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- 1pm Ribbon Cutting by the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP)

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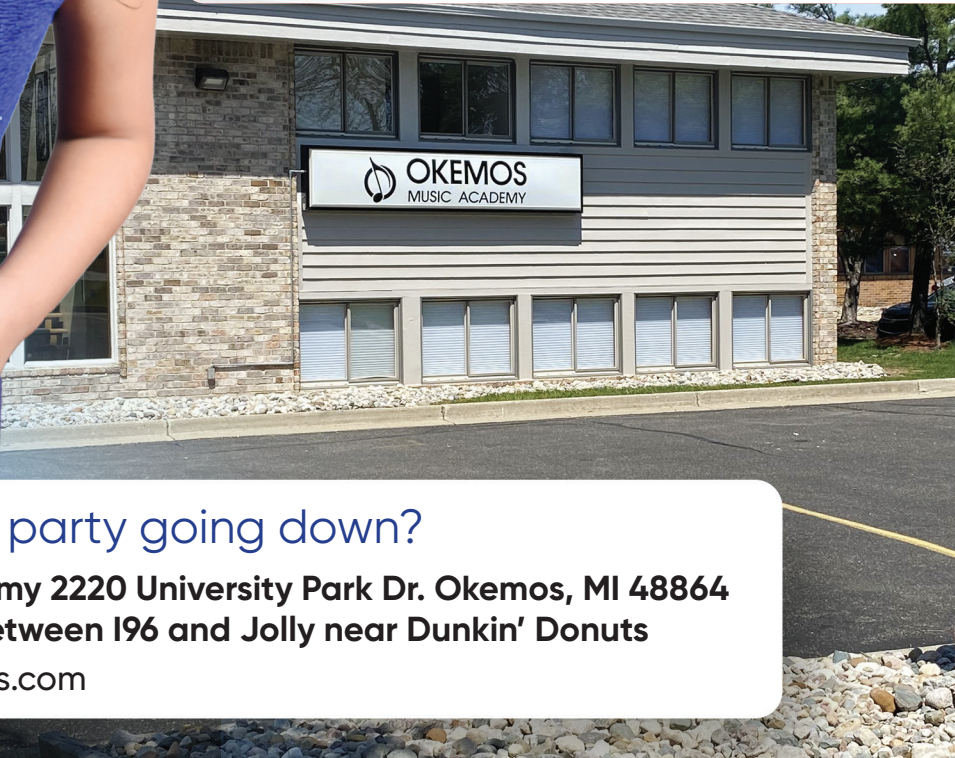
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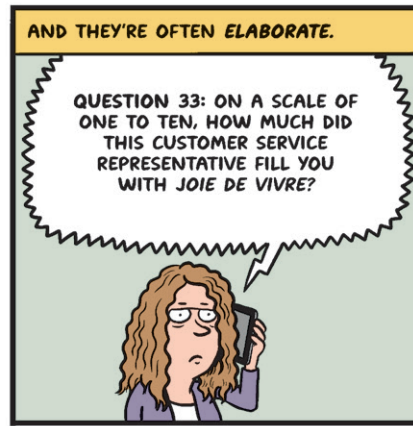
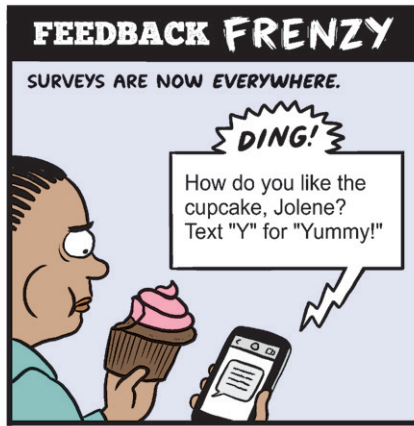
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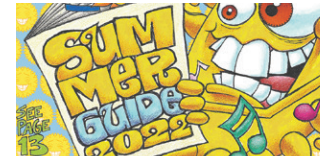
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NEWS & OPINION

‘A lifetime of memories’: What will it take to rebuild Moores Park Pool?

Council plans to use federal cash to assess public pool repairs

A six-figure lifeline from the Lansing City Council could serve as the starting pistol for fundraising efforts to finally repair and reopen the shuttered Moores Park Pool in southwest Lansing — and possibly just in time to celebrate the iconic pool’s centennial anniversary.

A spending plan set to be introduced this month by City Councilmen Peter Spadafore and Brian Jackson aims to shuffle over at least \$118,000 of the city’s federal COVID-19 relief funding to cover architectural renderings (with specific cost estimates) to rebuild the public pool in Moores Park. Officials hope to set specific fundraising targets this year and reopen the pool as early as next summer.

“Before we can formalize a formal plan for fundraising, we need real numbers to show what it will take to get this done,” said Mary McGuire, president of Friends of Moores Park Pool, a group of local residents that formed shortly after the city closed the pool in late 2019. “We know the price of everything has gone up, especially lumber and other construction materials. This will give us a number which we can use to actually launch a real fundraising campaign.”

The \$118,000 is set to come from \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding that Mayor Andy Schor has allocated for the Council to spend, essentially in whatever fashion it deems fit. The funding proposal will still require support from at least three other Council members to pass. The cash would then be used to map out a complete plan for repairs.

“We decided \$118,000 isn’t a big ask here — at least to get a grip on the situation,” Spadafore said. “If it’s going to cost \$20 million to fix it, that’s a different problem. This is a start.”

Tucked into a hill overlooking the Eckert Power Station, the Moores Park Pool



City Pulse/Kyle Kaminski

Members of the Lansing City Council want to set in motion a plan that could save the iconic Moores Park Pool, which the city closed after it sprung a leak in 2019.

was designed by former Lansing city engineer Wesley Bintz and also carries historical value beyond a simple neighborhood oasis. Built in 1922, and opened the next year, the ellipsoidal fieldstone rock-ring structure is the oldest surviving Bintz pool in the nation, and as such it carries a bit of a cult following among history buffs. In 1985, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. If the city hadn’t closed it down in 2019, next summer would have marked its 100th season.

After it closed, back-of-the-napkin estimates from Schor’s administration showed the pool required at least \$1.2 million in repairs

before it could be safely reopened to the public. Leaks were also costing the city about \$1,400 per week while chlorinated water spilled into the soil below. The pandemic (and resulting financial uncertainties) only knocked the pool lower on the city’s budgetary priority list. This summer is the third year the pool has been closed.

And since 2019, the estimated repair costs have only swelled while

the pool deteriorates.

Last March, a \$60,000 assessment — which was split between the city and the Friends of Moores Park Pool — showed that the facility would require at least \$4.8 million in renovations. A more expensive option, which would fully modernize the pool, listed the repairs at \$6.3 million.

Some officials have suggested the fixes could be done for less, but there hasn’t been a fresh estimate in more than a year — and the cost for building materials has skyrocketed nationwide.

In addition to setting clear fundraising

targets, McGuire said the new assessment would also enable the Friends of Moores Park Pool — and other groups like Preservation Lansing and the Historical Society of Greater Lansing — to pursue grant opportunities to help cover the repairs.

“The next piece will be the construction bid. We’ll take a look at the numbers, and then we can launch a fundraising campaign and the city can assist with grants,” McGuire said. “We have people who are willing to help raise money, but we don’t have a place to put it until we have some real numbers and things in place. This assessment is about putting our ducks in a row.”

Last year, Schor cited “many financial demands for necessary services across the city” like road and sidewalk repairs, in submitting a budget proposal that didn’t include any funds for the pool.

Data provided by the city showed the number of annual visitors at the pool more than doubled from about 3,000 in 2014 to more than 6,000 in the summer before it closed. Still, the estimated repairs would swallow more than a full year of the city’s parks millage — and then some. For Schor, that expense was simply unreasonable amid hundreds of other competing priorities.

And to the chagrin of local preservationists and residents who yearn for another summer swim at Moores Park, the Council passed another budget last month without any cash for the pool.

Adolph Burton, 71, grew up a “stone’s throw” away from the pool in the early ‘60s. He was among several residents who spoke up to the Council at public comment last month to defend the pool.

“We miss the pool. It’s a great thing for the community, as well as for the park itself. I can’t remember the last time I saw someone barbecuing or picnicking in that park,” he said.

Burton remembers the Moores Park Pool as a local melting pot for racial diversity at a particularly tense time in civil rights history. And he envisions a similar future ahead.



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Mary McGuire (right) and Adolph Burton visited the shuttered Moores Park Pool on Monday.

Visit mhpn.org/mpp to learn more about the Moores Park Pool and future fundraising efforts.

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"There's so much gun violence right now because these kids have nothing to do," Burton added. "I'm not saying that the pool would stop the crime, but if we saved one life because that pool was open, that'd be a big deal to me. It's important that these kids have more things to do."

Bill Castanier, president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, told the Council that he used to live down the block from the pool and swim there illegally every night in the summer.

"We feel we're taking away a whole lifetime of memories for our next generation," he said. "If we save the pool, there's no reason that this pool won't be usable 100 years from now. We desperately

want to be in a position where we can be able to say: 'We saved the pool.'"

Preservation Lansing President Dale Schrader said this year is a "turning point" for the pool.

"We want this one chance to live to see another day, so we're not asking for \$6 million. We're asking for \$118,000 for construction documents," he said. "With construction documents, it's shovel-ready. It's ready to go out to bid for contractors. They'll help us nail down the costs."

More than \$3.2 million of the \$49 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding that was handed to the city this year was dedicated to the city's parks — but still nothing for the pool.

Schor said this year's budget was crafted exclusively to fund "existing things." And by the time he had heard about the \$118,000 request from the Friends of Moores Park

Pool, he had already hashed out a plan on how to spend the city's \$49 million in COVID-19 relief funding, he said.

"I left \$1 million in that plan for the Council to spend, so I suggested they take it to the Council," Schor added. "I fully support the plan to look at this. We just don't have \$6 million to spend. There are too many other great things we can do across the entire city with those dollars."

Spadafore said he expects the Council to formally allocate those requested funds in July.

And for neighborhood organizers, it represents a \$120,000 glimmer of hope that could help get the pool opened by next summer — perhaps 2024, McGuire said. The Friends group has already managed to raise more than \$30,000 from more than 350 donors, with more to come.

"We don't at all feel abandoned by the

city. I think we all recognize this isn't going to happen overnight," McGuire added. "We have a good, working relationship with the city. This is a good step. We just need to find a way to make this happen, because it's too important to let it go."

Before it closed, the pool was open daily for 10 weeks a year, with annual costs of about \$100,000. Schor said he's "absolutely" committed to rolling the pool back into the annual budget — including staffing and routine maintenance costs — after a viable plan for repairs emerges.

"Even if it's fixed, we still don't have a sustainability plan," Schor cautioned. "I'd love to have the pool opened up, but only when we can afford to do it. We have a lot of priorities that need funding. This is on the list of things I'd like to get done, but we still need to figure things out."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

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The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of the amended Local Development Finance Authority Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the Lansing Regional SmartZone, within the following areas:

The City of Lansing portion of the boundaries of the property to which the Plan applies can more generally be described as all real and personal property within an area bounded by Collins Road to the east, Dunkel Road to the south, I-496 to the west, and the City of Lansing boundary to the north and northeast.

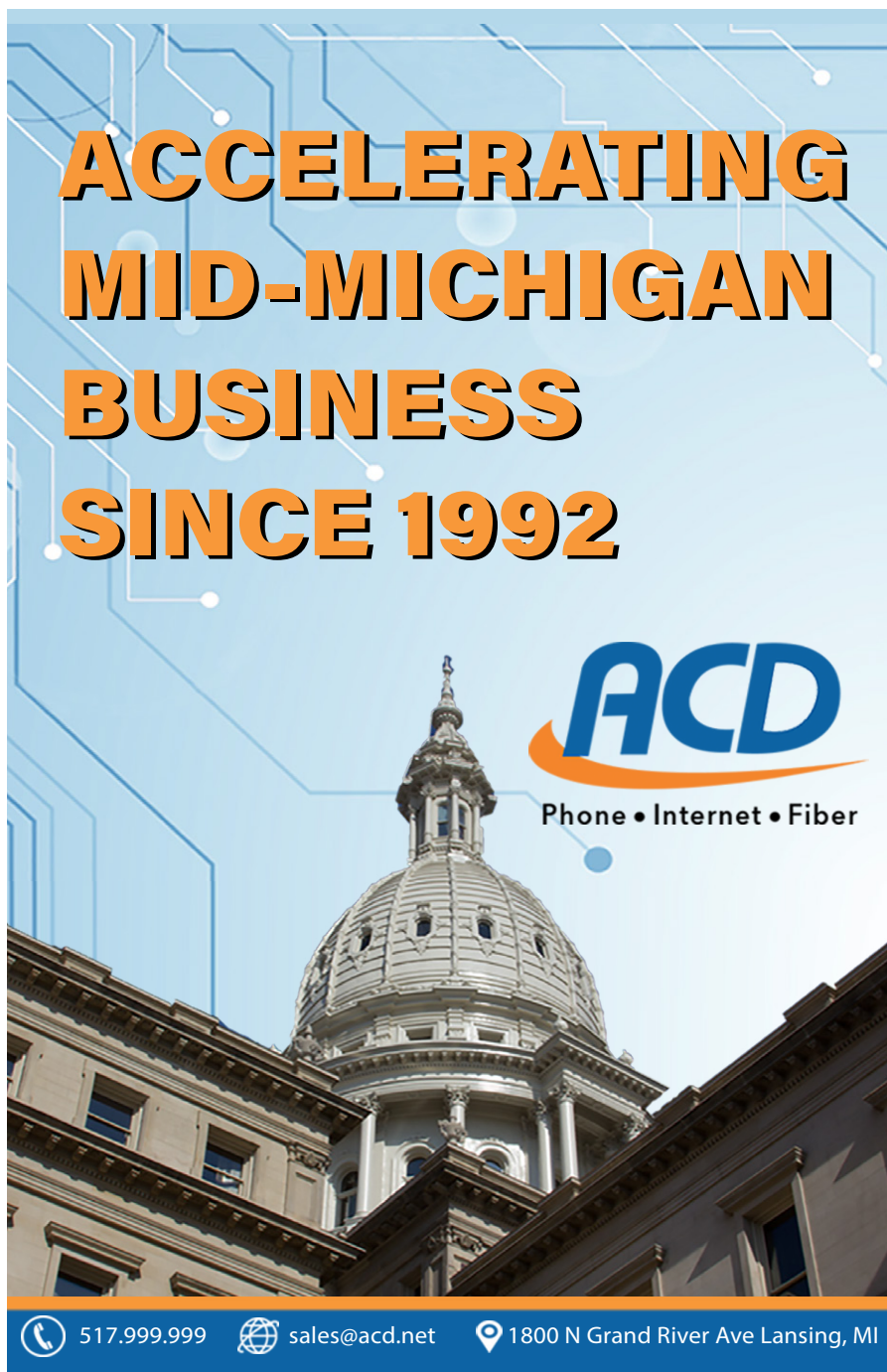
The City of East Lansing portion of the boundaries of the property to which the Plan applies can more generally be described as real property within the area defined by the East Lansing Downtown Development Authority District per Ordinance 1106, with the exception of properties north of Grand River Avenue and east of Collingwood Drive.

The complete development plan, including maps and compliance with the displaced persons relocation requirements, are available for public inspection at Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan, 48933, and East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, Michigan, 48823 and that all aspects of the development plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing. For more information, please call Joe Carr at the Lansing Economic Area Partnership, jcarr@purelansing.org or 517-230-2942.

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

By KYLE KAMINSKI



Preservationists replace Malcolm X marker

A historical marker that once designated the childhood home of Malcolm X in South Lansing was replaced (and refurbished with some new memorial language) after an errant driver reportedly plowed down and destroyed the metallic tribute sign last March. State and local politicians and members of Malcolm X's family unveiled the new sign at a ceremony Friday.

Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.



Lansing man arrested after police chase

Prosecutors are reviewing criminal charges against an unnamed 27-year-old Lansing man after authorities said he was "causing a disturbance" Thursday at a business on the 2300 block of North Cedar Street in Delhi Township. The man, who reportedly had several felony warrants, gave a fake name to cops before running away toward Midway Early Learning Center, which went on lockdown during the incident. The man eventually barricaded himself inside a garage on Spahr Avenue and then holed himself up inside another home on North Aurelius Road. Deputies eventually entered the home, arrested him and hauled him off to be detained at the county jail.

Few tenants qualify to buy public housing

Only eight Lansing residents have so far qualified to buy their homes from the Lansing Housing Commission while the public authority moves toward selling over 200 properties to an out-of-state real estate investment firm. Tenants will have one last chance to qualify to purchase their homes before the deal is finalized this fall.

Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.

Laingsburg woman dies in five-car crash

Kathryn Hunnicutt, 54, of Laingsburg, was killed and a 20-year-old woman was injured following a crash that involved at least five vehicles on eastbound I-496 near Walnut Street on Sunday. Authorities closed the highway to clean up the mess. The crash remains under investigation.

Park bench honors antigay murder victim

Family and friends of Kevin Wirth, a gay man who was brutally murdered in Lansing five years ago, gathered Saturday in Lou Adado Riverfront Park to unveil a remembrance plaque on a bench. At the ceremony, Wirth was remembered as the life of the party who "loved Lansing."

Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.



Schor seeks to allow felon on boards

A proposed charter amendment that Mayor Andy Schor sent to the City Council aims to erase restrictive language that prohibits anyone with a felony conviction from serving on dozens of the city's volunteer boards and commissions. If the Council approves the plan this summer, it could be on the ballot Nov. 8.

Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.

Siemon named 'Peacemaker of the Year'

The Lansing Area Peace Education Center honored Ingham County Prosecutor Carol Siemon with its annual "Peacemaker of the Year" award for prosecuting with "fairness and compassion." Six others were also honored for their efforts to "promote peace and justice": Lynn Bartley, Efren Parades Jr., Lauren Beck, Jake Lasceski, and Jerry and Shannon Norris.



No parole for East Lansing serial killer

The Michigan Parole Board has again voted to reject parole for convicted serial killer Don Miller, who admitted to killing four women in East Lansing in the late 1970s, the Lansing State Journal reported. Miller's next parole eligibility date is Aug. 29, 2027.

Zap Zone plans to relocate to Lansing Mall

The indoor amusement center will move from Mall Drive East to a now-vacant building at the Lansing Mall, the Lansing State Journal reports. A self-storage facility is set to take its place.

Pollinator gardens open at R.E. Olds Museum

A new garden featuring a variety of colorful, native plants such as bergamot and lanceleaf was planted on Friday at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum to help create a valuable new habitat for pollinator species like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Educational signage to help identify the plants (and a picnic table) will be installed this summer.

Happy birthday, Claude Browne!

The Lansing City Council honored Lansing resident Claude Browne, who is set to celebrate his 100th birthday Friday (May 27). Browne is the oldest male member of Trinity AME Church and still does a whopping 150 push-ups every morning, according to the Council resolution.

School staffer fired after racism incident

Holt Public Schools fired Sandra Smith and reassigned another employee, Megan Rodriguez, following a month-long investigation into a physical altercation between them and a group of students, reports FOX 47 News. One staffer and a student reportedly exchanged racial slurs. The district's investigation showed that Smith used "inappropriate communication" at the time.

Fire captain builds beds for kids

Lansing Fire Captain Rahshemeer Neal was among several dozen volunteers who helped to build more than 100 beds for Lansing area children through the nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace program. City officials said more than 40% of Lansing's children live in poverty. Neal said he was comforted to know that 100 more local kids won't be sleeping on the floor this week.

Visit shpbeds.org/chapter/mi-lansing for details.



SOE OF THE WEEK



Streets at Colonial Townhouses Cooperative

With construction season in full tilt across Lansing, many residents have been wondering if (and when) crews will get around to repairing the streets on their blocks too. And perhaps nobody has complained more loudly than management at Colonial Townhouses Cooperative.

Managers urged a City Council committee last week to prioritize repairs on the asphalt patchwork of streets that weave through the complex. One manager has been complaining about them more than 15 years. Still, the roads have been left to deteriorate.

And it took about 30 minutes for city officials to summarize a response: Tough.

With \$200 million in street repairs identified across the city and reports of potholes at an all-time high, officials said they've been forced to carefully prioritize some repairs over others this year. And even though the cooperative is situated on some of the worst streets in the city, they're not scheduled to be repaired anytime soon — mainly because it would cost way too much.

It may seem counterintuitive, but most of the city's road repairs are concentrated on streets that have not completely deteriorated, officials said. Essentially: The roads near the townhouses are too far gone, and the city would rather spend pennies to patch up 10 miles of lightly damaged roads than cough up dollars to dig up and repave just one mile of totally crumbling pavement.

And the City Council isn't interested in cherry picking which streets deserve the most love. Residents can still report potholes and other road hazards for quick fixes through the Lansing Connect website. Officials will also consider some additional patches at Colonial Townhouses.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

"Eyesore of the Week" is our weekly 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 Managing Editor Kyle Kaminski at eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call in a nomination at 517-999-6715

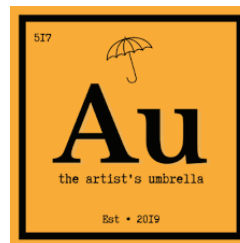
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Let's pump the breaks on the outrageous political hyperbole

We all know former President Donald Trump plays fast and loose with the finer details of established facts, but his legacy should be a lesson to do better, not duplicate his standards.

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Repeating to a larger audience outlandish hearsay as fact doesn't work in a courtroom. It doesn't (or at least shouldn't) work for serious journalists. It's high time we stop using it in political discourse.



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

There's no proof widespread fraud cost Trump his reelection bid. Plenty of people believed it happened. But there's plenty of people who believe the Earth is flat or the Holocaust didn't happen. It doesn't make it true.

As we head into the secretary of state race between incumbent Jocelyn Benson and likely Republican nominee Kristina Karamo, revisiting the 2020 election results is inevitable.

Karamo launched her campaign from the ashes of Trump's election night defeat. Conspiracy theories sprouted from the imaginations of angry sleep-deprived Trump backers as the former president's slight lead in Michigan faded away amid the traditionally Democrat-heavy Wayne County vote.

As a TCF Center election challenger, Karamo went on national news — or any other news — with her observations that a couple of ballots were incorrectly counted for Biden. It turns out that Karamo likely didn't understand the workers' terminology.

Basically, speak first, ask questions later.

It's equally inexcusable for Secretary of State Benson, the state's highest-ranking election official, to go on NBC News with the claim that Trump suggested in a White House meeting that she should be arrested for treason and executed. She based her claim on what she was told from a "source familiar with Trump's White House meeting."

This allegedly happened 18 months ago.

Remember, this is the same Trump who, as president, took great pride in his FBI dropping the hammer on those yahoos who were cooking up their plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

I'm not saying Trump did or didn't make the statement in private. If he

did, we don't know the context or to whom he was speaking. Did he say it under his breath? Was he trying to crack a joke to close associates? We don't know because Benson isn't expanding on her statement.

I do know that in the many Trump speeches I've listened to, he doesn't directly advocate for someone to commit a violent act against another.

Trump may be the master of bluster, bull crap and deception, but I've never heard him call for someone's abduction.

Detroit commentator Karen Dumas said on FOX2's "Let It Rip" that Benson's tardy claim sounds like an "unfortunate and failed attempt to bring some attention" to her campaign. Trying to drum up the sympathy vote with such shaky evidence as 18-month-old anonymous hearsay likely isn't going to work.

"It's very poor handling of something that probably isn't a very true statement," Dumas said.

Political consultant Sam Riddle added on the same program that he loves the secretary of state but, "Don't play us. We're not playable."

At the time Benson received the phone call, it was at the height of the election conspiracy claims. Benson and other elections officials were under an intense amount of scrutiny about "forensic" audits, black vans and tabulators connected to the Internet, etc.

That's still no excuse.

Karamo signed onto a lawsuit challenging the results of the 2020 election. She is smacked around by CNN and other national outlets for suggesting on her podcast that Antifa was behind the Jan. 6 riots at the U.S. Capitol. She said pop stars Ariana Grande and Billie Eilish are "under a satanic delusion."

She said "most perpetrators of this rise in paganism and witchcraft are celebrities."

There's plenty of material to use to paint Karamo as a conspiratorial whackjob if that's the direction the Democratic Secretaries of State Association or Benson's campaign wants to go.

If Benson and the Democrats are going to go in that direction, though, Benson's credibility needs to be beyond reproach.

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

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Illiteracy and a surge in bookstores are a conundrum in our community

By DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER

I frequent bookstores. Sometimes I go there to find a new book. To

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read in a comfy chair. To watch people finding books, and reading in their comfy chairs. In addition to new and used books, bookstores offer tea and pastry and lunch. I can meet with friends. Many people do this; writers in particular. Among the many things the pandemic robbed me of, this one I missed the most. Among the norms I am rarin' to get back to, visiting bookstores is high on my list.

So it was great to read the recent cover story

in City Pulse about the blooming of independent book stores locally. The gathering place for the club of literate people, independent bookstores are the threads in the fabric of our community.

Bookstores are businesses that literate people patronize. That's gold in being literate, pardner. A sticker or table that says "Local Author" is money in the bank for locally owned bookstores. People are still awed to meet an author. At bookstore readings they stand in line to get their book signed, a sign that they met the author, a certified literate person. Yet, local authors struggle to get their books on the shelves of the national chain bookstore, whereas local indie bookstore management doesn't have to ask the front office in New York about stocking a book.

Like all other businesses, bookstore owners have overhead and bills to pay. There's not a lot of profit in terms of money, but bookstore owners do not go into business to get rich. Amazon started by undercutting bookstores with bargain basement book prices, but the online retailer quickly diversified its stock to ... everything else.

Bookstores' stock-in-trade are



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ideas, stored in every square inch of the store, accessible by speaking to another person or grabbing a book or magazine from the shelves. Not a relic of history, the digitally inclined can also purchase electronic devices in the bookstore.

Every American should be ready for the bookstore, but in 2022 Michigan lolls in the bottom half of 50 states in literacy achievement.

"Improve Early Literary Achievement" is the #2 goal in the Michigan Department of Education's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan. In 2015, of 50 states Michigan was #41. In 2019, our state moved up to #32. That's progress, yet not enough.

Literacy among Black kids in Michigan has improved, barely. In 2015, just 8.5 percent of Black or African American students were reading at the fourth-grade level, but in 2019 that nearly doubled to 15 percent.

No top model, but at least the needle is pointing north.

People sometimes joke about Michigan trying to be Mich-issippi, a reference to the southern state that is a perpetual bottom feeder in education. It's hard for me to LOL at the joke because I attended Wayne State University in Detroit when it was hiring English professors from Ivy League universities.

What we are seeing in 2022 is books being banned, and the dumbing down of history and science books, and censorship of book content. It's a page out of "Fahrenheit 451," a book about burning books to keep people under control.

Being illiterate is like living life on a broken-up road. You can get where you're going, but it's going to be a rough ride, a very rough ride. everything is more difficult to accomplish, and the shame is always there. Plus, an illiterate person misses the benefits of the bookstore.

Statistics and demographics show that most human prisoners are deficient in their literacy skills, some to the point of being illiterate. It accounts for an inability to think through decisions, the ability to make a good decision, and not a bad one.

I am talking about getting an education where the main goal is to create responsible, thinking citizens

As America's meth crisis grows, it's time for a plan of action

By DAVID FAWCETT

(David Fawcett is clinical psychologist in Florida and the author of "Lust, Men, and Meth: A Gay Man's Guide to Sex and Recovery.")

It could be the young man with the jittery leg intently studying his phone at the coffee shop or the older, well-dressed man quickly thumbing through profiles seeking just a few hours of connection. Meth's easy intoxicating power combined with an epidemic of loneliness and the desire for connection create a perfect storm for the personal, familial and community tragedies we see today.

This is by no means a problem exclusive to men who have sex with men, although it is a serious issue in the gay/bi/transgender community. Just last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new data showing the highest rates of drug overdoses ever recorded, driven largely by the opioid fentanyl and methamphetamine. With stronger, cheaper and more destructive meth on the streets, it's easier to find it, to hook up via phone apps and push the envelope of chemsex — combining multiple drugs with sex. This is an epidemic destroying our social fabric and tearing apart families from rural and urban areas.

Meth floods the brain with pleasure-inducing dopamine. It creates a rush of heightened sexual desire. Users often combine it with other drugs to expand the experience, creating potentially lethal complications with the pulmonary system. Meth can also increase psychosis, paranoia and delusions that can become violent.

Here are some things we can do:

■ Recognize the failure of our drug reform policies. Addressing drug treatment (and mental health for that matter) within the judicial system is the worst possible solution. We need to recognize that this is a mental health crisis and treat it as such. This is not a law enforcement issue; although certainly law enforcement must be part of the solution.

■ Educate frontline professionals on addressing methamphetamines. Drugs often used with meth such as GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate) create respiratory failure after an overdose and require specific medical intervention — training often lacking within different jurisdictions.

■ Help people understand the culture in which this behavior occurs. Individuals who use meth don't start out attempting to behave badly. In nearly all cases they are seeking to numb emotional

pain, including searching for sexual and social interactions to soothe loneliness. They're seeking connection, they're seeking community, they're seeking friendship. As Johann Hari says in his brilliant Ted Talk (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PY9DcIMGxMs>), "the opposite of addiction is not sobriety, the opposite of addiction is connection." It is incumbent on us, including the LGBT community, to step forward and create opportunities for healthy connection.

■ Help each person understand one's value. During the pandemic, my local community saw a rash of overdose deaths among men who had been in recovery for years. These were men who were in their 50s and, although they had recovery, when they walked down the street other gay men didn't notice them. They felt less sexual, less attractive, invisible. That is where meth's ability to numb feelings of unworthiness while boosting sexual confidence began to flourish. People suffer quietly.

■ Increase harm reduction efforts including needle exchange. This intervention is a proven method to increase safety and reduce rates of HIV and Hep C. It saves lives. This includes providing treatment information, as well as support information for families.

■ Increase the capacity of healthcare providers (including mental health professionals) to deal with methamphetamine recovery. Many addiction specialists often feel that meth is so difficult to treat that they want nothing to do with it.

Meth can be treated. People do recover. But they need the trained support of professionals and safe spaces where they can do the long and hard work of recovery. Let's move past stigma and remove willful blindness that allows us to ignore this problem. This is ultimately not an issue of crime and punishment.



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who contribute to their community. Teachers and every person who works in a school are the foundation of the literacy industry. Bookstores are the capstone, the way a democratic, capitalist society can incorporate reading into everyday life.

The ultimate in literacy is writing and publishing a book. Writers are the embodiment of the value of thinking and the ability to be persistent. Writing and publishing my book, “Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, a Colored Man's Widow,” was “a labor of love.” A perseverance that required grit and resolve.

Bookstores offer readers a second home. This feeling comes across in series of murder mystery novels written by author Louise Penny. The series set in the fictional village of Three Pines in Quebec, Canada, focuses on Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. The big cast of characters includes another one I can identify with. Her name is Myrna.

Myrna is a Black female psychologist who retired to Three Pines. She owns the village bookshop that is complete with comfy overstuffed chairs. She lives in the same building as her business; it's at center of her good life within a community she loves.

In the City Pulse report, Lansing bookstore owners reported carving out their niche, offering books in a

boutique setting, curating its collection of books for the locals. Dylan Rogers explained how opening The Robin Books in Reotown during the pandemic saved his main business, the Robin Theater. What he's talking about is community, and how bookstores are helping to weave it.

(Dedria Humphries Barker is a Lansing resident. Her column appears on the last Wednesday of each month.)



Drawing by Dedria Humphries Barker

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Raymond Holt for City of East Lansing/Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

Etienne Charles performs at the 2019 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

15 THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER IN GREATER LANSING ... IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER



SUMMER IN THE CITY and BEYOND

BY SARAH SPOHN

With summer around the corner, it's time to jam-pack your calendar with family fun, festivals, outdoor concerts and fair food. Here's a guide to some must-see events, happening now through September, that City Pulse rounded up.

But before we get to some returning events, and a few new festivals, unfortunately, we have to pour one out for a couple that said "see you next time" or "farewell."

The big one, according to its organizers: "Common Ground Music Festival will not happen this year in the same format as in previous years."

Those were the words from a statement by Scott Keith, president & CEO of Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority.

In the same announcement, Keith added some context to the decision to pull the plug on the large-scale event that kicked off back in 2000.

"It was unanimously decided based on all the limiting factors of staffing, rising costs and expenses, and the impending construction at Adado Riverfront Park, that we should continue to evaluate our options for music this summer and fall," Keith explained. "We will try to find other venues to utilize, including Jackson Field, but limitations to schedules and other factors created a finite opportunity for use."

According to its website, thanks to its roster of mainstream touring acts, Common Ground attracted more than 1 million guests

to the downtown Lansing festival, with an estimated economic impact of "upwards of \$70 million."

Although the once-thriving music festival has ended, Keith said hope for a new event could be on the horizon. "We would love to bring music and live events back to downtown," he said. "All I can say is — stay tuned."

Keith said Margarita Fest, sponsored by City Pulse and LEPFA, has been put on hold this year because of staff issues. After two successful years, the pandemic forced its suspension for the last two years.

Another annual community mainstay to permanently close the curtain is the Renegade Theatre Festival. According to a May 11 Facebook post, organizers of the dynamic Old Town-based festival voted to retire the event after 20 years in an effort to make "way for new endeavors and opportunities," the social media statement read.

"I will forever be so proud of what we accomplished," said Renegade co-artistic director Melissa Kaplan. "We created room for the new, brought people together, contributed to neighborhood vitality and helped build Lansing's festival scene. Though most pandemic things felt terrible, a break in producing Renegade felt good so we decided the time was right to retire Renegade and move on to new creative projects."

While we say goodbye to now-defunct pillars of local fun, there's still plenty to do across Mid-Michigan. Keep reading to plan your summer calendar.

Featured Event

Little Woodstock Music & Art Festival

2021 Aurelius Road, Holt
Friday, May 27-Saturday, May 28
Noon-10 p.m.
FREE; \$25 artist lounge & pit passes
tinyurl.com/littlewoodstock

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The original Woodstock may have happened back in the Summer of Love, but that harmonious spirit lives on this year in Holt — albeit much more family friendly.

Little Woodstock Music & Art Festival, an all-ages street festival, features live music of all genres, food trucks, kid's activities, local vendors and more. Event founder and operations director Brandon Ashley Green said this second iteration of Little Woodstock, which began in East Lansing, is about more than just a good time. It's about making a difference in the community.

"The mission is to create a sustained platform to provide funding and exposure to our nonprofit partners, as well as the local musicians, artists and business vendors that make up the festival," he said. "We are thrilled to have raised over \$2,000 and counting for our beneficiary partner, Holt Food Bank."

Music headliners include Jen Sygit at 8:45 to 10 Friday night and Root Doctor 7:45 to 10 Saturday night. Sygit, a fixture in the Michigan folk scene and open mic nights at Moriarty's Pub, said this is her first time

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playing at the festival. Returning to big stages is a good feeling for the veteran performer.

"I feel like the tide is slowly changing and there are more venues bringing back live music," she said. "Unfortunately, there is also more competition for those gigs than ever due to the loss of venues and pay cuts."

The Little Woodstock bill gets even more special with a performance from Root Doctor, a fellow headliner. The band, which features vocalist Freddie Cunningham and a stacked band of seasoned blues musicians, announced its retirement last year, playing its "last" show on the Michigan Princess riverboat on Oct. 29, 2021 — but this appears to be a swift comeback for the local blues masters.

Last year, Cunningham announced his departure from the band that formed in 1989. He said he grew tired of being on the road, announced his retirement, and then COVID hit, which impacted many of the band's scheduled gigs.

"We do a combination of blues, and as some people say, jazz. It's a collection of covers and some songs we've written ourselves," Cunningham said. He's excited to return to the stage, but wants to make sure he's up for it.

"When you're performing regularly, it's like anything else, you're in shape," he added. "When you stop, that shape goes away. I'm looking forward to getting back and getting my timing back. I am excited," he added.



Courtesy photo

Root Doctor Band returns to the stage at Little Woodstock Music & Art Festival on Saturday (May 28).

Cristo Rey Fiesta

Cristo Rey Church Grounds
201 W. Miller Road, Lansing
Friday, May 27—Sunday, May 29
FREE

\$5 donation Friday–Saturday after 5 p.m.
facebook.com/cristo.fiesta

This celebration of Mexican culture opens with comments by Fiesta director Guillermo Z. Lopez, The Rev. Vincent Richardson and Lansing Mayor Andy Schor. The three-day festival, which has taken place for nearly four decades, offers authentic Mexican folkloric dancing, live music by Tejano and salsa merengue bands, homemade food and even a taco eating contest.

The BLOCK: AID

Washington Square, Downtown Lansing
Thursday, June 2
5:01–11 p.m.
FREE
lansing501.com

Lansing 5:01, Downtown Lansing Inc. and the City of Lansing invite all to detour through downtown's Washington Square for live music, local food and drink, and larger-than-life installations. Three blocks of Washington Square will be stacked with local artists, boutiques, food trucks and entertainment by Fool House, a '90s cover band.

Lansing 5:01 Executive Director Christopher Sell said this is the event's second year. In June 2021, the event was created "as a means to highlight Downtown Lansing with a large street festival and support downtown businesses that had faced challenging times as a result of the pandemic."

This year, Sell said the event adds street and community art projects, three different concert stages, a fashion show, hot yoga, and — for the foodies — cooking demos and classes.



Courtesy photo

The BLOCK: AID happens on Washington Square in Downtown Lansing.

Pumpstock 2022 Festival of American Roots Music

300 Bailey St., East Lansing
Saturday, June 11
2–8 p.m.
FREE

Donations at Gate/via Kickstarter Campaign
facebook.com/Pumpstock

This folky East Lansing outdoor music festival welcomes headliners Joshua Davis, Jordan Hamilton, Ken Yates, Annie Bacon, The Ukulele Kings and more. Pumpstock also includes local food vendors, including Cottage Inn Pizza and Blue Owl Coffee, along with children's activities, a ukulele petting zoo and more at the newly renovated Bailey Park.

Smitty Smith, the event's organizer, said this is the 12th annual Pumpstock, describing it as "a great day of great American Roots music in a family-friendly park environment." The festival, an offshoot of the Pump House Concert series in East Lansing, is collecting donations in advance via Kickstarter.



Photo courtesy of Smitty Smith

Rev. Robert Jones at Pumpstock 2021.

Lansing Beer Fest

Washington Avenue, REO Town
Saturday, June 11
4–9 p.m.
\$10–\$45
lansingbeerfest.com

Thirsty? The 8th annual Lansing Beer Fest returns to Washington Avenue in REO Town, between South and Elm streets — and it has plenty of suds. Event organizer (and local craft beer aficionado) Paul Starr said the yearly party shuts down the street for a day of fun. "We have 30 breweries and cideries available with more than 100 selections that attendees can sample," he said. "On top of that, there is a full day of live music to set the mood, and giant chess and checkers to entertain." Also new this year, Lansing Beer Fest will have more ready-to-drink cocktails on deck than previous years, Starr said.



Photo courtesy of Paul Starr

Lansing Beer Fest attendees.

517 Juneteenth

Washington Avenue, REO Town
Thursday, June 16—Sunday, June 19.
4:30–9 p.m.
FREE
517juneteenth.com

The 517 Juneteenth Weekend provides an opportunity for Mid-Michigan to celebrate black culture, expression and experience. Last year's event reportedly drew over 1,000 attendees, and this year is shaping up to be even bigger.

The event includes live musical performances, a comedy showcase, food, black-owned vendors, international booths, a kid's zone, battle of the BBQ, and more.

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

Downtown East Lansing
Friday, June 17—Saturday, June 18
FREE
eljazzfest.com

After a virtual presentation in 2021, the East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival returns with an in-person event in downtown East Lansing (Albert Avenue between Abbot Road and M.A.C. Avenue).



Raymond Holt for City of East Lansing/Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

Brandon Rose performs among the crowd at the 2019 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

Festival coordinator Justin Drwencke said the free, two-day musical event celebrates the best in local, regional and national jazz. The 26th annual festival features 19 bands on two different stages, over two days.

The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival was founded in 1996 by former East Lansing Arts Commission Co-chairman Al Cafagna, Drwencke said. After a few years on MSU's campus, the event moved to downtown East Lansing and grew from 800 to 8,000 attendees each year. In 2022, the jazz festival will be integrated into the Albert EL Fresco area and feature a series of performances to celebrate Juneteenth through traditional Black art form.

Charlotte Bluegrass Festival Eaton County Fairgrounds

1025 Cochran Road, Charlotte
Thursday, June 23—Saturday, June 25
\$30; \$90 weekend tickets
charlottebluegrassfestival.com

For those in search of true mountain music, no need to travel down to Appalachia. The authentic stuff is right here. This year marks the milestone 50th anniversary of the annual Charlotte Bluegrass Festival, started in 1972 by Gary Lyons.

This year's lineup features national headlining spots from The Cleverlys, Sideline, Volume Five and The Po' Ramblin' Boys.

Event promoter Wes Pettinger said the fest is "a wonderful family event for the adults and kids." With three days of music, over 200 campers come to the grounds for the event. The fest features music workshops, concerts, a craft show and cornhole tournaments. "The stage shows are exciting," he said, "but we also have all kinds of jam sessions in the camping area during and after the stage shows."



Courtesy

The Cleverlys perform at this year's Charlotte Bluegrass Festival.

ScrapFest

Turner St., Old Town
Friday, July 8: 5–9 p.m.
Saturday, July 9: 11–7 p.m.
FREE
scrapfest.com

For 12 years now, ScrapFest has built up a "repurpose-focused" art festival, complete with a scrap metal sculpture competition, eco-art booth artisans, family activities, live music and food.

Event organizer Mike Bass said the competition portion involves around 20 teams, each getting an hour to pick 500 pounds of scrap metal out of Friedland Industries' scrap recycling plant. "They then get one month to create sculptures, which are on display, juried, and auctioned off during the festival in See Summer, Page 15

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mid-July,” Bass said.

There are three new components this year, Bass said, including an 8K run/walk called The Great Scrap Run on Saturday and a Refashion Show.

The Refashion Show gives teams a month to use scrap fabric to make something wearable. Models will showcase the apparel near the stage Friday night.

“This is the first time we’ll have the festival since Old Town has been designated as a Social District,” Bass said. “This means that people can purchase food and beverages (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) from participating establishments, and walk/sit within the boundaries of the Social District. ScrapFest is fully within the boundaries of the Social District, so we have added umbrella seating to accommodate for this.”



Photo by Mike Bass

“African Elephant,” at ScrapFest, by participating team Hammered.

The Dam Jam Music Festival

Brenke Fish Ladder, Old Town
Thursday, July 14—Saturday, July 16
\$10/ticket Thursday, FREE Fri.—Sat.
lansing501.com/events

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Making for one of Lansing’s most unique pop-up concert spaces, the Brenke Fish Ladder is the location of Dam Jam Music Festival, put on by Lansing 5:01 for the fourth year in a row. The three-day music festival will have a bigger stage than previous years. “Lansing 5:01 launched Dam Jam years ago to showcase our region’s renowned river trail, multi-modal transportation and regional amenities with large concert stages featuring Michigan-based performing artists,” said Christopher /Sell, Lansing 5:01’s executive director.



Courtesy photo

The Dam Jam takes over the Brenke Fish Ladder in Old Town.

The ticketed Thursday, July 14, concert comprises some of Nashville’s hottest up-and-coming country artists, including Shy Cater, Avery Anna and Reyna Roberts. Free performances follow the next two days with sets from Detroit-based rapper JayPitts, Lansing-based hip hop artist Kwaj, Grand Rapids-based band Phabies, Ann Arbor’s rapper and songwriter Nadim Azzam, and East Lansing’s Cross Eyed Strangers.

Michigan JazzFest

Turner St., Old Town
Thursday, Aug. 4—Saturday, Aug. 6
FREE
micharts.org/about-jazzfest

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A melodic Lansing staple, JazzFest, produced by Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, includes over 20 hours of top-notch performers, clinics, workshops and jazzy activities. Nearly 5,000 people attend each year to see national and regional talent in the heart of Old Town. The performer lineup has yet to be announced, but there will be three venues this year: the Turner Street Stage and the River Stage (both open air) and the UrbanBeat Afterglow Stage, which is indoors.

Lansing Pride 2022

Old Town Lansing
Saturday, Aug 13
1-10 p.m.
FREE
lansingpride.org

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Details on first-time, family-friendly event are still in the works, but Lansing Pride, a nonprofit, hosts this “celebration of love and diversity” in Old Town. The event promises live entertainment, vendors, merchandise and more. All are welcome to come out and support, while enjoying entertainment along Turner Street and browsing more than 30 vendors. The kid’s activity center, by Sir Pizza, includes fun stuff like “Storytime with a Drag Queen.” The event is looking for both sponsors and volunteers; contact Lansing Pride for details.

Eastside Summer Fest

Lansing’s Eastside Neighborhood
Michigan Ave., from Hayford
to Marshall Street
Saturday, Aug. 20
11-10 p.m.
FREE

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This free, family-friendly event showcases, celebrates and uplifts the eastside community. Event coordinator Bridget Doyle said that last year the event featured live entertainment and over 80 vendors ranging from artists to creators, small businesses and nonprofits.

This is the second year the event, started to uplift and celebrate local businesses hit hard by the pandemic, will occur. “We have decided to make this year’s event one day,” said Doyle, who is also an Eastside Neighborhood Organization board member. “Last year, we held it on a Friday and Saturday and while it was successful and well attended, we think one day will help us fine-tune details we missed last year.” New this year is the addition of food trucks, so feel free to show up hungry.

Michigan Chicken Wing Festival

300 N. Grand Ave., Adado Riverfront Park,
Lansing
Saturday, Sept. 3—Sunday, Sept. 4
2-9 p.m.
\$5-\$55
michiganchickenwingfestival.com

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The founder/CEO of Michigan Chicken Wing Festival, Shirley Carter-Powell, said the annual event is two days of fun-filled activities, live bands, a chicken wing-eating contest, VIP beer and wine tent, food and merchandise vendors, a Kids Zone and more.

The event began in 2015 as a way to bring some family fun back to Adado Riverfront Park over the Labor Day weekend. “The park had been vacant of activities on that weekend since 1999,” Carter-Powell said. The festival serves as a fundraiser for the nonprofit Against All Odds.

“The festival is known for our variety flavors of wings, especially the Blueberry BBQ,” she said. “This year, we will be selling some of our sauces. Festival-goers will also enjoy new activities, including a 50/50 drawing and more door prizes.”

Ticket options range from \$5 for general admission, \$35 for eight wing samples and three beer or hard ciders, and \$45-\$55 VIP options, which include more samples.



Courtesy photo

Michigan Chicken Wing Festival takes place Labor Day weekend in Adado Riverfront Park.

Michigan BluesFest

Turner St., Old Town
Thursday, Sept. 15—Sat., Sept. 17
FREE
micharts.org/about-bluesfest

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Another staple in the summer music festival season, BluesFest, began in 1994, sponsored by 92.1 WWDX and MessageMakers. Today, the MICA event draws over 5,000 people to Old Town each weekend. For those looking for a behind-the-scenes experience, the fest is now accepting volunteer submissions — write mica@micharts.org to find out more. The performer lineup is yet to be announced, but it historically brings in a remarkable roster of players. For those looking to take in a full-scale music fest before Michigan cools off, this is the spot.



BluesFest 2022 is Sept. 15-17

MORE SUMMER EVENTS

From family-friendly affairs to 21-and-over soirees with plenty of beverages to choose from, here are more Greater Lansing happenings to add to your calendar.

South Lansing Farmers Market

800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing
Thursdays through Oct. 20
3 p.m. - 7 p.m., FREE

The South Lansing Farmers Market supports a sustainable local food system, providing a vibrant community gathering space where consumers establish relationships with the Michigan producers from whom they purchase fresh, affordable, locally-grown foods.

CADL Summer Reading Challenge

Through Aug. 7
cadl.org

Children, teens and adults can all earn prizes just by reading and doing fun activities in the Capital Area District Library’s Summer Reading Challenge. This free program, designed to encourage people to read over their busy summer, has a “Tails and Tales” theme, celebrating the many ways we connect with animals.



Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square

100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte
Recurring weekly on Thursday June 2– Aug. 18
6:30 p.m., FREE

Held at Courthouse Square in downtown Charlotte, this free evening of live music spans the ’50s through today. From indie and folk to gospel, blues and country, there’s a show for almost everyone. There’s even a smooth “yacht rock” band.

June 2: Sea Cruisers
June 9: The Rolling Hills
June 16: Dwayne Spaw
June 23: Kathleen & The Bridge
Street Band
July 7: Laurie & The Lefties
July 14: Acoustic Liberty
July 21: Spoonful
July 28: Chosen
Aug. 4: Claim Jumpers
Aug. 11: Parted Waters
Aug. 18: EZY Street Band

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MORE SUMMER EVENTS

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lansingcitypulse.com/calendar

Okemos Music Academy Grand Opening Celebration

Okemos Music Academy
2220 University Park Drive,
Okemos
Friday, June 10
4-7 p.m.

Okemos Music Academy is celebrating its upgrade to a bigger building with a grand opening celebration. A 1 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony is followed by an open house from 4-7 p.m. Stop by for food, children's activities, a chance to win great prizes and live music from former academy student and "American Idol" contestant Jacob Moran.

Friday Night Concert Series

Lake Lansing Park South Band Shell
1621 Pike St., Haslett
Fridays: June, July, August.
7-9 pm

The Friends of Ingham County Parks hosts this long-running free live music at the Lake Lansing Park South Band Shell. Children can enjoy the big wheel tricycles at the tricycle track, bounce house and giant inflatable slide. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic. FREE parking and admission.

June 3: Don Middlebrook and the Pearldivers
June 10: Full House
June 17: Roadside Attraction
June 24: Brenda Loomis
July 1: Meridian Community Band
July 8: Glen Erin/Crossbow
July 15: Sea Cruisers

July 22: Kathleen & The Bridge Street Band
July 29: Stone Street Revival
Aug. 5: Parted Waters
Aug. 12: Frog King
Aug. 19: Tony Thompson ft. Invasion Band
Aug. 26: Showdown

ELPL Summer Reading Program

950 Abbot Road, East Lansing
June 6-Aug. 8
elpl.org/summer

Literary enthusiasts unite! This diverse program at the East Lansing Public Library includes fun programs for everyone, including an all-ages dance party kickoff event, outdoor yoga, stories in the garden, pajama nights, family history workshops, concerts, tiny art, and more. Register today at elpl.readsquared.com.

Gizzard Fest 2022

200 W. Main Street, Potterville
June 9-11
gizzardfest.org

Thousands of people from across the Midwest stream into the small town of Potterville for this unique event. The fun atmosphere has live music, carnival and great food — including plenty of gizzards.

Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays, June 15—Aug. 3
Lansing area parks
lansingmi.gov

This series of live shows happens each Wednesday and is presented by Lansing Parks and Recreation. Bring the family, a blanket or chair — and relax.

June 15: 7-9 p.m. — Dueling Pianos at Durant Park
June 22: 7-9 p.m.—Mikeyy Austin at Comstock Park
June 29: 7-9 p.m. — Jackpine Savages at Hunter Park
July 4: 7-9 p.m. — Lansing Concert Band at Riverfront Park
July 13: 7-9 p.m. — Sea Cruisers at Turner Dodge House
July 20: 7-9 p.m. — RITMO at Marscot Park
July 27: 7-9 p.m. — Tejano Sound at Frances Park
Aug. 3: 7-9 p.m. — Global Village at Davis Park

Zoo Nights at Potter Park Zoo

1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing
June 16, July 21, Aug. 18
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
potterparkzoo.org

This 21-and-over event is a casual, happy-hour style event that feature tastes from local restaurants and beverage companies. Patrons can enjoy the zoo after hours, visit with the animals, and enjoy yard games with friends all while savoring tasty treats. Vendors include Burgdorf Winery, Sierra Rose Hard Cider, Archival Brewing and Red Cedar Spirits, to name a few. Tickets are \$15 for zoo member and \$20 for non-members. Each guest receives three drink tickets, additional tickets are available for purchase.

Music in the Park

Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing
June 21—Aug. 16
deltami.gov

Three shows remain in this ongoing calendar of shows. Live music starts at 7p.m., food trucks open at 6 p.m. Enjoy live music at Sharp Park.
June 21: The Frog King (Neil Diamond tribute), Tim Hunt's Dueling Pianos, Rum Runners Reunion Show
July 19: Jack Pine Savages
Aug. 16: Sea Cruisers with Brian Bristol

Grand Ledge Music in the Park

Jaycee Park
525 E. River Street, Grand Ledge
Thursdays: June 23–Aug. 18
7-9pm

Bring your friends and a lawn chair or blanket. There will be food concessions available onsite. This season of shows offers up a wide range of genres, including a show from one of Lansing's top '80s covers band, Starfarm.

June 23: Three Men and a Tenor, Easton Childs
June 30: Claim Jumpers, Creature of One
July 7: GL Bums, Rolling Hills
July 14: Global Village, School of Rock
July 21: The Frog King, Tim Hunt's

Deuling Pianos
July 28: Sea Cruisers, Brian Bristol
Aug. 4: Jack Pine Savages, Darrin Larner Jr.
Aug. 11: Stone Street Revival, Nicholas James Thomasma
Aug. 18: Starfarm, Shelby & Jake

Elderly Instruments 50th Birthday Block Party

1000 N. Washington Ave, Lansing
Tuesday, July 5
Noon-9 p.m., FREE
elderly.com/pages/50years

Elderly Instruments is a widely respected and trusted dealer of vintage, new, and used fretted and stringed instruments. This July, Elderly celebrates the start of its 50th year, and the second generation of the family-owned business, with a block party. It will feature over 11 hours of live music on two stages, food trucks, a tin-type photographer, axe throwing, children's activities, workshops, instrument demos, and more.

Chalk of the Town

1232 Turner St., Lansing
Saturday, June 4.
All day, FREE

Old Town invites all to watch local artists make our streets a little more colorful. Beginning in the morning, artists take to the streets and create masterpieces on their assigned piece of sidewalk using chalk only. The creations are completed by the afternoon when the judging commences.

Eaton County Fair

1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte
July 11-16
eatoncountyfair.com

Five days of family fun, including carnival rides, live entertainment, tractor pulls, horse racing, plenty of good food, and various competitions and agricultural exhibits. A Charlotte tradition.

29th Annual Car Capital Auto Show

R. E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Dr., Lansing
Saturday, July 30
8:30- 3:30 pm
FREE to spectators, \$25 for car show entrants

Come celebrate the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum's 29th Annual Car Capital Auto Show in downtown Lansing. The show will be on the grounds of the museum and surrounding properties, including Impression 5 Science Center. Both museums will be open and food trucks on site.

Ingham County Fair

700 E. Ash Street, Mason
August 2-6
fair.ingham.org

The 168th Ingham County Fair draws in families from all over the county, from Lansing to Stockbridge. The ride-filled event has partnered with the Ingham County Fair Foundation to provide youth livestock, horse and still life shows throughout the five-day event. The Large Animal Auction is set for noon Aug. 4 and the Small Animal Auction is 11 a.m. Aug. 6. Skerbeck's Entertainment Group provides rides and games and, of course, there will be plenty tasty fair food.

49th Annual Island Art Fair

Island Park, 206 W. River Street, Grand Ledge
Saturday, Aug. 6.
9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Over 100 artisans and craftsman fill the island with beautiful handmade products. Enjoy shows from musicians, visit the snack vendors and embark on a riverboat ride — available for purchase every hour on the hour.

Rose All Day

Cooley Gardens, 125 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing
Saturday, Aug. 6
11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$40

Pop the cork and grab your pals for the 2nd annual Rosé All Day festival in Lansing's beautiful Cooley Gardens. Prepare for an Instagram worthy event as you wander the gardens while tasting from more than a dozen Rosé wines, accompanied with live music, local artisans and boutiques, food trucks and drag performances.

St. Johns Mint Festival

Friday, Aug. 12—Sunday, Aug. 14
800 W. Park St., St. Johns
mintfest.org

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Friday, Aug. 12: 2 p.m.-8 p.m.,
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Sunday, Aug.: 14th: 10 am-5 pm

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Elden Kelly and Gregg Hill

Thurs., May 26, 6-8 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

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Kurt Stone

Friday, May 27, 7-10 p.m.

Jake VanRavensway

Sat., May 28, 7-10 p.m.

Lansing Brewing Co.

518 E. Shiawassee St.
Lansing

Distant Stars

Sat., May 28, 7-10 p.m.

Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington
Lansing

Sound an Echo

Wed., May 25, 7:30 p.m.

Urban Beat

1213 Turner Rd.
Lansing

The Pickle Mafia

Fri., May 22, 7-10 p.m.

TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

LIFE CHANGING ALBUM:
THE RODEO BOYS' TIFFANY
HANNAY TALKS FRANK BLACK



Nathan Iverson

Lansing musician Tiffany Hannay, of The Rodeo Boys, talks up the 1993 debut solo album from Frank Black of the Pixies.

Band set to play Motor City Pride and Punk in Drublic Festival with NOFX

City Pulse caught up with Tiffany Hannay, guitarist/vocalist in Lansing's own The Rodeo Boys, to discuss an album that helped shape her own sound. Hannay chose the solo debut from a member of The Pixies. Read on to hear how and why this 1993 album is a life changer. Next month, fans can catch The Rodeo Boys at the Motor City Pride Festival on June 11 and then at the Punk in Drublic Festival (with headliners NOFX) on July 9. A late summer tour and details on the band's sophomore album will be announced soon. In the meantime, here's what Hannay had to say.

What album did you choose?

Tiffany Hannay: The most life changing album for me is Frank Black's self-titled album. I had always loved the Pixies and listened to some one-off tracks, but I didn't fully indulge in the album until late in 2018, when I was 26. I was going through some tricky life stuff at the time and got super obsessed with it.

How did you first discover Frank Black's solo material?

I had heard a more recent Frank Black song on a playlist that my friend made for me back in 2012 and didn't make the connection that it was Charles Thompson (aka Frank Black) from the Pixies. I had listened a little more over the years, but I think I had just fully gone through every Pixies album and I was jazzed to find anything that was adjacent to it.

Between the Pixies, and all of the Pixies offshoots like Black Francis, Frank Black and The Catholics, The Breeders and The Amps, there is so much good music there coming out of that group of people. It's insanely impressive that Charles Thompson has basically put out an album every year for the last 25 years, sometimes twice a year, and they all have great songs on them. The

man is a genius.

Did the album have an immediate impact on you?

Pretty much. The first time I played it all the way through, I just kept relisten- ing. I remember exactly what I was do- ing. I was at work and we had a bunch of blue spruce removals, which can be really monotonous. I think I was deal- ing with some relationship troubles at the time and was feeling a little lost and under-slept.

What aspects of the album touch you the most?

I'm just really impressed with the song writing as a whole. The choices he makes with melody really surprise me. He uses a lot of chords that you wouldn't expect, and the songs change direction, which really grabs my atten- tion and keeps me super interested. I think it's brilliant. I've never been all that wild about his lyric writing in the Pixies. I think it's good and all, but a lot of it is really abstract. This album has some really cool themes. Specifically, "Places Named After Numbers."

Overall, how would you describe the album?

It's really funky and poppy. It shows a less popular side to '90s music that I ab- solutely love. There's a lot of very taste- ful saxophone and other horns that hit really well. Some of the tracks, like "Fu Manchu," almost give me a "Twin Peaks" vibe. I listen to it and can just tell it was not at all that popular when it came out. I always get so excited to show this album to people, but they rarely like it as much as I do. It has definitely validated my in- stinct to not write songs in a standard format. It feeds into my desire to mess around with whatever feels good.



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Six suggestions for a super stoned summer in Lansing

A totally biased guidebook to a few dank new pot products

Not feeling too jazzed up about all the other summer activities outlined in this issue?

Try smoking some pot.

With the sunny season quickly approaching, there's certainly no shortage of dank new cannabis products blooming their way onto the shelves at pot shops across Greater Lansing and beyond — so without further ado, here are a few items, and one event, that might be worth your time this summer:

The Smoker's Ball by CEP Presents

— tickets start at \$40 at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

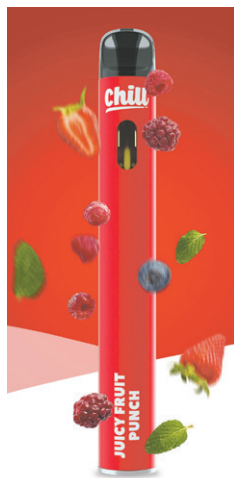
The “biggest summer celebration of music, arts and cannabis culture” is coming to Adado Riverfront Park from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13. Rapper Juicy J — a founding member of Three 6 Mafia — and Devin the Dude are set to perform. The full lineup hasn't been released.

Disposable Vape Pens by Breeze Chill

— \$35 (or 3/\$99) at [FARS Cannabis](https://www.farscannabis.com)

Breeze addicts rejoice: There's a new disposable vape pen in town this summer that might look a bit familiar. The folks behind the popular fruity nicotine pens are now in the weed game — and these one-gram, disposable cartridges are a convenient, subtle and tasty way to stay stoned.

They don't taste quite as juicy as their nicotine counterparts, but they come fully loaded and ready to rip with more than 800 mg of straight THC. And this isn't your average distillate. These pens hit more like a dab rig than a disposable pocket vape, with a potent high to go with it.



Juicy J of Three Six Mafia fame performs Aug. 13 at The Smoker's Ball.

I recommend the Rainbow Sherbet and Juicy Fruit Punch, which tastes like Juicy Fruit gum.

White 99 and 99 Problems by Cloud Cover

— \$25/3.5g (or \$150/oz) at [High Profile](https://www.highprofile.com)

High Profile officially opened Friday (May 20) just off M-52 in Webberville by McDonald's. Naturally, I was among the first few people in the door — and I'll definitely be back for more.

The shop's in-house Cloud Cover brand is harvested less than a mile away in the business park. Strangely, every strain has the same low price. And at least two pack a serious punch.

White 99 is a wildly potent sativa with vanilla notes and a musky, kush profile. I could hardly sit down long enough to smoke a full joint before I felt a sudden impulse to clean my whole house.

If you actually have 99 problems, you'll probably find a way to solve them all with this next strain.

99 Problems — a cross between the White 99 and Stardawg — only seems to ramp up the uplifting and energetic effects of the White 99 with some earthier, slightly skunkier flavors.

Word to the wise: If you tend to get paranoid when you smoke, maybe avoid these two strains.



Sour Gummies by Wyld

— \$18/100mg at [High Profile](https://www.highprofile.com)

Some of the tastiest gummies on the market just got even tastier with a new “sour” flavor lineup. Formulated with the same real fruit ingredients, these gummies also include a blend of botanical terpenes to maximize the effects of each cannabinoid profile. Sour Apple, for example, includes sativa-leaning terpenes for a euphoric and energizing experience. The Sour Cherry leans more toward the indica side of the terpene spectrum — with some major full-body relaxation effects.



Sweet Island Skunk Prerolls by TICAL X Glorious Cannabis Co.

— \$25 at southeast Michigan dispensaries

Racial disparities are hard to miss in Michigan's cannabis industry. Out of more than 300 stores, there are only six Black-owned retailers throughout Michigan. None are in Lansing.

So, to take advantage of this equity-focused release from Glorious Cannabis Co. and TIKAL, you'll need to take a road trip to Detroit. TIKAL — or Taking into Consideration All Lives — is the brand of legendary Wu-Tang Clan member, lyrical master and cannabis icon Method Man.



Because his company prioritizes partnerships with female and minority-owned businesses, this exclusive infused preroll strain “Sweet Island Skunk” is only available at Black-owned shops like Remedy, House of Zen, House of Mary Jane, West Coast Meds and Viola. It's worth the trip: This skunky-sweet joint was loaded with Ghost OG (a hybrid strain of my all-time favorite OG Kush) that led to some electrically uplifting effects. A layer of Kush Mints bubble hash infused into the joint also ratcheted up THC levels and added a pleasant floral note into the mix.

Kyle Kaminski is City Pulse's managing editor and a cannabis enthusiast. Editor & Publisher magazine has also labeled him as “arguably, the state's authority on everything you need to know about cannabis.” Have a suggestion for a cannabis product? Email kyle@lansingcitypulse.com.



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Capital City Sweets is flush with dough

Cookie-centered start-up opens in Middle Village Micro-Market

BY SARAH SPOHN

When four local 20-somethings saw a post about Lansing Built to Last, a local startup competition launched in response to the pandemic, they got together and created a tasty business proposal.

Co-owners Kaitlyn Youngblood, Patrick Kayser, Stephen Van Nada and Paul

Mooney pitched their idea of Capital City Sweets, a dessert shop specializing in cookie dough. Although they did not win the competition, the entrepreneurs are still celebrating because that idea is now a reality.

Tuesday (May 24), Capital City Sweets celebrated its grand opening at 112 S. Washington Square, in downtown Lansing's Middle Village Micro-Market, a shared spot located in Downtown Lansing Inc.'s office space.

Inspired by an edible cookie dough company out of New York, customers can choose from an assortment of flavors, including vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter cup and M&M.

"All of our dough is made with no eggs, no dairy and no tree nuts," Youngblood explained. "It's nice to have a very inclusive ingredients list that all kinds of people can enjoy regardless of your diet restrictions."

The shop's inventory, which is prepared and packaged at the Allen Neigh-

borhood Center, also offers original chocolate chip cookie dough as well as a gluten-friendly flavor, cookies and cream, which is available in 2-ounce balls, a six pack, or 8-ounce self-serve cups. Online ordering is also available.

The owners were pleased with the turnout of state workers and curious passerbyers at its May 17 soft opening.

"We wanted to soft-launch on 517 "day" — we figured that was great for our brand," Youngblood said. "We are all local to Lansing, and our whole thing is wanting to bring life back into Lansing."

In the near future, the enterprising team aims to expand its menu to include homemade ice cream, pies and other specialty desserts. They envision flavors named

after Lansing-area landmarks, and look forward to customer input for flavor ideas. Another long-term goal: opening a stand-alone Capital City Sweets storefront.



Courtesy photo

From left: Steven Van Nada, Kaitlyn Youngblood, and Patrick Kayser, three of the four owners of Capital City Sweets.

Capital City Sweets is the first retail business in the portfolio of the owners' Capital Point Investments company, which hosted the Lansing Alive Festival last year. The budding investment group's website boasts that it's "ready to emerge as one of Lansing's most impactful" commercial real estate development firms. For them, cookie dough is just the beginning.

"We're all in our 20s and full of ideas and businesses we think could really thrive in Lansing," Kayser said.



Courtesy photo

Capital City Sweets celebrated its grand opening Tuesday (May 24) at Middle Village Micro-Market in Downtown Lansing. The business sells ready-to-eat cookie dough.



Capital City Sweets

112 S. Washington Square
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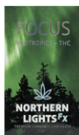
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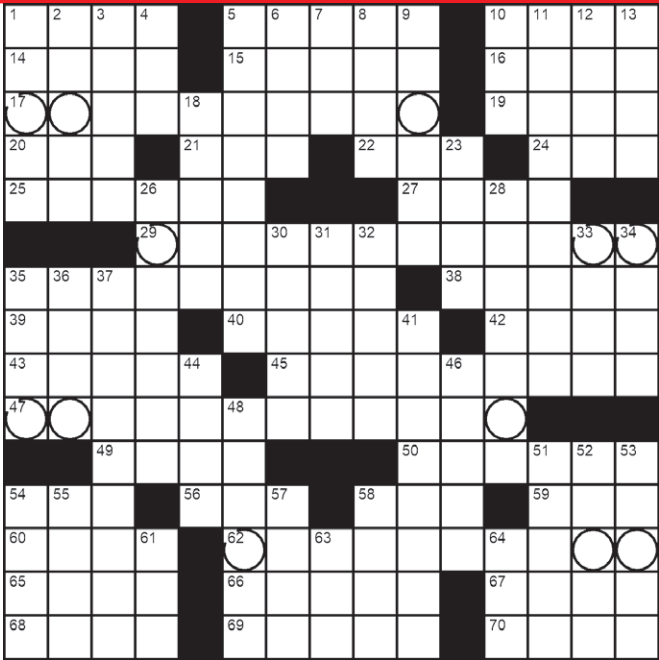
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“Outside Help”—in with the assist.
by Matt Jones

Across

- 1. Goes with the flow?
- 5. Swing your arms around like Kermit
- 10. Has no presence
- 14. Snack that turned 110 in March
- 15. Grounation Day participant
- 16. Philistine
- 17. Altered, before Photoshop, maybe
- 19. “Knights of Cydonia” band
- 20. 2000 TV show with a 2021 sequel
- 21. Suffix for Quebec
- 22. Barrett of Pink Floyd
- 24. Greek goddess of night
- 25. Former German chancellor Kohl
- 27. “The Handmaid’s Tale” actress Ann
- 29. Vitamin C, alternately
- 35. Specialty of Lenny Bruce or Jimmy Carr
- 38. Compete like gold medalists Momiji Nishiya and Keegan Palmer
- 39. Name in machine-made frozen drinks
- 40. Uruguayan currency
- 42. Commedia dell’ ____
- 43. Gal on screen
- 45. Switches around the kids’ room?
- 47. Advice to those not wishing to win completely
- 49. “How foolish ____!”
- 50. M&M variety
- 54. It holds a lot of coffee
- 56. Scam Tracker agcy.
- 58. Div. of a fiscal year



- 59. “It’s ____-win situation”
- 60. Best Picture winner of 2022
- 62. Offer that may bring you a lot
- 65. Weather report stats
- 66. Fade out, like a light
- 67. Picture, in old product names
- 68. Quickly, on memos
- 69. Throw barbs (at)
- 70. Chest contents

Down

- 1. Recent Canadian “Jeopardy!” super-champ Mattea
- 2. Come up
- 3. Thin ice, say
- 4. Show sorrow
- 5. Round item in a bag lunch
- 6. Aberdeen teen
- 7. Retired tennis star

- Barty
- 8. Suffix meaning “residents”
- 9. “Candle in the Wind 1997” dedicatee, familiarly
- 10. “Big Blue” company
- 11. Computer audio installation
- 12. Overly curious
- 13. “Jurassic Park” dinosaur, for short
- 18. The “R” of NASCAR’s RfK Racing
- 23. Physicians, informally
- 26. Steal, with “with”
- 28. Place referenced in the “Black Panther” sequel’s title
- 30. Signs of the future
- 31. Perez who did a guest voice on “Dora the Explorer”
- 32. Bucking horse
- 33. Put ____ the test
- 34. “Disco Duck” DJ Rick

- 35. “ ____ Little Deeper” (song from “The Princess and the Frog”)
- 36. “Superfruit” berry
- 37. Home of Microsoft’s corporate HQ
- 41. Freeze, in a sci-fi story
- 44. Archaeological find
- 46. Febrero preceder
- 48. Packs again at the checkout
- 51. Home planet of Queen Amidala
- 52. Solidarity
- 53. Commotions
- 54. Pac-12 team
- 55. Joeys and other jumpers
- 57. “ ____ giorno!” (Italian for “good morning!”)
- 58. Swab on a stick
- 61. Snake that bit Cleopatra
- 63. One-fifth of MMV
- 64. Part of a Bored Ape collection, e.g.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezсны

May 25-May 31, 2022

ARIES (March 21–April 19): In defining the essential elements at play in a typical Aries person’s agenda, I’m not inclined to invoke the words “sometimes” or “maybe.” Nor do I make frequent use of the words “periodically,” “if,” or “ordinarily.” Instead, my primary identifying term for many Aries characters is “NOW!!!” with three exclamation points. In referring to your sign’s experiences, I also rely heavily on the following descriptors: pronto, presto, push, directly, why not?, engage, declare, activate, venture into, enterprising, seize, deliver, and wield. You are authorized to fully activate and deploy these qualities in the next three weeks.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): I like Joan Didion’s definitions of self-respect. As you enter a favorable phase for deepening and enhancing your self-respect, they may be helpful. Didion said self-respect is a “sense of one’s intrinsic worth,” and added, “People who respect themselves are willing to accept the risk that the venture will go bankrupt, that the liaison may not turn out to be one in which every day is a holiday. They are willing to invest something of themselves.” And maybe the most essential thing about self-respect, according to Didion, is that it is “a discipline, a habit of mind that can never be faked but can be developed, trained, coaxed forth.”

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): “Reality is not simply there; it does not simply exist,” claimed author Paul Celan. “It must be sought out and won.” I think that is excellent advice for you right now. But what does it mean in practical terms? How can you seek out and win reality? My first suggestion is to put your personal stamp on every situation you encounter. Do something subtle or strong to make each event serve your specific interests and goals. My second suggestion is to discern the illusions that other people are projecting and avoid buying into those misunderstandings. My third suggestion is to act as if it’s always possible to make life richer, more vivid, and more meaningful. And then figure out how to do that.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Wilma Mankiller was the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. She said, “The cow runs away from the storm, while the buffalo charges directly toward it—and gets through it quicker.” Political analyst Donna Brazile expounded on Mankiller’s strategy: “Whenever I’m confronted with a tough challenge, I do not prolong the torment. I become the buffalo.” I recommend Mankiller’s and Brazile’s approach for you and me in the coming days, my fellow Cancerian. Now please excuse me as I race in the direction of the squall I see brewing in the distance.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): The New Yorker is an influential Pulitzer Prize-winning magazine that features witty writing and impeccable fact-checking. In 2017, its stories exposed the extensive sexual misconduct committed by movie mogul Harvey Weinstein—and helped lead to his prosecution. How did the magazine get its start? It was co-founded in 1925 by Harold Ross, who had dropped out of school at age 13. He edited every issue for the next 26 years. I’m sensing the possibility of a comparable development in your life, Leo. In the coming months, you may get involved in a project that seems to be beyond the reach of your official capacities or formal credentials. I urge you to proceed as if you can and will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Virgo-born Jocko Willink is a retired naval officer and author. In his book Discipline Equals Freedom: Field Manual, he lays down his manifesto: “Become the discipline—embrace its cold and relentless power. And it will make you better and stronger and smarter and faster and healthier than anything else. And most important: It will make you free.” While I don’t expect you to embrace Willink’s rigorous ethic with the same fanatical grip, I think you will benefit from doing the best you can. The cosmic rhythms will support you if you make a fun and earnest

effort to cultivate liberation through discipline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): “Some nights you are the lighthouse, some nights the sea,” writes Libran author Ocean Vuong. According to my astrological analysis, you are better suited to be the lighthouse than the sea in the coming days. Lately, you have thoroughly embodied the sea, and that has prepared you well to provide illumination. You have learned new secrets about the tides and the waves. You are attuned to the rhythms of the undercurrents. So I hope you will now embrace your role as a beacon, Libra. I expect that people will look to your radiance to guide and inspire them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): “Movie people are possessed by demons, but a very low form of demons,” observes author Edna O’Brien. She should know. She has hung out with many big film stars. Since you’re probably not in the movie business yourself, your demons may be much higher quality than those of celebrity actors and directors. And I’m guessing that in the coming weeks, your demons will become even finer and more interesting than ever before—even to the point that they could become helpers and advisors. For the best results, treat them with respect and be willing to listen to their ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): I’m all in favor of you getting what you yearn for. I have no inhibitions or caveats as I urge you to unleash all your ingenuity and hard work in quest of your beautiful goals. And in the hope of inspiring you to upgrade your ability to fulfill these sacred prospects, I offer you a tip from Sagittarian author Martha Beck. She wrote, “To attract something that you want, become as joyful as you think that thing would make you.”

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): According to author Caroline Myss, “You should see everything about your life as a lesson.” Whoa! Really? Each trip to the grocery store should be a learning opportunity? Myss says yes! For example, let’s say you’re in the snack foods aisle and you’re tempted to put Doritos Nacho Cheese Tortilla Chips and Lay’s Barbecue Potato Chips in your cart. But your gut is screaming at you, “That stuff isn’t healthy for you!” And yet you decide to ignore your gut’s advice. You buy and eat both bags. Myss would say you have squandered a learning opportunity: “You’ve harmed yourself by blocking your intuitive voice,” she writes. Now, in accordance with astrological omens, Capricorn, here’s your homework assignment: Regard every upcoming event as a chance to learn how to trust your intuition better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): An Aquarian poet was disturbed when a suitor told her, “I’m really very fond of you.” She responded, “I don’t like fond. It sounds like something you would tell a dog. Give me love, or nothing. Throw your fond in a pond.” I don’t advise you to adopt a similar attitude anytime soon, Aquarius. In my oracular opinion, you should wholeheartedly welcome fondness. You should honor it and celebrate it. In itself, it is a rich, complex attitude. And it may also lead, if you welcome it, to even more complex and profound interweavings.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): “I need a playlist of all the songs I used to love but forgot about,” wrote Tumblr blogger Yuyuuyuyu. I think you could use such a playlist, too, Pisces. In fact, I would love to see you receive a host of memos that remind you of all the things you love and need and are interested in—but have forgotten about or neglected. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to recover what has been lost. I hope you will re-establish connections and restore past glories that deserve to accompany you into the future.

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Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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Wednesday, May 25

50 over Fitness - Meridian 50 Plus Stretch and Flex Exercise group. 9-10 a.m. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian50plus.com.

Adult and Child Yoga— 5-6 p.m. Schavey Elementary Gym, 1721 Shavey Rd, DeWitt.

Allen Farmers Market - Stock up on spring greens and vegetables, plant starts and fresh eggs from our local farmers! Corner Shepard/Kalamazoo. 2:30-7 p.m. Allen Market Place, 1611 E Kalamazoo, Lansing.

Casino Night - 4-8 p.m. Troppo, 111 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

McLaren Foundation Jack Breslin Golf Classic - fundraiser for the new McLaren Hospital Foundation. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Eagle Eye and Hawk Hollow, 15500 Chandler Rd., Bath. mclaren.org.

Minecraft Hour of Code - Learn to code using the world of Minecraft! Registration required. Grades 4-8. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

Pagan Community Night - 6-8 p.m.

Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., #7A, Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org

Wine Wednesday - Wine & cheese tasting at 6; wine & chocolate tasting at 8:30pm. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Working Women Artists Spring Show - through May. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framer’s Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Thursday, May 26

MACC Courthouse Concert - 8 p.m. Ingham County Courthouse lawn, 315 S Jefferson, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Mixer with Blind Wine Tasting or Sangria - Join us as we introduce our blind wine flights, where you can rate or attempt to identify the wines you taste. 5-10 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-721-1330.

Stitch ‘n Bitch - Come hang out with some fellow stitching witches! 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St., #7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Summer Concert Series - Williamston High School Jazz Band. 7-9 p.m. American Legion Bandshell, McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston.

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Friday, May 27

50 over Fitness - The Meridian 50 Plus Stretch and Flex Exercise group. 9-10

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a.m. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian50plus.com.

Book Scavenger Hunt – Do you love books? Do you love puzzles, clues, riddles, and games?

Join us at Hooked. 6-7 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Brighton Beach Memoirs - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Rd, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Charlotte Fire Flow Jam Series 2022 - 9 p.m. Old Courthouse Museum, 100 W Lawrence Ave., Charlotte.

Cristo Rey Fiesta - The Annual Cristo Rey Fiesta is back! 4-11 p.m. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Rd., Lansing. cristoreyfiesta.org.

Kick off Summer Reading with Mermaid Swim! pick up your Summer Reading kit and wristband for a magical swim with “Mermaid Molly”! 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. gladl.org

Take and Make: Rainbow Paper Spinners - Kits available in our vestibule starting May 27th. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

TGIF Dance Party - All welcome. 7-11:59 p.m. Hawk Hollow, 15101 Chandler Rd., Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com

Saturday, May 28

Annual Cristo Rey Fiesta - 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Rd., Lansing. cristoreyfiesta.org.

Drum Circle - Bring your drums and rattles, instruments for some rhythmic fun! 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St. #7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Make A Styrofoam Cacti - 1-2:30 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria & Cultural Center, 204 E Mt Hope Ave, Lansing. 517-402-0282.

Sunday, May 29

Cristo Rey Fiesta - 12-7 p.m. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Rd., Lansing. cristoreyfiesta.org.

Kids Day - 1-4 p.m. Absolute Gallery, 307 E Grand River Ave, Lansing. 517-482-8845. absolutegallery.net.

Sunday Mercado May 29, 2022 - Español sigue: Join Casa de Rosado Galeria and Cultural Center and Latinx, Indigena and Black artisans as we share our handmade wares. 1-5 p.m. 204 E Mt Hope Ave, Lansing.

Sunday School for Witches - 3-4:30 p.m. Tickets at manifestlansing.com

Monday, May 30

50 over Fitness - Meridian 50 Plus Stretch and Flex Exercise group. 9-10 a.m. Central

Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian50plus.com.

Comedy Night - 9-11:30 p.m. Crunchy’s, 254 W Grand River Ave, East Lansing. 517-351-2506. crunchyseastlansing.com.

Tuesday, May 31

Board Game Meet Up - ages 18 & up. 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Spare Time Bowling Alley, 3101 E Grand River, Lansing.

Brewer’s Dinner - Come enjoy a five-course meal of Spring-inspired handcrafted food and local brews. 6-9 p.m. Lansing Brewing Company, 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

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'Gossard Girls' recounts Upper Peninsula's trailblazing history

BY BILL CASTANIER

When Phyllis Michael Wong found herself relocating to Marquette to serve as first lady of Northern Michigan University, she had no idea about the revolutionary women from the county's past — women she'd one day write a book about.

What she soon uncovered was the little known, but vastly important, phenomenon of women who worked at rural factories in Gwinn and Ishpeming, Michigan. Her fascination snowballed as her deep dive turned into a years-long research project that resulted in "We Kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula."

In her preface Wong writes: "You will never know what someone is thinking unless you give them a voice." And the voices she unearthed and preserved tell an uplifting, sometimes humorous, tale of gritty, groundbreaking blue-collar work.

Wong said those jobs provided women with not only discretionary income, but a sense of pride. "The women workers having their own money was ahead of its time," she said. "The more I delved into it, the more I was curious about the undergarment industry in the Upper Peninsula."

While serving as the university's first lady from 2004-2012, Wong initially began researching a local woman who worked for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The union organized garment workers in the Upper Peninsula, including plant workers at the H.W. Gossard Co. in Ishpeming and Gwinn. The two plants employed more than 1,000 workers, mostly women, who worked tirelessly churning out women's undergarments from 1920-1976, when the last plant closed.

At the end of the day, Wong said she collected more than 100 oral histories. Those conversations serve as the basis for her new lypublished book. After she uncovered the personal stories of these women, Wong said: "I became emotionally attached to the women and it was important that I represented their voices."

The new book, published back in March by Michigan State University Press, also uncovers how in the 1920s, as the mining industry began to wane in the Upper Peninsula, community leaders began marketing the Western U.P. as a prime location for manufacturing plants. It's then that Gossard decided to renovate some old buildings in Ishpem-

ing to house the first Gossard location in the Upper Peninsula. Later, another location was added in Gwinn, Michigan, at an old hospital once run by the mining industry.

The jobs at H.W. Gossard were based on piece rates, and the workers toiled at sewing machines for eight-hour days. Surprisingly, the oral histories were less about the drudgery of hard work and more about the women adoring their jobs. The extra money allowed them to better provide for their families and themselves.

Wong's research paints the H.W. Gossard brand as paternalistic — often sponsoring dances, parties, picnics, baseball teams and, for a time, provided gourmet hot lunches for the women. Certainly, much of that paternalism was used to keep the unions at bay as the ILGWU attempted to organize the workers.

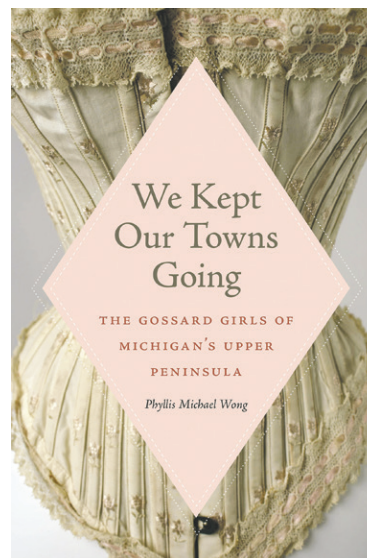
The workers at the two U.P. plants primarily sewed bras that were sold across the United States, including in J. C. Penney and Montgomery Ward catalogs. For many of the women, Gossard was their first job. Many of the workers were younger, including a number of women who lied about their age to work at the plant.

Interviews from many of the youngest workers showed how the older workers served as mentors, and that extended beyond their job — including intimate

advice on dating. One worker, Laila Poutanen, told Wong that "working at Gossard provided her with sex education."

Wong also retells the amusing story of how younger plant workers would sometimes use cloth scraps to make miniature bras. Those custom novelty items were promptly given to their boyfriends to hang from their rear-view mirrors.

Overall, most of the women interviewed reported how they loved their jobs and the independence they provided despite the grind of piece work. By the 1970s, most undergarment work moved offshore. Eventually, China produced 60 percent



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"We Kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula" was published in March via Michigan State University Press.

of the world's bras.

Wong also writes about the stressful but successful strike by Gossard workers in 1949, which she calls "a rare moment in labor history when women led a successful strike to unionize a workplace."

Gossard was formed in the late 1890s when the founder took advantage of the new front-laced corset, which sold for \$25 — an unheard-of price at that time. The company located a branch in Ishpeming in 1920 employing 75 workers and by 1928 were employing 475 workers.

Fast forward to 1976, and more than 1,500 women worked in the two plants. According to one worker, the job "provided the bread and butter."

Wong said in an interview from her home in Massachusetts that "she hopes this inspiring story makes it out of Michigan."

One thing Wong said she learned in her travels with her husband, who left Northern for the presidency of San Francisco State College (2012-2019), is that "every place is different, and if you want to know a place you have to become part of that place."



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Sage zucchini stuffing

BY ARI LEVAUX

In front of an Agway store in Montpelier, Vermont, a sign announces “World’s Largest Zucchini Here.” The grower, store employee Ron Sholtz, told WCAX News Sept. 28 that his state record 115-pound specimen is currently the largest zucchini on planet Earth, according to an unnamed international body that keeps track of such things.

His green, warty cylinder sits massively on a sturdy, hay-strewn table, a reminder of the intense power of a zucchini plant — the same unstoppable growth force that fuels a zucchini’s takeover of your garden, quietly building dark submarines in the prickly undergrowth as your attention is distracted by the bounty of summer. By the time the zucchini is big enough to trip over, your options are limited. But unlike Mr. Sholtz, whose large

conversation piece is, in the end, nothing but pig food, if you have a zucchini that is up to the size of a baseball bat, your big specimen can still find a little purpose in a loaf of zucchini bread.

To be clear, a large zucchini has less flavor, more bitterness, a tougher peel, and large woody seeds. You could feed a small city if you could only get someone to eat it. If.

Things being how they are, there is no shame in bailing on an overgrown zucchini. You owe nothing to each other. But if you have the freezer space, and a desire to bake zucchini bread, then bust out the kitchen grater and save that monstrosity in a form that could be of use down the road. Peel and seed your large zucchini until you are left with nothing but solid white flesh and grate it through the grater’s largest holes. (With zucchini smaller than a wine bottle you can skip the peeling and seeding.)

Add a half-teaspoon of salt for each pound of zucchini. Mix together, wait 15 minutes and then squeeze out as much water as you can, either in a colander or nut milk bag, and freeze the grated

zucchini in an airtight freezer bag, with no air pockets and flat enough to stack neatly and space-efficiently in the freezer. That pound of zucchini will yield about a cup of grated product, ready to



give body to your muffins, or perhaps a savory soup.

Meanwhile, the season of fresh zucchini isn’t over yet. At my friend Luci’s farm, October is zucchini stuffing month. Luci always seems to have a way to cook awkwardly large quantities of anything, and she invented this recipe during a power walk from field to kitchen.

“I was thinking about what to do with zucchinis, because we had so many, and what to make quickly, because I had like half an hour,” she recalls.

“What I really wanted was stuffed zucchini because it’s so yummy, but didn’t have time to bake it, much less stuff it. I always try to do one pot meals for lunch— I have a huge kettle. So I added the ingredients for stuffed zucchini and kind of stirred it around.”

Inside Out Stuffed Zucchini, as she originally called it, evolved to include sage and chicken stock and other stuffing flavorings, so it tastes like something that was cooked inside a bird for hours. It has that richness, even without any gravy. The croutons are mushy but just chewy enough, the meat is dark

and savory, the herbs are aromatic, and the zucchini melts into a juicy sauce that brings it all together. It might be nature’s most perfect food. At the very least, it’s a good warm up for a chilly day.

Sage zucchini stuffing

The guiding principle of this dish is it should taste like stuffing. When in doubt, advance that principle. The sage, croutons, onions and chicken stock do their jobs, elevated by the zucchini and meat. Luci uses stale, hard bread that she keeps frozen for this purpose. I have been very happy with bagged croutons from the store.

Serves 4-6

- 1 pound ground beef or sausage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4-1/2 cup fresh sage, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 1 teaspoon powdered coriander (or whole coriander toasted in a dry pan, then crushed)
- 1 teaspoon paprika (or hot pepper flakes)
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

FLASH
in the pan



- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 pounds zucchini, cut in half lengthwise then sliced into 1/2 inch thick pieces
- 4 cups croutons or cubed white bread, either lightly toasted or dried out
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups chicken stock

Fry the meat in the oil in a heavy-bottomed pan until it reaches your desired shade of brown, stirring as necessary for even cooking. Add the onions, garlic and spices, and cook until the onions melt into oblivion.

Add the zucchini, croutons and butter and stir it all together really well. Add the stock and cover. Turn down to low and gently simmer until the stock is gone, about ten minutes. Let sit covered for ten minutes, then serve. Being stuffing, it goes with anything.



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Chicken Club Wrap
at Moriarty's Pub

BY KYLE KAMINSKI

There's a special place in my heart for dive bars like Moriarty's on East Michigan Avenue. The food is cheap, the lights are dim, the service is friendly and the live music is stellar. And every drink is a double whether you like it or not.

Like most hole-in-the-wall bars, Moriarty's isn't exactly well known for its gourmet food options. But there is at least one item definitely worth mentioning: the crispy Chicken Club Wrap with bacon.

Don't expect anything exotic. It's just crispy chicken, bacon, Swiss and American cheese, lettuce and tomato stuffed inside a grilled flour tortilla, and served with a cup of ranch and potato chips. There's nothing particularly fancy or unusual about any of the ingredients, but for only \$8, this might be the single cheapest and tastiest crispy chicken wrap available in Lansing.

My old apartment next to the former Rumrunner's made this a weekly culinary staple in my life for more than two years. The wraps are always hot, melty and perfectly crispy — with just the right amount of peppery seasoning.

Grilled chicken is available for health-conscious patrons. If you're feeling edgy, you can also order the chicken with Cajun seasoning to kick it up a notch or two. I'd order extra ranch, as well. And for a buck or two, the chips can also be upgraded to French fries or tater tots.

For those in search of a seriously tasty chicken wrap for an extremely low price, check out Moriarty's. I don't live down the street anymore, but I constantly come back for that tasty, \$8 plate of goodness.

For our classier readers that still feel the need to order some ostentatiously fancy dish to satisfy their culinary cravings, maybe just order another double. The wrap will taste like a million bucks.

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