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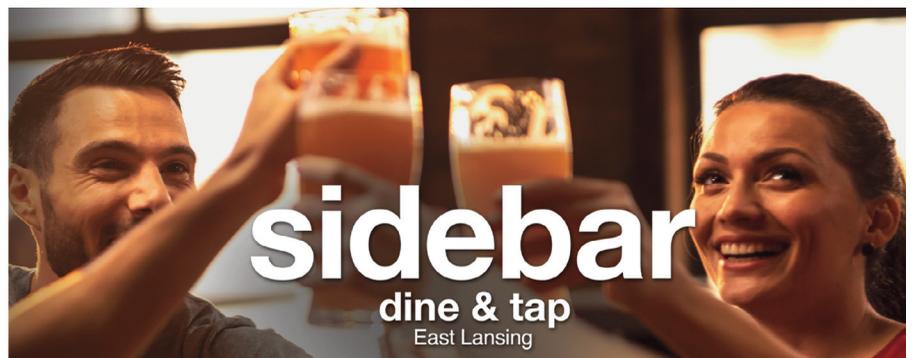
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I was asked this week why I am placing these ads, and my short answer was that I care about this country. The person asking responded that he does too, very much so. He was angered by the ad. Behind that anger is sadness. Of that, I have no doubt, for it's also true for me.

Clearly, we see things through two different lenses. The one thing I can say is that he should read the ad, which was placed for him. I don't do these ads to preach to the choir. I place them to spark discussion, to get two opposing sides talking, to possibly inspire someone to consider another person's perspective. I'll be honest: It doesn't always work, but I have seen it happen on occasion.

The truth is that we have been dehumanizing ourselves for a while now. We've failed at discourse at the highest levels. We will continue to fail if we don't see each other as human beings with feelings, and families. We are teaching our children to shout and scream instead of discuss our differences.

I believe I'm making a difference. I do not back down from what I know to be the truth.

In our exchange, this person asked me why I didn't like Trump. I told him that he was a lifelong crook, that he bankrupted countless contractors who had worked on his tall buildings. I told him that he was nothing more than a con man, that he took out a full-page ad in The New York Times calling for the death penalty for the Central Park Five. He said that I must've gotten my information from CNN. But these things are true, and a good person doesn't do those types of things.

We are all flawed. There are people who probably know that I stole my mom's car when I was 18 and took a joyride to California, and they might say I'm not a good person. But you know what? I paid for my crime and I've tried to be better as I got older.

The long list for Donald Trump is documented, from his mocking of a reporter with disabilities to his sexist and racist language and his philandering attitude. He's not a role model to emulate, but one we cannot afford to want our children to aspire to. That will surely come to haunt us with trauma for future innocent people.

I'd love not to talk about Trump, but he has enabled people's hate by preying on their fears, and it is, to me, an alarming trend that a lot of people still love him — a trend that my children's children will have to deal with unless he's held accountable. Someone's son very well may grow up in a Trump-loving household and aspire to be just like him, and my granddaughter may encounter him somewhere — unless we start holding people accountable, starting with Trump, and truly show people how decency, compassion and love are much more desirable traits than greed, wealth and power.

I understand why there are people who dislike politics, but nearly everything is political now, and even if it's not political, politics definitely impacts everyone. I'm committed to the future, and I'm committed to the truth. I'm committed to letting people be who they are regardless of what the constructs of society project and dictate as acceptable. I'm committed to understanding how history is directly impacting the present. I want our public schools to teach the truth, I want people to be paid a living wage, I want health care to be a right for everyone. Because I believe that a healthy, educated population is a thriving population. There is no doubt that some who could've changed the world were born into poverty and starved before reaching their potential.

Don't tell me we can't afford it when we spend 3/4 of a trillion dollars on the military. And please stop idolizing billionaires who hoard wealth while exploiting their workers. The reason billionaires are contemptible is they would rather grow their wealth instead of paying more in taxes so that the poorest could get that surgery or not have to decide between a meal or the light bill, or heaven forbid that we fix the roads that these companies use to transport their goods around the country for their profits.

Oh, and if Donald Trump is so rich, why is he asking you to donate to his legal fund?

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NEWS & OPINION

As infrastructure crumbles, new Ingham County Juvenile Center eyed

Over and over again, a review of the Ingham County Youth Center by Fishbeck + HDR came to the same conclusion: “Equipment is past its normal service life.”

The report, provided to the county in November 2022, found nine of 23 systems “non-functional, beyond its useful life, not code compliant, or requires investment beyond its value.” That included the 37-year-old building’s sanitary sewer piping, water system piping, heat transfer equipment, the exhaust system, air handling units, air distribution and duct work, the HVAC cooling and heating system piping and the controls for the HVAC system.

Another 10 systems exhibited some degradation and were nearing the end of their serviceable life. The report found the electrical and security system serviceable along with the roof. But only four of the reviewed systems were identified as working properly and without issues: the exterior walls, hot water production, the natural gas system and the heating equipment.

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners is facing a decision. Does it spend \$32 million renovating the 24-bed facility at 700 E. Jolly Road or does it invest that money into a new building designed to meet the needs of incarcerated youth?

For Commissioner Mark Polsdofer, the answer is a no-brainer: a new facility. As the current chair of the commission’s Law and Courts Committee, he will be called upon to shepherd any renovations or a new building through the Board of Commissioners. The committee began examining the pros and cons last week.

The current facility, he noted, is not only old and suffering from a litany of issues, but it also is not designed to meet the programmatic needs of incarcerated youth ages 12-17. A new facility would address that deficiency.

“That would be able to be designed from the start to deal with the challenges



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

A view of the Ingham County Youth Center, 700 E. Jolly Road. The Board of Commissioners is beginning to discuss whether to renovate it or replace in light of a report that shows major infrastructure problems.

and realities of how we are dealing with things today,” he said.

The county’s current juvenile justice millage, first approved by voters in 2002, has provided a dramatic reduction in recidivism and new cases in the juvenile court, according to data on the county’s website. Between 2004 and 2016, new charges or petitions against juveniles went from 1,296 to 635. And the county has an overall reduction in recidivism of 12.1%, which is better than the national best practices programs.

Voters last approved the juvenile justice millage in August 2022. The millage brings in about \$2 million a year, which is used for programming to address juvenile involvement in the court system. Estimates to renovate the 1986 building or build a new facility sit at about \$32 million, Polsdofer said.

But rather than raid the funding for programming that is working, the county is working with state officials to draw down a grant to cover the full amount. Last year, the state adopted Raise the Age legislation allowing the state to prosecute 17-year-olds through the juvenile division, rather than feeding them into

the state adult probation and incarceration systems. The legislation added costs by increasing the number of youths but also provided additional funding in the state budget.

“The department has released an initial intent-to-apply process for applicants to submit preliminary proposals for fiscal year 2024 funding,” said Bob Wheaton, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. “Ingham County submitted an application for \$32 million for capital improvements. The proposed funding for all Raise the Age applicants for fiscal year 2024 is \$13.1 million. Approval of county or tribal requests will occur after the budget process is completed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Whitmer.”

In both 2022 and 2023, the state also had \$13.1 million in Raise the Age dollars for grants.

But Polsdofer is hopeful the county will prevail in its request.

“Having Sen. Anthony both as a former county commissioner and the Appropriations chair for the entire Senate certainly helps to give us a major voice and advocate in advocating for the prior-

ities of our region,” he said, referring to Democrat Sarah Anthony of Lansing.

Anthony said by text message she is “supportive in concept” of the funding request. She is looking forward to “receiving additional information from the county.” She’s added the request to additional city and county funding requests for the upcoming budget.

Board of Commissioners Chair Ryan Sebolt said he would support a new facility.

“My mind is likening to the county jail,” he said. “You keep pumping money into it, but at some point you can’t do that anymore. It’s time to look at the cost to modernize it.”

Voters in August 2018 approved a .85 mill levy to build a new county jail and justice facility. The new facility was opened in February, and the county is in the process of demolishing the old jail.

Sebolt said he is “very hopeful” the county will be able to access some state funding.

“We’re that we’re at the beginning of discussion,” he said. With the legislature pushing to complete a budget and put it on Whitmer’s desk before October, the window is narrowing. But he thinks the first chamber passage of a budget proposal will potentially include funding for Ingham County to build a new facility.

He said this is about improving the outcomes for the youth who come into the system.

“They’re the folks that have made some wrong decisions, but for those that are 12 to 17 years old, a key aspect of this is that they are still learning when they are in there,” he said. “There are classrooms in there, a library. They’re there not to just be incarcerated. The whole idea here is to also help to show them that there are better choices to be made and focus on helping to make sure that this is hopefully a one-time situation in their life.”

— TODD HEYWOOD

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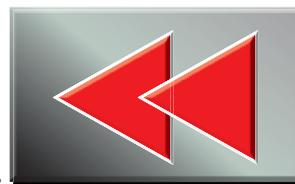
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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

BY NICOLE NOECHEL



Michigan State University established a temporary office to coordinate its efforts in response to the Feb. 13 shooting. The Office for Resource and Support Coordination will provide a central point of contact for those affected by

the shooting, work with campus partners to find clinical and nonclinical care for those who would like additional support and resources, develop trauma-informed communication protocols for when the school needs to share key decisions with the campus, provide recommendations for how to implement and educate community members about new safety and security measures on campus and coordinate long-term programs to promote healing and resilience. In addition, the school announced that it has hired a third-party risk management firm, Security Risk Management Consultants, to lead a review of its response to the shooting, including police actions, campus support and communications protocols. The firm's recommendations will be shared with the public when the review is finished.

The Michigan Education Department is investigating the former East Lansing High School principal who resigned after school officials discovered he falsely claimed he had a doctorate degree, the Lansing State Journal reported.

Shannon Mayfield stated in his application to the school that he was expecting to earn his doctorate degree from Wayne State University soon, going so far as to falsify college transcripts a few months later claiming he had completed the degree. Mayfield met with officials from East Lansing Public Schools on March 7 to discuss the matter and resigned three days later. The state confirmed with the Journal that it has opened an investigation into Mayfield, and, speaking generally, a spokesperson said the department can revoke or suspend teaching and administrative credentials if it sees fit.



Vandals painted violent anti-LGBTQ+ graffiti over two Arts Council of Greater Lansing murals under the Interstate 496 overpass on Cedar Street in Lansing. The incident follows the vandalism of an LGBTQ+ display at the city



welcome sign on Michigan Avenue last December. And this year, lesbian-owned Strange Matter Coffee closed for a few days after receiving a threatening letter.

Activists painted pro-queer messages over some of the graffiti. Mayor Andy Schor denounced the vandalism and said if the graffiti cannot be removed, the city would ask the artists if they want to repaint them.

The toddler who was killed in a house fire at 204 W. Cavanaugh Road in Lansing last June may have started it while playing with a lighter, according to a Fire Department report. Damian Shessia, who was 23 months old, had started a fire the day before, the boyfriend of the child's mother told authorities. The Fire Department found evidence that the fire was started with a lighter or other open-flame device. Fire Marshal Kerwin Norwood said the evidence pointed to a "child or children" playing with fire. Two children, ages 3 and 4, and the family's mother were injured in the fire.



showed Devine calling a state Liquor Control Commission agent an obscene name. The bar lost its license for 30 days.

A complaint against a Mason councilwoman was dismissed unanimously by the city's Board of Ethics. In February, Council member Rita Vogel proposed the city create a Malcolm X Day of Observance to honor the civil rights leader, who attended high school in Mason for a year and a half. She said, "Gatekeeping representation by refusing to create space for people of color in Mason is white supremacy." The City Council vetoed the proposal, but city residents Vicki and Tom Whipple accused Vogel of claiming the city at large is racist and white supremacist. They filed a formal complaint and sought to have Vogel removed. The complaint did not cite any existing ethics codes, and the couple did not send the board an updated complaint after being asked for one multiple times. The ethics board reviewed the original complaint and found that Vogel had not violated any city rules.



MSU will break ground on its new multicultural center Friday (April 21). Interim President Teresa K. Woodruff, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Jabbar R. Bennet, Board of



Trustees Chair Rema Vassar and other school officials will break ground at 2:30 p.m. at the northeast corner of West Shaw and Farm lanes. Construction crews will begin pouring the concrete foundation in the coming weeks. The center is expected to be completed by fall 2024. In addition, MSU is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newly renovated School of Packaging 3:30 p.m. Thursday (April 20), featuring speeches from Woodruff, Vassar, School of Packaging Director Matthew P. Daum and other officials.



651 W. Jolly Road, Lansing

This single-family home sits on busy Jolly Road, a few blocks from Cedar Street. The west side of the house features a large hole. That side of the home also shows considerable damage to the eaves troughs, which are missing pieces, and parts of the roof have collapsed. The front door has a bright red tag on it, and the windows on the porch are covered with wood.

The city red-tagged the property on Aug. 19, 2014, meaning it is unsafe for occupancy. It's gathered 20 notices from the Code Compliance Office for being an unsafe structure, grass, weeds and trash, most recently April 2 for trash. Records show \$4,180.90 is owed in fees on the property, which is owned by the Carolyn Smith Engelhard Living Trust, which gives its address on Southgate Avenue in Lansing. City Pulse attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful.

The City Council held a hearing under its make-safe or demolish rules, and no one showed, said Council member At-Large Patricia Spitzley. The Council authorized demolition on April 10.

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"Eyesore of the Week" is our weekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eye Candy of the Week and Eye for Design. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call in a nomination to (517) 999-6704.

Ingham County government facing \$12M General Fund shortfall

Double the usual amount; worker pay raises, changes to foreclosure rules blamed

Thanks to significant pay bumps, Ingham County is facing a bigger-than-usual General Fund deficit as it begins planning for the next fiscal year, which begins Jan. 1.

Officials projected that the General Fund is going to be \$12 million short, compared to \$6 million to \$7 million normally at this time in the process. The General Fund is largely a government's operating fund.

This year's General Fund is \$95.2 million. Projections put it at \$106 million next year, but projected revenues are just \$97.6 million.

"We are not sure what the 2024 total budget looks like yet as we are focused on the General Fund shortfall at this point," said County Controller Gregg Todd. "Departments have not submitted budgets yet."

The 2023 budget was \$311 million overall, nearly a 20% increase over the 2022 budget.

Todd will begin the informal budget process for the 2024 budget 7:30 tonight (April 19) at the Board of Commissioner's Finance Committee meeting in Conference Room A of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St. in Lansing. It can also be viewed on Zoom.

"County commissioners agreed to about a 7 or 8% increase for all of our staff," Todd said. That was accomplished by reviewing the various pay

scales, eliminating the lowest levels and creating a new, higher level at the top. Coming on top of the usual cost of living increase of 3%, county employees saw an overall increase of closer to 10%.

Recent court rulings on proceeds of tax-foreclosed properties have put a hole in the budget as well. A 2020 Michigan Supreme Court ruling found that counties could not keep the proceeds from the tax, fees and interest owed on a property sold in a tax foreclosure. That means if a property owner has a tax bill of \$2,000 on a property sold at auction for \$4,000, the county must pay the difference of \$2,000 to the property owner.

Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox has been planning for those repayments for the "last couple of years." The county's delinquent tax rotating fund has previously provided between \$1.5 million and \$1.7 million to the county's General Fund. But those payments have stopped in preparation to pay individuals who had a financial interest in a property that sold for more than the taxes, fees and interest owed.

That Supreme Court ruling resulted in lawsuits in federal court by property owners seeking to recoup the excess funds generated when properties were sold at tax foreclosure auctions between 2013 and 2020. A federal judge in the Western District of Michigan is reviewing a settlement on that issue.

"We're holding onto anything that is related to prior year auctions or prior year delinquent tax payments as a way to pay those claims," Fox said.

"That has prevented the Treasurer's Office from transferring anything to the General Fund. I am hoping it all gets resolved quickly."

On the upside, the county equalization office provided a new assessment of property values last week that exceeds previous years. In the past few years, Todd said, the property values in the county rose about 4% a year. This year, they will be 6.2% higher. A state constitutional amendment caps property tax increases to 5% a year, regardless of the increase of property value from year to year. But if a property has been sold in the previous year, the new value of the property becomes the basis for property taxes. So, a property that was previously valued at \$150,000 but sold last year for \$200,000 is taxed at the \$200,000 level.

"So that's another one and a half, \$2 million to the General Fund," he said.

Ultimately, he said, the county will face about a \$7 million deficit on paper that it will have to address. "That gets us a little bit closer, and I think

we can work with that," he said.

Another saving grace for the budget process for 2024 is that the county still has about \$7 million left in American Rescue Plan Act dollars left that it can use to backfill budget shortfalls from the pandemic.

"We've still got some flexibility there," he said. "We could probably do another couple million in 2024 to help balance that out, but we don't want to rely on ARPA. We want to kind of wean ourselves off that."

Commission chair Ryan Sebolt and Todd said there is one revenue source still unaccounted for in the budget: state revenue sharing. That's where the state provides a portion of local sales taxes to local governance units, including counties. Since the early 2000s, those dollars have been less than usual due to economic issues. Sebolt said he is expecting a change in that this year.

Said Sebolt, "Revenue sharing will be done on a different calculation than in the past."

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ABANDONED VEHICLE SALE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

Sealed bids marked **S/23/102, ABANDONED VEHICLES** will be accepted at the City of Lansing Purchasing Office, 124 W Michigan Ave, 3rd Flr, Lansing Mi. 48933 until but no later than, **1:00 PM**, local time in effect **WED. APRIL 26, 2023**

Questions regarding this sale may be directed to Stephanie Robinson Buyer, at (517) 483-4128 or email: stephanie.robinson@lansingmi.gov - ALL VEHICLES MUST BE TOWED OUT.

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NORTHSIDE TOWING, 226 RUSSELL, LANSING, MI 48906	11:00 AM
H&H, KALAMAZOO ST, LANSING MI 48912	10:40AM
SWIFT TOWING, CEDAR ST, HOLT MI	8:00AM

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YEAR	MAKE
2002	GMC

NORTHSIDE

YEAR	MAKE
2006	PONTIAC
2020	CHEVROLET
2021	OTHER
2018	FORD
2009	VOLKSWAGON
2004	KIA
2004	TOYOTA
2018	FORD
2005	NISSAN
2010	FORD

PJS TOWING

YEAR	MAKE
2019	DODGE
1988	CHEVROLET
2014	TOYOTA
2000	GMC
2000	GMC

2005 KIA

2001	GMC
2006	CHEVROLET
2007	MITSUBISHI
2007	KIA
2012	CHEVROLET
2011	BUICK
2013	CHEVROLET
2008	CHEVROLET
2012	FORD
2007	CHEVROLET
2008	FORD
2008	BUICK
2014	VOLKSWAGON
2016	FORD
2007	CHEVROLET
1995	CADILLAC
2011	LINCOLN
2004	CHRYSLER
2019	HONDA
2006	CHEVROLET
2012	CHEVROLET

SHROYERS

YEAR	MAKE
2013	FORD
1982	CHEVROLET
2006	CHEVROLET
2007	HONDA
2008	CHRYSLER
2005	FORD
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2021	CHEVROLET
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2010	FORD
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2012	CHEVROLET
2004	CHEVROLET
2008	DODGE
1989	LINCOLN
2011	BUICK

SWIFT TOWING

YEAR	MAKE
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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-3-2023, Multiple properties in the 800 & 900 Blocks of May Street & E. Saginaw Street, and in the 700 Blocks of E. Park Terrace, Quaker Court, and N. Pennsylvania Avenue Rezoning from "R-MX" Residential Mix to "DT-2" Urban Flex

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request H, Inc. to rezone 818, 820, 908, 914, May Street, 817, 821, 823, 827, 843 & 903 E. Saginaw Street, 711, 713, 714, 0, 717, 718, 0, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 727, East Park Terrace, 709, 713, 714, 718, 717, 721, 722, 725, 729 Quaker Court, and 711, 715, 721, 727 & 737 N. Pennsylvania Avenue from "R-MX" Residential Mix to "DT-2" Urban Flex. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit a multiple family residential development of up to 240 units.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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U-M—Sparrow deal leaves MSU doctors unsettled about future

ROBIN ERB
BRIDGE MICHIGAN

For more than a century, Lansing-based Sparrow Health System has been a training ground for thousands of doctors and nurses from Michigan State University's medical and nursing schools. Scores of MSU doctors work in Sparrow facilities.

But earlier this month, the health system finalized an agreement that makes University of Michigan Health the sole corporate owner of Sparrow, a deal that includes MSU's primary medical campus.

While both U-M and Sparrow representatives have offered assurances that there will be no change to existing contracts, MSU officials say they are concerned about the long-term impact of U-M's incursion into Lansing.

Dr. Aron Sousa, dean of the MSU School of Human Medicine, said that, with U-M now in charge, Sparrow "could pick other people to do some of that (medical) work. They could decide that they're going to choose some other entity to run the stroke service or the neonatal service or the residencies."

Sousa acknowledged that might seem unlikely given MSU's long affiliation with Sparrow.

"But what I'd say is, given the long history, I didn't think it was likely that Sparrow would be taken over by the University of Michigan."

MSU Health Care — comprising the university's colleges of human medicine, osteopathic medicine and nursing — has 49 contracts with Sparrow covering 90 MSU doctors, according to data provided to Bridge Michigan.

Add in physician assistants, nurse practitioners and some therapists, there are roughly 300 MSU healthcare providers at Sparrow facilities.

Sparrow's 25 residency and fellowship programs are all affiliated with MSU's medical colleges. And 13 programs are led by MSU-employed program directors, with Sparrow offering rotations for nearly 200 medical students in both schools.

Sparrow also provides about 500 placements a year for MSU nursing students. Those clinical placements are likely secure for nursing students at least through next year, but long-term?

"It's unclear to me how that's going to become untangled and work out," said Leigh Small, dean of the nursing college. "It's on my watch list, if you will."

Dr. Paul Entler, Sparrow's chief clinical officer, acknowledged that a medical mash-up of maize-and-blue and Spartan green health programs left him scratching



Courtesy

Leigh Small, dean of Michigan State University's College of Nursing, said she worries that the new University of Michigan control at Sparrow Health could one day endanger the training of Michigan State nursing students there.

his head, at least at first.

"How are two Big Ten universities — you know football, basketball — how is this actually going to work?" Entler said he had wondered.

But he said he's been reassured that those relationships won't change. And the recent agreement, he added, is about something far more important than the rivalry between the state's largest universities. It's about offering better, specialized, close-to-home patient care, he said.

Spartan doctors and students will continue their roles unchanged, Entler said.

The larger contract between MSU and Sparrow now stands through at least 2027, he said, and "there is commitment to a continued partnership with Michigan State within the language" of the U-M deal. Neither Sparrow nor U-M would provide a copy of that contract.

Outside Entler's window, two familiar flags — the University of Michigan's familiar maize-and-blue and Michigan State's iconic Spartan green — fly alongside U.S. and state flags.

Both university flags will remain, and MSU staff and students have no reason to fret, he said: "Michigan State will be an integral part of whatever the future looks like."

Small, the nursing school dean, said there's another factor that makes it unlikely MSU will be entirely swept aside: the state's shortage of healthcare workers.

"Sparrow is no different than any other hospital or hospital system in that the need



Bridge photo by Dale Young

Spartan doctors and students will continue their roles unchanged, said Dr. Paul Entler, chief clinical officer at Sparrow Hospital.

for nurses is critical," she said. "I wouldn't think that they're going to totally abandon their relationship with us."

Small said she worries that the new University of Michigan control at Sparrow Health could one day endanger the training of Michigan State nursing students there.

But, she added, "We do need to make sure that we look to our other clinical partners at the same time and be ready in case something happens."

Leaders at Michigan Medicine, which comprises University of Michigan Health and the university's medical school, declined several requests for interviews about MSU's future at Sparrow.

But in a statement, spokesperson Mary Masson of Michigan Medicine, which includes U-M Health, said there are no plans "to make changes to Sparrow's relationship with MSU."

"We are honoring all current commitments that Sparrow has made, and we look forward to exploring additional opportunities to partner with MSU in ways that will benefit the community," Masson said.

Masson noted that MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine continues to train its students at the former Metro Health Hospital in Wyoming, near Grand Rapids, even though U-M health purchased that facility in 2016. It's now called University of Michigan Health-West.

It's an example, Masson said, of the "educational mission with universities across the state."

Doctors at Michigan State have been

hearing those reassurances, but they still wonder, said Dr. Peter Gulick, an infectious disease expert in MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"They want us to believe the waters are calm out there, and they look like that now," Gulick said. "But I always wonder about the tidal wave you can't yet see."

Gulick doesn't practice at Sparrow sites, but his students may train there. And to be clear, he said U-M may bring deep resources that will help deepen Sparrow's specialty services. U-M Health is, after all, not only a medical care organization but a biomedical research powerhouse, and is now a \$7 billion organization.

"I'm excited" by the deal, Gulick said. "But I think this is one of those wait-and-see situations."

Dr. Andrea Amalfitano, dean of MSU's osteopathic school, said Gulick and other doctors and students at the school are likely at less risk in Sparrow's deal with U-M.

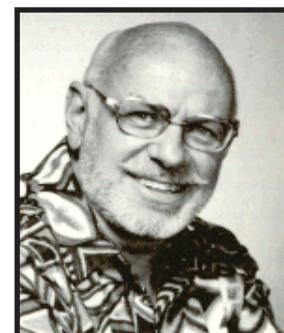
Amalfitano noted that Sparrow is just one of 22 sites in Michigan that provide training to MSU's osteopathic students, which gives the school some cover. It would be more convenient for all the students to train at a single hospital, Amalfitano said, "but at the same time, it deflects our risk."

Norm Beauchamp, executive vice president of MSU Health Services, which oversees the medical and nursing schools, said he is confident MSU will continue to have a strong future with Sparrow.

"We play a huge role there in terms of the clinical care," he said, "and our MSU faculty will continue to be there as MSU faculty — with their white coats and their Spartan 'S' — amongst the U of M maize and blue."

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MONDAY, May 8, 2023

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Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, to hear all persons interested in a request from Green Peak Innovations, Inc. to construct a medical marijuana provisioning center on a vacant lot (Tax ID #20-127-008). The approximately 0.55-acre parcel is zoned C-2 – Commercial.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to chapman@meridian.mi.us, or at the public hearing.

Deborah Guthrie
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Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Jordan Stringer for the property at 228 University Drive to install a carport.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Boyd Rentals to add an air conditioning unit to the west side of 445 Division Street.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request to replace a fence in the side yard of 711 W. Grand River Avenue.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request to replace a front porch at 319 Southlawn Avenue.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request to reconstruct 2 porches and replace a roof with an addition of an overhang at 407 Marshall Street.

For more information on the request please contact Taylor Van Winkle at (517) 319-6828 or twinkle@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

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Marie E. Wicks
 City Clerk

CP#23-087

Next up on gun control? More losses for Republicans

As the Democratic-controlled Legislature puts the final touches on Michigan's soon-to-be new "red flag" law, the natural question for those sick and tired of the country's trend of mass shootings is, "What's next?"

Thanks to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Legislature, starting next year gun owners will face criminal charges for not locking up their firearms when there are kids around. They'll also need a background check before purchasing a gun — a pistol, a rifle, an AR-15, whatever.

Next up is the aforementioned "red flag" law, or "extreme risk protection order," that allows friends or relatives to alert the authorities when they fear a loved one is a threat to oneself or others. Upon looking into the situation, a judge can order police to remove a person's firearms.

The polling on all three of these measures is off-the-charts good. Polling on the measures that lawmakers are interested in doing next is good, too.

We're talking about banning anyone with a domestic violence conviction from owning a firearm. The Detroit News found that a lifetime ban is supported by 65% of voters and 75% of women.

Putting capacity limits on magazines has 60% support, according to the poll.

Opening up gun manufacturers and gun sellers to liability for cases in which a gun they illegally sold causes death or injury has 67% support, according to an Impact Research survey question for Giffords.

Increasing funding for community violence intervention programs? That polls at 76%.

All of these concepts are being talked about by lawmakers — Democratic lawmakers. Republican lawmakers are voting no as a block.

Politically, the issue is another tough one for them. Once again, they're forced to die on another hill of an uncompromising interest group and passionate constituents who refuse to give an inch in the gun debate.

Remember late summer 2022? The R's blew an opportunity to pass their own limited abortion legalization bill by rolling the dice on stopping what became Proposal 3, which every poll

showed would win.

This time, the R's are standing shoulder to shoulder with the National Rifle Association, another strident interest group.

But this time, the polling is even worse. The numbers may not be terrible in some of their districts, but statewide, they aren't great. If the Republicans are comfortable hanging out in the minority after 2024, I guess that's not a problem.

If the Republicans want to regain seats, carrying the water primarily for people with the Second Amendment tattooed to their chests probably isn't the best plan.

Not with mass shootings making the headlines. Every. Single. Week.

There have been 33 shootings from April 1 to April 17 alone. You may have heard about the mass shooting in Alabama at a teenager's "Sweet 16 party" because four were killed and 32 injured.

How about the April 13 shooting off Penrod Street in Detroit that injured five people, including three 14-year-olds?

It's gotten to the point where gun violence has become the No. 1 killer of teenagers in the country, and it's not slowing down. The numbers collected by the Gun Violence Archive show it's worse.

In 2021, 1,390 kids were killed by a firearm in this country. In 2022, it was 1,575. Last year, it was 1,682.

The numbers aren't working for Republicans on so many levels.

Groveling for a watered-down version of one of the upcoming bills in exchange for their votes could be a start. They can later take credit for something.

Ignoring the depth and breadth of this as a political issue is a grave mistake, though.

The Michigan State University shooting thrust gun safety back into a front-of-mind issue that has parents, students, independents and even a majority of Republicans and gun owners super agitated and antsy.

They want changes now.

It's not clear what the Republicans' plan out of this is at this point.

What is clear is that opposing every single gun reform measure — with shooting after shooting after shooting making the headlines — isn't a good place to be.

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



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Consequential kiss

Mike Eyia and Linda Vail share jazz honors

BY LAWRENCE COSENTINO

After 40-plus years of bringing Cuban-style salsa music to mid-Michigan, it's no surprise that Mike Eyia is next in line for lifetime honors Sunday (April 23) at the 14th annual Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan tribute concert.

Lansing-area music lovers have known Eyia for decades as a passionate singer, poly-stylistic guitarist, consummate composer and arranger, fiery percussionist and founder and leader of mid-Michigan's premier salsa band, Orquesta Ritmo.

However, Linda Vail didn't know any of that when Eyia first kissed her, right smack on Michigan Avenue, eight years ago.

It was a consequential kiss. Vail and Eyia are not only life partners but co-recipients of Sunday's tribute.

Mid-Michigan residents know Vail as the indefatigable retired Ingham County health officer who shepherded the county through the COVID-19 pandemic.

She shares Sunday's award with Eyia for a variety of reasons, including her photographic skills as a chronicler of various local events.

JAMM co-founder Gregg Hill added that, as county health officer, Vail advised the group on the latest policies "to keep all of us jazz cats healthy and safe during COVID."

Simply put, Vail and Eyia are a package deal, and music is an integral part of that package.

It's not hard to imagine Eyia, guitar in hand, whisking Vail away from her spreadsheets and statistics with a plaintive canción.

Hill, a longtime Orquesta Ritmo fan, was thrilled to experience Eyia's many talents at close range when they collaborated on an upbeat 2021 CD, "Ritmo Patria."

"Mike brings that Latin passion — that fire — when he sings," Hill said.



Ron Stratton/for City Pulse

Linda Vail and Mike Eyia, who met at jazz night at Moriarty's Pub and later shared a kiss that began a lifelong romance, will be honored at the 14th annual Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan tribute concert Sunday (April 23).

"I don't see how the woman he's singing to could resist him."

But that's not quite how things happened between Eyia and Vail.

Vail came to Lansing to work at the county Health Department in 2014, having lived in Kalamazoo for 28 years. She was 53, single and new in town, and striking up a social life was a daunting prospect. Allen Neighborhood Center director Joan Nelson, an ardent jazz fan, coaxed her into frequenting Moriarty's Pub's jazz night, where Vail, Nelson and a friend shared a table.

"This guy had a tendency to swagger in late," Vail recalled. One night, after the swaggering man chatted with the three women, he escorted

Vail to Stober's Bar next door.

They danced. They had a drink. He walked her to her car on Michigan Avenue.

"And then he kissed me," Vail said.

Eyia added, "That's pretty much it," his face as blank as he could make it.

They knew nothing about each other's alternate identities.

"She'd never seen me with my puffy sleeves," Eyia joked.

Vail said, "I had no idea he was a musician. He was just this guy, and then we danced. I hadn't seen him sing or play the guitar. It turns out everybody knew him but me."

Eyia hadn't seen Vail in her superhero regalia either.

"I didn't even know what a health officer was," he said.

Vail added, "Most people didn't, until the pandemic."

By 2016, things were getting "pretty solid" between the pair, Vail said. In 2017, they bought a house in East

Lansing and moved in together.

Vail may not have known who Eyia was at first, but she quickly caught up with his remarkable life story. At 13 years old, aspiring guitarist and singer Miguel Eyia was whisked from his prosperous home in Vedado, a district of Havana, to a temporary camp on the fringe of the Everglades in Florida as part of Operation Pedro Pan, a mass airlift of 14,000 Cuban children to the United States.

In the wake of Fidel Castro's revolution, the airlift was arranged in secret by frightened Cuban parents, anti-Castro dissidents, the Catholic Welfare Bureau of Miami and the United States government — including the CIA, according to some historians.

Eyia ended up at St. Vincent Catholic Charities' children's home in Lansing, where he raised hell and battled with nuns like any other kid.

Compared to the vibrant street life of Havana, Lansing felt like a "real Podunk cow town" to Eyia in the 1960s.

"The sidewalks rolled up at 9 o'clock, and that was it," he said.

More to the point, Eyia was astonished by Americans' ignorance of Cuban life and culture.

"One guy pointed to a streetlight and said, 'I bet you don't have those in Cuba.' No, we've got the big, long neon ones!" Eyia said with sarcasm. "There was a big misunderstanding about what Cuba is like, so I thought I'd educate them."

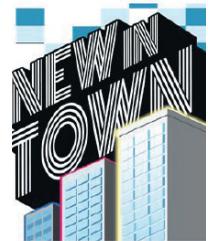
Orquesta Ritmo started out in the mid-1970s as a six-piece ensemble with a dance troupe of about 20 people, bringing Cuban music and dance to festivals and other venues across the state. In 1984, it became a "true salsa group," in Eyia's words, with about 10 musicians.

The ensemble has clearly achieved its mission by now, but instead of winding down, it has picked up the

Board game pop-up brings hope for a brick and mortar

By LUCAS HENKEL

When Elizabeth Kruger and Byron Pepper first came up with the idea for The Board and Bean, a board game café they're hoping to open by the end of this year, they envisioned a social experience that wouldn't revolve around alcohol or competition.



The Board and Bean

Next pop-up: May 20
Honey Bun Bakery
(inside Sycamore
Creek Church's Asbury
Campus)
2200 Lake Lansing
Road, Lansing
theboardandbean.com

feel welcome and enjoy themselves over games."

"My dream has always been to open a game shop and café," Pepper said. "Liz, who has always had a passion for baking, wanted to create a space that's safe for the LGBTQ+ community in addition to a place they could sell their pastries and baked goods. We came together to combine the ideas into a place where everyone can

The couple hosted their first pop-up earlier this month at Kruger's Honey Bun Bakery, located within Sycamore Creek Church's Asbury Campus. Almost 60 people flocked to the gaming tables after paying \$5 each for a two-hour block and enjoyed dozens of games from Kruger and Pepper's personal collection. The success of this event, which was promoted on social media and by word of mouth alone, has made Kruger and Pepper more determined than ever to make their dreams a reality.

"A \$5 fee gets customers a seat at a table and unlimited access to the game library for that day. The initial concept for The Board and Bean is straight board games and other games that are familiar to the public, like Yahtzee and Uno. We also have hobby-oriented games and space for folks to play bigger tabletop games like Dungeons and Dragons," Pepper said.

Inspired by Snakes and Lattes, a successful board game bar and restaurant that has locations across Canada and the United States, Kruger and Pepper envision eventually having a brick-

and-mortar location that will supply hungry gamers with Americana-style food with a twist, like Philly cheese-steak pierogis, as well as mini cheese-cake flights, shareable snacks like trail mix and puppy chow and alcohol-free mocktails, coffee and espresso.

The employees, known as Meeple on Duty, will be "sommeliers of board games," offering recommendations based on customers' gaming experience. At all times, there will be one staff member floating around to help customers with their games and suggest new ones. These Meeple, which is another name for a small figure that's used as a playing piece in certain board games, will receive four free game passes per week, allowing them to test out games with friends for future recommendations.

Currently, Kruger and Pepper are scoping out potential locations in downtown Lansing.

"We are currently looking at the old House of Eden Rock in downtown Lansing, across from Firehouse Subs and Grand Traverse Pie Co. We would



Courtesy of The Board and Bean

Almost 60 people enjoyed games and baked goods at The Board and Bean's first pop-up event on April 8. The success of the event has made Kruger and Pepper more determined than ever to open up a brick and mortar.

really like to secure a location with 2,000 to 3,000 square feet and are open to other options," Kruger said.

If you're interested in getting your game on, keep an eye out on social media for The Board and Bean's upcoming pop-up on May 20 at Honey Bun Bakery. You can also find Kruger's vegan and gluten-free pastries and baked goods at Constellation Cat Café, their top-selling cinnamon rolls at the East-side Lansing Food Co-Op or subscribe to Honey Bun Bakery's weekly subscription boxes through its Facebook page, facebook.com/honeybunbakerymi.

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tempo in the past year or two, with monthly appearances at UrbanBeat in Old Town and a hot summer festival season ahead.

"Ritmo Patria" was recorded in the basement of Eyia and Vail's home, with Vail working nonstop — in full pandemic flurry — one floor above the tumult.

One evening, Vail was on an important call with officials from East Lansing and Michigan State University. She closed the door to the basement, but the music was too loud to continue. She asked the band to cool it.

When she got back to the computer, Aaron Stephens, then-mayor of East Lansing, said, "Wow, I wish I had soundtracks to go with my Zoom meetings."

With Eyia's encouragement, Vail recently picked up the same King 3B trombone, with an F attachment, she played as a student in her hometown of Tucker, Georgia, near Atlanta. She reached a span of four octaves and made first chair in marching band, jazz band and pit orchestra, but music took a backseat to microbiol-

ogy and public health gigs for many years.

Now she's back to a two-octave range and has "St. Louis Blues" under her belt, so look out.

"I thought it would be fun to join the band on trombone, although I wouldn't play a solo," she said.

After the turmoil of the past few years, from long hours and big decisions to handling death threats and anti-vaxxers, Vail is relishing simple pleasures.

"I'm looking forward to doing things like taking a drive and taking pictures of barns," Vail said. She also enjoys astronomical photography.

Eyia said, "Her music is her camera."

Vail is still editing photos from recent trips with Eyia to South America, Belize and Morocco.

"It's like music," she said. "You look at a really good musician and think, 'You're done,' but they're not. There are always new compositions, new techniques, new angles."

They both look forward to more travel, more photography and more of each other.

And, of course, more music.

"If you think you've learned everything about music, you're totally wrong," Eyia said. "You just keep learning, keep doing it."

‘Essential’ tackles COVID-19 and the battle for worker rights

By **BILL CASTANIER**

You may not agree with everything author and labor expert Jamie K. McCallum has to say in his new book, “Essential: How the Pandemic Transformed the Long Fight for Worker Justice,” but you should listen to his views about the state of labor in the United States.

McCallum, a sociology professor at Middlebury College in Vermont, has strong views on the American capitalist system and how it treats its workers, and he uses the much-too-recent pandemic to tell that story. He will discuss his book at the East Lansing Public Library 7:30 p.m. Thursday (April 20), co-sponsored by the library and the Our Daily Work, Our Daily Lives program at Michigan State University.

The author has written two other books on the national and international worker movement, in which he makes the case that employees should have more control over their workplaces.

“All private businesses should be worker-owned cooperatives,” he contended in an interview. “My general thesis is that when workers have more power and more voice, we all benefit.”

His new book, as the title suggests, revolves around the concept of “essential” or “frontline” workers, who evolved during the pandemic into a powerful force in attaining new worker rights and the growth of unionization across the country.

“I started thinking about a book as soon as the pandemic hit, and at first, my focus was going to be on healthcare workers, but it soon broadened,” he said. “I soon began doing interviews across the world and did more than 100 interviews with workers, educators and employees in ‘essential jobs.’”

For most of us, the faces of healthcare

workers, lined with temporary scarring from PPE, are indelible markers of the pandemic.

“The pandemic changed our perceptions about how we thought about workers and their importance,” McCallum said. “There was a public embrace of the working class and a new knowledge of working conditions and attitudes.”

He believes that as a result, the country saw massive support for labor that it hadn’t seen since the New Deal.

“The New Deal system eroded over time and was attacked, resulting in workers being more on their own, working for less money and working longer hours,” he said.

In his book, he points to organizing at Amazon warehouses and Starbucks as well as right here in Lansing, when the members of the Michigan Nurses Association led a walkout at Sparrow Hospital.

“I was pretty surprised by how much labor organizing was going on during the pandemic. The fact that anything happened was interesting,” he said.

He also details how the pandemic revealed the soft underbelly of healthcare. He writes: “Hospitals intentionally understaff nurses to maximize profits. This problem affects all of us. Understaffing means worse patient outcomes, including higher death rates.”

The issue of nurses leaving the profession didn’t start with the pandemic but “made it more acute,” he writes.

For those who doubt the impact of

the pandemic on workers, he backs up everything he says with statistics. In one section, he points out that by April 2020, about one-third of U.S. workers were designated as essential.

Essential workers included healthcare professionals, maids, delivery drivers, fast-food workers, grocery clerks, Walmart greeters and even Montana’s fly-fishing guides. Two-thirds of frontline workers were women, and 75 % of frontline workers earned wages below the national average. McCallum also points out that a high number of “essential” jobs were held by Black and brown workers, which put them at an even greater risk of getting sick and dying.

He quotes one worker at an Amazon warehouse who was fired after organizing a protest over workplace COVID mitigation as saying,

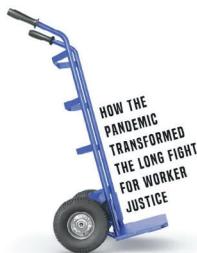
“But all of us essentials, we were just used. Like human shields.”

McCallum said one of the hardest things about writing the book was making sure it would continue to be relevant after the pandemic.

“It’s hard to write a book about current events and still have it be useful five years from now,” he said.

As an example, he cites how medical science continually evolved during the pandemic and how healthcare workers learned about things like treatment regimens on the job.

“It’s easy now to forget the pure uncertainty of what they were going through,” he said.



ESSENTIAL

JAMIE K. McCALLUM

“Essential” book talk and signing

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East Lansing Public Library
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Free
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Courtesy of Jamie K. McCallum

Author and labor expert Jamie K. McCallum’s new book, “Essential: How the Pandemic Transformed the Long Fight for Worker Justice,” focuses on the treatment of essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and the strides they were able to make toward better wages and working conditions.

McCallum is already onto his next book, which will look at the state of caregivers across the United States. This is especially important due to the large aging population.

“It is the largest growing sector of new jobs,” he said.

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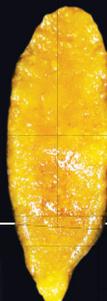
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Celebrate 420 with top-notch cannabis products from local dispensaries

Welcome to City Pulse's 2nd annual 420 Product Guide! Michigan is home to numerous award-winning cannabis brands and some of the best (and cheapest) weed in the country. Whether you're a fan of flower, edibles, concentrates, vapes or even CBD, the following pages contain some of the dankest cannabis products that will brighten your spirits and make this a holiday to remember ... or forget.

LUCAS HENKEL

- CBD -

No THC CBD Salve Stick
by **Mendi**

\$45
at themendico.com



Mendi's CBD salve stick is formulated with advanced botanicals, terpenes and oils, which work together to quickly relieve achy muscles and joints. Each stick contains a blend of all-natural ingredients such as arnica, beeswax, calendula, camphor, eucalyptus, menthol, sunflower seed oil and vitamin E as well as 500 milligrams of CBD.

CBD Honey Sticks
by **Vive CBD**

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CBD Softgels
by **CV Sciences**

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Vive's CBD Honey Sticks are a convenient and tasty way to get your daily CBD intake. The 10-milligram sticks are available in multiple flavors like Original Honey, Green Apple, Blue Raspberry, Grape, Strawberry, Pink Lemonade and Watermelon. Enjoy them by themselves, in your favorite hot drink or drizzled on a snack.

CV Sciences has a catalog of top-notch CBD products, but its new softgels are next level. Each capsule contains 25 milligrams of CBD, no THC and looks just like any other vitamin in your medicine cabinet. Adding CBD to your daily routine can have many health benefits, such as pain relief, anxiety relief and lower blood pressure.

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- FLOWER -

**Strawberry Diesel ICEWATER
Bubble Hash-Infused Pre-Roll
by Glorious Cannabis Co.**



Glorious introduced its Strawberry Diesel infused pre-rolls around Valentine's Day, and I've been smoking them ever since. Each bubble hash-infused joint tastes like a chocolate-covered strawberry and provides a relaxed yet focused head high. With each half-gram pre-roll containing between 30 and 45% THC, these little joints go a long way.

\$20/g

at Dispo

**Mellowz
by Society C**



\$35/3.5g

at Bazonoes

**Peach Moon Rocks
by Simpler Daze (Glorious Cannabis Co.)**



\$60/3.5g

at Dispo

Adding a Simpler Daze moon rock to your next smoking adventure will take you to another planet. Each bud is dipped in hash oil and rolled in kief for maximum potency. Keep an eye out for other Simpler Daze products, like its Asteroids, which are smaller moon rocks that are the perfect size for bowls.

**Starry Night
By LocalGrove**

This indica-dominant hybrid from Harrison Township-based Local Grove is a cross between Trufflez and Runtz, which earned it the Best Medical Hybrid Flower award in 2022's High Times Cannabis Cup. Smokers can expect deep body relaxation as well as anxiety relief from each deep purple bud.



\$50/3.5g

at JARS



Mellowz is a cross between Society C's Spritzer, which won High Times' People's Choice award for Best Indica Flower in 2022, and Grape Gas, which carries a distinctly sweet, gassy smell. If you're looking for a strain to put you in a silly, goofy mood, this is definitely it.

**Georgia Pie
by Grown Rogue**

Originally formulated by the masterminds at Seed Junky Genetics, Georgia Pie is a cross between Kush Mints and Gelatti. The folks at Grown Rogue did this strain justice — each nug is covered in orange hairs and smells like a freshly baked pie. Keep snacks nearby, because this strain will definitely give you the munchies.



\$35/14g

at Herbana

**Cold Snap Cured Resin
by Glacier Cannabis**

A cross between Biscotti and The Menthol, Glacier's Cold Snap is a great after-work strain. Users report feeling refreshed from its pinene-rich terpene profile and minty undertones.

\$15/g

at JARS



- CONCENTRATES -

**Grapple Live Resin
by Concentrate Kings**



\$30/2g

at JARS

Concentrate Kings, part of the Exclusive Brands family, has been a favorite among Michigan stoners for years. According to my wife, aka the concentrate queen, the company makes the best dabs she's ever smelled. A blend of apple and grape aromas wafts from the amber live resin inside the jar. Truly a dab made for royalty — one hit and you'll be feeling on top of the world.

**Mega MacFlurry Cured Badder
by Five Star Extracts (True North Collective)**

Five Star Extracts' Mega MacFlurry cured badder is similar to the texture of an actual McFlurry — thick and whipped to perfection. Its interesting mix of floral, garlic and citrus terpenes may seem odd, but some folks have reported experiencing pain relief after enjoying this strain.



\$20/g

at Gage

**Runtz Sugar
By Gold Crown x Peninsula Gardens**

Gold Crown has collaborated with some of the biggest cannabis brands in Michigan, but its recent collab with Peninsula Gardens might be its best. This concentrate offers the classic creativity boost typically found with Runtz strains, and its light yellow, crumbly texture makes it a great option to top bowls with or even mix into joints.



\$22/g

at Cannaisseur

- CONCENTRATES -



Moonbow Live THCA by Element x ProGro

Isolated from live resin, these fine crystals of THCA are as versatile as they are potent. Moonbow Live THCA is a collaboration between hometown heroes Element (Lion Labs) and ProGro (Pure Options) and provides a fruity and euphoric pick-me-up when mixed with flower or even other concentrates.

\$35/g

at Pure Options

Lemon Cookies Live Resin Baller Jar by Levitate

Three years ago, if you told me that I would be able to get FIVE grams of terpy live resin for \$40, I would've asked for a time machine. Levitate has been making my dreams come true with all its concentrates, but its baller jars are by far my favorite. Its Lemon Cookie live resin is packed with limonene and will send even the most experienced dabber into euphoric bliss.



\$40/5g

at Herbana



Blue Dream Distillate Cartridge by Drip

After making its debut in Santa Cruz, California, in 2003, Blue Dream has become one of those strains every stoner pines for. A cross of Blueberry and Haze, Blue Dream balances full-body relaxation with gentle cerebral invigoration, making it popular among folks suffering from depression and anxiety.

\$15/1g

at JARS

- VAPORIZERS -



Space Runtz Live Resin Disposable by Breeze Canna

Convenient and discreet, Breeze Canna's live resin disposables make vaping a breeze. Space Runtz, a cross of Runtz and Candy Rain, offers a relaxing body buzz. Other strains in the lineup include Legend OG, Tropicana Cherry and Super Lemon Haze.

\$35/1g

at Pure Options

Watermelon Zkittlez Big Ripper Disposable by Crude Boys

\$25/2g

at Ascend Cannabis



On the go and really need to stretch your weed? Look no further than the Big Ripper 2-gram disposables from Crude Boys. These fruity distillate vapes are a great option for folks looking to unwind after a long day.

Cataract Kush Live Resin Cartridge by Fresh Coast Extracts

The rich, flower-forward flavor of Fresh Coast's concentrates, whether they're in a jar or a cartridge, is a byproduct of the company's terpene preservation techniques. Cataract Kush is spicy, skunky and will definitely have you reaching for eye drops in addition to providing a pain-relieving body buzz.

\$20/1g

at Edgewood Wellness



Gelato Live Resin Cartridge by Trap House Co.

I was excited to see a vape cartridge from Trap House Co. in my swag bag from Sensi Magazine's Mardi Gras party last month. Gelato, a favorite strain among stoners young and old, provides a euphoric and giggly high, and each potent puff is smooth and tasty.

\$20/1g

at Gage



Wedding Cake Distillate Cartridge by Redbud Roots

Earthy, peppery and sweet, Wedding Cake is a popular strain among stoners of all ages. Some users have reported that Wedding Cake's unique terpene profile helped them manage chronic pain and insomnia.

\$10/1g

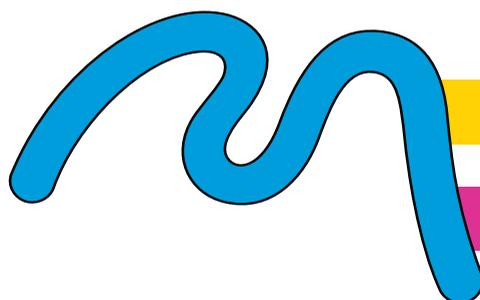
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- EDIBLES -



**1:1 THC/
CBD Syrup
by Chill
Medicated**

Caregiver-operated Chill Medicated has taken drink enhancers to the next level with its line of infused syrups. Available in flavors such as Grape, Strawberry, Blue Razz and Watermelon, each syrup is great by itself or mixed with soda. (I personally recommend Sprite.) It's a great option for stoners that are looking to stay hydrated as the weather warms up.

\$22/100mg

at The Botanical Co.

**Cheddar
Cheese Balls
by UBaked**

Michigan's edible makers keep stepping up their game, and the weed-infused cheese balls from UBaked are a game changer. With 10 milligrams of THC in each individual ball, this tasty snack can really creep up on you. They're also available in Flaming Hot and Jalapeno flavors.

\$10/100mg

at Dispo

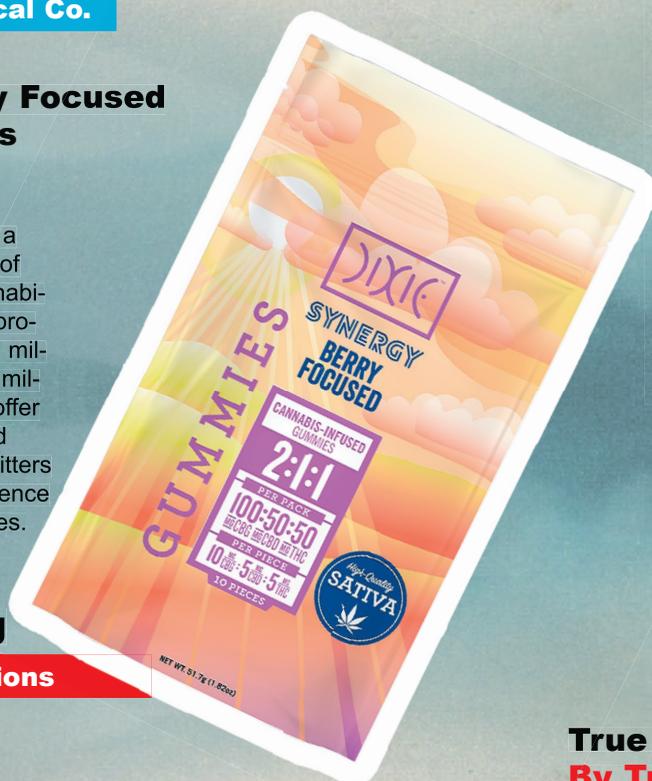


**Synergy Berry Focused
2:1:1 Gummies
By Dixie**

Dixie's Synergy Berry Focused gummies are a blend of 10 milligrams of CBG, the "mother cannabinoid" that's known for providing a mood boost; 5 milligrams of CBD; and 5 milligrams of THC. They offer an uplifted and focused head high without the jitters some folks may experience from other sativa edibles.

\$15/50mg

at Pure Options



**Sour Laser Lemon Gummies
by Hype Cannabis**

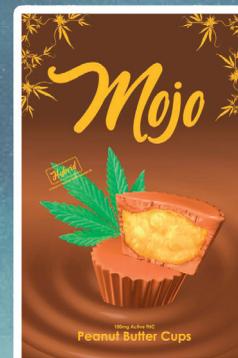
Reminiscent of Sour Patch Kids, the sour versions of Hype Cannabis' popular gummies have become a hit around the state. Other flavors include Boss Berry, Groovy Grape, Black Cherry and Pineapple Prodigy. Plus, they're vegan!

\$3/100mg

at Herbana

**Mini Peanut Butter Cups
by Mojo**

If you prefer your weed with chocolate, consider grabbing a pack of individually wrapped, cannabis-infused peanut butter cups from the masterminds at Mojo. Each cup contains 10 milligrams of THC and has the perfect balance of milk chocolate and peanut butter.



**True Blue Gummies
By True North Confections
(True North Collective)**

\$2/10mg

at JARS



These high-dosage gummies are not for the novice stoner. Each pack contains four 50-milligram gummies that are easy to cut in half if need be. True North Confections offers a variety of unique gummy flavors like Citrus Splash, Fruit Punch, Cosmic Kiwi, Forbidden Apple, Pineapple Paradise, Strawberry Fields, Motown Mango, Traverse City Cherry, Electric Watermelon, True Blue, Purple Rain and Tangerine Dream. Regardless of which flavor you choose, each gummy creates a deep body high that's great for pain relief.

\$12/200mg

at JARS

**Cinnamon Sugar
Pretzel Sticks
by Motor City
Cannabites**

I could eat the whole bag of these infused pretzel sticks from Motor City Cannabites. Each pretzel contains 2.5 milligrams of THC, which is perfect for folks that are into microdosing or are just entering the world of edibles. They're also available in Honey Mustard, Italian Parmesan and Buffalo.



\$8/100mg

at Dispo

TURN IT DOWN!

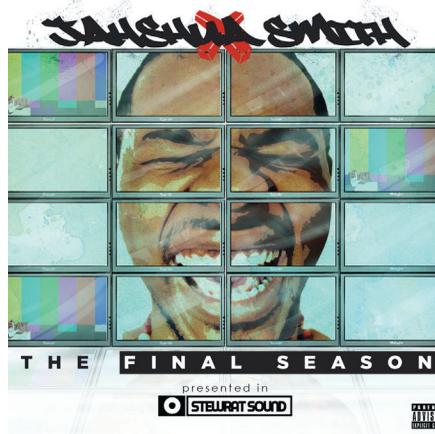
Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene **BY RICH TUPICA**

STOOPFEST RETURNS WITH JAHSHUA SMITH ANNIVERSARY SET



Courtesy of Adam Bussell and Michael Austin

Jahshua Smith celebrates the 10-year anniversary of his first full-length LP, "The Final Season," at Stoopfest this weekend. He performs Saturday evening (April 22) on Hunter Park's Sunset Stage.



'The Final Season' LP turns 10 at annual festival

This week, Lansing-based emcee and hip-hop educator Jahshua Smith contributes a guest column about his upcoming set at Stoopfest, which features a long list of artists from a variety of genres. Here's what Smith had to say about his performance:

"When Huff said this year was feeling like 'The Final Season,' I started praying up to God to find what I believed in." That's the first line of a song I named

"Can't Seem to Find It," placed purposely in the middle of my first full-length LP, "The Final Season," to represent the crossroads I found myself at 10 years ago when the album was released.

After some success performing under my prior moniker, JYoung The General, I felt very dissatisfied in many areas. I didn't like the name anymore, I was falling out of love with the music I was creating, and I was overwhelmingly stressed by most facets of my personal life and career.

"The Final Season" was my liberation song. I struggled with self-worth for a long time, so using my given name as my stage name was a statement. It was also the first time I could channel all my thoughts and create something deeply personal and emblematic of the social issues and resulting dialogues I shared with some of the brightest young Black minds in the city around that time.

It remains the only project that involved every solo performer in the BLAT! Pack Collective. I take pride in that reflection of an era where I was heavily connected to a group of the best lyricists and musicians in the city.

Whenever I hear my name come up in conversations about great performers in Lansing, I think of "The Final Season" providing me with the necessary structure and urgency to perform several songs that are

deep within the album and round out my set. "Butt," my most enduring hit, is energetic and playful. "Ghost of Medgar Evers" is poignant and allowed me to pay homage to one of the most important heroes of the civil rights movement. Even a deep cut like "Off The Couch" that doesn't get as many streams is a crowd favorite that instantly makes my set better.

My 10th-anniversary performance of "The Final Season" at this year's Stoopfest feels like a celebration, final exam and comeback all rolled into one. COVID-19 robbed me of what I felt were the last gasps of a "prime" in my career, so I've spent the year preparing a 45-minute experience that I hope will either remind fans or acquaint them for the first time with the idea that there is a very short list of rappers in Lansing that can match what I do on stage. My mission is to share the journey I embarked on a decade ago, have some fun and bring out my BLAT! family as guests. I want to show everyone that life is truly cinematic, and one year can capture insanely high peaks and incredibly dark valleys to create a beautiful story.

I am incredibly thankful to be able to take festivalgoers on another intimate ride with the album that changed my life. Bless.

— Jahshua Smith

Visit stoopfest.org for the full lineup.

"The Final Season" 10-year anniversary performance

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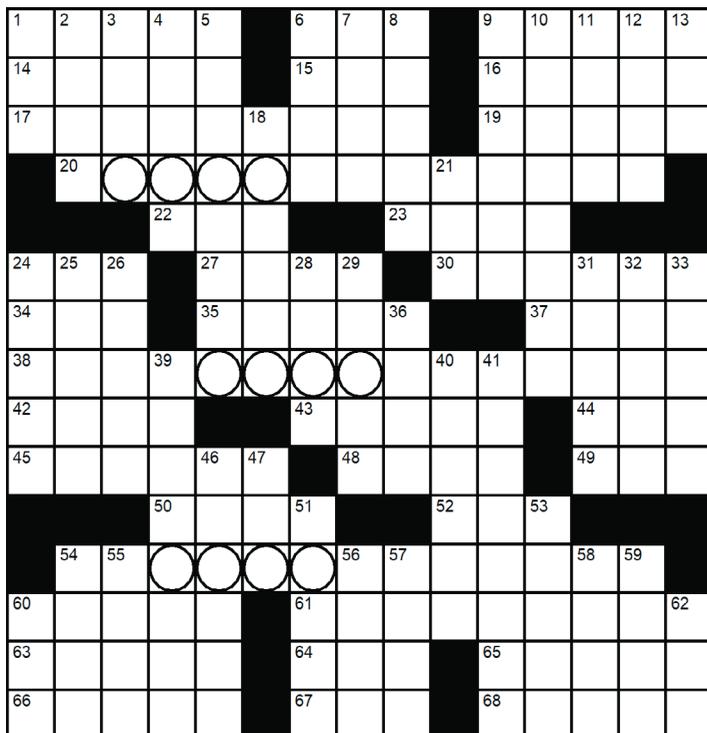
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Show Some Backbone" -- armed with knowledge.
by Matt Jones
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ACROSS

- 1. Calculate the total of
- 6. Nat ___ (cable channel)
- 9. High flier
- 14. Doggie
- 15. Above, in verse
- 16. Nebraska city near Iowa
- 17. Fun
- 19. Tabloid-worthy
- 20. California city (and county) home to Bubblegum Alley
- 22. Calligraphy pen point
- 23. Spinoff group
- 24. Anti-___ hand soap
- 27. 2016 World Series champions
- 30. Gambler's supposed strategy
- 34. Prefix with laryngologist
- 35. Burned-up
- 37. "Paris, je t' ___" (2006 movie)
- 38. Mercedes S-Class or Audi A5, e.g.
- 42. 1958 Chevalier Oscar winner
- 43. "Do ___?"
- 44. Black currant liqueur cocktail
- 45. Long-legged wading birds
- 48. Disco hit that really shows off its title
- 49. Sneaky
- 50. "It's on like Donkey ___"
- 52. "The buck stops here" presidential monogram
- 54. Captain of the Enterprise in two TV



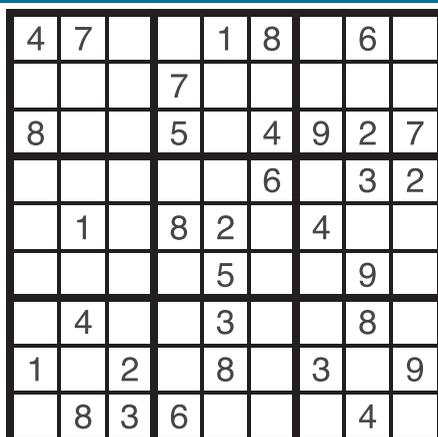
- series
- 8. Cookies in a sleeve
- wives
- 60. Jousting spear
- 9. Insurance document
- 36. Academic assessment
- 61. Item ripped in half by old-time strongmen
- 10. Intro to an opinion
- 39. Do some dairy chores, maybe
- 63. Streaming show in the "Star Wars" universe
- 11. Perform with fake swords in the park, maybe
- 40. Dickensian imp
- 64. "Jackie Brown" star Grier
- 12. Miami University's state
- 41. Go up again
- 65. Everybody's opposite
- 13. Tiny bit
- 46. Copier cartridges
- 66. Winter weather events
- 18. Alabama university town
- 47. Long-running NBC show, for short
- 67. Kennel noise
- 21. Wanna-___ (imitators)
- 51. Aquarium fish
- 68. Suspicious
- 24. Retired slugger Wade
- 53. Off-limits topic
- DOWN
- 1. Many a tailless primate
- 2. Puts on
- 3. Hip-hop artist ___ Cat
- 4. 2023 NCAA men's basketball Final Four team
- 5. Actress Rashad
- 6. Mongolian desert
- 7. Long swimmers
- 25. Did a face-plant
- 26. Queen Elizabeth's preferred dog breed
- 28. Indonesian island east of Java
- 29. Prepare for a 36-Down
- 31. Second hand sounds
- 32. Interoffice communication
- 33. Like some Windsor
- 54. Rolling Stone co-founder Wenner
- 55. Opposite of ecto-
- 56. Tea made with cardamom
- 57. "___ and Circumstance"
- 58. Medieval crucifix
- 59. Currency of Vietnam
- 60. "Viva ___ Vegas"
- 62. Opening piece?

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SUDOKU

Beginner



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

April 19-25, 2023

ARIES (March 21-April 19): According to a study by Newsweek, 58% of us yearn to experience spiritual growth, 33% report having had a mystical or spiritual experience, 20% of us say we have had a revelation from God in the last year and 13% have been in the presence of an angel. Given the astrological omens currently in play for you Aries, I suspect you will exceed all those percentages in the coming weeks. I hope you will make excellent use of your sacred encounters. What two areas of your life could most benefit from a dose of divine assistance or intervention? There's never been a better time than now to seek a deus ex machina.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): After the fall of the Roman Empire, political cohesion in its old territories was scarce for hundreds of years. Then a leader named Charlemagne (747-814) came along and united much of what we now call Western Europe. He was unusual in many respects. For example, he sought to master the arts of reading and writing. Most other rulers of his time regarded those as paltry skills that were beneath their dignity. I mention this fact, Taurus, because I suspect it's a propitious time to consider learning things you have previously regarded as unnecessary or irrelevant or outside your purview. What might these abilities be?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I'm turning this horoscope over to Nigerian poet Ijeoma Umebinyuo. She has three messages that are just what you need to hear right now. 1. "Start now. Start where you are. Start with fear. Start with pain. Start with doubt. Start with hands shaking. Start with voice trembling but start. Start and don't stop. Start where you are, with what you have." 2. "You must let the pain visit. You must allow it to teach you. But you must not allow it to overstay." 3. "Write a poem for your 14-year-old self. Forgive her. Heal her. Free her."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Historical records tell us that Chinese Emperor Hungwu (1328-1398) periodically dealt with overwhelming amounts of decision-making. During one 10-day phase of his reign, for example, he was called on to approve 1,660 documents concerning 3,391 separate issues. Based on my interpretation of the planetary omens, I suspect you may soon be called on to deal with a similar outpouring. This might tempt you toward overstressed reactions like irritation and self-medication. But I hope you'll strive to handle it all with dignity and grace. In fact, that's what I predict you will do. In my estimation, you will be able to summon extra poise and patience to manage the intensity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Is it even possible for us humans to live without fear — if even for short grace periods? Could you or I or anyone else somehow manage to celebrate, say, 72 hours of freedom from all worries and anxieties and trepidations? I suspect the answer is no. We may aspire to declare our independence from dread, but 200,000 years of evolution ensures that our brains are hard-wired to be ever-alert for danger. Having provided that perspective, however, I will speculate that if anyone could approach a state of utter dauntlessness, it would be you Leos in the next three weeks. This may be as close as you will ever come to an extended phase of bold, plucky audacity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Dear Sunny Bright Cheery Upbeat Astrologer: You give us too many sunny, bright, cheery, upbeat predictions. They lift my mood when I first read them, but later I'm like, 'What the hell?' Because yeah, they come true, but they usually cause some complications I didn't foresee. Maybe you should try offering predictions that bum me out, since then I won't have to deal with making such big adjustments. — Virgo Who is Weary of Rosy Hopeful Chirpy Horoscopes." Dear Virgo: You have alluded to a key truth about reality: Good changes often require as much modification and adaptation as challenging changes. Another truth: One of my specialties is helping my readers manage those

good changes. By the way: I predict the next two weeks will deliver a wealth of interesting and buoyant changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Poet Pablo Neruda wrote, "Let us look for secret things somewhere in the world on the blue shores of silence." That might serve as a good motto for you in the coming weeks. By my astrological reckoning, you'll be wise to go in quest for what's secret, concealed and buried. You will generate fortuitous karma by smoking out hidden agendas and investigating the rest of the story beneath the apparent story. Be politely pushy, Libra. Charmingly but aggressively find the missing information and the shrouded rationales. Dig as deep as you need to go to explore the truth's roots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): We've all done things that make perfect sense to us, though they might look nonsensical or inexplicable to an outside observer. Keep this fact in your awareness during the next two weeks, Scorpio. Just as you wouldn't want to be judged by uninformed people who don't know the context of your actions, you should extend this same courtesy to others, especially now. At least some of what may appear nonsensical or inexplicable will be serving a valuable purpose. Be slow to judge. Be inclined to offer the benefit of the doubt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I completely understand if you feel some outrage about the lack of passion and excellence you see in the world around you. You have a right to be impatient with the laziness and carelessness of others. But I hope you will find ways to express your disapproval constructively. The best approach will be to keep criticism to a minimum and instead focus on generating improvements. For the sake of your mental health, I suggest you transmute your anger into creativity. You now have an enhanced power to reshape the environments and situations you are part of, so they work better for everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In the 17th century, renowned Capricorn church leader James Ussher announced he had discovered when the world was created. It was at 6 p.m. on October 22 in the year 4004 BCE. From this spectacularly wrong extrapolation, we might conclude that not all Capricorns are paragons of logic and sound analysis 100% of the time. I say we regard this as a liberating thought for you in the coming weeks. According to my analysis, it will be a favorable time to indulge in wild dreams, outlandish fantasies and imaginative speculations. Have fun, dear Capricorn, as you wander out in the places that singer Tom Petty referred to as "The Great Wide Open."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): We often evaluate prospects quantitatively: how big a portion do we get, how much does something cost, how many social media friends can we add? Quantity does matter in some cases, but on other occasions, it may be trumped by quality. A few close, trustworthy friends may matter more than hundreds of Instagram friends we barely know. A potential house may be spacious and affordable but located somewhere we wouldn't enjoy living. Your project in the coming weeks, Aquarius, is to examine areas of your life that you evaluate quantitatively and determine whether there are qualitative aspects neglected in your calculations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "Dear Dr. Astrology: Help! I want to know which way to go. Should I do the good thing or the right thing? Should I be kind and sympathetic at the risk of ignoring my selfish needs? Or should I be a pushy stickler for what's fair and true, even if I look like a preachy grouch? Why is it so arduous to have integrity?" —Pinched Pisces." Dear Pisces: Can you figure out how to be half-good and half-right? Half-self-interested and half-generous? I suspect that will generate the most gracious, constructive results.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Nicole at (517) 999-5066.

Wednesday, April 19

"A Course of Love" with Lucille Olson - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

After-School Enrichment Time - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

Allen Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/market.

"Blind Spot," "DIEGEST," "The Nightly News," MFA Exhibition - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Bright Star" - 7:30 p.m. Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Code Club! - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. Register at hq.girlswhocode.com using club code MI45609. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

"Creativity in the Time of COVID-19: Art for Equity and Social Justice" - On display at the Frandor Sears building, Lansing Art Gallery, REACH Studio Art Center, Impression 5 Science Center and Refugee Development Center. artequitylansing.org.

Earth Week Activities - Crafts, seed & tree giveaways, secure document shredding, a visit from the EC Resource Recovery Worm Farm and more earth-friendly fun all week long during regular library hours. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Emergency Services - 6 p.m. LSW Emergency Services, 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

Heartbreak Hotel Comedy Show - Natasha Pearl Hansen and Jake Snell headline an evening of cocktails, comedy and a Q&A on making the most of breakups, relationships and dating. 7 p.m. Graduate East Lansing, 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing. 517-348-0900. facebook.com/graduateeastlansing.

How Brain Death Declarations Can Harm, and Why Legal Exemptions Should Be the Rule - 1:30 p.m. Online - register at bit.ly/bioethics-mc-curdy.

Introduction to Citizen Science - Explore the tools and techniques of a few Citizen Science programs, then head outside with us to get a feel for how they work. Dress for the weather! 7 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.,

Lansing. lamc.info.

The Other Buzzard Brother - 7 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. williamstonroadhouse.com.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Dershem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Punk Art Meetup - All ages, mediums (even digital!) and skill levels welcome. We have basic craft supplies, but feel free to bring your own! No paints allowed. Kids allowed until 8 p.m. 6-11 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-999-7549. avenuecafelansing.com.

"Star Stuff" Screening - Journey to three remotely located astronomical observatories in the Atacama Desert in Chile, Grand Karoo in South Africa and La Palma Island in the Atlantic Ocean. 7 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. 517-355-4676. abramsplanetarium.org.

"Tina - The Tina Turner Musical" - 7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Weaving the Web: Mirth - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Your Money 101: Teaching Kids about Money - Practical tips on how to start setting your child up for a financially healthy future at any age. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Thursday, April 20

"A Course in Miracles," a Group Discussion on ZOOM - 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 177 417 886 Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Artist Talk: Candy Chang - Taiwanese American artist Candy Chang will discuss her latest project, "The Nightly News." Registration req. 6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Blind Spot," "DIEGEST," "The Nightly News," MFA Exhibition - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Bright Star" - 7:30 p.m. Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Bugs & Insects - Ages 2-4. 10 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Clayworks Pottery Show - Noon-7 p.m. Faith Church, 2300 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. 517-626-1160. clayworkspottery.net.

"Creativity in the Time of COVID-19: Art for Equity and Social Justice" - On display at the Frandor Sears Building, Lansing Art Gallery, REACH Studio Art Center, Impression 5 Science Center and Refugee Development Center. artequitylansing.org.

41st annual Jazz Spectacular

Thursday, April 20-Saturday, April 22

Multiple locations

Michigan State University's Jazz Spectacular returns this weekend for its 41st year, featuring live music performances, a daylong high school band competition, swing dancing and a special Finale Concert with Marquis Hill, an internationally renowned trumpeter, composer and bandleader.

The festival kicks off 7:30 p.m. Thursday (April 20) with performances by four MSU jazz nonet groups at the Fairchild Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (60 and over) and free for students and children under 18.

Friday evening at 8 p.m., the crowd-favorite Swing Dance offers the chance to get up and move at the Music Building's Murray Hall. MSU jazz orchestras, led by Jazz Studies director Rodney Whitaker and College of Music faculty member Anthony Stanco, will play tunes by jazz greats. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and free for students and children.

Jazz at Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington Regional High School Jazz Band Competition and Festival will run 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, with high school jazz bands performing music by Duke Ellington and other big-band composers for a panel of Jazz at Lincoln Center clinicians and jazz professionals. The event is free and will take place throughout the Billman Music Pavilion.

The top-ranking band of the day will open the Finale Concert 8 p.m. Saturday at the Fairchild Theatre, which features performances by MSU's Jazz Orchestra I, Hill and other special guests. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students and children.

To purchase tickets, visit music.msu.edu.



Effective Use of Email - Techniques you can adopt to send better emails, hopefully saving you time. Registration req. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

GLPS Student Art Showcase & Reception - See amazing art, meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Good Morning, Mason! - April Edition - Quick-paced agenda of local news and community updates. 7:15-8:15 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. 517-676-1046. masonchamber.org.

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:20 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiessilverblades.org.

LIBRARY BOARD - 7 p.m. City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

LSO at the Robin Theatre: "Planet Earth" - Music inspired by the natural world and its conservation. Featuring violin, viola, cello and harp. 7:30 p.m. 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-487-5001. lansingsymphony.org.

"Mrs. Harrison" - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Dershem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

"Steel Magnolias" - 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Summer Vibes Karaoke - 7 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

Tercer Jueves - The Michigan Hispanic Fund will explain the Hispanic Business Excellence program and how your business can benefit from it. Meet other entrepreneurs and business leaders from the area. 5:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

"Tina - The Tina Turner Musical" - 7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Upbeat Thursdays with Anthony Taylor Trio - Open jam after the show. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

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Volunteer Appreciation Day - Celebrate the generosity, time and commitment of The Davies Project's volunteer drivers. The organization provides free and reliable transportation to medical appointments for seriously ill children,

pregnant people and parents with a child in the NICU. 1-3 p.m. 230 S. Bingham St., Suite 100, Lansing. 517-899-2425. thedaviesproject.org.

Friday, April 21

After-School Enrichment Time - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

Lansing Town Hall – Sean Hartley

Monday, April 24

11 a.m.

Eagle Eye Banquet Center
15500 Chandler Road, Bath

Lansing Town Hall, a lecture series founded in 1953 by local women who sought to bring more culture to the area, is hosting a talk by Sean Hartley, director of Theater@Kaufman, the musical theater division of New York City's Kaufman Music Center. He will present an overview of musicals that have changed Broadway, with a focus on "Show Boat," "Company," "Oklahoma!" and "Hamilton."

Tickets are \$45. To reserve yours, call Margaret Hedlund at 517-323-1045. All proceeds support the Lansing Symphony Orchestra. To date, Lansing Town Hall has donated more than \$500,000 to the orchestra.



CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SLU-1-2023, 109 E. Randolph Street Special Land Use Permit – Adult Foster Care Small Group Home

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request by Justin Miller, Looking Glass Adult Foster Care for a special land use permit to utilize the building at 109 E. Randolph Street a state licensed adult foster care, small group home for up to 12 residents.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk
www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk
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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-1-2023, 4111 Aurelius Road

Rezoning from "MX-1" Neighborhood Mixed-Use Center to "R-2" Suburban Detached Residential

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request by Keaven Henson and Lindsay (Johnson) Henson to rezone 4111 Aurelius Road from "MX-1" Neighborhood Mixed-Use Center to "R-2" Suburban Detached Residential. The purpose of the rezoning is to bring the single-family residential use of the property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk
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April Verch and Cody Walters - 7:30 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. 517-337-7744. tenpoundfiddle.org.

"Blind Spot," "DIEGEST," "The Nightly News," MFA Exhibition - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Bright Star" - 8 p.m. Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Bugs & Insects - Ages 2-4. 10 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

CADL Adventurer's Club – Tabletop Games - Play a new RPG led by library staff and meet players from your community! 6:15-8 p.m. CADL - Mason Library, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. 517-676-9088. cadl.org/about/our-locations/mason.

Clayworks Pottery Show - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Faith Church, 2300 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. 517-626-1160. clayworkspottery.net.

"Creativity in the Time of COVID-19: Art for Equity and Social Justice" - On display at the Frandor Sears Building, Lansing Art Gallery, REACH Studio Art Center, Impression 5 Science Center and Refugee Development Center. artequitylansing.org.

Duck Story Time with Donna Collier Rickman - Learn about ducks and listen to the author's picture book "Dance, Daddy, Dance Like Duck." 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Dueling Pianos at Lansing Brewing Co. - Sing along, have fun with friends or family and watch this melodic duel. 7:30 p.m. 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

Mix Pack - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

Mosaic, Campus and Chamber Choir - 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

"Mrs. Harrison" - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Dershem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

"Steel Magnolias" - 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

StoopFest Pre-Show - 6 p.m.-midnight. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. stoopfest.org.

TGIF Dinner and Dance - 7 p.m.-midnight. Eagle Eye Golf Club & Banquet Center, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com/calendar.

Time2Play - 8 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

"Tina – The Tina Turner Musical" - 8 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Saturday, April 22

'80s Prom - Dance the night away in your '80s best! Best dressed will be crowned Lansing Shuffle prom king and queen. '80s-themed drinks and music with DJ Face. 7-11 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

"Blind Spot," "DIEGEST," "The Nightly News," MFA Exhibition - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Bookend Art Gallery Silent Auction Deadline - Nine watercolor paintings by Josephine Bartha. Bidding starts at \$10, rising in \$1 increments (minimum). Auction ends at 3 p.m. Winning bidders will be contacted by phone later in the day. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

"Bright Star" - 2 and 8 p.m. Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

The Corzo Effect - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

Courageous Conversations – Talk That Matters! "I Am Greta" & Earth Day Fun - Use your handprints to make feathers for an angel wings photo op on the side of our pole barn, plant some bulbs and be inspired by the movie "I Am Greta." 10 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

"Creativity in the Time of COVID-19: Art for Equity and Social Justice" - On display at the Frandor Sears Building, Lansing Art Gallery, REACH Studio Art Center, Impression 5 Science Center and Refugee Development Center.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: TOWNSHIP BOARD
April 27, 2023

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING April 27, 2023

The Charter Township of Meridian Township Board will be holding a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Municipal Building Town Hall Room at 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI. The Township Board will be meeting with local schools and government to discuss joint projects and interests. The meeting agenda, packet and/or virtual meeting credentials will be posted on the Township webpage at www.meridian.mi.us

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

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Crossroads Resurrection - 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Earth Day Bash at MSU Recycling - Freecycle swap, upcycled crafts, recycling and vermicompost facilities tour and more. Noon-4 p.m. MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center, 468 Green Way, East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Earth Day BioBlitz Exploration - Using smartphones and iNaturalist, we'll find and document as many species as possible on the Lansing River Trail. All participants receive free admission into the zoo and the Party for the Planet event at the conclusion of BioBlitz. 9 a.m. Potter Park Zoo Main Entrance, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Earth Day Birth Day! - Make a new book from old book parts! Free, all ages, supplies and instruction provided. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Red Cedar Friends Meeting House, 1400 Turner St., Lansing. retreadartcom.wordpress.com.

Eaton County Expo 2023 - Booths from businesses and organizations around Eaton County. Entertainment, food and children's activities. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte. 517-543-0400. eatoncountyexpo.com.

Eco-Friendly Multimedia Art - Using found papers (like junk mail, maps and book pages), reduce waste and add beauty to the world with mixed-media artist Steph Joy Hogan. 17+. 10 a.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Fenner Nature Center Earth Day Extravaganza - Identifying and removing invasive species, clipping branches, mulching trails, picking up trash and working on several ongoing park projects. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

Get Wet in the Woods with Vernal Pools! - Look and listen for unique invertebrates, amphibians and other critters that make these special pools their home. 1-3 p.m. Baker Woodlot, Bogue Street entrance. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Hunter Park Earth Day Service Event - Volunteers will help us weed, mulch, plant and refresh signage in our free public gardens. Registration

req. 10 a.m.-noon. 500 Clifford St., Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Jazz at Lincoln Center, Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Regional Competition - High school jazz bands compete and perform the music of Duke Ellington and other big-band composers. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Billman Music Pavilion, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert - MSU jazz artists, Jazz Orchestra I, jazz trumpeter Marquis Hill, the Outstanding High School Band of the Day from the regional high school band competition and other special guests. 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Kaleidoscope 2023 Dance Concert - Featuring the Habibi Dancers, guest artist Irina Akulenko and other guest dance troupes. 8 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-303-5369. habibidancers.org.

LAFCU Shred Day - Mobile shredding truck will securely destroy personal documents. Drop off up to four banker's boxes of materials. 10 a.m.-noon. LAFCU West Lansing Branch, 106 N. Marketplace Blvd., Lansing. 517-622-6600. lafcu.com.

"Mrs. Harrison" - 3 and 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

MSU Bike Jamboree 2023 - Guided tours around campus, demo rides, bike skills lessons, races, obstacle course, bike movie fest, light parade and more. Registration req. Noon-11 p.m. Bessey Hall, 434 Farm Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-3400. facebook.com/msubikes.

MSU Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Open House - Hands-on activities and demonstrations! 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Farrall Agricultural Engineering Hall Machine Shop, 524 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Party for the Planet 2023 - Explore conservation issues with hands-on activities, information and demonstrations around the zoo. Included with regular admission price. Noon-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Derhem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Prints and Poetry for Celebrating Species "Delisted" from Endangered Species Status - Participate in an interactive workshop to create your own linocut prints and write poems to celebrate species recently removed from the endangered species list. Registration req. 1-4 p.m. 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-355-2370. museum.msu.edu.

Rainbow Homes Annual Silent Auction and Dinner - This year's theme is Superhero Bash! Enjoy dinner, entertainment and more than 100 silent auction gift baskets. 6 p.m. St. Mary Cathedral, 219 Seymour Ave., Lansing. 517-699-8454. rainbow-homes.org.

Roadside Attraction - 7 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. williamstonroadhouse.com.

Sauerkraut dinner and dance - Sauerkraut, roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, spätzle, applesauce, bread and butter and black forest cake. Dinner 5-6:30 p.m., music at 6:30. Liederkrantz Club Lansing, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-882-6330. facebook.com/lansingliederkrantzclub.

SCUM, SMALL ZONE - 8 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. macsbar.com.

Spring Recycling Day - Visit recyclerama.org for a list of accepted items. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 517-483-4400.

"Steel Magnolias" - 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

StoopFest - Featuring JER, VIAL, Jahshua Smith, Teenage Halloween and many more. 12:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Multiple locations. For a list of venues and set times, visit stoopfest.org.

"Tina - The Tina Turner Musical" - 2 and 8 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Wine in the Woods - Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy a guided walk through the woods. After the walk, "unwine" by the campfire and enjoy gourmet smores. 21+, registration req. 7 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866.

Wooden Plant Vases / Propagation - 10 a.m.-noon. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Sunday, April 23

"Blind Spot," "DIEGEST," "The Nightly News," MFA Exhibition - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad

Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Bright Star" - 2 p.m. Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Capital Pro Wrestling - 3 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. 517-894-4589. americanluchalibre.com

Downtown Lansing Makers Market & Bar Hop - Shop a variety of handmade goods from 30 local artists and makers. 1-6 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. MichiGrain Distillery, 523 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. Capital City Market, 600 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Lansing. downtownlansing.org/events.

Drawing - Taming the Mind - Join Doug to learn about his process for drawing and taming the mind! 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Drum Circle with Greater Lansing Area Drummers (GLAD) - 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Eaton County Expo 2023 - Booths from businesses and organizations around Eaton County. Entertainment, food and children's activities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte. 517-543-0400. eatoncountyexpo.com.

JUGGLERS AND WOULD-BE JUGGLERS - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House at 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. mikemarhanka@gmail.com.

Karaoke Kickback - Local vendors, food and drink specials. 21+. 9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Main Stage Revue Burlesque & Comedy Show - Complimentary small bites and snacks for all guests (no kitchen service). 7:30 p.m. Omar's Showbar, 316 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-371-4500. omarsshowbar.com.

"Mrs. Harrison" - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Derhem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. Noon-4 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

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Ingham County Animal Shelter

To adopt one of these pets, visit the ICAS at 600 Buhl St., Mason, call (517) 676-8370 to make an appt. or go to ac.ingham.org.

Adopt a pet on this page and Soldan's will thank you with a \$10 gift certificate. Contact (517) 999-5061 after you adopt.



Roselia is an adorable American bulldog who was found at a local park. She's an outgoing girl who is ready to do whatever it is you're doing! She would love a big backyard and a tolerant male friend. (She likes dogs, but her social skills are lacking.) She always has a big smile on her face and will cheer you up no matter how your day has gone!



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Chameleon is a friendly male who came to the shelter with several other cats when their owner lost his home. He's scared and confused but trying to be brave. He loves cheek rubs and will ask for more with nose boops and side swipes. Quiet and affectionate, this guy will be a nice companion for a lucky adopter.

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Indigo is a handsome hound mix who came to the shelter as a stray. He's an easy-going boy who seems to love other dogs (he's very polite with the dogs he's met so far), and he should be fine with sturdy, dog-savvy kids (he's a big guy!). He would love a big yard or someone who enjoys long walks or hiking on weekends.

In Memory of Mimi
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Tuatara is a sweet young pibble who came to the shelter as a stray. She is a bit timid at first, but once she gets comfortable, she turns into a big, snuggly love bug. She's looking for a quieter home with people that are willing to be patient with her and help her build confidence.

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Slowbro is a handsome guy with striking looks and a cute milk mustache. Standoffish when he first arrived at the shelter, he's settling in nicely and showing his true personality. He's a chirpy, playful kitty that will drop everything for a treat! Energetic and fun-loving, this guy is ready for his new home.

In Memory of Rodica's cats.

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"Steel Magnolias" - 2 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

"Tina – The Tina Turner Musical" - 1 and 6:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Monday, April 24

After-School Enrichment Time - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

Downtown Development Authority meeting - 6 p.m. Laingsburg City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg.

Department of Public Works meeting - 5:30 p.m. Laingsburg City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg.

Family Storytime - Stories, songs, rhymes, games, movements and more! 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

Gloss Mondays Open Floor - Aspiring drag performers showcase their talent. 7-10 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Jump Into Reading - Stories, songs, activities and therapy dogs. Intended for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. 11 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Lansing Town Hall – Celebrity Lecture Series - Sean Hartley will present an overview of musicals that have changed Broadway, with a focus on "Show Boat," "Company," "Oklahoma!" and "Hamilton." 11 a.m. Eagle Eye Banquet Center, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. 517-323-1045. lansingsymphony.org.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Dershem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. Noon-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Superhero Day - Create a superhero and make a cape to go with it. All artistic levels welcome! Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area Dis-

trict Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Tuesday, April 25

"Creativity in the Time of COVID-19: Art for Equity and Social Justice" - On display at the Frandor Sears Building, Lansing Art Gallery, REACH Studio Art Center, Impression 5 Science Center and Refugee Development Center. artequitylansing.org.

LAGE Game Night East - Variety of board games, card games, dice games, cooperative games and strategy games. Bring your own or play games other people bring. All skill levels welcome. 6:30-11 p.m. The Junction, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing/events.

LAGE Game Night West - 6:30-11 p.m. Frank's Press Box, 7216 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing/events.

Medicare and Estate Planning Basics - 11 a.m. Hannah Community Center, Room 235, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

Nonprofit Network Open House - In celebration of Nonprofit Network's new office space in Lansing, local organizations are invited to join an open house for networking with peers. Light snacks provided. 4-6 p.m. The Armory, 330 Marshall St., Lansing. 517-796-4750. nonprofnet-work.org.

One More Chapter Book Club - Chat, eat snacks and have book-related fun. Grades 2-4. Registration req. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Open Mic Night with Scott Seth - 7 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. williamstonroadhouse.com.

Preschool Family Storytime - Stories and literacy-enhancing activities for ages 1-6. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

"Printmaking in Full Color" - Artist Sarah Dershem uses monotype and linocut printmaking to explore a lifelong admiration of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Sensory-Friendly Spartan Concert - Chamber ensemble concert designed to serve the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum. Includes interactive music-making activities. 10 a.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing.



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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

One of my strangest — and most hyper-local — childhood memories involves the old Lansing City Market. My parents would take us there on weekends, and while my brother and I would try to pummel each other with apples, incurring the wrath and embarrassment of my mother, our older sister would make her way to one of the stalls, where she was receiving crocheting lessons. Another one of my most on-brand Lansing memories is Quality Dairy's milk in a bag and my dad and me going from store to store every Tuesday until we found one that wasn't sold out of mint chocolate chip ice cream for buy one, get one free ice cream Tuesdays.

I digress. The old market has been the site of waxing and waning attention and increasing angst over the past several years. With the opening of Lansing Shuffle, I hope the strife can diminish, the businesses are successful and city residents and other interested parties are satisfied and find something good to eat. I've done my level best to do so and have had good luck.

When I first visited Lansing Shuffle, I was confused about parking. Then I realized you can park in the Lansing Center lot and have your parking validated. If you're still nervous about that situation, the Lansing Center is directly across the street and offers hundreds of safe, well-lit parking spots.

I had my 5-year-old with me during my first visit, as we were fresh off a visit to Impression 5 Science Center. He eats like a typical 5-year-old — we go through an inordinate amount of dinosaur-shaped chicken nuggets, bananas and Nutella. We carefully, painstakingly perused all of the small restaurants within Lansing Shuffle until he chose Pasta Rossa (pasta with red sauce) from Osteria Vegana (\$14) and fries from Browndog at the Shuffle (\$4.75).

If you've ever interacted with a young child, you know they change their minds as frequently as they're physically able to without hurting themselves, and within the six minutes it took for the pasta to be prepared, Eddie decided he never liked pasta and couldn't believe that I would subject him to such a thing. There's a reason we refer to him and his sister as tiny dictators. The pasta made a wonderful lunch for me, and I'm excited to have more vegan options to try. Eddie ended up eating the fries, which were hot and crispy. He would have been crazy not to gobble them up.

I chose the Chicken Tikka Stuffed Bread (\$8) from Yeti Kitchen, which is essentially chicken tikka masala in a quesadilla. It was incredible. The depth of flavor in tikka masala is often imitated but rarely duplicated, but I was a sucker for the gentle spice and crispy bread this version included. The portion was large, and I ate half with the intention of saving the rest for a future meal. What actually happened was that I nibbled on the leftovers all afternoon because I couldn't stop myself.

I returned to Lansing Shuffle two days later for a lunch meeting. As the

Lansing Shuffle delivers upscale food and atmosphere

(Ponce City Market).

This year, Lansing welcomed its own food hall into the mix. The brainchild of the developers responsible for Detroit Shipping Co., Lansing Shuffle promises elevated street food with games, music and entertainment, and it delivers in a big way.



Nicole Noechel/City Pulse

Browndog at the Shuffle, one of Lansing Shuffle's five food stands, offers creative spins on burgers, small-batch ice cream, several versions of french fries and boozy milkshakes.

was in a trance. It was the perfect kind of messy. If you're 21 or older, don't skip the boozy milkshakes. I tried the Hop, Skip, & a Mint (\$18) and would definitely get it again. The creamy blend of Browndog's Grasshopper and Chocolate Hammer ice creams, vanilla vodka and RumChata was decadent but not overpowering.

What's amazing

Kin Thai gives some of my favorite local Thai restaurants a run for their money. The Drunken Noodles with shrimp (\$18) were sweet, savory and had just the right amount

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

Food halls are a great way to taste a variety of cuisines in one space. I've visited multiple versions around the country and have always wanted one in my own neck of the woods. A food hall is an upscale food court where feasting options are more high-end and diverse, yet the communal dining experience is open. Readers who are fortunate enough to be traveling soon can check out locations in New York City (Chelsea Market or Grand Central Terminal), Philadelphia (Reading Terminal Market), Boston (Faneuil Hall Marketplace), Portland (Pine Street Market) or Atlanta



Beverly

Housed in the perennially controversial former Lansing City Market, Lansing Shuffle has an inviting atmosphere; lively vibrations from reggae, soul and rock music; and an ideal location, taking advantage of River Trail, Rotary Park and baseball game traffic — especially on the warmer days I visited. While it promises outdoor shuffleboard courts in the summer, right now visitors can play cornhole or table shuffleboard.

The space literally has something for everyone. I observed one of the most diverse gatherings I've seen in the area — people of all ages, races, genders and physical abilities (as well as pets) all visibly enjoying themselves and taking advantage of the indoor-outdoor open access and seating. Somehow, even during the dinner rush, it never seemed crowded, with ample seating options.

If you visit Lansing Shuffle, pace yourself. There's a lot to take in. The Grand Bar, featuring several Michigan-made beers and craft cocktails, is flanked along the perimeter by vendors serving vegan, Thai, Jamaican barbecue and Nepali food, plus more. I have to say, I didn't have a bad bite — and I tried a lot.

What's great

Browndog at the Shuffle offers creative spins on burgers, small-batch ice cream, several versions of french fries and Faygo sodas. I started with the Brussels Hash (\$12), which was hard not to award best bite, consisting of potatoes, peppadew peppers and a creamy aioli drizzle. Next was the juicy BDOG Burger (\$18), which featured two smash burger patties, garlic aioli, bacon, Swiss cheese and a deep-fried poached egg. I punctured the egg and watched the yolk ooze down the rest of the burger like I

Take a walk on the wild side

By ARI LEVAUX

Springtime's wild greens are on the rise in the woods, by the creek, near the train tracks and in your garden, where they're known as weeds. These plants can be intensely bitter and aromatic, making them too flavorful for many palates. For those who haven't yet acquired a taste for them, turning these greens into pesto is a great starting point.

Pesto is a process as much as a recipe. It's a method of turning greens into an Italian-style paste by grinding them

with garlic, oil, nuts and cheese. These ingredients, also robust in flavor, can turn the strength of wild greens into an asset.



Every region has its own array of edible and nutritious spring greens. I found nettles growing in a wild spot near my house and dandelions in the garden. So, I decided to make dandelion and nettle pesto. Dandelions are bitter like a fine IPA, but the pesto they make isn't because their flavor is covered up by the other ingredients. Nettles have a fruity, metallic flavor. Thanks to their prickly nature, it's best to harvest them with scissors and gloves.

The stingers wilt when cooked — and, in the case of pesto, when blended.

This wild pesto is in the spirit of old-fashioned spring tonic, a mix of wild plant parts traditionally gathered at the end of winter in many rural parts of America. Back in the day, our pioneering and homesteading predecessors survived the winter on rations that would dwindle to the likes of flour, bacon, potatoes and sugar. When winter finally broke after months indoors on a white, greasy diet, the first hunt of the year for vitamin-rich green shoots was an awakening for the mind, body and belly.

Foraging helps build a relationship between you and your landscape. You see the landscape more closely and deeply. You find yourself having thoughts like, "I'm going to be down in the valley this afternoon, where the dandelions will be further along and bigger; I should grab some." Whether you find anything to eat, the very act of exploring vacant lots, river bottoms and random woodlands is



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

For those who haven't yet acquired a taste for wild greens, which can be intensely bitter and aromatic, turning them into pesto is a great starting point.

a reward in itself.

The bitter nature of wild plants is the flavor of both medicine and poison. But if you've done your research properly, the bitterness should all be medicinal. Or, at the very least, nutritional, as wild plants tend to be more nutrient-dense

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She Ate

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weather warms up, it's a perfect little walk from downtown, and I beelined right back to Yeti Kitchen. This time I chose the Tawa Chicken Bowl (\$15), which consists of pan-fried marinated chicken with sliced bell peppers, onions and rice. I sat at the table with my companions, all of whom chose and raved about the Pad Thai from Kin Thai, slowly devouring every bite of my lunch.

When I was a student at Cooley Law School, my friends and I would frequently take a break between classes and walk to the previous iter-

ation of the City Market to get gelato from Iorio's. It's some of the best I've had in the country, and if you want to try it, the business is housed in Horrocks Farm Market. Incredibly creamy and dreamy, that scoop of coffee gelato was the light at the end of every day's tunnel when I was studying for the bar exam. I haven't yet sampled the ice cream from Browndog at the Shuffle, but I'm happy to know that on long, sweaty summer afternoons, I can put on my sunglasses and walking shoes, grab Mr. She Ate from his office one block away and treat myself to an afternoon indulgence. Here's hoping that Lansing Shuffle breathes life back into an important and once-vibrant part of downtown Lansing.

He Ate

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of heat. The rice noodles, Thai basil, peppers and onions were bathed in a delicious brown sauce. I would have preferred a few more shrimp, but the dish was top-notch overall. I've heard people rave about the Crab Rangoon Nachos (\$12), and they weren't wrong. I received crispy wonton chips loaded with cream cheese, green onion and imitation crab meat. The appetizer was then finished with a sweet chili sauce, and what I ended up with was an incredible fusion of flavors in one bite.

Best bites

Irie Smoke Shack is all right with me. My tastebuds were transported to tropi-

cal locations and grounded in Southern comfort food roots at the same time. The tender Shack Signature Beef Ribs (\$23) were slathered in a tantalizing mango-guava barbecue sauce and were delectable. The Caribbean Corn (\$6) was an island take on street corn, with notes of thyme and clove mixed into the creamy sauce. The White Cheddar Return of the Mac with brisket (\$12) had me puzzled — I couldn't decide if I liked the mac and cheese solo or with the meat. Both ways were just so scrumptious. Finally — and I mean this sincerely — run, don't walk, to try the Spicy Cauliflower (\$10). Beer-battered, deep-fried cauliflower comes robed in a mind-blowing tamarind aioli with fresco cheese and cilantro. It had me singing "One love, one heart"!

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than their domestic counterparts.

Just remember, every would-be for-

ager must assess the grounds at their disposal and strategize accordingly. Always harvest away from trails and don't ever wipe out a location, so the patch can recover. If you're lucky enough to have a backyard, explore every square

inch. Avoid foraging in dog parks, toxic waste dumps and close to roads. Just as important, remember that the food we gather has not been vetted for edibility like grocery store food. Make sure you know what it is you're gathering. Now-

adays, there are apps that can identify plants. If you're old-fashioned, you can use a book. Either way, foraging in the modern age is still foraging, and the wild foods of spring are just as wild as ever.

Wild pesto

Pesto is one of the tastier ways to consume strongly flavored green plants. Today's pesto is made with dandelions and nettles, which create a thick, aromatic sauce. Feel free to substitute any number of wild greens or weeds, like lambsquarters, watercress or chickweed. You can also add basil, parsley and other domestic herbs.

Makes 8 servings

2 tablespoons chopped garlic

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup olive oil

1/2 cup almonds (or pine nuts)

1/2 cup grated Parmesan or

Romano cheese

Zest of a lemon and 2 tablespoons of juice

4 cups chopped dandelion greens, spotlessly clean

5 3-inch nettle tips (or other greens)

Add the garlic, salt, oil, almonds, cheese, lemon juice and zest to a blender and blend until combined. Carefully add the greens, a few at a time, until the mixture is a smooth, green paste.

Toss your pesto with piping hot noodles, which will cook the garlic just a tad. I like to stir in some sauteed greens as well.

Refrigerate the leftovers for up to a week or freeze them for up to a year.

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, May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

Request from the applicant, Hagan Realty, LLC, to rezone seven parcels totaling 1.854 acres located at 135 Burcham (PN 33-20-02-07-313-010), 709 Grove Street (PN 33-20-02-07-313-009), 715 Grove Street (PN 33-20-02-07-313-008), 725 Grove Street (PN 33-20-02-07-313-007), 743 Grove Street (PN 33-20-02-07-313-006), 755 Grove Street (PN 33-20-02-07-313-005), 765 Grove Street (PN 33-20-02-07-313-004) from R-2 (Medium Density Single-Family Residential District) to RM-32 (City Center Multiple-Family Residential District).

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person or electronically. Please contact the Director of Planning, Building, and Development or visit the City's public meeting portal for electronic meeting access information:

Tim Dempsey – Director of Planning, Building, and Development
410 Abbot Road
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517.319.6887 or tdempse@cityofeastlansing.com
<https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/>

For more information on the request please contact the Director of Planning, Building, and Development 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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The City Council of the City of Lansing will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers on the 10th Floor of Lansing City Hall located at 124 W. Michigan Ave., on the proposed City of Lansing Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget and capital improvements. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The proposed budget is available for public inspection on weekdays, in the City Clerk's Office, 9th floor City Hall, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All persons desiring to express an opinion about the proposed city budget, the tax rate, or proposed capital improvements are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: Text Amendment #2022-16
(Township Board)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE Text Amendment #2022-16 (Township Board) Intent to Adopt

The Township Board at its regular meeting on April 4, 2023 approved for introduction and subsequent adoption Ordinance 2022-16 to update and modernize the Sign Ordinance for the Township.

A complete copy of the amendment may be viewed at the Community Planning and Development office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (phone 517-853-4560), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

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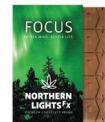
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