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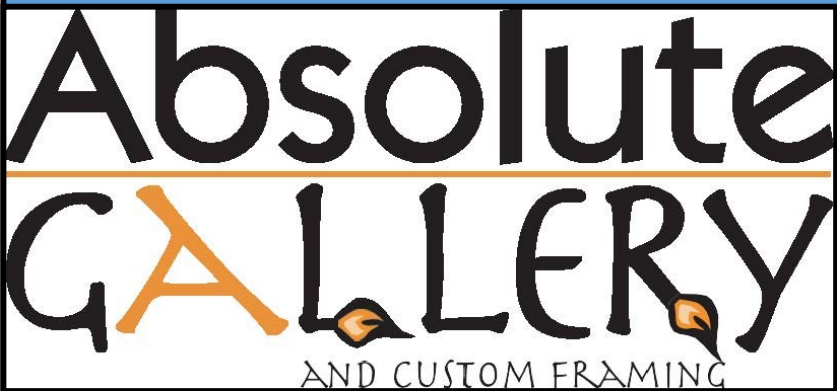
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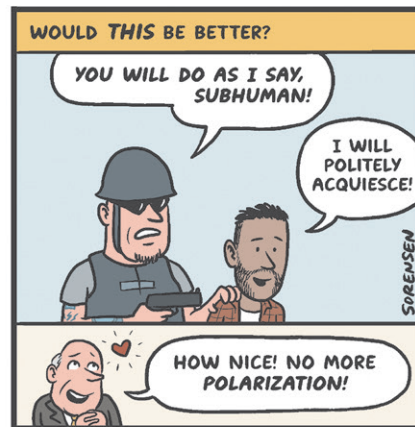
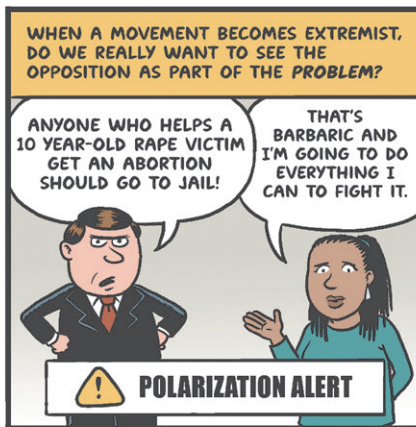
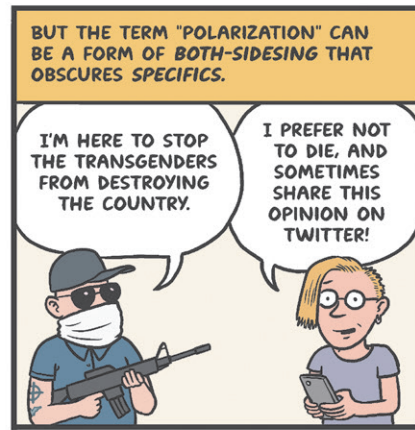
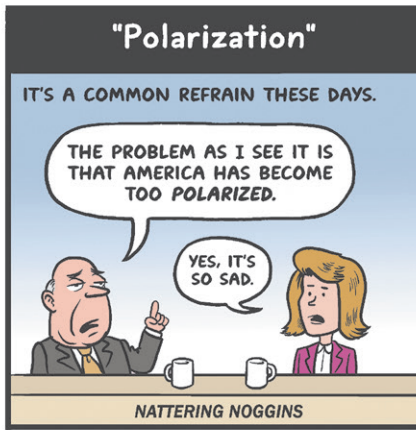
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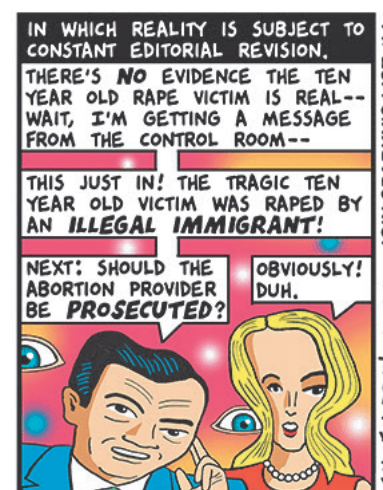
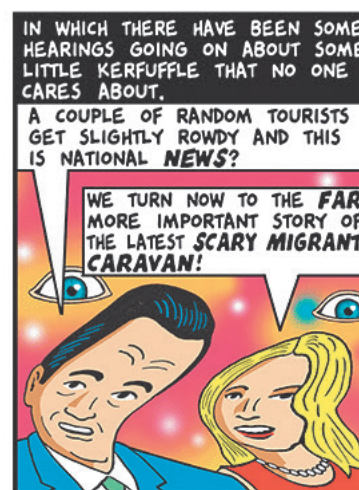
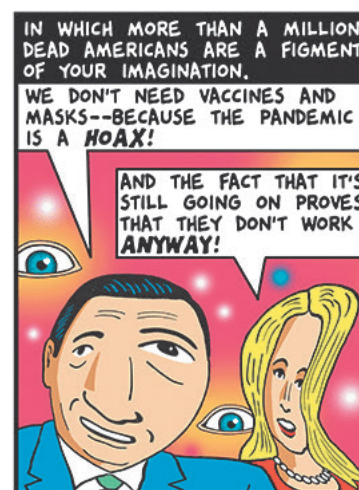
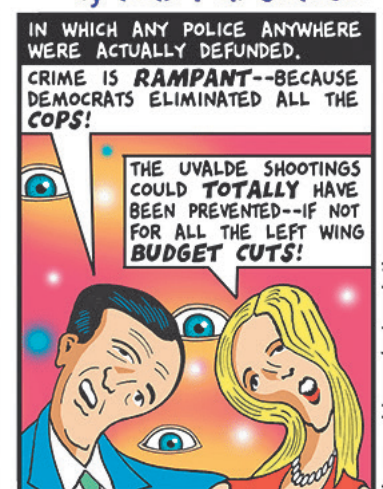
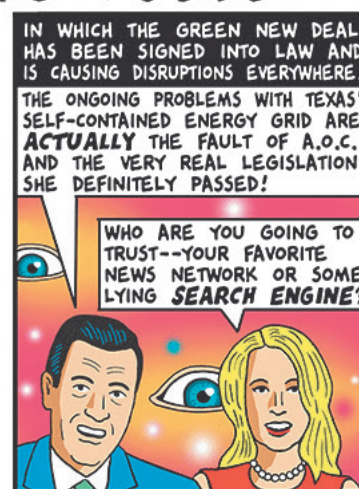
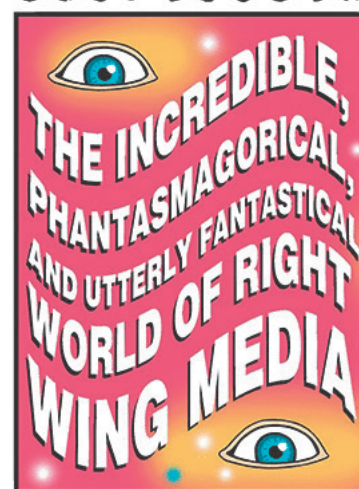
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# PULSE

## NEWS & OPINION

### About those 'flushable' wipes: Here's why not to flush them

The puddle and steady stream of fluid was unexpected on the mountain bike path Greg Pratt was riding in Lansing's Hunters Ridge Park on the evening of July 12. He stopped his biking to investigate. What he found made his jaw drop.

The steady stream of fluid was coming from a raw sewer line.

On a video he took and shared with City Pulse, the flow of sewage can be heard burbling like a small stream.

An estimated 600 gallons of raw sewage had run from the sewer line, down a hill and into the Grand River, city officials confirmed in an email to City Pulse. How long it leaked is unknown.

But what is known is that "flushable wipes" — also called moist toilet paper — contributed to the problem.

The problem with flushing those wipes, experts told The Washington Post in April 2021, is that they twist together and gather with grease and other items to create what wastewater experts call "fatbergs" that clog sewer lines, causing backups. The report noted backups in cities across the country, including Detroit.

The Federal Trade Commission in 2015 ordered Nice-Pak, a company that provided private label adult flushable wipes to companies like CVS and Target, to stop promoting them as flushable because the claims the wipes broke down like toilet paper were unsubstantiated. This May, a federal court in New York ordered a class action case settlement with the Kimberly-Clark Corp. over its flushable wipes as well. The settlement will pay households that purchased Kimberly-Clark wipes over a 12-year period.

So-called flushable wipes are part of an ongoing raw sewage problem at Hunters Ridge Park.

The park is a heavily forested and naturalized expanse on the city's far west side in a very small section of the city located in Eaton County. It was designated for mountain biking several years ago by the City Council and the Parks Department.

Raw and partially treated sewage can contain infectious agents like hepatitis viruses, giardia, campylobacter and E. coli bacteria. Giardia is a one celled creature called an amoeba and can run rampant in the human gut. Campylo-



Courtesy/Greg Pratt

A large puddle of sewage on a mountain bike trail in Hunters Ridge Park on the city's far southwest side. The sewage was the result of a backup, caused by "rags and flushable wipes," in the sewer line last week.

bacter and E. coli cause gastrointestinal infections leading to vomiting, diarrhea, fevers and more. Infection by the bacteria can be deadly for some. Hepatitis viruses can damage or destroy the liver.

Pratt said he and his friend made calls that Tuesday evening that included Ingham County's 911, which sent him to Eaton County's 911. Pratt then notified Delta Township, which called the city of Lansing.

Two and a half hours later, Pratt was meeting face to face with Lansing public works staffers.

On Wednesday morning, the city workers brought in heavy equipment, covering the area where the puddle of sewage sat with gravel and lime.

The lime, Public Service Director Andy Kilpatrick said, was used to neutralize any "pathogens" that might have been in the sewage. The gravel gives the lime, which is a light powder, a chance to absorb into the area and do its job. The gravel was removed two days after the incident, he said.

The release gained very little attention last week. WLNS did a short story. Kilpatrick said local residents were not notified because "the City did not believe

there was an adverse public health impact." He wrote that the spill impacted a very small area in the park, which was cordoned off with yellow caution tape, covered with lime, then covered with gravel to remediate any concerns.

Attempts by this reporter to talk to residents found none who had experienced sewer-related issues in nearby condos and apartments.

Public Service staffers ultimately found the cause of the leak. The line was plugged with "rags and flushable wipes." While flushable wipes are marketed as toilet friendly, the wipes do not break down and degrade the way toilet paper does. Combined with an older sewer system that may be made of clay pipes that are prone to cracking and breaking as well as allowing roots of plants to infiltrate the lines, the wipes and other items snag — causing a clog. The clogs lead to sewage releases. Michigan is not alone in suffering the consequences of flushable wipes. The produce has been identified as the cause of sewer leaks in Houston, Minnesota, Alabama and more.

City staff had to remove the wad of rags and wipes in order for the line to run cor-

rectly. This is not the first time in the last five years the city has had issues with sewage from the lines in the area backing up.

City officials responded to the area in 2018 when the sewer line had another release. That one, Kilpatrick said, was caused by a "pump failure" further up the line. The system was flushed out to remove the blockages and the pump replaced. The sewage from that line was released into the Grand River.

In August 2019, a sewer smell was detected by a resident on Thackin Drive. An investigation found that the line had backed up, but there had been no release of sewage out of the lines. The city again flushed the system using high-powered equipment.

And in May 2015, sewer backups were reported by two properties on Hunters Ridge Drive. The sewage was backing up into the private properties' basements.

"In private sewer leads (connection between the structure and the public sewer), there are similar issues" with the main sewer line being clogged with wipes and rags, Kilpatrick wrote. "But for older clay sewer pipes, there are also issues created by cracks or open joints in the pipes which allow roots to grow into the pipes causing obstructions, crushing and settling pipes."

A spokesperson for the state Environment, Great Lakes and Energy Department said the city notified the state about the release within 24 hours, as required. Under that same law, the city was required to notify both the Barry/Eaton County Health Department and the local newspaper with daily circulation in the area. Kilpatrick said the Health Department was notified, as was the Lansing State Journal. A search of the Journal's archives did not turn up a story.

The city of Lansing has been working to replace combined sewer and street run-off since the 1990s. When finished, it is supposed to prevent 1.65 billion gallons of raw sewage from making its way into the Grand River and ultimately to Lake Michigan.

As for flushable wipes, the city is using its social media to remind residents to be responsible about what is flushed down a toilet.

As tweet last week notes, "It's a toilet, not a trash can."

— TODD HEYWOOD



NOTICE OF ELECTION  
AUGUST 2, 2022  
MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION

To the qualified electors of Meridian Township:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in Meridian Township on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

At the following locations:

Precinct	#	Location	Address
1		St. Luke Lutheran Church	5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840
2		St. Luke Lutheran Church	5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840
3		Haslett Community Ed	1590 Franklin St., Haslett, MI. 48840
4		Crossroads Assembly of God	2400 E. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
5		Haslett Community Church	1427 Haslett Rd., Haslett, MI. 48840
6		Red Cedar Church	550 W. Grand River Rd., Okemos, MI. 38864
7		Faith Lutheran	4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
8		Faith Lutheran	4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
9		Church of the Nazarene	1906 Hamilton Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
10		Meridian Municipal Building	5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
11		2142 Community Church	2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
12		Meridian Municipal Building	5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
13		Okemos Library	4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
14		Ingham County Rehab Facility	3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
15		2142 Community Church	2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
16		2142 Community Church	2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
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18		New Hope Church	2170 E Saginaw Hwy, East Lansing, MI 48823
19		New Hope Church	2170 E Saginaw Hwy, East Lansing, MI 48823
20		Okemos Community Church	4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
21		Okemos Community Church	4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864
22		Ingham County Rehab Facility	3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Meridian Township residents will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN SENIOR CITIZEN, RECREATION  
AND HUMAN SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously authorized millage established at 0.15 mill (15¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the Charter Township of Meridian and reduced to 0.1483 mill by the required millage rollbacks and expiring after 2021, be renewed at 0.1483 mill (14.83¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 10 years, 2022 through 2031 inclusive, with 0.05 mill (5¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) to be used for senior citizen programs throughout the Township and the balance of 0.0983 mill (9.83¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) to be used for senior citizen, recreation, and human services programs throughout the Township, raising an estimated \$283,921 in 2022, of which a portion will be disbursed to such other authorities as the Township Board determines appropriate?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Meridian Township residents will be voting on the following citizen's initiative petition as presented and listed below:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN INITIATION OF ORDINANCE  
TO PROHIBIT ADULT-USE MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Shall the Charter Township of Meridian, under the authority of Section 6, Subsection 1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018 ("MRTMA"), MCL 333.27956.1, adopt the following initiated ordinance that completely prohibits adult-use (also known as "recreational") marihuana establishments as defined in Section 3(i) of MRTMA, MCL 333.27953(i), within the boundaries of the Township: "All adult-use (also known as 'recreational') marihuana establishments as defined in Section 3(i) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, are prohibited within the boundaries of the Charter Township of Meridian."

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Haslett School District will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Haslett Public Schools, Ingham, Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.2149 mills (\$1.2149 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for and the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2023 is approximately \$825,000?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or [clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us](mailto:clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us).

Absentee ballots and accessible absentee ballots are available for all elections. Registered voters may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) website at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) or contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk

CP#22-162

CITY OF LANSING  
NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an Election on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. **Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

**For the purpose of nominating candidates to the following offices:**  
Governor, U. S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, County Treasurer, County Commissioner, City Council Member Ward 1, Delegates to County Convention

**For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:**  
**Ingham County:** Animal Control Program Operations and Services Funding Question, Juvenile Justice Millage Renewal and Restoration Question  
**Eaton County:** 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Millage Renewal and Restoration Question, Juvenile Millage Renewal and Restoration Question  
**City:** Sale of a Portion of North Cemetery Ballot Question  
**District Library:** Capital Area District Library Ballot Proposal for a District Wide Tax  
**Local School District:** Waverly Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

Lansing Ward 1

Pct. 1 – Gier Park Community Center  
Pct. 2 – Johnson Fieldhouse  
Pct. 3 – Post Oak School  
Pct. 4 – Grand River Head Start  
Pct. 5 – Foster Community Center  
Pct. 6 – Foster Community Center  
Pct. 7 – Johnson Fieldhouse  
Pct. 8 – Johnson Fieldhouse  
Pct. 9 – Board of Water and Light  
Pct. 10 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lansing Ward 2

Pct. 11 – South Washington Office Complex  
Pct. 12 – Lyons School  
Pct. 13 – Cavanaugh School  
Pct. 14 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Pct. 15 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church  
Pct. 16 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church  
Pct. 17 – Forest View School  
Pct. 18 – Gardner School  
Pct. 19 – North School  
Pct. 20 – Gardner School

Lansing Ward 3

Pct. 21 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center  
Pct. 22 – Woodcreek School  
Pct. 23 – Dwight Rich School  
Pct. 24 – Dwight Rich School  
Pct. 25 – Tabernacle of David Church  
Pct. 26 – Tabernacle of David Church  
Pct. 27 – Dr. Halik Professional Development Center (formerly Wainwright)  
Pct. 28 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center  
Pct. 29 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center  
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Lansing Ward 4

Pct. 31 – South Washington Office Complex  
Pct. 32 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst)  
Pct. 33 – Lewton School  
Pct. 34 – Bread House Church  
Pct. 35 – Letts Community Center  
Pct. 36 – Shirley M. Rodgers Administration Center  
Pct. 37 – Neighborhood Empowerment Center  
Pct. 38 – Willow School  
Pct. 39 – Cumberland School  
Pct. 40 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church

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To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, please visit [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

Under a Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

Anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Location	Address	Regular Business Hours
Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	Mon – Thu 8am - 5pm
Lansing City Clerk – Election Unit	2500 S Washington Ave Lansing, MI 48910	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm Wednesdays 8am - 7pm

Additional times outside of the above listed regular business hours are as follows:

Location	Address	Additional Hours
Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	Election Day August 2 7am - 8pm
Lansing City Clerk – Election Unit	2500 S Washington Ave Lansing, MI 48910	Saturday July 30 10am - 4pm Sunday July 31 12pm - 4pm Election Day August 2 7am – 8pm

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

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

The Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at the locations referenced in the above table or by visiting our website at [www.lansingvotes.com](http://www.lansingvotes.com).

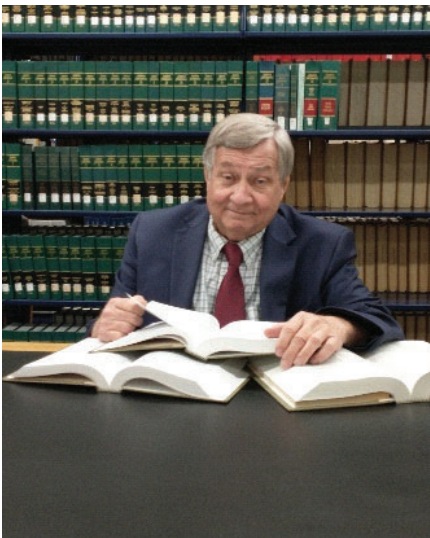
Monday, August 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, August 1, 2022 must be requested and voted in person at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, locations referenced in the above table.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, August 2, 2022, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, locations referenced in the above table.

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**Career**

**Veteran**

Vietnam War Veteran (1970) and US Naval Reserve (1968 - 1974), Active Duty (1969 - 1970)

**Public Servant**

Michigan Assistant Attorney General and an Assistant Attorney General in Charge (1973 - 1998)

**Public Law Attorney**

Private Practice focusing on economic development; broadband initiatives in rural areas; representing utility customer groups in utility and renewable energy cases (1998 - present)

**Small Business Owner**

Principal Member, Public Law Resource Center, PLLC, East Lansing (2009 - present)

**Homeowner and Board Member**

Homeowner in East Lansing and Haslett since 1975; former condo board member/ President (93 condos in Haslett - 15 years; 28 condos in Haslett - 10 years)

**Legal Experience**

Don Keskey from 1973 to the present has prepared and argued numerous cases before state and federal agencies, including the Michigan Public Service Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state and federal courts, including State District and Circuit Courts, the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court, and has testified on behalf of Michigan and its utility ratepayers before the United States Congress

**Education**

Northern Michigan University - BA (1968)  
University of Michigan Law School - J.D. Law (1973)  
Michigan State University - MBA (2005)

**Issues and positions**

**Infrastructure**

Promote improved roads, renewable energy, high-speed broadband, cost-effective and reliable utilities, enhanced transportation development

**Public education**

Promote and support public education

**Public safety**

Enhance public safety, including security in schools and in other public gatherings

**Economic Development**

Promote economic development and expansion; focus on state strategies to address inflationary impacts

**Environmental Protection**

Support clean air and water and combat pollution of natural resources, ensure safe public water resources, promote conservation programs

**Climate change**

Promote renewable energy and customer distributed generation; energy efficiency

**Personal Medical rights**

Support Roe v Wade principles and personal medical decisions and privacy

**Voter rights**

Expand citizen participation and oppose voter suppression



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S  
PROPOSED FISCAL 2023 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS &  
PUBLIC HEARING ON ITS PROPOSED FISCAL 2023 BUDGET**

Capital Area Transportation Authority hereby provides notice to the public and to private providers of its proposed fiscal 2023 program of projects and public hearing on its fiscal 2023 budget.

The proposed fiscal 2023 program of projects follows:

**PROGRAM OF PROJECTS  
CAPITAL**

**Section 5307 Formula Funding**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 40-foot Replacement	\$ 4,538,048	\$ 5,672,560
Paratransit Vehicles Replacement	\$ 381,766	\$ 477,207
Facility Improvements (Admin, Maintenance, Storage)	\$ 104,848	\$ 131,060
Facility Improvements (CTC/CAMG)	\$ 104,848	\$ 131,060
Facility – A & E Design (CTC/CAMG)	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
Facility – A & E Design (Admin, Maintenance, Storage)	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
Customer Enhancements – Shelters	\$ 145,837	\$ 182,296
Customer Enhancements – Ped. Access/Walkways/Concrete	\$ 140,976	\$ 176,220
Customer Enhancements – A & E Design	\$ 19,445	\$ 24,306
Customer Enhancements – Signage	\$ 29,167	\$ 36,459
Spare Parts	\$ 122,400	\$ 153,000
IT Hardware	\$ 359,652	\$ 449,565
IT Software	\$ 359,652	\$ 449,565
Safety & Security – Equipment	\$ 38,258	\$ 47,822
Maintenance Equipment	\$ 145,656	\$ 182,070
Support Vehicle Replacement	\$ 81,600	\$ 102,000
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 915,552	\$ 1,144,440
Planning	\$ 20,808	\$ 26,010
Safety & Security – Consultant Services	\$ 24,000	\$ 30,000
IT Third-Party Contract	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,632,511</b>	<b>\$ 9,540,639</b>

**Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Funding**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Large Buses 40-foot Replacement	\$ 816,643	\$ 1,020,804
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 816,643</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,804</b>

**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Public Education (20% Match)	\$ 100,000	\$ 125,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>

**Section 5310 Funding Request**

Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget
Operating Service (50% Local Match)	\$ 137,680	\$ 275,360
Replacement/Expansion Buses (20% Match)	\$ 168,275	\$ 210,344
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 305,955</b>	<b>\$ 485,704</b>

**OPERATIONS**

Federal Share Section 5307 and Other*	\$ 1,695,996
State Share*	\$ 16,026,396
Local Share	\$ 24,463,000
Farebox and Other	\$ 6,209,765
CRRSAA and/or ARP Revenue	\$ 12,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,395,157</b>

**Total Capital/Operations \$ 71,567,304**

**The proposed program of projects will constitute the final program of projects if there are no changes.** Additional details on the proposed fiscal 2023 program of projects and a copy of the proposed fiscal 2023 budget are available for public inspection at CATA's Administration Building, 4615 Tranter St., Lansing, MI 48910.

CATA will hold a public hearing on its proposed fiscal 2023 budget Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, at 4 p.m. at the former Sears building in Frandor Mall, located at 3131 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** This will be a levy under the current authorized millage. There is NO proposal for a new millage.

Written comments on the program of projects or the budget should be addressed to CATA, Attn: Program/Budget Comments, 4615 Tranter St., Lansing, MI 48910, and must be received by 4 p.m., Aug. 17, 2022. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and should be requested by Aug. 15, 2022.

Capital Area Transportation Authority  
Bradley T. Funkhouser, AICP, Chief Executive Officer



\*Includes federal and state preventive-maintenance funds.

**CP#22-157**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Notice is hereby given** of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Joshua Walker for the property at 934 E. Michigan Avenue to install new a fence.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Diane Wing for the property at 1024 Huntington Road to install awnings.

For more information on the request please contact Darcy Schmitt at (517) 319-6941 or [dschmitt@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:dschmitt@cityofeastlansing.com). Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications). Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to [coelhistorichistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:coelhistorichistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com).

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6920 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at [nmostel@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:nmostel@cityofeastlansing.com).

**This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.**

Jennifer Shuster  
City Clerk

Dated: July 14, 2022  
East Lansing, MI 48823

**CP#22-161**

**CITY OF LANSING-  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN LANSING INC. (DLI)**

The City Council of the City of Lansing, MI will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m at the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933 for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG-CV Small Business Support grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

The City of Lansing, MI - EDP proposes to use \$1,000,000 CDBG-CV- Small Business Support Grant to provide vital funding assistance, in the form of grants, in amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 to support small businesses located within the Principal Shopping District (PSD). A central business district that was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If awarded, selected businesses will receive reimbursement-based grant funds within 30 days of receiving copies of all receipts and a line-item budget breakdown of what eligible expenses were incurred. The area is within a CDBG Eligible area, and the geographic boundaries are:

- North: Shiawassee Street
- South: Lenawee Street
- East: Pere Marquette (including the old Clara's site and the Courtyard Marriott
- West: East side of Capitol Ave

Funding will benefit small businesses in this low to moderate income area (LMA). The businesses will have the capacity to hire, if needed additional staff as well as operate additional hours to provide sustainability to the businesses in the targeted area.

A copy of the City of Lansing, MI - EDP Consolidated Plan and the MEDC CDBG-CV Small Business Support grant application are available for review on the City's website at [www.lansingmi.gov/development](http://www.lansingmi.gov/development). To inspect the documents, please contact Barb Kimmel, Development Office Manager at [barb.kimmel@lansingmi.gov](mailto:barb.kimmel@lansingmi.gov) (517) 483-4053 or review at the city's website or at 316 N. Capitol Ave, Suite D-1, Lansing, MI 48933.

Comments may be submitted in writing through July 25, 2022 or made in person at the public hearing.

It should be noted that as part of the MEDC process, a Closeout Public hearing will be held at the completion of the funding for the CDBG-CV grant.

Citizen views and comments on the proposed application are welcome.

If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov).

**Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC**  
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**CP#22-156**



# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

By TODD HEYWOOD



### PAC attack and apology in Meridian

Democrats in the new 75th House District, which includes eastern Ingham County and parts of Shiawassee and Clinton counties, were riled up about a mailer sent by a political action committee created by Meridian Township Treasurer Phil Deschaine, who supports candidate Emily Stivers. The mailer hit opponent Penelope Tsernoglou over her business ethics because her firm, Practical Political Consulting, sold mailing lists eight years ago to conservative, antigay and anti-women Republicans. Shortly after the head of the Meridian Democratic Club criticized the mailer as “shameful and in poor taste,” Deschaine apologized for his “lack of judgment.”

### NeoGen wins brownfield for annex

In a special meeting Monday night, the Lansing City Council approved the tax incentives for the international food safety company based in Lansing. The company will break ground today (July 20) on a \$70 million, 175,000-square-foot, three-story food safety lab facility at 720 E Shiawassee St. that will add 60 and 100 jobs. The annex will be named for NeoGen founder James Herbert. The state still needs to bless the brownfield credit.



### Feds sue city for alleged religious bias

The U.S. Justice Department suit claims Lansing fired Seventh Day Adventist Sylvia Coleman, a former detention officer, in violation of federal law by failing to accommodate her religious needs not to work from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. Settlement attempts were unsuccessful, the Justice Department said. Coleman demands include adoption and implementation of a policy to accommodate religious needs, monetary damages and other, unspecified damages.



### Clinton County Prosecutor's Office fined

Circuit Court Judge Shannon Schlegel ordered the \$1,200 penalty after finding the office failed to reveal information to defense attorney Mary Chartier in a sexual assault trial. She is defending Yiming Deng over allegations of assaulting a woman, the Lansing State Journal reported. The woman allegedly called a crisis center, but the Prosecutor's Office did not reveal those records in discovery. Chartier successfully argued that not having those records hampered her ability during a preliminary exam in District Court to fully defend her client.

The \$1,200 was to recover legal fees incurred to address the discovery failure.

### Pedestrian walk to Lansing Center goes green

Lighting and heating for the pedestrian walkway from a downtown parking ramp over Grand Avenue and the Grand River is being replaced with energy efficient options that will decrease lighting costs by 20 percent, the Mayor's Office said. The updates, including carpeting, a new staircase and more handicap friendly elevator, should be completed in early 2023.



### Catholic schools vandalized

An 800-pound statue of the Virgin Mary at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School in East Lansing was overturned and broken and one hand was used to smash a window. Catholic Central High School in Lansing had windows broken as well. Video surveillance footage from the high school led police to identify a 20-year-old former student as the likely perpetrator. Law enforcement has not said if the two cases are related, and no arrests have been announced.



### Animal shelter receives \$110,000 in donations

Anonymous donors made the gifts to Ingham County. A \$100,000 gift would be used to upgrade the existing dog and cat holding facilities. A \$10,000 donation would help pay for ongoing medical care for animals in the county's care. The Board of Commissioners is expected to approve those uses.

### MSU freshman face cramped quarters

Michigan State University's fall 2021 policy of requiring freshman and sophomore students to stay on campus may have hit a snag. Officials have acknowledged that some freshmen may find themselves bunking three to a room meant just for two. In Akers hall, rooms meant for four may have to accommodate five, MSU's college newspaper The State News reported. The measures are due to a larger than normal freshman class and are temporary, a university spokesperson said. Those caught in this “transitional” situation will receive discounts on their housing costs.



### Tuition frozen for LCC students

Lansing Community College's trustees have approved freezing the college's tuition rate at \$114 per billing hour in the new academic year, the same rate as 2021-'22. Board Chair Ryan Buck told WLNS the move ensures “that cost is never a barrier to receiving a quality education.”

## SOE OF THE WEEK



### 3601 Deerfield Ave., Lansing

On one end of a foundation basement stands the rickety remains of the end wall of a home. It comes to a peak at the top, held in place by a large piece of lumber striking out at an angle from the ground to the top of the peaked wall. What remains of the actual home is strewn in piles of nail-studded wood pieces and debris on the lawn. The former front door, which did have a city code compliance red tag on it, is gone, buried in the rubble somewhere.

The property at 3601 Deerfield Ave. has seen an escalation of involvement with city officials starting in June 2020. That's when officials cited the property for exterior issues. A neighbor said the home's roof had begun to cave in. Then came the inevitable red tags that deemed the property unsafe, citations for doing construction work without permits and more red tags. In March and again two weeks ago, the city boarded up every entrance to the building. A temporary fence surrounds the mostly demolished home. The property owner, Mary G. Wade, could not be located for comment.

— TODD HEYWOOD

“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](mailto:eye@lansingcitypulse.com) or call in a nomination at 517-999-6715.



# When no means yes

Meridian Township voters spoke clearly in 2018 when over 60% of them supported the successful statewide referendum to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.

Now they will decide in the August primary election if they want the business of marijuana in their backyard. We encourage them to say yes — by voting “no.”

Here’s the full language of the proposal, with specific legal citations removed:

*Shall the Charter Township of Meridian adopt the following initiated ordinance that completely prohibits adult-use (also known as “recreational”) marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township: “All adult-use (also known as ‘recreational’) marihuana establishments are prohibited within the boundaries of the Charter Township of Meridian.”*

Pay close attention to that language, and remember: **Vote no** to support the cannabis industry in Meridian Township. Voting “yes” means that you want to see dispensaries — and all the economic benefits that come along with them — totally banned from the township. And voting “no” actually means that you want to see pot shops open in Meridian Township.

If that sounds like backwards and misleading language designed to confuse voters during a low-turnout, midterm election, that’s probably not an accident.

Moreover, it seems likely that when Meridian Township residents voted to legalize cannabis for recreational use by a margin of more than 4,500 votes in 2018, they were also saying they wanted to buy it in Meridian Township. But faced with determined opposition, township officials have hardly tiptoed into the industry over the last four years. No shops have opened, and no regulatory framework has been set up to allow them to move in. Now, likely fueled by a few outspoken anti-marijuana activists, officials are still wondering if residents have an appetite for the industry.

It’s like in the game show “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” when the host asks: “Is that your final answer?” Except here, instead of a \$1 million prize, the township continues missing out on tax revenue from a multi-billion-dollar sector of the state’s economy. Granted, competition is reducing anticipated profits for businesses as a new industry shakes itself out, but make no mistake: Governments will continue to benefit from their sales.

But even the trustiest lawnmower sometimes needs a second pull to get started — which is why it’s critical that local voters make their voices heard on this issue.

Proponents of the pot shop ban, like Treasurer Phil Deschaine, have argued that the cost of licensing, monitoring and policing these stores will exceed the tax revenues collected from the businesses. He conveniently forgets to tell his constituents that the township can set licensing fees that offset much of those expenses.

We say it’s time to take the plunge. Data shows that the industry pays its dividends: Lansing and East Lansing reportedly received more than \$1 million

this year from their excess pot tax revenues. For whatever reason, some folks just can’t seem to see the potential.

Moreover, Deschaine contended in the Lansing State Journal that pot shops would affect the township’s “standing as a prime community,” and other prohibition enthusiasts have argued that some so-called “top-rated cities” in Michigan ban pot, so Meridian Township should snub the industry too.

That’s just reefer madness. In addition to Lansing’s vast array of quality products, plenty of other great Michigan cities have welcomed weed to great results as well as several million dollars in tax revenue — including Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Traverse City.

It’s also important to know that stopping this ban on marijuana dispensaries would not create a Wild West scenario with untold dozens of stores popping

up on every local thoroughfare. In fact, township officials could choose to relegate them to out-of-sight corners. Voting no simply allows community leaders to create sensible local laws that carefully limit and regulate the businesses. If there’s a silver lining to not being the first to allow dispensaries, it’s that Meridian Township can learn from mistakes elsewhere and institute the best regulatory practices.

Plus, we all know what would happen with prohibition: People are just going to find it elsewhere — either from a friend, or by patronizing (and giving their taxes) to shops in neighboring cities. Neither option is particularly beneficial to the township’s general fund, which isn’t helpful when, like most every jurisdiction, township officials are faced with significant

pension debts.

Additionally: Plenty of studies have shown that when legal purchase options are available, black market sales dwindle. Banning pot shops would also create unnecessary barriers to job growth, which could easily be a big thing for Meridian Township as the industry blossoms statewide.

Allowing licensed (and highly regulated) retailers into the community will also ensure that the bud smoked in the “prime community” is also equally as prime, meaning it’s all tested for safety.

Unfortunately, all those strong arguments against prohibition may mean nothing because of the proposal’s confusing wording and its inclusion in a primary election, which many people skip.

We hope supporters of dispensaries in Meridian Township won’t let that happen. Vote and vote “no.”

The last day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person has passed. That means residents must now register to vote in person with proof of residency at 5151 Marsh Road in Okemos sometime through 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find your polling location at [meridian.mi.us/elections](http://meridian.mi.us/elections).



## The CP Edit

### Opinion

**Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages? Now you have two ways to sound off:**

**1.) Write a letter to the editor.**

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**2.) Write a guest column.** Contact Berl Schwartz for more information: [publisher@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:publisher@lansingcitypulse.com) or (517) 999-5061. (Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)



CITY OF EAST LANSING  
NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

To the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing, please take notice that a State Primary Election will be held in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

**For the purposes of nominating candidates of the Democratic and Republican Parties for the following partisan offices:**

Governor  
Representative in Congress  
State Senator  
State Representative  
County Commissioner  
Ingham County: Treasurer

**Also, to elect Delegates to the County Convention of the Democratic and Republican Parties.**

**Also, to vote on the following proposals:**

Ingham County: Animal Control Program Operations and Services Funding Question  
Ingham County: Juvenile Justice Millage Renewal and Restoration Question  
Clinton County: Separate Tax Limitation Proposal  
Bath Community Schools: Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office, 410 Abbot Road, Room 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Sample ballots can also be found at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

**Polls at said election will be open at 7 am and will remain open until 8 pm.**

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:  
Under Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

**LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS:**

- Pct. 1 - Brody Hall, MSU
- Pct. 2 - Martin Luther Chapel, 444 Abbot Road
- Pct. 3 - East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road
- Pct. 4 - Capital City Vineyard Church, 1635 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 5 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 6 - Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road
- Pct. 7 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3383 Lake Lansing Road
- Pct. 8 - University Reformed Church, 841 Timberlane Street
- Pct. 9 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 10 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 11 - Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Drive
- Pct. 12 - Union Bldg., MSU
- Pct. 13 - IM Sports East, MSU
- Pct. 14 - IM Sports East, MSU
- Pct. 15 - IM Sports West, MSU
- Pct. 16 - Wesley Foundation, 1118 S. Harrison Road
- Pct. 17 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road

All polling places are accessible and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille.

In addition to regular business hours, the East Lansing City Clerk's Offices will be open on July 30 and 31 from 8 am-4 pm to register voters, issue and accept absentee ballots for qualified electors.

**The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the East Lansing City Clerk's Office is July 18, 2022. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:**

East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall 410 Abbot Road, Room 100 East Lansing, MI 48823	<u>Regular Business Hours:</u> Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm <u>Additional Hours:</u> July 30 & 31 from 8 am-4 pm
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**To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or view your sample ballot check the Secretary of State Voter Information website at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote)**

**ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:**

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

The East Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) or at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

August 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on August 1, 2022 must be requested and voted in person at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 2, 2022, are eligible to receive an Absent Voter Ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

# RINO hunting in Michigan threatens traditional conservative Republicans

The primary is in two weeks, and the most nervous political demographic is the traditional, conservative Republicans with experience.

It's hard to believe. Ronald Reagan-loving, John Engler-revered Republicans — the people who ran Michigan government for the better part of 25 years — have a pit in their stomach over Aug. 2.

They're like the guilty boy who isn't sure if he's getting anything under the Christmas tree. They honestly don't know what they're getting.

Let's start at the top with Tudor Dixon. She's was guest commentator on the fringe right radio network America's Voice with Steve Gruber before she ran for governor. She made a living out of giving news a hard conservative spin.

Now, only because she accepted the endorsement of the business community and the DeVos family — which other candidates sought, by the way — she's being called a Republican In Name Only. A RINO. Establishment. A Never Trumper. Even though she's a sandwich away from getting the Big Guy's endorsement.

That's not the only issue. Unlike 2000 and 2010, Republicans didn't draw the legislative and congressional maps so they didn't get a chance to protect their incumbents as they did before.

This cycle, it might not have mattered as far as House Republicans go. Grassroots activists are pissed neither the Republican-led Senate nor House thought enough of Trump's widespread election fraud claims to order up a "forensic audit" of the 2020 presidential election results.

The conspiracy theories of a "fixed election" have since dovetailed into a belief that liberal agitators caused the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol and that Trump and his followers are being made the fall guys for political purposes.

All of this is being wrapped into an "America First" platform that's protectionist at its core — tariffs, strong immigration policies, no outside wars. It speaks to an insular attitude that is griping and motivating the rank-and-file GOP voter.

Fueled by COVID, these voters are highly skeptical of everything — the media, incumbent politicians, the

Establishment and much of social media. Some of it is flavored with a hint of Christianity, a common Republican spice, but all of this political energy stems from a belief that "the people" are getting screwed. To them, we've all been fed bull for too long and they're tired of it.

The frustration spills over into other issues where society seems to be moving too quickly. To these voters, Critical Race Theory and transgender athletes are not progress toward a better understanding of one another. Its liberals altering and dictating societal norms with entirely foreign concepts.

Little to none of it has to do with running a functional state government. That's where incumbents are running into trouble.

Practical governance isn't connecting with these obstinate GOP voters. To them, negotiating public policy is oscillating principals to the benefits of leftists and well-heeled special interests ... ironically even if it's their interests that are being advanced.

Talking these "platform Republicans" back to reason takes time. They are combative about reading, watching or listening to any view or news that isn't slanted toward their jaded world view.

Some incumbents are navigating these turbulent waters better than others.

House Republicans are in a tougher position because more "America First" followers were emboldened to run for the House and they need fewer resources than a Senate candidate to get their name out there.

Also, Rep. Matt Maddock, R-Milford, has jumped into this rising tide headfirst. He is supporting numerous House challengers, at various levels, as he advances his House speaker bid. He and his wife, Michigan Republican Party Co-Chair Meshawn Maddock, opened doors early in the campaign for many of them to receive invaluable Trump endorsements.

For a Republican in 2022, a Trump endorsement is a political wind gust that even well-respected, established Republican figure Tom Leonard couldn't stand up to.

I've never seen Republican incumbents working harder to keep what they got. And, for many of them, it still won't be enough.

*(Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS at [melinnky@gmail.com](mailto:melinnky@gmail.com).)*



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# ARTS & CULTURE

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### In lieu of City Pulse's Pulsar Awards: Wink's theatre picks

Critic recognizes 2021-'22's best performances

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

*(Because of COVID's impact on area theater during the 2021-'22 season, the Pulsar Awards are impossible to determine. But City Pulse didn't want local theater talent to go completely unrecognized. In lieu of the traditional ceremony, here are the "best picks" by the principal theater writer for City Pulse during that time.)*

**Best Play:** Let's get right into it. My pick is Williamston Theatre's **"This Wonderful Life."** Its production of Steve Murray's play based on the movie had all the elements of an award-worthy play. Williamston's one-man show featured John Lepard rapidly switching between all the movie roles with marvelous stamina—imitating the voices and mannerisms of countless male and female characters. Lepard's acting, Murray's amazing condensation of a 130-minute movie to fit a 90-minute play, a clever set, imaginative lighting and sound effects, and appropriate props made the production wholly entertaining.

**Best Actress in a Play:** In Williamston's "9 Parts of Desire," **Zarab Kamoo** portrayed nine women affected by both Gulf Wars. Instead of significant costume changes in the one-woman show, she made remarkable shifts between distinct characters using gestures, voice shifts and posture changes.

**Best Sound Design:** "9 Parts of Desire" included sounds of realistic explosions, broadcasts, marketplace noises and phone conversations created by **John Lepard**.

**Best Supporting Actor in a Play:** In Williamston's "The Cake," **Alex Leyden-frost** gave a rare portrayal of an everyman husband named Tim. Leyden-frost's nuanced acting — combined with his appearing on stage wearing only mashed potatoes on his crotch — made it unforgettable.

**Best Properties Design:** Michelle Raymond gets my nod for props and dressings in "The Cake." A plate-covered wall, shelves full of luscious-looking confections, and just the right knickknacks and adornments for a colorful Southern bakeshop made the set unforgettable.

**Best Supporting Actress in a Play:** In

Williamston's "Tracy Jones," **Allison Megroet**, the "Personal Party Server" for an awkward gathering, was a joy to watch. Megroet stole countless scenes with her over-the-top, bubbly, corporate-rule recitations and dynamic presence.

**Best Original Script:** Williamston's **"Tracy Jones."**

**Best Musical:** **"The Sound of Music"** at the Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts in Owosso deserves it. With a gifted cast of 29 who sang, acted and danced wonderfully, and a 16-piece orchestra that skillfully played Rodgers and Hammerstein's iconic songs, the massive production was hard to top.

**Best Choreography:** **Erica Bradley's** inventive choreography in "The Sound of Music" was also marvelous. Besides, who doesn't like to watch talented kids and nuns dance?

**Best Scenic Design:** The magnificent, three-story set of **"The Sound of Music"** representing a convent, the von Trapp mansion, performance hall and more was designed by Dirk Rennick and Dan Wenzlick. It was a monumental accomplishment. The set, rich costumes, props and choreography resembled a traveling Broadway production.

**Best Musical Direction:** The complexity of the score for "Evita" at the Lebowsky made **Jillian Boots'** conducting even more impressive. He warrants the award for leading seven musicians through ever-changing and sonically varied music. All 26 of "Evita's" tricky songs were performed expertly while sounding like a full orchestra.

**Best Director of a Musical:** Heading back to Lansing, **Mark Colson** helmed LCC's Performing Arts' "Cabaret." His edgier and less bawdy version of the musical included a diverse cast that revealed the darker side of 1930s Berlin. His production had the decadent swing we expected along with layers of emotion and terror. The combination was engaging.

**Best Lead Actor in a Musical:** Also in

"Cabaret," **Connor Kelly's** intense and distinctive Emcee earned him my nod. His facial expressions and elastic movements were decadently delightful.

**Best Supporting Actress & Actor in a**

Ixion's "The Skeleton Crew.")

**Best Couples Performance:** The leads in Starlight Dinner Theatre's postponed completion of "A Lion in Winter," **Tanya Canaday-Burnham** and **Kevin Burnham**, deserve recognition. The pair's Queen and King portrayals were regal.

**Best Featured Actors in a Musical:** However, Starlight's biggest coup was presenting **"West Side Story"** outside in downtown Lansing. With city support, the production was held in front of real fire escapes and under evening skies creating an unforgettable, grand event. **Miles Nowlin** as Baby John and **Hannah Roman** as Anybods gave standout performances.

**Best Female Lead in a Musical:** I'm calling it a tie between **Kayal**

**Muthuraman** as Maria in "West Side Story" and **Laura Croff's** Helen in Peppermint Creek's "Fun Home." Both offered heartfelt performances and singing that were star quality.

**Best Actor in a Play:** **Adam Woolsey** as Father Flynn in Riverwalk Theatre's "Doubt." Woolsey craftily reinforced the play's title by deftly portraying Flynn's different sides to make us doubt his guilt.

**Best Virtual Show:** Riverwalk's clever Zoom production of **"A Doll's House."** Its staging was more than just anchor desk theatre.

**Artistic Specialization:** MSU's Theatre Department's **"Wendy and the Neckbeards"** had a dazzling LED wall that shifted from videos to scenic backdrops worthy of an honor for Quinn Legge.

**Best Lighting Design:** The same play earned **Nicklas Casella** a "Best Lighting Design" for his mesmerizing additions.

Although the number of plays offered this past season was diminished compared to previous years — with some theater companies much darker than others — my picks show how the local theatre community persevered and remains as talented as ever.



Courtesy photo

Starlight's production of "West Side Story" outside in downtown Lansing.

**musical:** Beyond that, **Judith Evans** as Fraulein Schneider and **Doak Bloss** as Herr Schultz had spotlight moments in "Cabaret."

**Best Director of a Play:** And LCC's not done yet. **Mary Job** wins for LCC's "Intimate Apparel." She kept the action and emotional story flowing seamlessly between rooms and set locations spread across Dart Auditorium's wide stage.

**Best Ensemble:** Job also picked the perfect, diverse cast for the production: **Anna Hill, Ny'kieria Blocker, Mary Wardell, Lewis C. Elson, Jamerra Kates** and **Dillon Smith**. A truly talented troupe with individual personalities worthy of a "Best Ensemble" label.

"Intimate Apparel's" often-changed, early 20th Century costumes, including corsets and fancy dresses, were a splendid focus of the play.

**Best Costume Designer:** **Chelle Peterson's** authentic creations scored.

**Best Featured Actor:** LCC's roll continues with "Gee's Bend," which included a cappella gospel singing from **Karrington Kelsey** and **Rose Jangmi Cooper**. They each win. (Cooper was also a strong contender for "Best Actress" for her haunting performance in



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The phantasmagorical colors and forms of Benjamin Duke's "Looking Forward" pop from underneath the Shiawassee Bridge.

# RIVER'S ARTISTIC EDGE

## Adventures on the Lansing ArtPath: Part 1

Part 2 in next week's City Pulse

### By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

No summer walk in downtown Lansing is complete without taking in the varied stimuli of Lansing ArtPath, a multi-media outdoor art display organized by the Lansing Art Gallery along three miles of the River Trail. The project stretches from the Turner-Dodge House through downtown and southeast to the I496 overpass. A diverse array of work by Michigan artists ranges from high-concept installations imbued with layers of artistic, cultural and historical meaning, such as Western Michigan University Professor William Charland's "Red Outlines" to crazy stunts like a giant, dangling spider dangling over the Grand River by ScrapFest founder David Such and engineer Fred Hammond.

#### Benjamin Duke: Looking Forward

Benjamin Duke packs so much into his richly painted frescoes, they shouldn't hang together. Pink elephants with blue polka dots. Adorable young girls. Burning buildings and intrepid firefighters. Powder blue towers and rubber duckies.

Public art walks a thin line between sincere expression and feel-good space filler. What rescues "Looking Forward" from the latter category is that Duke knows exactly how to escort your eyeballs through the universe. A master

of composition, color and form, he has taught painting and drawing at MSU since 2006, has done international residencies around the world and has had one-man shows in Chicago.

And he loves his work.

"I just love spray paint," he said. "To watch the paint fly onto the wall is an engaging thing in its own right."

Duke is the creator of one of ArtPath 2022's most spectacular murals, "Looking Forward," under the west end of the Shiawassee Street Bridge over the Grand River downtown.

The dominant figure, a young girl hefting a contented cat about half her size, is Duke's own daughter.

Every time you walk by, you see something new — an octopus with pleading eyes, a textbook realistic heron, an intensely aware chicken, flowers that look like cookies.

You don't have to know what it all "means" to enjoy the spectacle.

"My symbolic association is what's driving me to make the work, but what I'm trying to create is an engaging image," he said.

One of the interlocking stories that run through the mural is a story only a painter could tell.



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"To watch paint fly onto the wall is an engaging thing in its own right," mural artist and MSU Associate Professor Benjamin Duke said.

"It's how a series of reds fit together," he said. "The elephant in the center is a big pink, maroon kind of elephant. The flower is this hot red, and then there are some really intense reds." He pointed to a pair of jelly bean-ish blobs floating near the top. "Maybe they're Chinese lanterns or they're just circles of red that are floating in the sky."

The point is not what they are, but that they are red.

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Duke, 45, studied philosophy and literature at the University of Utah. His world was stretched by a two-month stint in Heidelberg, Germany, living with his father, who served in the military.

“I would just get on the train and go to the next place,” he said. “The thing about traveling around Europe is that the towns all point to a church or museum. Going around and seeing the art just blew my mind.”

Renaissance frescoes and canvases by the likes of Michelangelo, Raphael and Fra Angelico showed him how to fill a wall. Duke’s visual splendor harks all the way back to the splendiferous golden halos, crimson robes, ivory architecture and verdant trees that vie to upstage Jesus in Fra Angelico’s “Deposition of Christ.”

Duke studied painting and drawing at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore and was hired by MSU in 2006. He plunged into the mural-verse while working with the city of East Lansing in 2016 to coordinate a series of public art projects, including a wrap-around mural at the Division Street Parking Garage that’s still in progress.

“Mural work, image work at scale, is really compelling to me,” he said. “Think of the Duomo of Florence or any kind of cathedral. You’re immersed within an image. There’s this tension between the largeness of the thing and the representation of a thing.”

However, he finds mural work to be harder, mentally as well as physically, than sitting at an easel in his studio. Every little decision has big consequences.

“I have to think about the ambition of the image,” he said.

“Can I get nine hours on the wall, eight hours? It’s the ambition of the image against how many cans of paint I have.”

Did someone say “ambition”? Duke has already moved on to a mural about 10 times bigger than “Moving Forward,” on the wall of a warehouse complex at the corner of Paulson Street and Turner Road, north of Old Town. At the center of the mural, now in progress, is a 30-foot-tall, time-and-space-compressing tree with the mottled trunk of a sycamore and half a dozen species of leaves, in both spring and autumn colors. There is snow and fire on that wall, and another mesmerizing young girl. Duke can talk all day about the myriad themes and techniques that feed into such a maximalist phantasmagoria, but he had a succinct summary for this one.

“It’s the everything tree,” he explained.

## Jamari Taylor: Sunshine

After five years of ArtPath, strollers on the Lansing River Trail may feel like they’ve seen it all, but they haven’t yet seen anything like this.

Drifting through a rectangle of creamy white paint, the strikingly beautiful profile of a Black woman in a yellow dress is graced with a gravity-defying, yellow



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Jamari Taylor created “Sunshine” to “make you feel you can be yourself, wear a crown.”



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Highlights of gold leaf add an extra glint to “Sunshine.”

floral crown. The plush pillow of petals billows in her wake, animated by an invisible solar wind under the Shiawassee Street Bridge.

“It’s another way to make you feel like you can be yourself, wear a crown,” artist Jamari Taylor said. “All of our crowns are different.”

The limited color palette of yel-

lows and blacks is bold, yet easy on the eye. A smattering of gold leaf highlights the woman’s floral crown, throwing off mercurial, shifting glints as you walk by.

A recently acquired obsession with birds led Taylor, 45, to give a co-starring role in “Sunshine” to a great tit, a bird with matching yellow and black plumage and a hopeful symbolic significance.

“It worked beyond perfect,” she said. “Not just the color, but the meaning behind the great tit. If you’re taking a stroll under the Shiawassee Bridge, riding your bike, or even running, that portrait is meant to put you in a high spirits, keep your strength up.”

The painting’s positivity belies a serious setback that happened to Taylor late in May. She was well into work on the mural when a sudden shift in weather, from cold to hot, caused heavy condensation to form on the wall, before the paint had cured. The yellow paint in the floral crown ran down over the woman’s face.

“That was a nightmare — the first time I experienced something like that,” she said. “You could walk up to the wall and smear the paint off with your hands. I had to start over on all over again with it.”

A day later, conditions were dry again and she got back to work.

Taylor loved to create portraits as a youngster, but she didn’t have much confidence in her abilities until she took an art class and stuck with it in her senior year at Battle Creek Central High School, thanks largely to an encouraging teacher.

She was accepted into the illustration program at Grand Valley State University, got some experience as an illustrator and started a tutoring program in Battle Creek. She still works one-on-one with young students, teaching technique and building up their confidence.

“I treat it like an art therapy session,” she said. “They tell me what they love to do, what they want to learn, and in 10 weeks, I show them some different tech-

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niques and we just have a good time. I absolutely adore it and I hope to do it in other communities.”

She has been involved in pop-up shows and gallery exhibitions, but she always comes back to tutoring and mentoring.

“Some people say, ‘I can barely draw a stick figure.’ I’m like, ‘Oh, you can do more than that.’ It’s a mind thing, and it’s really awesome to teach.”

She has a few more murals in the works for summer and fall, including a project with students at the Dock Ministries in Grand Rapids and a mural that will become part of the Heart-side Historic Murals in Grand Rapids, celebrating a historically Black neighborhood. Recently, she snagged a super-high-profile gig we can’t even announce yet.

On visits to Lansing, she’s enjoying positive feedback from passersby who appreciate “Sunshine.”

“I was hoping to bring peace of mind, a place where people can stop and find a space of healing and thought,” she said. “To slow down a little bit and soak in the art.”

## David Such and Fred Hammond: The Itsy-Bitsy Spider

If you think the giant spider dangling from the Robert Busby Bridge over the Grand River in Old Town looks like something out of a 1950s horror movie, you’re right on target.

The artist-engineer team of David Such and Fred Hammond also created the giant, glowing eyeball on a stalk that goggled out from Elm Park for the 2019 ArtPath and now lurks behind Zoobie’s Old Town Tavern. It makes you wonder what else is skulking inside Such’s brain.

“I’ve seen my share of horror pictures,” Such admitted. “Every Saturday, me and my brothers and sisters would go to the movies in downtown Lansing.”

Before Such, 69, lived in Lansing, he spent Saturday nights watching Flint horror-movie host Christopher Coffin.

Such, the founder of Lansing Scrap-Fest, and Hammond have already made a few marks on Greater Lansing.

They created the bike chain sculpture in front of Chipotle’s in East Lansing and the diving bell-gong apparatus that occupied the Elm Park spot on ArtPath in 2018. Last year, they completed “Encompass Lansing,” an elaborate, walk-through sculpture fabricated from laser-cut metal and concrete at the corner of Pleasant Grove and Holmes roads.

The two have talked for years about doing a sculpture that interacts with the Grand River.

Hammond suggested they hang something over the river, relishing the engineering challenge. The River Trail boardwalk under Cesar Chavez Avenue is already festooned with active and abandoned webs of hundreds of spiders.

“A spider seemed like a natural fit there,” Such said.

The legs are made of PVC piping with elbow joints, wrapped in insulation to give them girth and texture. The body



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David Such and Fred Hammond’s “Itsy Bitsy Spider” lurks under the Cesar Chavez Avenue Bridge over the Grand River, terrorizing passersby on the Lansing River Trail.



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Beware: there are many spiders on the spider.

is made of several layers of 3-inch-thick hard insulation, shaped with a hot knife and glued together. The 4-inch-wide glassy red eyes were an online purchase.

He ordered green ones, but red ones arrived by mistake, and Such is glad of it. “They are really scary,” he said.

Hammond, the crack engineer of

the duo, inserted a metal rod, to which all the arthropod’s pods are securely screwed.

Installation was complicated. First, Such and Hammond had to show Lansing city engineer Dean Johnson the project would not harm the bridge.

They ruled out using a boat to install the spider because the nearest boat launch upstream from the North Lansing dam is miles away, in Dimondale.

Although the spider only weighs 32 pounds, it took six people to lift it into place from the River Trail boardwalk. The arachnid had to be hung more than 20 feet away from the boardwalk, so the torque (weight times distance) involved in the lift was man-killing. Hammond devised a hanging lift system, using three wooden planks and a rope sling.

“We just swung it out there,” Such said. “The hook system Fred developed allowed us to get it out, just a little bit above where the bar it hangs on, and then we kind of just dropped it there. I’m telling you, Fred’s a genius when it comes to this stuff.”

(Such spoke for both men, describing Hammond as “camera shy.”)



Courtesy photo

David Such in his studio. Such described his engineering partner, Fred Hammond, as “camera shy.”

When Such returned to the site to look at the spider recently, he was greeted with a tableau straight out of Christopher Coffin’s TV horror show.

“It’s got spiders growing on it,” Such said with a grin. “They’re making webs between the legs.”

## Marissa Tawney Thaler: One Wish

No matter how far you step away from “One Wish,” a colorful matrix of dots under the east abutment of the Shiawassee Street Bridge, it refuses to resolve into a single image.

That’s because the dots aren’t pixels, in the TV or comic book sense. The trick is to move closer, not farther away.

Each dot contains an image of a piece of origami paper folded into an elegant crane.

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Lansing-based illustrator Marissa Tawney Thaler was inspired by the story of Sodako Sasaki, who suffered from leukemia after surviving the Hiroshima bomb. According to Japanese legend, the gods grant a wish to any person who folds 1,000 paper cranes. Thaler was inspired by a semi-fictionalized version of the story, often taught in schools, in which Sodako folded as many as she could before her strength gave out, and her classmates folded the rest for her. (In real life, Sodako exceeded the goal of 1,000 on her own.)

Unfortunately, working on the mural was not as meditative as folding 1,000 paper cranes.

“It was an act of diligence and grit,” she said. Un-productive thoughts such as “that’s 431 dots down, 569 to go” were rigorously banished.

“The whole time, I battled this feeling of the piece being way too big for me,” she said. “As long as I kept my head down and stayed focused on the section in front of me, I kept myself from getting overwhelmed.”

The work sequence required her to start all over, from Dot One, three times. First, she carefully stenciled outlines of all the dots. Next, she painted all of them in a pleasing color progression, to add movement to the mural and “get your eyes to move around.”

Finally, she created linoleum block

stamps depicting six variants of the cranes and printed them inside the circles, directly on the wall.

“It was a challenge to stay in a place where I felt on top of it, but it was exciting toward the end, when it finally came together,” she said.

To complicate the process, on the third day of work, in late May, the weather turned from chilly to hot. The paint Thaler used on the chilly day didn’t cure and ran down the wall in a slurry of condensed moisture.

“It was intense,” Thaler said.

Thaler got a text that morning from Jamari Taylor, who was painting “Sunshine,” the mural next to hers: “Our murals are ruined.”

“It stayed wet all day, so there was nothing we could do,” Thaler said. The next day, the air was dry enough to patch up the white spaces and remix and match the colors to repaint the dots.

Thaler was thankful that the mural’s design, although intricate, is not technically sophisticated.

“I kept thinking, it was circles and white spaces, just hard work, and if there’s anything I know I can do, it’s hard work, so this is OK.”



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Melissa Tawney Thaler created prints depicting six variants of the folded cranes and placed one in every circle, 1,000 in all.

Thaler, 36, learned to draw in college, later in life than many artists, and she got used to working harder than her classmates to stay in the game. She studied art education and illustration at Kendall College of Art and Design. After graduating, she taught art in elementary school for 10 years, until 2018, when she decided to pursue a career as a freelance illustrator.

“I’ve always been drawn to line quality,” she said. “In a room full of paintings, I will always find the drawing, because I love the heart in drawing.”

She has illustrated two children’s books, “Get that GRIT!” and “The Itchy Secret,” working from a sunlit studio above a plant shop in DeWitt. Recently,

she has expressed a newfound interest in murals, not only in the ArtPath project, but in various spots around town, including the children’s section of the Hooked bookstore and wine shop in East Lansing and another mural outside her sunny DeWitt studio.

“Get that grit” is an apt formula for mural painting, especially in urban hangouts like the plaza under the bridge where Thaler painted “One Wish.”

Among the curious onlookers were an opossum and a rat.

“It was so much dirtier process than I thought it would be, working outside, in the dirt and pigeon gunk,” she said. “I felt like a trash Disney princess.”

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# Five dank news nuggets from across Michigan

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Nowadays, there’s simply too much cannabis news in Michigan for me to keep track of it all in one column every week. So, to help keep local stoners informed, here’s another installment of “Seeds and Stems” — an assortment of cannabis products and news from the last month that I’ve personally plucked from the grinder and rolled up just for your consumption. Enjoy.

## Ten days of pure bliss with Redemption Cannabis

OK. I’ve prattled on about how much I love Redemption Cannabis products quite a bit in this column over the last couple of years, but the newest line of products from the brand (founded by an old-school Lansing caregiver) may just be my new, go-to favorite for every occasion.

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I’ve written about the Gooberry. It’s one of my favorites. But the Mafia Funeral is going to get me through the rest of the summer in a state of blissful tranquility. I smoked a joint of it just about every evening over the last week. It’s been a great elixir to relieve stress and help me unwind and relax after dinner without that crash-out-on-the-couch-before-the-movie-ends sort of high.

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## Bone Thugs to perform at ‘Bazonzoes Stage’

A big-time name in the hip-hop world is kicking off the opening of a rather unique new music venue in Lansing: Bone Thugs-n-Harmony performs Friday (July 29) at 6 p.m. on the Bazonzoes Stage, a new performance space behind



influential rap group, reportedly added a stop to its tour just to support the launch of the new outdoor pot shop concert venue — which will reportedly be used for several other concerts over the summer. Tickets start at \$40 on eventbrite.com.

## Turn N’ Burn: Affordable crumble for ‘blue-collar’ tokers

When I’m not sampling out fun new products for this column, I’m typically smoking the cheapest bud on the market — which is usually The Smallz at Pincanna in East Lansing. Why? Because you don’t always need some fancy, kief-infused superbud to get the job done. And if you want to pack two dozen joints on your camping trip, that can make a dent in your pocketbook.

Bazonzoes at 2101 W. Willow St. in Lansing.

The group, which has been billed as the world’s most



And that’s exactly why I’m head-over-bongs in love with one of the newest products to hit the market in Michigan: Turn N’ Burn, which bills itself as a “blue-collar, working man’s line of cannabis products designed to keep money in your wallet and get you to your destination.”

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Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, re-adopting the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing.

Effective date: Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

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## CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1303

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 1460, Section 1, and the International Property Maintenance Code, adopted by reference, to provide for issuance of trash, weed, and grass violation notices and compliance orders, and that uncorrected violations are nuisances; and to provide an appeals process, and to permit the City to abate uncorrected violations and recover costs.

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## CITY OF LANSING PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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

### ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

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

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

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

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

- Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Monday, August 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, August 2, 2022 must be requested and voted in person at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, August 2, 2022 are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit.

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## Looking for a way to connect with others in the industry?

Last month, I was invited to join the Mid-Michigan Cannabis Young Professionals group on Facebook — a group created in part by the folks at Redemption Cannabis that helps provide mentorship as well as in-person, consumption-friendly networking mixers for budding, young professionals in the industry, spotlight "professionals of the month," and even operates a mentorship program. Look it up if you're looking to connect with others in the local industry.



## Kalkushka opens Michigan's first cannabis consumption lounge

Earlier this month, I took a tour of Una Labs. It's one of the newer parts of a larger, still-growing cannabis company called Carbidex that also operates

Franklin Fields and Botanical Co. The folks over there also invited me up to the grand opening celebration of their other latest creation: Kalkushka, a swanky new cannabis lounge in Kalkaska where you can kick back, enjoy some snacks and smoke as much



weed as you want.

Maybe you can smoke a little too much weed as you want. I'm still recovering from that road trip, so you can expect a full review on that delightfully Up North experience next week.

*Kyle Kaminski is a journalist and cannabis enthusiast. Editor & Publisher magazine has labeled him "arguably, the state's authority on everything you need to know about cannabis." Have a suggestion for a dank new product or a feature idea? Email lansterdam@lansingcitypulse.com.*

**B/23/011 FIREARMS FOR FY23** as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids electronically on line at www.mitn.info or at the City Of Lansing Purchasing Office, at 124 W. Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48933 until 2:00 PM local time in effect on July 28, 2022 at which time bids will be opened and read. Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by contacting Marilyn Chick at (517) 483-4282, or Marilyn.chick@lansingmi.gov or go to www.mitn.info. The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

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# Live & Local CityPULSE

## The Avenue

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
**Narc Out The Reds, MOTO, Mystery Math**  
 Fri., July 22, 9 p.m.

## Bad Brewing Co.

440 S. Jefferson, Mason  
**Alex Mendenhall**  
 Sat., July 23, 4:30 p.m.

## B&I Bar

5247 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing  
**Darin Larner Jr**  
 Thurs., July 21, 7:30-10:30 p.m.  
**Flipside**  
 Sat., July 23, 8-11 p.m.

## Blue Owl

1149 S Washington, Lansing  
**Elden Kelly and Gregg Hill**  
 Thurs., July 21, 6-8 p.m.

## Classic Pub & Grill

16219 Old US-27, Lansing  
**Coolidge and the Gang**  
 Fri., July 22, 8 p.m.  
**Lady Luck**  
 Sat., July 23, 8 p.m.

## Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids  
**DJ E. Nyce**  
 Thurs., July 21, 7-10 p.m.  
**Blue Haired Betties**  
 Fri., July 22, 7-10 p.m.  
**Thick N Thin**  
 Sat., July 23, 7-10 p.m.

## The Pledge

1300 Eureka St., Lansing  
**The Immaculate Beings**  
 Tues., July 26, 7 p.m.

## The Exchange

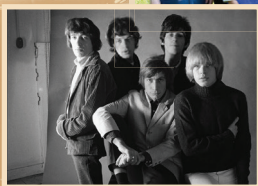
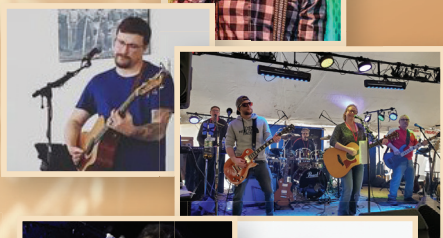
314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
**Off the Ledge**  
 Fri. & Sat., July 22-23, 9:30 p.m.

## The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
**Fat Boy & Jive Turkey**  
 Fri., July 22, 9 p.m.  
**Jessie & The Downbeat Groove**  
 Sat., July 23 9 p.m.

## Urban Beat

1213 Turner Rd., Lansing  
**Rock Legend Series - Rolling Stones**  
 Fri., July 22, 7-10 p.m.



# TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene BY RICH TUPICA

## Q&A: RIFFING WITH PHIL LYNCH OF LOCUST POINT



Courtesy photo

Locust Point is (left to right) Phil Lynch (guitar, vocals), Dave Peterman (drums, guitar, vocals) and Albert LaRose (bass).

## Lansing-based band releases 'Michigan Drag' LP

Lansing's own Locust Point debuted with a brilliant self-titled LP in 2018, an LP stocked with undeniable, Thin Lizzy-caliber guitar riffs and rock 'n roll hooks.

Last month, the band returned with its second outing, the equally remarkable "Michigan Drag." Phil Lynch (guitar, vocals) chatted with City Pulse about the new record.

**When did the new album start to take shape?**

**Phil Lynch:** We recorded this one in the spring and summer of 2021. We did drum tracking at Marshland studios in Lansing and finished up guitars and vocals at our jam space — a home studio setup. Compared to our debut, it felt a lot less rushed. We were able to take our time and give the material more breathing room this time around.

**Where did the title track, "Michigan Drag," come from?**

Dave wrote the title track. To me, it refers to not only Michigan Avenue in the literal sense but also just that general feeling of Midwest malaise and drudgery that kind of became one of the themes of this record.

**Does Locust Point have a songwriting process?**

As far as the writing goes, Dave and I each bring our own individual songs in. Albert wrote a track, "In This City." It'd be nice to have a more collaborative songwriting process, but in the limited time we have, we like to have material ready to go so we can move the process right along. At our age the whole, "Hey let's just jam and see what

happens" thing is not productive at all. That's how you end up with albums like [Metallica's] "St. Anger."

**The riffs on the new album are amazing. What's the trick to writing a catchy riff?**

If there's a secret, I wish I knew (*laughs*). In my experience, when you write a good one, you'll know it almost immediately. I would bet that a lot of iconic rock and metal riffs were written more spontaneously than some people realize.

**Do you have a favorite track on "Michigan Drag"?**

I think my favorite is "The Chaser." The song starts out as this kind of Stax Records bass groove and just keeps

building steam. For me, it highlights the rhythm section, too — which I think is an underrated aspect of the band. Just a well-rounded, centerpiece track.

**How did the almost-nine-minute "Texas Switch" come about?**

"Texas Switch" is an older song I had kicking around since before we formed actually. Very singer-songwriter-y. Obviously, there's a heavy Dire Straits influence. We knew early on it would end the record. It felt right to let it just run on at the end. Now that you mention it, nine minutes does seem a bit much.

Follow Locust Point at [facebook.com/locustpointmi](https://facebook.com/locustpointmi) and stream "Michigan Drag" at [locustpoint.bandcamp.com](https://locustpoint.bandcamp.com).









### Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

**“Stately”--hey, what’s your name?**  
by Matt Jones

**Across**

1. Grand slam run count

5. Prince Buster's genre

8. Candle-heavy occasions, for short?

13. Quindlen with the 2022 best-seller “Write for Your Life”

14. Corn opener?

15. Some cameras or copiers

17. Show biz parent, maybe

19. Generational separator

20. Brick quantity

21. Aspiration for neither the over- or under-achiever

23. Roth offering

25. Salon worker

26. 180 degrees from NNE

27. Yerevan’s country

31. Actor Morales whose Wikipedia bio mentions his name frequency in crosswords

33. Getting your kicks?

34. \_\_\_\_-Magnon

36. Toy truck maker

40. Bedsheets, tablecloths, etc.

44. “The Only Way Is \_\_\_\_” (U.K. reality soap since 2010)

45. The day before

46. Finishes, as cupcakes

47. Word before rain or jazz

50. Done over, like school pictures

52. Tuna steak choice

55. Part of CUNY or NYU

57. “Diners, Drive-\_\_\_\_ and Dives”

58. Slide whistle-playing Simpsons character

62. Pro runner?

65. Farthest orbital point

66. Supernatural witch of Slavic folklore

68. Daughter of Pablo Picasso

69. Thumb drive port

70. Capital near Lillehammer

71. Positive quality

72. Rd. intersextors

73. Bovary and Tussaud, for example (abbr.)

Down

1. Adjective for many world-record attempts

2. Not faked out by

3. Like some decisions

4. Disreputable newspaper (not like the one you’re reading!)

5. Sport in which athletes crouch

6. “Turn it up and rip the \_\_\_\_ off!”

7. Directed a wad of paper into a wastebasket

8. Truist Park team

9. Social media and computing elite

10. Lenovo alternative

11. Hatha and bikram, for two

12. Catches, as fly balls

16. Erupt

18. “The Bad Guys” screenwriter Cohen (not one of the filmmaking brothers!)

22. “That it be, lad”

24. Suez Canal’s outlet

27. U.S. Open stadium

28. Platonic P’s

29. “\_\_\_\_ bin ein Berliner” (JFK quote)

30. Person who may not feel romantic attraction, for short

32. \_\_\_\_ Sea (arm of the Mediterranean)

35. Cheer for AtlÉtico Madrid

37. Twinge that may need massaging

38. Worn-out jeans spot

39. PTA pt.

41. Burp follower

42. Cable recorder, perhaps

43. Majors who was “The Six Million Dollar Man”

48. Ready to breed

49. “Holy Diver” rocker Ronnie James

51. Tequila who originally gained fame on MySpace

52. “And hurry!”

53. Medical privacy law, initially

54. Huge celebs

56. Big ride to a Dead concert, maybe

59. Alter \_\_\_\_

60. Ship feature

61. Declines slowly

63. It’s not a good look

64. Country next to Thailand

67. \_\_\_\_ Kippur

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Answers on page 23

### SUDOKU

### Advanced

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**TO PLAY**

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

Answers on page 23

### Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsný

July 20-26, 2022

**ARIES (March 21–April 19):** You are entering the Season of Love’s Renewal. To celebrate, I offer you a poem by eighth-century Tamil poet Andal. Whatever gender you may be, I invite you to visualize yourself as the “Snakewaist woman” she addresses. Here’s Andal, bringing a fiery splash of exclamation points: “Arouse, Snakewaist woman! Strut your enchantment! Swoop your mirth and leap your spiral reverence! As wild peacocks shimmer and ramble and entice the lightning-nerved air! Summon thunderheads of your love! Command the sentient wind! Resurrect the flavor of eternal birth!”

**TAURUS (April 20–May 20):** Tips to get the most out of the next three weeks: 1. Work harder, last longer, and finish with more grace than everyone else. 2. Be in love with beauty. Crave it, surround yourself with it, and create it. Be especially enamored of beautiful things that are also useful. 3. Taste the mist, smell the clouds, kiss the music, praise the earth, and listen to the moon in the daytime sky. 4. Never stop building! Keep building and building and building: your joy, your security, your love, your beauty, your stamina, your sense of wonder.

**GEMINI (May 21–June 20):** Gemini astrologer Astrolocherry says that while Gemini’s “can appear naive and air-headed to onlookers, their minds usually operate at light speed. They naturally absorb every surrounding particle of intellectual stimuli. They constantly observe their interactions for opportunities to grow their knowledge.” I believe these qualities will function at peak intensity during the next four weeks, Gemini—maybe even beyond peak intensity. Please try to enjoy the hell out of this phase without becoming manic or overwrought. If all goes well, you could learn more in the next four weeks than most people learn in four months.

**CANCER (June 21–July 22):** Naeem Callaway founded Get Out The Box, an organization that mentors at-risk youth in low-income and rural communities. Here’s one of his central teachings: “Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tiptoe if you must, but take the step.” Even if you don’t fit the profile of the people Callaway serves, his advice is perfect for you right now. For the time being, I urge you to shelve any plans you might have for grandiose actions. Focus on just one of the many possible tasks you could pursue and carry it out with determined focus.

**LEO (July 23–Aug. 22):** A Leo astrologer I’ve known for years told me, “Here’s a secret about us Lions. No matter what happens, despite any pitfalls and pratfalls, my ego will stay intact. It ain’t gonna crack. You can hurl five lightning bolts’ worth of insults at my skull, and I will walk away without even a hint of a concussion. I believe in myself and worship myself, but even more importantly: I trust my own self-coherence like I trust the sun to shine.” Wow! That’s quite a testimony. I’m not sure I fully buy it, though. I have known a few Leos whose confidence wavered in the wake of a minor misstep. But here’s the point of my horoscope: I encourage you to allow a slight ego deflation in the coming days. If you do, I believe it will generate a major blossoming of your ego by August. And that would be a very good thing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22):** Virgo poet Claude de Burine described how one night when she was three years old, she sneaked out of the house with her parents’ champagne bucket so she could fill it up with moonlight. I think activities like this will be a worthy pursuit for you in the coming days. You’re entering a favorable phase to go in quest of lyrical, fanciful experiences. I hope you will make yourself available for marvels and curiosities and fun surprises.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22):** There is a distinction between being nice and being kind. Being nice is often motivated by mechanical politeness, by a habit-bound drive to appear pleasant. It may

be rooted more in a desire to be liked than in an authentic urge to bestow blessings. On the other hand, being kind is a sincere expression of care and concern for another. It fosters genuine intimacy. I bring these thoughts to your attention because I think that one of Libra’s life-long tasks is to master the art of being kind rather than merely nice. And right now is an especially favorable phase for you to refine your practice.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21):** You sometimes feel you have to tone down your smoldering intensity, avert your dark-star gazes, conceal your sultry charisma, dumb down your persuasive speech, pretend you don’t have so much stamina, disguise your awareness of supernatural connections, act less like a saint and martyr in your zealous devotions, and refrain from revealing your skill at reading between the lines. But none of that avoidance stuff usually works very well. The Real You leaks out into view. In the coming weeks, I hope you won’t engage in any of the hiding behavior I described. It’s a favorable time to freely pour forth your Scorpionic blessings.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21):** There could be interesting and important events happening while you sleep in the coming nights. If a butterfly lands on you in a dream, it may mean you’re prepping for a spiritual transformation in waking life. It could be a sign you’re receptive to a breakthrough insight you weren’t previously open to. If you dream of a baby animal, it might signify you’re ready to welcome a rebirth of a part of you that has been dormant or sluggish or unavailable. Dreams in which you’re flying suggest you may soon escape a sense of heaviness or inertia.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19):** How to be the best Capricorn you can be in the coming weeks and months: 1. Develop a disciplined, well-planned strategy to achieve more freedom. 2. Keep clambering upwards even if you have no competitors and there’s no one else at the top. 3. Loosen your firm grasp and steely resolve just enough so you can allow the world to enjoy you. 4. Don’t let the people you love ever think you take them for granted. 5. Be younger today than you were yesterday.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18):** In the next seven to eight weeks, I’d love for you to embody an attitude about intimacy articulated by author Hélène Cixous. Here’s her aspiration: “I want to love a person freely, including all her secrets. I want to love in this person someone she doesn’t know. I want to love without judgment, without fault. Without false, without true. I want to meet her between the words, beneath language.” And yes, dear Aquarius, I know this is a monumental undertaking. If it appeals to you at all, just do the best you can to incorporate it. Perfection isn’t required.

**PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20):** I periodically consult a doctor of Chinese Medicine who tells me that one of the best things I can do for my health is to walk barefoot—EVERYWHERE! On the sidewalk, through buildings, and especially in the woods and natural areas. He says that being in direct contact with our beloved earth can provide me with energetic nourishment not possible any other way. I have resisted the doc’s advice so far. It would take the soles of my feet a while to get accustomed to the wear and tear of barefoot walking. I bring this up, Pisces, because the coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to try what I haven’t yet. In fact, anything you do to deepen your connection with the earth will be extra healing. I invite you to lie in the sand, hug trees, converse with birds, shout prayers to mountains, and bathe in rivers or lakes.

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



# OUT on the TOWN

## Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com). Deadline is 9 a.m. Monday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Suzi at (517) 999-6704.

### Wednesday, July 20

**25th Annual Muelder Summer Carillon Concert Series** - 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower at MSU on W. Circle Dr., East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).

**A Conversation with a Family of Contemporary Anishinabe Beadwork Artists** - Virtual. 7-8:30 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W Circle, East Lansing. [museum.msu.edu](http://museum.msu.edu)

**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](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Allen Farmers Market** - Corner Shepard/Kalamazoo. 2:30-7 p.m. Allen Market Place, 1611 E Kalamazoo, Lansing.

**Bubble Man** - Watch Ron Loyd create a magic show made completely of bubbles! All ages. 3-4 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main, Eaton Rapids. [eradi.org](http://eradi.org).

**Concert in the Park** - William E. Tennant Performance Shell - this week: Toppermost. 7-9 p.m. St Johns City Park, 801 W Park St. [clintoncountyarts.org](http://clintoncountyarts.org).

**Concerts in the Park – 8 Concerts + 8 Parks** - 7 p.m. For lineup and location, go to [lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-In-The-Park](http://lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-In-The-Park)

**Diabetes Support Group** - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Delta Twp. District Library, 5130 Davenport Dr., Lansing. 517-321-4014.

**It's My Art Show!** - on display. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Okemos Branch Library, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos. 517-327-0938. [retreadart.com](http://retreadart.com).

**Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr Blvd., Lansing. [lamc.info](http://lamc.info).

**Meridian Farmers' Market** - 1995 Central Park Dr., Okemos. 3-7 p.m.

**Meridian Township Summer Concert Series** - 6-8:30 p.m. 1995 Central Park Dr., Okemos. [meridian.mi.us](http://meridian.mi.us).

**Pagan Community Night** - online or in-person. 6-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., #7A, Lansing. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

**Storybook Stroll** - through late August. Read while you stroll the trails at Lincoln Brick Park and downtown! 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Ukulele Strum with Ben Hassenger & Friends** - 7-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org)

## The Immaculate Beings perform two nights at The Fledge

Tuesday, July 26- Wednesday, July 27

The Fledge

1300 Eureka St., Lansing

[thefledge.com/events](http://thefledge.com/events)

[facebook.com/theimmaculatebeings](https://facebook.com/theimmaculatebeings)

The Immaculate Beings, a Minneapolis-based indie-pop band outfit, is a “family of queer eclectic human beings who promote the importance of self-love, self-care and self-validation through their music and performance.”

The dynamic collective — which comprises Trevor (vocals, guitar), Griffin (lead guitar), Martin (drums), Christian (bass), Casey (backup vox) and Staurie (keys) — creates a safe space at every show and reminds everyone that “they’re so loved.” This love fest stops for two nights at The Fledge.

With that, they also bring a face-melting set of psychedelic-infused alt-rock that’s simultaneously uplifting, dreamy and sonically powerful. The outfit started releasing singles via Bandcamp back in November 2019, and by January 2020 dropped its acclaimed debut LP, “Mental Space.” Listen here: [theimmaculatebeings.bandcamp.com](http://theimmaculatebeings.bandcamp.com)



**Wine Wednesday** - Wine & cheese tasting 6 p.m., wine & chocolate 8:30 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-721-1330.

**Your Art's Desire** - multi-media exhibit featuring the work of Susan Smith, through Aug. 18. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.

### Thursday, July 21

**49th Annual MACC Golf Classic 2022** - 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Eldorado Golf Course, 3750 W. Howell Rd., Mason. business. [masonchamber.org](http://masonchamber.org).

**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St, Bath. [shopbfm.org](http://shopbfm.org).

**Chevy in the Hole: Meet the Author Event** - Join us at Hooked to meet Kelsey Ronan, the author of a new novel, Chevy in the Hole. 7-8 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-721-1330. [hookedlansing.com](http://hookedlansing.com).

**Dimondale Farmers' Market** - 3-7 p.m. Downtown Dimondale, 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale.

**Family Pops Concert** - by the East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band. Outdoors. 7-8 p.m. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing.

**Farmers Market at the Capitol** - Hosted by the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA), 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Michigan State Capitol, 100 N Capitol Ave,

Lansing. 517-432-3381. [mifma.org](http://mifma.org).

**Field of View: An Art X Science Film Series** - In Silico. 9:20 p.m. Valley Court Park, East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com).

**It's a Thursday Thing** - musicians will be performing on the corner at N. Clinton, St Johns. 5-7 p.m. [downtownstjohnsmi.com](http://downtownstjohnsmi.com).

**Music in the Garden** - Bypass - 7-8 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 N Aurelius Road, Holt. [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com).

**Music in the Park** - Bring your friends and a lawn chair or blanket. Food concessions available onsite. 7-9 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St, Grand Ledge. [grandledgechamber.com](http://grandledgechamber.com).

**Prevention of Common Running Injuries Webinar with Dr. Nathan Fittton** - 6-7 p.m. MSU Health Care Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center, 4660 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing. [healthcare.msu.edu](http://healthcare.msu.edu).

**Sounds of Summer** - 6:30-8 p.m. Two Rivers Bandshell, Dixie Highway, Portland. [ectownusa.net](http://ectownusa.net).

**Stitch 'n Bitch** - Come hang out with some fellow stitching witches! 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St. #7, Lansing. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

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

**Summer Concert Series** - 6:30 p.m. The Courthouse Lawn, 100 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte.

**Wacousta Picnic Playdate Family Storytime** - enjoy summer stories, songs, and activities at the playground. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Wacousta UMC, 9180 Herbison Rd., Eagle. 517-627-7014.

**Watercolor Mermaids** - Paint mermaids using watercolors with us at the Playground of Dreams, supplied provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m. 100 Howe Dr., Eaton Rapids. [eradi.org](http://eradi.org).

**Zoo Nights #3 (21+)** - 5-8 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. 517-483-4222. [potterparkzoo.org](http://potterparkzoo.org).

### Friday, July 22

**50 over Fitness** - The Meridian 50 Plus Stretch and Flex Exercise group. 9-10 a.m. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos. 517-853-4600. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Advanced Video Game Designer** - Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. [impression5.org](http://impression5.org).

**Cardboard Arcade** - Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. [impression5.org](http://impression5.org).

**Causeway Clash** - Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament. All Ages. 6-11:30 p.m. Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar, Lansing. [start.gg](http://start.gg).

**Cruise In** - 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers' Market, 2150 Cedar St, Holt. [delhitownship.com](http://delhitownship.com).

**Eco Explorers** - Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing.



# Events

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impression5.org.

**Friday Night Concert Series** - 7 p.m.  
Lake Lansing Park South Band Shell,  
1621 Pike St, Haslett. pk.ingham.org.

**Pirate Adventure** - Impression 5  
Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing.  
impression5.org.

**TGIF Dinner & Dance** - 7-11:59 p.m.  
Hawk Hollow, 15101 Chandler Rd., Bath.  
734-604-5095. tgifdance.com.

## Saturday, July 23

**Causeway Clash** - Super Smash Bros  
Ultimate Tournament. 12-11:30 p.m.  
Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar,  
Lansing. start.gg.

**Drum Circle** - Bring your drums and  
rattles, instruments or even dancing  
feet! 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation,  
809 Center St. # 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540.  
manifestlansing.com.

**Harris Nature Center Celebrates  
25 Years!** - Free programs all day 8  
a.m.-8:30 p.m. Harris Nature Center,  
3998 Van Atta Rd., Okemos.

**Nerf Wars** - 1-3 p.m. Valhalla Park, 2287  
Pine Tree Road, Holt. delhitownship.com.

Wellness Weekends Series: Meditation  
Tour. 10-11:30 a.m. Eli and Edythe Broad  
Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing.  
broadmuseum.msu.edu

## Sunday, July 24

**Causeway Clash** - Super Smash Bros  
Ultimate Tournament. 12-5 p.m. Causeway  
Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar, Lansing. start.gg.

**The Council of 3 Fires, David Meeder,  
USCL Sunday Adult Learning Time** -  
Explore historical native wisdom. 9:30-10:15  
a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395  
S. Washington, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

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

**Music in the Park** - 2-4 p.m. Bates Scout  
Park, 6923-6999 Meridian Rd, Laingsburg.  
laingsburgbusiness.org.

Sunday School for Witches - workshop  
series. 3-4:30 p.m. Keys To Manifestation,  
809 Center St. #7A, Lansing. 517-974-5540.  
manifestlansing.com.

## Monday, July 25

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

**Comedy Night at Crunchy's!** - 9 p.m.  
254 W. Grand River, East Lansing.

**Fowlerville Family Fair** - 9 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds, 8800 Grand  
River Ave., Fowlerville.

**Jr. Spy** - 8 a.m. Impression 5 Science  
Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing.  
517-485-8116. impression5.org.

**Natural Wonders** - 8 a.m. Impression 5  
Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing.  
517-485-8116. impression5.org.

**Science of Art** - 8 a.m. Impression 5  
Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing.  
517-485-8116. impression5.org.

**Sunset Storytime Mondays** - enjoy an  
early evening story time with summery  
stories, songs and an activity. 6:30-7:30  
p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131  
E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014.  
gladl.org

## Tuesday, July 26

**A Conversation with Two  
Extraordinary Traditional Artists** -  
Yvonne Walker Keshick and Renee Wasson.  
Virtual. 7-8 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W  
Circle, East Lansing. museum.msu.edu

**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.

**Concerts on the Lawn "String  
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Headquarters. tickets at:  
lansingsymphony.org.

**Fowlerville Family Fair** - 9 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds, 8800 Grand  
River Ave., Fowlerville.

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Blue Mitten Farms invites all to experience the mesmerizing music of Dixon's Violin at 4 p.m. along with a set from Zak & What Army? at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are also welcome to practice yoga and meditation taught by Katy Joe DeSantis at 3 p.m. Organizers suggest a \$7-10 donation to practice, "but any amount is welcome."

Lauded as a premier visionary violinist, Dixon has inspired crowds at more than 1,000 concerts across North America. His resume includes four TED talks and numerous Burning Man and Electric Forest Festival performances. Years ago, Dixon left his professional career to follow his dream. Since then, he's invented a new music genre where he improvises on a five-string electric violin while utilizing a custom looping system. It's an all-live, one-man symphony.

220 S. Main. eradl.org

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206 W River St., Grand Ledge.

**Library Treasure Hunt** - Find the  
treasure by following clues hidden around  
the Library! 2-3 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area  
District Library, 220 S. Main, Eaton Rapids.  
eradl.org.

**Parent Happy Hour** - Storytime for  
kids and wine flight specials for parents.  
5-7 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave.,  
Lansing. 517-721-1330.

**Picnic Playdate Family Storytime**  
- Meet at GLADL and follow the little  
red wagon to the playground. 11 a.m.-12  
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**Play in the Park** - Ann Arbor Hands-

On Museum. 7-8 p.m. Valley Court  
Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing.  
cityofeastlansing.com.

**Sporcle Live! Trivia** - two games - 7:30  
and 8:30 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W Grand  
River Ave, East Lansing. 517-351-2506.  
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# Voyages Wine Shop opens on east side, delivers far beyond

By SARAH SPOHN

Justin King is a familiar name within the greater Lansing hospitality industry. Formerly at Red Haven Farm to Table in Okemos, King opened up Dewitt's Bridge Street Social in 2016, but he resigned in 2020 to pursue his latest venture: Voyages Wine Shop.

King, 42, an East Lansing resident, celebrated the official opening of the eastside neighborhood shop on July 6. But he's far from a wine newbie. He has a two-decade-long history of working with wines, from his start at the wine counter at Goodrich's Shop-Rite to his time at restaurants.

"I've been in wine for 20 years, it's the one thing I love to do for work," King said. His mission for Voyages, perhaps



## Voyages Wine Shop

2024 E. Michigan Ave.,  
Lansing  
(517) 676-1007  
Monday-Saturday:  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon-9 p.m.  
voyageswine.com



Courtesy photo

Voyages Wine Shop is across from The Avenue Café.

Greater Lansing's first boutique wine and beer delivery shop, is to provide a space that serves the needs of the community. "I want to create a place that can give people really good products for what I think is outstanding value," he added.

During the stay-at-home orders at the pandemic's onset, King said his mind was reeling with business ideas that focused on delivery services. And while King has no aspirations to become the next Amazon or big-name delivery provider like Instacart or Gopuff, he does want to become a mainstay in Lansing. Launching today (July 20), daily delivery is available from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. to Lansing, East Lansing, Okemos, Haslett and DeWitt.

"This sort of dynamic is probably a new one for Lansing," he said. "Wine delivery and grocery delivery have existed in major markets for a while now, but it hasn't really existed here."

As for the brick-and-mortar location, the 1,400-square-foot space, formerly a flower shop, is filled with 400 wines from small producers across the world. Rather than carrying expensive wines that remain unopened for decades, King said he wanted to carry wines that were affordable and accessible in the \$15-25 range.

"I'd rather have wines that people here are looking to have with their pizza tonight, so that was the goal," King said. "We've also got craft beer, ready-to-

drink spirits, canned cocktails and hard seltzers."

Beyond that, Voyages stocks charcuterie boards, picnic baskets, meats, cheeses, olives, chips, salsa and pasta sauce — even toilet paper and diapers. "I know it sounds kind of strange for a wine shop, but I honestly think there has been a need for that sort of

diverse set (of items) for a store on the east side," King explained.

With a name like Voyages, it makes sense that the shop's owner enjoys wine trips and travel excursions. He said that passion will extend to customers too. Next summer, Voyages is hosting wine trips to Spain and to Greece.

"One of the things that's really enhanced my life is being able to travel to wine countries throughout the world," King said. "I wanted to share that experience."

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# On the hunt: Exploring Lansing's food trucks

By GABRIELLE LAWRENCE



The stalwart **Picnic Food Truck** (517picnic.com) is run by the incredibly talented Karrie Brewer. I've had food from Picnic many times and have worked with Brewer to prepare extravagant, beautiful cheese boards for holiday and birthday celebrations. The twist on these cheese boards is she specializes in making them dairy-free, which I needed when a family member was dipping a toe into a dairy-free lifestyle.

With a completely straight face, I assure you I never would have known the items on the lavish cheese board were dairy-free. If you've looking for a vegan-friendly spread, keep her in mind, but give her plenty of lead time, because these masterpieces take planning.

The food truck offerings can be similarly modified to meet dietary restrictions, and as someone who dabbles in vegetarianism, I like to try vegetarian and vegan offerings frequently. The plant-based "chicken" sandwich from Picnic delivers the classic flavors of a fried chicken sandwich, but the protein is a slab of lightly breaded tofu. The pickles are so sweet and sour, the paprika aioli is so creamy, and the bun is so pillowy that even Mr. She Ate (a devoted carnivore) said he would be happy to have this sandwich in place of the chicken version. He chose the Smash Burger and we shared an order of garlic herb fries, which are crispy and well-seasoned. His burger was juicy and smelled incredible.

The following week, we placed an order to-go at **Ozone Fire Food** (ozonesbrewhouse.com/fire-food), a new place for me. I was truly blown away by how delicious everything was. I had a grilled cheese with added prosciutto. The bread was hearty and crusty — nothing like the mealy, garbage Texas toast most places use. The cheese was thickly melted and flecked with herbs. A layer of prosciutto was nestled inside. The sandwich was so large and filling that I didn't finish it, although that was in favor of sampling everyone else's dinner. Mr. She Ate had the Reuben. The corned beef was thickly sliced and the texture of the grilled rye bread was perfect. His garlic fries were my favorite: salty, seasoned and crispy. My sweet potato fries, which I typically love, were fatally over-seasoned and a bit overdone.

The Babies She Ate happily shared a cheese pizza. The 4-year-old with the world's most discerning palate chowed down three entire slices. Unheard of. I shared one with the baby and understood the infatuation. I can't wait to try the honey and spice version on our return to Ozone's.

Our final stop was **Eato Chef** (eatochef.square.site), in Horrock's beer garden. It was magnificent. Rife with picnic tables and lush flower baskets, live music and a manmade pond, you can order pizza and have snacks from inside the store or order from the food truck, via the above-mentioned Eato Chef. Mr. She Ate tried the pad Thai, which satisfied his craving but wasn't remarkable. The vegetables in his dish were super fresh, the sauce appropriately flavorful and the helping was massive.

I tried the sausage dish, which was flavored lightly with ginger. It came with a heaping serving of white rice, cabbage and cucumber salad, and flash-fried green beans. Again, satisfying but unremarkable. Eato Chef offers a great option if you're enjoying the beer garden and aren't in a pizza mood, but I'm inclined to grab items from the salad bar inside instead.

By BRYAN BEVERLY



Lansing's food truck scene has many gears but has also had some fits and starts. A few years ago, the corner of Saginaw and Cedar attempted to create a pod of food trucks, where feasters could rev up their taste buds with a variety of choices.

The pod idea has taken root in many culinary destinations like Portland, Oregon, and Austin, Texas. Later, building on the initial food truck interest, the Meridian Mall hosted Food Truck Rallies, bringing together the best mobile kitchens in the state and beyond.

The desire for unique flavors in portable bites has no doubt captured the local palate, but locating these tasty treasures can be an odyssey in futility. It all depends on how clearly stated a food truck's schedule is or what stroke of pure luck you're rolling with.

## What's really good

I love Brussels sprouts, as I've shared before. This month I found two strong efforts with similar preparations at different trucks. Both **Picnic Food Truck** (517picnic.com) and **Ozone Fire Food** (ozonesbrewhouse.com) serve sprouts roasted with a generous dosing of garlic-kissed olive oil and pomegranate seeds. The former adds crumbled goat cheese while the latter finishes them with a dollop of goat cheese crème. A veritable tie. My bonus visit was another Horrock's spot: **Atomic Tacos** (facebook.com/jdsatomictacosfoodtruck). Their quesadillas are a perfect

vehicle for the smoky and sweet pulled pork, although the birria tacos with beef consommé didn't rev the engine like some of the other iterations around town. **Eato Chef**, (eatochef.square.site), also at Horrock's, was my final destination. Its crunchy spring rolls with glass noodles, taro, carrots and green onions have a sweet-and-sour sauce that purrs.

## What's fantastic

The olive burger and smoked meatball hoagie at Ozone are excellent. This cheesy olive burger had sliced olives in a very yummy red mayo-based sauce. It was cooked nicely, but the bun-to-meat ratio skewed a bit too bready. The smoked meatballs were tasty and weren't overpowered by either smoke or garlic, meshing quite nicely — especially with the house red pasta sauce, Bellissima. Atomic's walking street corn, served in a cup, is a fiesta of flavor. Roasted corn, crème Fraiche, peppers and cilantro had my wife and me racing for the last bite. The house-made ginger sausage and sticky rice at Eato were also superb. Served with green beans, cabbage and cilantro, this Thai combo is a road map to the corner of fresh and tasty. Picnic's garlic herb fries are the embodiment of guilty pleasure. Golden, crisp and sinfully umami, I needed help eating the whole basket.

## Best bite

This month was easily the hardest "best bite" to decide. Several of the bites above also vied for the top spot. I ended up with a three-way tie. The mac and cheese with smoked chicken and bacon at Ozone is a 0-60 mph journey to Comfort Town — only it's been gentrified in a good way. Fla-

vored with garlic, Sage of Ale beer (yum!) and multiple cheeses, I already need another bowl. Also from Ozone, the buffalo chicken sandwich, with buttered Texas Toast, pickled red onions (and a blue cheese sauce) had a crispy chicken breast slathered in a magical garlic hot sauce.

Ozone is going way above the speed limit here, so be prepared to get messy. Last but certainly not least on the scrumptious-meter is the Pad Thai at Eato. Holy smokes, it's good. I knew I was sharing with some lightweights, so I only ordered the spice level at a two. It was good, but kicking it into 4th or 5th gear might be amazing. The chicken, rice noodles and peanut sauce paired with a squeeze of lime took my taste buds into overdrive.



Courtesy photo

A select batch of menu items from Picnic Food Truck.



# Foraging for a fresh parfait berry shortcake

By **ARI LEVAUX**

When I visit family in the Boston area, I'll do some eating, to put it mildly. The way a hungry coyote finds time for a wounded rabbit, I'll make time for the farmers markets to see what's in season. I'll visit the old-world markets for dolmas, hummus and Aleppo peppers. I'll carve out a block to discover a bowl of duck soup at a new pho joint in the next



Courtesy photo

## Parfait berry shortcake

town over and drive to Fall River for Portuguese seafood. But the sweetest discovery of all has been learning how to make a Boston Berry Parfait.

When I left this region for college, never to return for more than a visit, my naturalist skills had reached the point where I could avoid poison ivy, a skill

that has served me well upon my return. Meanwhile, I've added some new plants to my list of local flora. Most of these plants have edible parts, thanks to an old lady I met in the bushes.

I was walking along a bike path that had recently replaced an old set of train tracks. When I called out to her with a question about it being early for blackberries, she regarded me with a skeptical side-eye. Her accent was German or Swiss or Austrian (I imagined somewhere in the alps) as she reluctantly explained that these are black raspberries. I held out my phone with a picture of a haul of wild morels that a friend had harvested and was like, "This is what we forage in Montana."

Amazingly, my bragging had the desired effect. She recognized me as a member of the foraging tribe and thus deserved a chance.

"There's a mulberry tree down the path on the left, right before it gets sunny," she said. I walked until I saw purple stains on the sidewalk, then looked up at a canopy of dangling juice bombs. The tree was growing out of a seam between the asphalt parking lot and a retaining wall and had partially absorbed a chain-link fence in its trunk. The fruit resembles elongated blackberries — very sweet, juicy and so ripe I had to pick them with two fingers at once or risk knocking them off.

I saw her leave the black raspberry patch and so I decided to give it a try, but she had completely cleaned it out. I headed home, wondering if she was gone. Suddenly, she called out from be-

neath another tree, this one sporting blueberry-like orbs at the end of long stems. "Juneberries," she said with her thick accent.

My forager friend had shown me enough food along a 200-yard stretch of bike path to practically feed myself. Alas, she was wise to be suspicious of me, as I returned a few days later, receptacle in hand. On that day, it was I who cleaned out the black raspberries. The Juneberries, in turn, had been cleaned out by the birds — every last one, even from the flimsy top. But the mulberries were as abundant as ever.

As I strode that self-serve berry buffet, I took note of the conditions that had produced it. Disturbed habitat alongside the bike path, close to water, partial shade. Armed with this information, I was able to find more berries elsewhere in my travels.

As a youngster I had flown the coop before bonding with my home landscape the way that I now know such a bond can happen. Instead, I bonded with Montana. In the process of hunting large mammals and foraging for huckleberries and gooseberries and wild mushrooms, I learned how to read landscapes. Now I passively note things like: how a watershed drains, where north is, what kind of trees make up a particular forest, what the animal tracks look like, and what the hoots and howls sound like. In the process of becoming a native to Montana, I learned how to understand Massachusetts.

On the way back to my mom's house with my berries, I stopped at the dolma store for yogurt, cream and labneh — a kind of extra-thick yogurt that's like solid



"cream on top." The store didn't stock any oats or granola, but I found a box of "petit-beurre," a type of vanilla cookie from Nantes, France. And I bought a carton of fresh strawberries from a local farm, as perfectly ripe as those

mulberries.

Whether foraged in the hills or at the market or grown in your backyard, strawberries belong in this parfait. Along with the vanilla cookies, they help push it over the edge into shortcake territory, which is a good place to be.

## Boston Berry Parfait

Any mix of berries will work, but they should include strawberries. If you can't find labneh, substitute a full cup of Greek yogurt.

### 4 servings

- 1/2 cup labneh
- 1 cup Yogurt
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 4 cups berries
- 1 packet of petit-beurre cookies

Wash, stem, trim and prepare your berries for consumption. Allow them to air dry.

Mix the yogurt, cream and syrup until totally smooth. Place a spoonful in the bottom of each parfait glass. Layer in berries, yogurt mixture and cookies, so that everything is touching the yogurt and the fruit is pressed against the glass. Finish with a bunch of berries on top. Let it sit for 30 minutes for the cookies to soften, and serve.

Alternatively, top a bowl of yogurt mixture with mixed berries, and scoop it out with the cookies like chips and salsa.

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