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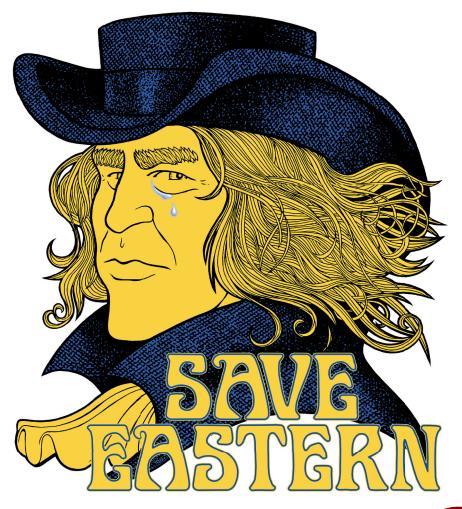
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by TOM TOMORROW

BARRING SOME SEISMIC POLITICAL REALIGNMENT, THE ONLY THING STANDING IN HIS WAY IS THE GUY WHO JUST DELIVERED THE WORST DEBATE PERFORMANCE IN MODERN HISTORY! THIS IS TERRIFIC, ABSOLUTELY COULDN'T BE BETTER!



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PULSE TANAL NEWS & OPINION

Delta Township trans candidate looks to move the needle

Alana Chriest's upbringing in the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest made her a lifelong environmentalist.

Her most recent effort as an activist began in 2019, when Chriest, a 46-year-old transgender woman and sociology instructor at Delta College in Saginaw, moved into a home in Delta Township off Delta River Drive. It is near the north end of the Capital City Bird Sanctuary and across the street from the township-owned Hawk Meadow Park.

When Chriest heard that township leaders were considering a contract with Shady Lodge Farm to continue using 30 of Hawk Meadow Park's 148 acres of public land for commercial farming, she spoke out in opposition at township meetings.

Though the board renewed the contract, Chriest's frequent civic engagement inspired her to run for Delta Township trustee. She will face six other Democrats in the Aug. 6 primary election for one of four seats in the November general election.

Chriest's campaign is particularly notable in that she could become the first locally elected trans-identifying public official in the area.

"My campaign is not about identity, but at the same time, I recognize I'm a representative of the community," she said, recalling a powerful interaction she had at this year's Lansing Pride festival.

"I was passing out campaign flyers and saw saw a trans-identified teen walking with their parents. I talked to them, and the teen said: You're running for office? That's awesome.' To me, that felt really good, because the teen saw someone showing them that they can live amongst everyone else and do normal, important things, too," Chriest said.

For Chriest, the interaction was a full-circle moment. It reminded her of her own early struggles for identity.

"I grew up in a town that was very



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Alana Chriest, a Board of Trustees' candidate Delta Township, hopes to become Greater Lansing's first openly trans elected official.

sheltered culturally, at a time when doing anything remotely feminine had you labeled a fag," said Chriest, who was raised in Duvall, Washington.

"I knew then that I wasn't gay, but I also really identified as a girl, and later a woman," Chriest said. "At any rate, I was bullied for just being a quiet person and went through periods of thinking I was broken. I learned to keep it bottled up as deep inside as I could."

"Later, I overexerted myself by being as masculine as possible," she added. "I wanted them to know that I liked all the cool things — some of which I still like today because I don't draw a hard line between masculine and feminine interests. For one, I still like to turn a wrench on my 1987 Subaru GL."

Chriest finally came out as a transgender woman to her girl-friend-turned-wife, Linnea, in 2015. By 2016, she was living full time in public as a woman, she said.

At the time, Chriest was a graduate student teaching a food science course at the University of Vermont. A defining moment came while she was working a shift at a local bar for extra income.

"When we were slow, I often found this perch in the bar by the service station that I'd lean against and watch ESPN. One day, ESPN — which is of course a very male-driven channel — is showing this cover of Vogue, a fashion magazine, with what looks like to be a 60-year-old woman in a one-piece bathing suit. I remember thinking it seemed out of place for them," Chriest said.

Chriest later learned that the cover model was Caitlyn Jenner, the former men's decathlon Olympic champion Bruce Jenner, who came out as transgender in April 2015 after living for 66 years as a man.

"Putting aside the Kardashian spectacle, I saw someone who was semi-normal, who used to be hyper-masculine, willing to give all of that up to live their true self," Christ said.

The experience contributed to Chriest's decision to start presenting herself publicly as a woman. When she did, she said, "Everything about my life was explained." Fortunately, she added, Linnea stuck with her and they welcomed twins into the family last fall.

Nowadays, Chriest carries herself with full confidence in her identity and qualifications for a trustee seat. When she's not working her day job, she's been hard at work on her campaign.

"I'm not running as a trans person or on identity politics, especially at the local level. I don't have any ambitions beyond my community. I truly just want to create a good place to live for myself, my family, my neighbors and community," Chriest said.

To be nominated, she'll go toe-

to-toe with incumbents Elizabeth Bowen, Fonda Brewer, Andrea Cascarilla and Karen Mojica plus hopefuls Jerimic Clayborn III and Tina Brill. Four will emerge to run against only two Republicans for the four open seats in November.

Bowen, a nonfiction writer and owner of the public relations firm Grasswing Public Affairs, was elected in 2020. Brewer, a retired Michigan Education Special Services Association employee, is seeking her second term as well. Cascarilla, who spent nearly 25 years as a legislative staffer, is seeking her third term. Mojica, the senior trustee, is finishing her fourth term.

Clayborn is a Sexton High School graduate and community engagement specialist with the Lansing School District. Brill was a regional sales director for Claires Stores.

The two candidates in the Republican primary are Michelle Hart and David Howell. Hart, previously government relations coordinator for the Michigan Townships Association, is an analyst for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Howell is a retired physician's assistant.

The top four vote-getters will be elected in November.

Chriest hopes her message is strong enough to propel her into the top four on election day. While environmentalism is a priority, she also supports more affordable housing, "smarter" infrastructure development and creating a township-funded community center.

Though she's not making her LGBTQ+ identity a selling point to voters, she also can't help considering what her victory would mean for trans visibility in the area.

"We're here and we're not going anywhere. We're not just entertainers or influencers on social media. We're working at businesses, we're in your social institutions — and yes, we can run for office," Chriest said.

- TYLER SCHNEIDER

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REVIND NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES

The city of Lansing said that incorrect summer tax bills were mailed to nearly 16,000 property owners. Spokesperson Scott Bean said a setting was off when the contractor Extend Your Reach printed the bills, affecting those with mortgage escrows set to pay property taxes. The bills had the wrong property number and taxdue amount. Correct property tax



information can be found at lansingmi.gov/595/propertytax, and updated bills will be mailed soon. The payment deadline is Sept. 3.



Rashad Trice pleaded guilty to first-degree, premeditated murder and first-degree criminal sexual conduct in the death last July of 2-year-old Wynter Cole-Smith of Lansing. The murder charge carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. Trice, former boyfriend of the child's mother,

had already confessed in federal court to kidnapping resulting in death, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison. Sentencing is set for Aug. 16. Trice, 27, admitted taking Wynter from her mother in Lansing on July 2, 2023, and strangling her with a cellphone cord. Police found the child dead in an alley near Coleman A. Young International Airport in Detroit.

Strange Matter Coffee was the victim of an elaborate ruse that resulted in a \$1,000 loss to the business and an individual employee. An employee received a call at its East Michigan Avenue location from someone impersonating a police detective. Employing "spoofing," in which the scammer uses technology to impersonate an existing phone number, the caller presented a fake name, title and badge number. Scam-



mers appeared at the shop and had the staff count money to find two fraudulent bills, which may have been planted. The Strange Matter team then called the real Lansing Police Department, which then opened an investigation. More details were kept secret as part of the investigation.



Reno's East sports bar in East Lansing has closed after 32 years and will reopen this fall as OneNorth Kitchen and Bar after remodeling. One-North owner Scott Berman (pictured, right) Thursday that he purchased Reno's East, the second

restaurant that owner Jessie Stipcak has sold him. He acquired and remodeled Reno's West in Delta Township in 2020 and reopened it as OneNorth. Stipcak started at Reno's East as a waitress in 1996 while an MSU student, its website says. In 2003, she purchased the business when Steve Fata was ready to retire. Stipcak stills owns Reno's North on Old U.S. 27 in Dewitt Township.



Downtown Lansing Inc. is accepting applications for its new Tenant Improvement Grant through Sept. 30. The agency will match 50% of eligible rehab investments with a cap of \$50,000 per project. It's available to downtown properties and businesses, with a priority on rehabbing and revitalizing historic buildings. Non-tax-exempt businesses and organizations are eligible. The program aims to reduce vacancies, rehab older vacant commercial buildings and support business while enhancing their physical appearance and improving downtown's economic viability. Projects vying for grants need to meet at least one of the program goals listed at downtownlansing.org/do-business/tools-and-programs/tenant-improvement, which also includes the full grant description and application forms.

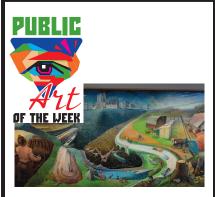


Now-former Eaton County corrections deputy Ethan Eversman, 24, of Ionia, admitted "requesting and exchanging nude images" with a teenage girl and distributing child porn on message platforms, a Michigan State police trooper testified in a warrant hearing. After being fired, Eversman was arraigned in Ionia County District Court on 14

counts, including four counts of distributing or promoting child pornography, three counts of aggravated possession and seven counts of using a computer to commit a crime. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted as charged. A hearing is scheduled for July 15.

Public Safety

A 56-year-old woman was killed and her son seriously injured Monday in a single-vehicle crash in Wheatfield Township. The woman, who police said may have suffered a medical emergency, was driving south on Zimmer Road when she drove off the road and struck a tree. ... One person was killed and an unconfirmed number injured in a four-vehicle crash on Interstate 96 in Eagle. Two semi-trucks and two cars were involved. Police said the atfault driver was not paying attention and rear-ended another vehicle. ... Five people, including a 2-year-old, were injured when a side-by-side utility terrain vehicle struck a tree in the 5100 block of Clark Road in Bath Township. The driver, a 52-year-old man, and four others were transported to Sparrow Hospital for treatment



WPA mural

A Works Progress Administration mural depicting scenes from the Upper Peninsula has found a new home in the Library of Michigan, thanks to an agreement with Michigan State University brokered by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing.

The mural by Carl H. Frezell was completed for Gogebic County Courthouse but was later donated to Michigan State University Museum. The MSU Museum is undergoing extensive renovations and needed a temporary home for the spectacular mural completed in 1936.

The mural depicts Upper Peninsula scenes of mining, lumbering, fishing and the iconic iron ore dock in Marquette. It also envisions a bridge linking the Upper Peninsula to the mitten of Michigan and a cityscape that includes images of the U.S. Capitol, the Michigan Capitol, the General Motors Building in Detroit and the Statue of Liberty.

According to a museum description, Frezell's painting was typical of the Depression-era work of WPA artists and represented the optimism of American workers.

The painting was given to Walter Berry by the "counties of Upper Peninsula," an MSU document says. Berry had been the field representative in the Upper Peninsula for the relief efforts of the WPA. In 1957, he and his spouse donated the work to MSU.

Frezell was what was known as a worker artist. He was born in Hurley, Wisconsin, in 1901. He moved to Michigan to work in the mines and ended up in Detroit, where he lived until his death in 1970. It is not known if other works of his survive.

- BILL CASTANIER

Public Art of the Week is a new feature that rotates with Eyesore of the Week. If you have an idea for either, please email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call (517) 999-6704.

Empowering shared-use housing in our city

By JOAN NELSON

I have encouraging news for those of you who have been following the year-

long conversation in this column about shared-use housing.

In late May, the city of Lansing Planning Office, led by principal planner Andy Fedewa, completed the internal review of proposed zoning code changes. The changes clarify options and reduce barriers

The proposals are now with the city's Planning Commission for review. Once it's done, it will forward the proposed changes, along with their recommendations to the City Council, which gets the final say. The hope is that by early fall, ordinary citizens and small-scale developers will have fewer obstacles to creating shared-use housing in Lansing.

The five housing options addressed in the proposals are neither dramatic nor character-changing for a neighbor-

Lansing Planning

630 W. Maple St.

Commission meeting

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7

hood. Rather, they will gently densify, or "thicken," housing over time to meet the needs of our diverse households.

At its Aug. 7 meeting, the Planning Com-

mission will focus on ADUs. Such backyard cottages have been banned in Lansing since falling out of favor in the mid-1900s (along with most other forms of shared-use housing). Planning staff is preparing a comprehensive presentation for the meeting that will lay out the proposed regulations with diagrams and examples of what Lansing-approved ADUs would look like.

Our city planners could draw from the experiences of 20 other Michigan cities that have already approved ADUs. These include municipalities of all sizes, ranging from Oscoda to Grand Rapids, including Kalamazoo, Traverse City and Ann Arbor. Rowan Price and Dave Muylle of the Shared Use Housing Advocacy Network here in Lansing, a group of approximately 40 volunteers concerned about housing shortages, have been talking with planners from other cities who invariably tell us that allowing ADUs has been largely positive for their communities. In fact, Traverse City is steadily increasing its annual cap on ADUs, while Grand Rapids continues

to tweak requirements regarding lot coverage, height and setbacks to create greater flexibility for those desiring to build a backyard cottage. Other Michigan cities are contemplating following South Bend and others by providing down-loadable ADU architectural

drawings.

Lansing's Planning Commission has so far received 18 letters supporting ADUs and other forms of shared-use housing, including from Michigan AARP, whose national organization is a strong backer of ADUs nationally.

"Because they tend to be smaller and more affordable than single-family houses," the letter says, "they can be a good housing option for older adults who want to downsize but still live in a neighborhood setting. According to AARP's 2021 Home and Community Preference Survey, (To learn more about AARP's support of ADUs, check out their ABCs of ADUs: A guide to

Accessory Dwelling Units at https://www. aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2023/slideshow-abcsof-adus.html.)

ADUs are not the only form of shared-use

housing that might appeal to seniors. In a recent article called "What 'Boommates' Are and Why You Might Want to Join Them," Washington Post writer Michael J. Coren wrote, "Baby-boomer households without children living at home own an estimated 28 percent of the nation's large houses with three or more bedrooms compared with just 14 percent of millennial households with children, despite this generation outnumbering its boomer counterparts. That means millions of bedrooms sit empty. The real estate company Trulia estimated in 2017 that 3.6 million vacant bedrooms in baby-boomer households could be rented out in the 100 largest U.S. metro areas."

Making it easier for a senior to carve out a rentable room or suite in their house not only provides shelter for someone and a revenue stream for the senior. It also mitigates the loneliness epidemic that we are grappling with.

In crafting modern-day versions of once-popular housing options, it is helpful to understand the broad historical trends that resulted in today's frustrating housing shortage. In "Escaping the Housing Trap," renowned urbanists Charles Marohn and Daniel Herriges lay out the impacts of early 20th-century planning reforms (intended to solve problems at the time they were instituted) that have resulted in problematic exclusionary zoning for single-family housing, postwar patterns of development (the "suburban experiment,") and the hardening over time of regulatory barriers. Regarding the disparagement of shared-use housing in the first half of the 20th century, they write, "To bring legible order to America's cities and neighborhoods, we broadly outlawed many of the housing forms that had been basic building blocks of our cities. We curtailed many of the ad hoc strategies by which Americans had built wealth while simultaneously meeting their need for shelter."

Let's implement local, bottom-up strategies that allow us to create housing units in our neighborhoods quickly. Please send an email to Andrew. fedewa@lansingmi.gov or attend the Aug. 7 Planning Commission meeting to encourage leaders to make it easy for resourceful residents to convert a spare bedroom to create a rentable suite or to construct a backyard ADU.

Further, let's allow small, incremental developers to add a few more units to our neighborhoods by building housing co-ops (where residents are also owners) or cottage courtyards like the eastside's model Cottage Lane rental development.

Shared-use housing isn't the only strategy for addressing the housing crisis. However, it is an approach that allows us to move forward decisively and immediately in Lansing. By removing regulatory barriers while establishing thoughtful guidelines, we empower ordinary citizens and emerging incremental developers to, as Jane Jacobs would say, co-create our neighborhoods and our city.

(Joan Nelson is the retired founding executive director of the Allen Neighborhood Center. He column appears monthly.)



STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 24-729-DE. Estate of James J. DeLuca, deceased – Date of Birth: 07/30/1941. NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: Known & Unknown. The decedent, James J. DeLuca, died 12/21/2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James G. DeLuca, 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, 07/03/2024. Attorney: Benjamin L. Cwayna, #P70266, 11973 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, 517-622-1900. Personal representative: James G. DeLuca, PO Box 1142, Hot Springs, SD 57747, 605-890-2912.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S REVISED FISCAL 2023 PROGRAM OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Area Transportation Authority hereby provides notice to the public and to private providers of its proposed fiscal 2023 program of capital projects, which has been revised. The FY23 proposed capital list of projects was modified following consultation with CATA's funding partners, the Federal Transit Administration and Michigan Department of Transportation.

Section 5307 Formula Funding				
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget		
Large Buses 40' Replacement	\$5,600,000	\$7,000,000		
Less than 30' Replacement Bus	\$384,729	\$480,911		
Facility – A & E Design (Admin, Maintenance, Storage)	\$120,000	\$150,000		
IT Hardware	\$436,400	\$545,500		
Mobile Fare Collection Equipment	\$400,000	\$500,000		
Support Vehicle Replacement	\$400,000	\$500,000		
Facility Improvements (Admin, Maintenance, Storage)	\$800,000	\$1,000,000		
Consultant Services	\$120,000	\$150,000		
Planning	\$400,000	\$500,000		
TOTAL	\$8,661,129	\$10,826,411		
Section 5339 Formula Funding				
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget		
Replacement Vans – Rural Service	\$384,000	\$480,000		
Replacement Vans – Urban Service	\$388,966	\$486,208		
TOTAL	\$772,966	\$966,208		
Section 5310 Formula Funding				
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget		
Less Than 30' Replacement Bus	\$244,537	\$305,671		
Construct Pedestrian Access/Walkways	\$200,076	\$250,095		
TOTAL	\$444,613	\$555,766		
CMAQ Formula Funding				
Item	Federal Share	Total Grant Budget		
Clean Commute Program	\$100,000	\$100,000		
Public Education Efforts	\$100,000	\$125,000		
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$225,000		

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

Written comments on the program of projects or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 5 p.m. July 30, 2024. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, FY 2023 Revised Program of Projects, Attn: Planning and Development Department, 4615 Tranter Street, Lansing, MI 48910 or via email to: marketing@cata.org.

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While Michigan was sleeping, a budget was unveiled, passed

You might not have caught the irony of the Michigan Senate passing a proclaimed expansion of the state's open record law the

same night it passed the most secretive budget in modern history, but I did.

Last week, the Senate spiked the football on bills (which aren't going anywhere in the state

House) that would create a bureaucracy designed to reject or heavily redact whatever open records request you might have for the state Legislature or the governor.

KYLE MELINN

Today, you can request financial documents from the House and Senate under their internal rules but little else. Under these bills, you will be able to request financial documents from the Legislature, but not much more outside of a legislator's public calendar.

Don't fret over the feeble expansion, though. House members won't pass it anyway. They have re-elections to win.

I only mention it because it creates the aforementioned irony: The same Senate stayed up until 5 a.m. to pass an \$82.5 billion state budget for Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2025, that literally nobody with a normal sleep pattern read.

That's because 1,519 pages of spending didn't become a public document until five minutes after midnight June 27. At 12:05 a.m, a just-for-show committee met to unveil a public spending measure crafted with literally as much openness as the old redistricting process.

The committee's clerk, when asked to explain what were in these 1,519 pages, said, "Due to the lateness of the hour, I'm going to keep this brief." He proceeded to utter a couple of numbers to a room of about 10 people. A motion was made to pass the document. A vote was taken. The chair pounded the gavel.

Mid-Michigan legislators Angela Witwer and Sarah Anthony, who spent the last few months concocting the whole thing with the governor's budget office, a few other lawmakers and a bunch of staff scattered before too many questions were asked.

Between 12:05 a.m. and 5 a.m., the full House and Senate passed the budget with light debate. One of the Legislature's 72 Republicans voted for it.

Viola! A "bipartisan" budget was passed! While you were sleeping, no less! There was no need to look at the spending analyses because unless you're a nocturnal creature with the sleep habits of a possum, you couldn't have read it anyway.

That's your state government working for you in 2024.

Between January and June this year, House Speaker Joe Tate was a broken record on the chamber's only priority for 2024: the budget. Tate talked of little else. Last year, the House passed a budget, too, along with a truckload of other policy priorities. This year, it was only the budget.

There wasn't anything special about this year's budget. The Constitution requires it, just like the calendar requires Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July.

Michigan government didn't have a bunch of extra money, nor was the state broke. The only difference is 2024 is this is an election year, and year and Democrats will struggle to keep a majority 56 House seats, especially with a barely functional 81-year-old as their presidential nominee.

So, to recap, the House unveiled and passed its professed No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 priorities for the ENTIRE YEAR while most normal human beings were asleep.

More commotion might have been made over this example of bad government had the budget been terribly interesting, but it wasn't.

Back in February, the governor said she wanted:

- A 2.5% foundation allowance increase to public schools.
 - Universal 4-year-old preschool.
- \$1,000 rebates for all new automobiles purchased
- a Family Caregiver Tax credit of \$5,000.

She got none of the above.

Instead, she got the schools and teachers paying less into their retirement, which the school community panned because the reductions weren't made permanent.

She also got a few hundred thousand dollars left on the balance sheet she can spend this fall on presumed economic development projects.

Don't ask which ones. We'll all find out after the deal is cut and bills are passed.

During daylight hours, if we're lucky. (Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS at melinnky@gmail.com.)

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Celebrate freedom with Fourth of July events throughout Greater Lansing

By NICOLE NOECHEL, intro from METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4 has stood as the birth of American independence for much longer. The date marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. According to PBS, the colonies were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. "Taxation without representation" became a battle cry and was one of several grievances colonists had with Britain.

Conflict between the colonies and Britain had been going on for at least a year before the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in June 1776. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from England. Two days later, on July 4, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was one of the first people to present a resolution for American independence, and his commentary was the impetus for the formal Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson's original draft underwent 86 changes before the final version was adopted. The document's signing helped to solidify independence and eventually led to the formation of the United States of America.

Since then, the Fourth of July has become the most anticipated holiday of the summer. People across the country gather to host barbecues, set off fireworks and commemorate the freedoms afforded to them by the Declaration of Independence. Municipalities across Greater Lansing, plus Jackson Field, will celebrate this year's holiday with events ranging from parades and fireworks displays to concerts and car shows. To discover all that's happening in the area in the next two days, read on.

Eaton Rapids

Eaton Rapids' two-day Fourth of July celebration will kick off from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight (July 3) with Chalk Fest, where community members are invited to create chalk art on Main Street sidewalks. The evening



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Municipalities across Greater Lansing, plus Jackson Field, will celebrate Independence Day today (July 3) and Thursday (July 4) with fireworks displays, parades, concerts, car shows and more.

will continue with family activities from 6 to 9 at the Martin Hansen Amphitheater (315 W. Knight St.), including bounce houses, music and food trucks. A screening of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" at the amphitheater will begin at dusk.

Thursday (July 4) will offer a craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Hamlin Street, a parade beginning at 11 a.m. on Main Street, a chicken dinner hosted by the Rotary Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (300 S. Main St.), a performance by variety cover group Universe Band from noon to 2 p.m. at the Martin Hansen Amphitheater (315 W. Knight St.), a Civil War living history encampment from noon to 4 p.m. at Island Park (150 E. Hamlin St.) and kids' activities from noon to 4 p.m. at Howe Memorial Park (100 Howe Drive). Evening activities at Howe Memorial Park include a dance party at 7 and a fireworks display at 10:15.

Jackson Field

The Lansing Lugnuts' Independence Day celebration tonight (July 3) will begin with a vintage baseball game between the Capital Base Ball Club of Lansing and the Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea from 5 to 6. The match between the Lugnuts and the TinCaps of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will commence at 7:05, followed by the biggest LAFCU fireworks display of the season, which will be set to patriotic music.

Thursday (July 4), a duo of members from '90s and 2000s alt-rock tribute band Be Kind Rewind will open Echoes of Pink Floyd at 7 p.m. on the field. The Pink Floyd tribute set will be synced to "The Wizard of Oz," which will be screened on an LED wall. There will also be kids' activities on the concourse, and the city of Lansing's fireworks display will be visible from the stadium.

Delta Township

Delta Township's fireworks show

will begin around 10 tonight (July 3) at Sharp Park (1401 Elmwood Road). A concession stand will be open for food and refreshments. A free permit for alcoholic beverages can be obtained in advance from the township's Parks and Recreation Department (7710 W. Saginaw Hwy.).

Portland

Portland's Fourth of July parade will kick off at 10 a.m. Thursday (July 4), following the homecoming route from Water Street to Portland High School.

Lansing

Lansing's Independence Day parade will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday (July 4) and will travel around the Capitol Loop. The Fourth of July concert with the Lansing Concert Band will begin at 8 p.m. at Adado Riverfront Park, followed by a fireworks display.

River Town Adventures is offering the chance to view the fireworks from an LED-lit kayak on the Grand River. Rentals are available from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Single kayaks are \$35, and tandem kayaks are \$70. To reserve a kayak, call (517) 253-7523.

Fowlerville

Thursday (July 4) at Fowlerville Community Park (425 N. Grand St.), food vendors will open at 11:30 a.m., a country music concert featuring Kari Holmes and Keith Ozment will begin at noon, a classic car and bike show will run from 1 to 4 p.m., and a parade will kick off at 7 p.m., with a fireworks show to follow.

Mason

Mason's Independence Day parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday (July 4) at Mason High School (1001 S. Barnes St.). There will also be a car show with food trucks, a DJ and door prizes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Courthouse Square.

St. Johns

Thursday's (July 4) celebration at St. Johns City Park (801 W. Park St.) will commence with a performance by the Kathy Ford Band at 7 p.m., followed by a fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. Food will be available for purchase from Chuckie D's BBQ and Papa's Lemonade & Hot Dog Stand.

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Stuck on what to read next? These resources may help

By BILL CASTANIER

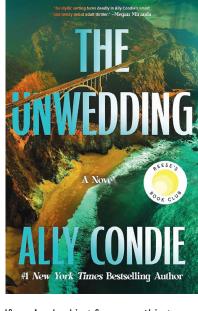
Utah author Ally Condie's new book, "The Unwedding," was actress Reese Witherspoon's June book club pick, and get this: It's a mystery that starts at a resort wedding gone horribly awry. I plan to read it since I'm a big mystery fan.

I'll admit that I haven't read many book club selections from Witherspoon or NBC "Today" show co-host Jenna Bush Hager. However, I did read one of Witherspoon's picks, Ann Patchett's "Tom Lake," and Bush Hager's recommendation of "The Waters," by Bonnie Jo Campbell. Of course, both have a Michigan connection. "Tom Lake" is a 2024 Michigan Notable Book.

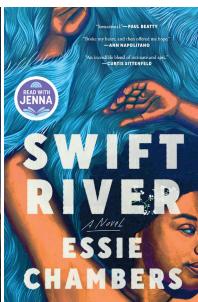
Meanwhile, Oprah Winfrey, whose book club has

been running for nearly three decades, highlighted David Wroblewski's "Familiaris" as her most recent pick. The novel is a look back at the origin story of the family detailed in another book by the author, "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle," which was a Winfrey book club selection in 2008. I'll have to go back and read that book, about a mute boy and some amazing dogs.

I've read quite a few of Winfrey's selections, including one I couldn't finish, Barbara Kingsolver's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Demon Copperhead," which was inspired by







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If you're looking for something new to read, book clubs are often good resources for ideas. Actress Reese Witherspoon chose Ally Condie's "The Unwedding" for her June book club pick, while Oprah Winfrey chose David Wroblewski's "Familiaris," and NBC "Today" show co-host Jenna Bush Hager chose Essie Chambers' "Swift River."

Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield." I've also read "The Road," by Cormac McCarthy; "Middlesex," by Detroit native Jeffrey Eugenides; "Let Us Descend," by Jesmyn Ward, a University of Michigan graduate who has won two National Book Awards; and "A Million Little Pieces," by James Frey, which I knew was fake from the start.

Witherspoon likes thrillers and brainy mysteries, like her young-adult selection "Firekeeper's Daughter," by Michigan-based Indigenous author Angeline Boulley; "Daisy Jones & the Six," by Taylor Jenkins Reid; and Susan Orlean's masterpiece "The Library Book." Witherspoon was also one of the first to find Delia Owens' "Where the Crawdads Sing," which spent years on The New York Times' best-seller

list and made a multi-millionaire of its author.

All three book clubs focus on women authors, which makes sense since women make up the majority of the clubs and are consistently great writers.

I'm often asked for ideas about what to read. I usually just tell people to browse, whether it's online or at a library or bookstore. My suggestion is to do it in person. Stand in front of a display of books and see what grabs your interest. Grab a book off the shelf and read the blurb on the jacket. The bottom line is to read what you like, but every now and then, try reaching outside your comfort zone or even reaching back in time and reading a book that was popular 100 years ago.

Many people are getting book sug-

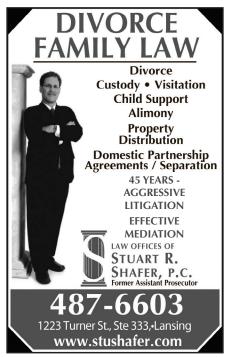
gestions online at sites like Goodreads, but another option is to check out tables promoting book clubs at local bookstores and find out what those groups are reading. Bookstores are also a good source of information on how to join local book clubs.

You can't go wrong with befriending a librarian. They're walking, talking references for books to read. While you're at the library, peruse The New York Times' weekly best-seller list. It measures book sales across the United States, but I will warn that it pushes a herd concept.

You can also take a look at the annual Michigan Notable Books list, which features 20 books

per year that were either written by a Michigan author or are about a Michigan topic or location. It's a broad list that covers fiction, nonfiction and children's books, and there are often options with controversial topics or subject matter. Full disclosure, I'm a member of the selection committee.

I'm also a big fan of watching what other people are reading at beaches, in parks and on breaks from work. For instance, one of my former co-workers at the East Lansing Towne Courier in the mid-'70s got me reading British mysteries and thrillers, which I still enjoy today. Some of my favorites are by Ruth Ware, who's one of the many writers picking up the mantle of the late Agatha Christie.



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Campbell's Market Basket doubles down on fresh food in expanded space

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

After graduating from Albion College, third-generation East Lan-

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spent two years

working at a hand-

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sons. His experiences on the campbellsmarketbasket.com farms fueled his growing

interest in the benefits of locally sourced food.

"Five years later, I decided that I wanted to open up my own business because there was almost a food desert, a lack of fresh grocery food, in downtown East Lansing," he said.

In 2019, he opened Campbell's Market Basket, a small specialty grocer, on Grand River Avenue. In May, he expanded into a property next door that almost doubled his existing space to about 3,000

'We took our original concept and spread it out. Our original location has transitioned into more of a cafe and fresh food side, and immediately to the west is our grocery store," he said. "My goal was to become more of a one-stop-shop, a convenient and fresh market downtown."

Customers looking for prepared food can order from a robust menu that includes sandwiches, soups, salads, coffee and espresso, beer and wine, desserts and more. Some menu items are pre-packaged and available for purchase on the grocery side. Delivery is also available through third-party apps like Grubhub.

'Whether it's salads, sandwiches or deli items, those are all prepared right here by our staff. We feel that these things are maybe a little bit better quality than you'd find elsewhere," Campbell said.

The grocery side offers fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, prepackaged deli products and condiments like jellies, jams and hot sauces. Most of the items are sourced locally.

"We have a really small footprint but offer a large diversity of products," Campbell said. "Our niche is that we don't want to just have the same things you can find at Target or Meijer. We try to select specialty brands and higher-quality goods that aren't your typical name-brand labels."

Campbell has spent the last five years strengthening his relationships with Michigan State University students and staff, who he said make up a significant portion of his customer base.

"A lot of people who work close by are walking here on their lunch break or before they go home after work. Those are our loyal customers — the people who might stop by once or twice every single day," he said. "You get to see them day in and day out. You know them by name, you know their kids, and they know vour family. So, for us, it's all about the atmosphere, the environment and the vibe that we can provide."



Third-generation East Lansing resident Ken Campbell opened Campbell's Market Basket in 2019 to provide residents of downtown East Lansing with a place to find fresh, locally sourced groceries. He expanded the store in May to include a café with prepared food like sandwiches, soups, desserts and beverages.



What makes a successful independent business? Local owners weigh in

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

In honor of Independent Retailer Month, City Pulse sat down with the owners of six independent businesses in the area to learn more about how they found their niche in the local market and what factors they feel have contributed most to their success over the years.

Some, like Desmond Ferguson of Moneyball Sportswear, Heather Frarey of the Record Lounge, Lucretia Mansfield of Simply Vintage Marketplace and Casey Sorrow of Odd Nodd Art Supply, followed lifelong passions, overcoming long hours and frequent setbacks to make their dreams a reality.

Others, like Tim Westlund of Westlund's Apple Market and Ray Walsh of Curious Book Shop, weighed in on how their respective industries have changed over the decades and how

they've managed to navigate new developments like online shopping while keeping big-box competitors from poaching their customers, thanks to a steady base of regulars they've spent their lives cultivating.

These business owners had plenty of advice to offer aspiring entrepreneurs. They stressed the importance of finding the right location, being prepared for setbacks and staying flexible. They also offered insight into how they identified a need in the community and subsequently carved their place in the local market to cater to their specific audiences.

While they're just a small sample size of the independent business owners in Greater Lansing, their stories yield compelling clues as to what makes an independent business stand out and thrive.



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Casey Sorrow managed MSU's Kresge Art Store for nearly two decades before founding his own shop, Odd Nodd Art Supply, in 2019.

Odd Nodd Art Supply: Specialty retailer caters to niche customer base

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After working as a freelance artist and a retail manager at Michigan State University's Kresge Art Store, Casey Sorrow opened Odd Nodd Art Supply in 2019 ready to apply his artistic expertise to a new venture as a small business owner.

"I've always been an entrepreneur at heart, so I'd always considered it, but I never really had the opportunity early on to do so," he said.

The 48-year-old Holt native and MSU

graduate managed to bear the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic, which he described as "the worst thing I could possibly imagine for the first year of business."

"Fortunately for me, one of my main concepts was to have our inventory online before we opened. A lot of businesses

didn't have that foresight, but that was a game changer for us," he said.

Sorrow said the key to establishing himself in the local retail market was "finding that niche and catering to it."

"Knowing that I needed to provide supplies for university students was something that I worked toward, but I also wanted to offer items that you can't find in the Lansing area or even in Michigan," he said.

For Odd Nodd, this includes products coveted by collectors, like stationery and fountain pens.

"Stationery fanatics are finding us and realizing that it's a gem to have those products available locally," Sorrow said, adding that a group of these hobbyists hosts meetings at the shop to talk about their latest finds.

"Basically, we specialize in a lot of very professional or hard-to-find art supplies," he continued. "I don't try to compete with the websites that are basically the Amazon of art supply stores because we would go out of business trying to match their prices. People who find us and know us appreciate what we offer."

Sorrow's personal artistic passion is printmaking. His work has been pub-

lished in The New York Times and elsewhere, but being a business owner often takes precedence these days.

"It never stops. I'm taking tomorrow off, but I'm not really going to be off. I'm going to be at home going over what I need to do in my head. I wouldn't trade it for anything,

but it's hard," he said.

For others who are considering opening a small business, he said the most important step is to "seek out your audience and know what that audience looks like"

"When I started, I already knew a lot of artists in the area, and a lot of them came out to support me and my venture. Knowing who you're selling to and really connecting with them is huge," he said.

He also urged locals to continue supporting his store and other independent retailers.

"If you support a local business, that business can support other local businesses, which, in turn, benefits the community as a whole. When you support us, that support stays here," he said.



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A lifelong music buff, Heather Frarey founded the Record Lounge in 2008 and has been capitalizing on a resurgent, booming vinyl culture ever since.

The Record Lounge: Vinyl boom keeps business flowing

Founded in East Lansing in 2008, the Record Lounge opened to the public just after the medium exploded back into popular culture in what has since been dubbed the "vinyl record boom" of 2007. Sales have continued to flourish since then, and owner Heather Frarey is reaping the benefits.

"It can be a lucrative business, but it took a long time to get here.

I'd say it was tough for about seven years," she said.

The 60-year-old believes some of those early difficulties stemmed from her initial location, as she found East Lansing to be "one of the hardest spots

to do business." In 2017, she decided to move to 1132 S. Washington Ave. in REO Town, now home to Deadtime Stories, then relocated again to her current space at the REO Town Marketplace the following year.

"Location is a major part of finding success," she said. "I'd recommend researching different areas of town and thinking about what your shop can offer there. Find where you think you'll fit in the best."

She continued, "The other thing to really watch is inventory. When I started in 2008, vinyl was still pretty plentiful because people weren't into it as much as they are now. Nowadays, if you go to a yard sale or something, it's really hard to find anything."

Frarey's role has her constantly scouting out sources of new and used records while also regulating her stock to ensure a sustainable profit margin.

She said she's often willing to negotiate prices on secondhand

records. However, with the vinyl boom showing no signs of slowing down, the challenge primarily lies in finding new pressings.

"There's hardly any wiggle room there, so it's not really where we make our mon-

ey," she said. "It just keeps getting more expensive for us and the consumer. For example, when Kendrick Lamar's 'good kid, m.A.A.d. city' came out, I think I bought it for \$15. Now, they're reprinting it for about \$30."

Frarey admitted that there were "probably two times" when she considered shutting down, but her kids talked her out of it.

"They said, 'No, mom, you really need to keep this going," she said. "I'm glad I stuck with it. You have to tell yourself you're doing something you love. I think this keeps me young, and I meet a lot of great people this way, too."

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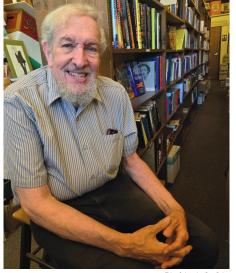
In 1969, while attending Michigan State University, Ray Walsh began running a small bookshop out of his basement. Over the next 55 years, he turned that initial venture — which he called Curious Book Shop — into a mainstay of Greater Lansing's independent business scene.

"I graduated in 1971, and we moved to the current location a couple of years later. We've been there ever since," Walsh said.

Today, Curious Book Shop comprises three floors stocked with a cornucopia of literary offerings, including more than 40,000 books.

"We started off primarily as a used bookshop, and that's changed a bit. We sell some new books nowadays, and we also do special orders if people are looking for something specific that's harder to find," Walsh said

Having previously owned two now-defunct bookstores in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, as well as Curious' sister business, Archives Book Shop, which he's in the process of closing, Walsh said he's seen the market shift "considerably" during his



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Ray Walsh has been operating independent bookstores in Greater Lansing for 55 years. His longest-running store, East Lansing's Curious Book Shop, has more than 40,000 books in stock, he said.

tenure

"Because there aren't a lot of quality used book shops around anymore, we're constantly getting bombarded with people wanting to sell us books," he said. "At the same time, we have to be very selective on what we're acquiring because we may not have the space or money for storage, and we have to be sure we can sell it relatively quickly."

The rise of massive online booksellers like Amazon and the emerging popularity of digital readership in recent decades has

> also prompted Walsh to bolster the store's online presence through digital marketplaces like Etsy, Amazon, Biblio and eBay.

> "Another change is dealing with different generations of readers and collectors," he said. "The new generation is more used to reading online, and even textbooks are that

way now."

For that reason, he said, Curious Book Shop doesn't sell many textbooks these days, but it does deal in "basically everything else." He's continued to try and differentiate his shop from big-box retailers by tracking down rare editions and even some author-signed books.

Walsh isn't alone in his quest to keep physical, independent bookstores alive in Greater Lansing. Smaller area shops like A Novel Concept, Deadtime Stories, Everybody Reads, Hooked, Socialight Society and Wayfaring Booksellers have found success by catering to niche audiences.

For those looking to enter the bookselling business, Walsh stressed the importance of patience in the early stages.

"Don't quit your daytime job," he said with a laugh. "I'd also say it's best if you specialize in a particular field, but there can also be a lot of difficulty figuring out what people are looking for."

In Walsh's case, cultivating relationships with his customers has been the biggest factor in his sustained success.

"We'll get people coming in from out of town for our selection and many more who come by on a regular basis," he said. "We appreciate the community support because we couldn't have gotten this far without it."

"People usually aren't buying a whole

Moneyball Sportswear: Everett grad keeps eye on the ball

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Long before Lansing native Desmond Ferguson walked off the court for the last time as a professional basketball player, he was already thinking about what would come next.

"I was in the Netherlands in 2001 when I started to think about what I wanted to do outside of the game. I was lucky to be making some money doing something I loved, so the idea of doing basketball uniforms came to mind," he said.

Ferguson, 46, launched Moneyball

Sportswear in 2002, naming the business after a nickname his teammates had given him for his sharpshooter role. He started out manufacturing basketball uniforms for high school teams

in Detroit and Lansing before expanding into other sports.

After hanging his jersey up in 2011, Ferguson pivoted into coaching the varsity boys' basketball team at his alma mater, Everett High School, from 2012 to 2017. During that time, he also began developing retail sportswear lines to help Moneyball grow beyond its uniform-based roots.

"Slowly but surely, we've grown over the years," he said. "Obviously, I was playing ball and running the business, so it was kind of like a side hustle that grew into a legit business. Once I got done playing ball, I went strictly full-time with it."

Ferguson opened a Meridian Mall location in 2017 and a second store-front in Southfield in 2019. In 2022, he centralized his ever-growing operation at a new 5,000-square-foot headquarters at 927 W. Saginaw St. in Lansing.

"For me, it was really about ownership after paying rent for so many years. It was just part of our natural growth and something I always wanted to do," he said.

The headquarters space allows Ferguson and his team of around a dozen employees to coordinate new clothing lines, uniform orders and regional basketball events under one roof. For Ferguson, the latter, which includes a basketball clinic that's in its 19th year, is just as important as the retail side.

"You have so many businesses that will take from our community and not give back. One of the main things we do is invest in our community as well, whether that be time, money or both. So, I think people can see that it's not a facade," he said.

Having turned his lifelong pas-

sion into a sustainable career, Ferguson said the key to establishing an independent business is to follow what you know.

"Do something you're passionate about that's a need for everyday peo-

ple. Find something you would do even if you weren't making money from it because early on, you probably won't. Until you do, you've got to be able to withstand the peaks and valleys, just like with sports and life itself," he said.



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Lansing native Desmond Ferguson launched Moneyball Sportswear during his 11-year professional basketball career. The business started out manufacturing team uniforms but has since grown to produce other athletic apparel and, more recently, footwear.

Westlund's Apple Market: Independent grocer thrives in Groesbeck

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Market

While competing grocery chains like Kroger, Meijer, Whole Foods and, most recently, Trader Joe's have staked claims around Greater Lansing over the years, Westlund's Apple Market has managed to retain its status as a fixture of Lansing's Groesbeck Neighborhood.

Founded in 1921, the family-owned supermarket has simultaneously embraced the past while modernizing just enough to keep corporate giants from overtaking its slice of the pie.

Owner Tim Westlund inherited the store from

his father, Gerald Westlund, in 2007. In his 17 years at the helm, he said he's seen the grocery business change significantly.

week's worth of groceries anymore," he said. "You go into the big boys, and you do still see that, but in this store, you can come in and grab great meat or whatever you're looking for and be in and out in three minutes."

He cited self-checkout

He cited self-checkout lanes and food delivery apps as some of the technological advancements he's had to adapt to in order to stay afloat. So far, however, he's managed to keep the margins favorable.

"Self-checkout lanes have become the big thing. I never wanted to do that, though, because many peo-

ple still want to be taken care of by real people. We've hung our hats on the idea that people still want to pick their produce and meat themselves," he said.

Now "semi-retired," Westlund has passed some of his responsibilities off to his daughter, Erin Westlund, who began working at the store when she was 14.

"People pretty much know others by name here, and it's been that way as long as I can remember," Erin Westlund said. "We love our neighborhood customers, and they love us because they can come in here and get a customized, personal experience."

Thanks to this robust base of regulars, many of whom come from Groesbeck, Westlund's Apple Market has continued to thrive while other local grocers like Foods for Living have folded under the weight of corporate expansion.

"I would say that the world has gotten away from trying to have people take care of people, and they don't realize what they've lost," Tim Westlund



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From left: Tim Westlund, owner of Westlund's Apple Market, poses with two of the store's butchers, Phil Bahle and Alan Jackson.

said. "In a nutshell, the community should know that we're still here, we're having fun, we want to continue to take care of our people, and we have no plans for that to change."



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Simply Vintage Marketplace: Mason antique store keeps it in the community

Lucretia Mansfield met sisters ing world and always wanted a Katherine Hartwick and Nichole Ward during a recreational volleyball league game. Mansfield said their interactions "quickly flowered into a great friendship," which led the trio to start discussing the possibility of opening a vintage resale store in Mason.

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brick and mortar," Mansfield said of Hartwick and Ward. "We just kept looking for something until we eventually found the property we opened up at, which had so much potential." Mansfield, 49, is a Monroe na-

tive who moved to the area in 1993 to attend Michigan State University. Hartwick, 43, and Ward, 45, are Mason natives.

"Each of us brings our own strengths to the table. Katie and Nichole have this great crafting ability. They can make beautiful signs and presentations. I'm more of an organizer," Mansfield said.

In 2019, the trio launched Simply Vintage Marketplace, a multi-vendor "family business" that carries "anything and everything collectible," Mansfield said.

"We have a 2-acre property with five outbuildings. So, we have room to stock a very large variety that includes furniture, vinyl, glassware and comics," she said.

The challenges of opening the shop included planning a series of renovations and navigating the red tape of local regulation. Man-

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sfield noted that it took a while for Simply Vintage to come into its own.

"You really learn as you go. I think that's normal for any business," said.

With five years of business experience under her belt, Mansfield offered advice for others looking to establish a similar concept.



From left: Nichole Ward, Katie Hartwick and Lucretia Mansfield founded Simply Vintage Marketplace, a 2-acre, five-building antique outlet, in 2019.

"Be prepared for everything and anything to be thrown at you and don't get discouraged," she said.

"You're going along and doing well, and then all of a sudden something comes up and really sets you back. You just have to keep pushing."

Mansfield called Mason "a community town." To promote this sense of togetherness, she and her fellow

co-owners made a point to establish their space as a gathering spot in addition to a retail store.

"You walk out our back door,

and we have a gazebo and sitting areas, and we're pet friendly. I think that draws a lot of people in because you can make a day out of it. You may want to take a break in the sunshine on our patio, especially this time of year," she said.

Overall, she noted that Simply Vintage wouldn't be where it is today without the support of the community.

"It's just so important to support a small business," she said. Even if you come in and buy a \$2 item, you're supporting a lot more people than you may think, and you're also keeping it in the community."

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'Predictor' pulls back curtain on long-forgotten inventor

By CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS

Great theater poses important questions about life, love and who invented the at-home pregnancy test.

This month, Williamston Theatre will close its 2023-'24 season with the Michigan premiere of "Predictor," which tells the long-forgotten story of inventor Meg Crane. She only received credit for her invention in 2015, when she was in her mid-70s.

"How many women have stories like this that we don't know? Her family members didn't even know about this incredible thing she did," said Williamston Theatre newcomer Caitlin Cavannaugh, who plays Crane in the show

Also working with Williamston for the first time is director Billicia Charnelle Hines, who said the play fits well within her focus on social justice theater.

"It's still so reflective of what's going on today. Crane made a difference for so many people for all these decades, and that will continue on," Hines said.

Even with the important topic, Hines described the play as comedic and fast-paced.

"It brings out the craziness of how people were thinking, and are still thinking, about women's bodies," she said. "It's hilarious, so it's easier for people to take."

The script follows Crane from her job as a 26-year-old graphic design-

er at a pharmaceutical company through the 1960s (with flashbacks and flashforwards) as she perseveres through pushback and defies expectations to make an important tool available to women in the privacy of their own homes.

"Before this, the only way to find out if you were pregnant was to go and get a test from a doctor. Typically, your husband would be there, and it could take up to a month to find out," Cavannaugh said. "Some marriages weren't equal then. I mean, some still aren't now, but it was such an invasive and emotionally distressing thing."

Apart from Cavannaugh, six other cast members play a variety of characters from different periods of the protagonist's life. Audiences can expect plenty of costume changes and, ac-



Photo by Michael Bessom

From left: Ryan Patrick Welsh, Tobin Hissong and Caitlin Cavannaugh in Williamston Theatre's production of "Predictor," by Jennifer Blackmer.

cording to costume designer Mona Jahani, a "constant sense of movement."

"The show is really timely, in a way, while pulling back the curtain on a figure from the past," Jahani said. "From the costume design perspective, I

wanted a balance between historical and dramatic while trying to strike the interesting tone of the play. It's not serious all the time. There's both comedy and drama, and some moments are almost like a game show."

When asked about designing a show set

in the 1960s, Jahani said, "Clothing is such a personal thing for so many people. There might be audience members who lived through this time or have memories or photographs. I tried to find a balance between what my research said and what the audience might expect of the time period."

She continued, "One of my favorite looks is for Meg Crane. She has a costume change part of the way through the show that coordinates with the change in her character. She's being brave and taking a leap of faith. And there's a little line in the script about

how the character 'made the dress herself,' so I was keeping in mind what it would be like if she had made her dress."

Cavannaugh shared Jahani's sentiment that the show is not history; it's still very much alive.

"During the first preview, we could hear people saying, "That's what it was like," Cavannaugh said. "I think a lot of people who see this play will feel seen."

She continued, "It's a marathon for me, specifically. While the other six actors play numerous characters, I'm the throughline. There are flashbacks, parties and a disco. It's really a blast."

Hines said she feels honored to have been asked to direct the show, calling Williamston Theatre a "family-oriented" theater company. Of the script, she said, "It was a great challenge, and it's only been produced a few times so far. I like to dig into a new script and be one of the first people to really grab it"

She continued, "To work on that small of a stage with seven actors was a blocking challenge, but I loved getting into this play. It has all the elements that I want in order to keep getting better as a director. I like to use things within history to reflect what's going on today so people can see how things

are still repetitive. And then, within the world of social justice, I'm using theater to be able to make a difference and empower people."

She paused, then said, "Even if you don't really care about history that much, it's just such a fun play."

July theater productions:

"Predictor"

July 5-Aug. 4

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; July 24 and 31 Williamston Theatre 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston williamstontheatre.org

Ten-Minute Play Festival

July 24-28

7 p.m.

LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium) lcc.edu/showinfo

"The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition"

July 26-28 and Aug. 2-4 7 p.m. Friday 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Hannah Community Center 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing allofusexpress.org

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"That Sounds Rough"
-- y'know, those four letters.
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1. Lingerie buy, for

ACROSS

short 5. MDX and RDX maker 10. Chest muscles. briefly Mills (bygone photography business) 15. Kidney-related 16. "Magnum P.I." setting 17. A "Sesame Street" monster's butt? 19. Cherry part 20. ".. the fields we go" 21. "Bill Saves the World" 22. Samplers of sorts 24. Bagel cheese 26. Writer Fleming 27. U.K. city with a lot of bridge discards? 34. Actress Lively 37. Went too far, like a sentence 38. Teensy 39. Puerto Rican pop star Fonsi 40. He preceded Liz and Rishi 41. "Me as well" 42. Tool for rowing 43. Eldest Stark daughter on "Game of Thrones' 44. Watch covertly 45. Prescription taken while in restraints? 48. "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" announcer Wilson 49. In a bawdy way 53. With 60-Across, possibility with shoddy "Survivor' merchandise?

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emperor

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1. Hot mugful
2. Skin lotion
ingredient sources
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"How's it going?" is
"Kei te pehea koe?"
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"kidding" or "serious"
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43. Broadcast TV censor's concern, once 44. Villainous look 46. Acting family of three generations 47. "Yeah, right!" 50. Arrange loosely 51. Bronny James, as of a recent draft pick 52. Like some twochoice questions 53. "Careless Whisper" duo 54. "Shoresy" streamer, stateside 55. Tuskegee or Spelman, for short 56. Actor Morton who played King George in "Hamilton" (and whose son played "Young Sheldon") 57. "That's concern to you!"

volcano

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61. Newton's tree?

62. Long time

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Beginner Fun By The Numbers

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

July 3-9, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The nirvana fallacy is the belief that because something is less than utterly perfect, it is gravely defective or even irredeemably broken. Wikipedia says, "The nirvana fallacy compares actual things with unrealistic, idealized alternatives." Most of us are susceptible to this flawed approach to dealing with the messiness of human existence. But it's especially important that you avoid such thinking in the coming weeks. To inspire you to find excellence and value in the midst of untidy jumbles and rumpled complexities, I recommend you have fun with the Japanese concept of wabisabi. It prizes and praises the soulful beauty found in things that are irregular, incomplete and imperfect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are coming to a fork in the road — a crux where two paths diverge. What should you do? Author Marie Forleo says, "When it comes to forks in the road, your heart always knows the answer, not your mind." Here's my corollary: Choose the path that will best nourish your soul's desires. Now, here's your homework, Taurus: Contact your future self in a dream or meditation and ask that beautiful genius to provide you with a message and a sign. Plus, invite them to give you a wink with either the left eye or right eye.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Last year, you sent out a clear message to life requesting help and support. It didn't get the response you wished for. You felt sad. But I have good news. One or both of the following may soon occur. 1. Your original message will finally lead to a response that buoys your soul. 2. You will send out a new message similar to the one in 2023, and this time, you will get a response that makes you feel helped and supported. Maybe you didn't want to have to be so patient, Gemini, but I'm glad you refused to give up hope.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The Fates have authorized me to authorize you to be bold and spunky. You have permission to initiate gutsy experiments and to dare challenging feats. Luck and grace will be on your side as you consider adventures you've long wished you had the nerve to entertain. Don't do anything risky or foolish, of course. Avoid acting like you're entitled to grab rewards you have not yet earned. But don't be self-consciously cautious or timid, either. Proceed as if help and resources will arrive through the magic of your audacity. Assume you will be able to summon more confidence than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): All of us, including me, have aspects of our lives that are stale or unkempt, even decaying. What would you say is the most worn-out thing about you? Are there parts of your psyche or environment that would benefit from a surge of clean-up and revival? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to attend to these matters. You are likely to attract extra help and inspiration as you make your world brighter and livelier. The first rule of the purgation and rejuvenation process: have fun!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): On those rare occasions when I buy furniture from online stores, I try hard to find sources that will send me the stuff already assembled. I hate spending time putting together jumbles of wood and metal. More importantly, I am inept at doing so. In alignment with astrological omens, I recommend you take my approach in regard to every situation in your life during the coming weeks. Your operative metaphor should be this: Whatever you want or need, get it already fully assembled.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When Adragon De Mello was born under the sign of Libra in 1976, his father had big plans for him. Dad wanted him to get a PhD in physics by age 12, garner a Nobel Prize by 16, get elected president of the United States by 26 and become head of a world government by 30. I'd love for you to fantasize

about big, unruly dreams like that in the coming weeks — although with less egotism and more amusement and adventurousness. Give yourself a license to play with amazing scenarios that inspire you to enlarge your understanding of your own destiny. Provide your future with a dose of healing wildness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "Your horoscopes are too complicated," a reader named Estelle wrote to me recently. "You give us too many ideas. Your language is too fancy. I just want simple advice in plain words." I wrote back to tell her that if I did what she asked, I wouldn't be myself. "Plenty of other astrologers out there can meet your needs," I concluded. As for you, dear Scorpio, I think you will especially benefit from influences like me in the coming weeks — people who appreciate nuance and subtlety, who love the poetry of life, who eschew clichés and conventional wisdom, who can nurture your rich, spicy complicated soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The coming weeks will be prime time for you to reimagine the history of your destiny. How might you do that? In your imagination, revisit important events from the past and reinterpret them using the new wisdom you've gained since they happened. If possible, perform any atonement, adjustment or intervention that will transform the meaning of what happened once upon a time. Give the story of your life a fresh title. Rename the chapters. Look at old photos and videos and describe to yourself what you know now about those people and situations that you didn't know back then. Are there key events from the old days that you have repressed or ignored? Raise them up into the light of consciousness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In 1972, before the internet existed, Capricorn actor Anthony Hopkins spent a day visiting London bookstores in search of a certain tome: "The Girl from Petrovka." Unable to locate a copy, he decided to head home. On the way, he sat on a random bench, where he found the original manuscript of "The Girl of Petrovka." It had been stolen from the book's author, George Feifer, and abandoned there by the thief. I predict an almost equally unlikely or roundabout discovery or revelation for you in the coming days. Prediction: You may not unearth what you're looking for in an obvious place, but you will ultimately unearth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Aquarius-born Desmond Doss (1919-2006) joined the American Army at the beginning of World War II. But because of his religious beliefs, he refused to use weapons. He became a medic who accompanied troops to Guam and the Philippines. During the next few years, he won three medals of honor, which are usually given solely to armed combatants. His bravest act came in 1944 when he saved the lives of 70 wounded soldiers during a battle. I propose we make him your inspirational role model for the coming weeks, Aquarius. In his spirit, I invite you to blend valor and peacemaking. Synergize compassion and fierce courage. Mix a knack for poise and healing with a quest for adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What types of people are you most attracted to, Pisces? Not just those you find most romantically and sexually appealing but also those with whom a vibrant alliance is most gracefully created. And those you're inclined to seek out for collaborative work and play. This knowledge is valuable information to have; it helps you gravitate toward relationships that are healthy for you. Now and then, though, it's wise to experiment with connections and influences that aren't obviously natural — to move outside your usual set of expectations and engage with characters you can't immediately categorize. I suspect the coming weeks will be one of those times.

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

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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, July 3

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.

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.

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 Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Evening starts with a vintage baseball game between Capital Base Ball Club of Lansing and Chelsea Monitors. Don't miss our postgame fireworks show! 5 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

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/StJohnsCityPark-PerformanceShell.

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

Thursday, July 4

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square:
Jimmy & the Mortals ('60s/'70s rock) - Free. 6:30
p.m. 1885 Eaton County Courthouse lawn, 100 W.
Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlotte-chamberofcommerce.

Dark Side of the Diamond: 4th of July Celebration - Be Kind Rewind duo opens for Echoes of Pink Floyd on the field. City fireworks will be visible from the stadium. 7 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, milb.com/lansing.

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

Lansing Fourth of July Celebration - Our parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Capitol Loop. Our 4th of July Concert at Adado Riverfront Park starts at 8 p.m., with fireworks to follow! lansingmi.gov/1001/Independence-Day-Parade.

Portland 4th of July Parade - Parade will follow the homecoming route from Water Street to Portland High School. 10 a.m. portland-michigan.org.

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Meridian Community Band (patriotic) - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook. com/williamstonconcerts.

Friday, July 5

3D Bookmark Craft - Intended for adults. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

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.

Euchre with the Kiwanis Glub and Unity - Potluck at 6:30 p.m., Euchre at 7. Tournament with cash prizes. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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.

Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Lansing Concert Band (big band), opener Gwen Doerfler - Free. Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles, a bounce house and an inflatable slide. 6:15 p.m. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell.

Live Music with Dylan Raymond (country) - 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

Saturday, July 6

Family Day: FEEL - Art sparks emotions! Join us as we brush, smear and drip color to express ourselves through paint. All ages welcome. Registration encouraged. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.

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/Farmers-Market.

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

Tiger and Dragon Kenpo Martial Arts Training - Based on a variety of martial arts systems, tiger and dragon kenpo is designed to develop self-confidence in the warrior. 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Muelder Summer Carillon Concert Series

July 3-Aug. 7 6 p.m. Wednesdays Beaumont Tower 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

The Michigan State University College of Music's 27th annual Muelder Summer Carillon Concert Series will feature per-

formances by regional and international carillonists at 6 p.m. every Wednesday from tonight (July 3) to Aug. 7 at Beaumont Tower.

The carillon is a pitched percussion instrument that was developed in the 15th and 16th centuries and was often installed in church towers. It contains a set of chromatically tuned bells that are sounded by striking wooden keys and pressing foot pedals. MSU's carillon, one of approximately 180 working carillons in North America, contains 49 bells, allowing players to perform the full range of literature composed for the instrument.

All concerts are free and open to the public. Picnics are welcome. For more information, visit music.msu.edu.

Sunday, July 7

"A Course in Miracles" Study Group, with Dan and Carol Maynard - Noon. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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.

East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. 517-319-6823. cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket.

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.

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

Monday, July 8

Broadway Dance Camp - Learn choreography set to classic and contemporary Broadway songs. Ages 5-13. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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.

Eaton County Fair - County musician DeWayne Spaw performs at the grandstand at 6:30 p.m., followed by Super Kicker Rodeo. 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte. eatoncountyfair. 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.

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

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. onenorth-dining.com.

S'more Stories Storytime - We'll read stories about camping and the outdoors, sing songs and make s'mores. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

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Summer Art Gamp, Week 2 - Your camper will work alongside other kids to experiment, wonder, imagine and create in our Kid Studio. Ages 8-11. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum. msu.edu/learn/summer-art-camp.

Tuesday, July 9

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.

Dinosaur Adventures - Paleo Joe takes us back in time to learn about the creatures of the prehistoric era and techniques used to investigate how they lived and died. 2 p.m. Willow Ridge Elementary School, 12840 Nixon Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Eaton County Fair - Unique Motor Sports off-road derby at 7 p.m. at the grandstand. 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte. eatoncountyfair.com.

Ingham County Democratic Party/Blue Brigade Picnic - Join the Blue Brigade and Ingham County Democratic Party for a BBQ at the large pavilion at Frances Park. 5 p.m. 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing. inghamcountydemocraticparty.net.

"Minecraft" Mania - We'll have our "Minecraft" server set up and laptops ready to go. All levels of players/builders welcome. Ages 8-12. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Parkinson's Support Group - Small group meeting for support and information sharing. People with Parkinson's meet in one room, caregivers in a separate room. 1 p.m. Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Summer in the Park: Adventure Across Michigan with Storytelling - Creative dramatics, storytelling, music and crafting will serve as guides as we traverse Michigan and explore some of its key features. 11 a.m. Oak Park, 230 Seminary St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Zoo Days - Visit the zoo for just \$2, plus enjoy free parking! 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

Wednesday, July 10

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

Avoiding Legal Consequences for Parents & College-Bound Students - Litigators Bryan Cermak and Alex Rusek discuss how to avoid potential legal challenges to ensure a safe and smooth school year. Noon. Virtual — register at bit. Iv/2ndWeds2024.

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.

Coffee and Conversation - Join us to learn about Chamber of Commerce members. 9 a.m. City Hall Community Room, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/coffee_and_conversation.php.

Eaton County Fair - SJO Motocross at 7 p.m. at the grandstand. 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte. eatoncountyfair.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.

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.

It's Elementary: Camping - Learn about the science of fire, "stargaze" with marshmallow constellations, build a solar oven to make s'mores and more! Grades 3-6. Registration req. 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Frog & the Beeftones (blues rock), with Special Guests Tom & Mary - Free. 7 p.m. Fulton Park, 4300 Sheffield Blvd., 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: Street Angels (Stevie Nicks tribute) - 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.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: We Three Strings - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

Samia Halaby: "Eye Witness" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Through July 31

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department's 8th annual Summer Scavenger Hunt runs through July 31, offering area residents a chance to compete in activities like geocaching, minute-to-win-it games and family challenges while exploring



local parks and businesses. Teams are given a list of tasks to complete, earning points based on difficulty. The first- through third-place winners will receive grand prizes at the afterparty at Zap Zone XL. There are also opportunities to win additional prizes by completing certain challenges.

The hunt is open to all ages, and teams may include two to eight members. Registration is \$50 per team for Lansing residents and \$75 per team for non-residents. To sign up, visit parksonline.lansingmi.gov.

Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Shoe Art - Join us for a shoe-painting extravaganza where you can turn ordinary shoes into wearable art! Grades 4-12. Registration req. 4 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Capitol City Chordsmen (barbershop chorus) - 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.lansing-shuffle.com.

Weaving the Web: Energy - 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.

Thursday, July 11

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

Beal Botanical Garden Tour: Interesting and Toxic Plants - Join Peter Carrington, former curator and collections manager, to learn about some

of his favorite plants housed at Beal. 12:10 p.m. 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. bealbotanicalgarden.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Homespun (country) - 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.

DeWitt Concerts in the Park: Life Support (variety) - Free. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. dewittareacc.org/event/concerts-in-the-park.

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

Eaton Gounty Fair - Truck and tractor pull at 7 p.m. at the grandstand. 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte. eatoncountyfair.com.

Game Night and Live Music - Enjoy a variety of activities and games from 5-9 p.m., including giant Connect 4, cornhole, giant Jenga, ping pong, giant chess and more! Live music at 6 p.m. Albert EL Fresco, corner of M.A.C. Avenue and Albert Street, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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Eaton County Fair

July 8-13

9 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-midnight Saturday Eaton County Fairgrounds 1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte

The 2024 Eaton County Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday (July 8) through July 12 and 9 a.m. to midnight July 13 at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte. Throughout the week, it will feature animal shows and sales, courses on raising livestock, an entertainment tent, food stands and a carnival with rides and games.

Monday night's grandstand event will include a performance by country musician DeWayne Spaw at 6:30, followed by a rodeo at 7. Grandstand events will begin at 7 p.m. for the rest of the week and include an off-road derby on Tuesday (July 9), a motocross show on July 10, truck and tractor pulls on July 11 and 12 and a street diesel and semi-truck pull on July 13.

General admission tickets are \$7 per day or \$25 for the week, while tickets for grandstand events range from \$15 to \$25. Unlimited carnival ride wristbands are \$18 per day if pre-purchased online before midnight on Monday. Carnival wristbands will also be available at the fair for \$20 Tuesday through Thursday and \$25 Friday and Saturday. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit eatoncountyfair.com.

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Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Mixed Flavors (blues/jazz/funk), opener Brian Bristol - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

Holt Music in the Garden: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s) - Food available for purchase from Picnic food truck. Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

Jazz Trombonist Michael Dease - 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Laingsburg Music in the Park: Atomic Boogaloo (experimental) - Free. Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

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.

Making Love: How Romance Comics Taught a Generation to Date, Marry, Domesticate and Divorce - Visiting scholar Brian Rouleau of Texas A&M University discusses his ongoing research and collections at MSU he's found valuable. Noon. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. lib.

Medieval Longsword Workshop for Teens - Join the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy for a class exploring the iconic medieval longsword! 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.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.

Picnic Playdate Family Storytime - Enjoy stories, songs and literacy-enhancing activities like bubbles

and water play. Open to children of all ages. 11 a.m. Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Eagle. gladl.org.

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

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. spiritofmichiganchorus.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.

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Black Barn Band (classic rock) - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

World Chocolate Tasting - Let your tastebuds go on an adventure as you sample different chocolates from around the world! All ages. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Zoom Support Group for Parkinson's - Conversations are informal but informative. 6 p.m. Meeting ID: 998 749 4167. Password: MPF2020. lapsg.org.

Friday, July 12

Boba Slime - Create and play with colorful slime that's soft, squishy and stretchy. Grades K-3. 10 a.m. Playground of Dreams, 100 Howe Drive, Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

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.

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

Eagle Township, Clinton County Board Meeting Synopsis

June 20 2024, at 6:00 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee M. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle and 19 citizens. Board Actions:

- 1) Approved bills for June 2024.
- 2) Approved no response to MEDC Release and Termination Agreement.
- 3) Approved work to improve the grade on south and west sides of Eagle Township Hall
- 4) Approved McKenna making corrections to Interim Zoning Ordinance Amendment 04-2024.
- 5) Approved postcard mailing regarding the Master Plan Public Hearing on July 30, 2024.
- Approved conference attendance by a member of the Strategic Planning Advisory Group.
- 7) Approved Resolution 06-20-2024-02 Resolution to Approve Everstream GLC Holding LLC's Metro Act Permit renewal.
- 8) Approved purchase of new magnetic vehicle assessor signs.
- 9) Approved budget amendments for BS&A Financial Software.
- 10) Approved Clerk Briggs-Dudley as Enterprise Administrator for BS&A software.
- 11) Approved Summer Tax Collection Agreements.
- 12)Approved 2024 L-4029 Tax Rate Request.
- 13) Approved contribution to Clinton County Special Operations Team.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is July 18, 2024, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownship.org for latest updates.

Prepared by: Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk Approved by: Troy Stroud, Eagle Township Supervisor

CP#24-574

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOME ARP (American Rescue Plan) Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan FY2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on the substantial amendment to the City of Lansing's Annual Action Plan FY21 HOME ARP Allocation Plan. More specifically, this substantial amendment will increase the amount of funding for the development of rental Housing from \$1,539,251.00 to \$2,102,301.00. This amendment will allow the city to provide needed gap funding for Hillsdale Place: a 40-unit rental development that will provide 20 units of permanent supportive housing to qualifying populations per Lansing's HOME ARP Allocation Plan. This substantial amendment also adds a preference for households who are chronically homeless and who meet at least one of the definitions of the qualifying populations. A preference permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a participating jurisdiction adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference.

The city encourages participation at the public hearing to allow citizens an opportunity to provide input on the proposed amendments to the HOME ARP Allocation Plan and the projected use of the funds, Comments received will be considered prior to final submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The proposed substantial amendment is available for public review and comment and can be found on the City of Lansing Development office website at

www.lansingmi.gov/development. There is another opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment at the Lansing City Council Public Hearing on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at 124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th floor., City Hall, Lansing, MI 48933

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., 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.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in the public hearing should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24-hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

If you cannot participate in the hearing and wish to submit comments, or if you have questions about the public hearing, please contact Tyler Blakey, Community Development Coordinator of the City of Lansing Department of Economic Development and Planning Office, 316 North Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI, tyler.blakey@lansingmi.gov (517) 483-4056.

CP#24-568

VB BTS II, LLC would like to place on notice the proposed construction of a 270' (280' including all appurtenances) lattice tower known as Delta Plant (872' ground elevation). If lighting is required the applicant will request the use of dual red/white, medium intensity lighting (but will ultimately use lighting/marking required by the FAA), located at 42°41'37.11" north latitude and 84°39'54.2" west longitude near 3888 South Canal Road, Lansing, Eaton County, Michigan 48917, ASR File #A1285973. The application for this proposed project can be viewed at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering the ASR file number. If you have environmental concerns about the proposed structure, a Request for Environmental Review may be filed with the FCC at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest or by writing to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, ATTN: Ramon Williams, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online. Requests for Environmental Review may only raise environmental concerns and must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. If you have any concerns regarding historic properties that may be affected by this proposed undertaking, please contact: Abby McKay, Lotis Environmental, LLC, at Legals@TheLotisGroup.com or (509) 387-0700. In your response, please include the proposed undertaking's location and a list of the historic resources that you believe to be affected along with their respective addresses or approximate locations.

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CP#24-571

CITY OF GRAND LEDGE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL FILING DEADLINE FOR THE TUESDAY, 05 NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that the deadline to submit City Council nominating petitions or filing fees for the 05 November 2024 election is 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 23 July 2024. Nominating petitions and filing fees received after 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 23 July 2024, will not be considered for determination and the nominee will not be certified to the Grand Ledge Election Commission for placement on the ballot. Nominating petitions and filing documents are available in the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837.

Nominating petitions for "Council Member" may only be signed for candidates representing the Ward wherein the elector resides. Each elector may sign only one nominating petition for "Council Member."

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

CP#24-569

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the following public hearings will be held by the City of East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday**, **July 24**, **2024 at 7:00 p.m.** The public hearings will take place at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

- 1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of Ordinance 1536, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and other sections of the City Code, to permit and incentivize certain building and site incentives, allow upper-floor residential uses in certain business zone districts, and permit mass timber production or manufacturing in industrial zone districts.
- 2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a site plan from Aqeel Daudi to construct a single-story, multi-tenant retail building at 210, 218, & 224 W. Lake Lansing Road.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in all meetings, in person or electronically. Please visit the City's public meeting portal for access to electronic meeting information or contact staff for more information:

Landon Bartley, AICP, Principal Planner 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 517.319.6930 or Ibartley@cityofeastlansing.com https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/

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

Materials related to the above items are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments received by staff prior to 12:00 pm on the day of the public hearing will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities. Please submit your request to the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building and Development Office, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at Idegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

Marie E. Wicks City Clerk

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FOOD & DRINK JOTAL ANSING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Fabulous fried chicken, finally

By LIZY FERGUSON

I prepare food for a living, so it's the last thing I want to do in my free time. I can't afford to have every meal cooked for me, though, so I came up with a solution: I make a giant vat of pas-

make a giant vat of pasta salad and eat that for every meal I don't have at work.

However, a problem with my solution arose last week when I inevitably grew so tired of my monolithic meal prep that I couldn't bear to look at it, much less eat it for dinner.

As replete with color and vegetable variety as my salad was, I decided my takeout should veer



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> (517) 480-1234 sarokis.com

in the absolute opposite direction, toward something I'd been craving for months: a fried chicken dinner. I haven't found any place in the Lansing area that offers

exactly what I'm looking for in this category: not just crispy, but *crunchy*. I'm not saying it's objectively the best kind of fried chicken; I'm just saying it's what speaks to my soul.

Being unfamiliar with Saroki's, which turns out to be a Michigan-only chain, I decided to see if maybe it had what I needed. I ordered the threepiece combo, which came with a biscuit and my choice of side and drink.

The sound of my first bite alone let me know I'd found what I was looking for. I got a thigh, a leg and a breast, all coated in a glorious, peppery, thick layer of fried breading. To be honest, the debris of breading chunks littering my plate afterward was maybe the best part, but the meat itself was great as well: tender and juicy without the grease trailing down my chin with every bite.

For my side, I got mashed potatoes and gravy so I could pull off pieces of chicken and drag them through. This wasn't as spectacular as the chicken, but the sides in a meal like this are just backup singers whose sole role is to complement the star of the show. The biscuit, though. Golden and buttery, with a soft interior and a slight crumble, it tasted fresh and wasn't dry at all. It was like the surprise guest star that the singer you've gone



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

Saroki's Crispy Chicken & Pizza lives up to its name with its tender and juicy fried chicken, which is coated in a thick, crunchy layer of peppery breading.

to see brings on stage for a duet.

Unnecessary metaphors aside, if your taste in fried fowl runs in the same direction as mine, I'd recommend Saroki's. At \$10.99, the three-piece combo is a nice, affordable option when your meal prep just isn't cutting it.

TOPS DINING GUIDE THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE READERS

TOP 5 NACHOS

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2023 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

1. Art's Pub

Mellow gameday hangout serving a wide menu of pub grub and pizza 809 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing (517) 977-1033 artspublansing.com 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily

2. Buddies Pub & Grill — all locations

Relaxed, kid-friendly eateries offering burgers, sandwiches and other American classics See buddiespubandgrill.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

3. El Oasis — all locations

Food trucks serving hefty portions of Mexican street food staples like nachos and tacos

See eloasisfood.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

4. Looking Glass Brewing Co.

Brewery offering craft beverages and a seasonally changing menu 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt (517) 668-6004 lookingglassbrewingcompany.com Noon-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday Noon-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

5. Meat BBO

Casual restaurant serving slow-smoked barbecue standards and inventive, handmade sides 1224 Turner Road, Lansing (517) 580-4400 meatbbq.com 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

Dillin' like a Belarusian

By ARI LEVAUX

Canning the harvest should be a joyous and rewarding experience, but if you're in over your head, it can be overwhelming or even dangerous.

Novice canners shouldn't wait

for the so-called harvest season to get started. The middle of summer is a great time to ease into the groove, work on your skills, figure out your game plan and stock up on whatever gear and

supplies you don't have. If you just make a jar or two here and there, you can keep skin in the game without breaking a sweat.

Montana's Missoula Valley is home to several families of Belarusian immigrants, all of whom come from a town called Olshany. Known as the cucumber basket of Belarus, Olshany cucumbers are in demand as far as Moscow. They're grown in shopping-mall-sized greenhouses, some of which are heated by as many as ten wood stoves to extend the season at both ends. The Belarusians brought their know-how to Montana, and their cucumbers have become popular for both pickling and eating fresh.



Some of the Belarusians sell pickles, too. I bought some with high hopes, but they were disappointing. My friend Valentina Andrusevich was born in Olshany and has a

stand at the market. I told her about those surprisingly underwhelming pickles, and she explained that the Belarusian pickles for sale at the market won't taste like the pickles they eat at home because food safety standards require more salt, vinegar and heat than they care to subject their cucumbers to.

"That's why I don't sell pickles,"

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Andrusevich said.

I asked her what she does at home. "I pack the cucumbers into clean jars and add all the spices," she said. "I put these jars in the oven at 350 degrees for 25 minutes to sanitize them. While I do that, my brine is boiling. I pour the brine into each jar and seal it. Then I turn the jar over."

She inverts the pickles twice a day for the next two days, so they spend about half the time upside down. It's a way of compensating for not boiling her pickles. It also distributes the spices and the tannins from the horseradish leaves.

Boiling the pickles kills any lingering microbes that the salt and vinegar somehow miss. Bacteria or spores can sometimes hide in air pockets inside dill flowers or elsewhere. Inverting the jars helps the brine make it everywhere it needs to go.

Andrusevich's brine recipe -24 cups water, 1 cup salt, 1 cup sugar and 4 cups white vinegar - fills

eight jars, as instructed. She says the horseradish adds flavor and crispness to the pickles.

I brought a jar of four-day-old pickles to market. Andrusevich opened the jar, stabbed a pickle with her knife and chewed slowly, frowning.

"You know, it's not bad," she said in her Eastern European deadpan.

If you've been pickling your whole life like Andrusevich, perhaps you know the rules well enough to get away with breaking them. But new canners should take a more cautious approach and learn proper safety protocols.

Ball Corp., the company that produces almost all of the canning jars in circulation today, has a book called "Ball Canning Back to Basics." It begins with a section on the basic gear, ingredients and procedures involved in canning. If you don't know the importance of adjusting acidity, accounting for altitude or measuring headspace, you should find a reputable source of information like this book or one of the many other educational resources in print or online.

Not surprisingly, Ball's recipe for



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

Novices shouldn't wait for the harvest season to start pickling. The middle of summer is a great time to ease into the groove, work on your skills, figure out your game plan and stock up on whatever gear and supplies you don't have.

dill pickles includes proprietary products like Ball Salt for Pickling & Preserving and Ball Pickle Crisp Granules. Of course, you can use any kind of pickling salt. You can also skip the granules or replace them with horseradish, grape, cherry or oak leaves.

Curiously, the Ball recipe calls for "dill sprigs" but doesn't specify leaves or flowers. According to my sources, dill leaves alone won't cut it. There have to be flowers. It also calls for the cucumbers to be cut, which you don't have to do if you pick them small, Belarusian style.

Most family recipes start with a proven recipe. Little by little, you make it your own. Add more pepper flakes, perhaps, or skip the dill and use pickling spices.

Ultimately, there are many correct ways to can a pickle, but there's one rule to rule them all, a rule by which every canner who hasn't yet died of food poisoning abides without hesitation: If the seal is broken, throw it away. Don't even taste it.

Ball-style dills

4 pounds pickling cucumbers 1 1/4 gallons water 10 tablespoons Ball Salt for Pickling & Preserving 3 cups white vinegar (5% acidity) 2 tablespoons sugar 1 tablespoon pickling spice 12 dill sprigs 2 tablespoons mustard seeds Ball Pickle Crisp Granules (optional)

Rinse the cucumbers under running water and trim any that are longer than 5 inches so they'll fit comfortably in the jar. Cut each cucumber lengthwise into quarters. Place the spears in a large, clean container.

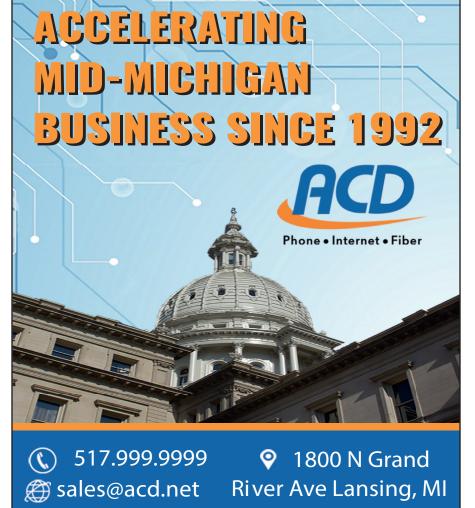
Combine 1 gallon of water and 6 tablespoons of salt in a large pitcher, stirring until the salt dissolves. Pour the mixture over the cucumbers, then cover them and let them stand at room temperature for 24 hours. Drain the liquid, then rinse the cu-

cumbers under running water.

Combine the remaining 1 quart of water, 1/4 cup of salt, vinegar, sugar and pickling spice in a stainless-steel or enameled saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until the salt and sugar dissolve.

Place two dill sprigs and 1 teaspoon of mustard seeds into a hot, freshly sterilized jar, then pack it tightly with the cucumber spears. Ladle the hot pickling liquid over the spears, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace. Add 1/8 teaspoon of Ball Pickle Crisp Granules to the jar if desired. Remove any air bubbles. Wipe the rim. Center the lid on the jar. Apply the band. Place the jar in a pot of boiling water. Repeat until all the jars are filled.

Process the jars for 10 minutes, adjusting for altitude. Turn off the heat, remove the pot's lid and let the jars stand for five minutes. Remove the jars and let them cool.





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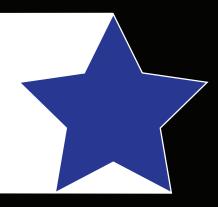
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