall Music
Meridian Winds
Music Manor

NEW BUSINESS

ORGANIC/NATURAL MARKET

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

OUTDOOR/CAMPING STORE

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

PET STORE

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

PLACE TO BUY MUMS

Horrocks Farmers Market
Christian's Greenhouse
Hyacinth House
Costco Wholesale
Fresh Thyme Market

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2400 E Michigan Avenue
5010 Dunkel Road, Lansing
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RECORD/CD STORE

Flat, Black & Circular

The last of the Shopping categories, the Whatever categories and our new Cannabis section are on page 42

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Record Lounge
Schuler Books
Replay Entertainment Exchange
Barnes and Noble

SECONDHAND SHOP

Kellie's Consignments
St Vincent De Paul
Thrift Witch
Vintage Junkies
Volunteers of America - S. Cedar

SEX SHOP

Cirilla's
Deja Vu Love Boutique
Lion's Den
Fantasies Unlimited

THRIFT STORE

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

TIRE STORE

Discount Store - W. Saginaw
Belle Tire
Tasmanian Tire
Adado Sales Trailers, Tires & Service
Discount Tire

USED CAR DEALERSHIP

Shaheen Chevrolet
Sundance Chevrolet
Feldman Chevrolet
LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
FIAT of Lansing
Crippen Buick GMC

VAPE SHOP

Wild Bills' Tobacco
Haven Smoke Shop
Mr. Vapor

VIDEO GAME STORE

Disc Traders
Replay Entertainment Exchange
Swap Meet

WINE SHOP

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



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BUSINESS WITH A PET

City Pulse - MIMI
Absolute Gallery - RICKY
Preuss Pets

Casino

Category We Didn't Think of Cleanest Public Restroom

Day Trip

Eye Candy Building
Facebook Group (local)
High School
Instagram (local)
Local Art Festival
Local Event/Festival

Outdoor Adventure

Place to Work
Podcast (local)
Science Event
Twitter (local)

Urban Farm

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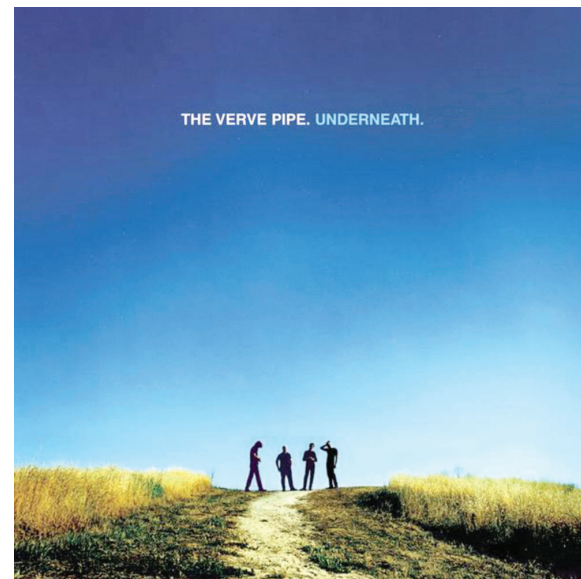
Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

A LOOK BACK: THE VERVE PIPE'S 'UNDERNEATH' LP TURNS 20



the verve pipe



In 2001, a week after the 9/11 attacks, The Verve Pipe issued its final album for RCA, "Underneath." (Courtesy photos)

The brilliant, Adam Schlesinger-produced album that led to a 13-year hiatus

Four years after The Verve Pipe's "Villains" LP reached Platinum status, and its breakout single "The Freshman" became a legit mainstream radio hit, the East Lansing band returned to the studio to cut "Underneath," its fourth proper full-length record — and their best record.

Don't agree? Talk to the band's vocalist/guitarist Brian Vander Ark who told this to the Chicago Tribune in 2015: "I think 'Underneath' was our best, and that was the one that really nobody heard."

Of course, there is a lot of baggage as to why "nobody" heard it. But now, obscurity aside, and on the eve of its 20th anniversary, the album remains special in many ways. Firstly, it was produced by the songwriter/engineer Adam Schlesinger, a Grammy and Emmy Award winner — not to mention a founding member of wildly popular bands like Fountains of Wayne and Tinted Windows. Sadly, Schlesinger died unexpectedly on April 1, 2020, due to COVID-19 complications.

But his fingerprints were left on stacks of albums, for one: the bubbly title song to "That Thing You Do!," which he wrote

and co-produced for the 1996 Tom Hanks film. Beyond that, Schlesinger — a power-pop devotee — also made his mark on the legacy of The Verve Pipe, who ventured deep into the world of pop-infused rock 'n' roll when they recorded "Underneath" with him.

On paper, the RCA Records-issued album seems like it should have been a new start for the local boys. It could have been a pathway to a radio-friendly career, but given its release date, Sept. 18, 2001 (aka the week after the 9/11 attacks), much of the world was still in shock, and not too concerned with buying new CDs.

The lead single, "Never Let You Down," did score some airplay and some moderate Adult Top 40 chart action, but didn't get near the traction of the previous two albums. However, the 11 original songs (two co-written by Schlesinger) are worth revisiting for those into shamelessly poppy hooks. From front to back, its stacked with lush harmonies (the title track, "Underneath"), crunchy '90s guitars ("Happiness Is"), and even some delicate ballads ("Colorful"). Beyond that, "Gotta Move On" sounds like a lost Peter Dinklage track where he was

backed by the Fab Four.

Or, as AllMusic Guide accurately stated back in 2001, the album "returned the group to the sound of their early, self-released albums, showcasing a guitar pop band born and raised on college rock bands like R.E.M., XTC, and Hüsker Dü."

It's hard to tell exactly why this dynamic disc quietly faded into the ether. Perhaps it was because The Verve Pipe left behind much of its gloomier side in favor of sparkly, polished tunes. Perhaps it was changing trends: Lifehouse, Incubus and Train were (chart-wise) crushing it at the time. There are no echoes of The Beatles or Big Star in that radio drivin' realm. No benefit of Schlesinger's golden ear at the mixing board, either.

Commercially, "Underneath" was not a huge triumph, however, it did garner critical praise. The Detroit Free Press called the album "the best stuff the group has concocted in half a decade." Meanwhile, The South Bend Tribune wrote: "Vander Ark writes five of the songs on Underneath, and drummer Donny Brown writes four of them, and the differences between them help to

make 'Underneath' a constantly shifting tilt of emotions and, probably, a much better album than if just one of them had been the main songwriter."

In that 2015 Chicago Tribune feature, Vander Ark told reporter Allison Stewart that the undeserved flop of "Underneath" was hard on him and his bandmates. "All the stars were aligned, then 9/11 hit literally four or five days before our album was to be released, and it just killed us."

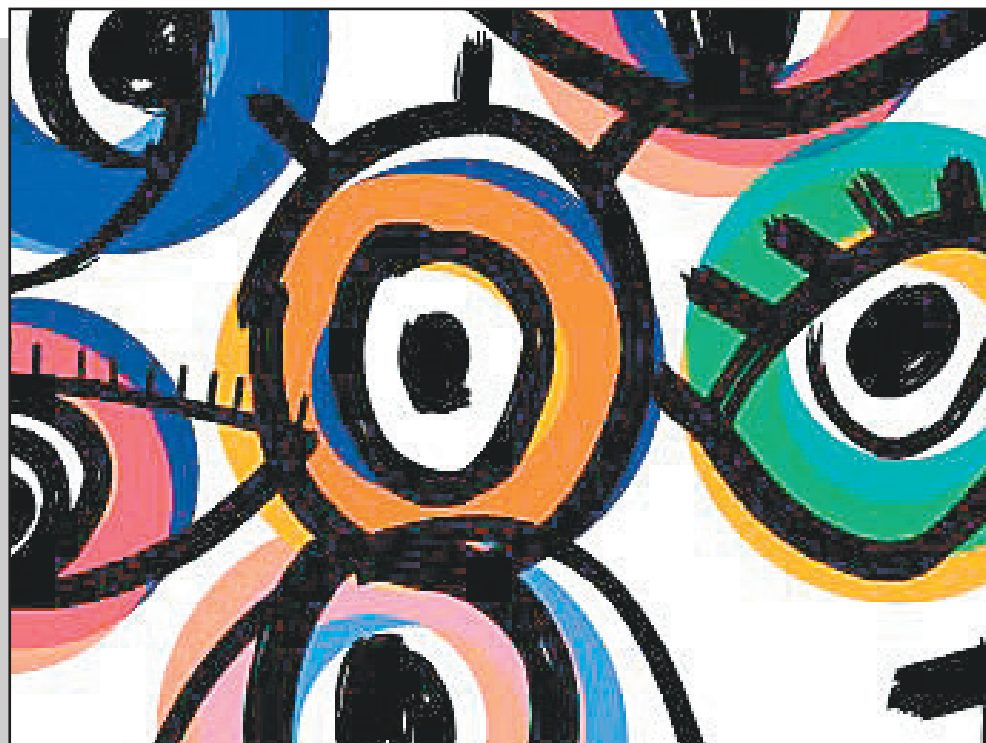
And, in a way, it did — at least for a long stretch of time. Its next album, "Overboard," wouldn't hit stores until 2014. That's a 13-year gap. Since their return, the members of The Verve Pipe have remained active, releasing both children's music and adult music. Brown, the band's drummer, left the band but releases solo records.

In May 2020, a month after Schlesinger's untimely death, Brown returned to the studio with fellow Verve Pipe alumni Andy Reed and recorded "All Kinds of Time," a song written by their friend Schlesinger. A fitting book-end tribute to the man behind the board on their best album.

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"Tracked and Traced" is a fascinating, educational and artistic exploration into the deep and complex relationship formed between surveillance and ethics. The work presented by "Tracked and Traced" aims to raise questions about new technology being used in the modern times and whether it is morally sound. This new exhibit debuts Thursday and will run through Dec. 11.

Wednesday, September 8

Allen Farmers Market - Allen Farmers Market from 2:30-7 p.m. at 2100 E Michigan Ave. 517-999-3911.

Birds of a Feather Art Show by Rebecca Case - through Sept. 27. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge and Gallery, 1856 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Fragmented Place Art Exhibition - Through Oct. 23. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. lansingartgallery.org

Natasha T. Miller at The Robin - Spoken word poetry, 7PM doors, 7:30 show. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S Washington Ave, Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

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Thursday, September 9

Cristo Rey Church - Food Booth Fundraiser - 3-7 p.m. South Lansing Farmers Market, 800 W. Barnes St., Lansing.

Dimondale Farmers' Market - 3-7 p.m. 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale. villageofdimondale.org.

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REACH Virtual Meet-up: Arts Incubator for Young People - Sara Gothard. 4-5 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

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South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. SLCD, 800 W. Barnes Ave, Lansing. 517-374-5700.

Threadbare Mitten Film Festival - Sept. 9-12. 7 p.m. REO Town, 1105 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-898-9329. threadbarefilmfest.com.

Friday, September 10

Annual Resurrection Ox Roast Festival - Sept. 10-12. Fri. & Sat. 4 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun. Noon - 4 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 1505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Charlotte Fire Flow Jam Series - hosted by Nat Spinz and Flames 'N Dames! 9 p.m. 125 Cochran Ave., Charlotte.

Charlotte Frontier Days - Sept. 10-12. 1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte. For events schedule: charlottefrontierdays.org

Second Friday Shop Hop - 1232 Turner St. 5-8 p.m. Lansing. iloveoldtown.org.

Spartan Upcycle Fridays: Junk Journals - 12-6 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.

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Saturday, September 11

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Sunday, September 12

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East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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Monday, September 13

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Tuesday, September 7

Art for Advocacy: A Painting Night to Benefit Small Talk CAC. 5-8 p.m. MSU Federal Credit Union, 3777 West Rd, East Lansing. 517-253-0729. SmallTalkCAC.org.

Artist Feature: David Flaughter. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu

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FOOD & DRINK

Pasta Clemenza

By ARI LeVAUX

“Leave the gun. Take the cannoli.”

In “The Godfather,” by Mario Puzo, there is a scene where Peter Clemenza shows Michael Corleone how to make spaghetti and meatballs. Clemenza was the smoothest character in the story, after the Godfather himself, of course, and quite possibly a better cook. That scene, especially in the movie, which is much more detailed, improved my pasta.

Clemenza was a jovial reaper. It is poetry in motion when he mixes business with pleasure, as a wedding dancer, a chef and as an orchestrator of hits. Like on Paulie, for example, the driver who set up the boss. On the way home from their cannoli run, they pulled over so Clemenza could take a leak. He never got back in the car, which wound up covered in Paulie’s blood, thanks to Rocco in the back seat. They walked home and brought the cannoli, presumably ricotta-stuffed, to a room full of angry men and proceeded to cook them dinner. The Don was in the hospital with gunshot wounds, thanks to Paulie, and the men were preparing for war.

Clemenza pulled Michael Corleone aside to give his future boss some bits of unsolicited, if solid, advice on love and cooking. After telling the youngest Corleone to sing to his girlfriend, he says, “Come over here kid, learn something. You never know, you might

have to cook for 20 guys someday. You see, you start off with a little bit of oil. And you fry some garlic. Then you throw in some tomatoes, tomato paste — you fry it and make sure it doesn’t stick. You get it to a boil, then you shove in all your sausage and your meatballs. Add a little bit of wine. And a little bit of sugar. And that’s my trick.”

At that moment in the story, Sonny bursts in. “How’s Paulie?” Clemenza kept stirring his sauce. “Oh Paulie? Won’t see him no more.”

A few decades later in Missoula, Montana, a certain Dadfather had problems of his own. No gunshot wounds to speak of, thankfully, but his two sons weren’t behaving in a manner befitting the children of a sensitive chef. They purported zero interest in dinner, from his kitchen, at least. Other kitchens had takeout, take-and-bake pizza, macaroni and cheese and Chef Boyardee. These are a few improvements to the Dadfather’s fare, where no dessert is served until salad is swallowed and the cooked food is often too chunky.

The Dadfather had to dig deep up the sleeve of his white sleeveless undershirt, which looked like the shirt he imagined Clemenza wore, to find the classic movie character’s trick. Using the fresh tomatoes of summertime, he took care to ensure the spaghetti was thick with meatballs and the sauce was not chunky.

It was a pasta they couldn’t refuse.

Pasta Clemenza

When you haven’t gone to the matresses and you have the time, you don’t need paste and canned tomatoes, especially when they’re in season. Either way, this dish really hits the pasta spot, especially in the middle of winter with some sauce you froze this coming week. Serve it with a lusty red and eat it until you feel as round as Clemenza’s belly. 5 pounds fresh tomatoes. I used Oxheart Paste Tomatoes from my garden.

2 heads of garlic, whole cloves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup olive oil
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 large onion, minced finely
 1 cup red wine



Pasta Clemenza made with cannoli-like pasta.

Courtesy

Herbs: oregano, thyme, and sage, about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of fresh, chopped, or two tablespoons worth of dried

Four Italian sausages (or 20 meatballs) One pound of dry pasta. They used boxes in “The Godfather.” I use bags of fancy pasta, dried in cold air and imported from Italy

Six quarts water plus 1 tablespoon of salt (or stock)

2 more cloves of garlic

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

Optional: Fresh basil leaves as a garnish

Optional: hot red pepper flakes

Trim and core the tomatoes and slice them in half, tip to core. Lay them on baking sheets, with garlic interspersed, drizzled with a few tablespoons of oil and a teaspoon of salt. Preheat the oven to broil. Place the sheets in the oven. Rotate the trays every five or so minutes, so they all cook evenly until the skins, facing upward, begin to wrinkle and start to blacken — about 20 minutes. Remove the trays of tomatoes. When they are cool enough to work with, pull off the skins.

Fry the onions in a half cup of olive oil in a heavy bottom pan. When they are translucent, add the tomatoes and the water in the baking pans. Add the herbs. Simmer for about an hour, stirring often to make sure it doesn’t burn. If it burns, don’t scrape the burnt stuff into the sauce — change the pot.

Season to taste with salt and perhaps more herbs. When it tastes good, turn it off and let it cool to room temperature. There is an argument to be made for

cooking it all day and then letting it sit overnight. I’m in favor of less cooking, especially with fresh ingredients. Cook until it tastes good and call it good. It will keep cooking as it cools. And then you should let it sit overnight in the fridge.

The next day, blend it until smooth, and then filter out the seeds with cheesecloth or a thin mesh strainer. You now have a velvety smooth, not chunky, sauce — much more than you will need to accompany a pound of pasta. The sauce freezes well in quart freezer bags, stacked flat on their sides.

Heat the salted pasta water (or stock) and cook the pasta al dente. Don’t worry, it will cook more in the sauce. While the pasta cooks, cut each sausage into five pieces and fry them in enough oil to coat the pan. Brown them as much as you like. They will cook more in the sauce later.

Toss the noodles in olive oil and crushed garlic and add them to the pan with the meatballs. Sauté for five minutes. Add two cups of sauce per pound of pasta (or whatever seems right with the amount of noodles you made). Simmer the noodles and meatballs gently in the sauce until the noodles are to your liking. Garnish with grated cheese, fresh basil, red pepper flakes (if you like) 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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By COLE TUNNINGLEY

David MacDougall Jr. started working at D.P. Dough as a delivery driver. Over a decade, he worked his way up through the company. Now, he is the proud owner of two franchise locations. One is in Kalamazoo, and the other is opening up in East Lansing later this month.

"I started as a delivery driver in upstate New York, and it just went from there," said MacDougall Jr. "I went from driving to management to general management to opening up my own location in Kalamazoo. The company promotes from within when possible."

D.P. Dough used to have a location on Trowbridge Road, but that one shut down years ago. The restaurant is making its comeback to Michigan State University this month.

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"We have our own version of cheese sticks, garlic parmesan sticks, dough bits and boneless wings," said MacDougall

Jr. "We also have desserts like an Apple Zoni and edible cookie dough."

MacDougall hopes that the D.P. Dough brand spreads like wildfire in Michigan. He's glad to be back in the East Lansing area, but he also sees a future where there are D.P. Dough locations spread throughout the state.

"We're looking forward to bringing the brand to Michigan," said MacDougall Jr. "The MSU location is hopefully going to help us take that next step. We have roots in this community."

A fresh calzone prepared by D.P. Dough.



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