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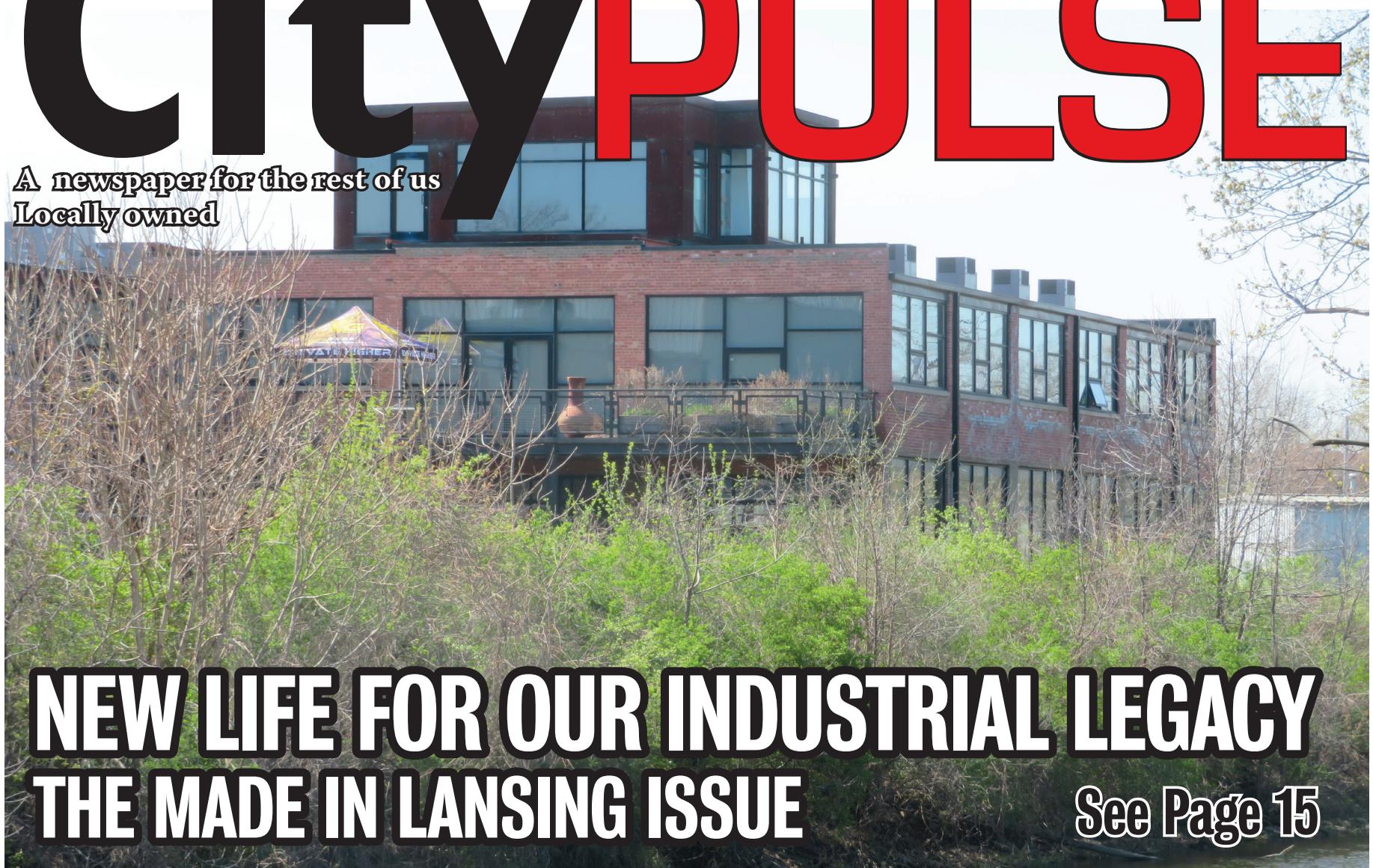
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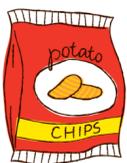


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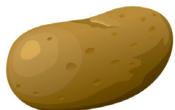
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NEWS & OPINION

What constitutes family? East Lansing homeowners petitioning for reform

East Lansing resident Susan Froetschel is frustrated because “I can’t use my home as I thought I could.”

Her son’s girlfriend cannot stay with her more than 30 days in a row or 60 days in a year, Froetschel said. “I also cannot have my lifelong friend, who’s closer to me than many of my family members, stay for more than 30 days.”

That’s thanks to a city ordinance and zoning requirements that restrict permanent occupancy to family members or no more than two unrelated people. Otherwise, a rental license is required.

Froetschel and her husband, Doug Olsen, who live in the Glencairn neighborhood, only recently became aware of the city’s prohibition and that a violation could result in fines of more than \$500 per day.

That’s led the couple to join a group of like-minded neighbors to start a petition to amend the city’s charter to change the restriction.

City Council member Mark Meadows defended its passage, which was 27 years ago, as part of curtailing an “extreme spread of rental housing into the neighborhoods.”

“We looked to at least stabilize those neighborhoods through Ordinance 900,” which passed in 1997. It reduced the number of unrelated individuals who could live together from four to two.

Meadows said that since then, the ordinance “has been challenged by the landlords, and they lost the lawsuit.”

“It’s something that we should be proud of,” Meadows said, adding that “after the courts approved it, it was also adopted in other college towns throughout Michigan.”

The couple only found out about these laws by accident while attending city meetings about plans for rental restrictions in their neighborhood. The process opened an adjacent debate over who can live where in East Lansing, how the city defines concepts like “family,” “tenant” and “guest,” and what constitutes a fair penalty for violating the city’s housing code.

“I will not violate the law, but that’s very appalling to me,” Froetschel said.

The debate isn’t new to East Lansing. In 2013, two years after moving from her East Lansing condo to a new home, state Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou was hit with a stack of 33 tickets and more than \$18,000 in fines from the city after she allowed a friend to stay in her condo rent-free until she sold it.

Tsernoglou was ticketed for violating East Lansing’s city housing code, which states that “occupancy of any dwelling by any person other than the owner of record shall be presumed to require a rental license.”

Previously unaware of that provision, Tsernoglou enlisted Mark Grebner, an attorney and longtime Ingham County commissioner, to help her make sense of the violations.

“When she got married, she put it on the market,” Grebner said. “The problem was she bought it just before the housing crash, and of course there was no there were no buyers. So, she had a friend of hers move in to kind of sweep the place up and keep it looking decent so she could show it if somebody showed up.”

Grebner went on to successfully defend Tsernoglou in court. In May 2014, 54B District Judge Richard Ball threw out the citations, and Tsernoglou paid just \$2,320.

Grebner said he’s taken 20 or so cases like Tsernoglou’s over the years, calling them “the definition of an arbitrary and capricious administration of justice.”

“No possibility exists that this is a sensible way to do business or a fair way to treat people. There’s no way an appellate court could uphold it, or an honest City Council could get behind it,” he said. He added that he did not think the current City Council was “standing



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

(From left) Patrick Rose, Susan Froetschel, Doug Olsen and Mike French are among East Lansing residents petitioning to put a charter amendment on the ballot to prohibit the city from limiting the number of unrelated people that homeowners may let live with them.

behind it” but rather had other priorities at the moment.

Concerned over their rights as homeowners, Froetschel and Olsen teamed up with other concerned residents this spring to start a petition to address the issue. They enlisted the help of a few attorneys, including Grebner, who helped draft ballot language for the proposed charter amendment.

In essence, the amendment would prohibit the city from restricting “relationships of persons living together as a household or residing in homes or interfere with rights of owners to live with persons of their choice, so long as they are not rent-paying tenants.”

To address situations like Tsernoglou’s, where she wasn’t notified that she was violating the city code before being handed multiple tickets, Grebner suggested adding a provision that would require the city to “first notify owners and occupants of the violation by issuing an order and allowing at least seven days to comply.”

Concerned that most East Lansing residents were unaware of these occupancy restrictions, the group also added language requiring the city to “maintain current and accurate records of all zoning and rental license violations, which

shall be open for public inspection.”

On April 1, they sent the proposed ballot language to the city manager, attorney and members of the City Council. Froetschel said they offered advice and feedback that the group then incorporated. They began collecting signatures on Sunday.

Patrick Rose, an East Lansing resident and attorney, also supports the amendment. He said the group has already gone door-to-door to gauge public opinion before collecting signatures. They saw enough initial support during that process to suggest that the petition, which requires just 1% of the city’s registered voters to

support it to appear on the ballot, will eventually make its way to the people for a vote.

“What that tells us is that people are broadly favorable of allowing themselves to use their home to have people in it who are not renters, who the city should not be regulating with criminal penalties and large fines,” Rose said.

Rose added that he expects many who supported the overlay district to also sign the petition.

“Residents who favor overlay districts to limit house rentals still want to choose with whom they live,” he explained.

Froetschel agreed.

“What we’re trying to propose has nothing to do with rentals. It’s just good to know what you can and can’t do with your home. We just want to put it out there and have a good debate about these things so we can finally settle it once and for all,” she said.

“Flexibility is important,” she added. “You just never know what might happen to a year or two down the road. Your life today will not stay the same, I can guarantee that. And it’s sometimes hard to think ahead and imagine what problems could develop and how your needs might change.”

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE ZONING USE DISTRICT
MAP OF CHAPTER 50 - ZONING
- OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF EAST LANSING

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

The Zoning Use District Map is hereby amended to add R-O-1 Residential Rental Restriction Overlay zoning to properties within the Glencairn Neighborhood. The Overlay District generally follows, from northwest and moving clockwise: The corner of Saginaw Road and Roxburgh Avenue east to Abbot Road, south to the boundary of 1005 Abbot Road, west to the western property boundary of 1005 Abbot Road and south along the western property boundaries of 955, 941, 921, and 909 Abbot Road to Centerlawn Avenue, west to Forest Street, south to Southlawn Avenue, west to Roxburgh Avenue, north to Northlawn Avenue, east to Roxburgh Avenue, and north to the point of origin.

The properties included in this overlay district are the following:

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET ADDRESS
33-20-01-12-413-013	1005 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-413-012	1019 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-413-011	1027 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-409-007	1123 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-409-006	1135 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-409-005	1145 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-409-004	1155 ABBOT RD
33-20-01-12-409-020	ABBOT RD (VACANT)
33-20-01-12-421-011	126 CENTERLAWN AVE
33-20-01-12-420-009	202 CENTERLAWN AVE
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'Can I have that?'

Lansing-area Food Rescue uses app, volunteers to help meet needs

If you are of a certain age, you may recall your parents admonishing you to eat (insert name of hated vegetable) while thinking about the starving children who would gladly eat (insert name of hated vegetable).

All jokes aside, food insecurity remains a hot topic, especially when it comes to how much is wasted. According to Feeding America, the U.S. squanders a breathtaking 80 million tons of food annually, equivalent to \$444 billion in meals.

Among those trying to flip that script are volunteers with the local outpost of Food Rescue US, a non-profit that uses an app to connect farmers, grocery stores and restaurants with drivers and food banks to ensure food isn't wasted.

Across the Lansing region, volunteers are working to see food has the chance to go from trash to sustenance.

The effort has attracted people like Mary Fielding.

The East Lansing resident has

been a volunteer with the local chapter of Food Rescue since last fall.

Fielding said she's seen many positives in that time, starting with the diversion of thousands of pounds of food that "probably would have ended up in a landfill if it hadn't been rescued."

That food — including produce, meat, baked goods, dairy products, and eggs — has bolstered the resources, Fielding said, of many local agencies that serve those in need of food.

Meeting the people in charge of the receiving and hearing about the needs of the people they serve has been a "privilege for me," Fielding said, but also an education.

"Receiving agencies are always very grateful for the donated food," she continued.

"They are also forthright in telling us when they are not in need of the donated food on a particular day, so that we can deliver it to another

agency that can use it."

Fielding has only been directly involved in the recruitment of one agency, Lansing's New Hope Community Center, which has signed on to receive donations.

It only takes Amy Roney about an hour to complete her weekly pick-up route, but the result of those 60 minutes far outweighs the time spent.

Roney, a Haslett resident, joined a volunteer group last summer at the Meridian Township Farmers Market.

Members collected produce from market vendors and visitors for food banks, keeping a running count on a sign at the twice-weekly market and featuring a benefiting food bank. By the end of summer 2023, Roney said they had collected more than 2,000 pounds of food.

Leaders Val Lafferty and Gabi Mayer then convened a meeting of interested volunteers, who readily embraced their proposal to join



Courtesy Val Lafferty/Food Rescue US

Volunteers at Southside Community Kitchen in Lansing, including (from right) Corey Kitley-Hassenger and Dave Batten, are among organizations in greater Lansing who accept food and ensure it gets to those in need.

Food Rescue US. Volunteers soon began pick-ups and deliveries.

Roney has made Food Rescue a family affair, recruiting her husband, Barry, and their son, Sam, to take food from Whole Foods Market in East

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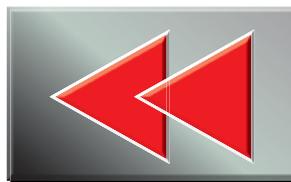
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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Lansing Fire Department Division Chief Jwan Randle has been suspended while he is being investigated for credit card fraud and using a city vehicle and cell phone for personal business, two sources told City Pulse.

Randle is a 24-year veteran who was named Logistics Division chief in 2016. A source said the alleged abuses began at least five years ago. City spokesperson Scott Bean confirmed Randle's suspension but declined further comment because it was a personnel matter.



Anthony Anderson Jr., 29, was convicted Monday of first-degree murder and assault with intent to murder in the New Year's Eve death two years ago of Curshawn "Kaz" Terrell.

The shooting occurred at Terrell's 51 Sessions recording studio on East Michigan Avenue in Lansing Township. Recording engineer Shaquille Brown was also shot but survived. The jury deliberated less than an hour. Anderson was also convicted of assault with intent to murder, felony firearm possession and being a felon in possession of a firearm. First-degree murder carries a mandatory life imprisonment in Michigan. Sentencing is set for June 3.

Meridian Township Manager Frank Walsh resigned from the position he held for 11 years. WLNS reported that Walsh was investigated for whether he was conducting a consultancy business using taxpayer resources.

The township board unanimously approved a deal to accept his resignation, hire him as a consultant for eight months and appoint Community Planning and Development Director Tim Schmitt as interim township manager.



Dennis Joshua Whaley, 51, suspected of killing two people Thursday in south Lansing, was arraigned Tuesday on two counts of open murder and four felony weapon counts.

He is accused of killing Jason McKenzie, 50, and Christine Cambrie, 53, found dead in a home on Woodrow Avenue, near South Cedar Street, in what was described as a double homicide. Whaley, who was taken into custody Sunday, will face court dates in May.

The DeWitt School District canceled an optional class for some first-grade students at Schavey Road Elementary School on the use of gender pronouns after numerous negative responses. While the district defended the lesson as age-appropriate, Super-



intendent Shanna Spickard said Friday that staff had received "inappropriate, angry, and threatening phone calls, emails, and social media messages," mostly from outside the community. Staff members experienced anxiety and fear of going to school, she said. The class was planning to read "They, She, He, Me: Free to Be!" by Matthew Sg and Maya Christina Gonzalez, and talk about the book's themes.

Most of the 17 Lansing City Charter Revision Commission candidates that attended Thursday's forum sponsored by the local NAACP chapter said revising the charter to address "disparities in access to resources and opportunities" is unlikely. The candidate turnout at the at the downtown branch of the Capital Area District Library represented almost half of the 36 running in the May 7 special election. A few candidates mentioned reorganizing the City Council's ward-based representation system as a step to alleviate those disparities.



or even allow children. The operating agreement for Letts with the Detroit Rescue Mission expires April 30. However, the city still has the \$800,000 state appropriation intended to fund it, which can be used to operate the new shelter.

The EL Fresco summer street closure plan will return to Albert Avenue in East Lansing from April 29 to Aug. 12, but it will be 70% smaller than last year. The new configuration adds Ann Street Plaza on Thursdays. City Council approved the new plan 3-1.

M.A.C. Avenue will remain the eastern border, but the western boundary will move from east of the parking garage near the intersection of Albert Avenue and Abbot Road to just east of the western end of the Grove Street and Albert Avenue intersection.



The Justice Department has agreed to pay \$138.7 million to survivors of former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar, who sexually assaulted hundreds of female athletes. The settlement is to resolve allegations of the FBI's failures to immediately investigate abuse claims against Nassar. Payments will be distributed to 139 women abused by the former doctor and who filed claims in 2022 accusing the FBI of negligence for failing to examine credible allegations of sexual abuse against Nassar.

Food

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Lansing to Lansing's First Presbyterian Church.

Besides family, Roney singled out Lafferty, Mayer, Sue Ziara, David Batten, "Mitch and Brittany" and others from Whole Foods, Food Rescue US volunteers, Jim Donaldson and the First Presbyterian volunteers.

"It takes many people to make these rescues work," she said.

Roney said she's also picked up food from Okemos and Haslett schools and delivered it to Homeless Angels and the City Rescue Mission in Lansing.

"I love saving the food from being thrown away in the dump, where it will produce methane that contributes to global warming," Roney said.

"This food is helping to feed the food insecure and unhoused population right here in our communities. I'm recently retired and have the time and ability to help out. It gives me great satisfaction knowing I'm helping the planet and my local community."

Roney makes the run from Whole Foods to First Presbyterian each Sunday.

Whole Foods "donates to other food banks during the week," Roney said, "but they didn't have anyone who was able to pick up on the weekend. Whole Foods is happy to donate food that they would have to throw away."

The food pantry volunteers at First Presbyterian are "very thankful and helpful" to receive and unload the donated food destined for those in need.

First Presbyterian's pantry is open four days a week, and it's a busy place.

Donaldson said the pantry is marking its 50th year, and need has meant growth — the kind that's hard to keep up with.

While the church is part of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, which guarantees the availability of essentials, the donations from Whole Foods on Sundays and Target stores on Mondays mean a variety of fruits and veggies pantry clients wouldn't otherwise see.

There are apples and oranges, but also limes, lemons, mangoes, kiwi-fruit, and bananas.

Pantry clients are pleased to see those kinds of items on the shelves. Their other emotion is disbelief.

"They ask us, 'Can I have that?'" Donaldson said.

— DAWN PARKER

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Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#24-484



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24008
(2745 MOUNT HOPE)
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24008
(2745 MOUNT HOPE)
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a special use permit (SUP) request from Montessori Radmoor School. The applicant is requesting to expand the parking lot to add 12 spaces at 2745 Mount Hope Road. The approximate 9.64-acre subject site is zoned RR (Rural Residential).

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 public hearing to the Planning Commission, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to planningcommission@meridian.mi.us, or at the public hearing.

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

1. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1530, proposed zoning ordinance amendments related to electrical regulations. Specifically, the amendments are meant to facilitate the installation of solar energy systems, adjust regulations for outdoor lighting, electronic display signs and historic marker signs in accordance with best practices, and to clarify and expand requirements for Electric Vehicle (EV)-ready parking spaces and EV charging stations.

2. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1527, an application from George F. Eyde Family, LLC and Leo Brown Group, LLC to rezone a 2.29-acre vacant parcel, immediately north of and to be combined with 3512 Coolidge Road, from A* (Dewitt Township Agricultural) to B-1 (General Office Business District).

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for each public hearing will be published on the City's website the Friday before the meeting. To locate staff reports, please visit the City's public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/> and select the meeting date.

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Members of the public may also participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact City Clerk Marie E. Wicks at 517.319.6914, mwicks@cityofeastlansing.com, (410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823) for additional information. Visit the City's public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/> for electronic access information.

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 City Council, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to council@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 Council's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6869 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at tverche@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

Marie E. Wick
City Clerk

CP#24-491

Tom Izzo vies for state representative — but, no, it is not THAT Tom Izzo

Before East Lansing knew of Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo (pronounced IZ-o), Lansing had Tom Izzo (pronounced EYE-zo).

Same name. Different pronunciation. One is nationally renowned. The other is trying his hand in politics.

Tom Izzo (EYE-zo) is a Lansing native running in the 74th state House District held by Rep. Kara Hope, D-Lansing, as a Republican. At 61, he's lived in Lansing his whole life. He's been dealing with the name similarity since 1983 when he started receiving telephone calls and videotapes from aspiring Spartan basketball players.

As it turned out, Izzo's roommate at the time was Ben Tower, an MSU basketball player, so he gave Tower all the tapes and other correspondences to give to assistant coach Izzo.

Since then, the two have met. They traced their genealogy back to Italy, where their ancestors were each master shoemakers who lived three villages apart.

It's a cool little story. I share it because it's the only interesting nugget about our state representative races in Lansing I could find Tuesday, the candidate filing deadline for state representative.

As we expected, it's Tom Barrett, the Republican, versus Curtis Hertel Jr., the Democrat, for Congress. Nobody else filed to run.

Due to the change in our term limits law last year, Hope and state Rep. Julie Brixie can run for a fourth term in the House, and both are doing so. Neither has any primary opposition, and both are running in Democratic seats.

Brixie represents Okemos, parts of East Lansing, Mason and most of rural Ingham County. Hope has Lansing south of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers to Delhi Township.

Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou is running for her second term in the East Lansing/Haslett/Laingsburg seat with no primary opposition. Same with Rep. Emily Dievendorf in the district comprising Lansing north of the Grand River, Grand Ledge and DeWitt. Again, no primary opposition. Token Republican opponent.

Over in Delta Township, House Appropriations Committee Chair

Angela Witwer can serve a fourth term, and she's going for it. The Republicans are bullish, again, on their candidate, local Ohana Sushi restaurant owner Peter Jones. But they've liked their chances against Witwer in 2018, 2020 and 2022 and still haven't been able to knock her off.

And there's no guarantee that Jones will make it to the general election. Charlotte Pastor Andy Shaver is running for the Republican nomination in the 76th District as well.

The only potential drama could be a little farther out in Eaton County, where Rep. Gina Johnsen is facing a primary opponent named Jon Rocha, who didn't take care of some outstanding campaign finance issues in 2022 and was kicked off the ballot.

Back in 2022, Rocha had the endorsement of Donald Trump and tried to make a go of it as a write-in. He got 1,232 votes, but Johnsen got 6,099.

Further north in Clinton County, Rep. Graham Filler has opted not to run again, but a former state rep-

resentative named Tim Kelly from Saginaw Township has put his flag in the ground in that district.

Kelly has new life from the term limits law. He has no primary opponent, and his Democratic opponent is, to be kind, strange.

If you happen to live in Shiawassee County, Rep. Brian BeGole is running again. Same story. No primary. No general election opponent of note.

The last redistricting season carved up the Lansing area like a Democratic pizza pie. All the old mildly competitive state legislative seats disappeared.

With the term limits law letting

state representatives run for six terms if they want, the competitive open primaries have dried up, too.

So, that leaves us with Izzo (EYE-zo). How many votes can he get in a 68 percent Democratic seat? Can his name get him to overperform the base? Will he do better than Donald Trump in the 74th House District against Kara Hope?

I'm really digging deep to find drama here, ain't I?

For the 2024 legislative seats in the Lansing area, it's the best I got.

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



KYLE MELINN

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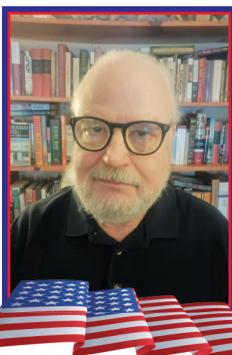
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May 7th Election Day

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to you as a person liable for an assessment that the Board of Determination, comprised of Paulette Hatchett, John Leonard, Dennis Williams, and Jennie Nerkowski (Alternate), will meet on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sam Corey Senior Center, 2108 Cedar Street, Holt, MI 48842**, to hear all interested persons and evidence and to determine whether the actions prayed for in a Petition dated August 16, 2023, for the cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, straightening, tiling, extending, improving, relocating along a highway, providing structures, mechanical devices and pumping equipment, adding lands, and adding branches and a relief drain of the Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain, located and established in Delhi Charter Township, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare in accordance with Sections 72 and 191 of Act No. 40, PA 1956, as amended.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. You are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the following office: Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Ingham within ten (10) days after the determination. If the actions prayed for in the Petition are determined to be necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the project. A landowner, or party of interest in property to be assessed, or their agent, may appear in person to comment on the necessity of the project.

Dated: April 11, 2024

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Phone: (517) 676-8395

CP#24-478

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. To all interested persons, whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE. Evelyn Dunn, guardian of individuals with File #23-000192-GM-P33 and #23-000193-GM-P33, has filed annual reporting for the renewal of guardianship with the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, as published on 04/24/2024.

CP#24-492

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, Decedent's Estate. File # 24-403-DE, Estate of Karen L. Brucks – Date of Birth: 1949. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Karen L. Brucks, died 2/1/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marcus R. Carman, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 04/24/2024. Attorney: Amanda Betush, PO Box 3752, Grand Rapids, MI 49501, 517-323-7366. Personal representative: Marcus R. Carman, c/o Doyle Law GC, PO Box 3752, Grand Rapids, MI 49501, 517-323-7366.

CP#24-475

**CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1321**

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to add Chapter 887 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Sections 887.01-887.07, to authorize a payment in lieu of taxes program in conformity with the State of Michigan property tax exemption alternative, authorized under 1966 PA 346, as amended; specifically MCL 125.1415a, which permits a city to elect to consider a payment in lieu of taxes for a housing project developed or rehabilitated for workforce housing after the passage of an enabling ordinance.

Effective date: Upon publication

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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CP#24-477



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: VARIANCE REQUEST 24-04
2810 HANNAH BLVD.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
VARIANCE REQUEST 24-04
2810 HANNAH BOULEVARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517.853.4560) to hear all persons interested in a variance request from Metro Detroit Signs. The applicant is proposing to add two wall signs. One wall sign does not meet the size requirement and one wall sign does not meet the location requirement on the building facade. The subject site is zoned RP, Research Park.

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 public hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 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
Township Clerk**

CP#24-483

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**CITY OF LANSING
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Reo Elections Office located at 1221 Reo Road on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The Reo Elections Office, 1221 Reo Road, will be open:

- Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, May 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, May 7, 2024, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Reo Elections Office.

**Chris Swope, MMC/MiPMC
Lansing City Clerk
Phone: 517-483-4131
Email: city.clerk@lansingmi.gov
Website: www.lansingvotes.gov
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CP#24-489



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24009
(SANDDS MERIDIAN LLC)
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24009 (SANDDS MERIDIAN LLC)
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a special use permit request. SANDDS Meridian LLC is proposing to establish a commercial adult use marihuana provisioning center in an existing shopping center located at 3520 Okemos Road, suites 8, 9, and 10. The approximate 0.39 acre site 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 and on the Township website under Planning & Development Documents at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/about-us/departments/community-planning-development>.

Comments may be sent prior to the public hearing by writing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, by phone at phone 517-853-4560, or by email at schmitt@meridian.mi.us. Comments may also be given in person at the public hearing.

**Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk**

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'So many colors'

Detroit Symphony Orchestra brings tango fantasia to Wharton

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is riding a strong spring breeze into next Thursday's (May 2) visit to the Wharton Center.

It's the orchestra's first trip to East Lansing since it named dynamic Italian opera specialist Jader Bignamini as music director in 2020 and violinist Robyn Bollinger as concertmaster in 2022.

At 47, Bignamini is among the youngest maestros of major orchestras in the United States and three decades younger than his illustrious predecessor, Leonard Slatkin.

Now in her second season with the orchestra, Bollinger, born in 1991, was the youngest female concertmaster in the U.S. when she got the job.

"I feel lucky to be here," she said. "It's a very supportive community of musicians, a very supportive audience. It's an exciting time for the Detroit Symphony."

To freshen the spring breeze, along with assorted warm waftings from the tropics, Bollinger will play the solo part in a lively concerto by Argentine tango master Astor Piazzolla, "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires" (not to be confused with the luxury hotel).

Much of the music's energy and complexity springs from a bold and supple fusion of musical worlds.

"Piazzolla had something to prove," Bollinger said. "He grew up with tango but studied classical music in France, so his music has the richness of his heritage and traditions, and it also has the incredible structure of classical music — so many colors."

Although there's no flat-out improvisation, the music leaves a "freedom to embellish" that Bollinger is eager to exploit.

"The fun thing is that I'm listening to a lot of tango and jazz," she said. "I'm practicing experiment-



Courtesy photos

The fresh leadership team of music director Jader Bignamini and concertmaster Robyn Bollinger arrives in East Lansing next Thursday (May 2) with the energized legions of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

ing and improvising, which is not something I usually do as a classical musician, so I know what works and can choose specific colors, even if it's not written down."

The chance to "decorate" the music with unique flourishes and grace notes is another link between Piazzolla and Baroque masters he loved, along with jazz masters like Duke Ellington.

"You can trace the lineage," Bollinger said. "This is Piazzolla's take on Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons,' and there are a bunch of quotes from Vivaldi embedded in this piece. I'm taking that Baroque improvisation and making it both

jazz and tango."

Bignamini has extensive opera experience, which Bollinger said

heightens his skill in working with soloists.

"Jader really absorbs the soloist in his study and work," she said. "It makes him so much more able to anticipate what a soloist might do and bring the orchestra along."

Bignamini is the resident conductor of the Orchestra Sinfonica di Milano and has conducted grand operas at the world's greatest opera halls, including Milan's La Scala, the Vienna State Opera and New York's Metropolitan Opera, where he made his debut in 2017 with Giacomo Puccini's "Madama Butterfly."

"Opera conducting is incredibly complex and nuanced," Bollinger said. "You have to keep track of so many things at once."

Opera conductors also work in close tandem with singers, and that skill will come in handy next week at Wharton.

The Detroit gig is Bignamini's first as music director of a symphony orchestra. In 2018, he filled in for an ailing Slatkin, and the maestro and musicians immediately hit it off. Bignamini, a native of Crema, Italy, called it "amore a prima vista," or "love at first sight."

"Jader is really pushing the orchestra, and that's exciting," Bollinger said. "He's not afraid to work, and he's asking us for more."

Bollinger feels a strong rapport with the maestro, but her interactions with the entire orchestra are fascinating to follow. She loves the close-knit feel of chamber music and strives to achieve the same intimacy when playing with a full symphony.

"That's something we work on all the time," she said. "Of course, as concertmaster, I'm communicating with Jader, but I'm also constantly communicating with the other string principals, the winds and the timpani to sort of bring everyone into the fold."

Piazzolla's "Four Seasons" is almost chamber music anyway, scored for strings alone.

"He was a tango performer and composer," Bollinger explained. "He performed with a quintet, and this piece is modeled after the quintet, so there are constantly solos for the principal strings. There's a huge bass part that gives that tango backbeat, and a huge cello cadenza. It's fun because it's particularly collaborative."

In addition to her new gig in Detroit, Bollinger appears as a guest concertmaster with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and other groups and regularly plays in chamber ensembles.

When it comes to discussing her musical upbringing, Bollinger would rather talk about Bach or Piazzolla. There was no thunderbolt from the blue or flaming inscription directing her to dedicate her life to music.

"I'm really boring," she said. "It never occurred to me to do anything else. This is just what our household did."

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra

May 2
7:30 p.m.
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
\$19-80
(517) 432-2000
whartoncenter.com

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Both of her parents are professional musicians. She started playing at age 4 and made her Philadelphia Orchestra debut at age 12.

But her voice quickens at the memory of watching the Olympics as a youngster.

“There was gymnastics in the summer and figure skating in the winter,” she recalled. “That was incredibly motivating for me to see as a child — especially the female figure skaters, beautiful women who are so strong and have this wonder-

ful combination of technique and precision and emotion and artistry. I would watch the figure skaters and then go practice, hoping for the violin Olympics someday.”

The DSO schedule is so packed this year that she doesn’t have to worry about overthinking or overpreparing for the Wharton performance.

“I’ve been playing the Piazzolla piece for a couple of months now. I know it really well, so my challenge now is to do it differently,” she said. “It’s easy to just bring the same thing back, but I’m trying to look at it differently. That keeps it fresh, keeps me honest and hopefully will make it fun.”

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Williamstown Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hereby gives notice that they will convene on **THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 at 6:30pm** at the Williamstown Township Hall, 4990 N. Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI, (517) 655-3193, to consider the following applications:

Parcel #: 33-03-03-26-227-004
Applicant: Gary & Moria Heidel - Owners
Address: 1908 Maple Shade Dr., Williamston, MI 48895

Request for a variance from Section 28.02 of the Williamstown Township Zoning Ordinance, to allow an accessory building to encroach within the rear yard setback (10 feet) for the R1 district.

Handicapped individuals needing special services to fully participate in the meeting may contact the Township Office at 655-3193 at least 5 days in advance of the meeting to request the necessary assistance.

Written comments may be directed to: Williamstown Township ZBA, 4990 N. Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI 48895, through 4:00pm, May 9th, 2024.

CP#24-487

INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF FILING AN ORDER LAYING OUT AND DESIGNATING A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

UNRUH DRAIN

Notice is Hereby Given, that I, Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, filed an Order Laying Out and Designating a Drainage District, dated April 18, 2024, for the Unruh Drain, according to Chapter 3 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

The route and course of the proposed Drain is described as follows:

Main Drain

Beginning in the Foster Drain in the southwest quarter of Section 14, T4N, R1W, Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, Michigan; thence following the existing open channel of the Unruh Drain southwesterly, southerly and westerly to the outlet of the existing Unruh Drain tile in the southwest quarter of said Section 23; thence following the existing Unruh Drain tile west to the outlet of the existing detention basin in the southeast quarter of Section 22, T4N, R1W; thence southwesterly and southerly through the existing detention and along the existing Unruh Drain tile to a point near the northerly right-of-way line of Grand River Avenue (M-43); thence northwesterly along Grand River Avenue (M-43) to the upper terminus of the Main Drain near the intersection of said northerly right-of-way line and the north & south 1/4 line of said Section 22.

Dobie Road Branch

Beginning in an existing manhole approximately 100 feet easterly of the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Central Park Drive and the northerly right-of-way line of Grand River Avenue (M-43); thence southerly to an existing drainage structure in the southerly curb line of Grand River Avenue (M-43); thence southwesterly to an existing manhole in the northbound lane of Dobie Road; thence southerly along the northbound lane of Dobie Road to a structure at the southeast quadrant of the Hamilton Road and Dobie Road intersection; thence easterly to the upper terminus at the outlet of an existing detention basin.

Dobie Road Branch – Branch No. 1

Beginning in an existing manhole in the southeast quadrant of the Hamilton Road and Dobie Road intersection; thence westerly to the upper terminus in an existing manhole in the southwest quadrant of the Hamilton Road and Dobie Road intersection.

Dobie Road Branch – Branch No. 2

Beginning in an existing manhole in the southwest curb line of the Grand River Avenue (M-43) and Dobie Road intersection; thence northwesterly 112 feet, more or less, to the upper terminus in an existing manhole in the eastbound turn lane of Grand River Avenue to Dobie Road.

Central Park Branch

Beginning in an existing manhole in the intersection of Grand River Avenue (M-43) and Central Park Drive; thence northerly 485 feet, more or less, to the upper terminus ending approximately 25 feet north of the east and west quarter line of Section 22, T4N, R1W, including catch basin leads and appurtenant structures.

Country Way Drive Branch

Beginning in an existing manhole near the intersection of Grand River Avenue (M-43) and Country Way Drive; thence northerly 320 feet, more or less, to the upper terminus in a man-

hole in Country Way Drive.

Country Way Drive Branch No. 2

Beginning in an existing manhole structure located near the northerly right-of-way line of Grand River Avenue, 415 feet, more or less, southeasterly from the intersection of said right-of-way line and the north and south quarter line of Section 22, T4N, R1W; thence northerly 860 feet, more or less, to the upper terminus in Country Way.

The lands comprised within the Drainage District are described as follows:

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TOTAL AREA OF THE UNRUH DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT IS 243.7 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Dated: April 18, 2024

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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Courtesy photo

Developer Harry Hepler transformed the 1848 Race Street Mill, at 212 E. Cesar Chavez Ave. in Lansing's Old Town, one Lansing's earliest industrial structures, into modern office space in 1999.

If the walls could talk

Repurposing places where things were once made

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Many products have been made in Lansing over the years, from automobiles and their parts to furniture, lawn mowers, chest protectors and cheese curds. A full catalog of Lansing-made stuff could escort you through a well-lived life, from fresh milk and baby carriages to booze, cigars and coffins.

Most of these things lived their useful lives and ended up in the trash, a scrapyard or a museum (if they were lucky).

Not so for the buildings where they were made.

Some grand old industrial structures, like the former Motor Wheel plant near the corner of East Saginaw and Larch streets, still dominate the landscape. Others are tucked into obscure corners of town — brick and steel factories and smaller shops, historic mills nestled on the banks of the Grand River and other survivors of the industrial age.

These buildings are so tough that they not only outlived the things they made but the companies that made them as well.

Their size, age and condition present daunting problems, but unlike a Burger King or a K-Mart, the average century-old factory is a fairly simple, dignified tabula rasa with strong bones, fit for any number of modern needs — especially housing.

But it's no simple matter to bring these structures into the 21st century. Jeff Deehan of Lansing's Dymaxion Development said it's not for the squeamish.

"Adaptive reuse projects are harder, in almost every way, than new builds. We never know what we're getting ourselves into. We don't know what's behind the

walls," Deehan said. "But we find that it's a satisfying process to bring new life to this sort of building. They have more character and define the spirit of the community, preserve its identity, a lot better than a lot of these newer things we do."

This Made in Lansing issue of City Pulse looks at some of the challenges and benefits of repurposing industrial buildings, with a nod toward some recent projects involving historic schools. In a few cases, repurposing has gone in the opposite direction, as manufacturers move into buildings formerly used for other purposes, especially schools. The ebb and flow of commerce is hard to predict, but bricks, mortar and steel have a way of standing their ground.

Let there be light

Walkers, bikers and motorists often pause to admire a graceful brick and wood structure nestled on the east bank of the Grand River, just north of the North Lansing dam.

Few stop to wonder why there are so many windows facing the river.

To the casual eye, the windows just look gorgeous, arrayed in stately rows alongside elegant drainage pipes and basins straight out of an ancient Roman bathhouse. But the builders of Lansing's historic Race Street Mill had something more functional in mind. Michigan was still a territory when the mill was built in 1836, and Thomas Edison had not yet been born.

"There are a hundred window penetrations on that building, and that's not because they wanted a view of the river," developer Harry Hepler said. "That's so they

could see what they were doing."

In 2000, Hepler converted the 17,000-square-foot gem at 212 E. Cesar Chavez Ave to modern offices, with a spectacular view of the Grand River.

In addition to harnessing the hydropower of the river, the mill was the first foundry and machine works in the city and housed a succession of industrial enterprises until the 1980s, when it fell into disrepair.

The historic importance of the mill and the splendid results make it easy to forget the job's many headaches.

"The day we started measuring it, to see what we had, the wall on the Riverwalk side fell into the river," Hepler said.

It took months of work to bring the mill to modern standards, one wall at a time, but Hepler said it was worth it.

"It's pretty far back in our state's history, our history as Americans," he said. "Besides, many of the things that made it useful to humans, like facing the sun, haven't changed."

Natural light was a key factor in one of the biggest adaptive reuse projects in Lansing's history, the 2008 conversion of the 1916 Motor Wheel factory on East Saginaw Highway into 119 urban apartments less than a mile from the heart of downtown.

If the Race Street Mill represents Lansing's industrial beginnings, the Motor Wheel structure embodies the heart of the city's manufacturing history. Ransom E. Olds chose to locate in Lansing, in part, because his biggest wheel supplier, then known as the W.K.

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Prudden Co., was located here. Next to the main factory, the famous Prudden smokestack still towers over a row of nearby apartments.

Motor Wheel was among the industrial giants of the early 20th century. By 1934, it did about a third of the nation's wheel business, more than any other wheel manufacturer.

The plant's architect, German-born Albert Kahn, designed much of the nation's industrial infrastructure, including many of the factories built by the Big Three automakers.

A century later, the simple design made it perfectly suited as housing stock for 21st-century urban dwellers.

As he did at the Race Street Mill, Hepler took advantage of the Motor Wheel factory's wraparound windows, 10 feet high and 12 feet wide, designed to light two shifts, morning and afternoon.

"Nobody would put that big a window in a residential one-bedroom house," Hepler said. Even better, the windows open out, to allow ventilation and keep out rain.

"All the windows are the same size, all column spacings are a certain distance apart, all power supplies are a certain distance, and it's all for assembly purposes," Hepler said. "Today it's benefiting us, because it's laid out in such a grid."

Hepler also converted the 1904 J.I. Case Tractor and Thatcher Co. at 113 Pere Marquette Drive across from the old Union Depot (itself now a Starbucks), into JI Case Lofts, an apartment complex with 21 units. Next, he plans to transform a 70-year-old, 70,000-square-foot former factory at 700 May St., just behind Motor Wheel, into 134 modern apartments of 500 square feet or fewer.

Hepler plans to apply every trick he's learned in his earlier projects, and roll out some new ones, to make the apartment complex "one of the most sustainable in the country" with a mix of solar panels, wind energy, heat pumps and energy conservation features that will enable him to charge zero for utilities.

Beneath the factory lies another surprise legacy from the factory's industrial past — a 400-foot-long vault called the High Bay Crane space, built in 1955 to make shells for South Korea. During the height of the Cold War, the government required a fallout shelter beneath the fac-



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Occupancy began this spring for 45 apartments in the 100-year-old Holmes Street School, with amenities like an outdoor patio, wood floors, exposed brick, a dog run and a 9-foot-tall woodpecker with a match in its beak and a stick of dynamite in its talons.

tory. Hepler plans to convert the fallout shelter into a 250,000-gallon cistern that will collect rainwater from the roof to irrigate the grounds and flush the toilets.

The mill, The Wing and the Bean

Motor Wheel and its satellite projects present a grand profile on a major highway, but old industrial buildings have sprung back to life in many obscure parts of town.

River Trail bikers and joggers are among the few who regularly enjoy the friendly silhouette of Potter's Mill at 701 E. South St. in Lansing, tucked between the Grand River and a complex of city-owned service facilities.

Developer John Sears bought the 37,500-square-foot building in 2012 and turned it into a unique complex with 18 glassy studio apartments and "maker" spaces, accented with burnished steel and steampunk fixtures, topped by a nifty third-floor aerie overlooking the river.

Built in 1889 by James W. Potter (of Potter Park Zoo fame), the mill was later used by Potter Furniture Manufacturing and did stints as a lumberyard, a metal shop, a machining and nickel-plating plant and a warehouse for J.W. Knapps Co. until the 1970s.

When Sears took it on, the old mill had been vacant for years. Sears died in 2021 in a motorcycle crash, but his vision for the mill will offer local makers and artists

space to live and work for many years to come.

Rawley van Fossen, Lansing's director of economic development and planning, was impressed with the mill's funky re-invention.

"We lost John way too young," Van Fossen said. "He had the energy that cared for things and was willing to invest in projects like that."

A few blocks to the north, in a warehouse and factory district, stretches a 150,000-square-foot factory at 735 E. Hazel St. commonly dubbed The Wing because it is widely believed that B-24 Liberator bomber wings were built there during World War II.

Deehan said the wings were manufactured in the upper deck of the factory and shipped to assembly facilities via the railroad next to the building.

In 2019, Deehan envisioned "a vibrant community of artists, makers and light industrial" along the lines of Potter's Mill. But with more than quadruple the space of Potter's Mill and no nice river views, "The Wing" proved a bigger challenge.

"It was vacant when we bought it," Sheehan said. "We had a number of different concepts for it, but ultimately, we turned it back into a factory."

There were a smattering of artists and a boxing gym at first, and plans for apartments were in the mix. In 2018, Norm Fasteners, supplier of fasteners for Tesla,



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Hasan Yamani, senior director of capital projects for the Neogen Corp., shows off the old documents vault of the Herbert Annex, a wood-framed former tractor factory and furniture warehouse at 728 E. Shiawassee St., one of several century-old buildings in Lansing adapted by Neogen for labs, offices and manufacturing.



A 150,000-square-foot factory space at 735 E. is believed that wings for World War II bomber series of development fits and starts before b tion in 2019.

John Deere and other customers, leased about 20,000 square feet there, creating its first Lansing distribution center.

However, in 2023, Norm Fasteners headed for greener pastures, announcing plans for a \$77 million manufacturing facility in Bath Township.

What to do with all that empty space? Legalized marijuana to the rescue. Ascent Wellness, a Massachusetts marijuana company, opened a large cultivation facility there in 2019. Last week, an employee of Ascent said the building has been substantially renovated, with plans to expand into the 40 percent or so of the unused space. An artist and sign maker also occupy the building.

But marijuana is not a cure-all, at least for buildings. Not far from The Wing, near the bridge that lifts South Cedar Street over the Grand River, sits a 460,000-square-foot former John Bean factory, once home to a major manufacturer of sprayers, trucks, pumps and fire-fighting equipment. The iconic Lansing complex housed an ambitious marijuana growing enterprise, Michael Doherty's Rebel Industries, until the operation fell into debt and went into receivership in 2023.

"The John Bean structure is one of those significant structures that could see additional investment," Van Fossen said. "There's an active marijuana grow facility



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One of the Neogen Corp.'s adaptive reuse projects, an old factory at 720 E. Shiawassee St., adjoins its newest addition, a state-of-the-art 400,000-square foot manufacturing facility now nearing completion.



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The vacant Allen Street School became Neogen's Center for Microbiological Excellence in 2011.

on the third floor, but a lot more could be done. There's a lot more potential on the first and second floors and the surrounding campus that parcel takes up."

Various artisans and "makers" have set up shop at one time or another in the hulking factory, but Van Fossen is hoping to see a more ambitious plan.

"My challenge to developers is to be holistic with it," Van Fossen said. "It's one thing to come in and transform some of the interior, but a lot of us in the community — we're looking at the outside. The John Bean building is a perfect example. Whether you're going up and down on Cedar Street or just live in the community, we want to see some transformation on the exterior of that building."

Staying after school

Tucked into the residential and commercial fabric of Lansing's near east side is a unique array of repurposed buildings, a mix of old factories, warehouses and schools that now houses the varied operations of Neogen Corp., manufacturer of



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Hazel St., often called The Wing because its were manufactured there, went through a becoming home to a marijuana-growing opera-

food and animal safety products.

A multibillion-dollar, high-tech manufacturer with microbiological research facilities needs a huge, sterile, modern facility, right? Not necessarily. Wooden beams a foot thick line the halls of Neogen's Herbert Annex at 720 E. Shiawassee St., once a Massey Harris Tractor plant and furniture warehouse, now home to laboratories and offices, including Hasan Yamani's.

Yamani is senior director of capital projects at Neogen.

"It's a very unique wood structure," Yamani said. "A lot of construction companies come in to see how we maintain it."

Instead of concrete or steel columns, wooden beams bear the old factory's architectural load. These cracked and weathered beams, and the heavy steel stays that fasten them together, are a conspicuous presence throughout the building, contrasting sharply with the opaque, glassy walls and doors of Neogen's laboratories.

Beginning in 1982, Neogen founder James Herbert purchased and restored nine eastside buildings, from schools to warehouses to homes, ranging in age from 50 to 110 years old.

Herbert died in March at age 83. In a 2013 interview, he said he didn't plan to put together an ad hoc urban campus when he and former Dow Chemical CEO

Developer Harry Hepler has led the way for three decades in repurposing industrial buildings, as he did with Motor Wheel on Saginaw Street. (Top, left): Motor Wheel (then W.K. Prudden Co.) factory as it looked in 1926. At its height, the plant produced one-third of the wheels manufactured in the U.S. (Courtesy H Inc.) (Top center) Hepler in 2006 outside Motor Wheel, then in progress toward conversion from a 300,000-square-foot factory to 119 apartments in 2007. (Photo by Richard Galosy.) (Top right) Motor Wheel Lofts as it looks today. (Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse.) (Bottom) Hepler proposes transforming a 69-year-old former factory near Motor Wheel Lofts on May Street into an ultra-"green" and ultra-modern complex of 134 apartments called Prudden Wheel Lofts. (Courtesy rendering)

Ted Doan started Neogen. They only wanted to stretch their initial \$75,000 as far as they could.

"We didn't want to invest money in shiny stainless steel," Herbert said. "We were more concerned with brainpower."

Neogen needed heavy-duty plumbing that could handle drains and sinks for laboratories and a mix of office space and open labs. Lansing's Oak Park School, built in 1916 and "built to last," in Herbert's words, was on the market and in good condition, aside from a leaky roof and "14 coats of paint" hiding its rich oak trim. Soon after buying the Oak Park School, Herbert bought the building next door, 600 Leshar Place, built in 1910 by Ransom E. Olds as a home for foundlings, and turned it into administrative offices. Another big eastside school, the 1913 Allen Street School at 1614 E. Kalamazoo St., became Neogen's Center for Microbiological Excellence in 2006. Neogen also uses a smaller 1912 building, formerly the home of Lansing's Dudley Paper Co., behind the two Shiawassee Street buildings.

As the company grew in the past decade, it could have pulled up all these stakes and lit out for the suburbs, but it opted to grow in place. Under construction next to the Herbert Annex is a three-story, 176,000-square-foot facility more than 500 feet long. Neogen employs about 670 people on its downtown Lansing campus and plans to add about 130 more to serve the new facility.

Yamani praised Herbert's commitment to keep the company local and reaffirmed his emphasis on "brainpower" over fancy facilities.

"It's easy to move operations anywhere," Yamani said. "You just build a new factory and move it. But we are committed to stay in Lansing, mainly to maintain the talent we have. It costs a lot of money to go somewhere else, hire

people and train them and so on."

Many of the most significant adaptive reuse projects under way in Lansing deal with old schools. That's really a separate story, unless you consider education to be an industrial operation, but adaptive reuse of schools is on fire right now in greater Lansing, and a few recent projects cry out to at least be mentioned. Two major anchor points are the

redevelopment of the stately campus of the former School for the Blind on the city's west side into senior and affordable housing, completed in 2021, and the current transformation of the ornate Walter French Junior High School into 76 affordable rental units and a child care center, to be completed in 2025.

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Courtesy Capital Area District Library

Potter's Mill at 701 E. South St. in Lansing, built by James W. Potter of Potter Park fame in 1889, served a series of industrial and warehouse uses, including nickel plating and furniture storage, through the 1970s.



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Developer John Sears bought the abandoned, 37,500-square-foot Potter's Mill in 2012 and turned it into a mixed-use complex with 18 glassy studio apartments and "maker" spaces.

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Van Fossen called the Walter French project “a critical adaptive reuse in the community.”

“It sat 15 years vacant with the utilities turned off,” Van Fossen said. “Talk about an eyesore along the South Cedar corridor. That building is on the historic register. Now we’re seeing active

construction. Windows are going in the third floor.”

This spring, Dymaxion finished work on the 1923 Holmes Street School, 1030 S. Holmes St., completing a slow-motion development triple play from school use to industrial to residential.

The school closed in 2000 and sat vacant until developer Ryan Vartooghian, head of the Spartan Internet marketing firm, bought it in 2007, announcing its conversion to a tech center. He never finished the work.

“It was a mess,” Dymaxion’s Deehan said. “They basically gutted the building and disappeared. We came in, finished the work and turned it into apartments.”

This spring, Dymaxion will begin work on transforming the historic Wilson School in St. Johns, a century-old structure with 100,000 square feet of floor space, across Cass Street from the Clinton County Courthouse, into over 50 apartments. The auditorium and

gymnasium will become a community center.

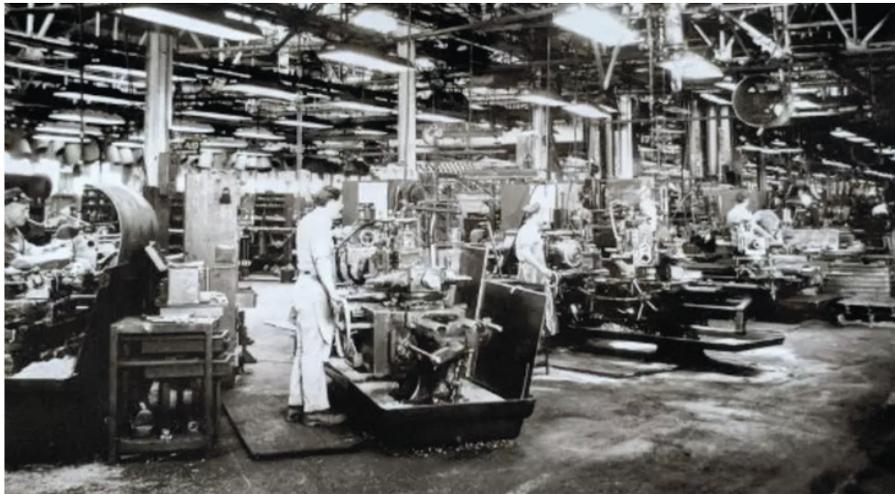
No survey of school stock in Lansing is complete without invoking the Gothic glory of 97-year-old, 237,000-square-foot Eastern High School, which Sparrow Health System purchased in 2016 and which graduated its last class in 2019 before moving to the former Pat-tengill Middle School. Its fate has been hanging since, but Van Fossen sees a glimmer of hope.

“I’m hopeful and excited we can see

some preservation efforts, now that Sparrow is part of U-M Health and the former Eastern is in their portfolio,” Van Fossen said. “It’s a critical part of Lansing’s history, especially for those on the east side.”

Deehan knows it can be done. He just did it at Holmes Street School and is doing it now in St. Johns.

“It’s an amazing building,” Deehan said. “Save Lansing Eastern High School, by all means. We’d do that project in a second.”



The old John Bean factory (top) is one of Lansing’s biggest repurposing challenges. After a large-scale marijuana growing operation went belly up in 2022, the 460,000-square-foot building is up for grabs again — although an anonymous local developer hinted that “something big is in the works.” (Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse) (Bottom) The shop floor at the John Bean factory, makers of sprayers, pumps and other fire fighting equipment, was bustling in the 1950s. (Courtesy photo)



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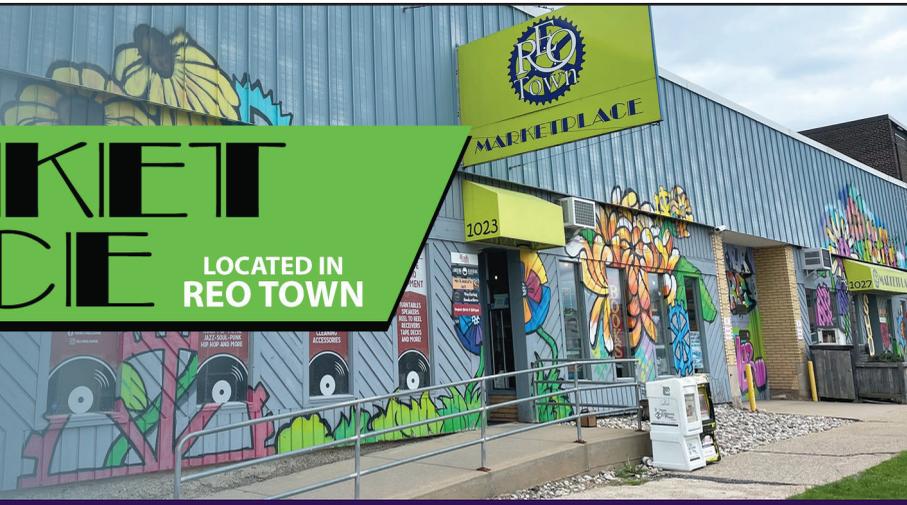
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New wedding and event space takes over former Spiral Dance Bar

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

For nearly a quarter of a century, husband and wife Lynn Lucas and Matt Schultheiss have been planning weddings and other gatherings across Michigan through their event company, W.E.D.

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Lucas noticed they were frequently working with clients in the Lansing area, but they had trouble finding nearby spaces to hold the events.

“I had clients reaching out to me wanting me help to them find them a venue. I took them mostly to the Grand Rapids area or sometimes Detroit. Lansing has a handful of industrial-type spaces, but there was definitely a need for more offerings locally,” she said.

Around 10 years ago, the couple began discussing the possibility of opening a wedding and event venue in Lansing, but it wasn't until January 2023 that they



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

After four months of renovations, Copper Moon, opening Saturday (April 27), has turned Old Town's former Spiral Dance Bar into a “chic, urban event space designed to host a wide range of events.”

began focusing on finding a location. By December, they had purchased a property at 1247 Center St. in Old Town, the former Spiral Dance Bar, which closed in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. After four months of renovations, the couple's new venue, Copper Moon, will open Saturday (April 27).

“Honestly, my dream was always Old

Town because it's always been a fun neighborhood and has all the cute shops and everything. I just didn't think we'd actually find a space. It's such a popular area,” Lucas said.

While she noted that 90% of W.E.D.'s business has been wedding planning, Lucas said the new venue has already received interest for non-wedding events,

like the Lansing Symphony Orchestra's fall gala.

“We're also finding that non-Saturday bookings are far more popular than we thought they would be, which is wonderful,” she said.

Over the course of their 24 years in the industry, Lucas and her husband have seen wedding culture shift significantly.

“When I started my wedding planning career, weddings were still very focused on tradition. I would say nowadays, with the advent of Instagram and TikTok, they're more focused on the unique story that the couple wants to tell. Which is a new tradition that I love because it keeps things from being stale,” Lucas said.

The couple's goal with Copper Moon is to be as flexible as possible to meet clients' individual needs.

“If they want their dog to walk down the aisle for the ceremony, we can work with them to make that happen,” Lucas said. “We try to say yes to anything reasonable, as opposed to putting people in a box. The space is really meant for them to use to make their day as amazing as it can possibly be.”

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Peppermint Creek brings historic book-banning battle to the stage

By MARY CUSACK

The quote “history doesn’t repeat itself, but it often rhymes,” attributed to Mark Twain, is an apt summary of the central theme of Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.’s current production. “Alabama Story” is a cautionary tale that reminds us that the hatred and bias of the civil rights era are not bygone.

Based on true events, Kenneth Jones’ script centers on a 1959 book-banning battle between Alabama state Sen. E.O. Eddins and State Librarian Emily Wheelock Reed. Eddins believed that author and illustrator Garth Williams’ children’s book “The Rabbits’ Wedding,” in which a white rabbit and a black rabbit wed in a forest among their friends, promoted desegregation and was a threat to the Southern way of life.

In drafting his play, Jones renamed the senator E.W. Higgins (David Brooks) but retained the real names of the protagonists, Reed (Gini Larson) and Williams (Jeff Boerger). Jones also created a fictional pair of childhood friends, Joshua Moore (Isaiah Scruggs) and Lily Whitfield (Xia Skowronek). Lily is the daughter of a prominent cotton company magnate, and Joshua is the son of the family’s housekeeper.

After becoming estranged at age 12, the friends reunite 20 years later in downtown Montgomery as the censorship battle rages on around them. Their interactions are independent of the main plot but serve to illustrate the theme of personal growth through reconciling the past, present and future.

The cast is solid, but its leads truly stand out. Boerger plays several characters throughout the play, primarily Williams. The second act opens with Williams addressing the audience directly about the controversy of his book, and Boerger’s performance is wry, sly and charming. His portrayal of Higgins’ elderly mentor, Bobby Crone, a segregationist who exhibits some wisdom in his twilight years, is particularly moving.

Larson is perfect as Reed, a stoic,

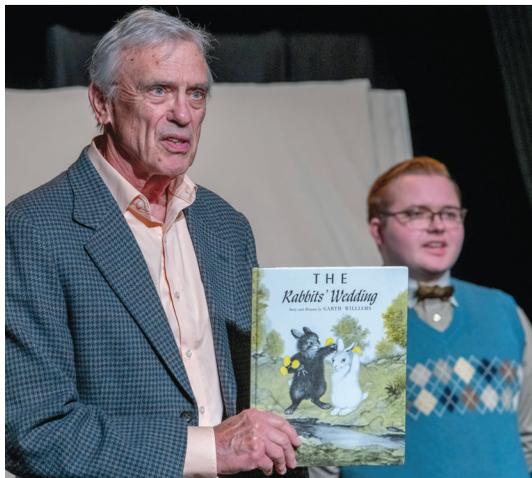


Photo by Trumpie Photography

Jeff Boerger (left) as Garth Williams and Ayden Soupal as Thomas Franklin in Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.’s production of “Alabama Story,” by Kenneth Jones.

no-nonsense woman who approaches her job with professional integrity, even in the face of personal attacks. She holds her own in a particularly cringeworthy exchange during a Senate committee meeting as Higgins delves into her personal life. When it becomes necessary to apologize to assistant Thomas Franklin (Ayden Soupal), she does so with sincerity, then guides him efficiently back into their work.

Review

“Alabama Story”

April 25-28
7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
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Lansing
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Set designer Ro Salarian’s clever backdrop is key to fast scene changes, which are much needed since the play runs two hours and 10 minutes. The backdrop is a giant book, with the pages serving as the library, a park and the state Legislature buildings. Cast members

quickly turn the pages as they exit, setting up the next scene. Keep an eye out for Easter eggs incorporated into each page.

In the lobby, audiences can read about ongoing attempts at book censorship around the state of Michigan. Many of these incidents involve books that promote inclusion and acceptance of LGBTQ+ people, a sober reminder to audiences that intolerance of “the other” still exists. Reed’s battle was won, but the war rages on, and history continues to rhyme.

CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

To the qualified electors of the East Lansing School District in the Counties of Ingham and Clinton:

Please take notice that the City of East Lansing will hold a Special Election on May 7, 2024, for qualified electors in the City of East Lansing, Meridian Township Precinct 18 and 19, and Bath Township Precinct 5.

To vote on the following proposals:

School District of the City of East Lansing Bond Proposal

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May 6, 2024 at 4 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, May 7, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk’s Office.

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'Rift' provides a chilling look at the tolls of Christian patriarchy

A cautionary tale from a survivor's point of view

By BILL CASTANIER

When she was 5 years old, Cait West remembers her father telling her to change out of her two-piece swimsuit. In her new book, "Rift: A Memoir of Breaking Away from Christian Patriarchy," she writes, "I didn't know what modesty meant then ... Most of all, I remember feeling ashamed."

West will visit Everybody Reads bookstore 2 p.m. Saturday (April 27) to read from the book. She will be joined by authors Dawn Burns and Sara Moslener. An open mic will follow the featured readings.

West's father controlled every aspect of her life in the name of religion, including her friendships, the books she read, her clothing and, as she became a teenager, her love life.

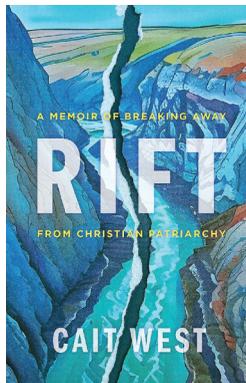
In essence, dating was forbidden. In its place, her father imposed severe courtship rules, which included no kissing until marriage. She writes about an early burgeoning relationship in which her father read her beau's letters before she did and had to approve her return letters.

Most of us know little or nothing about the Christian patriarchy movement in this country, but West provides a chilling look at what it is and how it proliferates. Many readers will see elements of it in their own upbringings. Guilt is used to shame and control women through religious beliefs.

"I was taught that patriarchy is the most loving way to live because it pro-

TECTS women from the evil of the world," West writes.

Her journey to break away from this family relationship was fraught with guilt that delayed her escape until she was in her mid-20s. Meanwhile, her father oversaw her every move and brainwashed her with biblical mania about purity, obedience and masculine superiority.



After reading the memoir, there will be no doubt in readers' minds that psychological abuse is as evil as physical abuse. The scars are still something West deals with today.

"I write in the book that I sometimes wished my dad would hit me so I would have physical evidence of my abuse," she said in an interview with City Pulse from her home in Grand Rapids.

Chapters describing the geology and nature of the many areas where she lived with her family are interspersed throughout the book. They act as palate cleansers between the grittier parts of her story.

West began plotting a way out when she realized she had been trained to be

a homemaker rather than being educated. She also met an understanding man whom she fell in love with, but not one who was pre-approved by her father. Ultimately, they decided to marry against her father's wishes. With her father becoming even more verbally abusive, she decided to bolt using money she had squirreled away from teaching piano.

West relocated to Michigan with her husband-to-be to fully escape her father's reach and began attending community college. She later enrolled at Michigan State University, where she realized she had skills and didn't have to live her life as a "quiet" and obedient homemaker. She graduated from MSU with a degree in English, giving her the practical skills needed to land a job in publishing.

Before writing the memoir, West had already begun co-hosting a podcast, "Survivors Discuss," which helped her refine her message about surviving religious abuse.

"We interview survivors of religious trauma who are in recovery," she said.

In the book, the author rails against her overzealous homeschooling, which she calls "a Laura Ingalls, Oregon Trail, make-your-own-corn-cob-doll vortex" where her parents could keep her from drugs, sex and the teaching of evolution.

However, she found an unlikely friend, Google, which she used to learn about religious abuse.

"I was allowed to have a computer because I could write. I was taught to 'self-police,' and my father was not above checking the search history," she said.

If West's father made any strategic mistake in his attempt at total control, it was letting her use that computer. The knowledge she gained on the web became her secret power.

Although West doesn't paint the homeschool movement with a broad brush, she offers a cautionary tale of what can go wrong when it's paired with white supremacy and religious extremism. She writes, "My Christian history books whitewashed the past, saying that Native Americans weren't



Photo by Teri Genovese

Cait West, who lived in a Christian patriarchal household until she was in her mid-20s, hopes her new memoir, "Rift," will reach other survivors and help them understand they're not alone.

civilized and enslaved persons were blessed by having Christian slave masters."

She recalls one year of homeschooling when her parents skipped science entirely, saying, "What girl needs science?" She said the COVID-19 pandemic pushed more families into homeschooling with little or no oversight and that she supports state regulation of homeschooling to make it "safer."

It's likely that few of us know families that practice religious patriarchy, but West knows from experience that it's more common than society believes. She hopes her memoir will reach other survivors and help them understand they're not alone.

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By Matt Jones

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- 5. Hockey players, slangily
- 11. Kangaroo move
- 14. Spaghetti ___ carbonara
- 15. Pavlovian response
- 16. Reddit Q&A session, briefly
- 17. Instruction at a bench
- 19. Powerful connections
- 20. Amino and folic
- 21. Salt, in chem class
- 22. Kardashian matriarch
- 23. Choose from a menu
- 25. Opinion
- 27. NHL #1 draft pick of 1984 and Pittsburgh Penguins superstar
- 33. Music stack
- 36. Lisa of "Melrose Place"
- 37. Talk nonsense
- 38. Pepper's intensity
- 40. Activity units that may be counted
- 42. Affirm decidedly
- 43. Roast host
- 45. Jamaican sectarian
- 47. Snaky-shaped letter
- 48. Partier who bails early, maybe
- 51. Allergy symptom
- 52. Maker of Wayfarer sunglasses
- 56. Uncertain
- 58. Longtime Israeli diplomat Abba
- 62. Prefix with surgeon
- 63. Luau offering
- 64. Bad dancer's

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- excuse
- 10. Grandma, in Grantham
- 11. It's not an extension
- 12. "Present" and "potent" leader
- 13. "Do not ___ Go"
- 18. Only "Sesame Street" Muppet whose name is in the NATO phonetic alphabet (until Tango showed up)
- 22. Actress Knightley
- 24. Speaker of baseball's Hall of Fame
- 26. Devilish sort
- 28. Opening bit
- 29. "Big Chicken Shaq" figure
- 30. Temporary loss of judgment
- 31. Four Corners tribe
- 32. Gen-___ (post-boom babies)
- 33. Job title that gets a "yes"?
- 34. Singer Lovato
- 35. Give up
- 39. Cranky
- 41. Myanmar flag feature
- 44. "And so forth"
- 46. ___-garde
- 49. What "Tao" means
- 50. Quite a sight
- 53. Good, to Guillermo
- 54. "The results ___!"
- 55. Night in Naples
- 56. Bitter bar orders
- 57. Links warning
- 59. West Germany's capital
- 60. Came down to the ground
- 61. "99 Luftballons" German singer
- 64. Rolls over a house?
- 65. Mend

DOWN

- 1. Cantina hors d'oeuvres
- 2. Pulitzer-winning novelist Walker
- 3. Swing out of control
- 4. Like some long bicycles
- 5. Map abbr.
- 6. French city near Omaha Beach
- 7. "Frozen II" queen
- 8. 1099-___ (IRS form)
- 9. Develop gradually

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

April 24-30, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Have you ever gotten your mind, heart and soul in sweet alignment with the spiritual beauty of money? An opportunity to do that is available. During the next four weeks, you can cultivate an almost mystical communion with the archetype of well-earned wealth. What does that mean? Well, you could be the beneficiary of novel insights and hot tips about how best to conduct your finances. You might get intuitions about actions you could take to bring more riches into your life. Be alert for help from unexpected sources. You may notice that the more generous you are, the more the world's generosity will flow your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Bordering the Pacific Ocean for a thousand miles, Chile's Atacama Desert is a place of stark and startling beauty. Unfortunately, its pristine landscape is also a dumping ground for vast amounts of discarded clothes that people bought cheaply, wore out quickly and didn't want anymore. Is there any other place on Earth that more poignantly symbolizes the overlap of sacred and profane? In the coming weeks, Taurus, you will possess a special aptitude for succeeding in situations with metaphorical resemblances to the Atacama. You will have an enhanced power to inject ingenious changes wherever messiness is mixed with elegance, wherever blemished beauty requires redemption, and wherever lyrical truths need to be rescued from careless duplicity or pretense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): My Gemini friend Alicia thrives on having a quick, acute, whirling-dervish-like intelligence. It's one of her strong points now, but it wasn't always. She says she used to be hyperactive. She thought of serenity as boring — "like some wan, bland floral tea." But after years of therapy, she is joyous to have discovered "a kind of serenity that's like sweet, frothy hot chocolate spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg." I'm guessing that many of you Geminis have been evolving in a similar direction in recent months and will climax this excellent period of relaxing growth in the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): All Cancerians who read this oracle are automatically included on the Primal Prayer Power List. During the next 13 days, my team of 13 Prayer Warriors and I will sing incantations to nurture your vigor, sovereignty and clarity of purpose. We will envision your dormant potentials ripening. We will call on both human and divine allies to guide you in receiving and bestowing the love that gives your life supreme meaning. How should you prepare for this flood of blessings? Start by having a long talk with yourself in which you describe exactly why you deserve these gifts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A meme on Instagram said, "The day I stopped worrying about what other people think of me was the day I became free." This sentiment provokes mixed feelings in me. I agree it's liberating not to be obsessed with what people think of us. On the other hand, I believe we should indeed care about how we affect others. We are wise to learn from them about how we can be our best selves. Our "freedom" includes the discernment to know which ideas people have about us are worth paying attention to and which are best forgotten and ignored. In my opinion, Leo, these are important themes for you to ruminate on right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia is a holy place for Muslims. Jerusalem is the equivalent for Jews, and the Vatican is for Catholics. People of other spiritual traditions regard natural areas as numinous and exalting. For instance, the Yoruba people of Nigeria cherish Osun-Osogbo, a sacred grove of trees along the Osun River. I'd love it if there were equivalent sanctuaries for you, Virgo, where you could go to heal and recharge whenever you need to. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to identify power spots like these. If there are no such havens for you, find or create some.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In my astrological opinion, you are entering a period when you can turn any potential breakdown into a breakthrough. If a spiritual emergency arises, I predict you will use it to rouse wisdom that sparks your emergence from numbness and apathy. Darkness will be your ally because it will be the best place to access hidden strength and untapped resources. And here's the best news of all: Unripe and wounded parts of your psyche will get healing upgrades as you navigate your way through the intriguing mysteries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): According to my astrological perspective, you are entering a phase when you could dramatically refine how relationships function in your life. To capitalize on the potential, you must figure out how to have fun while doing the hard work that such an effort will take. Here are three questions to get you started. 1. What can you do to foster a graceful balance between being too self-centered and giving too much of yourself? 2. Are there any stale patterns in your deep psyche that tend to undermine your love life? If so, how could you transform or dissolve them? 3. Given the fact that any close relationship inevitably provokes the dark sides of both allies, how can you cultivate healthy ways to deal with that?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I feel sad when I see my friends tangling with mediocre problems. The uninspiring dilemmas aren't very interesting and don't provoke much personal growth. They use up psychic energy that could be better allocated. Thankfully, I don't expect you to suffer this bland fate in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. You will entertain high-quality quandaries. They will call forth the best in you. They will stimulate your creativity and make you smarter and kinder and wilder. Congratulations on working diligently to drum up such rich challenges!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In 1894, a modest Agave ferox plant began its life at a botanical garden in Oxford, England. By 1994, a hundred years later, it had grown to be 6 feet tall but had never bloomed. Then, one December day, the greenhouse temperature accidentally climbed above 68 degrees Fahrenheit. During the next two weeks, the plant grew twice as tall. Six months later, it bloomed bright yellow flowers for the first time. I suspect metaphorically comparable events will soon occur for you, Capricorn. They may already be underway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Have you felt a longing to be nurtured? Have you fantasized about asking for support and encouragement and mentoring? If so, wonderful! Your intuition is working well! My astrological analysis suggests you would dramatically benefit from basking in the care and influence of people who can elevate and champion you, cherish and exalt you, and feed and inspire you. My advice is to pursue the blessings of such helpers without inhibition or apology. You need and deserve to be treated like a vibrant treasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In his book "Attention Deficit Disorder: A Different Perception," Thom Hartmann theorizes that distractibility may have been an asset for our ancestors. Having a short attention span meant they were ever alert for possible dangers and opportunities in their environment. If they were out walking at night, being lost in thought could prevent them from tuning in to warning signals from the bushes. Likewise, while hunting, they would benefit from being ultra-receptive to fleeting phenomena and ready to make snap decisions. I encourage you to be like a hunter in the coming weeks, Pisces. Not for wild animals but wild clues, wild signs and wild help.

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. 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 24

2024 Art, Art History, and Design Faculty Triennial exhibition - An inclusive survey of work produced by MSU faculty. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"A Course of Love" Discussion, facilitated by Lucille Olson & Bill Dietrich - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Adventure on the Appalachian Trail - Local resident Ted Graham shares stories from his five-and-a-half-month hike on the Appalachian Trail. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

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

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - Easy-to-learn Latin dance. Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

The Brothers Ralph at the Graduate Rock Bar - 8 p.m. 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing. 517-348-0900. facebook.com/graduaterockbar.

CharLit Adult Book Club - Monthly adult book club. 6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Community Conversations - Learn about the improvements and developments coming to Meridian Township from Amber Clark, director of neighborhoods and economic development. 6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Earth Week Open House! - Variety of nature-themed activities, lessons and crafts. Seed giveaways while supplies last. 5:30-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

ELPS Mental Health & Wellness Summit - Featuring presentations, activities and games, information tables and light refreshments. 5:30-7:30 p.m. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. elps.us.

Improv Acting Class - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz Dance Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle - 8 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

Lansing Junior Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Ten-week program. Ages 12-17. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild "Artistic Visions" Art Exhibit - Open by appointment. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - Featuring an array of mediums. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Male St., Lansing. 517-332-4663. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society Presents Author Dedria Humphries Barker - Barker presents a program on her book, "Mother of Orphans." 7 p.m. FamilySearch Center, 431 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing. mmgs.wordpress.com.

Mindfulness 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.

Open Mic, Hosted by Rick Hansel - Family-friendly, welcomes singers and musicians. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Science or Science Fiction? - We'll offer quotes from different books and see if you can separate science fact from science fiction. Prizes for the winning participants! 7 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. hookedlansing.com.

Tall Poppy String Band and Northern Resonance - Two trios bring stellar examples of American and Swedish string music traditions. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Tap II Class - 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Walk-in Wednesday: Wet Felt Goodes - All-ages art workshop, children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. Free. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Weaving the Web: Altars - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

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"A Course in Miracles" Group, Facilitated by Lisa Schmidt - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting 101 Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

"Alabama Story" - 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/

Storybook Character Masquerade Ball

Saturday, April 27

5-10 p.m.

Mason VFW

1243 Hull Road, Mason

Nonprofit organization Friends of the Mason Library will host a masquerade ball 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday (April 27) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Mason to raise funds for the library's ongoing renovations.

The VFW will be transformed with "Alice in Wonderland" theming, including mushrooms, giant flowers and spaces for tea parties.

The event will begin with children's activities, such as face painting and mask-making, from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by music and dancing with Sparty DJs. There will also be door prizes, a costume contest with a cash prize, a photo booth and complimentary appetizers. Meals and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and free for children under 16. They can be purchased at the Mason Library, via the Friends of the Mason Library Facebook page or at the door. For more information, visit facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556558782752.



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"Bright Half Life" - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Comedy for a Cause Fundraiser - Dinner, desserts and live comedy. Headliner Greg Morton. Come early for a free caricature drawing. 6-8:30 p.m. Building Twentyone, 1284 N. Cedar St., Mason. 517-889-5103. buildingtwentyone.org.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Crime Stoppers of Mid-Michigan Breakfast & Fundraising Event - Panel representing business, law enforcement and local resources will discuss collaborative initiatives in our community and their successes. 8 a.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. crimestoppersofmid-michigan.com.

Crystal Awards reception - Honoring individuals, businesses and community groups that have made outstanding contributions in East Lansing. 5 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/138/Crystal-Awards.

Delta Mills UMC Annual Rummage Sale - Prices on select items. All other items, you name the price. Proceeds support local missions and nonprofit organizations. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 6809 Delta River Drive, Lansing. 517-321-8100. grandledgechamber.com.

Infinity in the palm of your hand: How poets see the universe - Meet local poets and hear them perform. Take away prompts for poems of your own and information about future workshops and readings. 7 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Jazz/Hip Hop II class - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.



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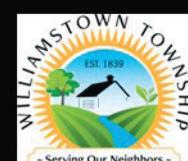
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Karaoke Thursday - 8 p.m.-midnight. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

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

Laingsburg Farmers Market - 5-8 p.m. First Congregational Church of Laingsburg, 401 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg. 517-295-8128. laingsburg-business.org/farmers-market-1.

Live Music with The Stick Arounds - 8 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

LSO at the Robin Theatre - Join musicians of the Lansing Symphony for a unique, intimate concert of contemporary chamber music. 7:30 p.m. 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild "Artistic Visions" Art Exhibit - Open by appointment. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. midmichiganartguild.org.

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PUBLIQuartet: What Is American? - Grammy-nominated PUBLIQuartet ponders "What is American?" through a musical kaleidoscope of composers and genres. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Jackson Lounge, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Rock-Steady Boxing for Parkinson's - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsq.org.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhala-center.com.

SamRose Entertainment Comedy Night - Host Nick Pizzuti, headliner Chris Young, opener Sheila Lovely. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

Wake Up Old Town! - Free, informal networking opportunity for professionals from all over Lansing. 8:30 a.m. Shared Office Spaces, 212 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-485-4283. iloveoldtown.org.

Friday, April 26

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Arbor Day Celebration - Discover facts about animals that call trees home, learn to identify various tree species and take home a tree sapling of your own. Noon-3 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potter-parkzoo.org.

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"Bright Half Life" - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Campfire Science Night - An evening of s'mores, hikes and hands-on activities. Dissect an owl pellet, work on identifying trees and more! 6-9 p.m. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Craft Club - Make ice cream cone earrings and keychains! Grades 4-12. Registration req. 4 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

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Frog & Koop at the Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

JP & The Energy at Mash Bar - 10 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

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Movement with Vitality for Parkinson's - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsq.org.

"Murder on the Orient Express" - 7:30 p.m. Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts, 122 E. Main St., Owosso. 989-723-4003. lebowskycenter.com.

Parkour at ALIVE - You and your little one will learn how to safely maneuver everyday obstacles using the whole body. Ages 2-6. 10 a.m. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. 517-541-5800. myalive.com.

"Refuge Recovery," A Buddhist Path to Recovering from Addiction - Peer-led group meeting with a 20-minute meditation and a reading from the book "Refuge Recovery." 6:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Spring ShoCase 2024 - Show off your skills in our challenge classes or enjoy some popcorn as you cheer on the competing riders! 7:30 a.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. shomehorseshows.com.

Twin Bill: Katie Stanley and Kate Peterson - Two singer-songwriters bring uniquely overlapping styles for a night of authentic, soulful folk. 7:30 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Walter Blanding Presents: Celebrating the Music of Wayne Shorter - Featuring local talent and invited guests from the jazz scene. 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeat-events.com.

"The Wind in the Willows" - 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-333-2580. allofusexpress.org.

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Bare Minimum - This "cheap art and free beer" event is free and open to the public! Original signed works of art for \$10. 7-9 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100,

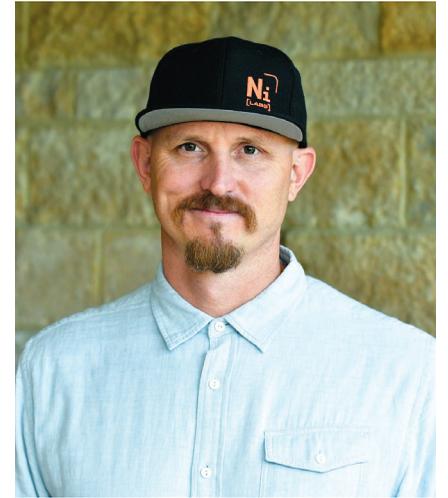
Peckham Speaker Series: Mick Ebeling

Friday, April 26

10:30 a.m.

Peckham Inc.

3510 Capital City Blvd., Lansing



Peckham Inc., a nonprofit vocational rehabilitation organization that provides paid job training for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment, will host a lecture by Not Impossible Labs founder Mick Ebeling 10:30 a.m. Friday (April 26) at its headquarters on Capital City Boulevard. The lecture will also be livestreamed.

Not Impossible is a social innovation lab that aims to prove nothing is impossible. Through collaborations with a team of engineers, idea generators and storytellers, Ebeling's problem-solving approach "has restored a paraplegic street artist's ability to draw, helped experts to craft 3D-printed arms for Sudanese amputees, given a 'voice' to an ALS patient who hadn't spoken in 15 years and made possible the development of wearables that allow deaf and hearing people alike to feel music haptically in a 'surround body' experience," according to a press release. Ebeling's work has earned him a Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award and a spot on Fortune Magazine's list of the world's 50 greatest leaders.

Peckham's biannual Speaker Series, supported by the Peckham Community Partnership Foundation, brings national speakers, authors, disability rights advocates and individuals who have overcome personal challenges to speak in Lansing. The series aims to raise awareness about disabilities and other world issues while celebrating ability and diversity.

The lecture is free and open to the public, with an interactive Q&A session to follow. To register, visit peckham.org/about-us/media-center/events.

Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

"Bright Half Life" - 2 and 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Comedy Through the Looking Glass - Live comedy by Nick Leydorf and Mike Stanley. 8:30 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. 517-668-6004. lookingglassbrewingcompany.com.

Corazón por La Justicia, A Social Justice Exhibit - In the tradition of Chicano, Mexican and Latin American artists, we celebrate the work of Michigan artists exploring issues that impact us today. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria & Cultural Center, 204 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing.

Cristo Rey Community Center Run for Giving - 5K run/walk along the River Trail. Chipped timing with live results. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. 9 a.m. Brenke Fish Ladder, 216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. runsignup.com/race/mi/lansing/cristorey5k.

Divination Roundtable - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Intermediate Ballet class - 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhala-center.com.

LAFCU's Shred Day - Mobile shredding truck provides free, secure destruction of personal documents. Up to four banker's boxes allowed. 10 a.m.-noon. LAFCU, 106 Marketplace Blvd., Lansing. 517-622-6600. lafcu.com.

Mom2Mom Sale - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Commons of Williamston, 201 School St., Williamston. mom2momwilliamston@gmail.com.

"Murder on the Orient Express" - 7:30 p.m. Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts, 122 E. Main St., Owosso. 989-723-4003. lebowskycenter.com.

Party for the Planet 2024 - Celebrate Earth Day at the zoo! Explore conservation issues with hands-on activities, information and demonstrations. Noon-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

Pure AM Gold with Stone Street Revival - Eight-piece horn band with impeccable vocals takes you back to the golden age of '60s and '70s AM radio. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Spring Recycling Day - Residents in the capital area can safely recycle unwanted items. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-853-4466. meridian.mi.us.

Spring ShoCase 2024 - Show off your skills in our challenge classes or enjoy some popcorn as you cheer on the competing riders! 7:30 a.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. shomehorseshows.com.

Storybook Character Masquerade Ball - 5-10 p.m. Mason VFW, 1243 Hull Road, Mason. 517-290-2735.

Tease A Gogo Presents: April Showers - A night of sizzling performances and seductive vibes. Live music with Matt Shannon at 7:30 p.m., show at 9 p.m. Country Creek Reception Hall, 5859 N. Michigan Road, Dimondale. teaseagogo.com.

"The Wind in the Willows" - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-333-2580. allofusexpress.org.

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Williamston Theatre's 'Bright Half Life' explores 'the infinite moments that make a relationship'

By **DANA DEMINK**

There's an old adage that the time it takes to completely get over the death of a relationship is approximately half the length of time the relationship lasted. In pondering Williamston Theatre's production of "Bright Half Life," by Tanya Barfield, I was drawn to an entry from Encyclopedia Britannica: "Half-life: the interval of time required for one-half of the atomic nuclei of a radioactive sample to decay by emitting particles and energy."

"Bright Half Life" chronicles the decades-long relationship of Erica (Dani Cochrane) and Vicky (Tamara PiLar) through a rapid series of flashbacks and fast-forwards. The hour-long, two-woman play, written one year before gay marriage

was legalized, premiered off-Broadway at the Women's Project Theater in 2015. The non-linear approach allows Barfield to quickly sequence through office romance, dating, marriage proposals, child rearing, buying furniture, competing careers, interracial relationships, ennuï and despair, divorce, cancer, and skydiving in a fluid stream of memories often repeated and retold again and again.



Review

"Bright Half Life"

Through May 19
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday;
May 8 and 15
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St.,
Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

Scenic designer Jennifer Maiseloff and lighting designer Rachael Nardocchia have created a gorgeous, dreamy backdrop for the actresses with muted blue swirls and soft, diffused light, redolent of the warm and murky territory between being awake and asleep, alive and dead, or perhaps the first thing you would notice if you jumped out of an airplane. Except for the ob-

vious choice of LGBTQ+ icon Joan Jett's "Crimson and Clover," played during the brief romance sequences, sound designer Suzi Regan's musical choices are both plucky and evocative.

It's always difficult to find fault with the professional talent that Williamston attracts, and this performance is no exception. Cochrane and PiLar fluently spring from one memory to the next with impeccable timing and inexhaustible energy, shifting from infatuation to heartache to irritation to attraction to joy almost mid-sentence.

PiLar has carved out a queenly, subtle complexity in Vicky. I first saw Cochrane in Williamston's "On the Market" last fall, and while she does rom-com with facile, energetic aplomb, one has the sense that in this show, she's out of her element with the intimacy between the two characters. Perhaps that's the point. There's a telling scene between Vicky and Erica while they're riding a Ferris wheel on their third date. In response to Erica's



Photo by Chris Purchis

Tamara PiLar (left) as Vicky and Dani Cochrane as Erica in Williamston Theatre's production of "Bright Half Life," by Tanya Barfield.

fear of heights and terror over their vulnerability in the air, Vicky says, "It's a gondola, not a cage." A rose by any other name.

When we eventually discover that after raising children, divorcing and moving on with their lives, Vicky has terminal cancer, one can't help but extend the comparison of coupledness to the first law of thermodynamics: In death, the assortment of atoms that make up a life are repurposed. No energy is destroyed. Perhaps relationships never "die" but continue on as long as memories last.

CITY OF EAST LANSING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY FY2025 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of East Lansing is required by City Charter and the State Budget Law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required under the provisions of the Truth in Taxation Law; and,

WHEREAS, the general appropriations act must set forth the total number of mills to be levied and the purposes for the millage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of East Lansing does hereby establish the date of Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road in East Lansing, Michigan, as the date, time, and place for the required public hearing; and be it further resolved that for the purposes of the hearing it shall be assumed that the total tax rate will be **16.3552 mills consisting of 12.5362 mills for operating purposes, 1.8250 mills for solid waste, and 1.9940 mills for the Library pursuant to section 1 of 1877 PA164.**

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The budget is available for public inspection at the East Lansing Library and City Clerk and Finance Office at City Hall; along with the City's website: cityofeastlansing.com under Finance.

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Additionally, members of the public may participate electronically in all meetings. Please contact the City Clerk, Marie Wicks, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, mwicks@cityofeastlansing.com, or visit the City's public meeting portal, <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/>, for electronic access information. Written comments or questions for City Council may be emailed to council@cityofeastlansing.com in advance of the meeting.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting upon seven (7) calendar days' notice to the City of East Lansing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should write or call: City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 319-6920, asiev@cityofeastlansing.com.

This notice is published by Marie Wicks, City Clerk, City of East Lansing, Michigan, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6881.

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City of East Lansing
All-of-us Express Children's Theatre
presents



The Wind in the Willows

April 26 & May 3
7 p.m.

April 27 & May 4
3 p.m.

April 28 & May 5
3 p.m.

For general information visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/allofus.
Tickets can be purchased at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, (517) 333-2580, ext. 0 or online at www.cityofeastlansing.com/allofus

Ticket Information*
\$10 adults
\$7 youth

**East Lansing
Hannah Community Center**
819 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823



Events

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“Alabama Story” - 2 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

“Bright Half Life” - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Corazón por La Justicia, A Social Justice Exhibit - In the tradition of Chicano, Mexican and Latin American artists, we celebrate the work of Michigan artists exploring issues that impact us today. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria & Cultural Center, 204 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing.

Euchre - 6 p.m. Esquire Bar, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. 517-487-5338.

GLAD Drum Circle - All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-803-2392. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

“Intuition: A Spiritual Practice” with Debbie Collins - 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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.

Lansing Junior Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Ten-week program. Ages 12-17. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

LCC Rock Band - 6 p.m. Mac’s Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

Magickal Mindset Series with LeAnn Crouch - Deep dive into the magickal intersection of intention, mindset, intuition and manifestation, specifically tailored for entrepreneurs. 4:30 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Meridian Community Band Spring Concert - Join the band for a program of movie favorites and more. Free and open to the public. 3 p.m. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston. meridiancommunityband.org.

“Murder on the Orient Express” - 2 p.m. Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts, 122 E. Main St., Owosso. 989-723-4003. lebowskycenter.com.

Red Cedar Quaker Friends Worship - 10:30 a.m. 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship/.

Spring ShoCase 2024 - Show off your skills in our challenge classes or enjoy some popcorn as you cheer on the competing riders! 7:30 a.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. shomehorseshows.com.

“The Wind in the Willows” - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-333-2580. allofusexpress.org.

Monday, April 29

Ballet II for kids - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Burger Night - Choice of hamburger, cheeseburger or olive burger, plus fries. Dine in or take out. \$8. 5-7 p.m. Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-321-2209.

Color-Changing Playdough - Make coloring-changing playdough using heat-sensitive pigments. 6

p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

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

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

Improv Acting Class - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz Dance Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jump Into Reading - Join Ms. Erin for stories, songs, activities and therapy dogs. Ages 0-5 with caregivers. 11 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild “Artistic Visions” Art Exhibit - Open by appointment. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - Featuring an array of mediums. 9 am.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Male St., Lansing. 517-332-4663. midmichiganartguild.org.

“The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery” Book Study with Jeff Benoit - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Unity Book Study: “The Power of Now,” by Eckhart Tolle - Facilitated by Lucille Olson. 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Yoga for Parkinson’s - Free yoga class for people with Parkinson’s and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. laps.org.

Tuesday, April 30

Acting 101 Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Balance, Conditioning and Strength for Parkinson’s - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson’s and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. laps.org.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Creative Resilience & Aging: Frank Sinatra’s Aging in Rhythm - Group viewing of a lecture examining Sinatra’s professional journey, paying special attention to how he dealt with the aging process. 11:30 a.m. Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 517-580-4593. saluscenter.org.

Dan Dan Laird at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Intro to Acting/Improv for Kids - Ages 5-12. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

LAGE Game Night East - 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.

Level I Dance Class - Introduction to theater dance using ballet, tap and jazz. Ages 5-8. 4:45 p.m.

LCC Faculty Recital/ Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday, April 28

4 p.m.

Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Road, Okemos



Lansing Community College music Professor Iskander Zakirov will perform a recital 4 p.m. Sunday (April 28) at Okemos Community Church to raise funds for LCC’s Music Program Endowed Scholarship, its first dedicated, sustaining scholarship for music students. The recital will feature selections from three of Ludwig van Beethoven’s piano sonatas.

Zakirov was born into a family of musicians in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, then part of the Soviet Union. He began studying music at the age of 5 and enrolled at Tashkent’s Uspensky Music School for Gifted Children at 6. He continued his studies at the State Conservatory of Uzbekistan before immigrating to the United States and earning his doctor of musical arts from Michigan State University. He performs throughout the United States, Europe and the former Soviet Union, covering a wide range of solo and chamber music.

Admission to the concert is free, but donations to the scholarship fund are encouraged. For more information, visit lcc.edu/showinfo.

Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild “Artistic Visions” Art Exhibit - Open by appointment. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - Featuring an array of mediums. 9 am.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Male St., Lansing. 517-332-4663. midmichiganartguild.org.

Preschool Family Storytime - Join us for stories and literacy-enhancing activities, including songs and rhymes. Ages 1-6. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

“The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery” Book Study with Rev. Sharon Ketchum - 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

StressBusters: Positive Mental Health for Kids - 3 p.m. session for ages 3-6 and caregivers, 4 p.m. sessions for ages 7-10 and 11-14. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-346-8094. gladl.org.

Trivia at Lansing Shuffle with DJ Trivia - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

Wednesday, May 1

2024 Art, Art History, and Design Faculty Triennial exhibition - An inclusive survey of work produced by MSU faculty. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

“A Course of Love” Discussion, facilitated by Lucille Olson & Bill Dietrich - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - Easy-to-learn Latin dance. Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

Dementia Caregiving Series - Three-session series for those caring for a person with dementia or Alzheimer’s. 6 p.m. Dansville Free Methodist

Church, 1330 Mason St., Dansville. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

Improv Acting Class - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz Dance Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle - 8 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

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Mindfulness 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.

River Walk Trash Cleanup - Pick up the trash on the Lansing River Trail and around our building. We’ll walk for about 30 minutes. 11 a.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Tap II Class - 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Wheel of the Year: Beltaine and Family - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Thursday, May 2

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"Bright Half Life" - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any

other portable craft project. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra - Featuring two works inspired by Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and Mozart's last symphony, "Jupiter." 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Frog & Koop at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Spring Sale - Featuring a variety of handmade ceramic items. 5-8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

Jazz/Hip Hop II class - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Karaoke Thursday - 8 p.m.-midnight. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

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

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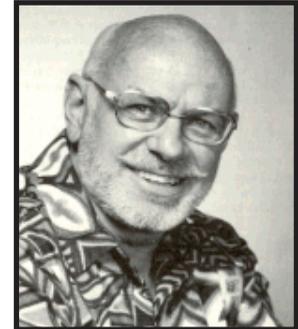
Rock-Steady Boxing for Parkinson's - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. laps.org.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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Celebrate the 108th Birthday Charles P. "Lash" Larrowe!

MSU Economics Professor and Author of several publications including Lashing Out (1982)



Wed., May 1, 11:30 am - 2 pm
Coral Gables
2838 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing

CITY OF GRAND LEDGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

The City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, 13 May 2024, to consider and receive public input on the proposed Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2025. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The City intends to levy 10.4474 mills for Operations/Streets (unchanged) and 0.8032 mills for Recreation (unchanged). The proposed budget is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofgrandledge.com and at the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The online stream can be accessed at <https://www.zoom.us> with the Meeting ID: 893 7578 8983, or by calling +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 305 224 1968 US, +1 309 205 3325 US, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose), +1 689 278 1000 US, +1 719 359 4580 US, +1 253 205 0468 US, +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma), +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), +1 360 209 5623 US, +1 386 347 5053 US, +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose), +1 507 473 4847 US, +1 564 217 2000 US, +1 669 444 9171 US with Meeting ID: 893 7578 8983.

The City Council invites anyone interested to attend in person and offer comments at the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed or delivered to Elected or Appointed Officials at 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, placed in the drop box in front of City Hall, or emailed to cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com. All written comments will be considered if received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing. Please call (517) 627-2149 or email cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com for further information or to request accommodations for disabilities.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24007 MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24007 (5681 SHAW) PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a Special Use Permit request. The applicant, Liliac LLC, is proposing to redevelop an existing structure on the property from an office complex to a four-unit residential building.

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 and on the Township website under Planning & Development Documents at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/about-us/departments/community-planning-development>.

Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to shorkey@meridian.mi.us, or at the public hearing.

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

CP#24-480



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24009 (SANDDS MERIDIAN LLC) MONDAY, MAY 18, 2024

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24009 (SANDDS MERIDIAN LLC) PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a special use permit request. SANDDS Meridian LLC is proposing to establish a commercial adult use marihuana provisioning center in an existing shopping center located at 3520 Okemos Road, suites 8, 9, and 10. The approximate 0.39 acre site 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 and on the Township website under Planning & Development Documents at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/about-us/departments/community-planning-development>.

Comments may be sent prior to the public hearing by writing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, by phone at phone 517-853-4560, or by email at schmitt@meridian.mi.us. Comments may also be given in person at the public hearing.

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

CP#24-485

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

Friday, May 3

2024 Art, Art History, and Design Faculty Triennial exhibition - An inclusive survey of work produced by MSU faculty. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"Bright Half Life" - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Craft Club Jr. - Make bubble wands! Grades 1-3. Registration req. 4:15 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859.

charlottelibrary.org.

The Future of Comedy Show at Spare Time Entertainment Center - Performances by Mike Ball, Dave Welfare, Nicole Melnyk and Ronnie Rohrbeck. Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. 3101 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-337-2695. sparetimelansing.com.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Spring Sale - Featuring a variety of handmade ceramic items. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

Jackalope - Five-piece band entertains audiences with

its signature style of Americana originals and eclectic blend of crowd-pleasing covers. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Live Music with Cold Leather Seats - Folk-rock band from Michigan. 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild "Artistic Visions" Art Exhibit - Open by appointment. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. midmichiganartguild.org.

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an Election on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. **Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

For the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices:
City: Charter Commissioner (9)

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING BOND PROPOSAL

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative office of East Lansing Public Schools, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823, telephone: (517) 333-7420.
HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Holt Public Schools, 5780 W. Holt Road, Holt, Michigan 48842-1197, telephone: (517) 694-0401.
WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Waverly Community Schools, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917-4502, telephone: (517) 321-7265.

Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

Lansing Ward 1

- Pct. 1 – Gier Park Community Center
- Pct. 2 – Johnson Fieldhouse
- Pct. 3 – Grand River Head Start
- Pct. 4 – Grand River Head Start
- Pct. 5 – Foster Community Center
- Pct. 8 – Johnson Fieldhouse
- Pct. 9 – Potter Park Zoo
- Pct. 10 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lansing Ward 2

- Pct. 12 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Pct. 13 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 14 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Pct. 15 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 16 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 17 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 18 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 20 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church

Lansing Ward 3

- Pct. 22 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center
- Pct. 23 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst)
- Pct. 24 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst)
- Pct. 25 – Tabernacle of David Church
- Pct. 26 – Tabernacle of David Church
- Pct. 27 – Dr. Halik Professional Development Center (formerly Wainwright)
- Pct. 28 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center
- Pct. 30 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center

Lansing Ward 4

- Pct. 32 – Dr. Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst)
- Pct. 34 – Bread House Church
- Pct. 35 – Letts Community Center
- Pct. 36 – First Presbyterian Church
- Pct. 37 – Neighborhood Empowerment Center
- Pct. 38 – Letts Community Center
- Pct. 39 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church
- Pct. 40 – Hope Christian Ministries International Church

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

To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, please visit www.Michigan.gov/vote.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

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

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

Location	Address	Regular Business Hours March 28 – May 3
Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm
Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm Wednesdays 8am – 7pm

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

Location	Address	Additional Hours
Lansing City Clerk – City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	Monday May 6 8am – 4pm Election Day May 7 7am – 8pm
Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Monday May 6 8am – 4pm Saturday May 4 11am – 4pm Sunday May 5 11am – 4pm Election Day May 7 7am – 8pm

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

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

The Lansing City Clerk's Office must have an application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at the locations referenced in the above tables or by visiting our website at lansingvotes.gov.

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, May 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, locations referenced in the above table.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Feasting on finger-lickin' good fried fare

By **NICOLE NOECHEL**

If you're looking for fried food in the Lansing area, nothing beats the array of selections at Eastside Fish Fry & Grill. From chicken tenders, jalapeno poppers and onion rings to more unique offerings like alligator, frog legs and liver, this restaurant fries up just about anything you could think of.

I don't get out to Eastside Fish Fry often because it doesn't have many options for my vegan better half. So, when my coworker said he was planning on ordering takeout, I jumped at the chance to fill my belly with deep-fried delicacies, ignoring the sluggishness that would

likely come for me later.

Since everything is so cheap, I decided to start with a small order of hush puppies to make up for missing breakfast. Not the most nutritious replacement for the most important meal of the day, but at least my taste buds were happy. The heavenly little balls of fried cornmeal tasted heavily of scallion, with a zesty coating of spices that amplified the flavor. While the insides were moist and doughy, the outsides were fried to a perfect, crunchy crisp — a theme throughout the meal.

After savoring my way through the hush puppies, I dug into the main course: popcorn shrimp. I expected the shrimp to be much smaller,

hence the "popcorn" in the title, but from what I could tell, they were average shrimp size. While they were a bit mild in flavor, I made sure to douse them in the packets of Texas Pete hot sauce I received, which added the kick I was looking for. Again, the batter was satisfyingly crunchy, and the meat was tender, not chewy. I could imagine eating a dish much like this at a gulfside shack in the South.

Finally, the fries were potentially my favorite part of the meal, though it was a tough competition. They were covered in the same seasoning mix that coated the hush puppies, but it was much more noticeable on the potatoes. There was something slightly sweet and tangy about it, reminding me of salt and vinegar chips, my favorite variety. Beyond the seasoning, the fries were hot, thick and — you guessed it — incredibly crispy. Eastside Fish Fry had worked



Nicole Noechel/City Pulse

No matter what you order at Eastside Fish Fry, it will be deep fried to a perfectly golden crisp.

its deep fryer magic once again.

Whether you want to pretend you're dining along the waterfront in Alabama or taste-testing culinary oddities at the county fair, Eastside Fish Fry will transport you there — for a much cheaper price. Just make sure you don't have too much to do for the rest of the day, as you'll definitely need a nap after finishing your meal.

Farm-fresh chive pancakes

By **ARI LEVAUX**

I've been buying Chinese chives at the farmers market from a vendor named Nancy. She has many unique vegetables, like pink celery for stir-fries, delicious edamame soybeans and Dutch-style tomatoes, but it's the chives that keep me coming back to both the Tuesday and Saturday markets so I can have fresh chive pancakes every day.

Nancy told me how to make a pancake, as she called it, with egg, sesame oil and her scallion-sized chives. It took me a minute to get the hang of it, but now I can make this pancake at will. And I can make one disappear faster than my dog can polish off a piece of burger.

Chive pancakes are a popular item on many Asian menus. They're usu-

ally made with some glutenous form of starch-like flour or pancake mix. But Nancy's version, from northern China, has none. While technically more an omelet than a pancake, when it comes to Chinese chives, I do what Nancy says.

Chives have an earthy, tea-like flavor and a balance of sweetness and spiciness that joins magnificently with the other ingredients. The only problem is that the pancake is so large, fragile and floppy that a spatula alone can't flip it.

I missed my chance to ask Nancy how she turns her pancakes. Before I knew it, I found myself with a sizzling yellow disc that I needed to flip, and I realized I had to take matters into my own wrists.

Until then, every round thing in a pan that I'd ever needed to invert was small or sturdy enough that I could do it with a spatula or two. The chive



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

Chive pancakes are a popular item on many Asian menus. They're usually made with flour or pancake mix, but the northern Chinese version is closer to an omelet.

pancake is different: too big and delicate to turn, too important to screw up. I realized the time had finally

come. There was no way around this moment but through it.

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Popcorn shrimp with fries
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Hush puppies (small)
\$3.59

Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
2417 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
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11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday
(517) 993-5988
eastsidefishfry.com



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The next thing I knew, I was cackling with delight, holding a flipped chive pancake in my pan.

Chive pancake

To flip the pancake, you need a round, relatively light pan with gently curved sides — not to be confused with a cast-iron skillet. A non-stick omelet pan is the lightest option and makes it easy. My stainless-steel saucepan is almost as manageable.

Serves one

1 teaspoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 bunch chives or scallions,
about the diameter of a quarter,

The trick to pancake flipping — and managing other falling objects in front of you — is to bend your knees and drop your elevation as necessary. Dropping down stops the clock for a moment, allowing you to keep the object in front of you and in reach as it

minced from the bottom up to the point where the relatively thick stem peters into flat leaves
2 teaspoons butter
1 or 2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon soy sauce
Pinch of black pepper

Heat the oils in a pan on medium heat. Add the chopped chives and let them sizzle briefly, spreading them evenly around the pan with a spatula. Add half the butter to the middle of the pan. When it's melted, turn

plummet. It also allows you to wait for the pancake to rotate 180 degrees before you stick the landing in your non-stick pan.

While a perfectly flipped chive pancake is a beautiful, impressive sight to behold, the most important thing

the heat to high and wait 10 seconds, then pour in the egg and circle it out as evenly as possible to cover the pan. Don't hold the egg bowl upside down very long. You will want to save a little beaten egg for a step I call "pancake repair."

The egg should sizzle fiercely upon contact with the hot oil. Tilt the pan this way and that for even distribution and a sharp edge.

As we prepare to flip the pancake, it must be completely unstuck from the pan. Shake the pan in a circular motion. If you can't break it free like that, use the spatula to pry at the edges or any sticky spots in the middle that are keeping it from sliding. If it breaks during this unsticking process, repair the damage with the leftover egg mix.

Once the pancake is loose, keep the pan moving underneath it in a swirling motion.

With the bottom loose and the top still soupy with a shallow layer of raw egg, sprinkle the soy sauce and black

pepper evenly and place the rest of the butter in the middle of the pancake top, which is about to be the bottom. Keep moving the pan under the hot bottom to keep it from sticking. Turn off the stove, step away, get balanced and flip it.

pepper evenly and place the rest of the butter in the middle of the pancake top, which is about to be the bottom. Keep moving the pan under the hot bottom to keep it from sticking. Turn off the stove, step away, get balanced and flip it.

Don't launch the pancake into orbit. Two to 6 inches above the pan is fine, assuming you bend your knees, keep your back straight and watch the floating pancake slowly rotate 180 degrees.

Stick the landing, then quickly free any pieces of the edge that may be folded and tucked under. Repair any damage with the leftover egg mixture.

If you don't have the confidence to try flipping it, use a spatula or two to fold it in half like a normal omelet and turn off the heat.

Put the pan back on the hot burner, but don't turn it back on. The pancake is cooked. Give it 30 seconds to rest and set up, then slide it onto a plate. Serve with soy sauce.

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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN
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TOP 5 INDIAN RESTAURANTS

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1. Paradise Biryani Pointe

Indian chain specializing in Mughlai and tandoori dishes

4760 Marsh Road, Okemos

517-483-2280

paradisebiryani Lansing.com

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Monday-Thursday

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m.

Friday-Saturday

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Sunday

2. Persis Indian Grill

Casual Indian restaurant serving

biryani and other classic dishes

3536 Meridian Crossing Drive, Okemos

517-993-5927

persisokemos.com

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Friday

Noon-3 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday

Noon-3 p.m., 6-9 p.m. Sunday

3. Sindhu Indian Cuisine

Indian restaurant offering hearty portions, plus a lunch buffet

4790 Hagadorn Road, Suite 132, East

Lansing

517-351-3080

misindhu.com

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:15 p.m. Monday,

Wednesday-Friday

Noon-3 p.m., 5-9:15 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

4. Sree Saffron

Intimate restaurant serving a variety of authentic Indian dishes

4750 Hagadorn Road, Suite 60, East

Lansing

517-993-5979

sreesaffron.com

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Sunday

5. Swagath Indian Cuisine

Tandoori dishes, vegetarian mains and other Indian eats are offered in a small,

comfortable setting

1060 Trowbridge Road, Suite 3,

East Lansing

517-763-2277

swagathcuisine.com

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Make Mother's Day extra special with homemade breakfast in bed

From METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

There may be no better way to start Mother's Day than with breakfast in bed. Enjoying a homemade meal right after waking up can set the right tone for a day that celebrates all mothers have done and continue to do for their children. If your mom loves a sweet and hearty morning meal, this recipe for Mixed Berry French Toast, courtesy of Taste of Home, is sure to please.



Metro Creative Connection

Mixed Berry French Toast

Makes eight servings

- 6 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 loaf (1 pound) French bread, cubed
- 1 package (12 ounces) frozen mixed berries
- 2 tablespoons cold butter
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- Confectioners' sugar and maple syrup (optional)

Whisk together the first six ingredients. Place the bread cubes in a 13-by-9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Pour the egg mixture over top. Cover and refrigerate for a minimum of eight hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove the berries from the freezer and the French toast from the refrigerator and let both stand while the oven heats. Cover the French toast and bake for 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, mix the butter with the brown sugar until crumbly. Top the French toast with berries and a

sprinkle of the brown sugar mixture. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 15 to 20 minutes. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar and serve with syrup.

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