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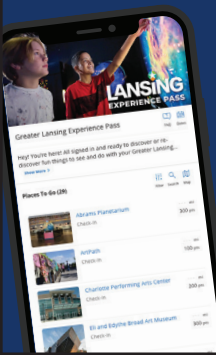
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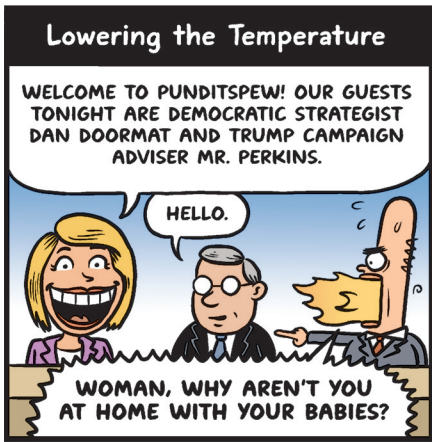


On Aug. 7, City Pulse will profile eight Greater Lansing residents 80 years old or older.

Please send us your nominations. We are looking for seniors who in your estimation deserve recognition ... for achievements, for giving back to their community, for an interesting life ... you decide. They need not be prominent – just in your opinion special.

Please email 8over80@lansingcitypulse.com with your suggestions. We need your name, phone number and a brief explanation of why you are suggesting this person. We encourage you to reach out to your choice first for permission.

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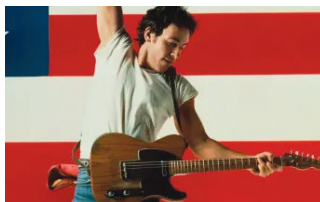
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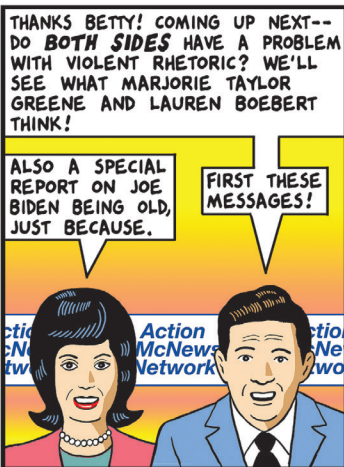
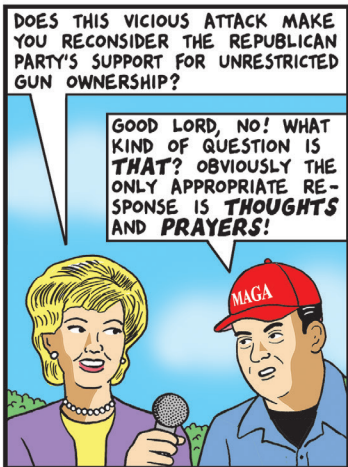
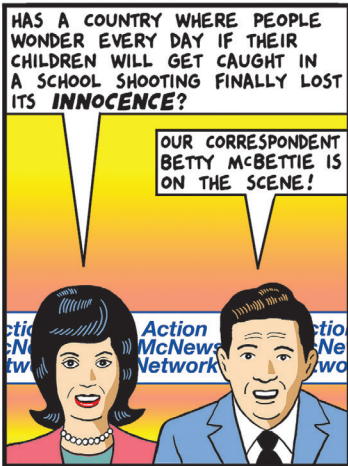
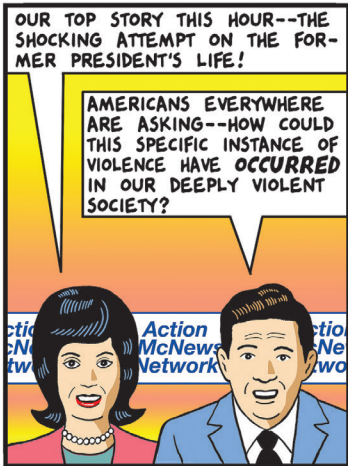
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NEWS & OPINION

Michigan weather: 'Just wait. It will get worse'

On the morning of June 17, Richie Waters and his partner, Miles Abdal, left their apartment at The Quarters in East Lansing to find the latter's car mostly covered in water in the parking lot.

Abdal was planning on driving Waters to work that morning, but the damage totaled his car. Abdal was fortunate enough to have an insurance policy that covered the loss, but the pair decided to take additional precautions.

Weeks later, when they heard about another heavy rainstorm expected to arrive early July 9, the pair parked the car farther away, where it would be safe from flood damage.

They were thankful for that foresight. Spurred by Hurricane Beryl, last week's storm brought as much as 5 inches of rain to East Lansing in two hours and approached 7 inches by day's end. At its peak, Waters estimated that the deluge filled roughly 60% of The Quarters' parking lot. At least one car was a few inches short of submerged.

While last week's flooding didn't come close to matching the intensity of a historic 1975 flood that led to some of the highest water levels on record for the Grand and Red Cedar rivers, local experts say that climate change could result to an increased probability and frequency of major flooding.

Wonmin Sohn, an assistant professor in Michigan State University's landscape architecture program, said that while Greater Lansing isn't generally seen as a high-risk flood area, "climate change has made accurate precipitation prediction more challenging, increasing the possibility of unprecedented flooding even in cities previously considered safe from such events."

Hurricane Beryl, which began June 29 and peaked July 2, is a historic outlier supporting this theory. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration cited it as "the earliest Category 5 hurricane observed in the Atlantic on record," in part due to warmer-than-average oceanic temperatures.



Courtesy Jerry Jennings

July 9's storm in Hurricane Beryl's aftermath flooded the parking lot at The Quarters in East Lansing, leaving some residents stranded after their cars were submerged.

The fallout of this unusually early hurricane could be traced from Houston up through southeastern Michigan, where notable local damages included a collapsed roof at Kositchek's Menswear in downtown Lansing and \$15,000 in losses at Forster Woods Adult Day Center in East Lansing.

Sohn said there's good reason to believe that these high-intensity, short-duration storms may become more common as temperatures continue to rise through global warming. So far in 2024, with February being the lone exception, she said Michigan has "consistently shown early signs of above-average precipitation and an abnormally warm winter and summer."

"The transition from El Niño to La Niña, beginning in early 2024 and continuing through the summer, has contributed to unusually high rainfall and localized intense precipitation events across the Great Lakes region. This shift has increased the complexity and unpredictability of precipitation," Sohn said.

The trend goes far beyond the United States, with Sohn noting that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change "predicts more intense and heavier storm events, leading to increased severe flooding."

"For the Great Lakes region, projections indicate that flooding will intensify and be coupled with extended dry periods," Sohn said. "By the end of the

century, spring and fall are forecasted to bring substantially more severe and recurrent storms, amplifying the strain on healthcare services and public infrastructure."

As this process plays out, Sohn said Michigan's humid continental climate — which typically yields warm summers and fairly cold winter months — is projected to shift toward even warmer-than-average year-round temperatures.

"Summer warming is expected to lead to higher evaporation rates, more intense heat waves and longer periods of drought. Conversely, winters, while still cold, are projected to become milder with less snowfall and more rain," she said.

"These changes will significantly impact flooding patterns in Michigan. Warmer summers with intense rain events will lead to increased runoff, overwhelming stormwater systems and causing urban flooding. Milder winters with more rain instead of snow will contribute to more frequent winter and spring floods as snowmelt decreases but rainfall increases," Sohn added.

Nicole McPherson, a Lansing city engineer who joined the city last year after seven years with the city of East Lansing, agreed, noting that major rainfall events are "getting more unpredictable and intense."

Most municipal stormwater management systems are typically de-

signed to withstand a 10-year storm, or one that McPherson said has a 10% probability of happening in any given year. According to the City of East Lansing's website, the storm that totaled Abdal's car in June featured rainfall that "occurred predominantly over a period of one to two hours, qualifying it as a 200-to-1,000-year storm event under current classification systems."

McPherson said it was fair to describe a 100-year storm, which has a 1% chance of occurring each year, as a "major" event.

"I'm going to put a big 'but' on this, though, because we're seeing more and more of these 100-year storm events," she added.

Cliff Walls, East Lansing's environmental sustainability and resiliency manager, the city is working on new standards for predicting the likelihood of floods.

Walls cited data showing a 75% increase in short-duration storm events — or heavy showers that can range from a few hours up to a full day — for the area between 1949 and 2023.

"There's a finite amount of hydraulic capacity in the drainage infrastructure. So, when it comes down fast, like in this one- or two-hour storm we saw last Tuesday, that's more problematic for drainage infrastructure, because it's not something that systems have historically been built for," Walls said.

To prepare for and potentially mitigate the impact of major floods, Walls and his team started developing a "wet weather resiliency plan" in January. Funded through a \$600,000 state grant, the three-year program aims to draw from scientific data, resident input and other factors to design an action plan to help the city stay ahead of the curve.

"Part of our plan is to identify what a new standard should be in East Lansing," Walls said about the aforementioned 10-year and 100-year NOAA benchmarks. "We want to make sure that our design standards and infrastructure reflect where we think we're going to be in the future so that we're

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

- 1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Chester Hodges located at 512 Hillcrest Ave. The applicant is requesting installation of a mini-split system exterior pipe.
- 2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Dianne Watchulonis located at 453 Kensington Rd. The applicant is requesting to reface the cinderblock portion of the foundation with Dundee Deco 3d wall panel brick, repair the front porch posts and door frame, replace a portion of the concrete driveway with brick, add a pendant light on the front porch, add a fixed light to the garage front to match the house light, restore the window opening on the right side of the garage with original six lite wood window, install wood pergola awning on the garage face, install wood pergola on the back deck.
- 3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Victor Smolyanov located at 704 Sunset Ln. The applicant is requesting to replace the diamond pattern and cedar shake shingled roof with architectural shingles.
- 4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Randell Hitts located at 647 Sunset Ln. The applicant is requesting to install a wood deck on the back of the house.
- 5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Alan Ross located at 231 Center St. The applicant is requesting to install a wood casement egress window.
- 6. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Jianjun Chen located at 241 N. Harrison Rd. The applicant is requesting replacement of eight slider vinyl windows with new single hung six over six and eight over eight vinyl windows.

Owners of structures containing more than four (4) dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons are requested to post this notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for the 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.

For more information on the request please contact Alycia Reiten at (517) 319-6941 or areiten@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building, and Development Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at rurdial@cityofeastlansing.com.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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Flood

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equipped for the storms of tomorrow.”

Just over a week after the most recent floods, many Greater Lansing residents and business owners are still dealing with the fallout.

Forster Woods Adult Day Center CEO Jennifer Putmon said she had to close for three days to assess damages after portions of the facility were filled with up to 2 inches of water. It reopened Monday at a limited capacity.

“Unfortunately for us, insurance covers nothing, because our damages

included groundwater, which is automatically excluded,” Putmon said.

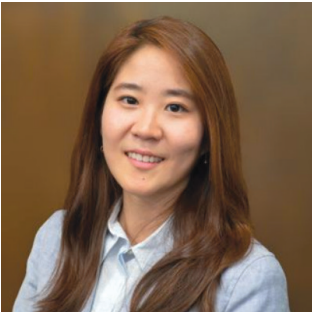
She started a GoFundMe page to help cover the center’s losses, and so far 38 donors have contributed more than \$5,000.

Putmon commended the city of East Lansing for a prompt response.

For his part, Waters said his concerns over potential flooding would likely influence where he decides to live in the future.

“The flooding situation has been pretty wack, to put it succinctly. In the future, I’ll probably be a lot more mindful of where the place I am living is in relation to the sea levels,” he said with a laugh.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER



Wonmin Sohn

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Robert Backus was named Lansing police chief by Mayor Andy Schor. Backus, 45, is a 24-year LPD veteran who served as interim chief since Ellery Sosebee retired in June. An assistant chief for two years, Backus started his law enforcement career with the LPD at age 15 as an Explorer. He graduated from MSU's criminal justice program and holds a master of science degree in criminal justice administration from Ferris State University. Backus was hired as an LPD cadet in 1999 and sworn in as a police officer after completing the 67th Mid-Michigan Police Academy in 2000.



The Michigan State Police is investigating 15 incidents of gunshot damage to transformers, regulators and other equipment owned by Portland-based HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Clinton, Eaton and Ionia counties. The incidents have occurred over the past year and caused more than \$250,000 in damage. The co-op is offering a reward of \$9,999 to anyone providing information that leads to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible through Crime Stoppers at (517) 483-STOP or <https://www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=903#>



Investments of up to \$1.4 billion from GM (\$900 million) and the Biden administration (\$500 million) to remake the Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant to make electric vehicles are expected to save 650 jobs. U.S. Energy Secretary — and former Michigan governor — Jennifer Granholm told plant employees that the Biden admin-

istration has announced more than \$1 billion in grants to help retool or reopen 11 auto plants nationally. The plan also calls for adding 50 new hires locally. Mayor Schor wrote to the Energy Department in January to support GM's application for the Manufacturing Conversion Grant in anticipation of the end of Camaro manufacturing there.

The state Attorney General's Office announced that Lansing police officers Donovan Moore and Jeff Kurtz will not face criminal charges in the December 2023 shooting of Stephen Luis Romero, 33, of Lansing. The Michigan State Police investigation concluded the officers were justified in their use of deadly force in self-defense and only fired upon Romero when his hand was on his pistol. The police had been called to respond to a domestic violence incident involving a fired gun west of Bancroft Park in Lansing between Lake Lansing Road and East César E. Chávez Avenue following 9-1-1 calls from Romero's wife.



Elijah Klages, 19, of Mason, was sentenced Monday to consecutive terms of five to 15 years for separate counts of operating under the influence in an August 2023 crash that caused the deaths of his sister, Lillian Klages, and Amanda Blue, both 16. The girls were students at Mason High School. Klages had pleaded guilty in May to two counts of operating under the influence causing death, a maximum 15-year felony, while prosecutors dismissed two counts of careless driving causing death. The consecutive sentences mean Klages will have to serve the terms consecutively, with a minimum of 10 years in prison.



More than 3,300 rural Clinton County homes, businesses and institutions will receive internet services from a \$15 million grant award that Frontier Communications gets as part of a \$25 million project by Michigan Realizing Opportunity with Broadband Infrastructure Networks. The work is expected to be finished by August 2025.



An unidentified 24-year-old Lansing man was arrested after allegedly holding a woman and an infant hostage for more than six hours at a home on the 1500 block of King Street. Police said he threatened to set the house on fire, prompting Lansing police to have Consumers Energy turn off the gas to 55 residences nearby. Police recovered a firearm from the home but did not say what charges the man might face.



Eaton County District Judge Julie O'Neill has resigned, effective July 22. O'Neill was elected in 2016 and served for seven and a half years. She was on medical leave when she submitted her resignation to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer but did not indicate a specific reason for her decision. Whitmer will appoint a successor.

Public safety

Shots were fired on a home on the 3200 block of West Holmes Road Tuesday. There were no injuries, and no information regarding a suspect was reported. ... Heaven Davies, 14, of Lansing, was found safe Tuesday after being reported missing Monday. Lansing police asked for assistance in the search process on Monday.



Alleys don't have to be ugly. A new mural in the alley of the 300 block of South Washington Square is bringing an explosion of color to former gray-scale buildings.

The mural was Rebekah Cathey's idea to recognize the near mystical Free Spirit, a unique boutique of alternative shops that occupied the nearby space from 1969 to 1975. Cathey also wanted to recognize her father, Tom Cathey, a retail entrepreneur who sold waterbeds and records in the unusual collection of shops at 315 S. Washington.

Last year, Rebekah Cathey launched a GoFundMe fundraising project to help pay for the mural and to match a \$6,000 façade improvement grant from the Lansing Economic Development Corp. and the city of Lansing.

In 1970, two Wall Street Journal reporters visited to write about Free Spirit. They called the store "a highly imaginative, though not entirely problem-free, mod department store."

They noted: "Stocked within its doors are the furnishings and paraphernalia of a turned-on, tuned-in generation goods that most other merchants shun as too far out."

They wrote the store sold: "pet lizards on leashes, incense, Eldridge Cleaver wanted posters and even cigarette papers for wrapping marijuana."

The reporters quoted the owner, Jay Hanson, as saying downtown department stores like "Liebermann's and Knapps were just coming out of the 19th century. The role of Free Spirit is a cultural meeting place of young and old and rich and poor."

Artist Brian Whitfield used bright psychedelic colors popular in the '60s to make the mural pop. Whitfield said he collaborated with artist Dennis Preston on the mural's design.

"It was interesting painting on a three-dimensional mural with all the electrical boxes and wires. I really enjoyed working in a different throw-back style," he said.

One bright face in the mural is that of Tom Cathey as he flashes the peace sign. Peace, brother.

— 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.

Addressing 'inadequate' mental-health resources

I was very encouraged to see Christina Canfield's well-reasoned letter discussing the vital need for expanding comprehensive mental health services in Lansing. Like Christina, my family has found mental health resources in the Lansing area to be far from adequate.

While I certainly support preserving examples of unique and artistic architecture, preservation must be balanced against other community needs, and public discussion should recognize that fact.

At this time in history, our so-

ciety is suffering an epidemic of mental health challenges, especially among young people. We need this facility in Lansing, and if it takes tearing down Eastern High School to achieve that goal, in my view it is fully justified. The way I see it, restoring and protecting people's mental health is much more important than preserving what is frankly an ordinary decaying school building that is grossly unsuitable for any other use.

**Brett J. McRae
Charlotte**

**Letter to
the editor**

ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the Oneida Township Election Commission "Public Accuracy and Logic Test" for the August 6, 2024, State Primary election has been scheduled for **Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.** at Oneida Township Hall, 11041 Oneida Rd. Grand Ledge, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computers that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed as set forth by law. (MCL 168.798(1))

Jacqueline Kilgore
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Gabriel and Katlyn Yancho, property owners at 935 Huntington Rd. The requested dimensional variances are to encroach on the minimum front and side yard setbacks, exceed the maximum building height, and exceed the maximum building coverage and ground coverage ratios in the R-2 zone district as required by Section 50-301 in order to allow the construction of a detached garage.

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.

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Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#24-584

After Saturday's horror in Pennsylvania, it's self-preservation time for Democrats

Until former President Donald Trump was shot in the ear, the popular parlor game among the national media was listing the Democratic congressional types who were urging President Joe Biden to pass the torch to ... well, anybody else.

On that list was U.S. Rep. Hillary Scholten, a freshman from Grand Rapids who smoked a Trump acolyte by 13 points two years ago.

Like other Democrats who could lose their seats if the top of the ticket tanks, Scholten fears the worst. Biden sticks it out. His implosion continues. Democrats and independents don't vote.

She loses amid a depressed turnout.

Now that Trump was shot, he's a survivor of political violence. The tailwind of an energetic Republican convention is at his back. Emboldened GOP delegates are pissed.

Candidates in lean Democratic seats like Scholten should be concerned, and many of them are.

U.S. Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif., told national media last week that he saw a poll recently that Biden was losing his district. Biden won his district with 62% in 2020. He's with Scholten in urging against a Biden coronation at next month's convention.

If Biden is serious about endangering his legacy by stubbornly pushing forward with a campaign that has no juice, he risks taking down a lot of Democrats with him.

Before you boo the media like Biden supporters in Detroit last week for reporting such things, look at what other Democratic candidates are doing.

Don't listen to us. Watch Democrats actually running for a job this fall in hotly contested seats.

Was Democratic Senate frontrunner Elissa Slotkin in Detroit speaking in support of Biden last week? I'll answer that for you.

No.

After the August primary, she will be in a nip-and-tuck race with former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers.

At some point last week, she told donors that the only reason she's in the Senate race is U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow was "doing the radical thing and passing the torch."

How about 7th District Democratic candidate Curtis Hertel Jr? Or the

Democratic front-runner in the 8th District, state Sen. Kristen McDonald Rivet?

No, and No.

They're not saying anything about Biden one way or the other. We've asked.

Instead, those Democrats who are "riding with Biden" to the cliff's edge are:

A) Not running for anything this campaign cycle, or

B) Running in a seat with a Democratic base in the 60% range or higher.

Whether Biden wins or loses, they'll still have their jobs. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist. Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan.

Being an outspoken defector of the highest-ranking person within the Democratic Party doesn't help their political calculus.

During his NATO press conference, Biden said he backed away from being a "bridge" candidate to a younger candidate because "I've got to finish this job because there's so much at stake."

He claims the campaign hasn't really started ... the polls are wrong ... his polls are right ... Nobody says he can't win, etc. Blah, blah, blah.

Let's use some critical thinking skills here.

Envision the enthusiasm coming out of the Republican convention this week led by the guy who defiantly held up his fist in the direction of his almost-assassin.

Envision the enthusiasm coming out of the Democratic convention in August led by an old man struggling to complete sentences without using a teleprompter.

Do we honestly think these polls, which have remained unchanged since last Christmas, will benefit Biden?

What's at stake is self-preservation. For him, being the captain of a losing team is more critical than being an enthusiastic supporter of a winning team.

For Democratic politicians like Scholten, Hertel, McDonald Rivet, Slotkin and more than a dozen members of the state House, it's about self-preservation, too.

They need a captain who's going to lead a winning team.

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From patrons to performers

Lansing locals to headline sixth annual Dam Jam Music Festival

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

When Jahshua Smith saw his friend and fellow hip-hop artist Ozay Moore perform at last summer's Dam Jam Music Festival, he couldn't believe how good the sound was.

"He just sounded so crisp," Smith said. "As a performer, what's important to me is how the music sounds to the audience. I've been performing in and around Lansing for 15 years. There are some places that look pretty but don't sound good. After last year, I thought, 'I should reach out and ask to play the festival next year.'"

However, around the time he was planning to reach out, he looked at his Instagram messages and found two from Josh Holliday of Lansing 5:01, the organization that puts on the festival, already inviting him to perform.

Smith will headline the Friday night portion of the festival, which runs 6 to 11 p.m. Friday (July 19) and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday (July 20) at the Brenke Fish Ladder.

According to Holliday, "The festival is about celebrating the artists, hearing their stories and seeing them perform." Although it's free to attend, registration is required either online before the festival or at the entrance.

"Pre-registration will make the arrival process smoother," Holliday said.

Holliday talks to 50 to 75 bands before putting together the lineup. He reaches out directly to bands that have "deep roots in Michigan" — in particular, those that write and perform original music. He said that in the past few years, it's become more common for musicians attending the festival as patrons to have a great experience and ask to play the following year.

"As a festival organizer, to have a previous attendee raise their hand and say they want to play the show — that's so meaningful to me," Holliday said.

He continued, "This is the most unique concert venue in Lansing, and the artists feel that. They get to play in



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Hip-hop artist Jahshua Smith (left) and R&B artist Mystur Love will headline this year's Dam Jam Music Festival on Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively. Smith will be backed by a new band called the Grass Roots, and Love will be backed by the Trilogy Band.

360 degrees right along the dam, and when the sun goes down and we glow the park with lights, it's really special for those artists."

Holliday said Dam Jam's location at the Fish Ladder speaks to the fact that "we can have cool, kind of edgy things here" in Lansing.

Smith is especially looking forward to playing at the Fish Ladder, which he described as perfectly suited for any type of concertgoer, from families with children to attendees who want to get up close to the music.

"Whether you're an introvert or extrovert, there's that intimacy, but there's also that balance," Smith said. He's recently

been watching hip-hop artist Kendrick Lamar's "Pop Out" concert, where the musician performs in a 360-degree arena in Inglewood, California.

"You can move around, and you've got to play to everybody," Smith said.

For Friday's performance, Smith will be backed by a new band called the Grass Roots, a reference to his Robin Theatre residency, called "Growth."

Smith said he would usually play with a band called Race Card, but some of its members will be playing Saturday night with headliner Mystur Love as the Trilogy Band. Smith described the bands as "revolving doors" of musicians who know each other and collaborate often.

"I'm glad that they're backing up Mystur Love as Trilogy because that gave me the opportunity to go in a different direction," Smith said. "I'll have a few secret guests that I'm bringing from out of town. No matter what happens, I'm always prepared to give the crowd a great show."

Mystur Love, aka Robert Love, is also a first-time performer at Dam Jam. Like Smith, he decided to reach out to the festival's organizers after attending

Moore's set last year.

"I told them I had released an album and that I play with the Corzo Effect. They were excited to have me on, and I'm grateful they considered me to be part of the lineup this year," Love said.

Love's debut EP, "The Vibe," was released earlier this year and represents a decade-long journey of finding his sound. He credits musician and producer Jurell Barnes with co-creating the EP.

"It was perfect timing," Love said. "The right producer and the right collaboration really helped me bring some of these songs to their final resting place."

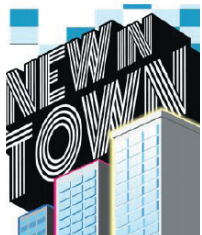
Love said his music is R&B, with infusions of elements from a variety of genres. From Hollywood overture music to funk and classical, Love said, "There are a lot of different blends that create my sound. I'm excited to bring the Mystur Love experience to Dam Jam."

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After 11-year hiatus, Lansing's Irish Pub returns under new ownership

By TYLER SCHNEIDER



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From the early 1970s to 2013, the old Irish Pub on Saginaw Street was a fixture of camaraderie in Lansing's westside neighborhood.

However, the business went into foreclosure following the death of one of its

owners, which led to a 2013 auction that caught the attention of lifelong friends and Grand Ledge natives Dave Meredith and Jeremy Werner.

"We always had a dream of owning a bar," Werner said. "One day, I happened to see an article that said this place was up for auction. We decided to bid on it."

The pair enlisted a third co-owner, Holt native Brian Leyrer, and went on to win their bid.

"For quite a while, we thought that was the worst decision we ever made because it was in really bad shape," Werner said. "We put it on hold for quite a long time because, financially, it was just more than what we were willing and able to do at the time."

After securing a loan and making significant renovations to the space, Leyrer, Meredith and Werner held a grand opening for the 'new' 6,700-square-foot Irish Pub on Tuesday (July 16). The pub has 68 employees, including general manager Stephanie Robinson, assistant manager Sarah Howery, kitchen manager Mario Hall and bar manager Sarah Carter.

Robinson, a Colorado native with more than two decades of experience in the restaurant industry, has spent the last nine months crafting a vision for what the new and improved Irish Pub would be.

She asked EJ Martin, a corporate executive chef at Grand Rap-



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ids-based food distributor Van Eerden Foodservice, to help her redesign the food menu from the ground up, revitalizing old favorites and adding new offerings.

Robinson also took the time to familiarize herself with Michigan's beer culture.

"Not being from the Michigan area, I called the vendors one by one and said, 'Bring me what's popular here,' and they did. I probably sampled more than five dozen different beers over the last few months," she said.

The pub offers two dozen beers, including options from local breweries like Bell's and Irish imports like Guinness, as well as 10 Irish whiskeys and a variety of other liquors that can be made into Irish cocktails. Robinson said her team is already planning seasonal beverages as well.

In the meantime, the staff is enjoying the moment in a space that has been almost completely reworked and modernized since it served its last beer more than 10 years ago. Including a 50-seat patio, it can hold more than 270 people.

"Every day, someone stops in here and asks if we're open yet. This has been going on for years," Werner said, adding that westside residents have been particularly supportive thus far.

"They're going to be the heartbeat of this place, I'm sure. They're diehards, and I hope we met and exceeded all their expectations," he said.

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Four decades later, rock critic reflects on Springsteen's 'Born in the U.S.A.'

By **BILL CASTANIER**

It's been 40 years since Bruce Springsteen released his "Born in the U.S.A." album to great critical acclaim. The title track became an instant anthem, a sing-along gem that boomed from jukeboxes, car radios and home stereo systems across the country.

Despite its despairing lyrics, the album somehow carries a message of hope. A returned Vietnam War veteran is scarred, and the middle class is frozen in time. The words are as pertinent today as they were four decades ago.

Springsteen likely didn't expect the title song to become so popular, nor could he have predicted it would be played repeatedly by right-wing political candidates.

The irony is palpable. The song isn't patriotic. Remember when Canadian rock band Guess Who was banned from playing "American Woman" at a Richard Nixon-era White House gig? We've been getting lyrics wrong since the gramophone was invented. Ronald Reagan even referenced Springsteen and his "hopeful" lyrics in a speech.

"There Was Nothing You Could Do: Bruce Springsteen's 'Born in the U.S.A.' and the End of the Heartland," released in May by rock critic Steven Hyden, makes the point that from the album's release, Springsteen was painted as a populist "blue-collar hero," pleasing both sides of the political spectrum.

Like most rock biographies, we learn way too much about the subject. Did

you know that during a cross-country road trip in 1983, Springsteen stumbled across a county fair in Texas where fairgoers were dancing the night away to a rock band? What sounds like a perfect tableau for a Springsteen song instead sent the rocker into deep despair, and he sought out a psychiatrist for help. He would later write a song about the county fair and the mystical rock group.

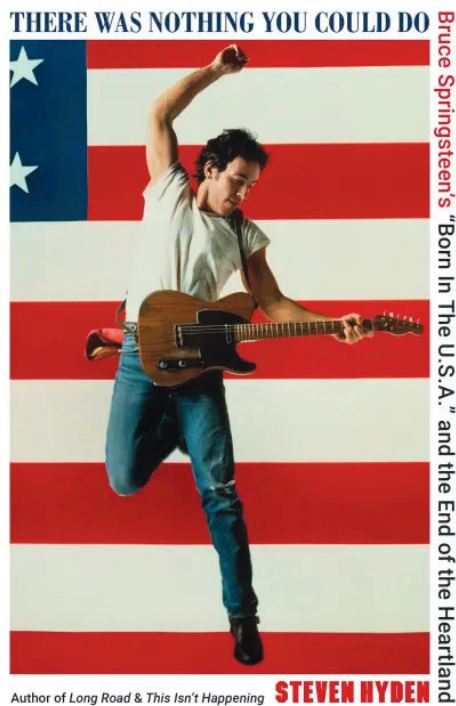
Hyden delves deep into the roots of the 12 songs on the album, which he writes is a "landmark in American popular music." For the record, the album has sold more than 30 million copies worldwide and produced seven Top 10 singles.

We learn that Springsteen's producer pushed him to add the sultry side-two song "Dancing in the Dark," which likely saw more plays on the nascent MTV than any of his other songs. At a minimum, it propelled Courtney Cox into stardom. Interestingly, Cox isn't named in the book.

We also learn that more than 5 million fans attended the "Born in the U.S.A." tour during its 15-month run, making Springsteen the No. 1 arena rocker, according to Hyden.

In the chapter "Man in the Room," Hyden

comments, "If you want to see an emotionally repressed man in your life cry, send him to a Bruce Springsteen concert." (It may be due to a sore butt since the four-hour concerts were exhausting for both performers and the audience.)



Author of Long Road & This Isn't Happening **STEVEN HYDEN**



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In his new book, "There Was Nothing You Could Do: Bruce Springsteen's 'Born in the U.S.A.' and the End of the Heartland," rock critic Steven Hyden explores the creation and impact of Springsteen's landmark 1984 album.

Whether the album was meant to make a political statement is one question Hyden relentlessly pursues in the book. Even 40 years later, boomers are roaming about their hometowns, crooning about the mythical place portrayed in "My Hometown," which, if you listen carefully to the lyrics, isn't so nostalgic.

When commenting on why Springsteen wrote the album, Hyden writes, "He believes in the power of rock music to heal wounds caused by political neglect and cultural strife."

The book also delves into the influence that Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan and Michael Jackson had on Springsteen's lyrics. Hyden writes that when Springsteen was 7, he saw Presley on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and later said, "It was the evening I realized a white man could make magic; that you did not have to be constrained by your upbringing, by the way you looked or by

the social context that oppressed you." Wow, how prescient.

Hyden also writes about Springsteen's friendship with anti-war activist and Vietnam War veteran Ron Kovic, whose memoir, "Born of the Fourth of July," was greatly influential for Springsteen. The friendship led to a benefit concert for Vietnam Veterans of America.

So, what makes us like Springsteen? His lyrics hit home for Americans, and his backstory of being a working-class kid from New Jersey who made it out of roadhouses and onto the big stage is inspirational. The book does nothing to refute the rocker's "everyman" image.

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Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub marks 10 years



Photo by Brian Charette

Four knitted chickens, souvenirs of Jazz Tuesdays gigs at Moriarty's Pub in downtown Lansing, grace the New York City apartment of Brian Charette. The organist called Jazz Tuesdays "the best steady jam session I've ever attended."

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Why are four knitted chickens from Lansing roosting on a New York City jazz musician's bookshelf?

Tuesday (July 23) marks the 10th anniversary of a small but mighty musical miracle, Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub. Collateral knitted-chicken dispersal is only part of the story.

Since 2014, hundreds of visiting stars, local mainstays and Michigan State University Jazz Studies hotshots have hit the Moriarty's stage under the steady aegis of veteran drummer and Jazz Tuesdays organizer Jeff Shoup.

MSU trombone Professor Michael Dease is a national chart-topper and a three-time DownBeat Critics Poll winner, but he puts a special sauce on his slide when he slips downtown and saunters into Moriarty's.

"Jeff Shoup and Moriarty's have created a rare, diamond-tier event in the United States — a successful, engaging and recurring-weekly jazz venue," Dease said.

New York City jazz organist Brian Charette has played in top clubs around the world, but he pulls out all the stops at the mention of Mort's.

"Jeff has put together the best steady jam session I've ever attended," Charette said. "And he's a superb drummer."

"I love the vibe of Mort's," he continued. "All sorts of people from all walks of life come together for music. I have four amazing knitted chickens, and the food is great, too."

About those knitted chickens.

Most Tuesday nights at Mort's, a first-row regular could be seen knitting colorful little chickens as she listened. Musicians were invited to take home a sou-

venir bird courtesy of Deborah Sutherland, known affectionately as "the chicken lady."

The chickens have the run of Charette's East Village apartment, sharing shelf space with classics like "Anna Karenina" and a paperback edition of Mad Magazine.

Now and then, Shoup and his colleagues at Mort's pay tribute to Sutherland by grooving out on a tune by funk legend Pee Wee Ellis, "The Chicken." They played with extra feeling on July 9 after learning Sutherland had died a week earlier.

"Those chickens are spread all over the country, from Seattle to New York," Shoup said. "It's really cool."

The saga of Jazz Tuesdays began in fall 2009, when Shoup started a jazz night at the former Gone Wired Café, now the Avenue.

"I was really just looking for a place to play," Shoup said.

After several months, the gig moved eastward along Michigan Avenue to Stober's Bar, where it lasted another two years and gained traction with local jazz students and a few visiting musicians.

When Shoup returned to school and started a family, the event was placed on hiatus. However, after receiving his master's degree from MSU in 2014, he again found himself looking for a place to play.

Shoup casually remarked to Joy Allswede, co-owner of Moriarty's Pub, that it would be a great place to revive Jazz Tuesdays.

"She said 'OK,' and here we are, 10 years later," Shoup said.

With jazz confined largely to the hothouse environment of university classrooms and recital halls, Jazz Tuesdays created a living link to the heyday of the world's great jazz clubs, from Minton's Playhouse

in New York to Ronnie Scott's in London to Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit.

"We needed something like this in the community," MSU Jazz Studies director Rodney Whitaker said. "Jeff understood how to tap into a certain consciousness that was ready for something regular."

It helped that Tuesday is usually a slow night for jazz musicians, including MSU students.

"These are the guys that just always want to play," Shoup said. "They don't go home and play video games the rest of the night."

At Mort's, Shoup decided to reach beyond MSU and weave a wider web of jazz connections, stretching from mid-Michigan to points far beyond. His first guest was Ann Arbor bassist and composer Paul Keller. (Keller has returned most years for a July anniversary gig but can't make it this year.)

For Tuesday's 10th birthday bash, Shoup is bringing in another regional all-star assemblage: Toledo vocalist Ramona Collins, Ann Arbor pianist Rick Roe and Detroit bassist Jeff Pedraz.

Shoup's main goal after moving the event to Mort's was to build its reputation until people called him, instead of the other way around, and he's achieved that goal.

"I have every night booked now until December, and I have a waitlist," he said.

Retired MSU music Professor Ron Newman said Shoup "has done a superb job in getting both national talent and outstanding Michigan talent to perform at Mort's." (Newman also praised Mort's for having Smithwick's ale on tap.)

Whitaker knows better than anyone how hard it is to build a jazz scene.

"When you start something here, people are quick to tell you it's not going to last," Whitaker said. "You hear

Tyler Cole traces journey from East Lansing to Billboard charts

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

From recording a double-platinum song with Willow Smith to producing an album for Weezer and securing a lead writing role on a Spike Lee film, Tyler Cole’s career has taken him to places most artists can only dream of.

All the while, the 28-year-old Los Angeles-based artist hasn’t forgotten his roots. Although he was born in Orlando, Florida, he moved with his mother, Heidi Vogl, to her native East Lansing as an infant to be closer to family. He attended Glencairn Elementary School before moving to LA with Vogl in 2003.

“I have great memories of Lansing. I feel like it was one of those places that was always really dear to me, close to home and shaped the way I looked at the world,” Cole said.

After moving to California, Cole would return to Michigan in the summers to stay with his grandmother. He’d split that time between East Lansing and Traverse City, where he also has family, but he recalls East Lansing with a particular fondness.

“I remember going to Michigan State University games at the Breslin Center and even saw the Harlem Globetrotters there one year, so I have a lot of memories of being a Spartans fan during that time and still am to this day,” Cole said.

He was attending a performing arts middle school in LA when he discovered his first formal creative outlet in theater.

“It just seemed like the thing to do out here, and I kind of fell in love with performing and being someone that you’re not on stage,” he said. “After a year or two of that, I found the guitar and started teaching myself how to play on YouTube.”

Years later, a friend gave him a copy of Ableton,



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Tyler Cole spent his early childhood years in East Lansing before moving to Los Angeles in 2003. His music career began to take off when he recorded an album with Willow Smith in 2020, leading to other projects with household names like Rivers Cuomo and Spike Lee.

a music production software. He began making beats and expanded his social circle to include other young artists in the area who shared his passion.

“Eventually, I met some like-minded people who liked the stuff that I was doing, and we turned it into

something a little bit more real,” he said.

That group included Willow Smith, the daughter of actors Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith.

“I produced a couple of projects for her, but we would also make songs on our own just for fun. That turned into this band called The Anxiety, and our album came out on March 13, 2020, which was the exact same day the pandemic started,” Cole said.

To promote the record, the day before its release, Cole and Smith spent 24 hours locked in a 20-foot glass box at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art’s Geffen Contemporary.

“We had no idea that the pandemic was coming, so the ironic thing is that it really felt like art imitating life. Some people were debating whether or not to take us out of the thing, but we were already isolated. By the time we got out, the world had already changed,” Cole said.

It would be another year before one of the album’s songs, “Meet Me at Our Spot,” would go viral on TikTok. It went on to reach double-platinum status in the U.S. and climbed to the 21st spot on the Billboard Hot 100.

“I didn’t know it blew up right away. At the time, Willow and I had another song that was doing well called ‘Transparent Soul,’ which I produced and featured Travis Barker from Blink-182 on,” Cole said. “So, I was already working on other music that I was really excited about when people started telling me the song was trending and spreading everywhere. It was a shock, but it became my biggest song and still is to this day. It was really cool to see how far music

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the reports about all the things that just didn’t happen. It’s discouraging, but you have to work like Jeff did.”

It’s not easy to pin down why some formulas click, and others stick.

“It’s an intimate room, and the crowd is right on top of you,” Shoup said. “Everybody is friendly. It’s more spontaneous. I guess the stakes are low. Sometimes things go in more unexpected places.”

Charette loves the wild nights when he and local organist Jim Alfredson spiral into a dual-keyboard phantasmagoria of jazz, funk, progressive rock, Baroque counterpoint and anything else they can conjure from their feverish fingers.

Some memorable nights have been dedicated to a particular artist or album. Last December, Ann Arbor saxophonist Mark Kieme mounted a full-scale recreation of organist Jimmy Smith’s classic album “Christmas Cookin” with Alfredson, MSU guitar Professor Randy Napoleon and Ypsilanti trumpeter Paul Finkbeiner.

Shoup’s account of the night offered a rare glimpse of the ulcers involved in running a regular jazz event. The big-band arrangements on “Christmas Cookin” aren’t simple.

“I was expecting certain people to put charts and stuff together for this because we had it booked over a year in advance,” he said. “As the date approached, I realized this work wasn’t going to be done.”

Those are harsh words from the usually genial Shoup, but he needn’t have worried. Any jazz musician worth their salt knows “Christmas Cookin” well enough to play it on a kazoo and a cast iron skillet. Alfredson and the crew, backed by Shoup’s rock-solid drumming, put plenty of rum in the eggnog.

“I’m not going to say it was a perfect rendition of the album, but we just had such a good time that the rough edges didn’t really matter so much,” Shoup said.

After the pandemic shutdown, getting Jazz Tuesdays back together was a heavy lift, but it’s now back to full steam and “has its own momentum,” Shoup said. Nevertheless, without a steady sponsorship from local jazz patron Gregg Hill, he said, “I would have to reconsider keeping all of this going.”



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Ten years ago, drummer and impresario Jeff Shoup was just “looking for a place to play.” Now Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty’s is booked through December, and there’s a waiting list.

Hill isn’t the only angel on the head of this pin.

One night, Shoup complained to Alfredson about lugging a heavy old keyboard rig back and forth. About 10 minutes later, Alfredson texted Shoup to tell him he had secured a \$900 house piano from Casio. Trent Harris, a Jackson musician and attorney, signed on as a Jazz Tuesdays sponsor two years ago.

Most of all, a loyal and growing audience that’s “generous with the tip jar” makes it all worthwhile, Shoup said.

“It’s really all about them,” he said.

By now, Shoup has submitted to the “momentum”

and plans to keep Jazz Tuesdays going as long as he lives in Michigan. Napoleon, a frequent performer at Jazz Tuesdays, expressed the general sentiment.

“Once, I was starting to think about shutting it down, but Randy forbade me from doing so, in no uncertain terms,” Shoup said.

Dease had more ambitious marching orders.

“This opportunity to hear and participate in live, quality jazz music is a blessing to the Lansing area,” Dease declared. “I hope this continues long enough to add another zero to the end of 10 years.”



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can travel, even if it's something you made for fun."

Weezer frontman Rivers Cuomo was on a morning walk in late 2021 when the song appeared on one of his playlists.

"I got a call one day, and the caller ID said, 'Maybe Rivers Cuomo.' I thought someone was playing a joke on me," Cole said. "He asked me if I was interested in producing for them. I said, 'a hundred million percent' because Weezer was one of my favorite bands growing up and influenced a lot of the stuff that I was doing."

Weezer released the "SZNZ: Autumn" EP in September 2022, with Cole credited as a producer.

"It was kind of a full-circle moment for me. It was really cool for him to come to me with ideas and ask me to help shape them while putting my own personal touch on what we were doing," Cole said.

Cole noted his ability to draw from a variety of genres as an artist and producer spawned from a lifetime of developing his own diverse musical tastes.

"Growing up, I listened to all sorts of rock music, from classic rock to psychedelic and metal. I also listened to all sorts of R&B, like Usher and Justin Timberlake, and rappers like 50

Cent and Jay-Z," he said. "The guitar was really the foundation of my music, but I was always looking for a way to combine everything. I think the best way to describe my sound to people — because there's not really a term for all these things in one — the word 'alternative' usually comes up because it's the alternative to what's normal."

Cole shares this multifaceted approach with some of his biggest inspirations, including Donald Glover, Justin Vernon and Frank Ocean.

While it would be a dream for Cole to work with any of them, he said he has a special affinity for Glover, whose diverse career includes five Grammy wins under the stage name Childish Gambino, plus two Emmy and Golden Globe Awards for his work as a producer, writer and actor on his television show, "Atlanta," which ran from 2016 to 2022.

"I've always looked at him as someone who does all the things I want to do," Cole said of Glover. "He showed me that it's possible to do all these things at once but not do any one better than the other. I feel like that's the closest thing to what I'm trying to do with my career."

Cole took a page out of Glover's book last year when Amazon MGM Studios picked up a film script he wrote and tapped Spike Lee to direct it. Titled "Da Understudy," the project is in pre-production.

"I can't really speak too much on



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Willow Smith and Tyler Cole performing their double-platinum song, "Meet Me at Our Spot," in 2021.

the process at this point, but I can say that Spike Lee was one of my favorite filmmakers when I was a kid. So, it was really important to me to have this relationship with him and have him as a mentor," Cole said.

Cole is also preparing to drop his latest album, "Existential Crisis Boy (Part 2)," in September. Listeners can expect more of his signature R&B- and soul-infused indie and pop sounds, though he's never been one to stick to any particular formula.

Though he's kept busy, Cole hasn't

forgotten about Lansing, where his grandmother and half-siblings live.

"I'll always have love for my hometown," he said, adding that he's looking to do a show in the area "in the near future."

"I also have a film project I'm potentially looking to shoot in Lansing. It will hopefully be sooner rather than later for this particular thing," he said. "I'd love to bring a little bit of my own energy to Lansing's creative scene and help spread the word of the city."

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Laurie Roggenbuck, Okemos

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Yours truly, the City Pulse team

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“What Comes Fourth?” -- you got three in a row ...
by Matt Jones
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- ACROSS
1. Ike's spouse
6. Caramel candy brand
10. “30 for 30” channel
14. Love, in Rome
15. Peters of “American Horror Story”
16. High point
17. Angel's citation for forgetting an instrument?
19. Sit a while
20. Muse of astronomy
21. Wilson who played Dwight Schrute
23. Like some almonds
24. Abbreviation after a comma
26. Cessation
27. Give it ____
30. Lean meat source
31. Question of a continental country consortium's willingness to rock the mic?
34. 2000s boy band named after a Florida city
35. Physically flexible
36. L.A. tree
39. “Clean” surface?
42. Advance, as cash
43. Farmyard refrain
45. Shabby
47. The Insult Comic Dog's French counterpart?
50. West Germany's official name until 1990, for short
53. Ready for action
54. “Unbelievable”

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- band of 1991
55. “Chandelier” singer
56. Suffix after mountain
57. Parodize
59. Split in two
61. “Somebody Feed ____” (Netflix travel documentary)
63. What happens when you treat your garden hose badly?
66. Verdi opera heroine
67. Dull pain
68. Quetzalcoatl worshipper
69. “Ocean Man” group
70. Shout it out
71. “All That Jazz” director Bob
- DOWN
1. Organic fertilizer component
2. Conscienceless
3. Centrist style?
4. Persian Gulf country
5. Most chilling
6. Arbiter
7. Ab ____ (from square one)
8. Hardy counterpart
9. No longer at sea
10. Bring in
11. “What if” situation
12. Keir Starmer and others, for short
13. Volleyball need
18. Feeling of sympathy
22. Notion
25. Part of a Traitor's outfit, on “The Traitors”
28. Big party
29. Uninhibited
32. Take away the heat?
33. Reprehensible
34. Leave out
36. Shepherd's pie veggies
37. Million or billion ending
38. Where rational thought occurs in the brain
40. Pub fixtures
41. Business school subject
44. Nabisco mainstay
46. Bit brewed in a bag
48. “No need to worry about me”
49. Workplace
50. Huge meals
51. Some Broadway jukebox musicals
52. Country on the Aegean
58. Prepare (for)
60. Auto exec Ferrari
61. “____ Patrol”
62. Move it along quickly
64. Senators’ gp.
65. “Kenan & ____”

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

July 17-23, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Have you ever been given a Starbucks gift card but then neglected to use it? Many people fail to cash in such freebies. Believe it or not, there are also folks who buy lottery tickets that turn out to have the winning number, but they never actually claim their rewards. Don't be like them in the coming weeks, Aries. Be aggressive about cashing in on the offers you receive — even subtle and shy offers. Don't let invitations and opportunities go to waste. Be alert for good luck and seize it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The coming weeks will be a favorable time to enhance your relationship with food. In every way you can imagine, be smart and discerning as you plan and eat your meals. Here are ideas to ponder: 1. Do you know exactly which foods are best for your unique body? 2. Are you sufficiently relaxed and emotionally present when you eat? 3. Could you upgrade your willpower to ensure you joyfully gravitate toward what's healthiest? 4. Do you have any bad habits you could outgrow? 5. Is your approach to eating affected by problematic emotions that you could heal? 6. Are you willing to try improving things incrementally without insisting on being perfect?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hybridization could be a fun theme for you in the coming weeks. You're likely to align yourself with cosmic rhythms if you explore the joys and challenges of creating amalgamations, medleys and mashups. Your spirit creatures will be the liger (a cross between a lion and a tiger) and the mule (a cross between a horse and a donkey). But please note that your spirit creatures will not be impossible hybrids like a giroose (a cross between a giraffe and a moose) or a coyadger (a cross between a coyote and a badger). It's good to be experimental and audacious in your mixing and matching, but don't be delusional.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): In 1986, Cancerian singer-songwriter George Michael released his song “A Different Corner.” It was a big hit. Never before in British pop music had an artist done what Michael accomplished: He wrote, sang, arranged and produced the tune and played all the instruments. I foresee the possibility of a similar proficiency in your near future, Cancerian — if you want it. Maybe you would prefer to collaborate with others on your big projects, but if you choose, you could perform minor miracles all by yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In the biblical allegory of Noah and the Ark, God warns Noah about an impending flood and commands him to build a giant lifeboat to save living things from extinction. Noah obeys. When the heavy rains come, he, his family and many animals board the boat to weather the storm. After 40 days and nights of inundation, they are all safe but stranded in a newly created sea. Hoping for a sign of where they might seek sanctuary, Noah sends out a dove to reconnoiter for dry land. But it returns with no clues. A week later, Noah dispatches a second dove. It returns with an olive leaf, showing that the earth is drying out and land is nearby. Dear Leo, your adventure isn't as dire and dramatic as Noah's, but I'm happy to tell you it's time for you to do the equivalent of sending two doves out to explore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): According to an ancient Chinese proverb, “An ant on the move does more than a dozing ox.” I will add a corollary: An ant may be able to accomplish feats an ox can't. For instance, I have observed an ant carrying a potato chip back to its nest, and I doubt that an ox could tote a potato chip without mangling it. Anyway, Virgo, this is my way of telling you that if you must choose between your inspiration being an ant or an ox in the coming days, choose the ant. Be meticulous, persistent and industrious rather than big, strong and rugged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): “If it sounds too good to be true, it always is,” said stage magician Ricky Jay. I only partially agree with him. While I think it's usually wise to use his formula as a fundamental

principle, I suspect it won't entirely apply to you in the coming weeks. At least one thing and possibly as many as three may sound too good to be true — but will, in fact, be true. So, if you're tempted to be hyper-skeptical, tamp down that attitude a bit. Open yourself to the possibilities of amazing grace and minor miracles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What is the largest thing ever sold in human history? A 530-million-acre chunk of land in North America. In 1803, the French government sold it to the American government for \$15 million. It stretched from what's now Louisiana to Montana. Here's the twist to the story: The land peddled by France and acquired by the US actually belonged to the Indigenous people who had lived there for many generations. The two nations pretended they had the right to make the transaction. I bring this to your attention, Scorpio, because the coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to make a big, important purchase or sale — as long as you have the authentic rights to do so. Make sure there are no hidden agendas or strings attached. Be thorough in your vetting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An antique dealer named Laura Young bought a marble bust of a distinguished man at a thrift store in Austin, Texas. Later, she discovered that it was more than 2,000 years old and worth far more than the \$35 she had paid for it. It depicted a Roman military leader named Drusus the Elder. I foresee similar themes unfolding in your life, Sagittarius. Possible variations: 1. You come into possession of something that's more valuable than it initially appears. 2. You connect with an influence that's weightier than it initially appears. 3. A lucky accident unfolds, bringing unexpected goodies. 4. A seemingly ordinary thing turns out to be an interesting thing in disguise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): My childhood friend Jeanine used to say, “The best proof of friendship is when someone gives you half their candy bar. The best proof of fantastic friendship is when they give you even more than half.” She would then hand me more than half of her Snickers bar, Milky Way or Butterfinger. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to give away at least half your candy to those you care for in the coming days. It's a phase of your astrological cycle when you will benefit from offering extra special affection and rewards to the allies who provide you with so much love and support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you're a teacher, it's a favorable time to enjoy a stint as a student — and vice versa. If you're a healthcare worker trained in Western medicine, it's an excellent phase to explore alternative healing practices. If you're a scientist, I suggest you read some holy and outrageous poetry, and if you're a sensitive, introverted mystic, get better informed about messy political issues. In other words, dear Aquarius, open a channel to parts of reality you normally ignore or neglect. Fill in the gaps in your education. Seek out surprise and awakening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Jane Brunette, a writer I admire, uses the made-up word “plurk” to refer to her favorite activity: a blend of play and work. I have always aspired to make that my core approach, too. I play at my work and work at my play. As much as possible, I have fun while I'm doing the labor-intensive tasks that earn me a living and fulfill my creative urges. And I invoke a disciplined, diligent attitude as I pursue the tasks and projects that bring me pleasure and amusement. I highly recommend you expand and refine your own ability as a plurker in the coming weeks, Pisces. (Jane Brunette is here: flamingseed.com)

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, July 17

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

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

Cars & Cones Cruise-In - All makes and years welcome! Drivers (and a passenger) receive a cone dog and free museum admission. 5-8 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-372-0529. reoldsmuseum.org.

Clay Letter Dishes - Craft personalized clay dishes in the shape of your favorite letter. Ages 18+. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

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

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

Great Michigan Read: Cultural Foods of "Fire-keeper's Daughter" - Traditional and non-traditional foods are part of the Anishinaabe culture explored in the book. We'll explore the history of these foods and prepare some as well! Ages 16+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s), with Special Guest Jen Sygit - Free. 7 p.m. Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

"Let's Give Them Something to Talk About" - Exhibit of 31 original works by local artists Doug and Susan Smith. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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.

"Mario Kart" Madness - Enjoy snacks and drinks as you drift your way to glory in our "Mario Kart" tournament! Grades 4-12. 4 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Oxymorons (variety) - 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. lmc.info.

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series - Free and open to the public. Bring a picnic and a chair or blanket and enjoy the bells of the carillon. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Russ Holcomb (acoustic variety) - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

Read Between the Wines Book Club - We'll delve into "The Bordeaux Book Club," by Gillian Harvey. Glasses of wine \$1 off. 5:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 5635 Shoeman Road, Haslett. 517-655-2883. burgdorfwinery.com.

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

STEAM Science: Marble Machines - Use everyday materials to build an obstacle track that moves your marble from one place to another. Noon session for ages 4-7, 2 p.m. session for ages 8-12. Registration req. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Fly2k ('90s-2000s tribute) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

Stories in the Garden - Explore the garden and stop to listen to a picture book when you come across one of our volunteer readers! 7-8:30 p.m. Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. elpl.org.

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

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

Walk-in Wednesday - Make a shadow sculpture! Free. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Weaving the Web: Wheel of the Year - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversof-heweb.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. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Thursday, July 18

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

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Bridge Street Merchants Night Owl Shopping - A variety of stores will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. with sales, specials and snacks! Bridge Street, downtown Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

Fly2K

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17

St. Johns City Park

801 W. Park St., St. Johns

Fly2K, a '90s and 2000s cover band from Nashville, Tennessee, will perform at St. Johns City Park at 7 p.m. tonight (July 17) as part of the Clinton County Arts Council and city of St. Johns' summer concert series. The group, which includes two graduates of St. Johns High School, Bear Mitchell and Rachel Thompson Mitchell, will perform songs by artists such as Britney Spears, OutKast, Blink-182, Beyoncé, NSYNC, Dr. Dre, the Spice Girls, Shania Twain and more.

The group has headlined festivals such as Nashville's Oktoberfest and has a Friday evening residency in Nashville's Broadway entertainment district when they're not touring the country. Both St. Johns graduates are looking forward to being back on a stage they first performed on 20 years ago.

The concert is free, and food will be available for purchase from the St. Johns Lions Club. For more information on Fly2K, visit fly2kband.com.



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

Charlotte Community Library Board Meeting - The library board meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Spartan Room. 7 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: The Outsiders (blues/classic rock) - 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., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversof-heweb.org.

DeWitt Concerts in the Park: Frog & the Beef-tones (blues rock) - Free. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Center 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.

Family Pops Concert - The East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band presents a free concert suitable for all ages. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. 7 p.m. Robert L. Green Elementary School, 1811 Pinecrest Drive, East Lansing. 517-332-5662.

Game Night and Live Music - Enjoy 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. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: The Insiders (Tom Petty tribute), opener Ricky & Nikki - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

Happy Hour, with Pianist and Vocalist Ann Bell - Enjoy half-off food specials from 5-6:30 p.m. while listening to some amazing music. All ages welcome. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Holt Music in the Garden: Atomic Annie (rock/pop) - Food available for purchase from Heaven on a Bun food truck. Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

Hunter Park GardenHouse Tropical Summer Potluck - An evening of delicious island-inspired dishes, good tunes and fantastic company. Bring your favorite Hawaiian-themed dish to share! 6-8 p.m. 500 Clifford St., Lansing. facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse.

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

Laingsburg Music in the Park: Whiskey Diski & the Barrel Boys (country) - Free. Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

"Let's Give Them Something to Talk About" - Exhibit of 31 original works by local artists Doug and Susan Smith. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Mastering Your Course Gradebook - Intended for MSU educators interested in learning how to use D2L's Gradebook functions effectively. Presentation is available in person and via Zoom. Registration req. 10 a.m. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. bookings.lib.msu.edu.

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.

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Events

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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.

Pixel Art - Work with other community members to complete a collaborative pixel art project, igniting colors and connections. All ages. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Reno's Magic Night - Come see Jeff the Magician right at your table every Thursday night! 6-8 p.m. 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75153-reno-s-magic-night.

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.

Teen Night - Participate in fun warm-up games and an art project led by REACH teaching artists. Pizza provided. Free for Lansing residents. 6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Teen Night Karaoke - Unleash your inner rockstar and choose from a variety of karaoke hits. 6-9 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian.mi.us.

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: Vesela Kapela Polka Band - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamston-concerts.

Zap Zone XL Magic Night - Enjoy a night on the town with food, a full bar, amazing attractions and magic by Jeff the Magician. 8-10 p.m. 5220 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75155-zap-zone-xl-magic-night.

Zoo Nights - Happy-hour-style event featuring tastes from local restaurants and beverage companies. See the zoo after hours, visit with the animals and enjoy yard games. Ages 21+. 5-8 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potter-parkzoo.org.

Friday, July 19

"A Course in Christ" Book Study and Potluck - 10:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Afro Beats, with DJ Dalavey - Ages 21+. 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Build-A-Bear - Children can create a furry friend to cherish forever. Grades K-3. Registration req. 10 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

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

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

East Lansing Summer Concert Series: Christopher Minami Quartet (jazz) - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/summerconcertseries.

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.

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

Justin Deason at Mash Bar - 7 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Roadside Attraction (variety), opener Taylor Taylor - 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/Lakelansing-bandshell.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Great Lakes Loons - 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

"Let's Give Them Something to Talk About" - Exhibit of 31 original works by local artists Doug and Susan Smith. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

"Minecraft" Club - Play "Minecraft" on the library's private server! Laptops provided. Grades 3+. Registration req. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

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

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

Saturday, July 20

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

BookWyrm Gaming Mini-Convention for Kids - Paint miniatures, learn about accessibility tools for disabled gamers, play tabletop games with local game masters and find library resources for tabletop gaming! Ages 6+. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Campfire Program: All About Fireflies - Join Harris Nature Center naturalists for a fireside chat, s'mores and a guided walk. 7 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Chill Out with Art! - Dive into summer fun at the MSU Broad Art Museum! Explore exhibitions, unleash your artistic side and enjoy a cool, tasty treat. Registration encouraged. 1-3 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Fountain Pen 101 - Have fun while learning a little about the history of fountain pens, how to write with them, how to take care of them and more! 4:30 p.m. Dear Ollie & Co., 222 S Washington Square, Lansing. dearollie.com.

Game Night - Bring your favorite game to share, whether it's a tabletop RPG, a card game, a board game or something else. You're also welcome to bring food and beverages. 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Great Lakes Loons - 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

"Let's Give Them Something to Talk About" - Exhibit of 31 original works by local artists Doug and Susan Smith. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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

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

Moth Duster at Mash Bar - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

Parrothead Patio Party - We'll have DJ Face spinning Jimmy Buffett tunes all night, mini cheeseburgers (in paradise) and margarita flights! 7-10 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

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

Science Alive! - Visit with live animals! Ages 3+ with a caregiver. Registration req. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or noon. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

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., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoft-heweb.org.

Toastmaster Meeting Open House - Club helps members grow in speaking, presentation and leadership skills. All are welcome to attend this open house. Theme will be soaring to new heights. 9:45 a.m. MSUFCU, 104 S. Washington Square, Lansing. cdas.toastmost.org.

Twilight Adventures - Follow clues on a self-guided tour, learn from conservation education stations and engage in fun games and activities while enjoying s'mores and concession snacks! 6-9 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

Village Crafters Crafter-2-Crafter Sale - Arby's may have "the meats," but we have the yarn, fabric, glitter, glue and everything else you need to start that new project. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Union Street Center, 501 Union St., Eaton Rapids. villagecrafters.net.

Youth Nerf Wars - 1-3 p.m. Valhalla Park, 2287 Pine Tree Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov.

Sunday, July 20

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp Orientation - Four-month roller derby training course. No experience necessary. 6-9 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Dine & Discovery Series: Mapo Tofu - Learn how to make this Chinese takeout staple from Na Zhang of Hong Kong Restaurant. Vegan and pork options will be available. 2 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3921. facebook.com/Allen-NeighborhoodCenter.

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.

Green Man Work Day - Help take care of projects at the church building or on our property. We'll finish the day with a shared feast and relaxation time. Noon-5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoft-heweb.org.

Harmony Sundays - Weekly DJ event featuring Aura the Brave and special guests. 9 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. instagram.com/macsbarmu.

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GREATER LANSING URBAN GROWING

Gardening and Farming in the City

Tuesday July 23, 4:30-6:30PM

Located at Hunter Park GardenHouse

1400 E Kalamazoo St, Lansing, MI 48912


Parking @ Marcus and Clifford


Discussions regarding city programs and offices, including:

- Lansing Code Compliance
- Sustainability
- GROW Lansing Program
- Networking after presentations

Free community event for all interested in urban growing.

Register by July 21st:





Free Spirit 50th anniversary walking tour

6:30 p.m. Thurs-
day, July 18
The New Daily
Bagel
309 S. Wash-
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Lansing



Sixty years ago, downtown Lansing was a vibrant shopping area lined with women's clothing stores, shoe stores, major department stores and an array of specialty stores. You could also bowl, grab a caramel-corn treat and catch a movie at one of three theaters.

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will host a walking tour at 6:30 p.m. Thursday (July 18) to return to those days. The tour will kick off in the alley behind the New Daily Bagel for the dedication of a mural recognizing Free Spirit, a hippie emporium that opened in 1969 and closed in the mid-'70s. Local artist Brian Whitfield has installed the mural at the former site of the Sleep Shop, which was one of the numerous stores that made up Free Spirit. (It also included a jewelry shop, a record shop, a shoe store, a Black hair products store and a head shop.) Free Spirit was so different that it was even written up in The Wall Street Journal.

Attendees will also learn what happened to a fabulous street clock that was located on Washington Square, as well as a sign advertising violin repair. They'll also hear from people who worked and shopped at Free Spirit, where you could buy everything from Crosby, Stills and Nash's newest record to Zig-Zag rolling papers while tripping on art by Dennis Preston and dreaming of a hot fudge sundae from Knapp's.

The tour is free and open to the public. For more information, visit lansinghistory.org/events/free-spirit-50th-anniversary-walking-tour.

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

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

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Great Lakes Loons - 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

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Red Cedar Quaker Friends Worship - 10:30 a.m. 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship. Samia Halaby: "Eye Witness" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Shane Mauss: "A Better Trip" - Combining Mauss' humor and vast knowledge of the world of science and psychedelics, "A Better Trip" is a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. 4:20 and 7:30 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. shanemauss.com/lansing.

Sunday Yoga on Albert - Hosted by Yoga State. Bring a yoga mat. Free. 10 a.m. Albert El Fresco, corner of M.A.C. and Albert avenues, 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.

Unity's Monthly Euchre and Games - Self-serve event. Bring your own board games and organize your own euchre tables. Bring snacks to share. Noon. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Monday, July 22

Acting Scene Study Camp - Students will learn the basics of acting: diction, projection, stage presence, stage directions, working off their partner, script work and improvisation. Ages 5-13. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Adventures in Space - Flex your science muscles as you learn about planets and space. Listen to a story about planets, make planet art and launch a straw rocket. Ages 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. cmialanon.org.

Alligator Adventures - Kids and families will learn all about the reptile's natural history, behavior and lifestyle — and will even have the opportunity to meet some up close! All ages. 2 p.m. Willow Ridge Elementary School, 12840 Nixon Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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Thanks to pet adoption advertisers, City Pulse donated \$306 to the Ingham County Animal Shelter in 2023 and many thousands more over the last 23 years. Ads are just \$35, and \$6 of that is donated. Please help City Pulse help the animals find homes. Ads appear in the third issue of each month. The next deadline is August 16th.



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Grace

is a sweet, goofy catahoula/bulldog mix who came to the shelter when her owner could no longer care for her. She's less than impressed with her current living conditions and would appreciate if her new family would hurry up and come soon! She likes other dogs and would enjoy a gentle friend to play with (rowdy dogs are a bit much for her taste). She's very people oriented and would love a person of her own! All our adoptable dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption!

Rikako

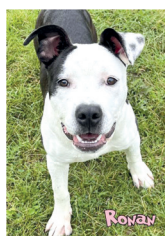
and her friends Arren and Ferrari came to the shelter when their owner lost their home. They are friendly cats who enjoy attention and would love homes where they can get plenty of attention. They wouldn't mind an easy going feline to hang around with either!

Long Story Short

came to the shelter with a group of her friends from another shelter. They had been taken out of a home with about 70 other cats and dogs. They are all friendly and most are already out and about asking for attention. They have lived with large dogs and would enjoy a feline friend in their new homes. All our adoptable cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption!



In memory of
Rodica's cats



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Lavender Haze

is a sweet, shy girl who came to the shelter when her owner could no longer care for her. She tends to keep to herself, hiding in her box, but if you reach in and give her a gentle scratch, she comes out ready for more. Lavender has always been an indoor/outdoor cat but we discovered that she's also FIV+ which means she needs to become an indoor cat. She is looking for a very special person with a quiet home who is willing to help her learn that being a pampered indoor kitty is much, much better than being outside in the weather! All our adoptable cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption!

Ronan

is an older puppy who was brought to the shelter by the police when they found him running dragging his leash. No one came to claim him so he's looking for a new place to call home! He's about 6 months old and is tired of being cooped up in a kennel. He loves to run and can entertain himself (and anyone watching) with a stuffy (he's hilarious!) all day. He loves other dogs and would benefit from a playful dog to help burn some of his zoomies off. He's food motivated and should be easy to train. He's not a couch potato so if you're hoping for Netflix on the couch at the end of the day, Ronan is probably not a good fit. If you're looking for a fun friend to keep you active and laughing, he's the perfect match! All our adoptable animals are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption.

Summer

is a cute teenage pibble who came to the shelter as a stray. Unfortunately at some point in his short little life he somehow broke his elbow. It has healed so the only option is to amputate. He will have a much better life without the pain of a leg that he cannot use. It doesn't bother him now so he should adjust to life as a tripod without looking back! All he needs now is a family of his own. He loves other dogs and is a happy go lucky baby who hopes that his injury won't keep people from adopting him. All our adoptable pets are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption.

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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.

Buck Moon Celebration - Featuring live music, creative stations, a potluck, a drum circle, an open mic, local vendors, drag performances and more. Free to attend, all ages welcome. 4-10 p.m. Moores Park, 400 Moores River Drive, Lansing. allevents.in/org/art-interactive/22114925.

Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 7 p.m. Portland City Hall, 259 Kent St., Portland. portland-michigan.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.

Fowlerville Family Fair - We have something for everyone, from rides and food to exhibits and animals. 10 a.m.-11 p.m. 8800 W. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville. fowlervillefamilyfair.com.

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

Jump Into Reading - Join Ms. Erin for stories, songs, activities and therapy dogs. Ages 0-5 with caregivers. 11 a.m. Playground of Dreams, 100 Howe Drive, Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

“Let’s Give Them Something to Talk About” - Exhibit of 31 original works by local artists Doug and Susan Smith. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Magic at Culvers of Eastwood - Come see Jeff the Magician every Monday night! Bring the entire family to witness mind-blowing magic right at your table! 6-8 p.m. 3115 Centre Blvd., Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75140-magic-at-culvers-of-eastwood.

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

Trivia Night at UrbanBeat - Free to play. Join solo or as a team. Doors 7 p.m., signups 7:45 p.m., game 8 p.m. Prizes for first, second, third and fourth place! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Tuesday, July 23

Adventures in Yoga - Three-session yoga class offering a blend of gentle stretches, mindful breathing and relaxation techniques. Ages 18+. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else’s drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. cmialanon.org.

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.

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Lansing Symphony Orchestra Concerts on the Lawn: Jazz Ensemble - Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic and enjoy the power of live music! 6:30 p.m. MSUFCU, 3777 West Road, East Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

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Magic Night at Fazoli’s - Come see Jeff the Magician right at your table every Tuesday night! 6-8 p.m. 5705 S. Cedar St., Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75143-magic-night-at-fazolis.

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

Summer in the Park: Birthday Celebration! - Celebrate the Charlotte Community Library’s birthday with story time and treats. 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.

Wednesday, July 24

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

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

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Lansing Concerts in the Park: Kathy Ford Band (variety), with Special Guests Emily and John Cosgrove - Free. 7 p.m. Durant Park, 719 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

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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: Mama Tryd Band (Classic rock/country/blues) - 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.

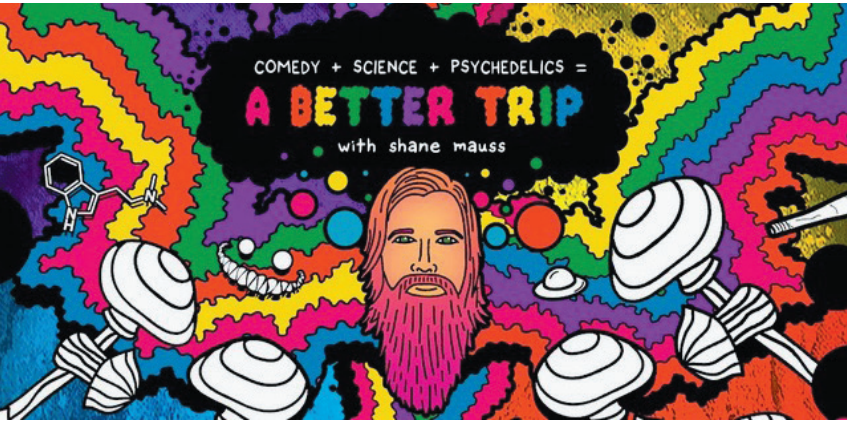
MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series - Free and open to the public. Bring a picnic and a chair or blanket and enjoy the bells of the carillon. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Einer Meher - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201

Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

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

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‘A Better Trip’

4:20 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21

The Fledge

1300 Eureka St., Lansing

Comedian Shane Mauss, known for his stand-up performances on late-night shows like “Conan” and “Jimmy Kimmel Live,” his Comedy Central specials and his science podcast, “Here We Are,” will bring his comedy and science show “A Better Trip” to the Fledge at 4:20 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday (July 21).

The show, backed by live visuals and animations, “brings laughter and enlightenment through humorous and vivid storytelling about the worlds of science and psychedelic culture,” according to a press release. Audiences can expect surprises, including the “resurrection” of historic psychedelic figures such as Hunter S. Thompson, Timothy Leary and Terrence McKenna for comedic sketches. On his website, Mauss noted that no prior experience with psychedelics is necessary to enjoy the show.

Tickets for the shows are \$27.50 and are available at shanemauss.com/lansing. To listen to Mauss’ podcast and view past comedy clips, visit youtube.com/@ShaneMauss314.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-FAMILY DIVISION, INGHAM COUNTY - NOTICE OF HEARING, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS - File No. 24-13-AY. In the matter of Colton Alan Anderson. To Jordan Hunter McOwen, 1362 E M-89, Lot 68, Otsego, MI 49078. TAKE NOTICE: On Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 9:00am in Courtroom 1, Veteran’s Memorial Courthouse, 313 West Kalamazoo St., 2nd Floor, Lansing, MI 48911, before Shauna Dunnings, Judge, a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED. If you choose to attend this hearing and you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements. 07/17/2024. Attorney: Alice Bernal, Bar no. P81553, PO Box 367, Dorr, MI 49323, (269) 205-3197. Petitioner: Ashlynn Grace Sowle, 921 W Grand River Ave., Apt. G, Williamston, MI 48895.

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Solar System Adventure Walk - How do we figure out the relative distance and size of the planets in our solar system? How can we understand the vastness of space? We'll use the "bowling ball" model on our stroll to find out! Ages 7+. 2 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Toppermost (Beatles tribute) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.gladl.org.

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

Teen BBQ Bash - Join us for an epic BBQ where friends, food and fun come together for an unforgettable end to a great summer! Grades 4-12. 4 p.m. Playground of Dreams, 100 Howe Drive, Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Walk-in Wednesday - Explore printmaking! Free. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Weaving the Web: Sacred Space - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., 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. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Thursday, July 25

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. No experience necessary. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

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

Bookend Gallery Display - Ink and watercolor art by Andrew Schultz. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Mixed Flavors (blues/R&B/jazz/funk) - 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., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

DeWitt Concerts in the Park: The Ron St. Germain Band (folk/country/rock) - 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.

Family Pops Concert - The East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band presents a free concert suitable for the whole family. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. 7 p.m. Hawk Nest Park, 526 Buteo Drive, East Lansing. 517-332-5662.

Family Trivia Night - Gather the whole family and head over to BlackDog Coffee for an evening of brain-teasing fun. Registration req. 5 p.m. 120 W. Hamlin St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Five-Course Seafood Dinner Pairing - Enjoy five flight-glass pours of select craft beers paired with chef Moyer's five-course seafood dinner. 7:30 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. 517-668-6004. lookingglassbrewingcompany.com.

Fowlerville Family Fair - We have something for everyone, from rides and food to exhibits and animals. 10 a.m.-11 p.m. 8800 W. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville. fowlervillefamilyfair.com.

Game Night and Live Music - Enjoy 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. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s), opener Jen Sygit - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

Happy Hour, with Pianist and Vocalist Ann Bell - Enjoy half-off food specials from 5-6:30 p.m. while listening to some amazing music. All ages welcome. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.



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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

I love a signature menu item. If a restaurant offers something unique or well-known, I'm probably going to order it. The grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwich (\$8) at Grand Ledge's Arms & Embers Grill is a perfect example. I would

normally never order something like that, but my amateur internet research suggested this item would blow me away.

Mr. She Ate and I were able to sneak off campus (what I call leaving downtown Lansing) for lunch one recent weekday and headed to Grand Ledge. At 11:50 a.m., Arms & Embers was empty, and our server gave us breakfast menus. Befuddled, I asked for lunch menus, which were quickly delivered. We ordered immediately since I knew I wanted the PB&J, and Mr. She Ate couldn't resist the smash burger (\$16). We also knew we had to traverse counties in order to be back for our afternoon engagements, so time was of the essence.

The food was delivered quickly. The bread on my sandwich was perfectly toasted and made me think of the popular ASMR videos on social media. Dragging my fork tines lightly across the surface of the bread created the most satisfying crispy sound, and the peanut butter slowly oozed out, slightly warmed from the grill. The sandwich was made more substantial with the addition of sliced bananas, a perfect pairing. Strawberry jam and a honey-mascarpone schmear rounded it out. This was not a sandwich I would typically order, but as the restaurant slowly filled up with the lunch crowd, I noticed that every table had a diner that ordered it. Although I considered that a savory note, like a slice of bacon, would be nice, I also know that if I'd been offered the addition of bacon, I would have passed. This sandwich is a signature item for a reason: It's addictively good.

Mr. She Ate loved his smash burger. The bun was toasted, and the patties were topped with pickle slices and actually melted cheese. Both sandwiches came with fries, which were unlike any fries I've ever had. They were steak fries but flat. There's no other way to describe them. Mr. She Ate loves it when a restaurant makes fries its own, and Arms & Embers has certainly taken that to heart. He adored them, but I was indifferent.

On a breakfast visit, we quickly ordered pancakes (\$12) and a side of bacon (\$4) for the kids, the Plain Jane skillet (\$11) for me and the All-American platter (\$15.50) for him. When the pancakes arrived, I knew they were going to be excellent. The edges were slightly lacy, having been grilled in what was likely butter, resulting in my favorite pancake texture. I grabbed a bite of my son's pancake before he doused it in syrup and whipped cream, and it was as wonderful as my eyes suggested it would be.

My skillet comprised a red potato base piled with eggs, cheddar cheese, gravy and chorizo. It was kind of a mess. The gravy was an unnecessary addition and was thick and flavorless. Mr. She Ate fared better with his enormous breakfast, which included three scrambled eggs, two slices of bacon, two sausage patties, two slices of toast, red potatoes and two pan-

Sandwiches steal the show at Arms & Embers Grill



Courtesy photo

Whether it's a burger, a breakfast sandwich, a grilled PB&J or a Moroccan chicken hoagie, you can't go wrong with a handheld at Grand Ledge's Arms & Embers Grill.

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

Main streets are the heartbeat of communities, where commercial and cultural elements combine to create a meeting place for the



Beverly

masses. These districts of commerce offer revived storefronts, warehouses and factories and are fertile grounds for gastropubs,

bookstores, microbreweries and boutiques. Grand Ledge's Bridge Street is such a hub, reminiscent of similar commercial centers in DeWitt, Williamston and Old Town or REO Town in Lansing.

Arms & Embers Grill, which opened last May and has been under the ownership of Jordan Rivas since October, has situated itself to provide community connections just east of the Grand River along Bridge Street. This New American restaurant and beer bar serves breakfast and supper options and has an interior that's appealing without hitting you over the head with any particular theme. The name comes from the "arms" on the beer taps and the "embers" from the large fireplace that dominates the dining area. The arms serve up several Michigan-made brews and ciders, and while it was too warm outside for a fire, I could tell how welcome the embers would be on a blustery January day.

What's OK

The Fully Loaded Biscuits & Gravy (\$14.50) presented well: creamy sausage gravy ladled atop two soft biscuits, a sunny-side-up egg and potatoes, all covered with bacon lardons and cheddar cheese. If only it tasted as good as it looked. While the biscuits were fluffy, the gravy was devoid of flavor. The side sausage patty (\$4) was very flavorful, but the gravy meat somehow missed the mark.

My much better half ordered the huevos rancheros (\$12.50), and while the serving size was a tad small for the price and the smothered queso topping reminded me of a Super Bowl Crockpot dish, it was better than my meal. The corn tortillas weren't soggy or undercooked, which is an easy mistake to make, and the Mexican spices were fragrant and enticing.

My daughter ordered the Croissant Heaven (\$11.50), which was a flaky, buttery success, though the egg was slightly dry, and the sandwich could have benefited from some smoked cheese. A larger croissant would've greatly improved the handheld mechanics, as some of the ingredients were falling out of the sides of the bread.

What's really good

Arms & Embers does chicken extremely well. The jerk chicken sandwich (\$15) and Moroccan chicken sandwich (\$15) were well-marinated and juicy, and flavors from both coastal regions were on point. These sandwiches far exceeded my expectations in several ways.

The bread on the Moroccan sandwich was so soft and pungent that I thought it was made in-house earlier that day. The bread maintained its firmness against the moderate spread of tzatziki sauce across both sides of the sub. Speaking of tzatziki sauce, I mentioned it was only a moderate helping, which was initially disappointing. However, as the sub slowly disappeared,

Farmstand corn crepes

By ARI LEVAUX

Roadside farm stands are making a comeback. They've been around forever, though they're more common in some places than others. Growing up in New England, I saw a lot of self-serve apple stands. Today, however, some of the farm stands where I live are edging close to being one-stop shops, with loaves of bread and balls of pizza dough — delivered by a local bakery — available for sale alongside the veggies.

If you have a stocked pantry and live in the neighborhood, a quick stop by your local farm stand on the way home might save you a trip to the store. From a farmer's perspective, the potential benefits are also compelling. Selling produce at the edge of the field offers the shortest commute imaginable. You don't have to pack and unpack a truck or deal with customers at the market, perhaps in the rain and wind. And farmers who do make the trek to the market can rely on their farm stands to unload unsold produce. Meanwhile, farmers who sell their produce at wholesale prices to stores, restaurants and distributors might find they prefer letting the produce sell itself.

My friend Josh built his family's first farm stand five years ago on the road beside his field, and they were quite happy with the results. When COVID hit, the stand moved from being an experiment to a lifesaver. Sales shot up 500%, which

more than picked up the slack from declining restaurant and market sales.

"People didn't want to go into crowded stores or farmers markets, and the open-air, self-serve nature of a farm stand was really appealing," he told me.

It all made sense. But to his pleasant surprise, farmstand sales have only continued to improve year after year. Most of their sales now come from the stand. He isn't looking for

new wholesale accounts and quit going to the market altogether.

We had this discussion in his barn as he trimmed garlic with a team of interns and employees. Somehow, the conversation turned to a meal Josh had recently made from produce he had snagged from the farm stand: sweet corn pancakes topped with fresh salsa and a side of potato salad. The general response to the meal boiled down to, "I was so full, but I needed to keep eating."

My family reached a similar conclusion after a very enjoyable cooking session. I modified his recipe to make the pancake batter thinner, so the finished product was more like a crepe. It's so much fun to work with the beautiful tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, onions, corn and cilantro that it feels more like hanging out with friends — old friends whom I haven't seen since last year's harvest.

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Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

Corn crepes with fresh salsa and pulled elk meat.



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cakes. He ate it all, and considering he had just mowed the lawn in temperatures that could only be described as "inferno," he no doubt needed it.

The kids' bacon only came out after I questioned where it was, and it appeared to have been cooked the day before. Luckily, we weren't charged for it because I would have put up a bit of a fuss.

If you're on the west side of town or love a unique sandwich, the grilled PB&J is worth a trip to Arms & Embers. If you see me there, we'll all be eating pancakes.

He Ate

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I realized it was the perfect ratio of sauce that neither disappeared next to the delicious, sliced chicken nor overpowered the sweet grape halves or cleverly tucked arugula sprinkled throughout the sandwich.

The jerk sandwich came with a grilled pineapple slice that added

another layer of island vibes. The whole chicken breast was served burger style, and my only wish was that it had a bit more heat.

The garlic-Parmesan fries (\$10) were a light, slender alternative to the usual carb-heavy steak fries that fill you up after several handfuls. They were topped with a tasty combination of minced garlic, chunky Parmesan crumbles and herbs, and they kept calling my name throughout the meal.

Best bite

It's hard to impress me with restaurant mac and cheese, but Arms & Embers (\$12) did just that. It was a cheesy success, with a sauce that was properly gooey without being runny. The smoked gouda was the star, and the fresh green onion on top was a surprisingly delightful accompaniment. The portion size was solid, but it was so good that I still wanted more.

Flash

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Corn crepes

These light, delicate crepes go well with either sweet or savory toppings. For this meal, serve them with salsa and potato salad and garnish with meat.

- Serves six*
- 1 cup cornmeal
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
 - 2 tablespoons oil
 - 4 cups fresh corn, cut off the cob
 - 2 cups water
 - 2 cups buttermilk
 - Butter for frying

Mix the cornmeal, flour, salt and baking powder. Add the oil, eggs, water, buttermilk and three cups of corn to a blender and liquefy. Combine with the dry ingredients and let sit for about an hour. When ready to cook, melt butter on a hot skillet and pour small crepes (about 4 inches across). Flip them when they start to bubble, about three to five minutes.

Fresh salsa

This recipe is best with a diversity of tomatoes, as only summer can provide.

- Serves six*
- 8 cups chopped tomatoes
 - 2 cups chopped sweet onions
 - 2 cups sweet peppers
 - Hot peppers or flakes to taste
 - Chopped cilantro to taste
 - 1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

Combine the ingredients and let sit for about an hour.

Farmstand potato salad

A little bit Asian. A little bit German. A little bit of mayo. What else do you need?

- Serves six*
- 2 pounds potatoes
 - 4 cups chopped yellow onions
 - Three cloves chopped garlic
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons mayo
 - 10 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Cut the potatoes to equal size and steam until tender. Meanwhile, saute the onions and garlic in the oil. When

the onions are translucent, add the soy sauce and lemon and simmer for five more minutes. Add the potatoes and stir to coat. Add the mayo and bacon, stir again and serve.

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This November, Michiganders get to choose who fills two spots on the court. This is an important civic duty and an opportunity to shape this vitally important institution. The Michigan Supreme Court is the guardian of justice, fairness, and freedoms for all Michiganders. The seven-person court makes decisions that touch every aspect of our lives, from civil rights and criminal justice to environmental protection and economic regulations.

Chances are, you know what's at stake in the next few years: reproductive rights, abortion laws, gun safety, and fair elections – and there's no telling what other issues may come before the court. The Michigan Supreme Court makes the ultimate decisions on the most challenging legal cases in the state, which require thoughtful, insightful, and robust deliberation to help ensure a fair outcome.

In Michigan, Supreme Court candidates are nominated by a political party, but their party affiliation is not included on the ballot. The justices are elected for eight-year terms, which means the votes you cast this year will make a difference for nearly a decade.

Plenty of Michiganders like to check the straight-party box, which is just fine – but don't stop there. To cast your vote for the Supreme Court candidates of your choice, you have to keep going to the non-partisan section of your ballot. You can't miss it. Get to know the candidates in advance, then mark the ballot to vote for the two people you think will do the best job of ensuring a strong, equitable future for our state.

Being a Michigan Supreme Court justice requires integrity, fairness, and a strong understanding of the law. In fact, candidates must be a licensed Michigan lawyer for at least five years. The Michigan Supreme Court is one of the three equal branches of our state government, along with the Legislature and Governor. Michigan voters have the privilege of choosing who is appointed to all three branches – and it's an important responsibility.

Remember: Don't stop at the top! Go all the way down the ballot to cast your vote for the two Michigan Supreme Court candidates of your choice. Your vote counts in every race, so make sure your voice is heard in this one, too.

Want to know more about the Michigan Supreme Court, the voting process, or how to spread the word about the importance of electing the people who will sit on our state's highest court? Visit **www.MISupremeCourtRocks.com** to get all the information you need to play your part in this important part of this year's election.

-Steve James, Michigan United Movement Politics Director

