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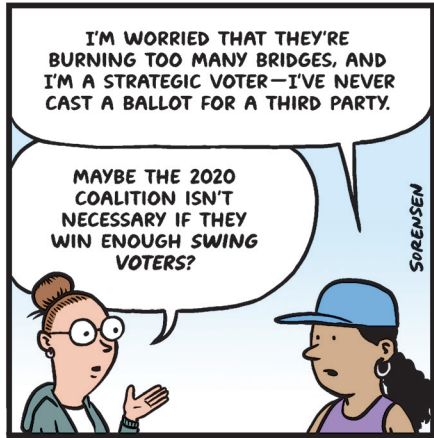
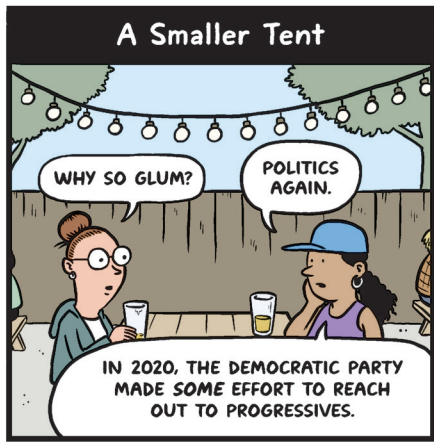
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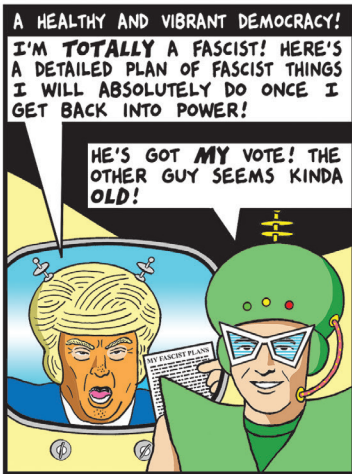
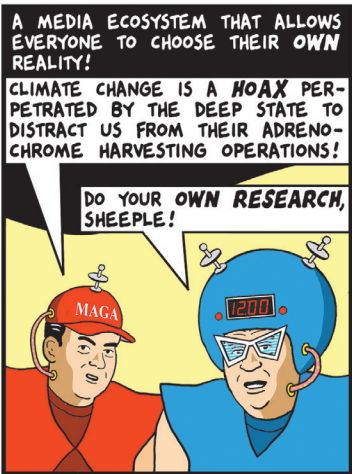
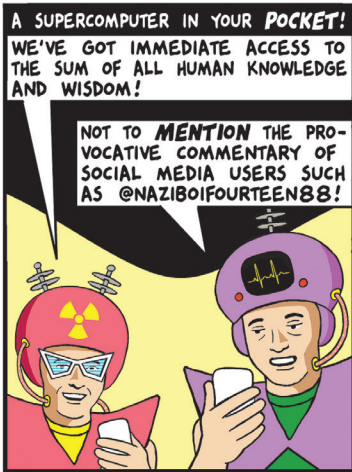
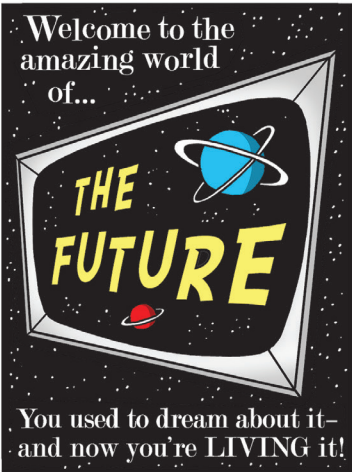
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NEWS & OPINION

Biden, Trump campaigns zero in on Michigan's Black voters

In another tight statewide race, the margins may be more critical than ever

By TYLER SCHNEIDER



Lori Adams Simon

As a politically active Black woman, Lori Adams Simon is among a voting block that President Joe Biden will again depend heavily on in his effort to win Michigan in November.

Adams Simon, 55, president of a consulting firm on diversity, equity and inclusion, last voted for a Republican in her first election after turning 18. She described herself as

a “heavy supporter” of the Democratic Party since then. Her biography includes serving as chief of staff to a former Democratic state legislator. She intends to vote for Biden this fall.

However, Adams Simon also believes the party could be doing more to retain the historical loyalty it has seen from Black voters.

“President Biden has long been dependent on Black voters — first as a senator and then most notably in the 2020 South Carolina primary,” she said. “As a Black woman, I don’t feel my vote should be taken for granted. The Black community has a long history of supporting Democrats without effort, and I think that’s the strategy they have to change. They have to start making a concerted effort to have our votes.”

Retaining support from Black Michigan voters like Adams Simon will be crucial for Biden if he hopes to capture Michigan’s 15 electoral votes this fall — the 10th most among all 50 states. Michigan is a winner-take-all state in the Electoral College. It is part of the Blue Wall — Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Michigan — that Trump tore down in 2016 to beat Hillary Clinton in an Electoral College victory despite his defeat in the popular vote.

Biden took Michigan back for the Democrats by 50.62%, or 154,188 votes, in 2020. Of Michigan’s Black voters, who cast 12% of the state’s total ballots, 92% supported Biden and 7% backed Trump.

The 2024 race may be even closer than it was four years ago. FiveThirtyEight.com’s polling averages Tuesday showed that Michigan voters now favor Biden at 42% to Trump’s 41.8%. Trump has led those compiled scores between March 1 and June 19, with a five-point lead in March turning into an advantage of just one point or less since early May.

To carry that advantage to victory in November, Biden will have to replicate the historical boost Democratic presidential candidates have gained from the Black electorate. Based on exit polls dating



Courtesy Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign

1st photo: (From left) Former NBA players and Detroit natives Jordan and Joe Crawford greet President Joe Biden at their new business, CRED Café in Detroit, during a stop on Biden’s Michigan visit last month.

back to the 1964 election, no Republican presidential candidate has ever earned more than 12% of the Black vote, and according to the Pew Research Center, “roughly eight in ten or more Black men and women have consistently identified with the Democratic Party since 1994.”



Matt Grossman

Michigan State University political science Professor Matt Grossman said that trend has been reliably consistent since the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

“A starting point to keep in mind is that Democrats tend to win an incredibly high proportion of African American voters despite those voters’ having a range of opinions and identifications,” Gross-

man explained.

Voting for Democrats has become an established “social convention” within the Black community,

Grossman theorized.

“Black voters are used to voting Democrat, they’re used to other Black voters and family members voting Democrat, and it can be embarrassing and unconventional to vote Republican in African American communities,” Grossman said. “What typically happens is that, within the social group, the norm is developed and enforced, such that, by the end of the campaign, you have very high support for Democratic candidates.”

Grossman noted that “swing African American voters” — a population that’s difficult to quantify — “are way more conservative than people think.” Still, he said that social norms often keep the Democratic margins high among Black voters come election day.

“When political views are discussed surrounded by other Black people, you tend to get higher levels of Democratic support,” he said. “Even in experiments, if people are assigned to rooms in which

CITY OF EAST LANSING
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East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm
410 Abbot Road, Room 100 Additional Hours: August 3 from 8 am-4 pm
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All qualified electors in the City of East Lansing have the right to mark a ballot and tabulate their ballot beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. For the August 6, 2024, election, the Early Voting Center will be held in East Lansing at the following location:

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Dates and Hours: July 27th-August 4th 10am-6pm
405 Grove St. East Lansing, MI 48823

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they're encountering other African Americans rather than whites, they're more likely to side with the group norms. So, I would say that's probably the consensus at the moment."

He cited that trend as one reason Republicans have struggled to gain a foothold when it comes to the Black electorate, even if many of those voters lean conservative on specific issues.

"Those basic patterns mean that the openings for Republican support usually come from African Americans who either reside or live in some social context outside of predominantly African American communities," Grossman explained.

Nationally, 92% of Black voters opted for Biden in 2020, including 95% of Black women and 88% of Black men. In recent months, the media has swelled with stories suggesting that Biden's formidable advantage with Black voters could diminish slightly this November. If that happens, it could be a critical factor in deciding the outcome, especially in pivotal swing states like Michigan.

While Grossman acknowledged that possibility, he said it may still be too early to form any firm conclusions on the latest polls.

"Current polls are showing substantially more than usual Republican support among Black voters and substantially lower Democratic support than usual," he said. "That doesn't mean it will materialize on election day, but if you believe the

polls at the moment, it would be a historic movement in a Republican direction. Most people think that that change is likely to moderate over time."

Both candidates have recently traveled to Michigan to court its African American voters. Biden's last visit came on May 19, when he spoke at the Detroit NAACP's Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner, while Trump appeared at the primarily Black 180 Church in Detroit on June 15.

A recent poll conducted by USA TODAY and Suffolk University, based on interviews with 500 randomly selected Black voters in Michigan between June 9 and 13, indicated that 54% supported Biden and 15% supported Trump.

An additional 15% identified as undecided, 8% supported Robert Kennedy Jr., 6% supported independent Cornel West and 1% supported Green Party nominee Jill Stein. Notably, 45% of those who backed a third-party candidate listed Biden as their second choice.

That poll also bolstered the theory that there's a growing divide regarding how subsections of the Black electorate intend to vote this November. While just 9% of Black women who participated in the poll said they planned on voting for Trump, that number spiked to 22% among participating Black males.

Age is another factor, with 19% of Black voters between 18 to 34 citing Trump as their pick. Biden drew 42%, while 22% supported a third-party candidate.

However, Grossman said younger

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Courtesy MI Trump Team

Members of the primarily Black 180 church in Detroit react to comments from former President Donald Trump during a recent roundtable.

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voters' intentions can be more difficult to forecast than their older counterparts'.

"Young people tend to switch back and forth more often. That just means that when we have a national trend, it can be more pronounced among young voters than others," Grossman said.

One theory on why younger Black voters in particular appear to be more reluctant to follow historical trends again ties back to a need to bridge the connection between the birth of the Black Democratic majority in the 1960s to the present day.

"Democrats have to consistently win over people who don't really agree with them but who are also attached to the party on the basis of a shared group identity. That has to be reinforced in each generation, so you can imagine it sort of losing steam over time," Grossman said.

A May 20 Pew Research Center report supported this theory, stating that "younger Black voters have tended to be more Republican than

older Black voters over the last 25 years," and that "younger Black voters are more likely than older Black voters to say they would vote for Trump."



Daylen Howard

Singh.

"Most people are sick and tired of saying, 'Well, yes, I am this color, but I vote just like my neighbor.' I just think we're at a point where they are constantly separating and dividing us into different groups, and that gets tiring," Howard said.

Of course, Black youth voters are also privy to trends that extend beyond their racial and political backgrounds. Adams Simon believes the widespread dissatisfaction over Biden's handling of the Israeli War will surely play a role in the youth turnout.



Linda Tarver

as a co-chair of the Black Voters for Trump campaign ahead of the 2016 election season.

She said it's no longer the case that Black voters are "monolithic."

"It was true that we used to vote one way, but it isn't any longer," she said.

"For the longest time, we were the last group that the Democrat Party could count on without any questions asked," she added. "And that's what their fatal flaw was — they felt they didn't have to cater to our vote or even fulfill their promises because they knew they could count on the Black vote."

Tarver believes contemporary Black voters are concerned with a variety of issues that she said aren't being properly addressed under the

Linda Tarver is a Lansing resident and Black Republican activist who formerly served as the president of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan and as a co-chair of the Black Voters for Trump campaign ahead of the 2016 election season.

Biden administration. These include the economy, criminal justice reform and immigration, she said.

"The people who voted for Democrats, especially Black voters, are looking at Biden and saying that they're not getting what they voted for," Tarver said. "So, Black voters who want to continue to vote Democrat may sit this one out because they don't see Biden as a viable candidate. They're not blind to the economy and how they're feeling about the lack of justice."



Felicia Barbec

State Rep. Felicia Barbec, D-Pittsfield, countered Tarver, asserting that the Biden administration has "followed through" when it comes to addressing the needs of Black voters.

"Whether it's addressing health care issues for Black Americans or taking a look at Black wealth, we have seen through policies that

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Deborah Guthrie
Meridian Township Clerk

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those conversations are translating to action,” Brabec said.

Tarver remained skeptical, adding that she also believes Trump's recent conviction on 34 felony counts in New York will play a role in attracting more Black voters to his side, particularly Black men.

“Now that he's a convicted felon, he will definitely be able to bring people in and say: ‘Look, unjust prosecution is a real thing,’” she said.

Howard agreed.

“Anyone who has ever felt that they've been disserved by our justice system now has a way to identify with Trump regardless of their political beliefs,” he said. “I think that's a factor could help him gain, rather than lose, support from minority voters.”

A poll released June 5 by The New York Times and Siena College suggested otherwise. While the survey's 2,000 respondents favored Trump by 3% in April and May, he led by just 1% when the same group was contacted following his conviction. Nearly a quarter of minority-identifying respondents who stated they voted for Biden in 2020 and also said they would vote for Trump before his conviction said they had since returned to Biden.

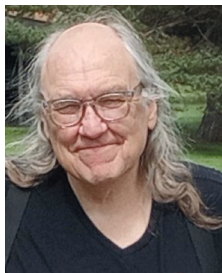
Tarver echoed Grossman's suggestion that Black swing voters are more conservative than many may expect.

“Some Democrats privately agree with me, but they won't go against their party publicly, because they would be crucified. These fear tactics keep Black people on the Democratic plantation,” Tarver said.

With that said, when considered together, polls and historical trends make it clear that Biden won't be losing a significant total of the Black voters he courted in Michigan and elsewhere in 2020. A more pressing question is whether the Black voter turnout will come close to what it has been in the past few presidential cycles.

Nationally, Black voters turned out in record numbers during Barack Obama's tenure — at 60.8% in 2008 and 62% in 2012. Those figures dipped to 55.9% in 2016 and 58.7% in 2020 but were still higher than the historical average.

Mark Grebner, a Democratic Ingham County commissioner and established expert on voting habits statewide, said economic factors are an important consideration when it



Mark Grebner

comes to forecasting turnout.

“The non-voter is a person who's dealing with problems in their personal life. They may be surrounded by dysfunction and may not have any cred-

it. There's a lot going on for them, and voting is just not in their mind,” Grebner said.

If either party wants to secure an advantage with Black voters and other groups, Grebner said they'll need to convince more of those non-voters to weigh in. He noted that the key isn't to target individual voters, but rather to “expand the number of voters per household.”

“The Black community is full of stable, competent and self-possessed people who have in many cases lived in very difficult circumstances but have gotten through it,” Grebner explained. “They're mostly, but not all, women, many of whom are consistent voters who are churchgoing and have roots in the Civil Rights community. The Democratic Party sort of depends on them.”

Often, he said, Democrats work especially hard to retain these habitually engaged voters in election years, which he said “is not what's needed.”

“What's really needed is for those people to help the Democrats turn out those additional, different one or two voters in each of those households,” Grebner said.

At any rate, he added: “The number of Black people who are actually going to vote for Trump is very small.”

“It isn't really an issue. There are small currents within the Black community of support for Republicans who have always been there, and those currents are kind of consistent,” he said.

With just four months left till Nov. 5, Adams Simon said she hopes to see Democrats mount a more concerted effort to connect with Black voters

“With any candidate for office, you can't just continue to do the same thing and expect the Black community to show up for you,” she said. “You're going to have to approach the Black community in a different way and literally make that effort to reach them in their own spaces to ask for their vote.”

Community committee forms to save old Eastern High School

Group seeks plan for psychiatric facility without sacrificing landmark

Alumni of old Eastern High School, eastsiders and preservationists have formed a committee to work with the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow to ensure the preservation of the landmark classroom building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Committee to Preserve Historic Eastern and Promote Mental Health met for the first time Thursday to discuss ways of cooperating with the health system in bringing a new psychiatric facility to Lansing. The health system confirmed June 7 that it wants to construct a 120-bed mental-health building on old Eastern's campus, which is adjacent to its Michigan Avenue hospital.

Its statement suggested that the classroom building and auditorium were in danger of being demolished to make room for the psychiatric facility. Sparrow Health System bought 18 acres of old Eastern's campus in 2016, including the building. The Lansing School District closed old Eastern in 2019. U of M Health acquired Sparrow in 2022.

"We agree that our community needs more mental-health beds and applaud U of M Health-Sparrow for proposing a new facility here," said 1st Ward City Council member Ryan Kost, who helped organize the new committee. "At the same time, we also believe that this architecturally important building that graduated tens of thousands of Lansing residents must be preserved."

"We want to work together to accomplish both goals."

Acting on the committee's behalf, Kost has requested a meeting with Margaret Dimond, president of U of M's regional health system. Kost said he was told the soonest Dimond will be available is the week of July 8 because of travel plans.

U of M Health-Sparrow's June 7 statement stopped just short of saying it will tear down old Eastern to make room for a psychiatric facility.

"The high school has been closed for years and its dilapidated interior makes it unsafe and cost-prohibitive to locate any services there," it said.

U of M Health-Sparrow spokesperson John Foren declined to elaborate on the statement when he was asked if the health system planned to tear down old Eastern. The health system has not said anything since.

The same statement said that U-M

Health "plans a variety of ways to preserve the history and value of Lansing Eastern, understanding the community's connection to the school. U-M Health plans to work closely on the plan with school alumni and community members in the next few months before a final proposal is put forth to the Board of Regents."

Kost said on a Facebook page he has created called Friends of Historic Eastern High School that he has learned that the health system was considering creating a "memorial garden" to commemorate the old school. The Facebook site has grown to over 900 followers.

Sparrow paid \$2.475 million for the

school property. Near the end of the sales agreement, a clause called "Preservation of Historical Value" states: "Purchaser shall develop a plan, which in Purchaser's reasonable discretion protects and preserves the historical value of the Property. Purchaser agrees to engage high quality contractors who will themselves employ high quality, local skilled trades-people that realize the significance of delivering its project."

Kost and Berl Schwartz, editor and publisher of City Pulse, organized last week's meeting. Also attending were Jim Lynch, president of the Eastern High School Alumni Association, and his wife, Kittie, a retired teacher at Eastern; Joan Nelson, the retired founding

executive director of the Allen Neighborhood Center, and her successor, Joe Enerson; Preservation Lansing President Mary Toshach and Dale Schrader, Preservation Lansing's former president; Eastside Neighborhood Organization President Nancy Mahlow; and Bill Castanier, president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing.

Also attending were eastside resident Jennie Grau, president of Grau Interpersonal Communication, which specializes in conflict management skills; retired Eastern alumna Rebecca Stimson, a communications specialist; and Andrew Muylee, an Eastern alumnus and dance teacher.

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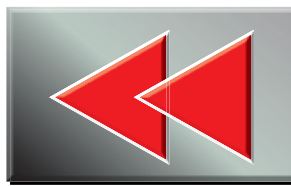
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Rosmina Jaffer of Haslett filed a federal discrimination lawsuit against Michigan State University and her department head alleging she was unfairly fired from her faculty position teaching management in the Broad College of Business. The suit says that Jaffer, 66 and of Indian descent and ethnicity, was let go by Management Department Chair Kent Miller “for her complaints of discrimination and unequal treatment due to her race and ethnicity.” Among her complaints: She was denied access to facilities, including the faculty coffee machine.



Avenue and Saginaw Street near Lansing Community College. They opened a contest last week to award seven artists \$1,000 plus supplies to decorate 6-foot-tall letters spelling out the city's name. The deadline is 11:59 p.m. July 12 at <https://conta.cc/3VVPPrz>. Arts Council.

Thousands of Lansing Board of Water & Light customers will receive over \$3.2 million in security deposit refunds. That includes



over \$2.6 million to over 7,000 account holders whose deposits BWL kept because they paid late or may have missed a month. Starting Monday, BWL will keep deposits only when customers receive a shutoff notice during a 12-month period. BWL is also reimbursing customers who were the victims of a computer system error that went back to October 2021 and prevented the utility from releasing security deposits over \$400.



State Rep. Neil Friske, R-Charlevoix, was arrested Thursday after Lansing police responded to reports of an adult male with a gun and possible shots fired in the 2100 block of Forest Road.

A case report obtained by the Detroit Free Press on Monday indicates police considered the investigation as potential first-degree criminal sexual conduct. As of Monday, Friske had not been charged with a crime and said on a radio program he is “being framed.” The Capitol news service MIRS said Friske allegedly chased an exotic dancer while brandishing a gun.

Keijuan Richard Eskin, 19, was arrested in Saginaw and charged with killing Thomas Blackmon, 35, on June 15 in Lansing. The shooting took place in the 4000 block of MacDougal Circle, near Waverly and Jolly roads. Eskin was arraigned in Eaton County Friday on charges of open murder and felony firearm possession and denied bond. A hearing to determine whether he should stand trial on the charges is set for July 1.



The city of East Lansing has filed federal lawsuits against Davies Claim Solutions and Lloyd's of London to obtain reimbursement of \$825,000 it paid in a federal religious freedom lawsuit to Country Mills Farms and its owner, Stephen Tennes.

The city had banned the farm from its farmers market in 2017 after Tennes announced he would not host same-sex weddings at his farm and orchard near Charlotte due to his religious beliefs. The city paid Tennes \$42,000 in damages and another \$783,800 to cover his legal costs, but the insurers denied the city's claim.

Lansing Community College was scheduled Tuesday to rename its Arts & Sciences Building the Brent M. Knight Arts & Sciences Building to honor its sixth president. Knight served from 2008 to 2020, then was granted the college's first president emeritus designation.

Knight's interior redesign of the original structure, built in 1968, took place during the 2012-'13 academic year. He was also responsible for 27 sculpture installations on LCC campuses and was called “the man behind the makeover” by City Pulse.



Public Safety

Two people were shot Saturday on the 1100 block of Cesar E. Chavez Ave., suffering non-life-threatening wounds. No arrest has been reported as of Tuesday. ... Lansing police responded to a report of shots fired Monday in the parking lot of the Target on Edgewood Boulevard. No injuries have been reported and no suspects identified. ... An unidentified Lansing firefighter suffered minor injuries Monday while fighting a house fire in the 300 block of East St. Joseph Street. The house was unoccupied and no one else was hurt.



207 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge

This 3,200-square-foot property was once the no-frills Barn Tavern bar and grill, which had been a fixture in Grand Ledge's downtown since the 1930s under multiple owners before it closed in 2015. Greg Sinicropi, owner of Art's Pub in Lansing, bought the building in 2016 with his brother, Nick, and partners Donn Thomas and Sedric Audas. Greg Sinicropi said their plan was to renovate and reopen the space but that “COVID more or less shut everything down.” They gutted the restaurant to begin restoring it but found it to be in worse condition than expected. “Everything on the inside was in pretty rough shape. Pulling out the walk-in cooler, the whole floor was completely rotten down to some of the supports. So, we have to do a total and utter rebuild,” Sinicropi said. Recently, the owners have begun discussing ways to expedite the process with the city, including potential facade improvement grants, but nothing is set in stone. “It's not dead. We're a little bit closer, but we don't have anything definite right now,” Sinicropi said. For now, it remains boarded up, with a single broken window greeting passerby out front.

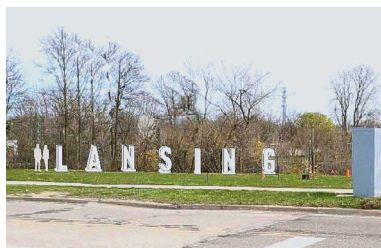
— TYLER SCHNEIDER



Greater Lansing's first Trader Joe's will open at 9 a.m. Friday at 2755 E. Grand River Ave. in Meridian Township. The California-based company's 10,000-square-foot store, the ninth in Michigan, is hiring and expect-

ed to employ 65 people. The specialty grocery store has been in the works since 2021. It is across the street from Whole Foods and near Foods for Living, an employee owned market that will shut down Sunday.

The Lansing Economic Development Corp. and the Arts Council of Greater Lansing have partnered on creating a Hollywood-style placemaking sign at the intersection of Grand



“Eyesore of the Week” is our weekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Public Art, by Bill Castanier. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call in a nomination at 517-999-5061.

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THE FRIENDS OF TURNER-DODGE HOUSE



In the United States, words bring the real freedom

By DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER

In mid-June, Lansing celebrated Juneteenth, and early next month comes the Fourth of July. I imagine I should discuss these events in the opposite order, chronologically by year, since the Declaration of Independence came in 1776, and the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, but June comes before July. So, when it comes to a celebration incorporating barbeque, marking the end of slavery comes before the founding of the country. It should have been that way all along.

But as it is, the United States first freed itself from an outside nation — and then freed the people inside our nation. These are our big identity holidays: Americans are free people: no longer colonialists, and no longer slaves, thanks to the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Declaration of Independence put England's King George on notice that we are no longer your subjects. We are the United States of America. Deal with it.

The Emancipation Proclamation announced that Black people in the rebellious corners of the U.S. are free. Let my people go.

The very words connect directly to communication: the Declaration and the Proclamation. Juneteenth and the Fourth of July are communication holidays. They are announcements. Proclaiming and declaring is what we celebrate.

Some say actions are what matter.

In 1852, the great anti-slavery orator Frederick Douglass, a Black man freed from slavery, recognized publicly in his speech "What to a Slave is Your Fourth of July?" that the founding fathers were "brave" and "great men."

"What, am I to argue that it is wrong to make men brutes, to rob them of their liberty, to work them without wages, to keep them ignorant of their relations to their fellow men, to beat them with sticks, to flay their flesh with the lash, to load their limbs with irons, to hunt them with dogs, to sell them at auction ..."

And etcetera.

Douglass said he had "better employments" than to argue this case. What he meant was it was better to use his voice to document the actions and to point out the irony of the Fourth of July. How you gonna have a free country practicing slavery? Hence the Proclamation.

Juneteenth marked a time warp. Effective Jan. 1, 1863, Lincoln's



From a statue of Frederick Douglass

proclamation covered the 10 Confederate states in rebellion against the United States of America. But in Texas, the westernmost Confederate state, people still needed to hear about it. That did not happen until June 19, 1865, two and one-half years later. Two thousand federal soldiers rode

into Galveston Bay to announce the proclamation where everybody could hear it, thereby setting the enslaved Black people of Texas free.

In Lansing, we celebrated Juneteenth in mid-June. Though, there was another celebration in REO Town, I marched on June 15 in the west-

side parade with my Delta Sigma Theta sorority sisters.

It was hot, sunny, with a middling degree of humidity. Several of my sisters held umbrellas over their heads. That's what white women down South did with parasols to prevent their skin from turning dark. Today, these smaller umbrellas are a dermatologist-approved shield against the sun's UV rays and the risk of cancer.

During the parade, we Black women chanted our social action song of freedom. One chant was, "Delta Sigma Theta says we will vote, so Vote, Vote, Vote."

We made a special effort to chant at places on the parade route where people had gathered to watch. Mindful of how dull is a parade with no sound — how disappointing when a silent band marches in front of you — we brought our chant back to life when we reached spectators. That's the fun of a parade.

We followed behind the Civil War reenactors. While I normally love costumes, the authentic Union blue

jackets made of scratchy, itchy, hot 19th-century wool failed to compete with the sounds. The soldiers stepped along the street pavement in stiff leather shoes like wooden Dutch clogs. We were close enough to hear their hard heels clacking.

Then loud and clear, the white smoke boom of history showered on us paper blown into confetti bits. The reenactors had fired. The crack of their guns split the air.

Everyone screamed, using their voices to testify that the fight for freedom had been real and serious.

We remembered Denzel Washington in the film "Glory." It's the story of Private Trip, a Black soldier in the U.S. Colored Troops 54th Regiment who was angry about having been enslaved, with the stripes on his back to show for that and the insult of being flogged again as a recalcitrant Union soldier complaining about being paid less than white soldiers, training with no uniforms, sometimes no shoes, and no weapons. Their first battle assignment was to take back Fort Sumpter on Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, an almost certain suicide mission.

The night before, Trip was urged to speak at a prayer meeting. He stumbled in his speech, which was just a few lines, but he was heard and inspiring when he said, "It ain't much a matter what happens tomorrow, 'cause we men, aint' we? Ain't we men?"

In 2024, speaking, making sounds, asking for what you want, praying, and communicating capture hearts and minds. Open and honest communication ushers in freedom. This is why Martin Luther King Jr. said to let freedom ring.

(Dedria Humphries Barker is the author of "Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow.")

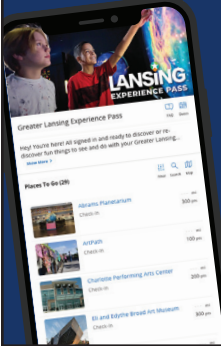
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Saying goodbye to Foods for Living

Goodbye to a friend for the last time is always hard. For 20 years or more, my family and I bonded a friendship with a specialty store — simple, organic, fresh products from the aptly named Foods for Living store in Okemos. Foods for Living is a store with a mission to bring good food to the community in a pleasant environment. Now that this wonder of grocery stores is ending its time in mid-Michigan, I began to think just what it is about the place that felt so good shopping there.

Yes, there is an excellent staff, some of whom even committed to establishing an employee-owned management style. Yet there is so much more: clever natural settings throughout, trees and floral arrangements, and comfortable music.

A variety of shelving — canned goods, ethnic products, and dry foods

in bulk containers — lined the aisles, including nuts and fruits and food for serious home cooks. Customers could even grind their own peanut butter at the old grinder. The deli — ah, the deli, a kitchen in the back of the store producing great take-home sandwiches, salads, side dishes, and packaged goodies from local specialty restaurants. Fresh produce calls to us with brilliant colors in familiar and exotic products.

We have said goodbye to our friend, this unique grocery store, but soon will be the last time, just days away — June 30. We wish all employees an opportune future. You will be missed; we thank you for always being ready for us with a smile and greeting and good foods for living.

Letter to the editor

Helen Ellis Haslett

In 2024, Rep. Friske’s political fate is hardly sealed as scandal unfolds

Last week, a state representative from Up North named Neil Friske was arrested by Lansing police for allegedly chasing a Deja Vu dancer out of his condo and down Forest Road in Lansing at 2:45 a.m.

Friske, a conservative member of the alt-right Freedom Caucus, had his gun on him at the time. Sources said that Friske told police that the woman had taken something of value from him.



KYLE MELINN

Initially, police were looking at three felony assault charges, including sexual assault and a weapons charge, but Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane asked for more time to investigate the whole affair. I’m told he wanted more information from the adult dancer.

We all do, don’t we?

Why was the dancer there? How did they make each other’s acquaintance? What did she allegedly take? Were shots fired?

Nobody is saying anything more. Friske vows he will be vindicated when everything comes out, and maybe he will.

The story went national. Of course it went national. Conservative lawmaker. An adult dancer. A gun. Police. An arrest.

Who needs more when your imagination can fill in the rest?

And that’s really the point. The dash to mold a story that hasn’t fully dried is too tempting to resist.

It’s possible Friske is ultimately charged with multiple felony offenses. Evidence of shots fired. Found guilty and loses his House seat in shame. Locked away for several years. A tragedy.

It’s also possible that nothing really happened. Maybe the dancer wasn’t even invited into his condo. Maybe she followed him home to pull off a heist. Maybe no shots were even fired. The claims of sexual assault turn out to be unsubstantiated and nothing comes of it.

Could this whole thing be a setup, something cooked up by Friske’s political rivals to make him look bad the week absentee ballots for the primary election are mailed out?

That was suggested this week by an Up North radio host, who believes these same political rivals found a way to sabotage the lap-top he uses to produce his show.

The radio host, “Trucker” Randy Bishop, was ready to go on the air last Friday morning with a new version of the Friske story that was favorable to the lawmaker.

Apparently, Friske doesn’t have a fan in U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, and it’s the “Bergman machine” that is trying to tear down Friske.

Bergman’s spokesperson responded by asking Bishop to take off his “tin-foiled hat” and take a breath of some fresh Northern Michigan air.

Again, as farfetched as the whole affair seems, the possibilities about what really happened are limitless.

In times like this, when we all want to know the whole story NOW, the hardest thing to do is wait for law enforcement to release its information.

Without the whole story, something else will fill the void. Maybe it’s a political persuasion. Maybe it’s a past experience with law enforcement or adult dancers or whatever.

We all want to close the book on these types of stories. Nobody wants loose ends with something like this.

Now, with all that said, it’s not the media’s fault that anything happened to Neil Friske at 2:45 last Thursday morning.

Nobody is saying police made this whole thing up, that Friske wasn’t standing along Forest Road with his gun on his person.

Yet, it’s the uncertainty that’s spilling into the growing voter cynicism over ... well, just about everything — the media, law enforcement, the legal system.

Shoot, the Republican Party is preparing to nominate a presidential candidate with fresh felony convictions on his record. People are skeptical that the jury trial was on the up and up.

As Friske faces a serious Republican primary opponent this summer, it’s now up to the voters in city of Cheboygan and Emmet, Cheboygan and Mackinac counties to decide Friske’s political fate.

What we know now would have been a death knell to his campaign in years past. In 2024, we can’t be sure.

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

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Eastsider's crosswalk paintings bloom and multiply

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

Lansing's east side is known for urban farms, walkability and, unfortunately, unsafe traffic in its neighborhoods. Just two weeks ago, a car flipped over at the intersection of Vine Street and Hayford Avenue.

"You can't be driving the speed limit and have your car flip over," eastside resident Martha Bishop said.

Bishop helps paint crosswalks throughout the east side, a project started by Jill Dombrowski, who has painted 13 crosswalks over the last four years.

After the crosswalk near Bishop's house was painted, she said people began to slow down more.

"They see this thing and think, 'Oh, there's something here! It's not just this big gray strip that I'm blasting down,'" she said. Still, she noted that driving safely on the east side isn't intuitive.

"Every other street has a stop sign, so it's easy to screw up. Especially if you're not from around here, it's easy to run a stop sign," she said.

Dombrowski agreed. "That's one of the biggest problems in our east-side neighborhood. The streets are really wide, and it's easy to go fast," she said.

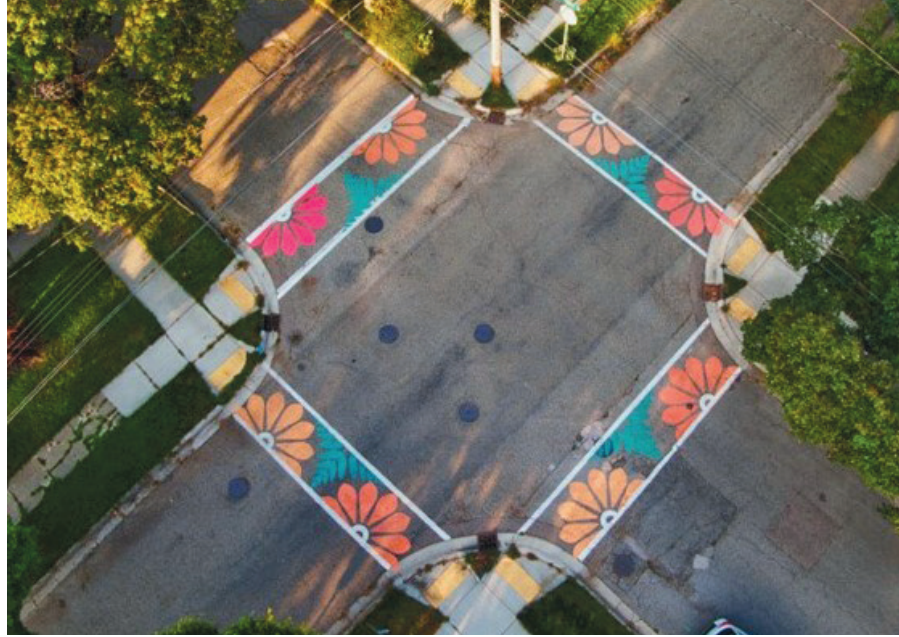
While some spent their pandemic lockdowns starting sourdough or becoming addicted to TikTok trends, Dombrowski picked up a book from her mother-in-law called "Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness."

"It's about how we need more color in the world or something," she said, and I could hear her rolling her eyes on the other end of the phone. "I didn't read it for a long time, but after I did, I thought, 'You know what? This is actually really nice.'"

The book, along with her interest in biking, gave her the idea to start painting crosswalks. Through her husband's volunteer position on a city citizen advisory board, she met Lansing Public Service Director Andy Kilpatrick, who gave her the green light to paint the first one in 2021. The experience was harrowing.

"Some guy in a truck plowed through a whole bunch of our paint cans on the corner, then jumped out and started yelling at us," she said, noting that "people have no patience for any change in their driving routine."

Since that first experience, Dombrowski has developed a system to divert traffic down to one lane, keep children and volunteers safe and be proactive about surprised or angry neighbors. Beyond making the neighborhood aware of the crosswalk projects a few weeks in advance, she tries to incorporate something unique into each design, like ferns at a crosswalk on Fernwood Avenue and blooming magnolia flowers on Magnolia Avenue.



Courtesy of Jill Dombrowski

Drone footage of a painted crosswalk at the intersection of Hayford and Fernwood avenues.



Courtesy of Jill Dombrowski

Eastside resident Margaret Tassaro and her son, Jay, help paint the crosswalk at Fairview and Vine.



Courtesy of Jill Dombrowski

A group of eastside children paints a crosswalk at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Vine Street while adults assist and watch for traffic.

"It's something I can do to make the neighborhood a little more joyful and add this safety component," Dombrowski said.

She's also become a resource for other community members who want to slow traffic through their neighborhoods. She's hoping to offer a training session so people can safely paint crosswalks without her participation.

"One of my major funding sources is the city's neighborhood grant program," she said. "This year, all my funding is coming from them, and they've got money to give away for projects like this. I would be more than happy to help people do this if they're willing to take some advice."

Claire Christiansen, a frequent volunteer at the painting events, lives near the painted crosswalk at the intersection of Hayford and

Fernwood avenues.

"I really feel like it's part of the scenery of my house," she said.

She was babysitting Dombrowski's daughter in 2018 when three people, including an 11-year-old girl, were killed after their car crashed into Pattengill Biotechnical Magnet School.

"That felt like a wake-up call," Christiansen said. "I've got kids in tow in this neighborhood. It made me realize that things aren't as safe as they might seem."

Crashes on the east side have continued. A quick internet search reveals instances of flipped cars, cars on fire and crashes involving multiple vehicles at intersections in or near the east side this year.

Christiansen continued, "People are supposed to be driving slow and keeping an eye out for kids. They

don't realize it's life and death, but it really is. I'm thankful for these projects because this is a place where people live. Children are walking in the street — it isn't just a thoroughfare for cars."

Bishop described her most recent experience at a crosswalk painting event as "very organized."

"I just showed up, and it very quickly became clear how to be helpful," she said. "Everyone just started chipping in. You're painting, moving the stencils or directing traffic."

Bishop has lived on the east side for about two-and-a-half years and has attended five or six crosswalk paintings. She likes to see the community come out and work on a project together.

"I've met different neighbors every single time," she said.

Dombrowski is appreciative of the community's support.

"It really makes me love Lansing when people come to help out," she said.

However, she noted that "there's a lot more that could be done to improve the safety of our neighborhood roads."

"It would be nice if the city could be more proactive. We've been pushing for easy changes," she said. "You can allow parking on both sides of the streets to make them narrower. You can disallow parking in the first few spots near an intersection to increase visibility. These are minor changes that could be made to improve traffic safety, and it would be nice to see city support for those types of initiatives."

Lansing locals can view photos of the finished crosswalks, including professional drone footage shot by Ryan Frederick, on the Lansing Bike and Seek website under the "crosswalks" tab. Or, you can just take a walk around the neighborhood.



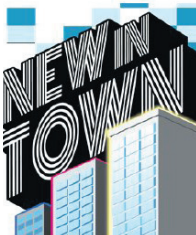
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South side gets a little more southern with new soul-food eatery

By TYLER SCHNEIDER



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Mikal Moore, 32, has worked in the restaurant industry since he was 16, including 12 years as a district manager for the Tampa, Florida-based fast food chain Rally's. However, shortly after starting his career, the native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, began dreaming of creating his own culinary venture. "I've been wanting to own a restaurant since I was about 17 or 18 years old. Just by working with different concepts over the years and going to school, I feel like I've spent most of my life preparing for it," he said.

The right situation finally presented itself when he moved from Day-

tona Beach, Florida, to Lansing last August.

"I originally wanted to do a soul-food restaurant in Florida but ended up coming to Michigan. Once I got to Lansing, I saw that there was a good market for soul food, so I started debating on names. I wanted to do something with my grandmother's name, Carrie Anderson, which is how Carrie's Kitchen came about," he explained.

The restaurant, located in a 4,400-square-foot building that previously housed alcohol-free sports bar Wing Heaven Sports Haven until its closure in 2022, celebrated its grand opening yesterday (June 25).

Though Anderson, who still lives in Fort Lauderdale, couldn't make it out to the grand opening, Moore expects her to visit soon to see her namesake establishment. He said he grew up on her cooking.

"She made soul food, she made a lot of breakfast — she just all around cooked. She's very excited to see the



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Mikal Moore (right) speaks at the grand opening of his new soul-food restaurant, Carrie's Kitchen, on June 25. The event included live music and comments from Mayor Andy Schor.

restaurant," he said, adding that he "kind of piggybacked" off his grandmother for some menu items, particularly desserts.

In terms of entrees, Moore hopes Lansing guests will be blown away by

the oxtail, a specialty plate that's only served on Wednesdays and Sundays.

"I've been surprised at how many people I've come across in Lansing who have never had oxtail, so I think

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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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, August 6, 2024.

For the purpose of nominating candidates to the following offices:

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The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Lansing City Clerk's Office is **Monday, July 22, 2024.**

After this date, 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:

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Location	Address	Regular Business Hours June 27 – August 2
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 August 5 8am – 4pm Election Day August 6 7am – 8pm
Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office	1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910	Monday August 5 8am – 4pm Saturday August 3 9am – 5pm Sunday August 4 9am – 5pm Election Day August 6 7am – 8pm

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Monday, August 5, 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. Ballots issued on Monday, August 5, 2024 must be requested and voted in person at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, locations referenced in the above table.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, August 6, 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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Corporatization of cannabis has wiped out mom-and-pop head shops



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Legalization has rapidly changed laws and attitudes surrounding cannabis, making the accessory market more attractive to large-scale operators, but businesses like Level Up Smoke Shop in Frandor are keeping the tradition of small, locally owned head shops alive as much as possible.

By **CHRIS SILVA**

Last weekend, glass aficionados from across the state flocked to the Michigan Glass Project, a festival in Detroit celebrating our state's unique and robust glassmaking culture, much of which is centered around cannabis. I didn't get to attend this year, but it still made me nostalgic for the head shops of old.

Remember buying bongs and pipes before medical and recreational weed were legalized? There weren't nearly as many options to find cannabis accessories back then — there were always a few sketchy gas stations that sold a small selection of foreign-made, mass-produced bowls and plastic bongs, but to find the good stuff, you'd have to venture to a head shop like In Flight Sports, Su Casa Boutique or Krazy Katz, all of which have since gone out of business.

You might be asking yourself, "Why would longstanding head shops go under now?" Cannabis use is growing as the market matures and draws more widespread acceptance.

The answer is the same as what's plaguing the actual cannabis industry: too many new rich guys joining the party. Legalization has rapidly changed laws and attitudes surrounding cannabis, making the accessory market more attractive to large-scale operators.

In the not-so-distant past, the government was putting people in jail for selling bongs. Even cannabis pioneer Tommy Chong spent time in federal prison for selling bongs and other cannabis accessories online, and that was only 20 years ago. During this time, a lot of deep-pocketed businesses found the cannabis accessory industry to be more trou-

ble than it was worth. Head shops run by weed-loving locals, like your friend's older brother who smoked you up for the first time and had every live Grateful Dead recording from the 1980s, were some of the only places you could purchase accessories or even acknowledge that cannabis use existed in a society that was in full-on prohibition mode. Retailers walked a fine line, calling the products "novelties" or labeling them "for tobacco use only."

However, as the legal cannabis market started to grow, the risk became less and less, while the technology and delivery methods of both cannabis and tobacco changed drastically. The vape game really shook things up — as consumers moved from cigarettes to vapes, we saw an influx of vape shops, which soon began to stock cannabis accessories. Large chains like Wild Bill's have



popped up across the state, propped up by increasing vape and cannabis use. At the same time, cannabis dispensaries started to proliferate around the state. These stores also began selling accessories and glass.

The result is that it's becoming increasingly hard to find locally made glass unless you hit the artist up on social media and arrange it yourself. Mom-and-pop shops have been replaced by corporate chains and corporate cannabis. Before legal cannabis, an entire community and culture existed around the plant. Local glass artists were featured in local head shops, and people took a lot of pride in having nice glass, not just because it was high quality but because they were helping support a local artist. The shops did a good job of educating consumers about what good glass should look like and how it should function. Today, we've lost a lot of this knowledge and passion.

Lansing isn't alone in this issue. In my hometown of Grand Rapids, there are only two mom-and-pop head shops still standing that existed before legalization. As the cannabis industry has grown, it has stomped out local operators from the accessory game. It's a real shame, and I would encourage consumers to make a deliberate decision to visit a mom-and-pop shop when picking up glass. In the Lansing area, the pickings are slim, but options include Level Up Smoke Shop in Frandor and La Casa Del Rew in Old Town. It's typically not much more expensive than buying mass-produced glass, and in many cases, you're supporting someone who held it down as a resource for our community when it was difficult to be involved in cannabis.

New in Town

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that's going to be huge for us," he said.

Moore expects the pot roast to be another hit, though his personal fa-

vorite dish is the four-cheese macaroni. The menu also includes catfish, collard greens, fried chicken and other soul-food staples.

The space was fully renovated in the months leading up to yesterday's opening. All that's left to finish is a private party room, which Moore said is still awaiting some decor and

furniture.

Moore is also working on opening a separate restaurant in Grand Rapids early next year, which will be named Mari's after his son, Jamari Moore. In the meantime, he's looking forward to seeing the community come out and try his carefully crafted soul food at Carrie's Kitchen.

"It's going to be a nice, family-oriented environment. My grandmother is a very family-oriented person — I remember going to her house for the holidays and having fun and a lot of laughter. I think that's going to be something great that people can expect from the time they arrive to the time they leave," he said.

Art history and mystery collide in Erin Bartels' new novel

By **BILL CASTANIER**

I learn something new every time I read one of Erin Bartels' books. Her newest, "The Lady with the Dark Hair," is an intriguing historical drama played out in dual timelines as an artist and museum owner searches for answers about a piece of art that's believed to have been painted by one of her ancestors.

What I learned is that Bartels has been painting since she was a child. While she was writing the new book, she immersed herself in painting.

"In 2022, I painted a self-portrait once a month," she said. Those paintings were given away, sold or raffled off for charity.

In the book, contemporary artist Esther Markstrom runs an art museum in East Lansing, while in another timeline, her relative Francisco Vella is an artist in 1880s Toulouse, France.

One of Vella's paintings, depicting a lady with dark hair, is a centerpiece of Markstrom's collection. However, she knows very little about her relative apart from where he lived and that he was a minor artist for the time period. A providential visit from a college art professor who

questions the painting's provenance leads Markstrom on an international search to find the truth.

At the same time, we learn more about a young woman, Viviana Torrens, whose story is told in alternating chapters. Torrens was a soldier in one of the Catalan wars, concealing her gender to accompany her twin brother into battle. She works as a servant for a wealthy, successful artist who takes her on as a model and later teaches her to paint.

It's at the artist's studio that Torrens meets a traveling salesman who sells pigments to painters, and her next adventure begins. The salesman is Vella, and we simultaneously follow him, Markstrom and Torrens as they navigate life.

Bartels said she based the plot on the concept that family origin stories aren't always what they seem to be. She cleverly extended that to the origin of the painting Markstrom is researching.

In order to verify the provenance of the painting, Markstrom travels to Gibraltar and, with the assistance of a distant relative, quickly discovers the story behind the piece of art, which the reader already knows. Along the way, her doppelgänger from 150 years ago crosses paths with Mary Cassatt, who would become a famous impressionist painter.

Bartels immersed herself not only in the era of impressionism but also in the geography of Gibraltar.



Courtesy photo

Author Erin Bartels has been painting since she was a child. That experience proved useful when writing her newest book, "The Lady with the Dark Hair," which follows a contemporary artist and museum owner who's searching for answers about a piece of art that's believed to have been painted by her ancestor.

"The book took a lot of research," she said.

She also learned about the mores of the 1800s and the limitations that were placed on women, especially artists like Cassatt and Torrens. Although highly sought-after today, impressionist art was thought to be unrefined at the time, Bartels said.

"I wanted readers to understand that the artists who we place on a pedestal today struggled during their times," she said. "I wanted to explore the life of Torrens and the problem women artists faced with misattribution. They were lost to time."

She purposely didn't model Torrens after any real artist, and Torrens' mentor also didn't exist.

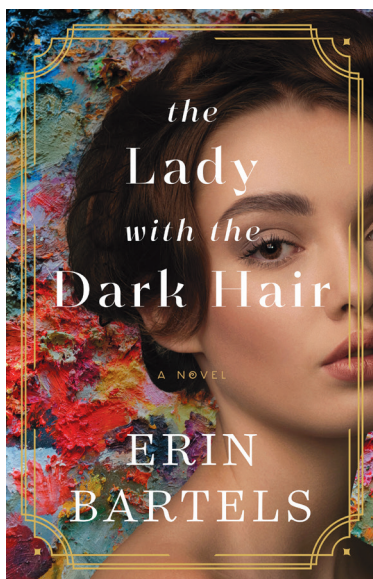
Though the book touches on the plight of historic women artists, Bartels noted that she didn't want to write

"an angry woman novel." The novel clearly points out that all men are not evil, and several men in the book help both Torrens and Markstrom in their quests.


Bartels has written six novels and one collection of short stories in her brief career. She said she's working on a historical novel that ties together real people and real events. Since it isn't a good fit for her current publisher, she's looking for a new publisher to take her on.

In writing the book, she's consulting memoirs, biographies, diaries and letters.

"I have to be really careful about the history since there are individuals who know a lot about the story. I can't alter the facts," she said.



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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“10, 9 ...” -- from start to finish.
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1. Makes noise, like a microwave
6. 2008 Liam Neeson thriller
11. Some lab fixtures
14. “___ last I see the light” (“Tangled” lyric)
15. Nearsighted horned beast
16. Official language in Vientiane
17. Guest list for a private party?
19. The whole thing
20. “Iliad” warrior god
21. Pen tips
22. Studio 54, for one
24. Cheers
26. ‘50s experiment, briefly
28. Author of “The Namesake” and “Whereabouts”
32. Wild diving duck
34. Key near F1
35. Status ___
36. Some chess pieces
37. Salty expanse
38. Denim jacket ornaments for punks, once
40. Friend in France
41. “Ew”
42. Filled with ennui
43. Indescribable thing
47. Cut back, as a branch
48. Says
51. One of many Peyo characters
53. No, to Nabokov
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61. Mid-show filler
62. “I’m only ___ mortal ...”
63. “The Floor” head-to-heads
64. Comb creator
65. Lance Bass’s group
66. Throat infection type
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1. ___ California
2. Make accustomed (to)
3. ‘50s Ford fiasco
4. Notable retiree of June 2024
5. Place to swine and dine?
6. Axiom
7. Moby-Dick’s chaser
8. Congolese capital
9. Conclude
10. “Beats me”
11. Brick that goes boom
12. AP math subject
13. Perform without backup
18. Outperform
23. “... or something like that”
25. As follows
27. “No Scrubs” group
29. Cheats at cards, maybe
30. “Ant-Man” star Paul
31. Platform that runs on Apple devices
32. Not much
33. Place to take a penny, leave a penny?
36. “The Big Bang Theory” character
37. Sorta academic-sounding, in a way
38. Fireplace buildup
39. Auditions
41. Suffix with Dickens
42. Montana mining city
44. Blow it
45. Stevens who inspired the musical “Illinoise”
46. Province where poutine supposedly originated
49. Not so common
50. Move sneakily
51. Attempt
52. Manufactured
54. “Strange Condition” singer Pete
56. Second-oldest programming language that’s still in use (behind Fortran)
59. Breakfast hrs.
60. Brigham Young’s gp.

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsný

June 26-July 2, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This may sound weird, but I think now is a perfect time to acquire a fresh problem. Not just any old problem, of course. I'm hoping you will carefully ponder what kind of dilemma would be most educational for you — which riddle might challenge you to grow in ways you need to. Here's another reason you should be proactive about hunting down a juicy challenge: Doing so will ensure that you won't attract mediocre, meaningless problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Now is an excellent time to start learning a new language or increasing your proficiency in your native tongue. Or both. It's also a favorable phase to enrich your communication skills and acquire resources that will help you do that. Would you like to enhance your ability to cultivate friendships and influence people? Are you interested in becoming more persuasive, articulate and expressive? If so, Taurus, attend to these self-improvement tasks with graceful intensity. Life will conspire benevolently on your behalf if you do. (PS: I'm not implying you're weak in any of these departments; just that now is a favorable time to boost your capacities.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Barbara Sher and Barbara Smith wrote the book “I Could Do Anything If I Only Knew What It Was: How to Discover What You Really Want and How to Get It.” I invite you to think and feel deeply about this theme during the coming months. In my experience with Gemini's, you are often so versatile and multi-faceted that it can be challenging to focus on just one or two of your various callings. And that may confuse your ability to know what you want more than anything else. But here's the good news. You may soon enjoy a grace period when you feel really good about devoting yourself to one goal more than any other.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are entering a phase when you will be wise to question fixed patterns and shed age-old habits. The more excited you get about re-evaluating everything you know and believe, the more likely it is that exciting new possibilities will open up for you. If you are staunchly committed to resolving longstanding confusions and instigating fresh approaches, you will launch an epic chapter of your life story. Wow! That sounds dramatic. But it's quite factual. Here's the kicker: You're now in prime position to get vivid glimpses of specific successes you can accomplish between now and your birthday in 2025.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): How many different ways can you think of to ripen your spiritual wisdom? I suggest you choose two and pursue them with gleeful vigor in the coming weeks. You are primed to come into contact with streams of divine revelations that can change your life for the better. All the conditions are favorable for you to encounter teachings that will ennoble your soul and hone your highest ideals. Don't underestimate your power to get the precise enlightenment you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Border collies are dogs with a herding instinct. Their urges to usher, steer and manage are strong. They will not only round up sheep and cattle but also pigs, chickens and ostriches — they even try to herd cats. In my estimation, Virgo, border collies are your spirit creatures these days. You have a special inclination and talent to be a good shepherd. So, use your aptitude with flair. Provide extra navigational help for people and animals who would benefit from your nurturing guidance. And remember to do the same for your own wayward impulses!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): We have arrived at the midpoint of 2024. It's check-in time. Do you recall the promises you made to yourself last January? Are you about halfway into the frontier you vowed to explore? What inspirational measures could you instigate to renew your energy and motivation for the two most important goals in your life? What would you identify as the main obstacle to

your blissful success, and how could you diminish it? If you'd like to refresh your memory of the long-term predictions I made for your destiny in 2024, go here: tinyurl.com/Libra2024. For 2023's big-picture prophecies, go here: tinyurl.com/2023Libra.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio-born Gary Hug was educated as a machinist and food scientist, but for many years, he has worked primarily as an amateur astronomer. Using a 7-foot telescope he built in the backyard of his home, he has discovered a comet and 300 asteroids, including two that may come hazardously close to Earth. Extolling the joys of being an amateur, he says he enjoys “a sense of freedom that you don't have when you're a professional.” In the coming weeks, Scorpio, I encourage you to explore and experiment with the joys of tasks done out of joy rather than duty. Identify the work and play that feels liberating and indulge in it lavishly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your power spots will be places that no one has visited or looked into for a while. Sexy secrets and missing information will be revealed to you as you nose around in situations where you supposedly should not investigate. The light at the end of the tunnel is likely to appear well before you imagined it would. Your lucky number is 8, your lucky color is black, and your lucky emotion is the surprise of discovery. My advice: Call on your memory to serve you in amazing ways; use it as a superpower.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Happy unbirthday, Capricorn! It's time to celebrate the season halfway between your last birthday and your next. I hope you will give yourself a fun gift every day for at least the next seven days. Fourteen days would be even better. See if you can coax friends and allies to also shower you with amusing blessings. Tell them your astrologer said that would be a very good idea. Now, here's an unbirthday favor from me: I promise that between now and January 2025, you will create healing changes in your relationship with your job and with work in general.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): While sleeping, my Aquarian friend Janelle dreamed that she and her family lived in a cabin in the woods. When dusk was falling, a strange animal put its face against the main window. Was it a bear? A mountain lion? Her family freaked out and hid in a back bedroom. But Janelle stayed to investigate. Looking closely, she saw the creature was a deer. She opened the window and spoke to it, saying, “What can I do for you?” The deer, who was a talking deer, said, “I want to give you and your family a gift. See this necklace I'm wearing? It has a magic ruby that will heal a health problem for everyone who touches it.” Janelle managed to remove the necklace, after which the deer wandered away, and she woke up from the dream. During subsequent weeks, welcome changes occurred in her waking life. She and three of her family members lost physical ailments that had been bothering them. I think this dream is a true fairy tale for you in the coming weeks, Aquarius.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A psychologist friend tells me that if we have an intense craving for sugar, it may be a sign that deeper emotional needs are going unmet. I see merit in her theory. But here's a caveat. What if we are currently not in a position to get our deeper emotional needs met? What if there is at least temporarily some barrier to achieving that lovely goal? Would it be wrong to seek a partial quenching of our soul cravings by communing with fudge brownies, peach pie and crème brûlée? I don't think it would be wrong. On the contrary, it might be an effective way to tide ourselves over until more profound gratification is available. But now here's the good news, Pisces: I suspect more profound gratification will be available sooner than you imagine.

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, June 26

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

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

"As You Like It" - Filled with memorable characters and witty language, this Shakespeare comedy is a delight for actors and audiences alike. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Bookend Gallery display - Mixed-media artwork by Juanita Baldwin. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Broadway Jazz Dance - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

CharLit Adult Book Club: "Starter Villain," by John Scalzi - 6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Cocktail Class at Lansing Shuffle - Join our bartenders to learn how to make an old-fashioned. 6:30 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

Henna Workshop - Unlock your creativity and adorn yourself with stunning henna designs! Grades 4-12. 4 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradi.org.

Improv Acting Class - Ten-week class, meets bi-weekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

It's Elementary: On the Road - As we travel along the interstate highway system, students will learn map basics and how to calculate mileage. Then, we'll build and race balloon cars! 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Blue Avenue Delegates (blues), with Special Guest Mike Skory - Free. 7 p.m. Bancroft Park, 1330 Otto St., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

Life Drawing - Drawing session with a clothed model or still life. Facilitated by a teaching artist. Ages 13+. 6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: The Shellouts (classic rock/country) - Free. 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/about-us/calendar/summer-concert-series.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild 12-by-12 Art Show - 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Volunteer Show - A special exhibit by guild volunteers. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society - Captain Ben Cwayna, an attorney in real life, presents on life as a soldier in the Civil War. 7 p.m. FamilySearch Center, 431 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing. mmsg.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. Martin Luther King 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.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: B-Side Growlers (blues/jazz/country) - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

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

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Detroit Retro Society - This group will bring its high-energy Detroit Music Spectacular to St. Johns for the third year in a row. Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

STEAM: City Shapes - Create a piece of cityscape art while exploring the attributes of shapes. Ages 4-7. Registration req. noon. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

STEAM: It's Electric - Explore electricity while building simple circuits that make motors move, lightbulbs light and buzzers buzz. Ages 8-12. Registration req. 2 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Summer Vibes Karaoke - 8-11 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Vacation Bible School: Scuba - Kids participate in Bible-themed activities and adventures, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games and test out fun science experiments. 6-8:30 p.m. Holt United Methodist Church, 2321 Aurelius Road, Holt. holtumc.org.

Walk-in Wednesday - Make a woven bracelet! 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: Beauty - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Wednesday Yoga on Albert - Hosted by Yoga State. Bring a yoga mat. Free. 9:30 a.m. Albert El Fresco, corner of M.A.C. Avenue and Albert Street, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Wine Tasting & Glass Painting Party - Paint a Michigan-themed stemless wine glass with a stencil. Old Town General Store will provide samples of wine and snacks. Ages 21+. 6 p.m. 408 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. paintyourpoison.com.



Celebrate Meridian Festival

6-10 p.m. Friday, June 28

8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, June 29

Marketplace on the Green

1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos

Central Park

5151 Marsh Road, Okemos

The annual Celebrate Meridian Festival returns this weekend, offering a teen night on Friday (June 28) and a full day of entertainment for all ages on Saturday (June 29).

Teen night runs from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Marketplace on the Green, featuring a performance by School of Rock East Lansing, laser tag, crafts provided by Capital Area District Libraries, a video game trailer, gaga ball and Connect 4 tournaments, jigsaw puzzle competitions and food trucks.

Saturday's events will begin with the Meridian Township Farmers Market, open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marketplace on the Green. There will be performances by singer-songwriters Justin Holcomb from 8 to 10 a.m. and Steve Spees from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., offering building tours, jewelry vendors, demonstrations and more. The Meridian Historical Village's buildings will also be open from 2 to 6 p.m., and guests can enjoy an ice cream social and a performance by folk band Acoustic Liberty, which will play from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

At Central Park, food vendors will be open from 3 to 11 p.m.; the children's area, offering rides, inflatables and games, will be open from 4 to 9:30 p.m., with wristbands available for \$5; and the beer garden will be open from 4 to 9:30 p.m. At the Marketplace on the Green, the beer garden will be open from 4 to 11 p.m.; rock and pop cover group Garage Sale Band will perform from 4 to 6:30 p.m.; and funk, Motown, R&B and soul group Tony Thompson & Friends will perform from 7 to 10 p.m.

Additionally, a pet parade will begin at 5 p.m. at the Marketplace on the Green and will finish at Central Park Pavilion.

A fireworks display will cap the evening at 10:15 p.m.

For more information, including parking instructions, visit meridian.mi.us/about-us/calendar/celebrate-meridian-festival.

Thursday, June 27

'80s Night - 5-9 p.m. Albert El Fresco, corner of M.A.C. Avenue and Albert Street, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

"As You Like It" - Filled with memorable characters and witty language, this Shakespeare comedy is a delight for actors and audiences alike. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Babysitting Workshop - Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, age-appropriate activities and basic first aid skills. Ages 12+. Registration req. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand Ledge

Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Bad Art Night for Teens - Create your worst disaster-piece. Supplies provided. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. 517-641-6728. shopbfm.org.

Bookend Gallery display - Mixed-media artwork by Juanita Baldwin. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Acoustic Liberty (folk) - Free. 6:30 p.m. 1885 Eaton County Courthouse lawn, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Dimondale Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. 517-646-0230. villageofdimondale.org/general-3.

Drew Behringer at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6:30 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Golf Fore Giving - Proceeds will provide basic needs to local families. Registration 8 a.m., tee time 9 a.m. Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, 1600 Linn Road, Williamston. cristoreycommunity.org/calendar/golf-fore-giving-2024.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Kanin Wren's Taylor Swift Experience, opener The Westrins - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

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

Laingsburg Music in the Park: School of Rock East Lansing - Free. Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

Lesbian Genders, Lesbian Sounds: Transing the Women's Music Movement - Visiting scholar Poe Alphin of CUNY Graduate Center discusses his ongoing research and collections at MSU he's found valuable. Noon. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. lib.msu.edu.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Volunteer Show - A special exhibit by guild volunteers. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

Modern Dance Class - 10-week class. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Parkinson's Rock-Steady Boxing - 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. lapsg.org.

Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal - Newly formed women's a cappella chorus. Join us for rehearsal! 6:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox, 1701 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. spiritofmichianchorus.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.

UrbanBeat Walter Blanding Series - Experience the magic of Blanding's music through captivating performances and engaging discussions celebrating his enduring legacy. Doors 5 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Wake Up Old Town! - Free, informal networking opportunity for professionals from all over Lansing. 8:30 a.m. Copper Moon, 1247 Center St., Lansing. 517-485-4283. iloveoldtown.org.

WILDSIDE Rehabilitation Center: Give a Hoot - Learn about the natural history of Michigan owls and meet the rehabilitation center's owls, Henrietta and Ripple. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Chelsea House Orchestra (Celtic) - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

Friday, June 28

"As You Like It" - Filled with memorable characters and witty language, this Shakespeare comedy is a delight for actors and audiences alike. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Bookend Gallery display - Mixed-media artwork by Juanita Baldwin. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Bubblepalooza - The Bubbleman creates a magic show with bubbles! 10 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Celebrate Meridian Festival Teen Night - 6-10 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Cello Power - Eugene Friesen and Crispin Campbell create a kaleidoscope of sound in their performances, from the deep tones of the cello to soaring flights of improvisation. Doors 5 p.m., show 8 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Cruise to Holt - Weekly cruise-ins every Friday night at the Holt Farmers Market parking lot. 5-8 p.m. 2150 Cedar St., Holt. holtfarmersmarket.org.

Dixon's Violin Live in Howell - Guided by his personal story of transformation, Dixon uses a 5-string electric violin and a looping system to create a one-man symphony. 7:30 p.m. Howell Opera House, 123 W. Grand River Ave., Howell. howelloperahouse.com.

Drop-in Community Craft: Textile Upcycle - A handful of projects will be suggested, including simple ways to alter clothes and make non-apparel items. Attendees are encouraged to bring clothing to alter. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. MSU Surplus Store, 468 Green Way, East Lansing. msurecycling.com/spartan-upcycle.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian-50plus.com.

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

Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Meridian Community Band (patriotic) - Free. Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles, a bounce house and an inflatable slide. 7 p.m. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell.

Mark Grinnell at Harrison Roadhouse - 6 p.m. 720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. harrisonroadhouse.com.

Parkinson's: Movement with Vitality - 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. lapsg.org.

Passion of the Creative Mind Art and Photography Gallery - A celebration of our creative minds and the passion that inspires our creativity. 3-8:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

"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, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Samia Halaby: "Eye Witness" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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Summer Fest

2-10 p.m. Saturday, June 29

Country Creek Reception Hall

5859 N. Michigan Road, Dimondale



Dimondale's Country Creek Reception Hall will host its inaugural Summer Fest 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday (June 29). The free event will feature live music by rock 'n' roll cover band BachelorsSinceBreakfast, variety cover band Touch of Grey, and Ricky Nalett and Nikki Zeeb Fowler of cover band Life Support as well as karaoke, door prizes and a silent auction. Hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and beverages will be available for purchase from 3 to 7 p.m.

The event aims to raise money to purchase self-care gift baskets for local cancer patients and survivors. To nominate a recipient, contact the venue at (517) 643-9797 or visit s.surveyplanet.com/yevjr6u7.

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'80s night

5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 27

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In lieu of its regular Thursday game night, East Lansing will host an '80s night 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday (June 27) at Albert El Fresco, featuring pinball and arcade games courtesy of Pinball Pete's, live music by '80s cover band Miranda & the M-80s, giveaways and a roller-skating contest with a chance to win a Pinball Pete's T-shirt or hoodie. Participants must bring their own skates.

There will also be a mullet and mall hair contest at 7 p.m. The winner will receive a \$100 downtown East Lansing gift card.

Attendees are encouraged to dress up in '80s garb such as leg warmers, brightly colored spandex and high-waisted denim.

For more information, visit facebook.com/DowntownEastLansing.



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Smokey Bear at Mash Bar - 10 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

Saturday, June 29

"As You Like It" - Filled with memorable characters and witty language, this Shakespeare comedy is a delight for actors and audiences alike. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Bookend Gallery display - Mixed-media artwork by Juanita Baldwin. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Car Capital Auto Show - Featuring food trucks, a DJ and lots of amazing automobiles! Open to all makes and all years. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-372-0529. reoldsmuseum.org.

Celebrate Meridian Festival Block Party - Make the most of your summer with live music, food, children's activities, fireworks and MORE! 4-11 p.m. Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Community CPR Class - Informational class on CPR/AED with hands-on training. Participants receive a certificate of completion. Registration req. 9 a.m.-noon. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

East Lansing PRIDE - Co-hosted with the Spartan Housing Cooperative, this event features a drag show, live music, local vendors, art activities, giveaways and more! 5-9 p.m. Albert El Fresco, corner of M.A.C. Avenue and Albert Street, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Kommuna Lux: A Benefit for Ukraine - Part klezmer, part urban chanson, with a dash of Ukrainian folk, Kommuna Lux wows the crowd with its high-energy big-band sound. Doors 5 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Labyrinth Field Trip - We'll carpool around mid-Michigan to experience a variety of labyrinths. \$15 per person. Please bring a sack lunch and beverages. Noon. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Market on the Grand - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/market_on_the_grand.php.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 8 am.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

Passion of the Creative Mind Art and Photography Gallery - A celebration of our creative minds and the passion that inspires our creativity. 1-6 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Samia Halaby: "Eye Witness" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Summer Fest at "The Creek" - Get ready for a day filled with good vibes, great music, karaoke, a silent auction and door prizes. Free. 2-10 p.m. Country Creek Reception Hall, 5859 N. Michigan Road, Dimondale. countrycreekreceptionhall.com.

Turner-Dodge Fairytale Festival - Featuring fairy-

tale characters, arts & crafts, music, dance and children's activities. FREE festivities on the lawn, \$5 to enter the house (Children 4 and under free). Noon-6 p.m. 100 E. North St., Lansing. fantasticfairytalefestival.com.

Sunday, June 30

"As You Like It" - Filled with memorable characters and witty language, this Shakespeare comedy is a delight for actors and audiences alike. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - All ages and experience levels welcome. Bring percussion instruments if you have them, as well as chairs. 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. 517-803-2392. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

Eastern Ingham Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. easterninghamfarmersmarket.org.

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

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

Laingsburg Outdoor Farmers Market - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Roosevelt Row, downtown Laingsburg. 517-295-8128. laingsburgbusiness.org/farmers-market-1.

Lioness: An Amy Winehouse Experience - This powerful ensemble covers the vast majority of the early-2000s vocalist's discography. Doors 5 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

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Pizza and “The Legend of Bagger Vance” - In 1930s Georgia, a former local golfing hero — disillusioned by his World War I service — meets a mysterious caddy who restores his faith in the game just in time for a major tournament. Noon. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

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

Samia Halaby: “Eye Witness” - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Sunday Yoga on Albert - Hosted by Yoga State. Bring a yoga mat. Free. 10 a.m. Albert El Fresco, corner of M.A.C. Avenue and Albert Street, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Three Sparks Comedy - Free comedy with Three Sparks. 7-9 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. onenorthdining.com.

“The Way of Mastery,” Facilitated by John Martin - The 35 lessons in this book are a pathway to forgiveness, self-love and acceptance of the perfection of each moment. 9-30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

Monday, July 1

Bookend Gallery display - Mixed-media artwork by Juanita Baldwin. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Broadway Jazz Dance - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Finance Committee - 6 p.m. Laingsburg City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Grand Ledge Community Food Drive (July 1-31) - Items of need are listed on our Event Calendar. Please bring all donations to the library. They’ll be delivered to the Grand Ledge SDA Food Bank. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Improv Acting Class - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 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. Playground of Dreams, 100 Howe Drive, Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Open Mic Night, hosted by Kathy Ford - 6:30-9:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. onenorthdining.com.

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

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.

Science Heroes: The Adventure Begins - Professor Noble and the Science Heroes embark on a treasure-hunting quest deep within an ancient temple. The audience will help the performer act out the tale as we use the events in the story to explore exciting science concepts! 2 p.m. Willow

Ridge Elementary School, 12840 Nixon Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Tuesday, July 2

Ballet Class - Ten-week class. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Summer in the Park: Red, White and Blue Day - Celebrate America’s 248th birthday with festive stories, songs and more! The Charlotte Maple City VFW Auxiliary will join us. 11 a.m. Oak Park, 230 Seminary St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Trivia at Lansing Shuffle - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Wednesday, July 3

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

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

Broadway Jazz Dance - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Cocktail Class at Lansing Shuffle - Join our bartenders to learn how to make espresso martinis. 6:30 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Improv Acting Class - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Blue Avenue Delegates (blues), with Special Guest Mike Skory - Free. 7 p.m. Bancroft Park, 1330 Otto St., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Meridian Community Band (patriotic) - Free. 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/about-us/calendar/summer-concert-series.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

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. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lamc.info.

Samia Halaby: “Eye Witness” - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Full Cord (bluegrass) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

Summer Vibes Karaoke - 8-11 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Switch Gaming: “Mario Kart” - Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns on the big screen. Ages 8+. 2 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent’s Estate, Case No. 24-000292-DE-P33. Estate of Peter Allan Parks – Date of Birth: 6/22/1956. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Peter Allan Parks, died 8/24/2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cindy Ann Parks, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 06/26/2024. Personal representative: Cindy Ann Parks, 1328 Maycroft Rd., Lansing, MI 48917.

CP#24-561

In the matter of John L. Stevens, deceased: TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:* and creditors (known and unknown) whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE:* The Settlor, John L. Stevens (dob 03/15/1936) who lived at 12624 West Eaton Hwy, Grand Ledge, MI 48837, died on May 26, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The John L. Stevens and Janice Ann Stevens Trust, dated 08/04/2023 as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to John S. Stevens, Trustee, of decedent at the following address: 204 W. Scott St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, within four months after the date of publication, 6/26/2024. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Attorney: Benjamin L. Cwayna, #P70266, 11973 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, 517-622-1900. Petitioner: John S. Stevens, 204 W. Scott Street Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Sampling the menu at SushiYa

By NICOLE NOECHEL

East Lansing is awash with Japanese restaurants, but none have been able to draw my continued patronage more than SushiYa. Located on the same strip of Grand River Avenue as the Peanut Barrel, it has a similar outdoor patio, minus the string lights and fence, providing the perfect place to people-watch during the warm months. It also offers my favorite bento box in the area, and at a modest price to boot.

When you order the bento box — or any entree, for that matter — your server will ask if you'd like soup and salad, to which I always respond with an enthusiastic "yes." I typically swap my salad with my boyfriend for his helping of non-vegan miso soup, and the warm, salty broth always primes my stomach perfectly for the main course to come.



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it's grilled provides a nice contrast to fried components. I also love the thin, sauteed onions and tender broccoli that adorn the chicken, supplying an extra pop of flavor.

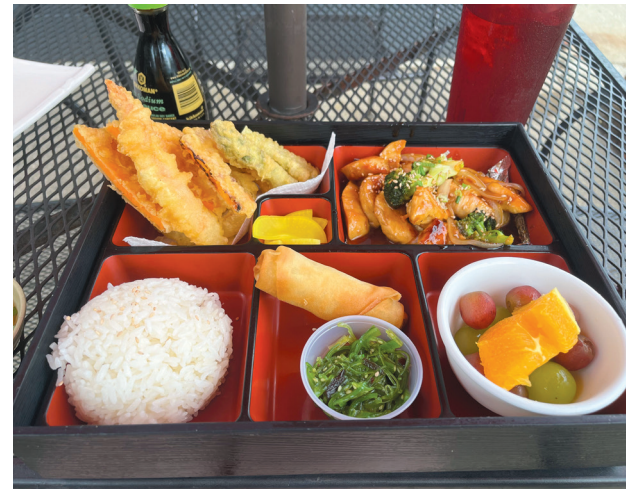
My second favorite part of the box is the fruit, which on my last visit included peeled orange slices and

I love bento boxes because they provide the ability to sample a variety of dishes without having to pay for — or stomach — full portions of each. SushiYa also offers bulgogi, salmon teriyaki and vegetarian boxes, but I always spring for the chicken teriyaki option. Wonderfully tender and juicy, with a generous coating of sweet glaze, the chicken is the best part of the box, and the fact that

two types of grapes. There's a lot of saltiness throughout the box, especially with the fried items, but the sweet fruit offers both a respite and an opportunity to cleanse your palate while making your way from dish to dish. The slices of pickled yuzu perform a similar function, though they're not as fresh and bright.

The aforementioned fried items — a spring roll and a selection of tempura veggies and shrimp — provide the box with a much-needed dose of crunchiness while not being noticeably greasy. I'm always impressed with the amount of breading the restaurant can get on the tempura, as well as how light it still manages to be.

Then there's the rice, which is sticky enough that it's able to be eaten fairly easily with chopsticks. I like to scoop it up with helpings of chicken so it gets coated in the teriyaki glaze, but



Nicole Noechel/City Pulse

Bento boxes, like the ones at SushiYa in East Lansing, provide the ability to sample a variety of dishes without having to pay for — or stomach — full portions of each.

it's also satisfying on its own with a drizzle of soy sauce.

For those who are new to Japanese cuisine, or even just to SushiYa, a bento box is an excellent place to start. Just be sure to finish off the tempura and spring roll before asking for a takeout box, because I've learned from experience that they'll become soggy when you try to warm them up. They'll still taste great, though!

Turn homemade cheese into a sweet and decadent treat

By ARI LEVAUX

A farmer friend gave me a box of spinach a few weeks ago. It wasn't long until the novelty wore off. By then, I had added the dark green foliage to ramen, salads, omelets, sandwiches and anything else I could think of. I finally killed the box with a large batch of saag paneer, for which I steamed and pureed the remaining spinach and some mustard greens and cooked them with sauteed onions, garam masala and browned chunks of homemade cheese. When the spinach ran out, I kept making this fluffy, lemony cheese.

I feel like I'm only beginning to

explore the possibilities of what I can do with this cheese. Alas, this exploration has been restricted by a certain step in the process. I just can't seem to get off my tuffet and quit eating the curds and whey, and it's cutting into my cheese output.

Making curds and whey is the first step in almost any cheesemaking process. You heat the milk and add some kind of acid that causes it to curdle. It's similar to what happens if you add lemon and honey to a cup of tea with milk, but more palatable.

When you stir that acid — in my case, lemon juice — into that hot milk, what had been a homogeneous liquid quickly transforms into thick, nearly solid curds floating in a bath

of clear, watery whey. Typically, the curds are filtered out and drained, which makes them denser. These curds are the foundation of most cheeses, while the whey has uses of its own.

A warm bowl of curds and whey isn't as gross to eat as it may sound. It's a bit sweet, thanks to the lactose; a little tart, thanks to the curdling agent; and slightly salty since I add salt with the acid. It's a bit like eating cereal and milk because you have two different textures inhabiting the same bowl. You can sweeten it, of course, but you can also turn the meal in a more savory direction.

I filter the curds from the whey by pouring it all through a cheesecloth, with a pot below to catch the liquid. I then tie the corners of the cheese-

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cloth around the wad of curds and hang it above the pot to capture the stream of draining whey.

You can try to get a second curdling from your whey. That’s how they make ricotta and other types of whey cheese. I’ve been doing something a bit more decadent: slowly cooking down the lemon-tinged whey until it develops into a smooth, brown caramel that’s similar in flavor to dulce de leche. I pour this lemony caramel sauce over pieces of drained cheese that I’ve fried to a golden hue, a process that somehow makes the cheese taste like the milk left over from a bowl of Fruit Loops. Together with the caramel sauce, it’s a soft, sweet and decadent little treat made from



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

Fried cheese with whey caramel.

nothing but milk, lemon and salt. And it’s just one of the many whey cool things you can do with curds and whey.

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Details of the sale are on file with the City Clerk’s Office and are available at Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. or www.lansingmi.gov/clerk. Call 517-483-4131 for more information.

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

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Fried lemon cheese with dulce de leche sauce

The sauce is a fun touch, but it’s hardly necessary. It adds quite a bit to the cooking time. If you skip the sauce, your cheese will be ready within the hour.

Serves four

For the cheese

1 gallon whole milk
10 tablespoons lemon or lime juice (or a blend)
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons ghee or light vegetable oil

In a thick-bottomed pot, heat the milk to a boil, stirring often to ensure nothing sticks. When it starts to foam, turn the heat off and wait 10 minutes.

When the milk has cooled a little, give it a stir to get it moving in a vortex and add the lemon and/or lime juice. The result should be immediate: The milk will break apart into cloud-like curds, suspended in the clear, watery whey. Let it cool for about 20 minutes, then pour it through a cheesecloth and into a pot to collect the whey.

Tie the corners of the cheesecloth and hang it somewhere where the drips can be caught. Carefully remove the cheese after at least two hours or as long as overnight.

To fry the cheese, carefully unwrap it from the cheesecloth and slice it into half-inch slabs or cubes. Fry them slowly in the oil on low/medium heat until browned on at least two sides.

You don’t have to fry it up. After all, not everyone appreciates the subtle taste of the milk left over from a bowl of Fruit Loops. You can spread the lemony cheese like whipped cream. You can sweeten it into a bright, rich dessert or mix it with chives, olive oil and salt for a savory alternative. As for the whey ...

For the caramel sauce

The lemon whey from one gallon of milk
2 tablespoons sugar

Add the sugar to the whey. On medium heat, simmer the whey until it cooks down to a thick, brown sauce, stirring occasionally to monitor any sticking. Amazingly, it doesn’t seem to want to stick.

As the volume gets close to zero, it will begin to foam, turning into more of a bubbling gas than a liquid. At this point, you can turn the heat off, and the foam will collapse back into a liquid with the look and thickness of caramel. Pour it over the cheese chunks or dip them into it.

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