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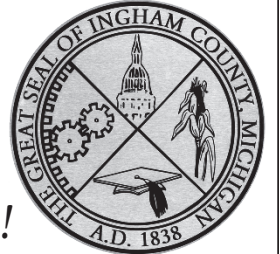
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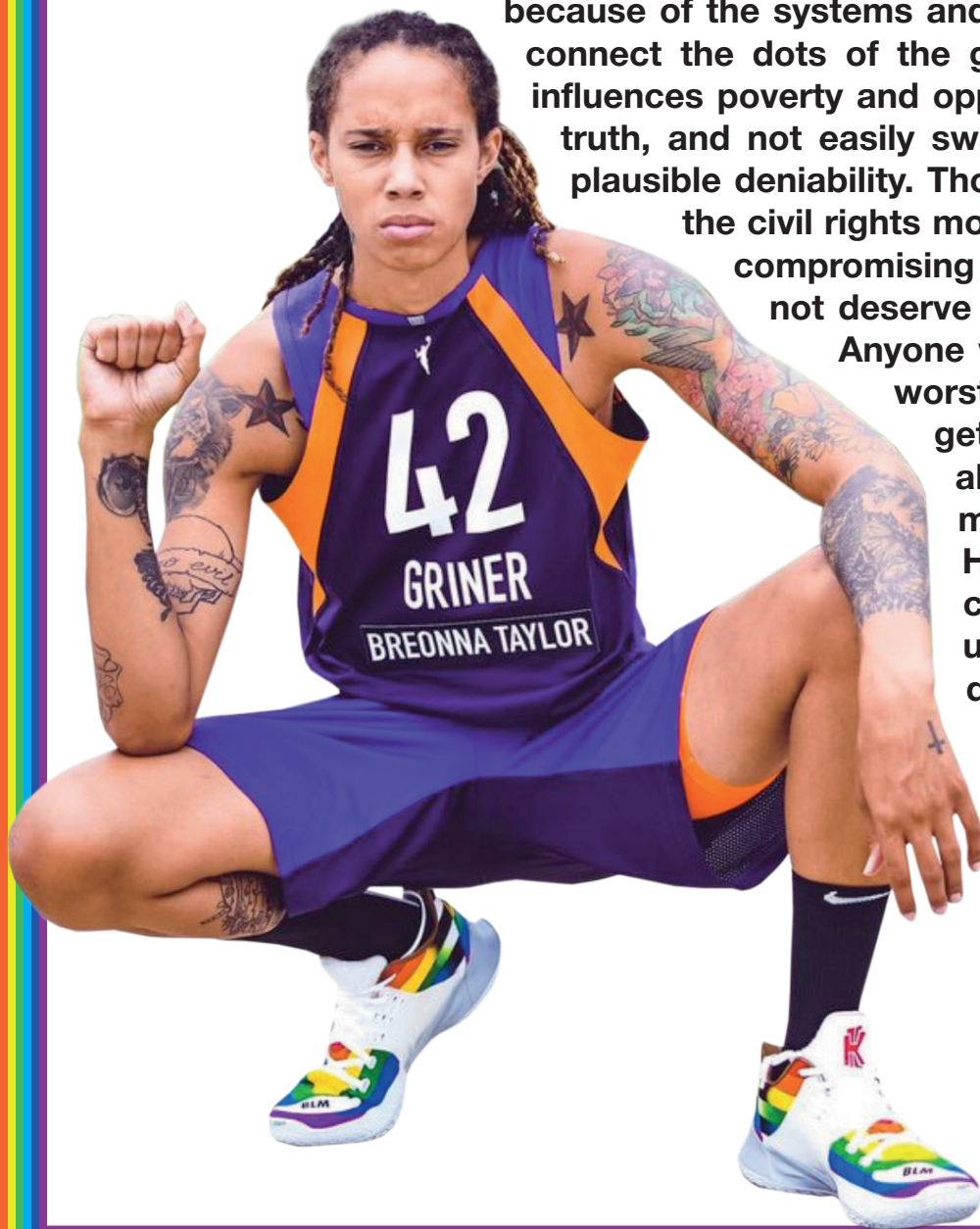


It's honestly not surprising to me to see the hate that Brittney Griner is getting, because in nearly every instance that a strong Black person has ever been vocal, and rightfully and earnestly critical of America, the backlash is swift. For those condemning her for using her platform to peacefully protest police brutality and injustice, you really miss the mark of what freedom means at its most basic level. You think she deserves 9 years in prison because she protested! Not because of what she was accused of! But because she protested! I know two things. First, she stood up for what she believes in, and you stand for nothing. You can't claim to be about freedom and then condemn someone because they don't conform to your point of view. Many of you are far too happy to see her in jail, not for a crime, but because of her protest, and you'd even be happy to see Colin Kaepernick in jail for his kneeling in protest to police brutality. For far too long, the term patriot has been hijacked by those who've forgotten that this country was founded in violence and protest. There are those of us who believe what we see with our own eyes and know that we cannot dismiss the lived experiences of so many, simply because we don't share their experience. Those of us who understand human nature and how the past has an impact on today, and that so much of what has happened gets untold

because of the systems and people in power. Those of us who can connect the dots of the generational wealth gap, which directly influences poverty and opportunity. Those of us who are based in truth, and not easily swayed by the talking points saturated in plausible deniability. Those of us who know that this chapter of the civil rights movement is necessary aren't interested in compromising when the evidence is clear. Brittney does not deserve to be in jail; her detainment is political.

Anyone who takes joy in her confinement is the worst of America. It's not bad enough that she gets hate because she's Black, but she's also lesbian, and she's strong, which makes her a target for all of the bigots. Her detractors will tear her down every chance they get. We must lift her up. The unity we seek requires our participation in defending what is right. Silence is apathy, and apathy is lethal. It's not extremism to demand truth. It's not extremism to demand justice. Social justice is rooted in love. How can that be considered extreme?

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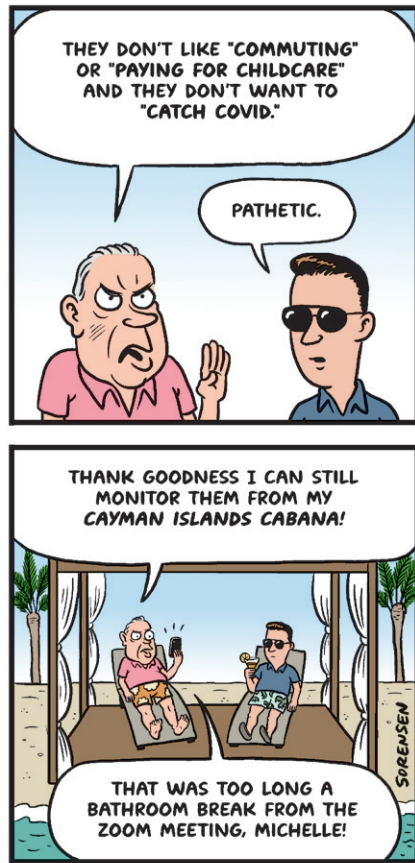
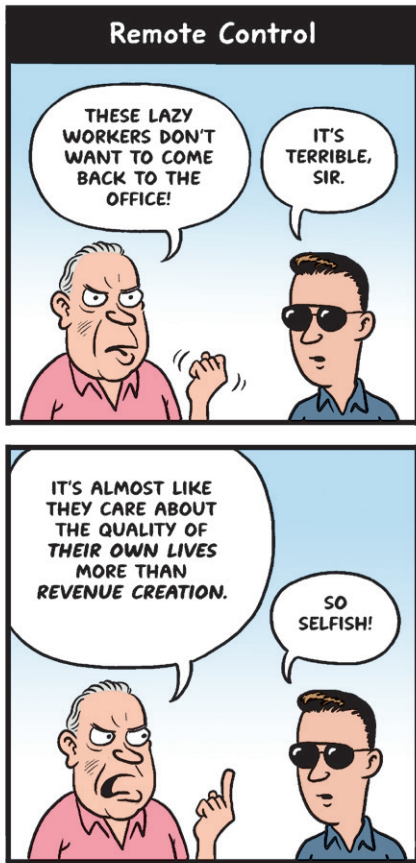
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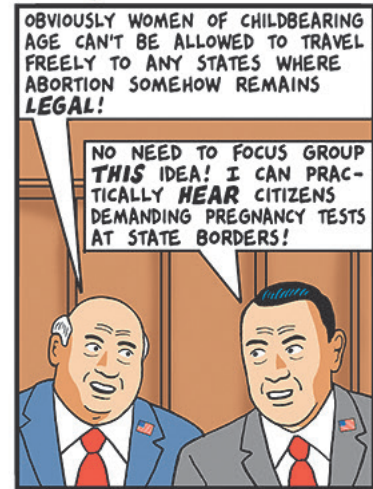
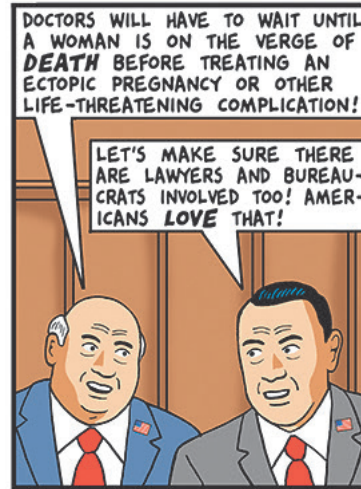
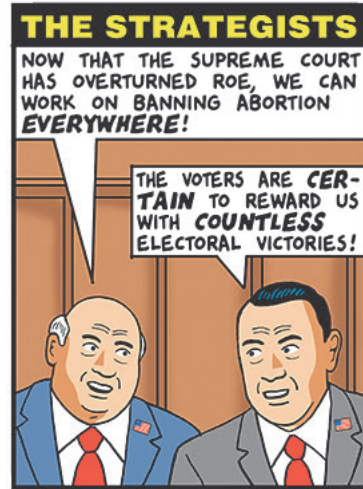
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NEWS & OPINION

What monkeypox is like for one local victim

As the end of July neared, Lynn Williams developed fever, chills, stomach issues and joint pain.

"I was sick with, I thought, a cold, a flu which turned into this apparently," the 35-year-old woman said.

On July 29, she started developing pain in her rectum and anus. She began defecating blood. It was painful, and she struggled to walk or sleep. Strange bumps started showing up on her face, arms, legs and body. The bumps were itching and painful.

"I felt so sick. I felt so weak. I couldn't walk," she said. "I told my husband to honestly set me up with a Zoom call with the doctors at Sparrow Hospital."

During was told she likely had the monkeypox virus. Williams went to a nearby urgent care that morning, where she was swabbed for testing.

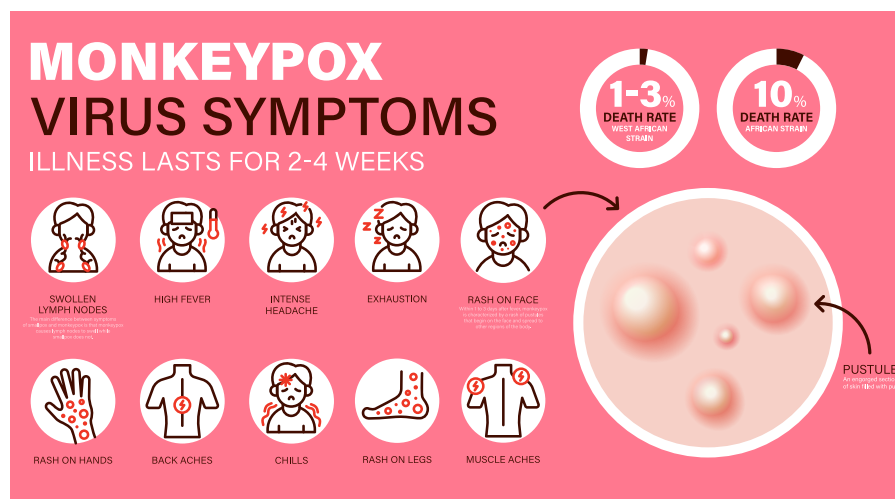
The next day, the Ingham County Health Department announced the first probable case of the viral infection in Ingham County. State health data show four people in the county have a probable or confirmed diagnosis.

Williams said she learned by phone she did have the virus. She said she was so overwhelmed by the confirmation that she hung up on the Health Department official.

On Thursday (Aug. 4), President Joe Biden declared a national emergency over rising infections. The World Health Organization had declared the current outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" nearly two weeks earlier, on July 23.

The virus that causes the disease starts with a flu-like illness, followed by a rash. That rash turns into growths that ultimately fill with virus and body fluids. These ruptures cause weeping sores that scab over. The current presentation of the viral infection may not include sores on the face or extremities but may be found only on the anus, scrotum, labia, vagina or penis, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Until each scab has fallen off every sore, and new skin is present underneath, the person is considered to be contagious. It usually takes on average of 14 and 21 days for a person to no longer



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be contagious. The scabs themselves are considered infectious.

The disease is primarily transmitted person to person through close physical contact, bedding and respiratory droplets. Close physical contact includes hugging, kissing and sexual activity. Anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender, exposed to the virus can become sick.

The current international outbreak is disproportionately impacting communities of men who have sex with men, which includes gay, bisexual and transgender people and their sex partners. It remains unclear if the infection is being spread by the exchange of body fluids. The infection is appearing on the genitals, anus and rectum of men who have sex with men.

Williams was assigned male at birth.

"Persons experiencing MPV (monkeypox virus) symptoms should contact their health care provider for evaluation," Chelsea Wuth, a spokesperson for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, said.

Researchers are studying whether the virus is transmissible through semen, vaginal secretions, urine or feces, Wuth said, citing the CDC. Medical guidance from the CDC recommends that persons who are no longer considered contagious use condoms for any sexual activity for up to eight weeks after the sores have healed.

There is a vaccine that prevents a person from contracting the virus, and it can also significantly reduce any disease if a person is inoculated within four days of the first signs of infection.

Wuth said the state has received just over 7,800 doses of the vaccine as of Friday (Aug. 5). On that same day, the state recorded that 5,883 people had received the

vaccine. Michigan is awaiting another shipment of 3,138 doses.

Anyone who has been exposed should be vaccinated. The state and local health departments are also providing vaccines for people at high risk for infection from the virus, including men who sex with men. Those at risk

are encouraged to contact their local health department to arrange vaccination.

In Michigan, as of Monday (Aug. 8), there were 72 confirmed or probable cases of monkeypox. The first reported case was announced in late June.

In the U.S. there were 8,934 confirmed cases as of Monday (Aug. 8), the CDC reported. Only Montana and Wyoming had not reported cases.

Worldwide, 28,220 cases have been reported since January. At least 107 people have died. Two people died in Spain, one in India and one in Brazil. The remaining 103 have died in 11 African Union nations, according to the Africa CDC. The majority of those deaths have occurred in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Back in Ingham County, Williams was isolated in her East Lansing apartment, her parakeets chirping happily away. She continued to fight the symptoms of the infection with new bumps appearing daily. She found them in her earlobes, mouth and tonsils.

She's unable to return to work until cleared by health and medical officials, leaving her husband and her financially struggling. She's created a account (<https://gofund.me/6ac0a9a4>) to assist with her living expenses while she remains isolated. The virus. The Lansing Area AIDS Network received a donation from Grewal Law to assist people financially. The organization will also assist those who qualify with medical and social support. The funding and additional fundraising initiatives will be launched later this month, after the organization has finalized eligibility requirements, donation systems and policies to administer the funding.

Williams was keeping her Facebook friends updated about her ordeal. But her videos have been swamped with antigay slurs. Twice in the last week she lost access to her account.

"I put myself out here to be noticed and recognized — not just with this illness — but to be able to be a leader and influencer," she said, despite her Facebook ban and the negative comments. "I'm still here and I am strong."

— TODD HEYWOOD



Lynn Williams

Courtesy



The last Eye for Design (below) was not identified by our readers. Sand-colored brick and blue panels of sheet metal intersect on the façade of BWL's Wise Road Water Conditioning Plant. According to BWL's website, the plant was built in 1966 and can condition and distribute 10 million gallons of water daily.

This week's Eye for Design (above) can be found in downtown Lansing. If you know where, send an email to knarianj@mail.lcc.edu and you could win an Eye for Design mug!

— JAMES KNARIAN



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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

By TODD HEYWOOD



Over the weekend, Capitol and Grand avenues downtown were two-wayed. Four more streets will be converted after construction on I-496 is completed. Pine and Walnut streets are due this year, then Ottawa and Allegan next year. The process started more than two decades ago with Shiawassee and Iona streets. The goal is to move more traffic in and out of the city center. Monday's commute reportedly posed no problem.

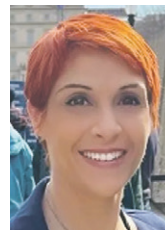


The Lansing City Council voted unanimously Monday to put the question of annexing the Groesbeck section of Lansing Township on the Nov. 8 ballot at the request of 122 residents. If a majority of the affected township voters approve, the city will gain about 2,200 residents and the township will lose about 20% its taxable property value.

Lansing School District high school students will be riding CATA this year instead of Dean Transportation buses. Students will get passes. Families that opt out will receive gas cards. Dean will focus on K-8, special education and special events transportation for the district.

Over the next two or three years, Lansing 7th and 8th graders will be taught in 4th to 8th grade schools instead of high schools. That's a return to the former policy. "If the students are already safe and secure in their school, why move them (to the high school)," Superintendent Benjamin Shuldiner told the Lansing State Journal.

Democratic primary candidate Jon Horford conceded the race for the 77th District to Emily Dievendorf, who beat him by 25 votes. Logan Bryne came in third. Dievendorf faces Republican John Magoola in November in the new district, which is heavily Democratic. Dievendorf, 43, a longtime LGBTQ activist, owns Resistance Book Store in the Genesee Neighborhood of Lansing



Meridian Township residents approved a ballot measure by just 14 votes to allow marijuana dispensaries. The township board will begin working in September on how to regulate them.



Grand Ledge Public Schools appointed a new superintendent Monday night. Bill Barnes, a deputy under outgoing Marcus Davenport, who resigned for health reasons, was named acting superintendent while a contract is finalized, the district said. He's the third superintendent since the board fired Brian Metcalf over a controversial social media post.

An estimated 1,000 pounds of coffee bean caught fire Tuesday morning at Paramount Coffee, a roaster and distributor near Lugnuts Stadium in downtown Lansing, WLNS reported. Crews had the fire under control by 9:30 a.m.

Mason Police reported a rash of car thefts and auto break-ins. Three cars were stolen over the weekend, and three more had items stolen from them, reports WILX. Police are asking residents to remove their keys and lock their doors and park in lighted areas.



Michigan State University joined a coalition of institutions of higher education to produce and develop microchips and other microelectronics. The 11 Midwestern schools are hoping to increase a supply chain driven by MSU's Facility for Rare Isotope Beams to increase microchip production regionally

Sparrow Health System announced it has developed its own monkeypox test. The new test can be completed in 24 hours, compared to the state response of 1.2 days or longer. The test is done in three stages, including looking for similar infections, confirming monkeypox and then determining which variant of the virus is involved. Four cases have been confirmed in Ingham County.



Lansing Police arrested three older teens in a Friday shooting at Pennsylvania Avenue and Jolly Road. Two 17-year-olds and an 18-year-old have been charged with multiple felonies, reported WLNS.

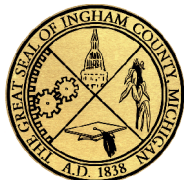
A court settlement between Meridian Township and the owners of a mobile home community could clear the way for a sale of the property. Winslow Mobile Home Community, owned by D. Venture LLC, has been an ongoing source of trash and other complaints. The company will pay \$23,592 in legal fees, and Meridian will not write nuisance citations for 30 days to allow the company to begin evicting problem tenants.

A man is in the Eaton County Jail after sheriff's officials use a drone to locate him. At 12:30 a.m. Thursday, law enforcement from multiple agencies responded to a report of shots fired on Renker Road in Delta Township. A Eaton County sergeant located the man on North Dibble Avenue with a gun in his hand. He ran from the sergeant, the Lansing State Journal reports, but a drone team from Eaton County was able to locate him. The suspect was arrested without incident.



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Michigan Legislature eyes a new record for the number of female members

By any measure, Emily Dievendorf's 25-vote win over Jon Horford in the 77th House District Democrat primary two Tuesdays ago was a surprise.

Horford had many more endorsements. He raised four times more money. He put out five mailers. He knocked 30,000 doors. Dievendorf's efforts were not as intense.

That may not be Tuesday's biggest surprise of the Lansing area, though.

That's reserved for Amy Salisbury. The Haslett-area candidate for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners asked the clerk to take her name off the ballot. She was going to be needed in the Upper Peninsula to care for a family member for most of the summer and wasn't planning to be around much.

Clerk Barb Byrum said it was too late to be removed from the ballot. Salisbury admitted that she dropped the matter because she wasn't planning on campaigning and didn't expect to win.

She defeated 21-year-old Graham Diedrich by 46 votes in the Democratic primary anyway.

Not taking anything away from either Dievendorf or Salisbury, but female candidates across the state and across the country are seeing more documented successes at the ballot box.

The year 2022 will be the first time in Michigan history both major-party gubernatorial candidates are women. Both secretary of state candidates are as well.

In the Michigan House and Senate there were 109 female candidates in 2022, continuing an upward trend, according to numbers compiled by the Center for American Women In Politics.

At least 47 women who won their primary races last week are projected to win in November. Realistically, 65 could win. The record for most female Michigan legislators is 53 from 2018.

These numbers are up markedly from 2014 (31 women winners), 2010 (30), 2006 (29) and 2002 (35), based on CAWP's research.

In 1980 nationwide, only 10% of state legislators were women. By 2022, that percentage rose to 31.1%.

If a state Legislature is truly representative of the people, though, that number should be at least 50%. Neva-

da is the only state that's there (58.7%). Michigan's 31% is 12th in the country, according to CAWP.

It's more than the numbers, though. More women in leadership positions are bringing different issues to the forefront.

This term, Rep. Mary Whiteford, R-Casco Twp., championed a first-of-its-kind, 24/7 988 hotline for those suffering a mental health emergency.

The chair of the House's Public Health Appropriations Committee is now spearheading a 27-bill package on addressing human trafficking, a subject first championed by former Sen. Judy Emmons.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is making affordable child care for working parents one of her top priorities. One of Attorney General Dana Nessel's legal crusades is stopping unscrupulous actors from taking over the estates of vulnerable adults through the court system and then squandering their assets.

Sen. Sylvia Santana helped push juvenile justice into the forefront of the Republican majority's attention in the Legislature last year.

The examples here are numerous. Female legislators and government leaders spotlight issues that often aren't given the same priority by male legislators.

I'm not saying the Michigan Legislature wouldn't have cracked the whip on creepy doctors after the Larry Nasser scandal at Michigan State without female legislators.

But Sen. Margaret O'Brien pushed the snowball down the hill.

When catastrophically injured car accident patients begged for changes to the auto insurance law so their caregivers could get paid, the first Republican committee chair to buck leadership and give patients a hearing was the person who wore a "Q" pin earlier this session: Rep. Daire Rendon.

The push-button talking points seem to be the same regardless of whom is in charge. Republicans and Democrats campaign on carefully poll tested issues that are focus-grouped to gin up people's passions.

The real difference is seen in the day-to-day work of a state legislator, or any government leader for that matter.

Female legislators are bringing more issues into the limelight, and it's fair to say we all will see more of it.

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



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Scores of volunteers ready Old Town for Lansing Pride

By **TODD HEYWOOD**

Ben Dowd figures he's purchased a "ton" of rainbow bunting for Lansing Pride, a new LGBTQ festival this Saturday in Old Town.

"I want this to look like rainbows have exploded all over Turner Street to welcome us," Dowd, the event's president, told volunteers with a laugh when they gathered Sunday to paint the rainbow colors at intersections.

The festival will stretch down Turner between Grand River and Cesar Chavez avenues. Turner and Clinton streets will be closed to traffic.

In previous years, the statewide group Michigan Pride held festivals in Lansing. But after a pandemic hiatus, Michigan Pride forewent a festival this year. It limited itself to a rally at the Capitol during Pride Month in June.

Meanwhile, local members of the LGBTQ community organized Lansing Pride.

The fun begins Friday night with the Lansing Pride White Party Drag Show at Sir Pizza in Old Town. Doors open at 7, with two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. Cover is \$10.

The festival on Saturday will feature a main stage with performances by drag queens and musicians, a beer tent and nearly 100 vendors. The gates open at 1 p.m.

Sir Pizza's parking lot will feature a children's area from 1 to 7 p.m.

Mary Heatherington, 46, is a volun-



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Lansing Pride volunteers ready Old Town for its first festival by painting crosswalks Sunday.

teer helping with the family area. Her son is part of the LGBTQ community, she said. But her concern and care about the LGBTQ community began while she was a 911 operator handling calls from members of the community struggling with acceptance, "and some of those calls ended tragically."

The family area was created when

someone suggested it at a planning meeting, saying it would be a "good idea."

"I said, 'No, it would be amazing if we had a children's area,'" Heatherington said, adding that not many people acknowledge the struggles of children in the LGBTQ community. She said they face harassment and discrimination.

"The younger kids are going to feel like 'hey I am here with my parents and I am not getting looked at weird,'" she said. "And it's too bad they don't get that in public schools."

She also noted there will be resources for teenagers in the children's area.

One of Dowd's priorities has been safety. He said event organizers have consulted regularly with the Lansing Police Department and were following all of its safety recommendations. Few, if any, of those precautions will be visible to most visitors to the event, but there will be uniformed law enforcement present.

"I get that many in our community, particularly Black and brown folks of trans experience, have a suspicious take on police, and rightfully so in some cases," he said. "But I want people to know that the officers who will be here support this community and care. I have been part of training the entire police force on LGBTQ topics, so I've met all 250 officers. These are people you can trust."

Dowd said he met with Lansing Police Chief Ellery Sosebee, and found him supportive.

"He said, 'We're glad you're doing this. It's important.'" Dowd said Sosebee followed up his support by connecting the organization with the department's special operations division, which not only conducts undercover investigations,

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	ENTERTAINMENT:	CHILDREN'S AREA
	Lansing Pride White Party Drag Show	1-7PM SIR PIZZA PARKING LOT
	<p>7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12 Shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Sir Pizza 201 E. Cesar Chavez Ave. Lansing \$10 cover</p>	<p>Scheduled activities 2:00 PM - STORY TIME WITH A DRAG QUEEN & KING 2:00 - 4:00 PM - BUBBLES R FUN SHOW 4:00 - 6:00 PM - PREUSS PETS ANIMAL EXHIBIT 5:00 PM - STORY TIME WITH A DRAG QUEEN & KING</p>
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Marissa Hoard Photography

Al Hakala, 97, of East Lansing, is the surviving partner in a same-sex relationship that lasted more than a half century.

'CLOSER THAN EVER'

How Al Hakala and Bob Walker began their 54 years together

By **TIM RETZLOFF**

We have only glimpses of earlier generations of same-sex couples because for so long society forced those we today understand as LGBTQ+ people to live largely in secrecy. When Al Hakala and Bob Walker first met in 1946, the consequences of exposure could include arrest, expulsion, being fired, electroshock therapy, and/or rejection by family and friends.

Nonetheless, they forged a relationship that endured.

A native of Marquette, Albert Hakala was the youngest of three children born to a carpenter and his wife, both immigrants from Finland. After graduating high school in 1943, he joined the Hospital Corps of the U.S. Navy. For much of World War II, Hakala was stationed in New Guinea, where he witnessed others receiving dishonorable discharges for homosexuality, a fate he was determined to avoid. Hakala earned his B.A. in 1949 at what was then the Northern Michigan College of Education, now Northern Michigan University.

Robert Walker grew up in Strong's, Michigan, southwest of Sault Ste Marie, the eldest of six children. His father was a grocer and his mother served as postmaster. Walker interrupted his undergraduate studies to serve in the Army Corps of Engineers during the war and received his B.A. from Northern Michigan in 1947.

Both men became educators and both

ABOUT THIS STORY

Recently Al Hakala, 97, decided to give up his condominium and move into an assisted living retirement center. That meant packing up a lifetime of scrapbooks that documented a committed relationship to his partner, Bob Walker, that spanned more than half a century before Walker passed away. City Pulse asked historian Tim Retzloff to sit down with Hakala and record his story. The oral history is destined for Special Collections at the Michigan State University Library. The scrapbooks — only a fraction of whose images we are able to include in these pages — may go there as well.

went on to get master's degrees from Michigan State College, now Michigan State University. Walker spent his career at Lansing Eastern High School as a teacher, counselor and vice principal. Hakala taught in the Lansing Schools during the 1950s. When the superintendent told him that as a single man, he could never be an elementary principal, he took a job on the faculty of Central Michigan University. They dared not be too open.

The white, gay male couple shared a rich, albeit discreet life together over more than five decades, socializing with a group of friends and traveling the world, until Walker's death at age 80 in 2001.

Now 97, Hakala shared his memories of their early relationship as part of an oral history interview recorded over two afternoons in mid-July. This excerpt is edited for clarity.

Tim Retzloff: I thought we could start with how you met Robert.

Al Hakala: When I got out of the service, some of my friends were spending time in the Upper Peninsula at what we call camps. Anything on the lake or river is called a camp. And for some reason, this wasn't me. I'm not a drinker. I do like to have a drink. But just to go party until you've had too much, no. So instead of saying to the guys, I don't want to join you. I decided to go to summer school.



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Hakala points at one of the photos he has kept from a lifetime of collecting images.

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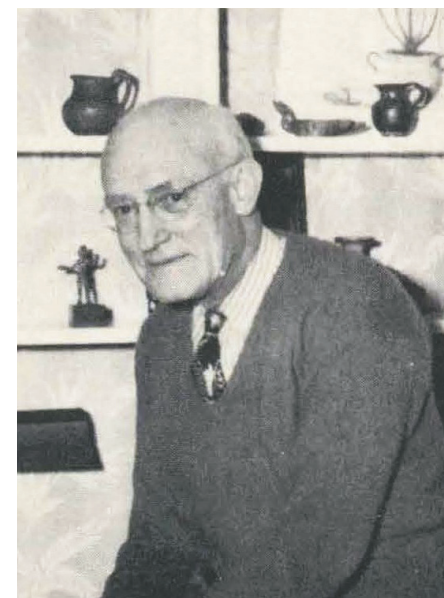
Al Hakala circa 1945.



A sign for the school in Marquette where Hakala and Walker met. It is now called Northern Michigan University.



Walker circa 1950.



Earle Walker was a gay professor and fraternity adviser who befriended Hakala and Walker.

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Bob was in the class. Didn't pay any particular attention to him. He was there when I arrived to class. And then I joined a fraternity. They had two at Northern Michigan. They had the Tri

Mus, which was all the jocks football, basketball track, and so on. The other one was the Thetas. They were more the arts. As a pledge, I had to kind of cater to the senior members of the fraternity, so I invited Bob to coffee once. And there was nothing romantic involved. I was dating a student nurse. Her name was Ella Mae, and I saw her downtown right

before Christmas. And I said, "Let's go to the Mini Club and dance tonight." And she said, "I'd like to, but I promised Peg"— that was her roommate—"that I do something with her." And I said, "If I could find a date for Peg, would you change your mind?" And she said, "Oh, yeah." Peg was a good-looking redhead that I had known for a number of years

and dated some of the guys that I used to hang around with. I called a couple people. They were busy. So, I decided to call the fraternity house. First person that answered the phone, I'd say, "How about going out on a blind date?" Well, Bob answered the phone. He said, "Yes." Everyone had the best time. It was one
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of those magical nights for the two of us.

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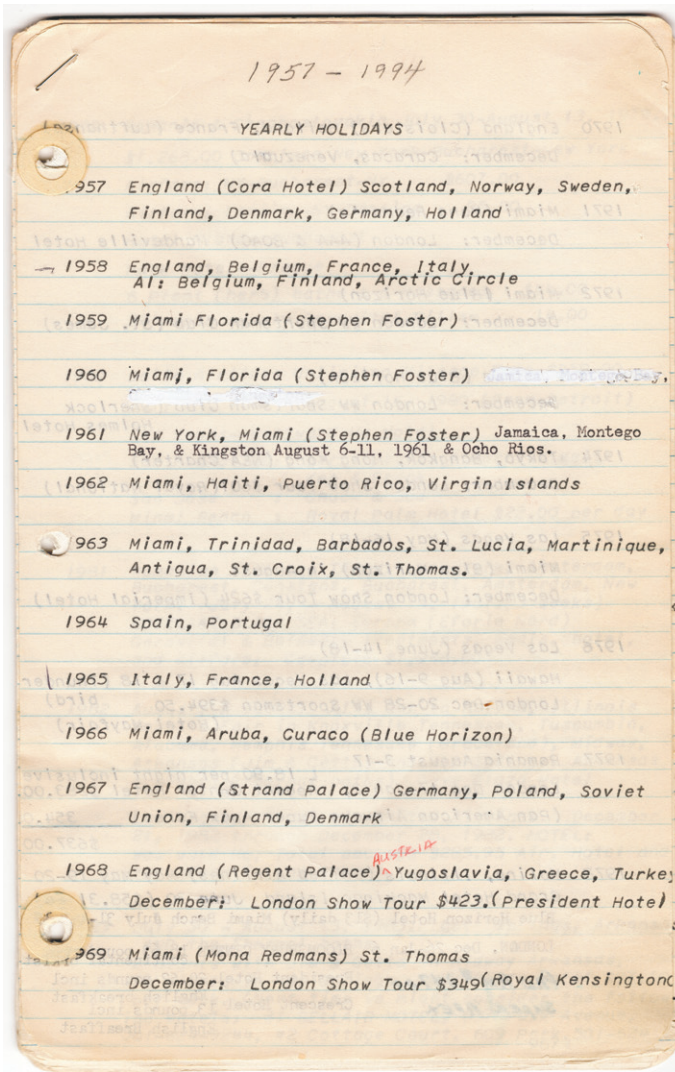
We just blended together. The girls were wonderful. We laughed. We danced. Then the girls had a curfew. And then Bob and I went out to the Tip Top. And we just talked and talked and talked. There was something between us, a connection. He delayed going home so he could spend more time with me during the month of December. But he did go home for Christmas. And he did make sure that he got back for New Year's so that we could spend the time together. Bob said, "I wasn't gay until I met you." I said, "How was this possible?" He said, "I don't know, but there was a physical attraction for me."

What was your sense of yourself at the time? Did you have any idea of feeling different?

Well, I was born in '25. My father told me a couple of times that I was an unwanted child because they couldn't afford me. And he told me more than once that I was an unwanted child. Which didn't please me. By then I knew what I was. I mean, I knew I preferred men to women. I would play with my friends who happened to be a couple of years older. They'd use words like "cocksucker" and "queer" and they'd make remarks, "I'd like to kill all those bastards." And, you know how horrible I must've felt when I was hearing that from my friends. I couldn't discuss it with any-

body. I couldn't tell anybody. Even in high school, I couldn't share my feelings with anyone. Bob was the first person that I really could share my feelings with. And I think that was a connection that I had. And Bob shared his feelings with me.

Bob had a birthday in March, March 21. He was a spring baby. And I said I'd take him to dinner. And we had a nice dinner. There was a lot of touching and holding hands and rubbing knees but there wasn't anything other than that. My birthday was in May, May 15. And Bob said, "Well, we will celebrate your birthday. But we need something in between. In April, a reason to celebrate." So, we decided when we would meet. At that time, we did something very unusual. We wanted a name for the April gatherings. And we decided what in the world could we call it, and we talked about it and talked about it. It finally ended up we're going to call it "wara," W-A-R-A. The W-A for— My first name was Waino, Waino Albert, but when I came out of the service, I changed it to W period Albert. I changed my name because Waino was my father's first name. And I didn't want to carry his name. So it was W-A, and R-A were Bob's initials for Robert Al-



The couple traveled widely.

that. We had W-A for Walker and R-A for Robert Allen, so it had a double meaning, ours and the outer world. So that was that was one thing we did.

So, there was a level of secrecy that you felt you had to maintain?

That's right. And then we decided we wanted to go to California. The two of us. So, we hitchhiked to California.

Ah, this was 1947, when Kerouac was taking his road trips out there.

I had a couple of aunts who lived in San Pedro. When school ended in June, we left from my home, went to Bob's home, spent a couple days. And then Bob's brother Charles drove us to the highway. It was the northern route. We got some rides. We got one ride that we felt very uncomfortable with. That was a truck that picked us up, and they were a little crowded and they stopped at a bar and they said we could join them. And we said, "No we'd rather get on the highway." And we got on the highway and there was a motel nearby and we stayed there. And we were on the road around

8 o'clock the next morning. We were going towards the Black Hills, Mount

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Hakala in Australia, 1992.



Walker (left) and Hakala in England, 1992.



Walker in The Netherlands, 1992.



Walker (left) and Hakala in Egypt, 1996.



Hakala (left) and Walker in Brazil, 1997.



Hakala (left) and Walker in China, 1997.

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Rushmore and we were picked up by a minister. He was very, very religious, one of those offbeat religions. He told us when he had to turn off at this next intersection. He said, "Before I let you out, I'd like to pray with you." He asked us about our religion. Bob was a Baptist. I was a Lutheran. Anyhow we got out the car and prayed and prayed and prayed and prayed and prayed and prayed. And all these cars were going by. I looked at Bob and Bob looked at me. Well finally it was over. We got on the highway. I think three or four cars passed us, then somebody picked us up. They had been to Lansing and had a new Oldsmobile. And they were a nice young couple, we enjoyed talking with them. When they wanted to stop for the evening, they said, "We're going to stop at this motel. If you'd like to join us in the morning, be ready by eight o'clock." We were ready at quarter of eight. On the second day they had told us they were driving to California, and we could ride with them all the way to California. And they were going to, in fact, the same area that my aunts were. They wanted us to go home with them to spend a couple of days. Anyhow, we begged off. We got a hotel. Well, you know, two novices. What do we do now? Because we hadn't had any kind of sex or anything. We didn't know what to do. I

knew, though, what I thought the penis was for and we played with each other.

So, this was on the trip that you broke the ice?

No, when we arrived in California. Anyhow, we sucked each other's cocks. Yeah. And Bob says, "I've got to go to a drugstore." I said, "What for?" He said, "I want to get some Lactoris to wash my mouth out." And then we went to my aunts and stayed with them. We (later) went down to Mexico. And we thought, well, we're not going to take any clothes with us. We'll just get the bus and spend the night in Mexico and we can wash out our underwear and shirts and sleep nude and they'll be dry in the morning. Tijuana was humid. When we woke up in the morning the clothes were not dry. But anyhow, we managed. Then we decided to go to Sequoia National Park and look for work. I was a housekeeper and Bob worked washing pots and pans. Bob hated what he was doing. After a week, Bob

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Walker (left) and Hakala in Antarctica, 1998.



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said, "I've got to quit. I can't do this." So, we got our pay after a week and moved on to Yellowstone for a few days. Then it was time to get back to Michigan. We got on the highway to hitchhike. No luck. No luck. Bob said, "Let's take a bus back." It was the cheapest mode of transportation because we couldn't get a ride.

So, travel was part of your togetherness from the start?

Right. Yeah. Sometime after that trip, we said our vows. We decided it was going to be a monogamous relationship.

Had you by this point, met other people who are gay?

Yeah.

Tell me about that a little bit.

The adviser to the fraternity was Earle Parker, and Earle Parker we knew was gay. He taught at Northern, taught Latin. He became a good friend of ours. We didn't talk freely about him. But we used his camp, as I say, as a getaway. It was on Middle Island Point, I think. He let us stay out there on weekends if we wanted. He invited us to his dinners. He was a wonderful cook. He said to us once, "What kind of music do you like? Well, we were a couple of hicks in Northern Mich-

igan. I don't know if we said Ella Fitzgerald or something. "No," he said, "MUSIC. Opera and classical music." I'd never listened to opera or classical music. Neither had Bob. So, he kind of introduced us to, to that type of music. But yeah, when we came back from Cali-

ifornia, he looked at us. "You mean to tell me you still are friends after spending a summer together?" he said. "Yes, closer than ever."

(Tim Retzlaff teaches history and LGBTQ studies at Michigan State University.)



Walker (left) and Hakala at home in 1973. The couple were avid art collectors.

Pride

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but also coordinates police engagement with community events.

Marcella Wolf, a Lansing Pride board member, identifies as a biracial person. She said she understands the community's "fears" regarding law enforcement present.

"But they're here to protect us," she said. "I feel completely safe. They're here to support us and protect us."

Wolf, who has been with her partner, Nicole, for 14 years, is coordinating the volunteers for the event. Delicious, a renowned drag performer in the Lansing area, recruited her to assist in creating the event and "bring her vision of bringing people together."

As of Sunday, she said they had nearly 150 volunteers already signed up and assigned. They're continuing to accept volunteers. All an interested party needs to do is go to LansingPride.org and fill out the volunteer form. A representative, likely Wolf, will respond within 24 hours. The organization will accept volunteers up until the event.

Wolf and others have been creating drag shows and performing throughout the Lansing area to raise money for Lansing Pride. That includes two performances at Boss Cider Co., a hard cider house in Leslie, a rural Ingham County community near the Jackson County border.

Sunday, a group of about 20 volunteers worked for two and half hours painting the crosswalks along Turner Street in rainbow colors.

Wolf said the goal is a safe, joyous celebration filled with love and dancing.

"That's what Delicious' vision is," Wolf said, "having people dancing in the streets. And that is what is going to happen."

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Smooth Jazz Fête returns to full smooth-itude

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

After being canceled in the pandemic year of 2020 and downscaled in 2021, Lansing's Smooth Jazz Fête, an afternoon-long revue of national smooth jazz luminaries in the shade of the east side's Armory building, returns in all its grooving glory this Saturday.

The fourth incarnation of a now-established Lansing tradition brings back an age-old question: What's the difference between jazz and smooth jazz?

Phil Denny's Armory Smooth Jazz Fête

3:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13
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smoothjazzfete.com

Got an hour? No? Saxophonist Phil Denny, Lansing's own smooth jazz stalwart and organizer of the Fête, offered us a shortcut through a thorny thicket by calling it a "fête," not a "festival."

A fête is a party — one that aspires to a particular classiness. You can have a gizzard festival, but not a gizzard fête.

A mix of jazz-level musicianship, hip-level engagement with the groove and get-away-from-it-all sanctuary are key elements of the Fête, now in its fourth year.

But don't mistake that chill vibe for lack of passion.

Detroit-based trumpeter Lin Rountree, a passionate fan of all the great jazz trumpeters and one of Saturday's headliners, is an R&B groover deep in his soul.

"I want to make my sound as fat and as round and as supple as possible," Rountree said. "But I also want to play with fire and intensity and soul. People who come to my show tell me they didn't know the trumpet could be like that."

When Rountree talks about his trumpet heroes, like the late Roy Hargrove, he is sometimes driven to exaggeration: "When he's getting into his soul kick, he'd blow so hard you'd see smoke coming out of his bell."

He admires the technical skill

of virtuosos like bebop legends Dizzy Gillespie and Clifford Brown but finds it more important that Brown "oozed joy and love."

Rountree's father, a former musician, treasured his cornet. He kept it in the room the family called the "good room," where the kids weren't supposed to go.

"But my dad was the original Jedi master," Rountree said. "He told me, 'You can walk through here, even sit on the couch, just don't touch the cornet.'"

Inevitably, he picked it up, not knowing his dad had placed a safety pin on it "for auditing purposes." He was 11 years old.

When he confessed, his dad had a ready reply: "I'm glad you told the truth. Now you've got to play it."

"I fell in love with the sound from the first note," Rountree said.

He took to the instrument quickly, with the help of lessons at the nearby Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. He was recruited by Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, where he became a member of the Marching 100.

His musical passion was R&B, and still is, but jazz got his attention at Flor-

ida A&M, former stomping grounds of saxophonist Julian "Cannonball" Adderley and a frequent stop for trumpeter Wynton Marsalis.

"The improvisation, the technical ability, the ability to speak in a special



Phil Denny makes an announcement from the stage at 2018 Smooth Jazz Fête.

Sealy and pianist Gino Rosaria, a native of the Caribbean Island of Curaçao.

Denny paired Sealy and Rosario because they have been writing music together in recent months, but the pandemic has prevented them from performing together until now.

"Judah is a big guy, like a linebacker, with a great, robust tenor sound, a powerhouse on stage," Denny said. "Gino is a great melody writer, classically trained, and comes out of that island-rooted music."

Lubeck, a specialist in nylon-stringed Spanish guitar, will spice up the Fête with his own distinct, bossa-inflected style, which Denny described as "vineyard music."

Denny himself has kept busy with a new track, "Lifted," that reached No. 5 on the Billboard Smooth Jazz charts. Another track, "Urban Troubadour," spent two weeks at No. 1.

After two uncertain years, the renewed vigor of the 2022 Fête shows how firmly Denny has rooted the event in the region's festival landscape. When the 2021 Fête was canceled, many sponsors, including major sponsor Michigan Plumbing, told Denny to hold on to the money, knowing he would bring it back.

Last year, amid pandemic uncertainty, Denny organized a "micro-festival" in the Motor Wheel Loft parking lot. He wasn't sure how it would be received, but he was pleased to see it draw 350 people.

This year, the Fête is back to the Armory and a full panoply of music and trimmings. Staples of past years, including food trucks (517Picnic, GotSmoke Barbecue and Finger Lickin' Chicken), beer and wine, ice cream from Park Lake Creamery, artist booths, swag giveaways and meet-the-musician areas, will all be back. "I'd like people to come and feel they didn't miss a beat," Denny said.

language on the bandstand, is what really intrigues me about jazz," he said. "But I was raised on hip-hop, R&B, gospel. Jazz was in my head, but it wasn't in my soul."

He moved to Detroit, surveyed the thriving R&B scene and decided to start his own unique group.

"It's very rare for the trumpeter to be the soloist in an R&B unit," he said. "The jazz lane is already full of great, great, great guys. That's my passion and I decided to go into the R&B lane."

However, that's not exactly a dedicated lane.

"The trumpet is king in every other genre, but saxophone players have kind of taken over the smooth jazz realm," Rountree said. "That's a chip on my shoulder. That's a whole conversation."

It's a conversation we'll have to table to get to the rest of Saturday's lineup, especially since it includes two saxophone players.

In addition to Rountree, Saturday's headliners include Denny himself, Chicago-based guitarist Bryan Lubeck and the duo of New York saxophonist Judah



Courtesy photo

Detroit trumpeter Lin Rountree calls himself "an R&B man" who admires the great jazz trumpeters but brings his own fire to the genre of smooth jazz.

WINGING IT

Motor City-based company flies into Lansing

By SARAH SPOHN

Detroit Wing Co., based in Eastpointe, has spread its wings to the Lansing area. The restaurant has received foodie recognition and awards for serving a made-from-scratch menu and signature sauces.

The newest Detroit Wing Co. location, at 6527 S. Cedar Street, is owned by Lansing-area natives Brandon Hess, Troy Yensen and Jack Brown. They held a soft opening on July 11 and celebrated its July 30 grand opening with 40%-off boneless wings. The inaugural event topped \$10,000 in sales.

“The grand opening day was our busiest day so far,” Yensen said. “The community has been very supportive. It’s hard not to like. I knew it would be a hit, but we didn’t think it would be that busy.”

Yensen said Lansing is unique because it is a traditional wing town, with bone-in wings selling more than their boneless counterparts. Yensen also said this is their first location in Ingham County, but hopefully not the last. The franchise owners have hopeful plans,

including potential spots in Grand Ledge, Okemos, St. Johns and Jackson. This marks the 22nd Michigan location for the company, which was founded in 2015. Ten more are in the works, including one in East Lansing and another in Delta Township, its website says.

Before entering the wing biz, Yensen and his business partners owned 15 auto body shops but sold that company in 2020. From there, the entrepreneurs scouted for another business

venture and were introduced to DWC by their financial institution, Bank of Ann Arbor.

After Yensen and his business partners tried the wings for themselves, contracts were promptly signed. He said they were impressed by the flavors and quality of the up-and-coming restaurant and decided to go all in. The process took about a year to finalize but has already surpassed initial expectations.

All menu items are made to order, and the chicken wings are fresh, not frozen. Yensen said it’s the 20 signature sauces that set DWC apart. “They’re handmade in Detroit,” he said. “They’re incredible.”



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Detroit Wing Co. opened its first Lansing location in July at 6527 S. Cedar St.

Fan favorite sauces include whiskey BBQ, garlic parmesan and Creole parmesan. Signature side items include buffalo chicken dip, fries, mac and cheese, chili, poutine, potato salad, coleslaw, and cornbread muffins. Dessert includes cookies: triple chocolate chip, chocolate caramel pretzel cookies, cornbread sugar and stuffed strawberry shortcake.

For the vegans, an alternative plant-based option is DWC’s own chicken Pretendies, which are crafted to look and taste just like

the original tenders. Prices range from \$10 to \$20 per meal. The modern space is open for takeout orders and delivery through DoorDash, but has no dine-in option. Yensen recommends customers call their orders in advance or order online because walk-in orders take at least 15 to 20 minutes since each is made fresh.

“We’re really glad to be here,” Yensen said. “We hope the community has some patience so we can train everybody, get everybody up to speed and deliver that top-notch timing and service.”



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The Poetry Room explores ‘Entanglement’

Monthly series settles in at The Broad

By SARAH SPOHN

Entanglement. It’s a complex buzzword, often used to describe a complicated relationship with another person or situation entirely.

But this Saturday (Aug. 13), it serves as the loose theme for the Poetry Room Open Mic event at the Broad Art Museum. Inspired by Dylan Rogers, owner of the Robin Theatre in REO Town, the Poetry Room started in 2017 as a spoken-word open mic. But after out-

growing The Robin, due to COVID limits on capacity, the Poetry Room uprooted to the Broad.

The host of the monthly series, Lansing Region Poet Laureate Masaki Takahashi, said a few things were important to him when seeking out a hosting venue location.

“I wanted a place that was aesthetically pleasing, a place where we can do whatever we’d like to do and say what we need to say,” Takahashi said. “Accessibility was also really important to me. A bar is not accessible because

you have to be 21, and sometimes you don’t want to drink, which can be uncomfortable.”

Since the Poetry Room moved to East Lansing in June 2022, Takahashi said the turnout has been good but not as popular as its “at capacity” Robin Theatre days. But the Broad staff is thrilled to help it grow back to its original, lyrical glory.

“Partnerships with organizations like the Poetry Room allow us both to See Poetry Room, Page 20

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Poetry room

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reach new audiences and expand the creativity at the museum beyond the galleries," said Zoe Kissel, the Broad's communications director. "There is so much energy in the Greater Lansing area, and it's exciting for us to have that reach the museum too."

Although the events have different themes and performers each month, Takahashi said the series continuously evolves inclusively.

"It builds on top of each other to show we have a sense of common ground," he said. "There's a commonality to it."

Takahashi said that not every performer hits it out of the park, but that's the fun of a live, anything goes format. But nurturing a creative community is at the forefront of the Poetry Room's mission.

"Everybody gets the right, especially in the beginning, to be horrible," Takahashi says. "That's just the learning curve."

"A lot of poets who attend regularly have exponentially grown," he added. "A lot of them are doing their own thing, and people are getting booked for their own events now. Morgan Madden, who is somebody who attended regularly, just threw a festival, Rooted Reverence."

Another talent, stand-up comic Louis D. Michael, will offer a different type of spoken artform to the upcoming "Entanglement" event. Michael said attendees can expect his 10-to-15-minute set to be "fast and loose." He describes his comedic voice as "dark, with a happy attitude, and a good smile." His set no doubt adds dynamics to the evening.



Louis D. Michael

"I find that most of the time, a lot of my jokes skew pretty dark or towards darker topics," he said. "I talk about it being like a butter knife with an edge."

"It's a live performance, so I've got to see what mood I'm in that day and see what jokes I feel like doing," he added. "Depending on what happens on the microphone before me, I might riff a little bit."

By **BILL CASTANIER**

In the summer of 1987, in honor of its sesquicentennial, the State of Michigan was front and center in Washington for the Smithsonian Folk Festival.

Ninety Michiganians showcased, spoke about and demonstrated their state's talents and traditions at a program looking back at Michigan's past. On the roster were traditional dancers, performances by the Sugar Island Boys, basket weaving, fly tying and automobile manufacturing, to only name a few.

Of course, some classic Michigan food was also spotlighted. All the ingredients were easily accessible except for the rutabagas — a critical ingredient in the esteemed pasty, a staple of Upper Peninsula cooking.

Traditional Yooper cooks searched all over D.C., but no rutabagas were to be had. No one in our nation's capital knew what a rutabaga was. A cry for help went out, and by the next day, a Northwestern flight out of Detroit had rutabagas strapped in first class, ready for slicing and dicing. The crisis was averted, and tasty pasties were served to the delight of festival-goers. Some attendees also went home with a jokey t-shirt displaying two strategically positioned pasties and the catchphrase "Is it pasty or pastie?" It was a banner Pure Michigan moment.

Hungry for history

New book documents Yooper foodways

Pasties are just one of the traditional foods Russell M. Magnaghi considers in his new book, "Classic Food and Restaurants of the Upper Peninsula," published in May via The History Press.

Detailed are not only the classic pasty but various traditional foodways of the Upper Peninsula, including specifics about the food itself and the culture that drove its development, notably the foodways of the Anishinaabe tribes, who survived and flourished on whitefish, wild rice, maple syrup and sugar and also foraged for berries and other native plants and fruits.

Magnaghi, a long-time Northern Michigan University history professor, also writes how the French, Swedish and other voyageurs contributed to the U.P. foodways and adopted the native food into their diets. He recounts the history of what he calls a "veritable cornucopia of delicious dishes" the region is responsible for.

Most of the "Lower Peninsula trolls," as Yoopers often refer to them, have seen, savored or heard of the pasty (pronounced "pass-tee"). Still, Magnaghi leads readers on a gastronomic adventure where we learn that rutabaga, the preferred ingredi-

ent of pasties, is a cross between a turnip and a wild cabbage. Norwegians refer to it as the "orange of the North."

Within the 140-page book, the author also outlines how the pasty can be traced to Roman times and how Chaucer and Shakespeare namecheck pasties in their writing. On the other end of the spectrum, the pasty, high in protein and carbohydrates, also became a favorite of Cornish miners who brought them to the Americas along with their mining skills.

The original pasty — a two-fisted sandwich pie — was soon altered by enterprising Yoopers who began selling a smaller version to tourists. Magnaghi writes in his book: "The use of gravy is considered barbaric by many." Since then, some have dubbed it the "Yooper burrito."

At some point, Magnaghi said the pasty became so popular in the Upper Peninsula that the Yellow Pages book carried a listing for "Pasty."

Outside of the pasty, Magnaghi also delves into the upscale eating in the Upper Peninsula, including the traditional supper clubs and the Grand Hotel, which opened in 1887. An example of an early Grand Hotel menu shows delights

such as curried chicken giblets, stuffed spring gosling and a filet of whitefish.

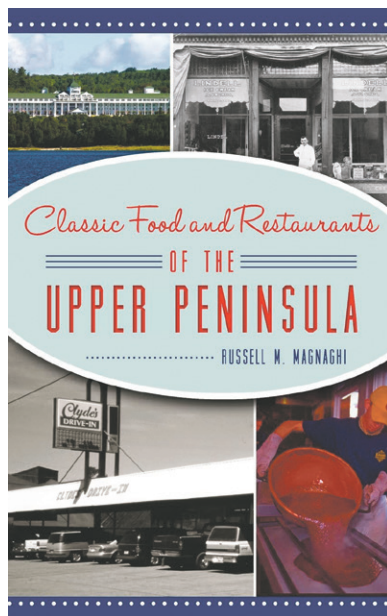
From there, the author takes us on a tour of popular local drive-ins, such as the venerable Clyde's, which opened in Sault Ste. Marie in the late 1940s. Over the years, the spot — known for its juicy Big C burger — has expanded across the U.P.

Magnaghi also documents the influence of African Americans on the food service industry. He mines deeper than simply noting the Jamaican waitstaff at the Grand Hotel. African Americans in the food service industry can be traced to the 1700s when Jean and Marie-Jeanne Bonga operated a hotel, tavern and restaurant on the Island.


Of course, any book on the Upper Peninsula foodways wouldn't be complete without examining the history of fudge. First, Michigan's love for Mackinac Island fudge can be traced to Rome Murdick, who opened the first candy store on the Island in 1887. He was later joined by the "King of Fudge," Harry Ryba. A plethora of imitators soon followed and made it a lasting tradition.

Shifting from sweet to savory, the U.P.'s renowned cudighi (Italian sausage) is also recognized. Cudighi is an excellent example of the immigrant food influencing Michigan, as it was fortuitously brought to the U.P. by Italian immigrants. The Gervasi family opened one of the first food truck operations in the U.P. selling Cudighi sandwiches out of a vending truck on two street corners in Ishpeming. Another Italian family, the Barbieres, fried their cudighi, a style that caught on at the burgeoning number of taverns. And like a lost "Saturday Night Live" skit, patrons could only get the fried cudighi with mustard and onions on a bun with no substitutes. No exceptions.

"Classic Food and Restaurants of the Upper Peninsula" is highly recommended for hungry tourists making their way to the Upper Peninsula. There is plenty to explore, and this book will add context to each meal.



"Classic Food and Restaurants of the Upper Peninsula," available now via The History Press.



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Smokers Ball lights up Adado Riverfront Park

Festival expects 10,000 attendees

By SARAH SPOHN

Some things just go perfectly together. There's chocolate and peanut butter, wine and cheese, and, for the 420-friendly crowd, weed and music.

With that last one in mind, CEP Presents has organized what's being touted as Michigan's largest cannabis consumption event: The Smokers Ball Music Festival. But this first-year soiree isn't just about lighting up and watching headlining performances from the likes of Juicy J, Devin the Dude, Dizzy Wright, Trick Trick and Gangsta Boo.

The one-day bash, which takes over Adado Riverfront Park on Saturday, also brings other elements and attractions into the fold, such as local vendors, food trucks and artwork. It's a mixed bag that

Nick Schrock, the event's operations director, said is a long time in the making.

"CEP Presents was founded by our CEO, Germaine Redding, over 20 years ago when he was at Michigan State University," Schrock said. "We went from promoting small, college campus events to large festivals across the country."

Schrock said he estimates about 10,000 people will attend this inaugural Smokers Ball, an event he hopes will become annual. Of course, this isn't their first rodeo.



Courtesy photo

Juicy J

In April, CEP Presents hosted the 2nd annual Lansing 420 Music Festival at Adado Riverfront Park. It drew approximately 8,000 people. The group

has also kept busy hosting consumption festivals in Niles, Michigan. And while the Smokers Ball is about curating a fun evening, it's a way to recognize progress.

"The goal is just to celebrate cannabis

being legal recreationally in the state of Michigan," Schrock said. "We're bringing together music and cannabis, which share similar cultures. It's a celebration of bringing that

together for the cannabis community."

The state-licensed event includes over 20 cannabis brands on-site, retail and consumption areas, 10 food trucks and a section of local art. Locals will recognize some of the vendors on-site, including Kushy Punch, Breeze Canna, Jeeter, Church Cannabis Co., MKX and Pure Options, according to Schrock.

"We partner with the best brands in the state because we want to have some good music and food, but also good products — and these are some of the top-rated brands in their respective areas in the state of Michigan."

Along with the headliners, and several other rap performers, the lineup also comprises some R&B, Tejano, Latin and reggae acts. For those looking for a heightened experience, a \$200 V.I.P. pass includes a swag bag, laminate, exclusive viewing area, private restrooms and a juice bar.

Leading up to the Smokers Ball, Schrock said there was an expected long list of behind-the-scenes to-dos to take



care of before showtime.

"These events have to be approved through the State of Michigan, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency, 90 days before the event," he said. "This event had to be approved by May 13, which means we started planning this event back in February. It's a full six-month planning process. You have to align vendors and sponsors, get approval and (deal with) compliance issues around city ordinances, state ordinances and cannabis-specific laws."

Learning the ropes has not only benefited their own company, but others looking to grow in the market. Since marijuana consumption at ticketed events is still uncharted territory for many promoters nationwide, CEP offers consulting services to those looking to learn how to navigate the paperwork.

"Cannabis events are new to Michigan and most states because cannabis has recently been legalized," Schrock said. "We get calls weekly from groups across the country that want to utilize our services to help them figure out how to plan their events. It's something new and there's a lot of regulation and compliance stuff that has to be done behind the scenes."

While these events bring thousands of people out to downtown Lansing, Schrock said a common misconception is they cater to one demographic. Instead, he hopes events like this can educate the entire community on the benefits of cannabis while providing a unifying, fun event for people of all backgrounds.

"We have people that attend these events that are 21, all the way up to 75," he said. "It's all-inclusive. It's not just for a certain demographic. We have college kids and grandmothers that attend the event. Whether or not you do or do not consume cannabis, it's a great time for a festival in an open-air environment."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

Request from 3400 West Road LLC to rezone a 2.41-acre parcel located on the east side of West Road, north of Abbey Road (Parcel ID #33-20-01-02-226-021) from B-5 (Community Retail Sales Business District) to M-1 (Manufacturing District). The applicant for the rezoning has voluntarily offered to condition the rezoning on limiting the potential future uses on the parcel to exclude a contractor's storage yard, coal or building materials storage yard, kennel, radio and television towers, and medical or recreational marijuana grower facilities, processor facilities, secure transporter facilities, and that any future use of the parcel must abide by the performance standards established in Section 50-673(1) and (2) of the Code of Ordinances.

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Peter Menser – Planning and Zoning Administrator
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For more information on the request please contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Peter Menser at the contact info above. 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. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelplanningcommission@cityofeastlansing.com.


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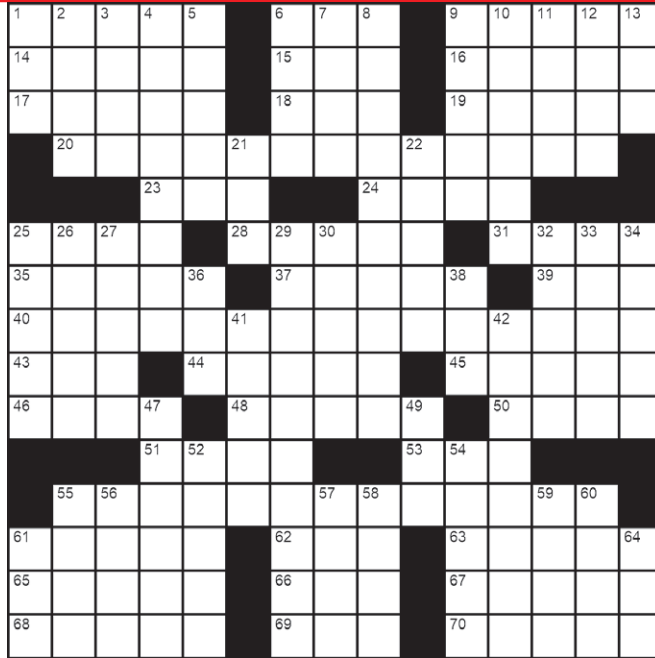
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Product Placement"---it's a sign of the times.
by Matt Jones

Across

- 1. Produced, biblical-style
- 6. Fox's foot
- 9. Sweet stuff
- 14. Make up (for)
- 15. "... sorta"
- 16. One end of a battery
- 17. Bialik who will continue as a host of "Jeopardy!"
- 18. Samantha who will not continue as the host of "Full Frontal" (because it was canceled)
- 19. Charlie Parker genre
- 20. Some imaging services out of Florida?
- 23. Seek permission
- 24. They're often split



- 25. Lazy river conveyance
- 28. Thespian
- 31. Disco hit centered around four characters?
- 35. UFO passenger
- 37. "Then I knew that ___ my heart" (The Supremes lyric)
- 39. Alternative conjunctions
- 40. Cheap, flimsy consoles to play "Grand Theft Auto" on?
- 43. Bad ___ (German spa)
- 44. Blue sky hue
- 45. Whodunit focus
- 46. Umlaut components
- 48. Ignited
- 50. Insect repellent compound
- 51. Spongy brand
- 53. It ended on 11/11/18
- 55. "Star Wars" starfighters whose pilots were too scared to show up?

- 61. "Yay!"
- 62. Burj Khalifa's loc.
- 63. Word after corn or Cobb
- 65. Martin Van ___
- 66. Saw publication
- 67. Delete
- 68. Gnarlis Barkley singer Green
- 69. ___-Caps (Nestle candy)
- 70. Winona of "Stranger Things"

Down

- 1. "Batman" sound effect
- 2. Coup d' ___
- 3. Painter of "The Clothed Maja"
- 4. Like Studio Ghibli content
- 5. Heat wave figures, for short
- 6. ___ Xtra (Dr Pepper rival)
- 7. Between continents, perhaps

- 8. Protein shake ingredient derived from dairy
- 9. Hummus brand
- 10. Apprehensive
- 11. Elapse
- 12. Big scenes
- 13. Public image, for short
- 21. Letters before a pen name
- 22. Company founded in Rochester (not, surprisingly, New York, New York)
- 25. Sped along
- 26. "King of the Hill" beer brand
- 27. On top
- 29. They'll get you where you need to go, for a fee
- 30. ___ Sewell, Alabama's only Black Congresswoman
- 32. New England-based soft drink brand
- 33. Cookie filling
- 34. It's a plus
- 36. Org. of Blazers and Heat
- 38. "The Voice" network
- 41. Jason Bateman Netflix drama
- 42. Routine
- 47. Whimper
- 49. Squicked-out outburst
- 52. "Low-priced" commercial prefix
- 54. Smartened up
- 55. M' tley ___ (group depicted in "Pam & Tommy")
- 56. Long-eared leaper
- 57. Palindromic flatbread
- 58. Strange beginning?
- 59. "Orange you ___ I didn't say banana?"
- 60. Ed.'s requirement, once
- 61. "This Is Going To Hurt" airt
- 64. Falco's "___ Kommissar"

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

August 10-16, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Tips to get the most out of the coming weeks: 1. Exercise your willpower at random moments just to keep it limber. 2. Be adept at fulfilling your own hype. 3. Argue for fun. Be playful and frisky as you banter. Disagree for the sport of it, without feeling attached to being right or needing the last word. 4. Be unable to understand how anyone can resist you or not find you alluring. 5. Declare yourself President of Everything, then stage a coup d'état. 6. Smile often when you have no reason to. 7. If you come upon a "square peg, round hole" situation, change the shape of the hole.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If I had to choose a mythic deity to be your symbolic helper, I would pick Venus. The planet Venus is ruler of your sign, and the goddess Venus is the maven of beauty and love, which are key to your happiness. But I would also assign Hephaestus to you Tauruses. He was the Greek god of the metalworking forge. He created Zeus's thunderbolts, Hermes' winged helmet, Aphrodite's magic bra, Achilles' armor, Eros' bow and arrows, and the thrones for all the deities in Olympus. The things he made were elegant and useful. I nominate him to be your spirit guide during the next ten months. May he inspire you to be a generous source of practical beauty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): To be a true Gemini, you must yearn for knowledge—whether it's about coral reefs, ancient maps of Sumer, sex among jellyfish, mini-black holes, your friends' secrets, or celebrity gossip. You need to be an eternal student who craves education. Are some things more important to learn than others? Of course, but that gauge is not always apparent in the present. A seemingly minor clue or trick you glean today may become unexpectedly helpful a month from now. With that perspective in mind, I encourage you to be promiscuous in your lust for new information and teachings in the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cancerian drummer Ringo Starr is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Though he has received less acclaim than his fellow Beatles, many critics recognize him as a skillful and original drummer. How did he get started? At age 13, he contracted tuberculosis and lived in a sanatorium for two years. The medical staff encouraged him to join the hospital band, hoping it would stimulate his motor skills and alleviate boredom. Ringo used a makeshift mallet to bang the cabinet near his bed. Good practice! That's how his misfortune led to his joy and success. Is there an equivalent story in your life, Cancerian? The coming months will be a good time to take that story to its next level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): One of the inspiring experiments I hope you will attempt in the coming months is to work on loving another person as wildly and deeply and smartly as you love yourself. In urging you to try this exercise, I don't mean to imply that I have a problem with you loving yourself wildly and deeply and smartly. I endorse your efforts to keep increasing the intensity and ingenuity with which you adore and care for yourself. But here's a secret: Learning to summon a monumental passion for another soul may have the magic power of enhancing your love for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Musician Viv Albertine has recorded four albums and played guitar for the Slits, a famous punk band. She has also written two books and worked as a TV director for 20 years. Her accomplishments are impressive. Yet she also acknowledges that she has spent a lot of time in bed for many reasons: needing to rest, seeking refuge to think and meditate, recovering from illness, feeling overwhelmed or lonely or sad. She admirably cites other creative people who, like her, have worked in their beds: Emily Dickinson, Patti Smith, Edith Sitwell, and Frida Kahlo. I mention this, Virgo, because the coming days will be an excellent time for you to seek sanctuary and

healing and creativity in bed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Libran author Katherine Mansfield wrote, "The mind I love must have wild places, a tangled orchard where dark damsons drop in the heavy grass, an overgrown little wood, the chance of a snake or two, and a pool that nobody's fathomed the depth of." Be inspired by her in the coming weeks, Libra. I suspect you will flourish if you give yourself the luxury of exploring your untamed side. The time is ripe to wander in nature and commune with exciting influences outside your comfort zone. What uncharted frontier would you enjoy visiting?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): When you are functioning at your best, you Scorpios crave only the finest, top-quality highs. You embrace joys and pleasures that generate epiphanies and vitalizing transformations. Mediocre varieties of fun don't interest you. You avoid debilitating indulgences that provide brief excitement but spawn long-term problems. In the coming weeks, dear Scorpio, I hope you will embody these descriptions. It's crucial that you seek gratifications and delectations that uplift you, ennoble you, and bless your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Wish on everything," advises Sagittarian author Francesca Lia Block. "Pink cars are good, especially old ones. And first stars and shooting stars. Planes will do if they are the first light in the sky and look like stars. Wish in tunnels, holding your breath and lifting your feet off the ground. Birthday candles. Baby teeth." Your homework during the next two weeks, Sagittarius, is to build a list of further marvels that you will wish on. It's the Magic Wish season of the year for you: a time when you're more likely than usual to encounter and generate miracles. Be proactive! Oh, and very important: What are your three top wishes?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Author Aldous Huxley wrote, "That people do not learn much from the lessons of history is the most important lesson that history has to teach." While his observation is true much of the time, I don't think it will be so for you in the coming weeks. I suspect you will triumph over past patterns that have repeated and repeated themselves. You will study your life story and figure out what you must do to graduate from lessons you have finally, completely learned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the film *I Origins*, a scientist says this to a lover: "When the Big Bang happened, all the atoms in the universe were smashed together into one little dot that exploded outward. So my atoms and your atoms were together then . . . my atoms have always known your atoms." Although this sounds poetic, it's true in a literal sense: The atoms that compose you and me and everyone else were originally all squeezed together in a tiny space. We knew each other intimately! The coming days will be an excellent time to celebrate your fundamental link with the rest of the universe. You'll be extra receptive to feeling connection. You'll be especially adept at fitting your energy together with others'. You'll love the sensation of being united, merged, blended.

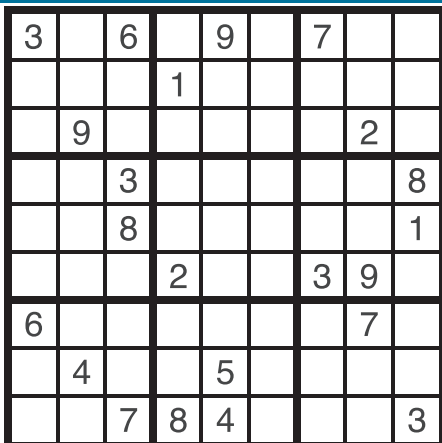
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): My Piscean friend Luna sent me a message that sums up how I feel about you these days. I'll repeat it here in the hope it will inspire you to be perfectly yourself. Luna said, "Every time I meet someone who was born within like two weeks of my birthday, I end up with the impression that they are the loopyest and wisest person I've met in a long time. They are totally ridiculous and worthy of profound respect. They are unhinged and brilliantly focused. They are fuzzy-headed dreamers who couldn't possibly ever get anything practical accomplished and they are lyrical thinkers who charm me with their attunement to the world's beauty and impress me with their understanding of how the world works. Hahahahaha. Luckily for me, I know the fool is sacred."

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TO PLAY

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Answers on page 25

TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene BY RICH TUPICA

IT MIGHT GET LOUD



Photo By Matt Keith

PET ME performs the 2022 Lansing Pride Festival in Old Town. The local band's set is slated for 5:30 p.m.



Photo by Olivia Dejonghe

The Lansing-based also band has a new EP, "Abomination," in the works.

PET ME turns up at Lansing Pride Festival

Since releasing its fierce, femme riot-pop debut EP back in February 2020, PET ME also issued the equally impressive 2022 single, "Ghost." The Lansing band's Saturday set at Lansing Pride will also showcase those songs and some fresh, newly penned tracks.

The outfit, which comprises Vikki

Vera (vocals), Allie Hunt (guitar/back-up vocals), Quinn Endicott (bass) and Jen Campbell (drums, backup vocals), is also putting the finishing touches on a new release. Vera talked about that and more with City Pulse.

What's it like to be on the Pride Festival roster, and what can fans expect to hear?

Vikki Vera: We were really honored to be asked to play Pride. Public representation of queer identities is more important than ever. There are active mainstream efforts on the right to silence us and push us to the margins of society. We've gotten some hate on our social media from far-right trolls, which means we're definitely doing the right thing. Our existence and visibility as a band is basically a "fuck you" to those fascist assholes and an affirmation for queer people. Also, it's rad to play at a festival.

What can people expect to hear at your set? Any surprises?

Our set will have a brand-new song that we've never played live before and a few that have only been in a couple of sets. And with this festival,

we'll reach a lot of people who've probably never heard us before, so we're working to make our set as amazing as possible.

Since the "Ghost" single was released back in February, what has PET ME been up to?

A lot! We have a new EP in the works. It's going to be called "Abomination." The recording is all done. Now it's in the mixing process. We're anticipating a

release date in late September. We're super excited about this one because it has some hard rock influences and goes really hard. On Aug. 27, we're doing a gig at the Avenue Cafe with She/Her/Hers, Fernando Silverio Solis and Cameo Headlands. That's going to be an incredible show. And we're working on some fun new merch items that we think people will love. One of the people who saw our set at

Stoopfest liked us so much that he offered to do a limited run of die-cut records of our debut EP. Those will be available this fall at our shows or at @folkpunkarchivist on Instagram.

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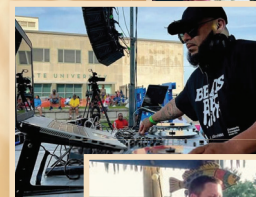
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Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
DJ E-Nyce
 Thurs., August 11, 7-10 p.m.
Russ Holcomb
 Fri., August 12, 7-10 p.m.
Buzz Rocks
 Sat., August 13, 7-10 p.m.



The Exchange

314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Cloud Hoppers
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The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Miranda & the M-80s
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521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
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The Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington, Lansing
Josh White, Jr.
 Wed., August 10, 8 p.m.



Urban Beat

1213 Turner, Lansing
Douglas & the Firs
 Fri., August 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



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Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at 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, August 10

25th Annual Muelder Summer Carillon Concert Series - 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower at MSU, W. Circle Dr., East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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

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

Alluring Nature 2022 Art Show - through August. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River, Okemos. framersedge.net.

Brown Bag Books - August 1-31. Chance to win prizes. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge.

Concert in the Park - Detroit Retro Society. 7-9 p.m. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 801 W. Park St, St. Johns. clintoncountyarts.org.

Glee Singing Broadway Styles - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Rd, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

#HousingDrives Virtual Public Open House - Hear about the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission study. Virtual. 12-1 p.m. facebook.com/TriCountyPlanning

It's My Art Show! - 9 a.m.-7 p.m. through August. Okemos Branch Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-327-0938. retreadart.com.

Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition - All are welcome. 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr Blvd., Lansing. lamc.info.

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

Meridian Township Summer Concert Series - 6-8:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park /Dr., Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Pagan Community Night - Join us online or in person. 6-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Ste. 7A, Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Storybook Stroll - Through late August. Read while you stroll the trails! 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

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

Thursday, August 11

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St, Bath. shopbfm.org.

Rodeo Boys at The Avenue Café

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 21+, FREE
facebook.com/rodeoboysband

Emerging Lansing-based punk rock outfit the Rodeo Boys return Friday to The Avenue Café. Sharing the bill at the free show are Kat and the Hurricane and Lemoncollies.

While members of the Rodeo Boys describe their sound as "just a queer as hell four-piece, rippin' grunge tunes," the band's electrifying sound pulls from an array of genres, creating a distinct, unmatched sonic experience. From '90s alt-rock and throwback country vibes to Van Halen-caliber shredding, it's no wonder the band is performing at huge festivals across Michigan.

As for the openers, the Lemoncollies are another fabulous local outfit that melds dreamy melodies over raw rock 'n roll esthetics. Check out "Summer Heat" on Spotify for a sample. Out-of-towners Kat and the Hurricane are a queer synth-heavy band from Madison, Wisconsin, that's both soulful and poppy.



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Rodeo Boys

Computer Help - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main, Eaton Rapids.

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

Make Marbled Paper [Registration Req.] - Kids create amazing art! 2 sessions: 2 & 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org

Music in the Park - Food concessions available. 7-9 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St, Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

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

Summer Concert Series - 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.

Friday, August 12

Leslie Area Wide Yard Sales - 30+ sales around town. August 12 & 13, 9 a.m. - ? Addresses online at cityofleslie.org.

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

Cruise In - 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers' Market, 2150 Cedar St, Holt. delhitownship.com.

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

Make Marbled Paper [Registration Req.] - Kids create amazing art! 2 sessions: 2 & 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org

Mid-Michigan Gospel Fest - August 12-14. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 Cochran Ave, Charlotte.

Moonlight Movies - "Spiderman: No Way Home" - 9-10:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 N Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownship.com.

Sewers Salute Quilts of Valor Meeting - Quilters are welcome to join. We make patriotic-themed quilts. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Towar Hart Baptist Church, 6157 Towar Ave., East Lansing.

St. Johns Mint Festival - Celebrate our mint farming heritage. Festival parking, 800 W Sickles St., St. Johns. mintfest.org.

Summer Concert Series - On the Lash. 7 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, 219 Albert St, East Lansing.

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

Saturday, August 13

Leslie Area Wide Yard Sales - 30+ sales around town. August 12 & 13, 9 a.m. - ? Addresses online at cityofleslie.org

Delicious Presents Lansing Pride - Join us as we celebrate an all-inclusive and uplifting pride festival. 1-10 p.m. Old Town Lansing, 201 E Cesar E. Chavez Ave, Lansing. lansingpride.org.

Dizzy Wright & Juicy J & Devin the Dude - Noon. Adado Riverfront Park, 201 E Shiawassee St, Lansing.

Inebriated Insights - Join the Keys team of insightful readers for a night of intoxicated witchcraft. 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Ste 7A, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Ingham County Fair Foundation 2nd Annual Golf Outing - 7:30 a.m. reg.; 9 a.m. start. \$75 or \$300 team. 9 a.m.

Eldorado Golf Course, 3750 W. Howell Road, Mason. fairingham.org.

The Poetry Room Open Mic - hosted by regional Lansing Poet Laureate Masaki Takahashi. 3:30-6 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., East Lansing. 517-884-4800.

The Smoker's Ball Presented by CEP - The biggest summer celebration of music, arts, and cannabis culture held in Downtown Lansing. 7 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 201 E Shiawassee St., Lansing.

St. Johns Mint Festival - Celebrate our mint farming heritage. Festival Parking, 800 W Sickles St., St. Johns. mintfest.org.

Teddy Bear Picnic - 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 N Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownship.com.

WildFlowers! - Come hike with Fenner's Naturalists. 1-3 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing. mynaturecenter.org.

Sunday, August 14

4th Annual Swing Fore Soles Charity Outing - For Footprints of Michigan and its Soles4Vets program. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Centennial Acres, 12485 Dow Rd., Sunfield. swingforesoles.com.

Architecture Tour - Learn more about our unique building. 1-1:30 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing.

Armand & Angelina Native Flute Playshop - Are you ready to play the Native American Flute? 12:15 p.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.

Free Outdoor Concert: J & J Sounds. 6 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing. 517-332-2559.

Knee High Hikers - For explorers with little legs and BIG imaginations. 1-3 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E Mt. Hope Ave, Lansing. mynaturecenter.org.

St. Johns Mint Festival - Celebrate our mint farming heritage! Festival Parking, 800 W Sickles St., St. Johns. mintfest.org.

Sunday School for Witches - Workshop series. 3-4:30 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center ST. #7A, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

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The broths of summer

Cold noodles,
Naengmyeon-style

By **ARI LEVAUX**

Naengmyeon (n-yang-me-on) translates to “cold noodles” in Korean. This simple name renders incomplete justice to this kaleidoscopic dish.

The noodles are indeed cold, thanks to pieces of ice floating among them in the pre-chilled daikon radish broth. Atop the noodles are a colorful combination of proteins and plant parts, including meat, egg, blanched vegetables, pickled radish, hot peppers and super cool cucumbers. This treasure hunt of a meal.

I first enjoyed naengmyeon on an August afternoon in a Vancouver restaurant. It was a spicy and sour juggernaut that stopped my sweat in its tracks while being decidedly savory.

There's no limit to the number of variations this dish can accommodate, but the radish broth itself remains the soul of naengmyeon. As soon as the daikon, ginger and onion begin simmering, an intoxicating, enticing fragrance fills the room.

In addition to the broth, there are several more steps to preparing naengmyeon, and each is basically its own recipe. We must make the daikon pickles, blanch the proteins, cook the meat, and make perfect hardboiled eggs. When these have all been prepared, we can finally assemble the finished dish.

One extremely useful piece of equip-

ment for this dish, and many others, is a pot with a removable pasta boiler insert. With so many ingredients being pre-cooked in boiling stock, the pasta basket allows us to remove things from the kettle without the hassle and potential danger of pouring hot liquid through a strainer.

When everything is prepared and assembled, dive into this glorious bowl of diverse textures and flavors, and eat strategically. If you get too much heat from a sliced jalapeno, head for the Asian pear for refuge. It all adds up to a savory and sour soup that's as refreshing as iced tea, but even more nutritious and exhilarating.

Daikon Broth

There is a lot you can do with this daikon broth in addition to making naengmyeon. Last night I made a pot of rice with it, and that captivating flavor permeated every grain.

1 pound daikon, peeled and sliced into half-inch rounds

4 ounces of peeled ginger, sliced to about a quarter inch thick

1 large onion, cut into quarters

1 pound beef brisket or similarly lean, tough red meat (optional)

If you skip the brisket, replace a quart of the water with beef (or vegetable) stock, or use bouillon cubes

Add the ingredients to a pasta basket and set it in a pot



with 5 quarts of water. Bring the pot to a boil and then turn it down to a simmer, and cook for two hours. Remove the pasta basket and let the broth cool to room temperature and then chill in the fridge. Allow the brisket to cool and slice it thinly, toss the slices with salt and refrigerate them until it's time to assemble the dish.

While the broth simmers, make the daikon pickles, boil the eggs, and prepare the noodles and vegetables as follows.

Pickled Daikon

8 ounces daikon radish, peeled

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons cider vinegar

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Above, a bowl of naengmyeon, with chilled broth at the ready

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Monday, August 15

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

Armand and Angelina: The Great Un-Pause Concert - 7 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 S. Washington, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

Can You Dig It? - 8 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Driving for Dementia Golf Outing - Greater Lansing CARE Foundation. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eagle Eye Golf Club, 15500 Chandler Road, Lansing. drivingfordementia.com.

Fizz Wiz Chemistry - 8 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

LEGO Building Challenge - Build something amazing with your LEGOs and win prizes. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org

Marvel-ous Science - 8 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Mental Toughness & Focus for School - Learn techniques that will make you mentally strong and focused to start school. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Rd, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Tuesday, August 16

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.

Delta Township Music in the Park - Sea Cruisers. 7 p.m. Sharp Park, Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Rd., Lansing.

Indoor Farmers Market - 4150 S. M 52, Owosso. hipaa.jotform.com.

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 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org

Sporcle Live! Trivia - Two games at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave, East Lansing. 517-351-2506. crunchyseastlansing.com.

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Naengmyeon at the restaurant



Another homemade version, with ice underneath

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2 teaspoons sugar

1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Use the peeler to cut the radish lengthwise into ribbons. Place the daikon ribbons in a bowl, and toss with the salt. Add the remaining ingredients. Toss again, and refrigerate until it's time to assemble the bowl.

Hard Boiled Egg

4 eggs

Bring a quart of water to a boil. Gently lower the eggs into the water and

cook for a minute at full boil. Lower the heat to a simmer and cook for another 12 minutes. Remove the eggs and transfer them to a bowl with two quarts of cold water, and let them cool for 15 minutes. Peel under running water.

Noodles and veggies

½ pound soba noodles

Baby bok choy, spinach, or other greens

Boil 4 quarts of water in a pot with the pasta basket insert. You can also cook the noodles and vegetables in the radish stock.

Cook the noodles per the instructions on the package. Then remove the insert and plunge the noodles into cold water.

Drain and set aside.

Briefly blanch the vegetables you intend to use, according to how much time they need. For bok choy and spinach, a minute in the boiling water is all you need.

Naengmyeon

Here we assemble all of the previously prepared ingredients into bowls.

As discussed above, the brisket was cooked with the broth. But this time of year, when the garlic is fresh, I use beef bouillon in the daikon stock and go with a more tender cut of meat for the final dish. If you go this route, slice the meat thinly and fry it with minced garlic in olive oil with salt and pepper, and add

these slices to the final bowl.

4 servings

2 trays ice cubes, or similar amount of crushed ice

1 pound cooked soba noodles

1 pound sliced cooked brisket

4 hardboiled eggs, sliced in half lengthwise

1 pound cooked bok choy, spinach or other green vegetables

1 pound Pickled daikon radish

1 large cucumber, peeled and sliced

Sliced jalapeno, if you like spicy

Soy sauce

Rice vinegar

Chili paste

Divide the ice among the bowls. Add the noodles and give them a twist with your fingers or a fork, so they make a bit of a spiral pattern.

Artfully place the proteins, fruits and vegetables in little piles atop the noodles and ice. Place these bowls on the table and ladle in the broth. Season with a splash of soy sauce and leave the bottle on the table — along with cider vinegar and pepper paste, so the diners can personalize their salt and acid levels.

If you're extra-thirsty, consider slurping the broth out of the bowl straight away, without chewing anything. Then refill the bowl, adjust the salt and sour and begin eating in earnest.

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Douglas & The Firs at UrbanBeat

Friday, Aug. 12

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing

Doors 5 p.m.

Music: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

\$15, \$10 advance, \$5 students

urbanbeatevents.com



Those in the Lansing music scene might recognize him as the former frontman of Doug Mains & The City Folk, but these days he's performing under the Douglas & The Firs moniker. The "mostly solo" project showcases new original songs that incorporate Mains' introspective lyrics that often question both himself and humankind. Friday, he brings that intimate show to UrbanBeat in Old Town. Fellow local folk artist Monte Pride also performs.

With his acoustic guitar and powerful voice, Mains blends throwback folk with touches of contemporary influences, echoing the likes of Damien Rice, Bob Dylan and Cat Stevens. The Local Flow defined it as "like Iron & Wine's more mature musical older brother."

Over the years, Mains has produced two full-length albums, toured all across the country and collaborated with The Oh Hellos, Lindsey Stirling, Brendan James, The Collection, Small Houses, and more. Along with that impressive resume, The Driver Rider & Road Show has praised him as "a true troubadour" who is "destined to be a Michigan icon of great Americana music." Want a sample? Go over to Bandcamp and check out "Find Sleep and Rest Your Tired Soul," his tranquil 2020 single,

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