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by TOM TOMORROW

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**BIDEN DROPPING OUT IS VERY UNFAIR TO ME**

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# PULSE NEWS & OPINION

## What's behind BWL's sixth rate increase request in seven years

Lansing Board of Water and Light customer Paul Wozniak has grown weary of utility rate increases.

Since 2018, his combined electric and water bill has risen every year aside from 2021. Starting this fall, he may have to shell out an average of \$10.95 more per month.

"My family of three live on a pretty tight budget on a single income. We can't afford a \$10 per month rate increase, and I know we are not the only people in the Lansing area for whom this would be beyond our means," he said.

Wozniak recently heard about the BWL's plan to consider a two-year rate increase. If approved by the BWL Board of Commissioners, customers would be charged 6.95% more for electric, 9.23% for water, 9.75% for steam utility and 2% for chilled water starting Oct. 1.

Another bump would come in October 2025, with rates set to rise another 6% for electric, 9.16% for water, 9.75% for steam and 1.5% for chilled water.

Citizens had an opportunity to be heard in a public hearing at BWL's headquarters Tuesday. The board is expected to vote Aug. 27. It has the final word.

The "changes are primarily intended to cover increases in operating costs," Scott Taylor, BWL's director of accounting, finance and planning, told City Council members last week.

Part of the reason those overhead costs are higher, Taylor said, is inflation and new state energy standards that require utility companies to reach a 50% renewable energy status by 2030. The BWL has invested \$260 million toward the latter effort and is currently at 21% — with wind energy and solar power now accounting for 11% and 10% of its retail sales, respectively.

He noted that the average electricity customer, now paying about \$96 per month, would see an increase of about \$7 per bill, while the average water customer's bill would go from \$44 to about \$48.

The proposed electric rates alone



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Scores gather for a Lansing Board of Water & Light rate hearing Tuesday.

would bring in an additional \$38.7 million this year and next, he said. The water rate increase would add another \$10.5 million, while steam and chilled water would generate about \$2.1 million.

The BWL maintains that the higher rates "will partially offset increased costs of operating and maintaining" its energy systems. But customers like Wozniak expressed fatigue after the BWL already handed down increases in five of the last six years. Electric rates went up 3% each year from 2018 through 2020, and by 2.05% in 2022 and 2023. Water rates increased by 5.5% in 2018, 7.5% in 2019 and 2020 and 9.5% in 2022 and 2023.

Another BWL customer, who asked that her name not be printed, wrote an email to City Pulse outlining her fears. She called the increases "extortion."

"I'm a retiree with a disabled child. Trying to make ends meet is incredibly hard, and the proposed rate increase will make it so I have to cut other expenses," she said. "I had an energy audit done this summer, and my home came out as energy efficient. I try not to run any major appliances during peak hours, but my

bill still keeps increasing."

Capital Area Friends of the Environment mounted a campaign encouraging BWL ratepayers to attend Tuesday's public rate hearing.

The group's president, Randy Dykhuis, has spoken against the increases because he believes the BWL hasn't provided "any real rationale" for them.

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that inflation was 3% from June 2023 through June 2024. Energy prices increased even less, coming in at a 1% increase for the year," he explained. "It's incumbent on the BWL to demonstrate why they need these increases when inflation is low and trending downward, particularly when a significant percentage of area residents have low to moderate incomes."

Dykhuis also isn't sold on the idea that renewable energy standards were a primary driver of the BWL's proposal.

"The majority of the cost for their Clean Energy Plan is going toward the natural gas RICE plant" it plans to build in Delta Township for \$171 million. RICE is a type of engine with quick startup and shut-off times. BWL's general manager, Dick Peffley,

has said the engines will only be used when green sources of energy are low.

"We think they could be doing a much better job of moving towards renewables than that," Dykhuis said.

However, Dykhuis noted that the "BWL is not evil."

They do a lot of good things in the community. For example, when I bought an electric car, I got a \$1,000 rebate from them to install a charger in my garage. I don't think any of the other utilities do that, and I've also heard from solar installers that they're one of the easiest utilities to work with," he said.

"On the other hand, they are very opaque for a public utility," he added. "It's a black box, and they don't provide very much information about what they're doing and why."

Not all BWL customers feel the same.

Brandon McGhan said he believes the proposed rates are consistent with the expected costs of shifting toward renewable energy sources.

"It sucks, but it's the cost of going green," he said. "Coal is cheaper for multiple reasons, but for BWL to get funding and stay positive in the public eye, they have to go green. Green is good, but it costs a lot, and people don't realize that."

Peffley said that while "eliminating fossil fuels from the repertoire of energy production" is still the goal, it may take some time to achieve because renewable energy storage technology hasn't reached a point to where it can retain excess wind or solar power for long periods of time.

"The time will come when that goal can be achieved without sacrificing reliability or affordability in favor of sustainability, but it is not here yet," Peffley said. "In the meantime, the BWL will continue to look out for the best interests of all customers with an eye towards new technology options and continued focus on a balanced approach to providing services."

— TYLER SCHNEIDER



NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES  
AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

**DATE:** September 5, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s Office  
707 Buhl Avenue  
Mason, MI 48854

**QUESTIONS:** (517) 676-8395  
[drainoffice@ingham.org](mailto:drainoffice@ingham.org)

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the Drainage District boundaries and/ or for a review of the apportionment of benefits for the Drains listed below. Maps of the current Drainage District boundaries – and the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions, if necessary – may be found on the Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s website at: [drain.ingham.org](http://drain.ingham.org).

Day of Review of Apportionments (Only)

Drain ID#	Drain Name	Municipalities
B28-02	BUTTON: PONDEROSA BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
B31-00	BLUE-SPOTTED SALAMANDER DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP; DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
B32-00	BELL DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
C17-00	CLUCKEY DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
C32-00	COUNTRY CROSSROADS DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
C46-00	CHERRY RIDGE NO. 2 DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
E04-00	ECKHART DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
F31-00	FARMINGTON NO. 2 DRAIN	LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G03-08	GILBERT, CARDINAL BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G03-09	GILBERT DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT, HOUGHTON HEIGHTS BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G03-11	GILBERT, HORSTMAYER ESTATES BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G03-12	GILBERT, HOUGHTON HOLLOW BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G12-13	GREEN CONSOLIDATED DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP; CITY OF LANSING
H08-00	HARTWELL DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP
H72-00	HIDEAWAY WOODS DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP; WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
K05-00	KIERSTEAD DRAIN	CITY OF EAST LANSING; MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

L10-00	LEWIS DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP
L21-00	LAKE O'THE HILLS DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
M06-00	MEAD DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP
M42-00	MATTHEW DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
M47-00	MEADOW DALE DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP; CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
N12-00	NILSON DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
P10-00	POLLIWOG MARSH DRAIN	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP; VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
P14-00	PRIMEAU DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP; MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP; WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP; WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
P24-03	PINE LAKE OUTLET, CREST WOOD BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
P24-04	NORTH BRANCH OF PINE LAKE OUTLET DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
P26-00	PONDEROSA DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP; MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
P48-00	PINE KNOLL ESTATES DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
R01-00	RABY DRAIN	CITY OF EAST LANSING; MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
R11-00	REYNOLDS INTERCOUNTY DRAIN	CITY OF LANSING
S06-00	SEARLS DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP
S07-00	SEYMOUR DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP; VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE
S08-00	SHAFER EXTENSION DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP; CITY OF MASON; VEVAY TOWNSHIP
S09-00	SHEARER DRAIN	BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP
S10-00	SHEPARD DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP; WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP
S13-00	SIMPSON DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
S16-00	SLOAN CREEK DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP; CITY OF LANSING; MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP; WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
S39-00	SWIFT DRAIN	CITY OF MASON; VEVAY TOWNSHIP
S61-00	SKYLINE DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
T21-00	TWYCKINGHAM DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
T26-00	TIMBER MEADOWS SOUTH DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
W28-00	WRIGHT & POTTER DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP



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W68-00	WOODLAND ESTATES DRAIN	DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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A licensed professional engineer has recommended lands be added or removed from certain Drainage Districts listed below, and a general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts is as follows:

Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments

Drain ID#	Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added/Removed
E16-00	EAST GATE DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP	29
H09-00	HATHAWAY DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP	23, 26
I06-00	INDIAN LAKES DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP	20, 28, 29
R03-00	RANKEY DRAIN	CITY OF EAST LANSING	23, 24, 25
		CITY OF LANSING	23, 25, 26

Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries (Only)

Drain ID#	Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added/Removed
H21-00	HERRON CREEK DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17
		CITY OF EAST LANSING	19
		CITY OF LANSING	5, 29, 32
		MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP	20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

The Drain Commissioner, engineers, and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. Written statements may be mailed or emailed to the Drain Commissioner at the postal or email address listed above. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner before the date of the meeting to ensure consideration.

The computation of costs for the Drains and the tentative apportionments against the parcels and municipalities within the Drainage Districts will be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges. Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted in writing before the date of the meeting to review the apportionment or may be submitted in writing or orally at the review.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office at the phone number listed above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the Drainage District boundaries to the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days after the decision is entered, and you may appeal the determination of apportionments to the Ingham County Probate Court within ten (10) days after the Day of Review.

Patrick Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

August 15, 2024

CP#24-623

# Efforts start to decide if old Eastern should be declared historic district

Lansing’s Historic District Commission is expected to take the next step Friday in its effort to persuade the City Council to study whether to declare old Eastern High School a historic district.

The commission voted 5-0 last week to ask the Council to create a study committee on whether old Eastern qualifies as a historic district. On Friday, the commission will conduct a special meeting with members of the city’s planning office and City Attorney’s Office to determine how to word a resolution to submit to the Council. The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St.

Declaring the nearly 100-year-old landmark a historic district would mean that University of Michigan Health-Sparrow would have to locate its proposed \$95.2 million, 120-bed psychiatric hospital elsewhere. UM-Sparrow wants to tear down old Eastern and replace it with the new facility. Alumni, eastsiders and preservationists are among those who have objected. They contend that UM-Sparrow has many other options, which UM-Sparrow disputes.

If Council approves the commission’s request, Mayor Andy Schor would appoint members to the study committee with Council’s approval.

According to the city’s Historic Districts ordinance, the majority of its members shall have “a clearly demonstrated interest in or a knowledge of historic preservation.”

One issue the commission needs to resolve is whether establishing a study committee alone

is sufficient to protect old Eastern. The ordinance also allows the City Council to declare an emergency moratorium on the proposed district if it finds that “pending work will cause irreparable harm to one or more resources within an established historic district,” the ordinance says. UM-Sparrow has said it wants to give away lights, chairs and other interior features.

Once approved, a study committee would have at least six months to carry out its charge. Council could vote again to extend it up to one year.

Study committee members would review the proposed area and the historic resources it may include. In doing so, they’ll create a photographic inventory

of the site and determine the significance of those resources in accordance with criteria established by the United States interior secretary for the National Register of Historic Places.

Using that information, the committee is required to compose a preliminary report within 180 days. That report would be shared with and reviewed by the Lansing Planning Board, the Michigan Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Members would also be required to hold a public hearing on the plan within 60 days of releasing the report.

Within one year of sharing the report with those groups, the committee and Council members will work on crafting a final report, which would include the committee’s recommendation on whether the site should become a historic district. If members agree to proceed with the process, the final report would also feature proposed ordinances to formally establish the district.

According to city ordinance, a historic district is a “geographically defined area, or group of areas, that contains a resource or a group of resources that are related by history, architecture, archeology, engineering or culture.”

The city has 11 historic districts, with the most recent addition Central United Methodist Church District in June 2017. The first pair, established in 1990, were the Cherry Hill and Ottawa/Walnut Street districts. The city added the Darius B. Moon House District in 2001, followed by the Arbaugh Building, Mutual Build-

ing and Prudden/Motor Wheel Factory districts in 2005, the Ranney Building District in 2006, the Ottawa Street Station District in 2008 and the Marshall Street Armory and Knapp Building districts in 2011.

The effort to add Eastern High School to that list is the latest step in a community effort to save the property from demolition.

U of M Health bought Sparrow Health in 2022 and merged the two systems. Sparrow bought the school in 2016 for about \$2.5 million, and the Lansing School District ceased using it for classes in 2019. It’s been vacant since.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

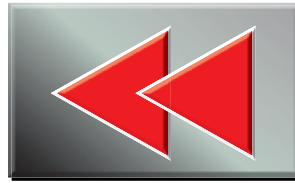
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Email Lansing City Council at [city.council@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.council@lansingmi.gov) whether you favor or oppose creating a committee to study whether to declare old Eastern High School a historic district.



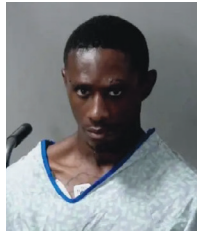
# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



**Rashad Trice, 27, of Lansing, was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole for the 2023 murder of 2-year-old Wynter Cole-Smith.** He was also given a concurrent sentence of 60 to 90 years for assaulting Wynter's mother, Symari Cole. Trice pleaded guilty in July to first-degree murder and criminal sexual conduct. Trice sexually assaulted and stabbed his former girlfriend and kidnapped Wynter from Lansing in July 2023. He murdered the toddler before resisting arrest and being apprehended in St. Clair Shores. Wynter was discovered in a Detroit alley after a three-day search.



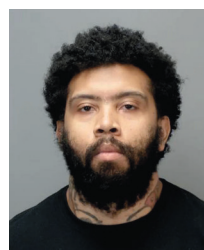
ciation. The final meeting will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 11 a.m. Sept. 7 with the East Sycamore Park Neighborhood.

**McLaren Health Care confirmed Saturday that recent outages and problems at facilities across Michigan, which began Aug. 5, resulted from a ransomware attack and said they will likely continue through this month.** It said the attack is impacting information technology systems across its 13 hospitals, Karmanos cancer centers, surgery centers and clinics. It added that the incident is contained, but access to certain McLaren systems remains limited.

**Eaton County Clerk Diana Bosworth has formally asked the Circuit Court to determine whether Will Pitylak, the 2024 Democratic drain commissioner candidate, is eligible for election.** He won on August primary, running uncontested, while sitting Drain Commissioner Richard Wagner won unopposed on the Republican ticket. Last month, Wagner notified Bosworth's office that Pitylak had not filed campaign finance reports since 2021 or 2022, based on an affidavit of identity that Pitylak filed in April along with his \$100 filing fee to run. Pitylak lost the 2020 Democratic primary for the position to Branden Dyer, who lost to Wagner.

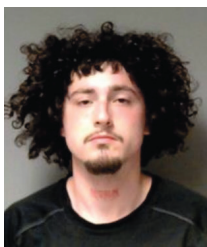


**Quintiene Campbell, 34, was sentenced Wednesday to concurrent terms of 31.25 years to 55 years in prison for first-degree child abuse and second-degree murder for killing 6-year-old Levy Robinson of Holt in 2020.** The minimum sentence was part of a plea deal in which Campbell pleaded no contest. In exchange, prosecutors dismissed an open murder charge, four counts of first-degree child abuse and one count of third-degree child abuse. Campbell beat the youth while his mother, Campbell's girlfriend, was at work. Robison died two weeks later, after his family took him off life support.

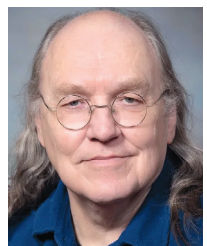


**The Lansing Charter Commission was set to launch a series of public meetings Tuesday (Aug 21) to get feedback from community members on the city's charter.** The first was to be held at the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center. The next one is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Letts Community Center with the Westside Neighborhood Association. The Allen Neighborhood Center will host the third meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 3 with the Eastside Neighborhood Association.

**Jacob Floyd Curtis, 25, pleaded no contest Wednesday to manslaughter and armed robbery in the May 2023 shooting death of Lewis Hill in Lansing's Reutter Park.** He did so with an agreement he will get a fixed minimum sentence of 15 years in prison during his Sept. 23 sentencing before Ingham Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk. His co-defendant, Kelley Tyrone Whitt, 59, was scheduled for trial Monday. Both defendants initially were charged with open murder, armed robbery and several weapons counts in connection with the shooting. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss the remaining charges against Curtis as part of the plea deal.



**Valentino Wallace, 22, of Lansing, was convicted in federal court last week on charges that he had an illegal machine gun, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. Wallace had modified a 9 mm Glock handgun with a switch that converted it to fire continuously.** Lansing police had been surveilling Wallace as part of a shooting investigation and arrested him in February 2023, finding the loaded pistol with extended magazine and a switch. He has been jailed since July 2023. A sentencing date was not announced.



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**818 Mahlon St., Lansing**

A reader wrote to bring attention to this 1,030-square-foot home on Lansing's north side with missing front steps and a collapsed porch roof. The one-bedroom, one-bath house was built in 1895 and has been owned by Linda Tune since she bought it from Robert Olson for \$39,900 in 2002. Tune died in 2015, but she did not transfer ownership to a family member, and the home remains in her name. Troubles began in 2017 when the city's Code Compliance Office hit the property for construction work without a permit, failure to register as a rental property and non-compliance. In 2022, it was cited for its crumbling exterior, and in 2023 the owner was penalized once more for not having proper rental documentation in place. The building was declared unsafe and red-tagged in April. Tune's family or estate owes at least \$1,922.69 worth of unpaid property taxes. Efforts to contact a relative of 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](mailto:eye@lansingcitypulse.com) or call in a nomination at 517-999-5061.



# Michigan Republicans’ historic collapse nearing completion — thanks to Trump

If you can name all eight state Board of Education members without googling it, you are better than I.

What I can tell you is that the Democratic Party is on the doorstep of winning every single board seat, something that hasn’t happened since the Michigan Constitution expanded it to eight members back in 1964.

Tom McMillin and Nikki Snyder are the last two Republicans elected to the Board of Education. They both came in during Donald Trump’s surprise 2016 win in Michigan.

Since then, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has won by nearly 10 points twice. Joe Biden knocked off Trump. In all three elections, Democratic candidates won the available seats on the Board of Education, the results of which political pundits use to construct their political base numbers.

This year, McMillin and Snyder’s fortunes are again tied to Trump, and things suddenly aren’t looking all that great for him.

Trump hasn’t led in a Michigan poll in a month, and the gap seems to be getting wider as Democratic nominee Kamala Harris’ surge gradually grows.

How significant would ANOTHER win for Democrats be this November? Historically significant.

Republicans have gone from controlling every lever of state government to controlling nothing in six years. Lose again? Four straight election cycles of striking out at the top of the ticket?

It’s happened, but not like this. Republicans always were able to score a Board of Education seat or a seat on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. For example, even when Jennifer Granholm won the governor’s seat in 2002, Republicans did well.

Even in the post-Watergate 1970s, Republicans were always able to pick up a seat or two on the Board of Education. Then-Gov. Bill Milliken was able to carry a couple of Board of Education candidates over the finish line.

In 1964, eight seats of the reconstructed state Board of Education were put on the ballot in staggered terms. Two two-year terms, two four-year terms, two six-year terms and two eight-year terms were all on the ballot together.



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Unfortunately for Republicans, 1964 was when they picked Barry Goldwater to go up against President Lyndon Johnson. The GOP took a bath, losing all eight Board of Education seats. But in 1966, George Romney was back on the ballot and the Republicans won back two seats.

It’s been back and forth since. Republicans win a couple. Democrats win a couple.

With Donald Trump leading the Republican Party, Democrats have won a lot in Michigan while Republicans haven’t won as much as they once did.

The collapse of the Republican Party in Michigan is nearing completion. Democrats are on the verge of picking every single member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees if Trustee Dan Kelly loses this November, something that hasn’t happened since before 1960.

The reason lies at the feet of Donald Trump.

For as beloved as he is to some people, Trump has never been a favorite of the clear majority of Michiganders. He won Michigan in 2016 with 47.5 percent of the vote. In 2020, it was 47.84%. The Republican gubernatorial nominees in 2022 and 2018 — both of whom Trump endorsed — did much worse.

It’s baffling to watch establishment Republicans in Michigan bend over backward to praise Trump or justify his bad behavior when the guy has done literally nothing but spur nasty divisions and losses in this state.

The Republicans have lost the Governor’s Office, the secretary of state position, the Attorney General’s Office and majorities in the House and Senate and on the Supreme Court.

Now, if they lose again, they’ll have zero members on the Board of Education, zero members on the MSU Board, one member of the eight-member University of Michigan Board of Regents and one member of the eight-member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

At that point, Republicans may question where they go from there. Fortunately for them, they could only go up.

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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

### PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING STARTS AT 6 PM

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Chester Hodges located at 512 Hillcrest Ave. The applicant is requesting installation of a mini-split system exterior pipe.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Dianne Watchulonis located at 453 Kensington Rd. The applicant is requesting to reface the cinderblock portion of the foundation with Dundee Deco 3d wall panel brick, repair the front porch posts and door frame, replace a portion of the concrete driveway with brick, add a pendant light on the front porch, add a fixed light to the garage front to match the house light, restore the window opening on the right side of the garage with original six lite wood window, install wood pergola awning on the garage face, install wood pergola on the back deck.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Victor Smolyanov located at 704 Sunset Ln. The applicant is requesting to replace the diamond pattern and cedar shake shingled roof with architectural shingles.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Randell Hitts located at 647 Sunset Ln. The applicant is requesting to install a wood deck on the back of the house.
5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Alan Ross located at 231 Center St. The applicant is requesting to install a wood casement egress window.
6. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Jianjun Chen located at 241 N. Harrison Rd. The applicant is requesting replacement of eight slider vinyl windows with new single hung divided lite vinyl windows.
7. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Irish Roofing located at 520 Ann Street. The applicant is requesting to replace asphalt and cedar shake shingles with architectural shingles.
8. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Prudence Fowler located at 1023 W. Grand River. The applicant is requesting to replace the front wood porch.
9. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Sherriff Goslin located at 710 Sunset Ln. The applicant is requesting to replace the diamond pattern shingled roof with architectural shingles.
10. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Beta Xi House Corp of Delta Gamma located at 365 N. Harrison St. The applicant is requesting replacement of the third-floor gable vent with a vinyl egress window.
11. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Granite Construction located at 143 Kensington Rd. The applicant is requesting to install a wood casement egress window.

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

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

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

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

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Bob Baldori (left) and David Small, friends since their teenage years, have teamed up on “The Boogie Kings,” a political newsletter.

# A new beat

## Old friends team up on a political newsletter

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

Bob Baldori and David Small met as teenagers in Detroit in the late 1950s. Baldori, a musician who has performed worldwide, and Small, a successful illustrator, each tells their friendship’s origin story, emphasizing the other’s talent. While Baldori, 81, remembers how he and Small were “nuts for comic books,” Small, 79, recalls Baldori’s gift for the piano.

“He had a piano in the basement of his parents’ house and I was taking jazz lessons, so he asked me to play something,” Small said. “I played a complicated riff that I’d memorized, and Bob said, ‘Do that again.’ I did, and then he sat down and duplicated what I had just played, note for note. I was absolutely gobsmacked. I had never met anybody with a real musical imagination like that. I resolved to give up the piano and concentrate on something I was really good at,” continued Small, with a laugh. “It was the beginning of a very long friendship.”

The two men say their friendship paused between



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The artist at work: David Small illustrating digitally in his home studio.

their teenage years and mid-’60s as two uniquely creative and successful lives unfolded. Baldori founded the Woolies band at Michigan State University, which hit it big with Bo Diddley’s song “Who

Do You Love?” Baldori, a keyboardist, went on to work with Chuck Berry before becoming an entertainment lawyer in the 1980s, then released a documentary and toured internationally as one-half of the Boogie Kings in the 2000s. Small became a go-to illustrator at The New Yorker, won a Caldecott award in 2001, and published the award-winning graphic novels “Stitches” in 2009 and “Home After Dark” in 2018, now banned in Missouri and Florida.

Encouragingly, both men developed these long and successful artistic careers without uprooting from their home state.

“I’m a Michigan guy,” said Baldori, who lives in Meridian Township, “Even in the late 1960s, I thought the world had changed enough to the point where you could operate remotely. New York and L.A. were the centers for the music and entertainment business, and I was connected in those places. But the other side of it is that you can’t be in

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those places without getting watered down.” Baldori described his brand of boogie-woogie as “the story of the Midwest,” detailing how the music started in Texas and New Orleans before coming up the Mississippi and through Chicago. For Baldori, there’s no place like home. “Michigan is the best place to live in the world,” he said, “except in January and February.”

The invention of the fax machine allowed Small, who lives in a village south of Kalamazoo, to work as a successful illustrator while maintaining his Michigan roots. “Back before the internet, before cell phones, I really was convinced that one needed to go to New York to be successful,” he said, “But as it turned out, even back then, the artists that I met and the illustrators that I knew in New York were pretty much fleeing the scene. I’d had some editorial cartoons in The New York Times and an agent in New York.

I got a pretty permanent gig with The New Yorker. It didn’t pay very well, but it was exciting work, and I could do it from my Michigan home.”

Fast forward 50 years, and the pair can’t remember how they reconnected in the 2010s. But they’ve kept in closer touch over the past decade.

This year, they’ve teamed up on a new, creative collaboration: The Boogie Kings Newsletter. It’s a two-to-three-time post-per-week Substack newsletter by Baldori, with illustrations by Small. Although initially conceived as a project about music, movies and even gardening, the newsletter focuses on how the media covers national politics with pithy paragraphs and colorful cartooning.


Over the past few years, Baldori said he has been reinvigorating his web presence and social media channels. “My daughter made me aware of Substack,” he said, “She set it up for me so I could just hit ‘Publish.’ One day, I got upset about something I saw on the news and just vented there.”



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“The closer Trump has come to actually getting reelected,” Small said, “the more nervous I’ve become.”

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The notorious republican shill Peggy Noonan (about which more another time) pontificates: “She has one great advantage, she’s a very beautiful woman. You can’t take a bad picture of her. Her beauty, plus the social warmth that all who have known her over the years speak of, combines to produce: radiance. It is foolish to make believe this doesn’t matter.”

Bozo’s response: “I am much better looking than her,” Bozo said. “I’m a better looking person than Kamala.”

More evidence for the commitment file. Pancake makeup, the fright wig and the farinaceous cheeks are not exactly a good look.

Then there is that weight issue which Bozo is too old to correct.

“They will say he’s rambling. I don’t ramble. I’m a really smart guy,” he said, rambling stupidly.

Did someone say “Dementia”?

A dumpster fire that just won’t go out.

Last night I attempted to watch the unwatchable republican convention. It is a disgusting attempt to create an alternate universe, where up is down and black is white. You have to wonder why any of the MSM, including CNN, would broadcast this other-worldly fantasy without constant disclaimers. None of this is real, yet it is being foisted on the electorate and made to look credible by a relentless, billion dollar propaganda apparatus.

J.D. Vance? What is the over/under on when he turns on Bozo? He already knows, and has stated publicly, that he is dealing with a nut case. It’s only a matter of time.

Thanks for reading The Boogie Kings Newsletter! Subscribe for free to receive new posts and support my work.

And there is Bozo in the wings with his ear patch, as his dystopian vision of the US is hammered out by his sycophants to his adoring cult. Time to switch to TCM or a sporting event, as nausea is setting in.

The assassination attempt in no way negates Bozo’s unfitness for ANY office.

First, and most obvious, no one is more singularly responsible for inciting this type of behavior than Bozo. He has generated more hate than anybody in the history of the White House. And so, because up is down and black is white, blame Biden.

He has been found guilty of 34 felonies, each in the furtherance of his corrupt effort to undermine a free and fair election - the bedrock of



democracy. He bribed both a porn star he was screwing, as well as a playmate he had an affair with, as part of his corruption of the 2016 election - which he probably would have otherwise lost. And everyone - even his cult followers - knows he did it. All of it.

He is an admitted serial sexual predator with a conviction for the equivalent of rape and a penalty of over \$150 million- along with claims by over 21 other women - many under oath, of sexual harassment including rape. He has been found guilty of 27 fraud counts and fined close to half a billion dollars and barred from doing business in NYC because he is so corrupt. Then there are the six bankruptcies along with three other serious indictments - all of which he is stone cold guilty. And that is just a partial description of the many reasons - each of them dispositive - that he shouldn’t be allowed anywhere near the Oval Office again.

Oh yeah - he really is Putin’s Puppy and out to destroy the US and everything it stands for. There is that.

Anyone who supports him has serious mental health issues. See DSM-5, Delusional. It’s clinical. They believe things contrary to easily ascertainable facts.

And so the turmoil continues. Sentencing Sep 11. A reality check? Stay tuned.



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"It was around the time that the Supreme Court elevated Trump to the position of king," said Small, referencing this year's argument in *Trump v. United States* that limits a president's liability for actions in office. "Bob saw an illustration that I had posted on Facebook, and he asked to use it. That was the beginning." Baldori shared the newsletter with some of his closest confidants, who encouraged him to keep posting.

Baldori and Small have an easy working relationship. Sometimes, the newsletter starts with a vent from Baldori; other times, Small has a sketch or an image that he'll send to Baldori for a reaction. "David and I — our brains are linked," Baldori said. "Partly because we go back 60 years."

"Bob is much more aware of what's going on in the world," Small said, "When he sends an idea, it's fun to try to put it into visual form and visual metaphor. I'm not a writer, I'm not a thinker, but we make a good pair." Of his political cartooning, Small said, "You try to get the whole scene without using text. A good visual image gets past all the guard towers and straight into the heart."

Baldori said he is writing the newsletter to push back on "the delusional framework of false equivalence," he said, "It's the idea that a flat-earther is given the same amount of credibility as a real scientist. It degenerates into a shouting match, and it's a nightmare of chaos. The media creates this framework that is totally delusional."

Before 1987, the Federal Communications Commission had a policy called the Fairness Doctrine, which required broadcast license holders to present controversial issues of public interest and spend time reflecting fairly on different viewpoints. The FCC abolished the doctrine in 1987 while Ronald Reagan was president. Some scholars see that as a contributing factor in America's political polarization ever since. Baldori said that for Americans under 40 (over 160 million people and more than half the population of the United States), the time before false balance,

known colloquially as "bothside-sism," is hard to imagine.

"It's not news, it's not even opinion, it's straight-up propaganda," said Baldori, describing the changes in the mainstream media landscape over the past 30 years. "Big money took over talk radio and started burying the country. Once you know what it is, you see right through it. But there's millions of people buying into it, and that's why Trump is so popular."

Small described his political concerns as firmly rooted in his position as an artist, "The closer Trump has come to actually getting reelected, the more nervous I've become. I've read up on Nazi Germany and the way things developed there, and I've kept an eye on Russia and the way things have been developing there."

He relayed the story of Sasha Skochilenko, 33, who was sentenced to seven years in a Russian prison for distributing antiwar messages. "It suddenly struck me that the same thing could happen to anybody making disloyal comments about Trump. My whole life could change just because of some drawings," Small said. "I'm sure it is very egotistical, self-centered and solipsistic that I, here in Michigan, might be fingered for disloyalty to our great leader. But such things have happened throughout history."

Baldori said he doesn't think the newsletter will change anyone's mind about voting for Trump, that's not why he's writing it, saying, "I'm doing this because people get buried with propaganda and they don't have time or the resources to respond. I have the resources to let the sane people know that other sane people are out there. They're not alone."

But Small hasn't given up hope, "I have intuitions about these people, and the only way I can express them is through my medium, drawing. If my caricatures could help change even a couple of people's minds, that would be good."

As a lawyer, Baldori doesn't mince words when it comes to his point of view about the media coverage and the former president's convictions.

"The courtroom is where facts matter," says Baldori. "Election interference and free speech are concepts that work on the public, but Bozo's been convicted of 34 felonies, every

his sites to Mr. Walz.

It turns out Tim had a DUI arrest 30 years ago and paid his fine. And Walz also inadvertently uttered the phrase "in war" during a conversation about automatic weapons. Apparently that's a deal breaker for Mr. Lacivita.

If Walz had been convicted of the equivalent of rape, had 34 felony convictions for corruption of an election, 27 fraud convictions and was barred from doing business in NY and generally behaved like an incompetent sociopath — that would be OK. But that DUI is too much.

And of course to even raise the issue of military service exhibits breathtaking chutzpah when you consider the facts.

Candidate Captain Bozo Bonespurs dodged the draft, never served, and labels those who do "suckers" and "losers" while continuing to disparage military service. And that of course in addition to his criminal history.

But hey... Hillary's emails!!!



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Baldori (right) and Small met as teenagers in Detroit in the 1950s. They were "nuts for comic books," Baldori says.

single one of them in furtherance of an attempt to corrupt an election. It was a unanimous decision by a jury of his peers. Facts don't mean anything to him, but they mean something to a lawyer. That makes him guilty, and that makes him a felon. And if his supporters don't care that he's a felon, well, you're not living in a democracy. You're living in a fascist dictatorship."

When asked what the pair will do in November if Democrats win, Baldori said he'd like to write about other things. "I'm trying to get away

from politics, but the convention will pull me back in."

As for Small, he said, "Certainly, the great caricaturists never hesitate to go after anybody for infractions over what they think are the proper ways to govern. Obama used to get it from the liberal press when he overstepped. A true political caricaturist finds fodder whenever he looks, but I don't know if I'm the same. When Bob started this, he thought it could go towards music, film reviews, even gardening. And any of those would be a passion of mine."



Monday's yawn inducing, technically plagued conversation between two tone deaf billionaires, which was loaded with pratfalls worthy of the 3 stooges, has landed both of them in more legal trouble. Bozo's desperate attempt to push the Kamala juggernaut out of the news cycle blew up in his face like a loaded cigar.

Shawn Fein, the brilliant UAW leader on Tuesday filed federal labor charges with the National Labor Relations Board against former President Donald Trump and bromancing billionaire Elon Musk for publicly applauding the practice of firing employees who threaten to strike.

It is illegal to fire workers who threaten to strike, because the right to strike is protected under federal labor law.

Musk and Bozo pontificated themselves into yet another legal entanglement.

So tone deaf that they don't know

when they are breaking the law, which Bozo does routinely.

"I mean, I look at what you do," Bozo told Musk on Monday night. "You walk in, you say, 'You want to quit?' They go on strike. I won't mention the name of the company, but they go on strike, and you say, 'That's okay. You're all gone. You're all gone. So every one of you is gone.'"

Build a wall. Drill, baby, drill. Marxist, socialist something-something. Harris only recently became Black. Blah, blah, blah.

Stumbling and slurring through admissions like a true rapist of everything in sight - women, workers, the environment, couches...

Two rich weirdos few people like, including the hypocrites who will vote for Bozo anyway - see Nikki Haley, Bill Barr et al.

Bozo is totally off the rails and heading for a jump suit.



The wolves are out for the amiable VP nominee Tim Walz. Master propagandist Chris LaCivita, perpetrator of the deplorable "swiftboat" assassination of John Kerry, erstwhile and now current Bozo advisor has turned



# Business as usual: Two culprits in cannabis corruption case released early

By CHRIS SILVA

Anyone who has been paying attention to Michigan cannabis news, or even just news in general, can probably recall the recent corruption scandal that landed a former state senator and three others in federal prison. The case was pretty far-reaching, with The Detroit News calling it “the largest public corruption scandal to hit Michigan’s capital in 30 years.”

In 2017, former Republican state Sen. Rick Johnson was appointed by then-Gov. Rick Snyder to chair the state’s newly formed Medical Marijuana Licensing Board, the administrative board that was charged with overseeing the rollout of medical marijuana licenses.

After a long and widespread investigation by the FBI and U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Michigan, Johnson was found guilty of soliciting and accepting bribes from two cannabis lobbyists and a potential medical cannabis operator. He received more than \$100,000 worth of cash payments, flights on private aircraft, dinners, lunches and, in a dark but somewhat humorous twist, visits with a prostitute who was instructed to refer to the career politician as “Batman.”

It’s worth noting that the notion that there was corruption in the medical marijuana licensing process was pretty widely known and talked about before Johnson was convicted. The board held monthly meetings where it would debate the merits of potential licensees and vote on them one by one. These meetings had public comment periods, and almost every time, multiple people would accuse the board of wrongdoing.

In September 2023, Johnson was sentenced to 55 months in a federal facility in Minnesota. He asked for compassionate release, citing a long



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Cannabis lobbyist Vince Brown (left) and businessman John Dalaly were released early from federal prison after being convicted of bribing former Michigan Medical Marijuana Licensing Board Chair Rick Johnson. Brown was sentenced to 20 months in prison, and Dalaly was sentenced to 28 months, but they both served less than a year.



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list of health conditions, but his request was denied. He’s set to be in prison until 2027 and will likely stay there his full term, barring any major health conditions.

Johnson is many things, but it turns out a snitch isn’t one of them. He didn’t cooperate with the federal investigation and only implicated himself. An insider familiar with the federal system indicated that a culprit’s level of cooperation often has a big influence on early release.

The scheme also involved canna-

bis lobbyist Vince Brown, who was released from a low-security facility in Pennsylvania on Aug. 6. He served less than nine months of his 20-month sentence, an indication that he cooperated heavily with the feds’ investigation. He and his business partner, Brian Pierce, admitted to paying Johnson \$40,000 in bribes. The lobbyist was known to tell people he “owned the senator.”

Also walking around free is John Dalaly, an Oakland County businessman who operated two com-



panies that “were formed with the purpose of obtaining various operating licenses from the MMLB or exploring the licensing of a digital currency platform for medical marijuana financial transactions,” according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Michigan. Dalaly was released from his minimum-security prison in West Virginia about three weeks prior to Brown. He was convicted of paying about \$68,000 to Johnson over the course of his companies’ application processes.

The high stakes and insane early profits made the medical cannabis system ripe for corruption. These individuals represent what’s wrong and broken with our government. Access to power is often bought and sold — these guys are just the ones who got caught this time.

Most people know there’s probably an underlying level of political corruption, but this case was egregious in its scale and scope. It’s unacceptable that corrupt people are able to squirm out of their punishments, even if they were helpful to further investigations, while people like Danny Trevino are sitting in prison for selling cannabis. These men attacked our democracy and the very integrity of the institutions one of them claimed to devote his life to. The fact that any one of them is free early is a miscarriage of justice.

All in all, though, it’s business as usual: one set of consequences for the poor and people of color and one for the powerful, well-connected and wealthy.



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**Jasper**

is a cute little boston/bully mix who was adopted from us a few years ago. At some point his owner passed away and he ended up living in Ohio. They returned him to us because he was living in a crate for long hours. When he was originally adopted, he loved other dogs and was a play group rockstar. We don't know what he's gone through these past couple of years, but he was absolutely terrified when we tried to put him in a playgroup. He still loves people and is desperate for attention so we think he would do best in a home with an easy-going dog who will give him space or as an only dog with people who will give him the love and reassurance he needs. He's a short, chunky little guy who needs a second chance! All our adoptable dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption!

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**Mahito**

is a handsome young tabby who was found wandering as a stray by a kind family who took him in. Unfortunately, their cats did not care for him very much, so they brought him here. He's super outgoing and friendly and should do adjust quickly to his new home. He wants nothing more than a lap to snuggle in, someone to listen to his stories, a window to watch out, and he wouldn't say no to the occasional walk around the block (he does well on a leash and harness!) Most cats seem to find him obnoxious! He would love a playful friend but would be fine if his people had plenty of time to play with him. Mahito started out his life outdoors and is unfortunately FIV+. He isn't showing any symptoms and many FIV cats live perfectly normal lives. The risk to other cats is low but it is something to keep in mind.

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# Steve Hamilton gets back to his 'old stuff,' starting with Nick Mason

By **BILL CASTANIER**

When I heard Steve Hamilton had a new book coming out, I thought it would be another entry in the long-running Alex McKnight series, about a former Detroit cop turned private eye. Hamilton has written 11 books and two short stories in the series.

However, fans of McKnight will have to wait a bit longer because Hamilton's new book is the third installment of another series following Nick Mason, a reluctant assassin — or, as the book's title proclaims, "An Honorable Assassin." He was forced into the line of work by a Chicago crime lord upon his release from prison.

Hamilton's dedicated followers will not be disappointed. The new book is like a ride with an Uber driver in Chicago: a thrill per minute.

When we reconnect with Mason, he's on a plane to Jakarta, Indonesia, with the hope that he's put his life as an assassin behind him, but that's not to be. He soon gets in over his head when he learns he must kill a dangerous, well-protected criminal, or his family back in the United States will be eliminated.

The last Mason book, "Exit Strategy," was published in 2017, which the author admits is a long time between

releases. His last full-length McKnight book, "Dead Man Running," was published in 2018.

In an interview from upstate New York, the author said he's been working on several collaborations in the interim, including co-authoring "The Bounty" with New York Times best-selling mystery writer Janet Evanovich in 2021.

"I then decided it was time to get back to old stuff," he said. After all, his "old stuff" was quite successful: He's sold more than 1 million books in the McKnight series and won Edgar, Shamus and Barry awards for a standalone novel, "The Lock Artist." Two of his novels were named notable books of the year by The New York Times.

Hamilton is a native of Detroit and a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he won the prestigious Hopwood Award for fiction.

He said he's visited Schuler Books for all his releases, starting with "A Cold Day in Paradise" in 1998. He'll return to Schuler's Okemos location at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 29 for a discussion and book signing.

"An Honorable Assassin" not only finds Mason back on his quest to leave his life of crime and murder behind — it also finds him in an environment where he's totally disoriented. He doesn't know anyone and doesn't speak the language.

"It helps make the plot more unsettling when Mason wakes up in a place

where everyone speaks a different language. Jakarta is not a cabin in the woods or a condo in Chicago on the Gold Coast," Hamilton said, referencing previous settings in the series. "There's no expectation of what happens next."

Amid this chaos, Mason is forced to work with two nefarious partners. One is a mysterious woman, Luna, who's somehow more vicious than Mason himself.

"She's better at killing than Nick is. This is the first time I've written about a female protagonist who's better at what she does than the male protagonist," Hamilton said.

The unlikely partnership adds a dramatic edge to the book.

The protagonists of Hamilton's two series are as different as night and day. McKnight is a knight-errant who often finds himself on the wrong side of bad guys' fists, while Mason is the one dealing the blows.

Hamilton said he's anxious to continue the McKnight series. On his next foray into Michigan, the author will make his way to the Upper Peninsula for research.

"Once you cross the bridge, everything feels different," Hamilton said. "The U.P. is a great place to set a crime novel, and when I'm there, I'm hyperaware of my surroundings."

He cited one of his trips to the U.P., where he discovered a sign reading



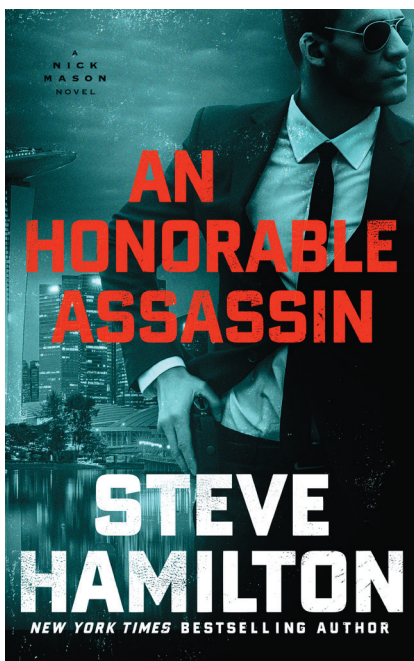
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Though it's been six years since mystery writer Steve Hamilton published his last full-length Alex McKnight book, fans of the series will have to wait a bit longer for the follow-up. His new book, "An Honorable Assassin," is the third installment of another series following Nick Mason, a reluctant assassin forced into the line of work by a Chicago crime lord upon his release from prison.

"Misery Bay" while driving on a back road.

"I thought, 'Why would you name a place Misery Bay?' I set my novel there," he said.


Hamilton said he dreams of opening a Scottish Bar in the U.P., similar to the one McKnight hangs out in.



### "An Honorable Assassin" discussion and book signing

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# Williamston pet spa and boutique will dapper up your dirty dog

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

If Kelly Love had a tail, it would start wagging every time she walked through the doors of Doggie Style Pet Spa & Boutique, a business she founded in late March in Williamston after six years as a professional groomer.

## Doggie Style Pet Spa & Boutique

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“Animals are just a pure form of love,” she said. “Getting to spend that little bit of time with someone else’s special pet is great. Their owners — their parents — entrust you with them, and they

all have their own personalities and quirks. It takes time, and you have to learn it, but with a little compassion and patience, it’s not a job.”

Love, a Brighton native, offers full grooming packages starting at \$45. The service includes a bath, blow dry, brushing, nail trimming, ear cleaning and haircut. She also offers each of those à la carte, along with pedicures, anti-flea and de-shedding treatments and more.

“My service is one-on-one. I don’t have dogs lined up in the kennels, and there’s no handing off your dog behind closed doors. It’s an all-glass storefront, which is cute because people walking by will look in the windows and wave, and the

dogs get to see all the action and butt wiggle,” Love said.

She works with dogs of all shapes and sizes, from German shepherds to beagles. Some breeds require regular haircuts, while others shed their fur, but she said all pups can benefit from a day at the spa.

“They all have their seasons and their times,” she said. “By washing your dog, you’re opening up the pores, and that’s the best time to brush them, blow dry them and get all that dead hair off of them. Of course, it also just makes them feel so much better.”

She can also cure ailments that owners may not even be aware of.

“Some dogs have quite a bit of

hair in their pads, which is a lot like walking around with something in your shoe,” she said. She can check for and remove irritants like that during a grooming session.

Love is always taking on new clients. While she admits being the sole proprietor and employee of the shop can be arduous, she finds her work fulfilling enough to keep her coming back each morning with a fresh sense of enthusiasm.

“It’s not something you’re going to get rich doing. It is hard work. But it’s also a lot of kisses and butt wiggles, which really warms your heart,” she said.



Photo by Kelly Love

Kelly Love’s dog, Josie, poses at her mom’s new Williamston business, Doggie Style Pet Spa & Boutique.

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# Longtime educator hopes to inspire healthy relationships with new book

By **DAWN PARKER**

When it comes to selecting your life partner, never settle.

When Wendi King met her future husband, Eric, in April 2018, she was dealing with emotional fallout from previous relationships. Meeting Eric was a life-changing experience, the subject of her new book, “Don’t Settle for Prince Charming: A Queen Deserves a King.”

The book is divided into chapters that cover the 10 days before the couple’s wedding on April 14, 2020 — the second anniversary of their meeting. Each chapter includes a study guide in which the reader is asked to think about the chapter’s topic and write out how they believe it could apply to their life.

King wrote the book to tell her story and “let men and women see that

healthy love is possible.”

“When I found Eric, I found my person,” she said. “I believe there is a person for each of us on this Earth. But not just any person: The one who will love you the way you deserve to be loved.”

Readers have given King enthusiastic feedback.

“The lessons you learned, growth you experienced and love you now have, I believe will challenge, encourage and inspire the masses!” A’Lynne Dukes wrote in an email.

King, a Detroit native, is a 1986 graduate of Renaissance High School and a two-time graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in education with a focus in special education and a master’s degree in educational administration.

She taught in the Lansing School

District from 1991 to 2013 and then worked for 10 years at the Ingham Intermediate School District before fully retiring in December 2023. During her tenure with Lansing, she taught in a self-contained special education program at Dwight Rich Middle School. With Ingham Intermediate, she taught at Heartwood School in Mason and the Skills for Adult Independent Living program housed in the Wilson Talent Center (formerly the Capital Area Career Center).

She moved to Holt in October 2020 after nearly 30 years in Lansing. She and her husband’s blended

family of five children includes Erin, 27, a stay-at-home mom; Mike, 25, who works in the construction industry; Dedrick, 19, an artist and musician; and Chelsea and Alexa, who live in New Orleans. The couple is also “Lolli” and “Pop” to six grandchildren.

King met Eric by chance when she and a friend recognized him from a photograph. She said the relationship made her realize things could be different.

“I truly believe other women have been where I have been. Tired. Hurt.



Courtesy photo

Wendi King and her husband, Eric. The couple’s relationship is the subject of King’s new book, “Don’t Settle for Prince Charming: A Queen Deserves a King.”

Wanting more but not believing it was possible,” she said. “That means other women might realize, like I did, that sometimes we can be our biggest obstacle.

“Trusting and having faith is hard!” she continued. “But it’s key to healing. At least it was for me. After I found what I share with Eric, my daily prayer was that every person on this planet could find their person. If we could all feel this love, certainly this world would be better. One relationship, marriage, family at a time.”

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent’s Estate, Case No. 24-921-DE - Estate of Thomas A. Kephart – Date of Birth: 1934. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas A. Kephart, died 11/24/23. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Susan G. Kephart, 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, 8/21/2024. Amanda Betush, P78512, PO Box 3752, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3752, 517-323-7366. Personal representative: Susan G. Kephart, c/o Doyle Law, PO Box 3752, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3752, 517-323-7366.

CP#24-615

**CITY OF EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 1527**

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

**THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:**

The Zoning Use District Map is hereby amended to rezone the following described area from A\* (Dewitt Township - Agricultural) to B-1 (General Office Business District):

The land referred to is located in the State of Michigan, County of Clinton, and described as follows:

PN 19-20-50-36-300-046

*A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, T5N, R2W, City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence N00°25'44"W along the West line of said Section 36 a distance of 973.59 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence S00°21'41"E along said East line 341.00 feet; thence S89°34'16"W perpendicular to said West line 180.00 feet; thence N00°25'44"W parallel with said West line 261.00 feet; thence S89°34'16"W perpendicular to said West line 483.30 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 2.29 acres, more or less, including 0.12 acre, more or less, presently in use as public right-of-way for Coolidge Road; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions, if any.*

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Marie Wicks  
City Clerk

CP#24-618



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY  
LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #24023**

(OKEMOS GATEWAY LLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
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**Special Use Permit #24023 (Okemos Gateway LLC)  
Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, to hear all persons interested in a request from Okemos Gateway LLC to construct a recreational marijuana retailer at 1614 West Grand River Avenue, Okemos, MI 48864. The approximately 2.4-acre parcel is zoned C-2 – Commercial and is located within the Marijuana Business Overlay District.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to [shorkey@meridian.mi.us](mailto:shorkey@meridian.mi.us), or at the public hearing..

Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk

CP#24-619



Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“En-Games”-- finishing the same way.  
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- ACROSS
1. Like some mixed drinks  
6. Tree goo  
9. Airline based in Sweden  
12. Orange, e.g.  
14. A.L. Central team, on a scoreboard  
15. Sicilian volcano  
16. Xenomorph leader of sci-fi filmdom, for instance  
18. Depilatory brand with “short shorts” ads  
19. Offer temporarily  
20. Coffeehouse dispenser  
21. \_\_\_\_ Online (long-running MMORPG)  
23. “Black-ish” dad  
24. She’s portrayed both Queens Elizabeth (I on TV and II on film)  
26. Rakish cads  
28. Listen to  
29. Work in a haunted house, say  
31. Lot purchase  
32. Do some sums  
35. Type of incandescent headlamp bulb  
40. Up to now  
41. Stimp’y’s costar  
42. “Norma,” for instance  
43. \_\_\_\_ dire (court examination)  
45. Fortnite dance or action  
47. Greeting in Gelsenkirchen  
51. Director Jean-\_\_\_\_ Godard  
54. “The Death of Slim Shady (Coup de Gr ce)” rapper  
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57. 1949 mil. alliance  
58. All tied up  
61. Certain prayer leader  
62. Rodent in a maze  
63. Twelve-book Trojan tale  
64. “Ich bin Berliner” (JFK quote that’s a misquote on his part)  
65. Pull up a chair  
66. Family nickname
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1. Burn  
2. Bathroom floor worker  
3. Wandering  
4. Vanmate of Daphne and Velma  
5. Good times  
6. Play segment  
7. Pub purchase  
8. Shadow effect from a partial eclipse  
9. Flight unit?
10. Crunchyroll offering  
11. Clear plastic wrap  
13. “So excited!” noise  
15. Bookkeeping record  
17. Addresses in a browser  
22. Bend the truth  
24. Color subtleties  
25. Trevor who video-interviewed Kamala Harris in October 2020  
27. Part of OPEC, for short  
29. Barnyard pen  
30. Kind of stick or ball  
31. Network getting a U.S. remake of U.K. panel show “Have I Got News For You”  
32. When most children begin sixth grade  
33. James Van \_\_\_\_ Beek  
34. Coded strands  
36. Nose hair tools  
37. Architect Saarinen  
38. Minnesota state bird  
39. Choose  
43. Snake’s secretion  
44. Number of one-syllable U.S. state names  
45. “Ghostbusters” character Dr. \_\_\_\_ Spengler  
46. High-IQ group, supposedly  
47. Bottled-up type?  
48. Taste found in mushrooms  
49. Mythical giant like Atlas  
50. Half of “Good Mythical Morning”  
52. Start of a gym motto  
53. Drug store aisle  
56. Dish list  
59. Grammy-winning guitarist Steve  
60. Mid-afternoon drink

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Intermediate

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Aug. 21-27, 2024

**ARIES (March 21–April 19):** Some centenarians testify they have lived more than a century because they smoked many cigarettes, drank a lot of booze and ate a steady diet of junk food. Should the rest of us adopt their habits? Of course not. The likelihood of remaining healthy while following such an unsound regimen is infinitesimal. Just because a few lucky people miraculously thrived like that is not a sound argument for imitating them. I bring this to your attention, Aries, because the coming weeks will be an excellent time to upgrade your commitment to healthy habits. If you've been waiting for the right time to love your body better, this is it.

**TAURUS (April 20–May 20):** Taurus stage magician Doug Henning had lavish ambitions. They served him well as he became a star performer in theater and on TV. “If I produce a 450-pound Bengal tiger,” he said, “it’s going to create a lot more wonder than if I produce a rabbit.” That’s the spirit I invite you to embrace in the coming weeks, Taurus. The cosmos is authorizing you to expand your understanding of what you can accomplish — and then accomplish it. Dream bigger dreams than you have previously dared.

**GEMINI (May 21–June 20):** The color of planet Earth is predominantly blue, with green, brown and white mixed in. And for people all over the world, blue is more often their favorite color than any other. Why? Partly because blue typically evokes peace, tranquility, security and stability. It’s often used in therapeutic environments since it makes us feel more at ease about expressing our feelings. I bring these thoughts to your attention, Gemini, because you are entering a blue phase of your cycle. It will be a favorable time to harvest the benefits of relaxing and slowing down. You are more likely to feel at home with yourself and accept yourself just as you are.

**CANCER (June 21–July 22):** Harvard Business School Professor Gerald Zaltman, born under the sign of Cancer, says that 95% of our buying choices originate in our subconscious minds. Behavioral psychologist Susan Weinschenk believes 90% of all our decision-making is unconscious. But I propose that in the coming weeks, you increase the amount of conscious awareness you bring to sorting out your options. Cosmic energies will conspire in your favor if you do. You will receive unexpected boosts and generate creative enhancements if you resolve to rouse more lucid analysis and careful thoughtfulness.

**LEO (July 23–Aug. 22):** A wealthy hedge fund manager named Raj Rajaratnam paid Leo singer Kenny Rogers \$4 million to perform at his epic birthday party. But the night turned nightmarish for Rogers when Rajaratnam insisted he sing his hit song “The Gambler” over and over again. Finally, after 12 repetitions, Rogers refused to do more. I wonder if you, too, might soon have to deal with a situation that’s too much of a good thing. My advice: Make sure all agreements between you and others are clear and firm. Get a guarantee that you will receive exactly what you want, and don’t do more than you have promised.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22):** Now and then, zoologists decide that their classifications of species need to be revised and refined. For example, three subspecies of soft-furred, teardrop-shaped hedgehogs in Southeast Asia were recently elevated to distinct species of their own. I bring this to your attention, Virgo, because I suspect that you, too, are ready for an upgrade to a new category all your own. It’s time for you to claim greater sovereignty. You will be wise to define how distinctive and unique you are, to distinguish yourself from influences that are superficially like you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22):** When mega-famous artist Pablo Picasso was asked how he felt about NASA landing people on the moon in 1969, he said, “It means nothing to me. I have no opinion about it, and I don’t care.” I invite you to use his statement

as one of your power mottoes in the coming weeks. Now is an excellent time to identify the experiences, influences, events and people about which you have absolutely zero interest. Once you do that, I predict you will have a rush of clear revelations about the most interesting experiences, influences, events and people you want in your future.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21):** The ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu made an observation that could serve as your watchword in the coming months. “Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,” he wrote, “while loving someone deeply gives you courage.” In my astrological opinion, Scorpio, you are now primed to embody and express these states with unique intensity. If you embrace the inspiring challenge of loving deeply and being loved deeply, you will reach new heights of strength and courage.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21):** Many musical instruments must be constantly adjusted to ensure they stay in tune. This usually means that the note A above middle C vibrates at 440 cycles per second — with all other notes tuned in relation to it. Having sung in bands for years, I have seen how guitarists, bass players, violinists and even drummers have to continually attend to their tuning during performances. Imagine the diligent finesse it takes to keep an entire orchestra of many instruments in tune with each other. I suspect that one of your jobs in the coming weeks, Sagittarius, will have similarities to this kind of management and coordination.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19):** Dancing is always good for you, but it will be extra healthy and energizing in the next four weeks. I hope you will be inspired to dance as often as possible, even if you just do it alone in your kitchen or bedroom while listening to music that moves you. Do you need rational explanations for why this is a good idea? OK, here are the hard facts: Dancing reduces stress, raises serotonin levels, enhances well-being and is excellent physical exercise. Here’s another motivational reason: Dancing literally makes you smarter. Scientific research clearly says so (tinyurl.com/SmartDancing). Furthermore: In the near future, you will be in a playful, sexy, exuberant phase of your astrological cycle.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18):** “Quo signo nata es?” is the Latin expression for “What’s your sign?” Did anyone in ancient Rome ever say that? Probably not, since it’s a modern idiom. However, astrology was very popular in that society and era. According to scholar Rhianna Padman in her essay “Astrology in Ancient Rome,” Romans “believed that the specific positions of celestial bodies at the moment of a person’s birth could greatly impact their life and character.” Back then, Thrasyllus of Mendes was a prominent astrologer who became a key advisor to Emperor Tiberius. Anyway, Aquarius, I bring “Quo signo nata es?” to your attention so as to inspire the following assignment: Update all your old favorite things. Put new spins on symbols and ideas that have served you for a long time. Take the best parts of your traditions and transplant them into the future.

**PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20):** The coming weeks will be an excellent time to declare amnesty about all matters affecting your close alliances. Dissolve grudges, please. Tussle less, play more. Relax your demands and expectations — and nicely ask your companions to relax their demands and expectations. If possible, forgive others and yourself for everything; failing that, forgive as much of everything as feels right. You might even convene a ritual in which you and your intimate collaborators chant the following affirmation: “We are gleefully free to reimagine and reinvent the ways we fit together!”



# OUT on the TOWN

## Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

### Wednesday, Aug. 21

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

**"Alluring Nature 2024"** - Exhibition of paintings by En Plein Air Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. [framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august](http://framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august).

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synk are on display during the month of August. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Cars & Coney Cruise-In** - All makes and years welcome! Drivers (and a passenger) receive a coney dog and free museum admission. 5-8 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-372-0529. [reoldsmuseum.org](http://reoldsmuseum.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](http://meridian-50plus.com).

**Lansing Live! Open Stage Night** - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, 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](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Meridian Summer Concert Series: Frog & the Beeftones (blues rock)** - Free. 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us/about-us/calendar/summer-concert-series](http://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](http://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. [lancm.info](http://lancm.info).

**Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Atomic Annie (rock/pop)** - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. [facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown](http://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](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**St. Johns Concerts in the Park: The Blueflowers (Americana/indie rock)** - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. [facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell](http://facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell).

**Summer Vibes Karaoke** - 8-11 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansing-shuffle.com](http://lansing-shuffle.com).

**Weaving the Web: Protection** - 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](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

### Thursday, Aug. 22

**Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp** - Four-month roller derby training course. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. [lansing-rollerderby.com](http://lansing-rollerderby.com).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

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**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. 517-641-6728. [shopbfm.org](http://shopbfm.org).

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synk are on display during the month of August. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Carl Pawluk at the Willows at Okemos** - 5 p.m. 4830 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-349-3600. [facebook.com/WillowsatOkemos](http://facebook.com/WillowsatOkemos).

**Cassidy Velthouse** - Cassidy has been playing piano for nearly 18 years. Though her journey began with classical training, she's explored various genres, from the serene ambiance of churches to the lively energy of dueling piano bars. Doors 5 p.m., show 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Blind Ambition (classic rock/country)** - Free. 6:30 p.m. 1885 Eaton County Courthouse lawn, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. [facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce](http://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](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

**Dimondale Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. 517-646-0230. [villageofdimondale.org/general-3](http://villageofdimondale.org/general-3).

**Foster Parent/Adoption Information Session (Virtual Orientation)** - 5 p.m. To register, contact Christina Redmond at 517-775-2693 or [redmondc2@michigan.gov](mailto:redmondc2@michigan.gov).

**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](http://cityofeastlansing.com).

**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](http://laingsburgbusiness.org/farmers-market-1).

**Kamala Harris Watch Party** - Celebrate Harris as she accepts the Democratic nomination for the 2024 presidential election. Full bar and food available throughout the night. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 6-10 p.m. The Venue, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. [venue1111.com/pationights](http://venue1111.com/pationights).

### Lansing Bless Fest weekend

6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23  
1-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24  
6-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25  
**Adado Riverfront Park**  
300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing

Media Messengers, a local interdenominational nonprofit founded to spread the message of God's love and power in unique and creative ways, will host its annual Bless Fest 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Adado Riverfront Park. The daylong concert will feature a variety of acts, from rock and hip-hop to gospel and world music. Attendees can also enjoy free food; a kids' fun zone with bounce houses, bubbles and games; a basketball three-point contest; raffles; and giveaways.

Two other events, also at the park, will bookend the festival: Lansing Flo-Fest 6 to 9 p.m. Friday (Aug. 23) and the One Gathering 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 25). The former will offer live hip-hop performances with family-friendly lyrics as well as a kids' area, a basketball three-point contest, raffles and giveaways. The One Gathering will be a nondenominational worship service with music by the Chosen Worship Band and Johnathan Crutcher & GCM.

All events are free, and bottled water, seating and shade tents will be provided. For more information, visit [mediamessengers.org](http://mediamessengers.org).



**Karaoke at the Marketplace** - Choose from a variety of karaoke hits and unleash your inner rockstar. Geared toward adults. Attendees 21+ can bring alcoholic beverages. 6-9 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us](http://meridian.mi.us).

**Lucky Penny at Cleats Bar & Grille** - 6:30 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. [cleatsbarandgrille.com](http://cleatsbarandgrille.com).

**Mark Grinnell at the Graduate Rock Bar** - 8 p.m. 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing. 517-348-0900. [facebook.com/graduaterockbar](http://facebook.com/graduaterockbar).

**Moonlight Film Festival: "Little Women" (2019)** - Movie starts at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.). Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival](http://cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival).

**Parkinson's Exercise: Boxing** - Exercise program proven to help enhance strength, balance and agility. Free for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapse.org](http://lapse.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](http://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](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**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](http://facebook.com/HaslettTops).

**Williamston Theatre Season Launch Party** - This annual fundraiser gives patrons an exclusive sneak peek of the upcoming season with perfor-

mances of short scenes. Enjoy food from several Williamston restaurants and beverages to suit all appetites. 5:30-8 p.m. 15353 Classic Drive, Bath. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

**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](http://eventvesta.com/events/75155-zap-zone-xl-magic-night).

**Zoo Nights** - Happy-hour-style event featuring tastes from local restaurants and beverage companies. See the zoo after hours, visit with the animals and enjoy yard games. Ages 21+. 5-8 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. [potterparkzoo.org](http://potterparkzoo.org).

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**Capo the Second at Harrison Roadhouse** - 6 p.m. 720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. [harrisonroadhouse.com](http://harrisonroadhouse.com).

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**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](http://holtfarmersmarket.org).

**East Lansing Summer Concert Series: The Dangling Particples (jazzy indie folk)** - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com/summerconcertseries](http://cityofeastlansing.com/summerconcertseries).

**Filomena Songbird at the Peanut Barrel** - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. [peanutbarrel.com](http://peanutbarrel.com).

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

**J.H. Patton & the Good Companions at Lansing Shuffle** - 7 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansingshuffle.com](http://lansingshuffle.com).

**Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Global Village (variety), opener School of Rock** - Free. Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles, a bounce house and an inflatable slide. 6:15 p.m. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. [facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell](http://facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell).

**Lansing Flo-Fest** - 6-9 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. [mediamessengers.org/flo-fest](http://mediamessengers.org/flo-fest).

**Matthew Shannon at Mash Bar** - 7 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. [mashbar.net](http://mashbar.net).

**Messy Play Fun Day** - Kids can play with chalk, bubbles, goop, squirt bottles, big trucks, mud and more. Find the fun outside GLADL, along our sidewalk and north lawn. 2-4 p.m. 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Moonlight Movies: “Kung Fu Panda 4”** - 9 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. [delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events](http://delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events).

**Nitro Jen at Mash Bar** - 10 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. [mashbar.net](http://mashbar.net).

**Parkinson’s Exercise: Movement for Vitality** - Free group class for people with Parkinson’s and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](http://lapsg.org).

**Samia Halaby: “Eye Witness”** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Space Bar** - Playing original avant-fusion music, Space Bar’s lineup includes saxophones, flute, trumpet, keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, singing bowls and percussion. Doors 5 p.m., show 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeat-events.com](http://urbanbeat-events.com).

**St. Michael FunFest** - Enjoy a food & beer tent with acoustic music, euchre and archery tournaments, dodgeball games, trivia and a raffle. 5-10 p.m. St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge. [stmichaelgl.org/funfest-1](http://stmichaelgl.org/funfest-1).

**Unity in the Community** - Free for all Ingham County residents. Come out for live entertainment, barbecue and to learn about all the wonderful organizations in our community. 4-7 p.m. Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. [facebook.com/inghamcountydei](http://facebook.com/inghamcountydei).

## Saturday, Aug. 24

**19th Anniversary Harvest Celebration** - Enjoy good food, local artists and live music while sampling our many delicious wines and our signature wine slush! Noon-6 p.m. Burgdorf’s Winery, 5635 Shoeman Road, Haslett. [burgdorfwinery.com](http://burgdorfwinery.com).

**2nd Annual Burning Lights** - This event will include music, food, testimonials, baptisms, worship and a bouncy house for the kids! There’s something for all, no matter where you are in your faith. 5-9 p.m. 11303 E. Grand River Trail, Portland. [facebook.com/events/754921306806099](http://facebook.com/events/754921306806099).

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**Community Day of Care and Prayer** - This “FREE” giveaway is open to all while supplies last. Those in need can find clothing, coats, shoes, prayer and refreshments. 8 a.m.-noon Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 5200 Pleasant Grove Road, Lansing. [eventbrite.com/o/pilgrim-rest-baptist-church-87164489053](http://eventbrite.com/o/pilgrim-rest-baptist-church-87164489053).

**Geech at the Green Door** - 8:30 p.m. 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. [greendoorlive.com](http://greendoorlive.com).

**Deacon Earl & the Congregation at Mash Bar** - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. [mashbar.net](http://mashbar.net).

**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., Lansing. 517-657-5800. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

**DIY Screenprinting** - Designed for creative people of all levels, this class will teach you how to transform simple materials into screenprinted art. Ages 18+. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. [lansingart-gallery.org](http://lansingart-gallery.org).

**Experimental Brunch** - Mitch Segura blends indie-rock, funk and jazz to create music full of energy and improvisation. In this new collaboration with baritone saxophonist Sam Gucwa, the band pushes further into rock elements. Doors 5 p.m., show 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [urbanbeat-events.com](http://urbanbeat-events.com).

**Gunnisonville UMC Trinkets & Treasures Sale** - A wide variety of household items, bedding, electronics, Christmas decorations, toys and miscellaneous items will be available. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 2031 Clark Road, Bath. [facebook.com/GunnisonvilleUMC](http://facebook.com/GunnisonvilleUMC).

**Lansing Bless Fest** - 1-9 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. [mediamessengers.org/blessfest](http://mediamessengers.org/blessfest).

**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](http://grandledgechamber.com/market_on_the_grand.php).

**Meridian Township Farmers Market** - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. [meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket](http://meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket).

**Roots & Wings: Native Plants and Feathered Friends Workshop** - Learn about native plants’ role in supporting wildlife, discover top plant picks for birds and explore innovative landscape design for sustainable gardens. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at 2310 Science Pkwy., Okemos. Travel to Wildtype Nursery in Mason at 1:10 p.m. Register at [michiganaudubon.org/rootsandwingsworkshop](http://michiganaudubon.org/rootsandwingsworkshop).

**Rummage Sale at Edgewood United Church** - Find household items, clothes and furniture. Mostly pay what you want, with a few price-marked items. Money raised will support the Lansing Food Bank. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. [edgewooducc.org](http://edgewooducc.org).

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## St. Johns Pride Festival

3-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24  
West Higham Street,  
downtown St. Johns

St. Johns’ fourth annual Pride festival runs 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 24) on West Higham Street downtown. The event was moved from its typical June date so attendees wouldn’t have to miss out on other Pride celebrations. The festival’s theme is “Free to Be Me,” which honors the “identity, individuality, humanness and unity of the LGBTQ+ community,” according to a press release from its host, the St. Johns Call-In Coalition. The event will feature music by DJ Metro Melik and jazz-fusion ensemble the Blind Venetians, a drag show, a raffle, food trucks, vendors, face painting, a bounce house, games, educational tables and health screenings. “We hope to celebrate the queer communities of St. Johns and surrounding areas and connect folks to community partners while bringing awareness and action to our community in an intentional way,” said Andrea Ryan, co-founder of the St. Johns Call-In Coalition and coordinator of its Pride festival committee. The event is free and open to all. For more information, visit [sjcallincoalition.wixsite.com](http://sjcallincoalition.wixsite.com).



**St. Michael FunFest** - Enjoy a food & beer tent with live entertainment, a bake sale, kids’ games, a cornhole tournament, mass, a BBQ chicken dinner and a live auction. Noon-10 p.m. St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge. [stmichaelgl.org/funfest-1](http://stmichaelgl.org/funfest-1).

**Thistle Run Schooling Show** - Horse show featuring a classical & Western dressage ring and an open class ring. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. [goshowmichigan.com](http://goshowmichigan.com).

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**Dine & Discovery Series: Kimchi, with Kim Bays** - Learn to make kimchi, a fermented vegetable side dish that’s a staple in Korean cuisine! 2 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. [facebook.com/AllenNeighborhoodCenter](http://facebook.com/AllenNeighborhoodCenter).

**East Lansing Farmers Market** - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. 517-319-6823. [cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket](http://cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket).

**Eastern Ingham Farmers Market** - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. [eastern-inghamfarmersmarket.org](http://eastern-inghamfarmersmarket.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/macsbarmsu](http://instagram.com/macsbarmsu).

**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](mailto: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](http://laingsburgbusiness.org/farmers-market-1).

**One Gathering** - 6-8 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. [mediamessengers.org/onegathering](http://mediamessengers.org/onegathering).

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

**“The Ripple Effect of Service,” with Camellia Varnado** - Camellia, an author, mentor, speaker, life coach and host of the podcast “Unfiltered Hummingbird,” will discuss the ripple effect of being in service. 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Samia Halaby: “Eye Witness”** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Thistle Run Schooling Show** - Horse show featuring a classical & Western dressage ring and an open class ring. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. [goshowmichigan.com](http://goshowmichigan.com).

**Three Sparks Comedy** - Free comedy with Three Sparks. 7-9 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. [onenorthdining.com](http://onenorthdining.com).

## Monday, Aug. 26

**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](http://cmialanon.org).

**“Alluring Nature 2024”** - Exhibition of paintings by En Plein Air Mid-Michigan. Noon-5:30 p.m. Framer’s Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. [framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august](http://framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august).

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synk are on display during the month of August. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Downtown Development Authority Meeting** - 7 p.m. Portland City Hall, 259 Kent St., Portland. [portland-michigan.org](http://portland-michigan.org).



# Riverwalk Theatre's 'Angels in America' is a tour de force

By MARK GMAZEL

"Angels in America" is a powerful, moving and sometimes shocking play about the dawning of the AIDS crisis and requires skilled hands and a very talented cast to successfully produce. The Riverwalk Theatre production, which runs through this weekend, kept me enthralled, fascinated and looking forward to the end of both intermissions to get back to see the rest of the show.

The acting must be excellent, the direction assured and the production well supported by the tech department. The play features stunning visuals and an iconic ending that can be difficult to adequately reproduce. I have seen several productions that seemed even longer than the two-and-a-half-hour running time. Not this one.

Director Bob Robinson expertly guides this production, which is efficient and polished from top to bottom. The scene changes are smooth and purposeful, the pacing is excellent, the plot remains clear, the actors and crew are well rehearsed, and the play is very well cast. This very diffi-

cult piece features many appropriate changes in tone and style. Kudos to Robinson for an excellent production overall.

The sparse yet smoothly crafted set hides some complexities that speed up the scene changes. I was surprised at how well a relatively simple light plot was able to reflect the tone of the show with some very effective wash lighting.

Special effects are nicely done, and the sound is well managed. Amanda Macomber's costumes capture and illustrate the era of the play, the '80s, and Macomber even found an authentic Members Only jacket that brought a manly tear of joy to my old eyes.

If I were to give a plot synopsis here, it would have to be done in weekly installments, so I will trust that interested readers who are unfamiliar with the story can find adequate resources online and

not rely on this review to give them a thumbnail sketch of an epic. Suffice to say the subject matter is often challenging, the play could be considered controversial, and the characters are a very complex and human mixture of

poor choices and selfishness as well as compassion and even transcendence.

Speaking of transcendence, the performances provided here all qualify. From the demanding lead roles to the supporting and featured players, this production is beautifully served by its very talented cast.

Luka Pawsek (Prior Walter) has had a string of memorable performances in the last season, but his execution here is truly a revelation. He wrings out every one of Walter's highs and lows and always makes interesting and unpredictable choices. His acting is sensitive and honest. After this outstanding effort, one wonders what could be next for this dynamic, vulnerable and flexible performer.

Heath Sartorius (Louis Ironson) provides a complex and fascinating performance playing a character who is in many ways unlikeable and possibly unforgivable. He's fearless in exploring the depth required to play his role. Joe Clark (Roy Cohn) is aggressive and calculating, Sally Hecksell (Harper Pitt) finds the beauty in being lost in a haze of madness and pills, Jordan Taylor is nicely understated and cool as the voice of reason (Belize), a friend and confidant, and Ben Cassidy (Joseph Porter Pitt) effectively illustrates the confusion and struggle of his conflicted character. Doak



## Review

### "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches"

Aug. 22-25  
7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday  
2 p.m. Sunday  
Riverwalk Theatre  
228 Museum Drive, Lansing  
(517) 482-5700  
riverwalktheatre.com



Photo by Aniko Artistry Photography

Luka Pawsek as Prior Walter in Riverwalk Theatre's production of "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches"

Bloss can almost be taken for granted because of his countless memorable performances, and he continues his sustained excellence here. The entire rest of the cast is entertaining and interesting due to their strong characterizations, and the play never gets slow or self-indulgent.

Riverwalk Theatre has long been successful at blurring the lines between amateur and professional theater, and here they have outdone themselves.

## Events

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**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.

**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.

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

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

## Tuesday, Aug. 27

**Al-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. cmialanon.org.

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. cmialanon.org.

**"Alluring Nature 2024"** - Exhibition of paintings by En Plein Air Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august.

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synk are on display during the month of August. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps** - 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

**LSO Concert in the Park** - This performance, featuring a robust ensemble, will fill the park with beautiful melodies and harmonies. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. 6:30 p.m. Moores Park, 400 Moores River Drive, Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

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

**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.

**Parkinson's Exercise** - Free group class for people with Parkinson's, led by exercise professionals. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsg.org.

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## Earvin Johnson Sr. Law Enforcement & Community Car & Truck Show

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Union Missionary Baptist Church  
500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing

A car and truck show honoring the late Earvin Johnson Sr. will feature the return of his son and Basketball Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson to Lansing. The event, running 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 24) at Union Missionary Baptist Church, will also offer vendors, a DJ, food trucks and a 50/50 raffle.

Funds raised will benefit Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors, which provides resources to assist the surviving families and co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, and Santa's First Responders, a group of police officers, firefighters and educators who raise funds and provide holiday cheer for those less fortunate.

Attendance is free, while registration for a car or truck is \$25. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and an awards presentation will cap the event at 3 p.m. More details are available at umbclansing.org, by emailing wanjam@comcast.net or by calling (517) 485-7705 or (517) 574-0726.





# Events

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

**Trivia at Lansing Shuffle** - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansingshuffle.com](http://lansingshuffle.com).

## Wednesday, Aug. 28

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

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synek are on display during the month of August. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**CharLit Adult Book Club: “Edith Holler,” by Edward Carey** - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. [charlottelibrary.org](http://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. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Lansing Live! Open Stage Night** - Whether you’re experienced or just starting out, 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](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps** - 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [milb.com/lansing](http://milb.com/lansing).

**Love Rose “World Peace Is Inevitable” CD Release Jam-Along Celebration** - Ceramic art sale and fundraisers for the Greater Lansing Food Bank and Refugee Development Center. Community art display at Washington Square businesses. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Capital Hippie, 121 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

**Meridian Summer Concert Series: Don Middlebrook (tropical rock)** - Free. 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. [meridian.mi.us/about-us/calendar/summer-concert-series](http://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](http://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](http://lamc.info).

**Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Parted Waters (‘60s-‘70s)** - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. [facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown](http://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](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Denise Davis & the Motor City Sensations** - Denise and her band have a wide repertoire to choose from, switching moods from pop to funk to R&B to blues to Motown in rapid succession. Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. [facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell](http://facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell).

**Summer Vibes Karaoke** - 8-11 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansingshuffle.com](http://lansingshuffle.com).

**The Townmen at Cleats Bar & Grille** - 6:30 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. [cleatsbarandgrille.com](http://cleatsbarandgrille.com).

## Thursday, Aug. 29

**Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp** - Four-month roller derby training course. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. [lansingrollerderby.com](http://lansingrollerderby.com).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - Are you concerned about someone else’s drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Al-Anon Meeting** - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian

Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [cmialanon.org](http://cmialanon.org).

**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. 517-641-6728. [shopbfm.org](http://shopbfm.org).

**Bookend Gallery Display** - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synek are on display during the month of August. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Cat Room Trivia at Constellation Cat Café** - Join the cats for a trivia night and enjoy a complimentary cafe beverage! Reach out to [events@constellation-catcafe.com](mailto:events@constellation-catcafe.com) with questions. 7 p.m. 3320 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. [constellationcatcafe.com](http://constellationcatcafe.com).

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent’s Estate, Case No. 19-89-DE - Estate of Bryan L. Clinger – Date of Birth: 04/22/1963. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Bryan L. Clinger, died 10/05/2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to L. Christina Clinger, 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, 08/21/2024. Attorney: Kimberly L. Savage, P68267, 1483 Haslett Road, Haslett, MI 48840, 517-515-5000. Personal representative: L. Christina Clinger, 1527 Downing St., Haslett, MI 48840, 615-513-4060.

CP#24-622

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent’s Estate, Case No. 24-211-DE - Estate of June Marie Risper – Date of Birth: 09/30/1950. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, June Marie Risper, died 01/22/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Deandre Gray, 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, 08/21/2024. Attorney: Kimberly L. Savage, P68267, 1483 Haslett Road, Haslett, MI 48840, 517-515-5000. Personal representative: Deandre Gray, 2917 Harwick Dr., Apt. 9, Lansing, MI 48917, 517-614-5424.

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### WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting August 14, 2024 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Eyster, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Appointment of Kevin Mark to the Planning Commission; term expires September 2027
- Resignation of Treasurer Jill Cutshaw, effective August 31, 2024
- Appointment of Deputy Treasurer Kim VanErp to Treasurer, effective September 1, 2024
- Per Policy 12, moved \$289,151 from the 101 fund to 401 fund, with \$144,575.50 into Special Projects and \$144,575.50 into Roads.

The next regular Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit [williamstownmi.gov](http://williamstownmi.gov) for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193. Robin A. Cleveland, Township Clerk

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION From Pg. 17

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY LEGAL AD NOTICE: ORDINANCE 2024-05 LIQUOR LICENSE REGULATIONS UPDATE

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE Ordinance 2024-05 – Liquor License Regulations Update

The Township Board at its regular meeting on August 8, 2024 approved for final adoption Ordinance 2024-05 to update the regulations around liquor licensing and issuance of new licenses in the Township.

A complete copy of the amendment may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (517.853.4560) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk

CP#24-616



# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

A few months ago, I attended a Women Lawyers Association of Michigan networking event at One North Kitchen & Bar. I hadn't been there in years, since well before it transitioned from Reno's sports bar, and I was eager to see what it was all about. My first thought

was that the interior is completely different, and it's beautiful. One North has sprawling patios, big windows that let natural light in and several corner booths that you can nestle into for a quiet(er) meal. I was immediately interested in trying as many menu items as possible.

But, because this summer was busier than I wanted it to be between T-ball games, trying to spend as much time at the pool as possible and an unexpectedly but blissfully extended family vacation, it wasn't until many weeks later that Mr. She Ate and I were able to make a dinner visit. Our son was on his annual camping trip with my dad, his wife, my siblings and their families. We were tickled to have alone time with our daughter, who doesn't get much of it.

We started with the loaded tots (\$12.25), which, as the menu claims, were house-made. Unfortunately, the insides of the tots were devoid of flavor. They would have benefited from an infusion of garlic, paprika, salt or virtually any other savory spice in the kitchen.

I quickly moved on to the One North grilled cheese (\$10.25) and had much better luck with this. I love a grilled cheese, especially one that's a little different than the standard version. When I read that this one included tomato jam, I was sold, and you should be, too. The four-cheese blend was set off by the sweet and spicy jam, which had me wondering why I don't make my own tomato jam and start hammering out grilled cheeses daily. (The answer is because of the abovementioned inappropriately busy schedule, and because One North is already doing this, so I don't need to do it myself.)

My sandwich came with fries. They were unremarkable. Mr. She Ate tried the barbecue chicken pizza (\$18.50), a dish he's loved for a long time but I've never been able to support. The combination of flavors just doesn't make sense to me. Nonetheless, he enjoyed the pizza, although the crust was a bit too crispy to have been eaten without a word of caution.

Our tiny wild woman had the kids' pasta with red sauce (\$6), which was frankly a better-tasting red sauce than she's ever had. Who knows what our son ate that night on his camping trip? I assume twigs and raccoon kabobs, but I haven't been camping since I was forced to sleep in a tent as a child.

We finished the meal with a slice of One North's homemade cheesecake (\$8.50). I've always loved plain cheesecake, preferring

## One North brings elevated fare and ambiance to former Reno's West

and the pain management and recovery have been hard to witness. All the while, I've been attempting to corral the four lovely but energetic younger ladies in my life. I've become equal parts

physician's assistant, dad Uber, short-order cook and referee (and this doesn't even include the "day" job at Michigan State University).

In short, I've been busy and exhausted — though extremely grateful for the support of family and friends who've helped out with pickups, overnights and meals. All that said, it's been an even rarer-than-usual privilege of late to experience a nice meal with good ambience and service.

Enter this month's food review at an address I know well, but with a new owner and menu I'm less familiar with. One North Kitchen & Bar opened in December 2020 at the site of the former Reno's West. I've spent many evenings and game days at Reno's locations across the region, and while they were known for being great places to grab a pitcher or a Long Island iced tea and enjoy a round of pool or an MSU game, One North's menu brings another level of excitement. Featured on YouTube's "America's Best Restaurants Roadshow," I was both eager to taste from the "scratch kitchen" and curious about how the new franchise would reinvent the space.

Classic pub fare is joined on the menu by entrees with Tuscan or Southern flair. One North is neither pretentious nor overly relaxed, both in terms of culinary options and atmosphere. It's made good use of the massive footprint, and while you're never far from the sightline of a TV, the modern décor, patio seating options and absence of video games from the Reno's days provide a chicer vibe.

### What's hit or miss

Given my current domestic circumstances, my first visit was to pick up a takeout order. I placed my order through One North's website rather than a third party, hoping to maximize the revenue going back to the restaurant. When I arrived, the hostess couldn't find my order in the system, but after a few moments, the manager found it and had the kitchen start it immediately. Staff shared their apologies, and after another few minutes, my order was ready. Glitches happen, and the courteous response was appropriate.

On my second visit, my daughters and I deferred a school shopping trip until after brunch (\$5.95-\$19.95). The extensive buffet offerings of hearty breakfast staples and New American lunch items were reinforced by the incredible array of antipasti and fruit and a well-stocked salad bar. A tower of parfaits was surrounded by donuts, pies and other assorted desserts.

The ups and downs started in the breakfast area, where the cheesy eggs and Southern fried chicken tenders & waffles were a high point,

**One North Kitchen & Bar**  
 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.,  
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 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
 11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday  
 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday  
 (517) 901-5001  
 onenorthdining.com



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

One North's extensive brunch buffet offers hearty breakfast staples and New American lunch items, reinforced by an array of antipasti and fruit and a well-stocked salad bar.



Beverly

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

It's been a tough summer at the He Ate household. My much better half had two knee replacements,





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TOP 5 RESTAURANT BEER LISTS

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

**1. HopCat**

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300 Grove St., East Lansing  
(517) 816-4300  
hopcat.com

11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
11 a.m.-midnight Friday

10 a.m.-midnight Saturday  
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday

**2. Looking Glass Brewing Co.**

Brewery offering craft beverages and a seasonally changing food menu

115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt  
(517) 668-6004  
lookingglassbrewingcompany.com

Noon-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday  
Noon-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday  
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

**3. Meat BBQ**

Casual restaurant serving slow-smoked barbecue standards and inventive, handmade sides

1224 Turner Road, Lansing  
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the creamy confection to stand on its own without a fruit topping. I had high hopes for this one after our server sang its praises, but this might have been the biggest disappointment of the meal. It tasted like pure nothing. Cheesecake is one of those things, like mac and cheese, that I suspect people are tricked into thinking is delicious because it looks like it should be. This was no exception. It was beautiful, but if you closed your eyes and conducted a search for flavor, you'd find none.

I later met a colleague for lunch, and while I hate to default to things that are comfortable to order, there wasn't much more on the menu that I was dying to try. I chose the 1N Michigan salad (\$8.25/half, \$12.50/full), which was a fairly traditional mix of spring greens, dried cherries, thinly sliced green apples, blue cheese

crumbles, bacon and walnuts. I asked for mine with grilled chicken, which was forgotten and was later delivered to me in a coffee cup on a saucer. The salad, like Mr. She Ate's pizza, was fine. It wasn't special, and it wasn't even my favorite salad on the stretch of Saginaw Highway that includes ChouPli, Cheddar's and Chick-fil-A. (I know Chick-fil-A is problematic, but its salads are dang good, and I atone in political contributions.)

My colleague chose a cheeseburger, which looked and smelled the part but remained unfinished on her plate. Uninspired, I returned to my office and continued to stream Olympic swimming, my afternoon finally given flavor by the commentating of Rowdy Gaines, an American treasure. Is anyone else still recovering from a bout of Olympic fever?

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but the cheesy potatoes with peppers and onions were home-fry-style, even though the ladle on the outside suggested an earlier version in the morning had shredded potatoes. I was also frustrated by my time spent foraging through the woefully undercooked bacon, searching for an edible slice — and I've eaten many a European breakfast where medium-rare bacon is common. Most disappointing, though, was the lack of attentiveness by the waitstaff as I waited more than 10 minutes for both of the cranberry juices I ordered, even though the bar was but one table away from us.

**What's good**

The takeout dinner was better. I ordered the Brussels sprouts (\$12), and while they're not the best in town, I found them to be nicely charred, and both the Parmesan and bacon were

tasty. They just needed a bit more balsamic.

I really enjoyed the torpedo shrimp (\$13.75), a creamier take on sweet chili or boom-boom shrimp. Paired with a delectable Asian slaw, I would order these again.

The Michigan salad with blue cheese (\$8.25/half, \$12.50/full) was also a hit, from the dreamy balsamic dressing to local cherries and apple slices that sang the best of Pure Michigan.

**Best bite**

The pulled pork sandwich (\$14.50) was on point. Slow-roasted pork was joined by pepper jack cheese, pickles, house-made barbecue sauce and a crunchy, creamy coleslaw. This handheld was tender and yummy — salty, sour and sweet all at once. Large enough to eat over two sittings, I was a fan both times.



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