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On Aug. 14, 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.

DEADLINE 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT EXCEPTIONS FOR RAPE AND INCEST IN 2021 HE SAID THIS:

OHIO STATE

AS A SENATOR, HE SIGNED A LETTER DEMANDING A BAN ON THE MAILING OF ABORTION MEDICATION.

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THE SENSIBLE PUNDIT MEETS GODZILLA

(WITH APOLOGIES TO MARV NEWLAND)

FEATURING BONUS META-COMMENTARY FROM GRUMPY WORM!

WHAT A STUPID IDEA! THIS CARTOON SUCKS!

DEMOCRATS COULD HIGHLIGHT THEIR COMMITMENT TO SENSIBLE BIPARTISANSHIP BY MAKING JOE MANCHIN THEIR NEW NOMINEE! OR EVEN--AS AARON SORKIN SUGGESTED--MITT ROMNEY! IN MY OPINION THIS WOULD--

WHA--?

ALL THIS CARTOONIST DOES IS WHINE ABOUT POLITICS! I PREFER CARTOONS THAT ARE NOT ABOUT POLITICS!

REPLACING BIDEN WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN KAMALA HARRIS WOULD GIVE DEMOCRATS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECLAIM THE PRAGMATIC CENTER OF AMERICAN POLITICS!

THAT'S HOW YOU INSPIRE ENTHUSIASM!

THIS PANEL DID NOT MAKE GRUMPY WORM LAUGH! NOT ONE LITTLE BIT!

STOMP!

URK!!

YEAH, YEAH--THE OLD "GETTING STOMPED BY A BIG FOOT" GAG! HOW ORIGINAL--NOT!

AN OPEN CONVENTION WOULD GIVE DELEGATES A CHANCE TO SELECT SOMEONE WHO APPEALS TO REAL VOTERS--THE KIND WHO EAT AT DINERS IN THE MIDWEST!

YOU'VE UNDOUBTEDLY READ ABOUT THEM IN MY COLUMNS!

AND THIS PANEL IS JUST A RETREAD OF THE LAST PANEL! HOW ABOUT GETTING SOME NEW IDEAS?

IT HAD TO BE DONE.

I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY.

THAT'S IT? I'VE READ FUNNIER EPI- SODES OF "BAZOOKA JOE!" IN FACT--

HEY! PUT ME DOWN! YOU CAN'T-- URK!!

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NEWS & OPINION

Harris effect in Michigan may mean most to down-ballot Dems

Judith Daubenmier's first dose of political activism came when she volunteered for John Kerry's presidential campaign in 2004.

In May, the Livingston County Democratic Party chair earned her first selection as a Democratic delegate for Michigan's 7th Congressional District, which includes Ingham County. That means she'll vote for the party's presidential nominee during the virtual roll call before next month's national convention in Chicago.

Until President Biden bowed out, Daubenmier was sure she would support him.

"I felt sad for him and had a lot of empathy for what he was going through and what it must have felt like to make that decision," she said. "It took a while to work through that — but then I started thinking about the future."

What might that political future look like for Michiganders?

Assuming Vice President Kamala Harris locks up the Democratic nomination, Michigan State University political science Professor Matt Grossman said the pivot still won't necessarily put the state's 15 electoral votes out of reach for either party.

"To the extent that Biden had a relative advantage over Harris, it would have been among older white voters, which Michigan has a lot more of than other states," Grossman said. "So, the switch does not necessarily help in Michigan as much as it helped elsewhere. And there certainly still is the danger of losing for Democrats."

The potential trade-off comes in Harris' expected appeal among younger and minority voters. In February, 13% of the state's Democratic primary voters selected the "uncommitted" option to protest Biden's handling of the Israeli war. Many of those votes came from the 500,000 Arab Americans in Michigan — the most of any state — and college-age adults.

Thasin Sardar, an Islamic Society of Greater Lansing trustee, said Harris' expected candidacy could chip away at that protest vote.

"I do see some attrition of some who were motivated to join the movement not only because of Gaza but also be-



Courtesy Ingham County Democratic Party

Ingham County Democrats gather for August 2023 meeting at Fiesta Charra restaurant on Lake Lansing Road. Congressional candidate Curtis Hertel Jr., in the black suit in the back, may be among down-ticket candidates who benefit from the shakeup at the top of the ticket.

cause Biden was not a winning candidate," he said. "I'm pretty sure they all care for Gaza, but I think they may also see Harris as having a good chance."

Before Biden dropped out, some thought he was also starting to lose ground with Black voters, long considered one of his strongest electoral demographics. Could that leak be stymied with Harris — who is half-Black and half-Indian — atop the ticket?

Daubenmier thinks so. But it's still too early to tell for Michigan State University associate political science Professor Corwin Smidt.

"That's one group that one would assume she can cement support with, but there's a little concern about how much of a connection she'll have with the Black voters in Michigan, which tend to also be older," Smidt said.

She may earn new supporters elsewhere, however.

"There is an Asian-American community in suburban Detroit that does seem a little less unified politically," he added. "The fact that she's half-Indian American could resonate with some of those groups that you don't traditionally see as active in Michigan politics," Smidt said.

Despite these unknowns, Grossman

predicted that Michigan's electoral coalition would be "90% to 95% the same."

Smidt agreed but added that the implications of Biden's withdrawal may be more visible in who is and isn't representing Michigan next year.

"When it comes to Michigan, it's not like this is like a sea change, but it does sort of shuffle the chess pieces or the type of communication you might see," Smidt said.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's future is among the pieces that may be in play. While Whitmer has twice stated that she isn't interested in becoming Harris' running mate, her potential to help turn a key swing state blue means she'll remain in the conversation.

"We have evidence that home state VP candidates do matter, but we're talking about a very small 1% or so," Grossman explained. "Were Whitmer in it, that would still make a specific difference in Michigan. Now, there are many other actors on that list, so, more than likely, it will go to someone else."

If Whitmer stays put, Harris' rise could still impact Michigan's future, including in the race for Michigan's 7th U.S. House District, which includes Ingham County. Democrat

Curtis Hertel Jr. and Republican Tom Barrett want to succeed three-term Rep. Elissa Slotkin. The latter, a Democrat, is expected to face former Rep. Mike Rogers for the U.S. Senate, pending the outcome of the Aug. 6 primary.

Based on a poll by the nonpartisan firm Noble Predictive Insights conducted July 8 to 11, Barrett leads Hertel 48% to 41%, with 11% of the survey's 532 respondents still undecided. The same polls suggested the Senate race would be much closer, with Rogers leading Slotkin by one point at 48%, with 4% undecided.

Grossman said Harris' increased popularity with younger and minority voters could change the trajectory of these down-ballot races. For one, her candidacy may promote greater turnout, theoretically bolstering Democrats.

"In general, there's an extremely strong relationship between the presidential vote and votes for all other partisan offices on the same day. It could be two or three points, but that could be important in determining the winner of those elections," Grossman said.

With Biden out, Smidt added that Hertel's odds of shoring up younger or moderate-leaning voters may also be boosted.

"There's sort of a social media cache with Kamala Harris that could mobilize younger people more," Smidt said. "Because this is a split district, Michigan State voters alone can be a decisive factor."

Still, Smidt views Michigan's Senate matchup as "more important than the presidential race."

"You have Slotkin, who's got some vulnerabilities in her base in terms of Israel and Gaza, and Rogers, who is seen as kowtowing to Trump in some ways. To me, that race has much more to say about the state party's future and how both parties look coming into 2026 and 2028 than it does the presidential election," Smidt said.

Grossman said the results of that race could ultimately echo that of the presidential contest.

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“If it were literally 50-50 in the presidential race, you’d still expect Slotkin to win, but not much more than that. She pretty much needs Democrats to either win Michigan or come close,” he said.

State Sen. Sarah Anthony, D-Lansing,

believes Democrats can win big if they focus on issues like inflation, the cost of living, the environment and reproductive rights.

“When Harris has come to the state, by and large, it’s been around reproductive health care, which was a defining issue two years ago when the Democratic trifecta was elected and continues to be at the top of mind for Michiganders,

particularly women,” Anthony said.

Daubenmier agreed, noting that she hopes Michigan voters will get behind Harris.

“Some people will feel more interested in the campaign now because they wanted to see a new face. They wanted to see someone younger, and I think that will help us tremendously,” she said.

– TYLER SCHNEIDER



Judith Daubenmier

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an Election on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. **Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

For the purpose of nominating candidates to the following offices:

U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, County Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds, County Drain Commissioner, County Commissioner, Delegates to County Convention

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

Ingham County: Elder Persons Millage, Basic Health Services Millage

Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

Lansing Ward 1

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

Lansing Ward 2

- Pct. 12 – Lyons School
- Pct. 13 – Cavanaugh School
- Pct. 14 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Pct. 15 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 16 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 17 – Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- Pct. 18 – Unitarian Universalist Church
- Pct. 20 – Unitarian Universalist Church

Lansing Ward 3

- Pct. 22 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center
- Pct. 23 – Dwight Rich School
- Pct. 24 – Dwight Rich School
- Pct. 25 – Tabernacle of David Church
- Pct. 26 – Tabernacle of David Church
- Pct. 27 – Dr. Halik Professional Develop Center (formerly Wainwright School)
- Pct. 28 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center
- Pct. 30 – Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center

Lansing Ward 4

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

Sample ballots can be found at www.Michigan.gov/vote. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk’s Office in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

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

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

| Location | Address | Regular Business Hours June 27 – August 2 |
|---|---|---|
| Lansing City Clerk – City Hall | 124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933 | Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm |
| Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office | 1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910 | Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm Wednesdays 8am – 7pm |

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

| Location | Address | Additional Hours |
|---|---|--|
| Lansing City Clerk – City Hall | 124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933 | Monday August 5 8am – 4pm Election Day August 6 7am – 8pm |
| Lansing City Clerk – Reo Elections Office | 1221 Reo Rd. Lansing, MI 48910 | Monday August 5 8am – 4pm Saturday August 3 9am – 5pm Sunday August 4 9am – 5pm Election Day August 6 7am – 8pm |

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

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

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

Friday, August 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Monday, August 5, 2024 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person, except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk’s Office, locations referenced in the above table.

Chris Swope, MMC/MiPMC
Lansing City Clerk
Phone: 517-483-4131
Email: city.clerk@lansingmi.gov
Website: www.lansingvotes.gov
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U of M-Sparrow offers a glimmer of hope for old Eastern High

By BERL SCHWARTZ

University of Michigan Health-Sparrow is listening.

Its president, Margaret Dimond, met Monday with a group, including myself, seeking to save old Eastern High School. Two weeks ago, the health system declared that the landmark building on Pennsylvania Avenue had to be demolished to make room for a proposed psychiatric facility.

Monday, though, Dimond backed off.

After more than an hour of discussion, during which she had indicated there may be room for reconsideration, I asked her, “The last public statement was, basically, Eastern’s gone. Is there a change.”

“If Eastern were all gone,” Dimond replied, “we wouldn’t be listening.”

She went on: “I think there are ways we can preserve pieces. I don’t know what those pieces are yet, because we have to see not only where the psych hospital fits in, but what’s the 10-year plan for the campus.”

Certainly, her comment is far from a promise to save the landmark build-

ing. But its demolition is no longer a fait accompli, either. Maybe the psych hospital can fit in elsewhere on the Michigan Avenue campus.

A sign of a potential shift in U of Health-Sparrow’s thinking came when state Sen. Sarah Anthony, D-Lansing, asked if there was a “middle ground” while site plans were still being developed.

Yes, said Dimond.

Dimond also readily agreed to a suggestion by eastside leader Joan Nelson that a preservationist and health system officials tour old Eastern and its grounds together.

That is important because not every inch of old Eastern is historic and hence worth saving.

For example, Nancy Mahlow, president of the Eastside Neighborhood Organization, pointed out that the east and west wings are expendable. “What we want to save are the front of the building and the auditorium,” Mahlow said.

During the meeting in the physicians’ dining room, Dimond and Dr. John Baker, the system’s medical

director for behavioral health, laid out the case for the new facility, which is planned to be five stories.

“Our community is in desperate need of local beds” adjacent to the hospital, said Dimond. She said U of M Health-Sparrow is licensed for 58 or 59 beds. She added that the situation worsened when McLaren Health decided to close its psych unit when it moved to its new facility, costing the community up to 40 beds.

Baker explained that half of the patients who need mental-health care also have other medical needs requiring treatment.

“It takes three to four days for patients to get a bed in any behavioral health facility these days,” Baker said. “The need is even more dire for adolescent patients. Wait times are longer. No exclusively adolescent beds are here at U of M Health-Sparrow Hospital, and every week we see adolescents who overdose, and they have even longer waits for available beds elsewhere.”

“Elsewhere” means Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor and beyond.

Kira Carter Robertson, U of M

Health/Sparrow Lansing’s chief operating officer, reviewed other considerations, such as proximity to public transportation, “extremely onerous and complex” health-care regulations that argue against rehabbing a 96-year-old building, and so on. “The Eastern campus location really checked all our boxes” for a new facility, she said.

Our group responded that it understood the seriousness of Greater Lansing’s mental-health-care shortcomings and backed U of M Health-Sparrow’s goal. As Council member Ryan Kost, who represents the east side, put it, “Everyone in this room has been touched by some kind of mental health crisis within their own family.”

However, Kost questioned why the facility, which is projected to occupy seven to nine acres, needed to replace Eastern.

“There’s 23 acres that Sparrow owns, according to the Ingham County Assessor’s Office,” he said. Much of that is surface parking “actually adjacent to the emergency room,” he added. Eastern, he pointed out, is across from a

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Opinion

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2024

Concerts in the Park

| DATE | BAND | LOCATION |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| June 12 | Root Doctor | Moore's Park |
| June 19 | Black Rock 101 | Fenner Nature Center |
| June 26 | Blues Ave Delegates | Bancroft Park |
| July 10 | Frog & the Beeftones | Fulton Park |
| July 17 | Sea Cruisers | Turner-Dodge House |
| July 24 | Kathy Ford Band | Durant Park |
| July 31 | Global Village | Riverfront Salt Shed |
| August 7 | Tejano Sound | Frances Park |

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Eastern

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parking structure. With Eastern’s east and west wings torn down and the abundance of surface parking, “that would satisfy the seven to nine acres.”

Our group included Mary Olds Toshach, president of Preservation Lansing, who called on U of M-Sparrow to consider incorporating old Eastern in some fashion.

A U of M graduate herself, she said her alma mater “has always been innovative” architecturally in “putting modern additions on historic

buildings.” Why couldn’t some mental-health services be provided there, even if it does not lend itself to a hospital? Why couldn’t it be used for health education purposes? Or offices?

My 2 cents were largely limited to two points.

One was to argue for saving Eastern’s auditorium. It is a one-of-a-kind space in our city, which failed to save any of the five downtown movie theaters it once boasted. There is no other available space like it in Lansing.

What to do with it? It might make an ideal home for the orphaned Lansing Symphony Orchestra, which

is forced to perform at the Wharton Center in East Lansing. The Ovation, which the city is building downtown, will be too small. But Eastern’s wood-lined auditorium, with 1,660 seats, could be retrofitted into a first-class hall for the LSO and other uses, including large gatherings of U of M Health-Sparrow employees. What could be more fitting than the Jack Davis Symphony Hall, named for the late Eastern grad who gave so much support and leadership to the local arts?

My other point was that Lansing is a company town — and U of M Health-Sparrow, which purchased Sparrow in 2022, is not yet one

of those companies. If it wants to alienate Lansing residents for generations to come, then it should demolish Eastern.

Reflecting the entire group’s desire to find a solution, Jim Lynch, president of the Eastern High School Alumni Association alluded to how much U of M Health-Sparrow’s decision will affect the area’s tens of thousands of graduates and their families when he said, “I can’t hold them back forever.”

If U of M Health-Sparrow wants their goodwill, then it should continue to listen and try its best to find a way to preserve Eastern High School in much more than a token way.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY’S
PROPOSED FISCAL 2025 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS &
PUBLIC HEARING ON ITS PROPOSED FISCAL 2025 BUDGET**

Capital Area Transportation Authority hereby provides notice to the public and to private providers of its proposed fiscal 2025 program of projects and public hearing on its fiscal 2025 budget.

The proposed fiscal 2025 program of projects follows:

**PROGRAM OF PROJECTS
CAPITAL**

Section 5307 Formula Funding

| Item | Federal Share | Total Grant Budget |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Less Than 30' Replacement Bus | \$ 555,500 | \$ 694,375 |
| Large Buses 40 Foot Replacement | \$ 4,721,383 | \$ 5,901,729 |
| Van Replacement | \$ 397,190 | \$ 496,487 |
| Facility Improvements (Admin, Maintenance, Storage) | \$ 173,189 | \$ 216,486 |
| Bus Terminal Facility Improvements | \$ 86,594 | \$ 108,243 |
| Facility – A & E Design (CTC/CAMG) | \$ 97,631 | \$ 122,039 |
| Customer Enhancements – Shelters | \$ 173,189 | \$ 216,486 |
| Customer Enhancements – Ped. Access/Walkways/Concrete | \$ 64,946 | \$ 81,182 |
| Customer Enhancements – A & E Design | \$ 8,659 | \$ 10,824 |
| Customer Enhancements – Signage | \$ 2,598 | \$ 3,247 |
| Spare Parts | \$ 127,345 | \$ 159,181 |
| IT Hardware and Software | \$ 255,287 | \$ 319,109 |
| Safety & Security – Equipment | \$ 64,906 | \$ 81,132 |
| Maintenance Equipment | \$ 86,594 | \$ 108,243 |
| Support Vehicle Replacement | \$ 84,897 | \$ 106,121 |
| Preventive Maintenance | \$ 952,540 | \$ 1,190,675 |
| Planning | \$ 21,649 | \$ 27,061 |
| Consultant Services | \$ 63,474 | \$ 79,342 |
| Emergency Response | \$ 1,299 | \$ 1,624 |
| Total | \$ 7,938,869 | \$ 9,923,586 |

Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Funding

| Item | Federal Share | Total Grant Budget |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Large Buses 40-foot Replacement | \$ 446,666 | \$ 558,332 |
| Less Than 30' Replacement Bus | \$ 402,970 | \$ 503,713 |
| Total | \$ 849,636 | \$ 1,062,045 |

Section 5310 Funding Request

| Item | Federal Share | Total Grant Budget |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Less Than 30' Replacement Bus | \$ 318,311 | \$ 397,889 |
| Total | \$ 318,311 | \$ 397,889 |

OPERATIONS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Federal Share Section 5307 and Other* | \$ 15,780,000 |
| State Share* | \$ 21,684,000 |
| Local Share | \$ 26,388,000 |
| Farebox and Other | \$ 8,125,400 |
| Total | \$ 71,977,400 |

Total Capital/Operations **\$ 83,360,920**

The proposed program of projects will constitute the final program of projects if there are no changes. Additional details on the proposed fiscal 2025 program of projects and a copy of the proposed fiscal 2025 budget are available for public inspection at CATA’s Administration Building, 4615 Tranter St., Lansing, MI 48910.

CATA will hold a public hearing on its proposed fiscal 2025 budget Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Lansing Center Governor’s Room, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. This will be a levy under the current authorized millage. There is **NO** proposal for a new millage.

Written comments on the program of projects or the budget should be addressed to CATA Marketing, Attn: Program/Budget Comments, 4615 Tranter St., Lansing, MI 48910, or emailed to marketing@cata.org and must be received by 4 p.m., Aug. 21, 2024. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and should be requested by Aug. 19, 2024.

Capital Area Transportation Authority
Bradley T. Funkhouser, AICP, Chief Executive Officer



*Includes federal and state preventive-maintenance funds.



REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The Lansing City Council voted unanimously to sell City Hall to Chicago developer J. Paul Beitler for \$2.78 million, allowing him to redevelop the 10-story, 129,000-square-foot building into a 183-room hotel. It will officially change hands once the city moves into the \$40 million, 75,000-square-foot city hall facility set to be built at the corner of Grand Avenue and Lenawee Street. The new city hall construction is expected to start next winter and will take 14 months. “I am thrilled that we can now move forward with a proposal that is another piece of downtown Lansing’s transformation,” said Mayor Andy Schor. “Selling City Hall to Beitler Real Estate and seeing us realize the vision to turn the building into a hotel and dining destination is fantastic for our city.”



Michael Jonathan Wetmore, 46, of Lansing, was arraigned Monday on charges that he threatened retired Eaton County Judge Julie Reincke. The charges include a felony charge of false report or threat of terrorism and a misdemeanor charge of malicious use of telecommunications services. Wetmore faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Prosecutors said he called the Eaton County Sheriff’s Office Friday and made statements threatening Reincke’s life. He is scheduled for a probable cause conference on July 31.



The food safety and biotech company Neogen is asking the City of Lansing and the Michigan Economic Development Corp./Michigan Strategic Fund for more brownfield tax credits in exchange for further investment to expand its campus. The city and the Lansing

Economic Development Corp. said their partnership with Neogen has resulted in a \$135 million investment and 55 jobs. The company would demolish a building at 720 E. Shiawassee St., build a 35,000-square-foot building and acquire and renovate a building at 703 E. Michigan Ave.

The Navy’s Expeditionary Fast Transport ship, the EPF-16, will be named the USNS Lansing, Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro announced on the Capitol, joined by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Mayor Schor.



The craft is a shallow draft, all aluminum, commercial-based catamaran capable of short-distance personnel and cargo lift, the Navy said, that provides “high-speed mobility, bridging the gap between low-speed sealift and high-speed airlift.” The ship is being built and is in the first steps of the commissioning process.



MSU Health Care announced Thursday that it has launched the Neuro Care Network in a joint operating agreement with U-M Health-Sparrow to offer local neurological services, including inpatient and outpatient neurology, neurosurgery, electrodiagnostic, and infusion service lines from both institutions. Due to this collaboration, new service lines are also anticipated and will be announced as they are ready for patients. The network will comprise practitioners from both entities providing services at both facilities. More info is available at <https://healthcare.msu.edu/>.



Parents and community members packed a Lansing School Board meeting Thursday at Eastern High School after learning the district planned to eliminate K-8 library positions and create more art, music and physical education time slots, as announced in a May newsletter.

Officials shared a plan during the meeting to cut the number of certified librarians from seven to five in exchange for adding 34 assistants to their staff, supporting literacy, instruction and library usage. Officials said a plan was still being determined, but the libraries would remain open.

Scott Sylvester, 40, was sentenced to prison for 50 to 75 years for sexually and physically assaulting a woman in Lansing Township in 2022.

A jury convicted him of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, aggravated stalking, aggravated domestic assault, witness intimidation and interfering with electronic communications. While that case was pending, Sylvester was charged with sexually assaulting another woman identified as his girlfriend.



Public safety

Lansing police said two people were shot Sunday on the 200 block of West Huron Street, next to Riddle Elementary School, in a shooting that started on a basketball court. Police said an 18-year-old man was shot in the shin and a 28-year-old man was shot in the elbow and abdomen. ... also Sunday, a man was shot in the leg in Kensington Mobile Home Community on the 4200 block of Jolly Road. Lansing police said the shooting was believed to have stemmed from a domestic dispute. ... A 34-year-old man suffered life-threatening injuries in a shooting Saturday at Adado Riverfront Park. Lansing police said they believe the shooting was an isolated incident and no suspect has been identified. ... A reported gas leak closed a Speedway station on South Cedar Street in Lansing Tuesday. No injuries or causes have been reported.



5004 W. Mount Hope Highway., Lansing

One couldn’t tell by looking at it, but this 1,912-square-foot, four-bedroom house that lies two lots west of the EagleMonk Pub and Brewery was once occupied by the late Dorothea Nelson. The building has been a state of perpetual decay since 2008, when Nelson died and passed it on to her son, Thomas Nelson. Built in 1900, the property is now enveloped by overgrowth, while the structure’s roof has collapsed and nearly every window is either boarded up or missing entirely. One concerned neighbor told City Pulse they’ve seen “transients” and rodents wandering around it and worried it’s too unsafe for anyone to enter. Delta Township’s Assessor’s Office is working on the case but could not yet provide any details on that process. The Eaton County Treasurer’s Office noted that the owner has been making recent efforts to chip away at \$5,292.32 worth of unpaid taxes. The most recent payment, for \$2,725, was made on June 29. Efforts to contact the owner were unsuccessful.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

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

CITY OF GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Election Commission will hold a public meeting at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, 01 August 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, to conduct a public accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to be used in all City of Grand Ledge precincts at the Tuesday, 06 August 2024 election. The Election Commission invites anyone interested to attend and witness the public accuracy test.

Gregory Newman, City Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 24-000624-DE-P33. Estate of Adrian Duval Smith – Date of Birth: 3/15/59. NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Adrian Duval Smith, died 7/23/22. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tekisha McGowan, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 07/24/2024. Personal representative: Tekisha McGowan, 1202 W. Allegan St., Lansing, MI 48915.

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WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting July 10, 2024 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Eyster, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Parking Standards
- Resolution #132-2024 Senior Center Millage for November election
- Revised Policy 12, rescinding Policy 3

The next regular Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193. Robin A. Cleveland, Township Clerk

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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on **August 26** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, on the proposed Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Development and Finance Plan in accordance with the provisions of Part 6, Corridor Improvement Authorities, of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, Public Act 57 of 2018, as amended (the Act) and as defined by Public Act 57 of 2018 as:

In 2019 the City of Lansing used the adopted State Law (Act 280 of 2005) to create what is known as the Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority (LGCI) and established a District with eligible property within 500 feet of the centerline of North Grand River, east on Franette Road to Old US 27 on East North Street with branches on North Martin Luther King Boulevard, Turner Road and Capital City Boulevard.

The purpose of the Corridor Improvement Authority Act is to help communities plan for and fund improvements along a corridor. The overall goal is to help support economic development and redevelopment of this area. The types of improvements could include sidewalks/pathways, streetlights, streetscape enhancements, façade improvements, and other public investments which could support and enhance economic development and the quality of life for business owners and residents within this district. The CIA's first task to be able to fund these improvements is to create a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan. This plan describes the types of activities that the CIA can participate in as well as how those activities are financed. The plan covers a 15-year period and explains how Tax Increment Financing (TIF) will work, which is the primary means in which new projects would be funded. **It is important to note that TIF is not a new tax nor does it raise property owner's taxes.**

City Council will hear comments from citizens, taxpayers and property owners, officials from any affected taxing jurisdiction and any other interested persons. All aspects of the Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing. Maps, plats, and a description of the development plan, including the method of relocating families and individuals who may be displaced from the area, are available for public inspection at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, 124 W Michigan Avenue, 9th Floor of City Hall, Lansing, MI 48933. The Development and Finance Plan can be found on the Lansing Economic Development website: [Lan Gateway Com Corridor | Lansing Economic Development Corp. \(lansingedc.com\)](http://Lan Gateway Com Corridor | Lansing Economic Development Corp. (lansingedc.com)).

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

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There's no democracy in Democrats' anointing Harris as its next nominee

President Joe Biden's decision to mercifully abandon his reelection plans came two years too late and has put his Democratic Party in a self-induced crisis.

On July 14, 2022, I wrote that it was hard to believe Biden could be a winning nominee for reelection. He proved me right.

Policy decisions aside, it was clear his staff was deep into its "Weekend at Bernie's" sham of shielding Biden's declining acuity from the public.

Outside of Ronald Reagan (who suffered from his own cognitive decline from advanced age) and Richard Nixon (who had something to hide), no president since the 1920s has had fewer press conferences than Biden, according to the American Presidency Project.

Biden's professional campaign team and top Democrats ignored all the warning signs: the president tripping up the steps of Air Force One multiple times, falling off a stopped bicycle, struggling to answer reporter questions when he did make himself available.

Instead of convincing Biden then that he should be the "bridge" president that he pledged to be in 2020, self-preservation took over, as I wrote about last week.

The result is this: the Democrats rolling over democracy a second time in 2024 to anoint a presidential nominee.

Is Vice President Kamala Harris a better presidential candidate than Biden? Does she give the Democrats a better chance to beat Donald Trump in November?

Yes, and yes.

But is she the best candidate?

Honestly, we'll never really know.

Harris has never won a single state's primary election. Harris has never won a caucus. Shoot, she ended her 2020 presidential campaign before the Iowa caucuses. Her electoral history in California isn't exactly impressive. She defeated her Republican opponent in 2010, 46.1% to 45.3%. In blue-state California.

I know 2010 was a Republican year, but every other California Democrat running for statewide office that year got at least 50%, including the Dem's lieutenant governor. His name was Gavin Newsom, and he unseated an incumbent in that election.

Biden's bullheadedness deprived Democrats of having a primary election

season when Harris could have been vetted against some other candidates.

Maybe she would have rolled over her competition like Trump rolled over Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley and friends. Maybe it would have been a landslide like her 2016 U.S. Senate primary and general election victories.

SOMEONE would have run against her. Maybe not Newsom or U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg or even Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, but she would have had to win Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, Michigan or some Super Tuesday states against SOMEBODY.

Now, we can't even wish for a competitive Democratic convention.

The Democrats' grand poohbahs are now confessing that they set their convention date (Aug. 19-22) too late to make some states' ballots. They just presumed long ago Biden would be the nominee and the convention would be another staged hype machine.

Now they want a virtual roll call by Aug. 7 to anoint Harris and fix the mistake they made, according to The Washington Post.

What would have been wrong with a competitive convention? Four days of speeches bashing Trump that would get more eyeballs? A result in question? That would have been some compelling TV.

Somehow, American political parties used the convention system to pick nominees for well over 100 years without needing to turn it into a pre-ordained production.

Don't tell me this emergency anointment is needed for campaign fundraising, either.

If Harris raised more than \$80 million in one day on July 22, she could raise at least that or more on Aug. 22. The Democrats already have an enormous money advantage and have reserved ad time in most media markets anyway.

Ironically, the Democratic Party has become the antithesis of democracy. They go to great lengths to discourage competitive primaries or conventions in favor of anointed candidates.

They believe this will win elections against the Republicans. But when you're starting as behind as they are, wouldn't you think they'd want a candidate that at least delegates can say they had a hand in picking?

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



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Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Despite opposition from local environmentalists, the Lansing Board of Water & Light is moving ahead with plans to build another gas-fired power plant at its Delta Energy Park. On the left is the old Erickson Power Plant, which burned coal. The BWL closed it in 2022 after starting up the gas-fired plant to the right.

Simmering over gas

BWL's proposed \$160 million gas plant sparks heated debate

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The green light is on for Lansing's Board of Water & Light to step on the gas, but a group of concerned citizens is waving a yellow flag.

Last month, the state's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE, approved an air permit for the BWL to build a 110-megawatt natural gas-fired plant at BWL's Delta Energy Park.

The proposed \$160 million plant, part of a \$750 million, 10-year build-out that will also expand the BWL's solar and battery power, looks like a done deal—unless local environmentalists can persuade the public utility to reconsider.

The BWL plans to have the plant up and running in 2026, along with its two existing natural gas-fired plants in REO Town and Delta Energy Park.

How does a new investment in fossil fuel-burning technology fit in with a state law requiring 50% renewable energy by 2030, not to mention the BWL's goal of carbon neutrality by 2040?

BWL General Manager Dick Peffley said the gas plant would not operate full time but would be “cycled on and off to help support renewable generation and maintain grid reliability.”

“If we didn't have to build these, we sure as hell wouldn't do it,” Peffley said in a phone interview.

Members of the Capital Area Friends of the Environment — CAFÉ — and their allies aren't taking the utility at its word. Former BWL Commissioner Dusty Horwitt said the energy plan was developed under a veil of “secrecy” and “exclusivity from the

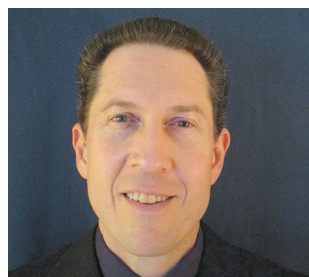
general public” and fears BWL will do so again. The utility has reserved the option of building more gas plants if necessary.

Burning gas is much cleaner than burning coal, but it's not without consequences. Even with the latest technology, the plant will spew tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and emit a wide range of pollutants, including tiny, breathable particles that could hurt human health.

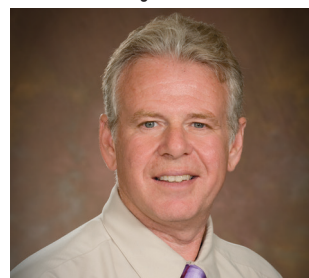
As the cost of renewable energy plummets and battery technology advances dramatically, CAFÉ and its allies are urging the utility to rethink its generation strategy.

Big customers

In July 2023, BWL rolled out the largest planned growth in its history: an additional 650 megawatts of “clean energy,” including 260 megawatts of local solar power, 238 megawatts of wind energy and 160 megawatts of battery storage, as part of a \$750 million expansion over 10 years. A year later, the wind part of the plan was up in the air. The 238 megawatts



Dusty Horwitt



Dick Peffley



Heather Douglas

of wind were not part of the BWL's budget presentation to Lansing City Council on July 8.

“It's been problematic trying to get licensing, to get permits,” Dick Peffley explained to Councilman Ryan Kost.

But after last month's air permit from the state, the fossil fuel-burning part of the plan is a go. BWL plans to build a 110-megawatt Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) natural gas-fired plant on the site of its Delta Energy Park and “a possible additional gas plant at a location to be determined later,” according to the 2023 announcement.

According to Environmental Protection Agency estimates, the RICE plant, if operated continuously, would produce about 550,000 tons of greenhouse gases each year, roughly equivalent to about 120,000 vehicles on the road.

But Peffley said the plant won't operate continuously.

“Our intent isn't to run the RICE engines unless they're needed because of the gap in renewables or the batteries are run down,” Peffley said.

With their quick start-up and shut-off times, RICE plants are often used

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to back up intermittent renewable sources and cope with periods of see-sawing demand. In 2020, Michigan State University installed three RICE plants in its T.B. Simon power plant. MSU utilities director Sherri Jett said the units would provide a “quick response to offset the inherent volatility of renewable energy production.”

Peffley likened the BWL’s planned RICE units to household or commercial on-demand generators, with their comforting promise of power when suddenly needed.

The comparison leaves out a significant disparity in scale. BWL plans to install six RICE generators and two diesel-fired emergency units, which would generate up to 110 megawatts, or about one-fifth of the utility’s current power.

The high generating capacity is no accident. Around the world, thirsty new electricity consumers are emerging in the late 2020s, led by massive data centers, AI technology and domestic battery manufacturing. Lansing is getting a piece of that action.

This fall, the BWL expects an unprecedented demand surge from the 2.8-million-square-foot, \$2.6 billion Ultium Cells battery cell plant now taking shape in Delta Township, near the GM Lansing Delta Township plant off Davis Highway.

Peffley said that the Ultium plant is expected to create a staggering 30% increase in the BWL’s electricity demand.

The plant will support the production of battery cells for GM’s Ultium Platform-based electric vehicles, including the Chevrolet Silverado EV and GMC Sierra EV.

“By far, they will be the largest customer,” Peffley said.

Peffley said the BWL has always been “long on generation” and ready to take on new customers, even high-demand ones like Ultium.

“We have the energy available right now. They’re going to be ramping up this fall, and we’re ready to go from our end.”

Then why is new generation necessary?

“They will be gobbling up a lot of our excess energy that we would typically would sell on the market,” Peffley said.

Peffley has made it clear that if Lansing is to attract more big customers and the jobs they bring, BWL needs to be ready.



Environmentalists argue that BWL needs to move faster on investing in green energy, such as this 3-year-old Shiawassee County solar array. BWL purchases 80mg of solar from it annually.

He told the BWL Board of Commissioners at its July 2023 meeting that a second gas plant might be necessary.

“We will have to evaluate the need for a second combined cycle plant that will be added, based on future load” and requirements of the Mid-continent Independent System Operator. This nonprofit organization operates the electric grid in the Midwest, Peffley said.

“We’ve got some big customers who are going to locate here, and we’re not going to turn away business.”

Peffley touched upon the same theme in a phone interview last month. “When I came in eight years ago, the thought was ‘economic development,’” he said. “The stronger your local utility is, the more folks will locate here. That’s good for the city; that’s good for everything. We didn’t want to become, for lack of a better term, Flint 2.0.”

‘We are in compliance’

At the July 8 City Council meeting, Councilman Brian Jackson asked Peffley what percentage of BWL’s output comes from renewable sources.

The question led to a testy exchange. Peffley cautiously declined to produce a figure on the spot. He promised a written answer later, saying he wanted to “cross all the t’s and dot all the i’s.”

Jackson was incredulous that Peffley

and BWL chief financial officer Heather Shawa, sitting next to him, didn’t have such a crucial benchmark in their spreadsheets or even in their heads.

A visit to the BWL’s website and some quick math might help explain their reluctance. A chart of the BWL’s energy portfolio on the website puts the utility’s renewable (wind and solar) energy output at 463,000-megawatt hours a year, or only 12.8% of the utility’s total production of 3.613 million megawatt hours.

New rules passed by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer late last year gave the question extra urgency. State law calls for 50 percent renewable energy by 2030 and 100 percent clean energy by 2050. The BWL’s strategic plan aims to produce 50 percent of its power “from clean sources” by 2030 and become “completely carbon neutral” by 2040.

That leaves the BWL fewer than six years to bridge the gap.

A new gas-fired plant strikes some observers as a move in the wrong direction.

Others phrase it less mildly.

“It’s just insane,” Heather Douglas said. “What are you thinking, BWL?”

Douglas, a member of CAFÉ, is an associate professor at MSU and former associate director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at the Univer-

sity of Waterloo in Ontario.

Although BWL’s plans are in flux, Douglas doubts the utility can meet the looming state standards. Under state rules, the planned RICE units can’t be counted as “clean energy” unless they use carbon capture, which is widely considered cost-prohibitive.

Douglas estimated that, at best, BWL will achieve 33% to 35% clean energy by 2030 — possibly even less, since the utility withdrew its planned 238 megawatts of wind power from the plan.

“It’s going to change,” Peffley told the City Council. “In a couple of years, we’ll be back. There will be newer technology. Solar panels may be more efficient, and we can get bang for the buck.”

BWL spokeswoman Amy Adamy said the utility is “actively working to expand wind energy in its portfolio despite external challenges.”

“We’ll be at 50 percent by 2030,” Peffley told the Council. “The Clean Energy Program is the law. We are in compliance with the law.”

Shaving the peaks

Instead of spending \$160 million on a gas-burning power plant, CAFÉ and its allies urge BWL to invest more in solar and wind projects. However, solar and wind projects, however ambitious, leave the utility with the prob-

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lem of handling peak demand events with the fickle output of the wind and the sun.

“Buying tens of millions of dollars worth of natural gas when you could do it all with sun, wind, and batteries — we would obviously jump at that,” Peffley said. “It’s just not there yet. There’s no way we could have storage to make up for 29, 30 days of no sun in January, especially with the huge industrial load we have.”

Battery technology is part of the solution. According to the energy research group BloombergNEF, the cost of lithium-ion batteries more than halved from 2016 to 2022 to \$151 per kilowatt-hour of storage.

While sharply critical of the decision to build a gas plant, members of CAFÉ praised the BWL’s 160-megawatt battery investment, also announced in July 2023.

“Nobody’s got anything that size in Michigan,” Peffley said. He told the City Council that Michigan’s Healthy Climate Plan calls for 1,000 megawatts of battery storage by 2025. “We will supply 16% of that while generating only 6% of the state’s energy.”

But Peffley said batteries only store energy for four hours, and that’s not enough to cover a prolonged dip in supply or spike in demand.

Tom Stanton, a longtime Lansing resident, a member of CAFÉ, and an energy policy analyst for over 40 years, has studied this problem for years.

“What happens if we start to reach a peak, and the wind isn’t blowing and the sun isn’t shining at the time when we need more energy?” Stanton said. “They want something they can turn on and off because that’s what they’re used to doing for the last 125 years.”

Stanton urges the BWL to leap-frog over fossil fuel technology and invest in expanded renewables, battery technology, energy efficiency and decentralized distributed energy sources.

While cheaper than ever, lithium-ion batteries are only the beginning, Stanton said. Interconnected “virtual power plants” are already beginning to link residential solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, grid-integrated water heaters and appliances, making it possible to manage supply and demand “like the instruments of an orchestra.”

“Over 99 percent of all utility customers need energy in such small quantities, the best way to serve them is through distributed energy resources,

integrated into micro-grids,” Stanton said. “We’ve talked with the Board of Water & Light multiple times about this over the past eight years.”

BWL’s Peak Power Program automatically raises or lowers smart thermostats in participating homes to respond to peak demand periods. Stanton said a more comprehensive range of demand management tools is already available, and more advances are forthcoming.

These include the storage of energy “in the form of chemicals, which could be hydrogen or other energy carrier chemicals,” he said.

The proposed RICE plant could reach obsolescence well before its adolescence, thanks to new technology such as iron-air batteries that harness the chemical reaction between iron and air — rusting — to capture, store and release energy over a longer term, using abundant and cheap materials (mainly, iron and oxygen).

“And we should talk about thermal energy storage,” Stanton added. Thermal energy storage takes in a dizzying range of materials and devices, from hot rocks to ice blocks, which serve as “batteries” for heat or coldness to smooth out energy demand peaks.

A 2024 report from the U.S. Energy Department called thermal energy storage “a critical enabler for the large-scale deployment of renewable energy and the transition to a decarbonized building stock and energy system by 2050.”

“We know there are ways to adjust the demand to match the supply, and that’s a complete game-changer in this industry,” Stanton said.

Given the dramatic advances in renewable energy and battery technology, the spread of distributed energy sources and increasing sophistication of demand management — not to mention the state’s impending clean energy rules — Stanton fears the planned gas-fired RICE plant will soon become a “stranded asset.”

“Why would you buy a 50-year resource and retire it after 15 years?” Stanton said. “That blows my mind.”

Peffley countered that unlike the BWL’s old coal plants, designed to last 50 years or more, gas plants “depreciate out after 25 years, 30 at the most.”

“They’ll be very close to the end of their life when 2040 rolls around,” Peffley said. “We’re not looking at a huge, stranded cost investment.”

However, if the new RICE units go online in 2026, as planned, the state’s clean energy goal of 100% by 2040 will leave them high and dry in 14 years—about half of their expected life, barring an unforeseen advance in



The Chevrolet Silverado EV is one of the vehicles for which the Ultium Cells auto battery cell plant under construction in Delta Township will produce battery cells. The plant is expected to create a staggering 30% increase in demand for electricity from the BWL, General Manager Dick Peffley said.

carbon capture technology. To keep them going after that, the BWL would have to put them on a rocket and send them to an icy planet where their carbon dioxide would be more welcome.

“We feel that by 2040, there’ll be technology we can put in place that would minimize, if not retire, those facilities,” Peffley said.

CAFÉ’s Douglas isn’t so sure. “It’s going to be a huge cost the ratepayers are going to be burdened with,” she said. “It’s \$160 million. If you pay for renewable energy and storage now, you have no future fuel costs, and it’s inflation-proof.”

Take a deep breath

Coal is all but dead in Lansing. BWL closed its last coal plant, the Erickson Power Station, in 2022. The utility still has a contract to buy 150 megawatts of energy from DTE’s coal-fired Belle River plant in St. Clair County, but that plant is transitioning to natural gas.

By most measures, natural gas is cleaner than coal. According to Scientific American, carbon dioxide emissions from power plants have fallen about 35 percent since 2005, largely because of the shift from coal to gas.

The federal EPA reported in 2016 that natural gas units emitted 898 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour, compared to 2,180 pounds for coal-burning units at the same rate.

But 898 pounds isn’t nothing. And carbon dioxide isn’t the only harmful consequence of burning natural gas.

BWL’s Delta Energy Park project site, including the gas-fired plant already running, “would become a major source of HAPs,” or Hazardous Air Pollutants, when the RICE plant goes online, according to the utility’s August 2023 application for an air

permit for the proposed RICE plant.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency describes HAPs as “those known to cause cancer and other serious health impacts.”

The application also states that the project will result in a “significant emission increase” in nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter small enough to inhale.

Heather Douglas is concerned about the planned RICE plant’s impact on a part of town already dealing with emissions from several industrial operations, including BWL’s Delta Energy Park, GM’s Lansing Delta assembly plant and various construction and asphalt companies.

Neighborhoods within two to three miles of the planned RICE plant “have high asthma rates, 90th percentile of asthma rates,” Douglas said. “This is going to emit more PM 2.5,” particles smaller than 2.5 micrometers across, compared to a human hair at 70 micrometers across — small enough to travel deeply into the respiratory tract, including the lungs.

“It’s going to exacerbate these conditions.”

In response to public comment, EGLE stated that the BWL “demonstrated that they will be able to meet all (state and federal) rules and regulations.”

The air permit requires multiple levels of testing, monitoring and recordkeeping, but Douglas is concerned that it won’t be enough. The nearest air quality monitor to the planned RICE plant is at 815 Filley St. in Lansing, more than six miles from the new plant.

“The community needs better air quality monitoring, not more air pol-



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lution,” Douglas said.

Pleading a limited budget, EGLE reported in its replies to public comment that it expects to install a new monitoring site south of Interstate 496 and north of Interstate 96, “ideally located at a school or community center,” by Jan. 1, 2027.

The crucial years

As the sharpening global climate crisis intersects with rapid advancement in renewable energy and storage technology, CAFÉ members want the BWL to pivot decisively from burning fossil fuels.

They also want to know how the utility formulated its current plan.

It's not an academic question.

Former BWL Commissioner Horwitt was surprised when Peffley sketched out the generation plan “in about 10 minutes” at the July 11, 2023, BWL commissioners’ meeting. Horwitt said the BWL did not issue detailed draft plans, with an opportunity for public comment, before the announcement.

At that meeting, Peffley said that some parts of the plan, such as the wind farms, might take years to piece together, but others would start happening “tomorrow.”

“In 20 years of working on environmental issues, I’ve never seen a public agency, on a major plan, operate at this level of secrecy and exclusivity from the general public,” Horwitt said. “He said it’s going into effect the next day. I thought, ‘Wait a minute.’ Where is the opportunity for the public, or the board, to see the plan and comment on it?”

Peffley said the plan was drawn up after the utility combed through an unexpectedly large number of projects it received in response to its All Source Request For Proposals a year earlier.

“We were ready for about 50 or 60, and we got about 110 proposals,” Peffley said. “We evaluated all of them, had consultants help us, and pulled the



Courtesy Lansing Board of Water & Light

A rendering of the Delta Energy Park

ones that made sense for LBWL. We had some proposals that would make better sense in Florida.”

Peffley told the City Council in July that there were 12 opportunities for public input during the RFP process.

“I don’t know when those happened,” Horwitt said. “They didn’t happen when I was on the board, and I was on the board from October 2021 through July 2023, shortly after the plan was announced.”

Horwitt’s concerns over the process might seem like closing the barn door after the horses are gone, but they take on more weight given the BWL’s intention, as laid out in the July 2023 Clean Energy Plan rollout, to build more gas plants if necessary.

“We will have to evaluate the need for a second combined cycle plant that will be added,” Peffley said at the July 2023 board meeting. “We’ve got some big customers who are going to locate here, and we’re not going to turn away business.”

With or without information on how

the BWL modeled its current plan, CAFÉ is talking with other area groups about preparing an alternative energy plan for the BWL service area.

Stanton said Five Lakes Energy, a consulting group, is drawing up a similar plan for Traverse City, but these plans cost money to formulate.

“We don’t yet have the financing to pay for that work,” Stanton said. “And the BWL has thus far refused to share the details of their planning models, making it very difficult for us to do the kind of analysis needed.”

CAFÉ members are not taking this upon themselves for fun. Now and then, Douglas takes a break from the graphs and spreadsheets to take a longer view.

Whether a 110-megawatt gas plant is built in mid-Michigan in 2026 may not seem like an earth-shattering matter, but it is a small part of one.

Environmentalist and author Bill McKibben considers the next five years to be “crucial” to avoiding the worst consequences of climate change.

“We’re engaged in the most desperate race in human history—a race between a rapidly unraveling climate and a rapid build-out of renewable energy,” McKibben wrote June 11 in his blog, “The Crucial Years.”

The good news, McKibben reports, is that we are finally approaching the “sweet spot” of the curve, as plunging costs and increasing efficiency of renewables and battery technology push the world from “minimal reliance on renewable energy” to “minimal dependence on fossil fuels.”

McKibben compared the adoption curves for renewable energy and storage to those for color TV or cellphones — “from nothing to ubiquitous in a matter of years.”

McKibben says that the angle of that adoption curve “may prove to be the most significant geometry of our time on Earth.” If there’s any way, however limited, that geometry can be squeezed, nudged or stretched in the direction of survival, the members of CAFÉ and their allies believe it’s worth a try.

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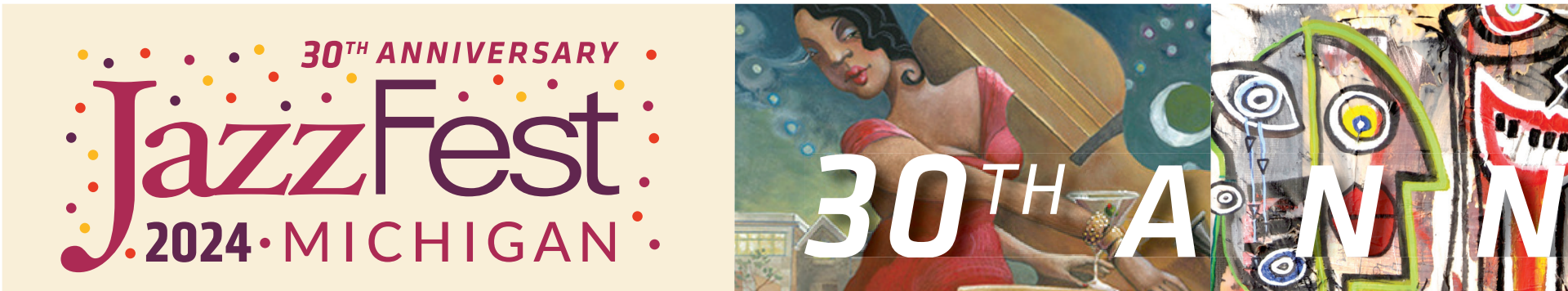
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CLIQUE VOCALS
7:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

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THUR AUG 1 • BENEFIT CONCERT

For MICA’s KidzBeat Programs and Lawrence ‘Lo’ Leathers (L3) Foundation. L3 provides scholarships and assistance to emerging artists seeking education in the Performing Arts. It was formed to memorialize Lawrence Leathers, the Lansing native and gifted young musician who lost his life in 2019. Lo won 2 consecutive Grammys performing with acclaimed singer Cecile McLorin Salvant.

ANTHONY TAYLOR TRIO
6:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Anthony Taylor has an impressive music resume, including co-writing and producing Cried, a Pop Billboard Top 10 single with Candice Glover. Anthony will also be leading Sunday’s Gospel Show.





WALTER BLANDING & FRIENDS
7:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Walter Blanding embodies the spirit of a modern saxophonist – adept in jazz tradition, fluent in diverse styles, and a passionate educator. From his beginnings in New York City to his international acclaim, Blanding’s story is a testament to dedication, versatility, and pushing the boundaries of his instrument. He is also a professor of jazz in MSU’s world renowned Jazz Studies program. This will be a performance not to be missed.

FRI AUG 2



SCHOOL OF ROCK › Adult Band
5:00pm | **Tripp Stage**

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ANN BELL
5:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner


BILL CESSNA TRIO
5:30pm | **MessageMakers Stage**

Bill Cessna is a jazz pianist/multi-instrumentalist with a mission to preserve and celebrate jazz music and improvisation. Bill performs in Detroit and Chicago and composes original music. Bill’s first album, “Background Music,” was released in 2022.



FREDDIE CUNNINGHAM AND F&J INC.
6:30pm | **MICA Stage**

Lansing’s own Blues legend Freddie Cunningham brings his powerful yet smooth vocals and storytelling prowess to the JazzFest stage. After 32 years as the voice and sound of Root Doctor, Michigan’s most celebrated Blues band, Freddie will now be bringing his own personal flair to jazz classics.





MINOR ELEMENT
7:45pm | **MessageMakers Stage**

Minor Element is an all-instrumental jazz fusion band from West Michigan founded by Keyboardist Brandon Fitzpatrick. Their sound is inspired by jazz, rock, gospel, classical, and fusion. Get energized by this outstanding band.



CLIQUE VOCALS
8:00pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner




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9:00pm | **MICA Stage**

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BASHIRI ASAD
10:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Bashiri Asad has come to define his sound as “IndySoul”. Hailing from Indianapolis, Bashiri Asad is an award-winning Soul/Jazz Singer-Songwriter whose recent album “The Everyday Soulsinger” was released in 2023.



AFTERGLOW • BASHIRI ASAD
11:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner › *Limited seating*

Bashiri Asad will perform followed by a band-led jam session with other festival musicians until 1:00 am.





SAT AUG 3

KIDZBEAT › Tripp Stage

2:00pm | Children’s Ballet Theatre & Powers Dance

Combine to perform light-hearted dances by children for children of all ages. Directed by Jesse Powers.

2:30pm | Instrument Petting Zoo

Children and adventurers of all ages can try their hand at stringed instruments, keyboard, and percussion in this playful experience with encouraging musicians, led by Roger Gentry and Friends.

3:00pm | Greater Lansing Ballet Company & Academy of Dance

Under the direction of Jlm McEwan, Greater Lansing Ballet Company and Greater Lansing Academy of Dance perform classical and contemporary choreography that’s fun for the whole family. This performance includes an opportunity for children to join in one of the dances.

JAMM BAND

2:00pm | MICA Stage

The Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan (JAMM) awards a music scholarship annually to a young jazz musician. This JAMM Band comprises past and present scholarship winners, led by Doug Fritch on guitar.



OLIVIA VAN GOOR with REUBEN STUMP TRIO

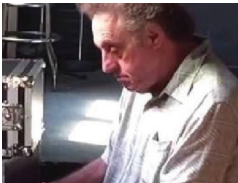
3:00pm | MessageMakers Stage

Olivia Van Goor is an award-winning Detroit-based jazz vocalist, band leader, arranger, and composer. Nominated for Best Vocal Jazz Album of 2021 by the Detroit Music Awards and Outstanding Vocalist in 2023, Van Goor has produced the show “Duets” with vocalist/ bassist Reuben Stump, exploring the history of vocal jazz duets.

TOM DUFFIELD

3:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner

A JazzFest favorite, Tom Duffield’s repertoire includes interpretations of the standards as well as some surprises.



MARBIN WORKSHOP

4:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner › Limited seating

Marbin, a progressive jazz-rock band based in Chicago, will be offering a special jazz workshop and then will be performing at 6:30pm on the MICA Stage.



LANSING CONCERT BAND-BIG BAND

4:00pm | MICA Stage

A local favorite, The Lansing Concert Band-Big Band plays the great jazz standards. Jim Kasprzak, lead trumpet, directs this dynamic 18-piece group composed of traditional jazz-era instrumentation, including full sections of saxophones, trombones, and trumpets, plus a swingin’ rhythm section. The ensemble also features vocalists Dan Templin and Kelly Sandula-Gruner.

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4:00pm | Tripp Stage

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5:00pm | MessageMakers Stage

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6:00pm | MessageMakers Stage

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TOM DUFFIELD

6:30pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner



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6:30pm | MICA Stage

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PLANET D NONET

9:30pm | MICA Stage

Detroit’s Planet d Nonet is nationally known for curating some of the best in early jazz traditions and Black-American musical influences from the ’20s, ’30s and ’40s. Nominated and awarded multiple honors over the past decade, the band’s repertoire is unmatched, paying tribute to the music of Duke Ellington, Fletcher Henderson and the proto-R&B sounds of Detroit artists such as Paul “Hucklebuck” Williams and King Porter.

AFTERGLOW • MARBIN

11:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner - Limited seating

The band will perform from 11pm-12am, followed by a band-led jam session with other festival musicians until 1:00 am.

SUN AUG 4



GospelFest CONCERT

Service 11:00am | Concert 1:00-5:00pm MICA Stage

Get ready for a blessed and spiritual experience at GospelFest Sunday at JazzFest Michigan, presented by Southside Records in Lansing, MI. This special event, hosted by Pastor Anthony Taylor, CEO of Southside Records, will feature a talented lineup of artists including Paul Porter, Leila Taraneh, Semaje, Spoken Praise, and B-R-E The Rapper. Church service will start at 11 am, followed by the concert at 1 pm.

Prepare to be deeply moved by powerful performances from these incredibly talented gospel artists! Come and join us for an amazing celebration of faith, music, and community where the presence of God will be truly felt. In addition to the soul-stirring music, there will be an array of vendors showcasing unique and inspiring goods, delicious food to savor, and even a bounce house for the little ones to enjoy. Don’t miss this opportunity to uplift your soul and be part of a truly blessed gathering.



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SAT AUG 3

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Samia Halaby retrospective charts an artist's long road

By CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS

In December, Indiana University canceled its planned exhibition of Palestinian American artist and master of fine arts alumna Samia Halaby's work, citing concerns that its campus museum couldn't "guarantee the integrity of the exhibit," The New York Times reported.

Halaby has long been a vocal supporter of Palestine. The Times article reported that IU staff had raised concern over social media posts where the artist had "expressed support for Palestinian causes and outrage at the violence in the Middle East, comparing the Israeli bombardment to a genocide."

In a comment for the same article, Steven Bridges, interim director of the Michigan State University Broad Art Museum, stated that MSU would remain on course to host Halaby's work as planned.

On June 29, the first-ever American survey of Halaby's work opened to the public right here in East Lansing. "Eye Witness," running through Dec. 15, is a masterfully executed and meticulously curated effort, presenting a retrospective that delves deeply into the 87-year-old artist's career as an abstract painter while creating an intimate dialogue with the audience through audio storytelling, short videos and engaging exhibition labels. The result is a warm, powerfully optimistic show that invites a deep connection with the artwork and a personal reflection on the artist.

Halaby was born in Jerusalem in 1936 and moved with her family to the United States when she was 11. She attended Michigan State University from 1959 to 1960, earning her master of arts degree. She told City Pulse, "During my year at MSU, painters from New York were invited as advisers for the graduate students. But I found the regular faculty, not the New York stars, far more helpful as teachers and far more interesting as personalities."

Walking through the exhibition, viewers can explore work created during Halaby's years as a student and an early-career artist, with



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Samia Halaby as a young art student.

some pieces on view for the first time since 1960. The definitions provided and questions posed throughout the exhibit help viewers understand how the artist approached her work and frame her abstract art practice as a "visual language" that viewers can have a conversation with.

In 1972, Halaby became the first full-time female associate professor at the Yale University School of Art. She's lived and worked in New York City since 1976, but she struggled to find professional representation in a gallery for more than 30 years.

Frustrated with the harsh realities of the art world, Halaby turned to activism. In a video portrait, she states that activism is what "liberated" her artwork and, she says, "It liberated me."

The exhibition also highlights Halaby's pioneering work as a digital artist by showcasing her kinetic paintings, moving pieces of art she created via computer programming in the 1980s. In another video, she states, "The machine sitting in front of me is the artwork ... the computer is the medium."

Visitors can explore videos of these paintings in a room designed to evoke the artist's Tribeca studio, where she's lived and worked for decades.



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"Daughter in Her Mother's Garden," part of Halaby's series "Women of Palestine."

Some of the largest works on view are Halaby's paintings from or about Palestine. The museum's thoughtful curation of these paintings explores the multiple meanings of the word "occupation" — both how Halaby visited her homeland as an occupied territory and how this place occupies space in her mind. A subtle theme of the show is opening up new viewpoints, not because of the political situation in Palestine but because of the nature of abstract art.

In one of the video portraits, Halaby states, "Abstraction is an imitation of reality. It might teach you how to look if you open your eyes and look some more." She continues to make her identity perfectly clear, "I am an Arab. And I am a lover of the Arab world. I am a Palestinian. I was born in Jerusalem, and it's my city."

The piece "Daughter in Her Mother's Garden," part of Halaby's series "Women of Palestine," was inspired by the artist's visit to Balata refugee camp in the West Bank, where she met a woman who meticulously tended a garden. Moved by the woman's perseverance, Halaby abstracted a scene of scattered pastel dots that evoke snow, dust and things breaking apart, contrasted with large shapes holding together or flowing.

Halaby's 2003 piece "Little Palestine" is now part of the Broad's perma-

nent collection. The collaged canvas was stitched together by the artist to create, according to the Broad, "a dynamic sense of movement" evoking the artist's identity and her experiences between Palestine and the United States.

While these two pieces are among the most powerful, the show's name, "Eye Witness," was inspired by Halaby's painting "Occupied Jerusalem 1, June 9, 1995." Rachel Winter, assistant curator of the Broad, writes in the exhibition's program, "Being an eyewitness expands beyond an immediate field of vision into a complex physical, emotional, environmental and intellectual experience ... to be a witness is not simply to see visually, but to be present, engaged and mindful of a fleeting moment so its events are not forgotten."

Halaby's endurance over her 60-year career could be credited to her ability to embrace new forms and adapt to the times while wholeheartedly advocating for herself, whatever the cost or the controversy. In one video, Halaby wanders around a large canvas taped to the floor and occasionally adds a line or a large circle to it. Her niece can be heard off-camera, joking about how her aunt is "destroying" the painting she has just made. Halaby responds, "The biggest danger is self-deception — falling in love with your own baby, being blind to what everyone else sees."

Samia Halaby: "Eye Witness"

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Additives create questions regarding safety of infused pre-rolls

By CHRIS SILVA

Sometimes too much of a good thing can be a bad thing. This can be seen in Michigan's cannabis market, where, due to consumer demand, the percentage of THC in flower and pre-rolls is continuing to skyrocket, and manufacturers have phased out plants testing at less than 20% THC in all but the rarest cases.

While producers have been forced to focus on high-THC strains, the pre-roll potency war has pushed them to infuse joints with cannabis concentrates in order to increase the THC percentage even more.

I've covered a lot of infused pre-rolls in this column since I took over. I really enjoy premium live resin- and live rosin-infused pre-rolls from brands like Element and Ice Kream Hash Co., but these top-shelf options are just a small sliver of what's available. The most common infused pre-rolls on the market are made from low-quality flower that's infused with kief, cheap distillate or other bottom-shelf concentrates and, in more and more cases, non-naturally occurring terpenes and flavorings.



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A recent trend in the cannabis market is the addition of non-naturally occurring terpenes and artificial flavorings to pre-rolls. It's unknown whether smoking high concentrations of these additives could create long-term health risks.

Due to the addition of often harsh-tasting concentrates and the generally low quality of the flower used, many manufacturers have re-

sorted to adding terpenes and sometimes flavorings to make their joints more palatable. Terpenes are what give plants their smell and taste. Re-



cent technological advances have allowed manufacturers to become very adept at isolating individual terpenes from cannabis and other plants.

This practice isn't totally new. For years, producers have added terpenes and other flavorings to cannabis vape cartridges to improve the taste and act as a thinning agent for the pure THC distillate, which is usually a very solid, sticky oil.

In terms of pre-rolls, the potential harm to consumers comes from the method of consumption — combustion — and the fact that the concentrations of added and naturally occurring terpenes are way outside the range ever found in a concentrate extracted from a cannabis plant.

It's important for folks to keep in mind that terpenes can be volatile

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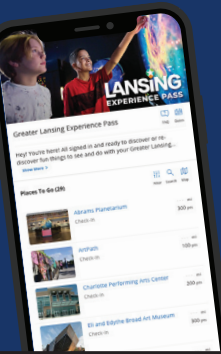
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and even corrosive, like those used to create turpentine. Combusting high concentrations of terpenes could create health risks in the long term — or maybe not. According to Jason Allen, co-founder of Lapeer-based cultivator Old School Organics, “No one knows enough about the long-term effects of combusting these types of terpenes and flavorings.” True to its name, Old School Organics has chosen to stick with old-school offerings like 100% flower pre-rolls made from strains selected for their natural terpene profiles.

Overall, the industry has been

pretty welcoming of this new trend. It’s a way for producers to offload their B- and C-tier buds, add some cheap distillate and terpenes for flavor and offer a 30 to 40% THC pre-roll direct to consumers for less than \$10. The infused pre-roll segment is a great example of the dual issues that are plaguing the industry: high THC percentage and low cost. Consumers’ perception of a “good” cannabis product is simply one that’s cheap but contains as much THC as possible. Honestly, a lot of consumers aren’t smoking the best dope most of the time, so flower quality can be pretty subjective as long as the price and THC percentage are right. In addition, a lot of consumers’ notions of what “good” taste is are all over the place. Many of them vape non-THC

products and have palates that are much more forgiving, even enjoying the sugary, candy-tinged flavors a lot of manufacturers have been rolling out recently. You probably shouldn’t be too worried about pre-rolls. Cannabis is generally one of the safest drugs you can consume. Allen and many other experts I’ve spoken with agree that you should treat infused pre-rolls just like any other cannabis product you consume — with care. If you experience pain or discomfort, stop using the product immediately, and you’ll probably feel better in a few days. Be sure to stay informed on the makeup of the products you buy and, when in doubt, always ask your budtender questions. Greater accountability from manufacturers starts with us, the consumers.



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Spend another adventurous summer with Jack McGuinn

By BILL CASTANIER

The boys are back in town. Authors Dave McVeigh and Jim Bolone make another return to Mackinac Island in their new book, “MisGuided,” the second prequel to their widely popular 2021 novel, *The Dockporter*, in which luggage hauler extraordinaire Jack McGuinn gets wrapped up in a plot that involves bringing golf carts to the island. Blasphemy.

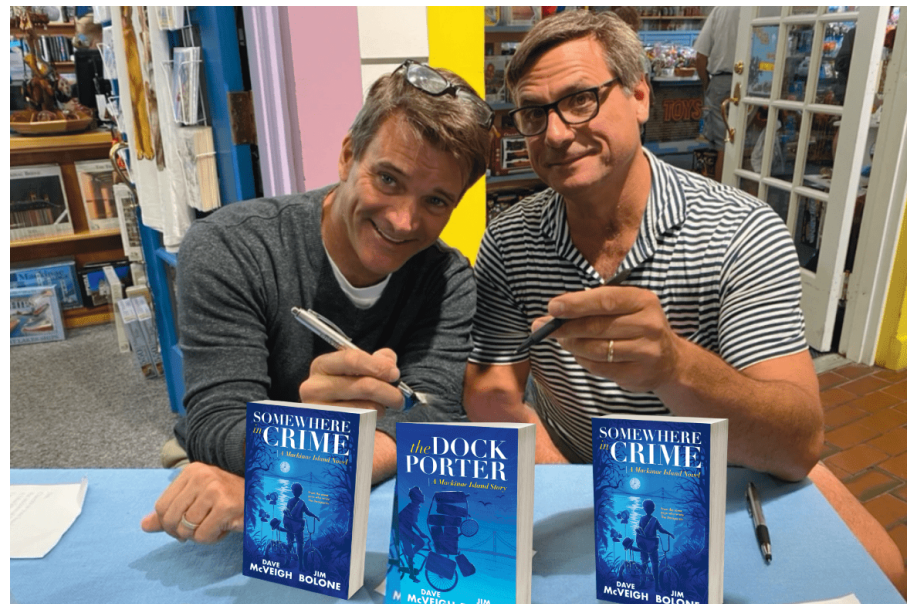
When we last saw McGuinn in the first prequel novel, “Somewhere in Crime,” he was an 11-year-old paper-boy on the island during the summer when Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour were filming the cult-classic movie “Somewhere in Time.” McGuinn was able to save the movie and cement his name in the island’s lore.

“MisGuided” jumps forward to 1984. McGuinn, now 16, is toiling as a lowly busboy at a café on the island.

He has plans to make the leap to the more profitable post of dockporter at one of the island’s less prestigious hotels, but when that falls through, he lands an alternative job as a tour guide at historic Fort Mackinac alongside three ill-fitted compatriots.

It’s questionable whether this new band of irregulars is up to the task, and when they blow their audition, they turn to a Monty Python-style satirical approach to telling history. Just imagine Napoleon Bonaparte sailing an armada to Mackinac Island.

However, the schtick becomes so popular with tourists that the boys — to the delight of their boss and the governor of Michigan, who sees them in action — continue the improbable improvisation.



Courtesy photo

Like the protagonist of their three Mackinac Island novels, authors Dave McVeigh (left) and Jim Bolone were both dockporters in their youth.

sionary Jacques Marquette. A rich pizza baron is on the move to create a tourist destination similar to Mackinac Island on Beaver Island, which everyone else finds abhorrent. The Pizza King has plans to make the chalice a centerpiece of his new resort attraction. The misfit tour guides want the chalice to stay on Mackinac Island, and in a “Goonies”-esque plot, they rally together to keep the treasure hunt alive.

Who knew resort living could be so stressful?

Though McVeigh and Bolone write long distance, they communicate over the phone, which helps them recount some of their youthful and outrageous activities as dockporters. Bolone was certainly integral in writing “MisGuided” since he spent time as a guide at Fort Mackinac. McVeigh’s parents owned a cottage on the island.

Once again, the authors have taken a wacky, fun approach and captured the amazing summer flavor of Mackinac Island and its often-quirky people. The plot ideas for this series appear to be endless.

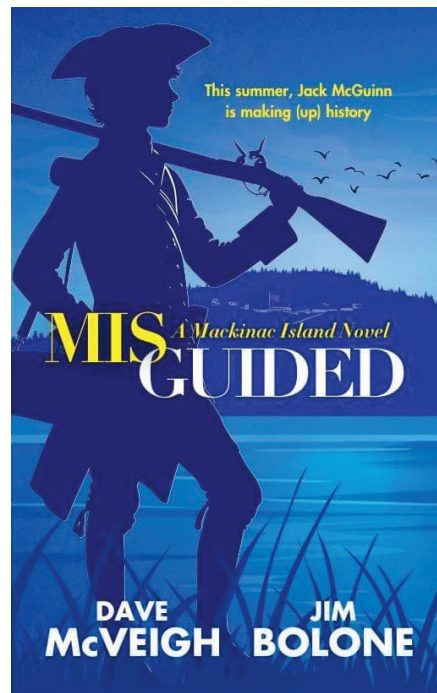
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The story really picks up when the boys learn about a holy grail of sorts: the lost chalice of French Jesuit mis-

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Though he was born legally blind, Mason resident Brian Hunt has long had his sights set on opening his own brewery. Hunt, 50, moved to Greater Lansing from Austin, Texas, in 2003. A programmer by day, he first took up brewing in 2008, but his efforts really started to take off two years later, when he joined forces with fellow hobbyist and co-worker Joe Prevo, a 41-year-old Lansing native.

“We would just hang out and brew beer. Eventually, things progressed to where we were making some really good beer that people really liked. The brewery kind of just evolved out of that,” Hunt said.

In 2016, the pair began “joking” about opening a brewery, Hunt said. But those plans were put on an indefinite hold later that year when doctors found a noncancerous tumor in Hunt’s brain that required an eight-hour surgery to remove.

“They didn’t get it all the first time, though,” Hunt said. “Nine months

later, I had to have a second that lasted 17 hours.”

When Hunt was back on his feet in 2018, he circled back with Prevo about reviving the brewery project. However, it wasn’t until fall 2022 that they “seriously started digging in,” he said.

Envisioning a Caribbean tropics theme, they named their venture Summerlands Brewing Co.

“I’m in a position where I get called in a lot for work. My escape would be to go on a cruise,” Hunt said. “We both like Caribbean-style food, so we talked about doing stuff from places like Aruba, Cuba and Mexico.”

Once they had their finances in order, Hunt and Prevo purchased a 3,300-square-foot building in Holt that had previously housed Charlie’s Bar & Grill until its closure in July 2023. They immediately got to work on renovations, which took just over a year, leading to a grand opening weekend July 12 and 13.

The brewery staffs 20 employees, including executive chef Kevin Cronin, a staple of the Greater Lansing culinary scene for nearly three decades. Cronin’s tropical menu includes conch fritters, hush puppies, seafood nachos and a Paradise Burger, which Hunt said is a “salute to Jimmy Buffet.”

“We brew just about everything, from Russian stouts to Kölsch to IPAs,” Hunt said of their rotating taps. “Because we’re Summerlands,

we’re also going to have a few lighter varieties like fruit beer and seltzers.”

His personal favorites are the In the Gloaming IPA and the Jamaica-inspired Tropical Storm stout.

Of the former, he said, “It’s a red IPA that we went through a few iterations of to get just right. It turned out to be really, really good.” Meanwhile, Tropical Storm is “a lighter-bodied stout that you can drink in warm weather, similar to a New England-style IPA. You’ll get all the hoppy aroma coming off the top of it, and it’s really strong.”

Early customer favorites include the cucumber cream ale, coffee stout, golden Kölsch and Key

lime-coconut pale ale.

“We wanted to create a fun place where people can expect a nice, relaxed environment. We’ve also got a weekly list of events ranging from karaoke, trivia, bingo, brunch, Saturday movies and live music on the weekends,” Hunt said.



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Joe Prevo (left) and Brian Hunt, co-owners of Summerlands Brewing Co., look out at the patio area of their new 3,300-square-foot space in Holt.

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- ACROSS
1. Playbill roster
5. “Pardon me”
9. Call partner?
13. Classic New Yorker cartoonist Peter
14. Confusion
16. Shakespeare’s river
17. Her latest album is 2020’s “Fetch the Bolt Cutters”
19. Zeus’s wife
20. Actor Wheaton
21. Rent-____ (airport-adjacent service)
23. Sat ____ (GPS system)
24. Binge
26. Unofficial title for Stuart Sutcliffe or Pete Best
30. Frequent site for athletic injuries
31. CIO’s partner
32. Word before Faithful or school
33. Word on a gift card
35. Remarkd
38. Picture in a dream
42. Underground signal carrier, maybe
45. Her “Hello” is used in the new “Weird” AI polka medley
46. Herb used in some ritual burnings
47. Element #10
48. Sheep sound
50. Category
52. Monopoly quad, for short
53. Culmination of a hero-versus-villain arc
58. Pinstriped baseball team, on scoreboards
59. Indignation

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61. Seoul-based automaker
63. Medicine bottle
65. Completely healthy, with “in”
70. “C mo ____ usted?”
71. Brightly colored aquarium fish
72. Enjoy some jerky
73. Display
74. Basketballer O’Neal who cohosts “Lucky 13”
75. Park in London
- DOWN
1. Half- ____ latte
2. Shapiro who hosted the latest season of “The Mole”
3. Paperweight that gets shaken
4. “Beloved” novelist Morrison
5. Reddit Q&A feature, for short
6. Trending
7. Person living abroad, informally
8. Garden ground cover
9. “A Christmas Carol” outburst
10. Big do
11. Reef component
12. Rapscaillon
15. Singer Bryson who duetted on “A Whole New World” (the version that hit #1)
18. ____ Romeo (sports car)
22. Memento of the past
24. Mediterranean port city
25. Pungent
27. “In that case ...”
28. Moves, as wings
29. Madison Ave. exec, stereotypically
34. Peach dessert name
36. Give ____ chance
37. 7, but not 77
39. Civil rights activist and King mentor Ralph
40. High praise
41. Minuscule, cutely
43. Territory
44. Honeycomb compartment
49. To the rear, nautically
51. Actress Palmer
53. Till bills
54. Like James Joyce
55. “That’s swell”
56. Spring sign
57. Tithing amount
62. Pruritus
64. It’s practiced as an occupation
66. Time of history
67. Answer section?
68. Light bulb variety
69. Source of milk for pecorino cheese

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsný

July 24-30, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries singer-songwriter Lady Gaga has written many songs, both for herself and other artists. She has famously declared that some of her most successful songs took her just 10 minutes to compose. They include “Just Dance,” “Poker Face” and “Born This Way.” According to my interpretation of the astrological omens, you could be rising to Lady Gaga levels of creativity in your own sphere during the coming weeks. And I won’t be surprised if your imaginative innovations flow with expeditious clarity, like Gaga at her most efficient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): During the winter, some animals hibernate. They enter a state of dormancy, slowing their metabolism, breathing and heart rate. Other animals enter a similar state during the summer, conserving energy when the weather is hot and dry. It’s called estivation. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, many of you Tauruses would benefit from a modified version of estivation in the next couple of weeks. You’re in prime time to recharge your energy through deep relaxation and rest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The English word “amphibian” is derived from the Greek term “amphibios,” which means “living a double life.” The original meaning of the English word was “combining two qualities; having two modes of life,” though it eventually came to be used primarily to describe animals that function well both on land and in water. You Geminis are, of course, the most amphibious of all the astrological tribes. You can feel at home in a variety of situations. This may sometimes stir up confusion, but I see it as one of your greatest potential strengths. In the coming weeks, I hope you enjoy it to the maximum. It should serve you well. Wield it to take advantage of the sweet perks of versatility.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I dreamed that a young elephant appeared on the back deck of my house and stuck its trunk through the open door. I got up from my chair, gently pushed the animal away and closed the door. But after I woke up, I was sorry I had done that in my dream. What was I afraid of? The elephant posed no danger — and may have been a good omen. In some cultures, elephants in dreams and visions are symbols of good luck, vitality, long life and the removal of obstacles. So, here’s what I did. I dropped into a deep meditative state and reimagined the dream. This time, I welcomed the creature into my home. I gave her the name Beatrice. We wrestled playfully and had fun playing with a red rubber ball. Amazingly, later that day, a certain obstacle in my actual waking life magically disappeared. The moral of the story, my fellow Cancerian, is to welcome the elephant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Some bamboo species grow very quickly — as much as 36 inches per day. I suspect your capacity to burgeon and blossom will display a similar vigor in the coming weeks. You may be surprised at how dramatic your development is. I’m hoping, of course, that you will be acutely focused on channeling your fertility in positive ways. Don’t feed an urge to recklessly gamble, for instance. Don’t pursue connections with influences that are no damn good for you. Instead, decide right now what areas of your life you want to be the beneficiaries of your growth spurt. Choose the beauty and power you will encourage to ripen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): For months, we heard and saw crows pecking on the roof of our rental house. Why? Were they grubbing for food? It was mildly annoying but seemingly no big deal. Then, one night, their small acts of mayhem climaxed in an unexpected event. Rain began to fall around 8 p.m. It was constant, though not heavy. At 9, the ceilings in five rooms began to leak. By 10:30, our house was flooded. We managed to rescue most of our precious items, but the house was damaged. We had to find a new place to live. I don’t expect anything nearly this drastic to befall you, dear Virgo. But I do encourage you to check

to see if any small problem is gradually growing bigger. Now is a favorable time to intervene and forestall an unfavorable development.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Two Scottish veterinarians researched the health of rhesus monkeys that are compelled by human handlers to dance on the streets of Islamabad, Pakistan. When I first learned about this, my response was, “Wow! Don’t those doctors have anything better to do? That is the most obscure research I have ever heard of.” But later, I decided I admired the doctors because they were motivated primarily by compassion. They found the monkeys were under severe stress, and they publicized the fact as a public service. Their work will ultimately lead to better treatment of the monkeys. In accordance with astrological omens, Libra, I advise you to seek out comparable ways to express altruism in the coming weeks. By engaging in noble and idealistic acts, you will attract good fortune into your sphere for yourself and others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do you place any limits on how deep and expansive you allow your yearnings to be? Are you ever worried that maybe you desire too much and are at risk of asking for too much? If you answered yes to those questions, Scorpio, I will give you a temporary license to rebel against your wariness. In accordance with astrological rhythms, I authorize you to experiment with feeling the biggest, strongest, wildest longings you have ever felt. Please note that I am not advising you to immediately go out and express those longings to the hilt. For now, I’d like you to simply have the experience of entertaining their full intensity. This will be a healing experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will never guess the identity of the strongest animal on the planet. It’s not the gorilla, tiger or elephant. It’s the dung beetle, which can lug loads that weigh 1,141 times as much as it does. The equivalent for you would be to pull six double-decker buses crammed with people. I’m happy to inform you that although you won’t be able to accomplish that feat in the coming weeks, your emotional and spiritual strength will be formidable. You may be surprised at how robust and mighty you are. What do you plan to do with all that power?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): By age 35, you have already shed more than 50 pounds of skin. The flesh that covers you is in a constant state of renewal. In the coming weeks, I expect your rate of regeneration to be even higher than usual — not only in regard to your skin but everything else in your life as well. Here’s a proviso: Renewal and regeneration are always preceded by withering or dwindling. To enjoy the thrill of revitalization, you must allow the loss of what was once vital but is no longer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Among people who go hiking a lot, “death march” is a term that refers to a long trudge through boring scenery in bad weather. Let’s use this as a metaphor for your life. I believe you have recently finished your own metaphorical version of a death march. Any minute now, you will begin a far more enjoyable series of experiences. Get ready for an entertaining meander through interesting terrains in fine weather. Be alert for unpredictable encounters with inspiration and education.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Alex Larenty gives massages to lions at a lion park near Johannesburg, South Africa. They especially love foot rubs. Even Jamu, king of the local beasts, rolls onto his back so Larenty can get a good angle while caressing and kneading his paws. I bring this to your attention, Pisces, because it’s a good metaphor for the unique power you will have in the coming days: a knack for dealing successfully with wild influences and elemental powers through the magic of kindness, affection and service.

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Wednesday, July 24

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.

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

CharLit Adult Book Club: "A City on Mars," by Kelly and Zach Weinersmith - 6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.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 biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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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.

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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.

Solar System Adventure Walk - How do we figure out the relative distance and size of planets? 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. eradi.org.

Ten-Minute Play Festival - Six short plays written by LCC students and directed by LCC theater alumni. Free admission. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

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, East 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 (variety) - 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.

Lansing Stroll for Epilepsy

7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 27

Potter Park Zoo
1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will hold its annual Lansing Stroll for Epilepsy Saturday morning (July 27) at Potter Park Zoo. The strolls, which take place throughout the state each summer, are the foundation's biggest fundraising events, allowing it to continue to train school personnel on seizure first aid, host educational conferences, provide guidance to individuals affected by epilepsy through the Here for You Helpline and more.

Saturday's event will begin with check-in and activities at 7:30 a.m., followed by a fundraiser awards ceremony at 8:30 a.m. The ceremony will also include live music and speeches by Michiganders personally affected by epilepsy. The 1-mile stroll will kick off after the ceremony concludes. A virtual stroll is also available for those who can't make it in person.

All participants who arrive before 9 a.m. will receive free parking and complimentary same-day admittance to the zoo.

Pre-registration for both in-person and virtual attendees is open until 11:59 p.m. tonight (July 24). The cost is \$30 for ages 12 and up, \$20 for ages 2 to 11 and free for participants under 2. Registration will also be available on-site for an additional fee, as long as the event isn't sold out. For more information and to pre-register, visit epilepsymichigan.org/stroll.



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.

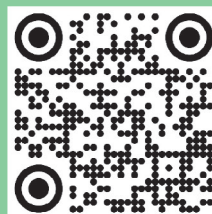
Family Pops Concert - The East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band presents a free concert suitable for the whole family. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. 7 p.m. Hawk Nest Park, 526 Buteo Drive, East Lansing. 517-332-5662.

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St. Johns Mint Festival

AUGUST 9TH-11TH

CARNIVAL, CRAFT SHOW,
DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY,
& MORE



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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. lookingglass-brewingcompany.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.

Holt Music in the Garden: Global Village (variety) - Food available for purchase from Two Guys Nomadic Grill. Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

The Intersection of White Supremacy, Anti-Communism and Womanhood at the Height of the Cold War - Visiting scholar Sarah Curry of Queen's University Belfast discusses her ongoing research and collections at MSU she's found valuable. Noon. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. lib.msu.edu.

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

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

"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.

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

Meridian Children's Concert Series: Mellissa Sigh - Get ready to sing, dance and play! 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian.mi.us.

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.

Moonlight Film Festival: "Barbie" (2023) - Movie starts at dusk (approximately 9:30 p.m.). Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

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.

Pokémon Party - Make Pokémon crafts, take turns playing "Pokémon Snap" and complete a

Pokémon-themed scavenger hunt. You can also bring Pokémon cards to battle and trade. Ages 5+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.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.

Ten-Minute Play Festival - Six short plays written by LCC students and directed by LCC theater alumni. Free admission. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

Wake Up Old Town! - Free, informal networking opportunity for professionals from all over Lansing. 8:30 a.m. Matthew Ryan Salon & Garden, 1410 Turner St., Lansing. 517-485-4283. iloveoldtown.org.

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Local Talent Show - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

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.

Friday, July 26

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 Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.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: Jonah Gerry - 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.

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.

Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Stone Street Revival ('70s hits), opener Collin & Gwen - 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.

"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.

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

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"The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition"

July 26-28 and Aug. 2-4

7 p.m. Friday

3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre will present its final production of the season, "The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition," Friday through Sunday (July 26 through 28) and Aug. 2 through 4 at East Lansing's Hannah Community Center. Friday shows are at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday shows are at 3 p.m.

"When the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of their undersea world. With lives hanging in the balance and all hope lost, a most unexpected hero rises up," a plot summary on the theater company's Facebook page reads.

There will be an opening night reception at the community center 5:30 p.m. Friday, featuring appetizers, beverages, kids' games and an opportunity to meet All-of-Us Express staff. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP via the link under the "Latest News" section on the theater company's website (allofusexpress.org) by the end of today (July 24).

Tickets to the performances are \$14 for ages 18 and older and \$9 for kids. They can be purchased at the Hannah Community Center's front desk, online at bit.ly/AECTickets or by calling (517) 333-2580 ext. 0.

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Moonlight Movies: “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” - 9 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

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

Owl Pellet Dissection - Dissect owl pellets to uncover the mysteries of these creatures’ diet and habitat. Grades K-3. 10 a.m. Playground of Dreams, 100 Howe Drive, Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

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

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

SWAG Summer Movie Nights: “The Little Mermaid” - Grab a blanket or lawn chair and head to Beacon Park (green space behind South Side Community Coalition). We’ll provide popcorn and juice! 9 p.m. 2101 W. Holmes Road, Lansing. facebook.com/lansingswag.

Ten-Minute Play Festival - Six short plays written by LCC students and directed by LCC theater alumni. Free admission. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Saturday, July 27

2024 Lansing Stroll for Epilepsy - 7:30 a.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. epilep-symichigan.org/stroll-for-epilepsy.

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.

Christmas in July Craft Show - Shop early Christmas deals from 40+ vendors, bakers and crafters. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Lansing Mall, 5330 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-920-8286. facebook.com/events/s/christmas-in-july-indoor-craft/75991172851429.

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

Early Voting - 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Carmel Township Hall, 661 Beech Hwy., Charlotte. charlottemi.gov.

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.

International Tiger Day Celebration - Roam the zoo and discover tiger-themed education stations and activity tables. Learn about conservation efforts and the importance of protecting these endangered species. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Lansing Eastern Class of 1984 Reunion - Lansing Eastern Class of 1984 will hold its 40th reunion at Reno’s North. We are seeking missing classmates. Contact us on Facebook or call 517-303-5711 and leave a message. 5 p.m. 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. lehsalumni.com.

Learn the Basics of Drawing - Join us for a fun and laid-back class that will inspire you to draw by using techniques that keep it simple. Ages 14+. 10 a.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

“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.

Live Music with Jacob McLeod - Enjoy some jazzy grooves on the patio. No cover! 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

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

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

Naturally Curious Day - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. woldumar.org.

Powerlight Band - Experience the sounds of Motown, funk and R&B! Since 1980, the Powerlight Band has been wowing audiences with its original material and unforgettable performances. Doors 5 p.m., show 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Remix July Alley Cat - Bike scavenger hunt. Ride starts at 1:30 p.m. Lansing Bike Co-op, 1715 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/groups/LansingBikeCoop.

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

Shark Day - Enjoy shark-themed activities, demonstrations, crafts, a photo booth and more. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2420. elpl.org.

Shelby & Jake at Mash Bar - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

Ten-Minute Play Festival - Six short plays written by LCC students and directed by LCC theater alumni. Free admission. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

Under the Sea Children’s Event - Our very own Cassie Pung will guide your children through craft projects while you treat yourself to shopping upstairs! Registration req. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tap House Boutique, 216 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. 616-204-5117. facebook.com/taphouseboutique.

Sunday, July 28

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. No experience necessary. 7-9 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Early Voting - 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Carmel Township Hall, 661 Beech Hwy., Charlotte. charlottemi.gov.

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.


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/macsbarmusu.

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

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

“Let’s Give Them Something to Talk About” - Exhibit of 31 original works by local artists Doug and Susan Smith. Noon-6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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



Naturally Curious Day

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 27
Woldumar Nature Center
5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing

Woldumar Nature Center invites both members and non-members to enjoy nature-themed activities, guided hikes, pontoon boat rides, food, games and more at its Naturally Curious Day, running 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (July 27). Proceeds will benefit the nature center’s environmental education programs and stewardship activities. Admission is free for members and kids under 12, \$15 for individual non-members and \$20 for non-member families of four. Advance tickets are available at ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/NaturallyCuriousDay.

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

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

Ten-Minute Play Festival - Six short plays written by LCC students and directed by LCC theater alumni. Free admission. 7 p.m. LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (between Gannon Building and Dart Auditorium). lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

Monday, July 29

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.

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.

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

Early Voting - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Carmel Township Hall, 661 Beech Hwy., Charlotte. charlottemi.gov.

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

Improv Acting Camp - Students will work with a variety of theater games to develop characters and scene work. Ages 5-13. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Ingham County Fair - Fair opens at 4 p.m., carnival opens at 5 p.m. Monster truck rally at 7 p.m. at the Grandstand. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org.

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 right at your table every Monday night! 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.

Switch Gaming: “Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games” - Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns on the big screen. All skill levels welcome. Ages 8+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Tuesday, July 30

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.

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

Early Voting - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Carmel Township Hall, 661 Beech Hwy., Charlotte. charlottemi.gov.

Family Pops Concert - The East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band presents a free concert suiteable for the whole family. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. 7 p.m. Orchard Street Pump House, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. 517-332-5662.

Ingham County Fair - Fair opens at noon, carnival opens at 1 p.m. Bump ‘n’ run demolition derby at 8 p.m. at the Grandstand. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org.



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Classroom Unit Ventilator Replacement(s) 2024

The Academy is requesting proposals for removal and replacement of three (3) school classroom unit ventilators with appurtenances.

Vendors or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy
730 W Maple St,
Lansing, MI 48906
Attn: Ronald Stanley

The Academy School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the School District.

A copy of the RFP will be available by email at dblackmar@charterschoolpartners.com by July 16, 2024. A voluntary walk-thru inspection is scheduled for July 19, 2024, at 1:00 pm, 730 W Maple St, MI 48906.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 pm, July 26, 2024. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy and be clearly marked: "Classroom Unit Ventilator Replacement(s) 2024".

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Events

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Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons - 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.

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.

Play in the Park - Children and their families can bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy a family-friendly magic show by Joel Tacey. Free. 7 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/playinthepark.

Summer in the Park: Reading Circus - An exhibition of comedy, juggling, stilt walking and unicycle riding that promotes libraries, books and the importance of reading. 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 31

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

Better Health Presents: "Do You Have Leaky Gut?" - Determine the optimal nutrition plan and supplements to heal your leaky gut and/or aid your chronic digestive issues. Noon. 305 N. Clippert St., Lansing. betterhealthmarket.com/eventmanager.

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.

Early Voting - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Carmel Township Hall, 661 Beech Hwy., Charlotte. charlottemi.gov.

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

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

Ingham County Fair - Fair opens at noon, carnival opens at 1 p.m. Tethered hot air balloon rides from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Grandstand. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. fair.ingham.org.

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JazzFest Michigan Kickoff Concert, with Clique Vocals - 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org/jazzfest-schedule.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Global Village (variety), opener School of Rock - Free. 7 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park Salt Shed, 201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

Lansing Live! Open Stage Night - Whether you're experienced or just starting, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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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. reachstudio-art.org.

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

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Slick Jimmy ('80s) - 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: AJ and the Drifters (classic rock) - 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.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Dave Bennett Quartet (variety) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.gladi.org.

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

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

A bright and balanced butter chicken bowl

BY NICOLE NOECHEL

When I covered the opening of Lansing Shuffle in early 2023, I was wowed by its simple yet chic decor, variety of cuisine options and relatively low drink prices. I expected myself to return frequently to explore all the restaurants and check out the entertainment offerings, but, as someone who's only been living in the area for a year and a half, I found myself patronizing various other new-to-me eateries instead.

Flash forward to last Saturday (July 20), when I found myself ravenous in downtown Lansing between a trip to Music Manor and a double feature at NCG. It was warm and sunny, and I knew Lansing Shuffle's patio would provide an ideal space to enjoy the weather over a cold beverage while simultaneously satiating my hunger.

Once I arrived, my first task was selecting which restaurant to order from. Walking past the brightly col-



Butter chicken bowl

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Plain naan

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ored storefronts, I noticed Yeti Kitchen had displays of its dishes on its counter, and the butter chicken bowl looked too good to pass up. For \$15, if the portion size matched up to the display, I knew I was looking at a new go-to order.

Since each restaurant notifies you with a text when your food is ready, I made my way to the bar for a summery cocktail. The vodka-infused strawberry lemonade I ended up with was cool and refreshing, and I enjoyed sucking up

the muddled strawberries at the bottom of the cup with my straw while I people-watched on the patio.

After picking up my food, the process of which was incredibly painless, I headed back out to the patio to dig in. The portion size did match the display, leaving me with way more food than I could consume in one sitting, but that's what I was hoping for.

The curry, loaded with large pieces of tender, flavorful chicken, was some of the best I've ever had. The sauce was rich and creamy as I expected, but there was a hint of lemongrass that brightened the overall flavor, a sensation I haven't experienced from other butter chicken dishes. The spice level was mild, which was fine by me since the weather was already hot enough. The fresh slaw piled atop the rice provided some welcome freshness and crunchiness, and the rice itself was tender and aromatic.

I also ordered a side of plain naan, which was noticeably fresh and pillowy, with a smattering of crispy, browned bubbles on the surface. It was a bit sweeter than other naan I've had, but I'm not complaining. It was the perfect vehicle for my leftover sauce once I'd finished the chicken.

In my opinion, Lansing Shuffle is the perfect summer hangout spot.



Nicole Noechel/City Pulse

Lansing Shuffle's patio provides the ideal space to soak up the sun while enjoying a refreshing cocktail and a heaping Nepalese meal.

There's bound to be a dish for even the pickiest of eaters, and when you're finished with your meal, there's plenty more to do, from soaking up the sun on the patio to playing a round of shuffleboard to besting your friends in a "Mario Kart" tournament on the free game consoles. While I would definitely recommend Yeti Kitchen, I'm excited to try all the other options when I make my return, which will definitely come sooner than last time.

Easy-peasy Caprese

By ARI LEVAUX

The brief, glorious moment when tomatoes are everywhere marks the culinary apex of summer. This moment is especially fleeting for heirloom tomatoes, the high-maintenance wing of the tomato clan. Too watery and delicate to preserve, heirlooms can only be enjoyed raw. Which means they must be enjoyed now.

Heirlooms have shorter shelf lives than "normal" hybrid tomatoes, and they're harder to grow and less productive, making them more expen-

sive. The heirlooms at my local farmers market are worth every penny. I've been a big spender all summer, but my own patch is finally starting to ripen.

These aren't the lipstick-red, perfectly round slicers you'd put on a sandwich or the dense paste tomatoes I'll simmer into large batches of sauce in a few weeks. Heirlooms come in as many shapes as clouds and as many colors as the rainbow, with mildly tangy flavors and sweet, earthy aromas.

I keep my heirlooms closer than my friends or enemies, usually on a large plate but not in a pile so I can keep track of which ones are soft. I don't

refrigerate or cook my heirlooms. They're for room-temperature enjoyment only.

I can't think of a more delicious way to enjoy a summer heirloom — and summer itself — than a plate of Caprese, the Italian salad that pairs a slice of tomato with a slice of mozzarella and a leaf or two of basil. These accompaniments flatter the heirloom like lime and salt complete a shot of tequila, and they're just as intoxicating. Beyond this three-ingredient Caprese quorum, most renditions include salt, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, either red or white. I prefer white because it's just as aromatic but less dominant.

Call me crazy, but I prefer tucking the basil between the tomato and the cheese. On top of the tomato, the ba-



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To add more vibrancy to your Caprese salad, try using both purple and green basil or different-colored tomatoes.

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sil leaf deflects the oil, salt and vinegar, blocking the proper flavor from developing.

After a week of studying, preparing, consuming and obsessing about Caprese, my garden was depleted, so I went to the farmers market to buy more ingredients. While gathering bunches of basil from a vendor I barely knew, Jamie Drysdale of Blue Coyote Farm in Stevensville, Montana, I heard him mention that I looked like a man with Caprese on his mind.

Since Jamie was so tuned in to the Caprese wavelength, I asked how he serves it at home.

He mixes purple and green basil, along with different-colored tomatoes. It makes a more colorful plate, he noted. He's also a stickler for balsamic reduction. He likes the syrupy consistency, how it sticks to the cheese and tomatoes and doesn't run off.

To make your own balsamic reduction, simply heat red or white balsamic in a heavy-bottomed saucepan until it's reduced by at least half. Some recipes call for sweetener, but I find it sweet enough.

Caprese is usually served as a tower-

Heirloom tomato juice

It's a salad that sips like a soup — and a great way to utilize heirlooms that are too ripe for anything else.

Serves four

Two English cucumbers, cut into 1/2-inch rounds
One-fourth of a sweet onion, cut into 1/8-inch slices
3 cups chopped heirloom tomatoes
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon salt

Add the cucumbers to a bowl along with 2 teaspoons of salt and the onion, teasing the slices apart into individual crescents. Toss. Add the tomatoes, oil and balsamic and toss again. Taste and add the remainder of the salt if needed.

Wait about 20 minutes for the juices to get flowing. It happens so fast that you can see it with the naked eye. Serve in bowls. When the chunks are done, sip the juice from the bowls.

ing pile, but you can also chop the basil, mozzarella and tomato into utensil-sized bits and sprinkle them with salt, olive oil and some kind of balsamic — red, white or reduced.

Fresh mozzarella is about as cheap as fresh heirloom tomatoes. Unless you have a cow, a cheese shop or a trust fund, your Caprese consumption might be limited by your budget. If you don't have the funds or just need a new way to express your heirloom addiction, above is a recipe for a salad called heirloom tomato juice. It's as refreshing as a bowl of gazpacho and requires only a fraction of the prep time.

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