



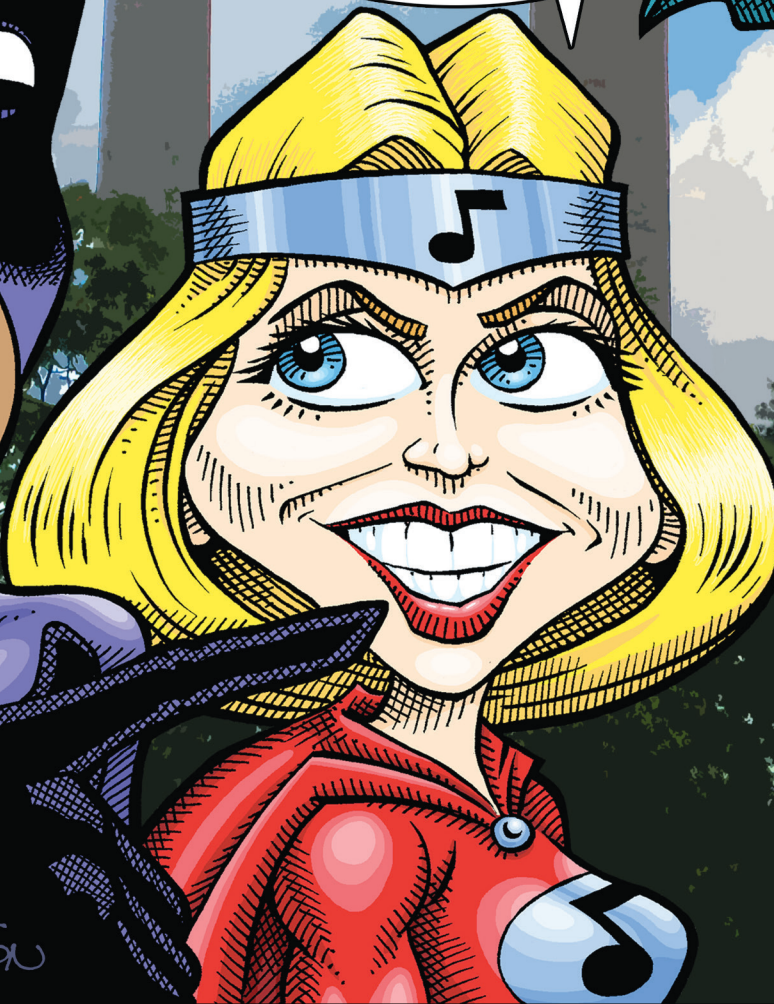
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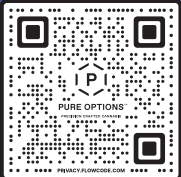
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NEWS & OPINION

In 7th District race, Charlotte reflects national concerns

Abortion and the economy on the electorate's minds in conservative community

The Grand Parade at the Charlotte Frontier Days festival Saturday made its first turn onto Cochran Road just as the sun poked out from the clouds. It was the first moment of warmth on the unseasonably cold morning that saw a huge crowd of families eager to grab some free candy.

Firetrucks were the first to turn on the road to welcome the waving mayor, Tim Lewis. Horns, sirens and music from marching bands filled the air as the crowd cheered and kids ran in and out of the street.

Among the parade participants was Republican congressional candidate Tom Barrett, walking the streets of his traditionally conservative city of residence. He marched behind a pickup truck with a campaign logo, prominently featuring a combat helicopter as an homage to his time in the Army.

Close behind was Democratic candidate Curtis Hertel Jr., who lives in liberal East Lansing. Hertel walked alongside a banner to reelect Democratic State Rep. Angela Witwer.

It may have been a rare joint appearance for the two candidates engaged in a battle being watched nationally over who will succeed U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin to represent mid-Michigan's 7th Congressional District. Either's victory could decide which party controls the closely divided House of Representatives next January.

For Hertel, it was a trip to Trump country. In 2020, Donald J. Trump won in Charlotte by over 5% but won by more than 9% in 2016. The pattern was similar throughout Eaton County. Trump has endorsed Barrett, who lost to Slotkin in 2022 by 5%.

Barrett can count on Dwayne Gordon, a 65-year-old sales director of Vista Metals Corp. with an office downtown. Street-facing windows and door are covered in Trump and Barrett campaign signs.

"I don't service people locally, so I can use my platform however I want," he said with a chuckle.

Next door is Dena Shaw's barbershop.



J. Gordon Curtis for City Pulse

Dwayne Gordon, a sales manager, standing outside his office in downtown Charlotte. He supports Republican Tom Barrett in the 7th Congressional District race.



J. Gordon Curtis for City Pulse

Retiree Christine Powers, outside her Charlotte home, backs Democrat Curtis Hertel Jr. for the U.S. House seat.

"I can't put up either side's sign," Shaw, 56 said, because she doesn't want to alienate customers.

Shaw will vote for Barrett as well, even though she said, "I don't like a couple of things he stands for."

One was Barrett's support of another barber, Karl Manke of Owosso, who gained national attention for defying shutdown orders in the pandemic.

"He had wall-to-wall people there, and Tom supported him — and the rest of us were shut," Shaw said.

Her other concern is a common theme within the election and on the minds of many voters despite political ideologies: abortion.

Said Shaw, "I think that's just every woman's choice and their family's business."

Barrett has a track record of opposing the right to abortion. But he doesn't believe abortion will be the critical factor in this election that it was when he lost to Slotkin two years ago. Then, his race shared the ballot with a successful constitutional amendment to protect abortion in Michigan.

"My opponent is not a woman. The abortion proposal is not on the ballot," Barrett told the Washington Examiner in February.

Gordon, Shaw's business neighbor, said that he takes those issues into account, "but my issues are more about the economy and the state of the country right now."

In contrast to Shaw, Christine Powers, a retired dental assistant, doesn't see Barrett's opposition to abortion as an issue she can look past.

"I'm just going to go Democratic ticket all the way," she said.

She was outside her home in Charlotte, sweeping up grass clippings from her immaculate yard. Abortion was her number one reason for voting Democratic, she said.

Hertel, a former state senator, fought to repeal the 1931 Michigan Abortion ban after Roe V. Wade threatened women's access in the state.

**PAWLOWSKI CREEK DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE EASEMENT**

It has been determined that portions of certain drain easements granted to the Pawlowski Creek Drain Drainage District are no longer necessary for drainage purposes and the Pawlowski Creek Drain Drainage Board proposes to convey portions of those easements no longer necessary for drainage purposes to the fee owner pursuant to Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended. Said easements are located over and across the following lands situated in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, described as follows:

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The excess easement areas to be released and conveyed to the fee owner are portions of the easements recorded at Liber 70, Page 296 and Liber 1243, Page 704, located on the above-described Parcel ("Historic Easements"); **EXCEPT** for those portions of the Historic Easements contained within the "Drain Easement for Pawlowski Creek Drain" that was granted on July 22, 2024, and recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds as Document #2024-017604.

Any taxpayer who wishes to protest the partial release of the above-mentioned easements may appear at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, on **October 11, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, for that purpose. After said date and time the excess easements may be released back to the fee owner.

This Notice and action are made pursuant to Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan 1956, as amended. See MCL 280.6.

Dated: September 4, 2024

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

CP#24-646



Dawn Parker for City Pulse



Dawn Parker for City Pulse

Barrett (left) during a Charlotte Frontier Days parade interview Saturday. Hertel handing out American flags to spectators.

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Powers added, “I just don’t like the way Republicans are running anything these days, and I’m not a fan of Donald Trump.” Powers sees Barrett, who has appeared at several Trump events in Michigan, as an extension of Trump. The former president has endorsed Barrett.

Barrett doesn’t see abortion as an issue for his campaign. “Voters in this district are really frustrated by the cost-of-living surge they’ve seen and family budgets that have been under duress for the last several years,” he said in an interview Saturday.

Barrett’s platform largely conforms to conservative Republican ideologies and talking points. Inflation, border security, crime and “issues of national security that really speak to my background in the Army” are the backbone of his messaging.

Hertel said the people of Charlotte share concerns about “all the problems” he has been addressing in his campaign.

“We want to talk to people about lowering the cost of prescription drugs, getting the middle-class tax cut, and protecting freedoms and reproductive rights,” he said by phone in a post-parade interview. He said in Charlotte and elsewhere that he is “having conversations about working across the aisle and trying to solve

problems.” Both candidates are trying to win over the voters who will determine the outcome: independents and undecideds.

Veterinary technician Paige Eldridge of Eaton Rapids was putting away her shopping cart after a trip to Meijer in Charlotte with a baby strapped to her chest. She said she was uncertain whom she’d vote for.

The shakeup in the national election left Eldridge with a candidate she didn’t know much about, Kamala Harris. She said she has not had time to research what the new Democratic presidential candidate stands for, let alone the candidates for the down-ticket congressional race.

“In the past, I’ve voted Democrat, but I haven’t put that much thought into it this year,” she stated.

Several independent voters indicated some form of needing to “review all of the options” before making a choice. For Eldridge, like the others, “Women’s rights — with all of the abortion bans — are a pretty big point for me to pay attention to.”

Though her commitment to this specific cause means she’d likely vote for Hertel, his message has apparently not yet reached her. Several people indicated they were just “staying away from the election” due to the divisiveness of politics, finding it easier to ignore than engage with.

“It’s something I need to look into,” Eldridge said, cradling the baby’s neck.

— J. GORDON CURTIS

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Michigan Supreme Court That Puts the Right to Choose in Citizens' Hands

A strong majority of Americans—63%, according to a 2024 Pew Research Center poll—believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases, with that number rising to 76% among those under 30. But when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, it made access to safe, legal abortions much more difficult. That's because the ruling left the decision to states, many of which have since banned abortion in most or all cases – even if it's necessary to protect the life of the mother.

In Michigan, abortion remains safe and legal, thanks to the decisive actions of both the Michigan Supreme Court and the state's voters. In 2022, the Court allowed a ballot measure to determine whether abortion should be protected under the Michigan Constitution. On Election Day, Michigan voters passed the measure, amending the State Constitution to secure abortion rights just months after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned.

This is one of many reasons why it's important to have a Michigan Supreme Court that will put the interests of Michiganders first. After all, 750,000 voters had signed the petition to put the question on the ballot – well over the 425,000 that were required. Voters wanted their voices heard directly, and the Michigan Supreme Court sided with the people.

Michigan is one of only 24 states where voters have the power to elect their state Supreme Court justices—a significant civic duty that many Michiganders may not fully realize. The recent decision on abortion rights highlights just how crucial it is for voters to choose who will sit on the Michigan Supreme Court, which should act as the guardian of justice and fairness. This November, voters will decide who fills two seats on the seven-member court, positions that could shift the balance of power, even though the justices' party affiliations are not listed on the ballot.

First, it's important to do your homework: Know who is running and which party nominated them, and decide on the two candidates who best represent your values. Second – and this is crucial – don't skip the non-partisan section of the ballot. That's where the Michigan Supreme Court candidates are listed.

Who you vote for matters, because the Michigan Supreme Court makes decisions that impact every aspect of our lives, from civil and reproductive freedoms to gun safety and fair elections.

So don't stop at the top. It's fine to vote a straight-party ticket, but you have to individually vote for the two candidates you want to fill the two spots on the Michigan Supreme Court. Whoever wins this election is going to have a big say in what the future of Michigan looks like – and you have a voice in electing the candidates who will best represent the interests of Michiganders like you.

Visit www.misupremecourtrocks.com for details about the Michigan Supreme Court, your voting rights, and a preview of the non-partisan section of your ballot. And use the website's tools to help spread the word, because every vote counts.

-Steve James, Michigan United Movement Politics Director



Lansing high school pupils adjusting to new cell phone policy

Smartphones were hardly on his radar when Lansing Eastern High School Principal Marcelle Carruthers began his education career in 1999 as a teacher at Everett High. Back then, the state still had a law on the books that banned papers in schools.

Carruthers was named Eastern’s principal in 2017. Having grown weary of cell phones in the classroom, he helped administer a spring-semester pilot program banning cell phone for eighth and ninth graders.

That was successful enough to lead him and Lansing’s other high school principals to approach Mitch Foster, the district’s senior director of high schools, in June to see if they could implement the policy in all four buildings.

“It was disrupting the classroom learning process,” Carruthers explained. “We decided to take the opportunity now to do what we could to eliminate that, because we knew it would be better for our students and make it easier for our staff to do their jobs.”

Foster was all in. “Everything supports this kind of procedure,” Foster said. “The primary purpose of school is teaching and learning, and everything we’ve seen about this procedure and policy supports optimizing that kind of environment during the school day.” As of this fall, at the start of each class period, teachers collect phones



to store in a secure lockbox until the end of the hour.

It’s part of a national movement that studies have shown to be both effective and well-received by educators who are concerned about the impact cell phones and social media have had on their students’ mental health.

According to a March 2024 survey of 2,889 members of the National Education Association, 90% of respondents supported schools banning cell phone use. Similarly, a 2023 Pew Research study found that 72 percent of high school teach-

ers considered cell phones a “major problem” in the classroom.

Indeed, in another study from Central Michigan University, researchers echoed existing studies in finding that “addictive” smartphone use led to “reduced academic performance among adolescents.”

Other Michigan districts that already have some sort of cell phone ban in place include Detroit Public Schools, Utica Community Schools, Dearborn City Schools, Plymouth-Canton Schools, Forest Hill Public Schools in Grand Rapids, Atherton Schools in Burton, Westwood Schools in Dearborn Heights, Hazel Park Schools, Tomlinson Middle School in Inkster, Northville Public Schools and Mackinaw City

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An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new section 888.____ for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for fifty-six (56) low-income dwelling units in a project known as Riverview 220 Apartments, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, (being Public Act 346 of 1966, as amended [MCL 125.1401, et seq.]) (The “Act”).

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk’s office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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Eagle Township, Clinton County Special Joint Meeting Eagle Township Board and Planning Commission Synopsis

August 27, 2024, at 8:00 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee M. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle. Planning Commission Members: Chair Currie, Vice-Chair Rich, Secretary Sutherland, John Iszler and 4 citizens.

Board Actions:

- 1) Approved attorney to provide legal opinion on Eagle Township Territory.
- 2) Motion to add legal opinions on other topics to the agenda.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is September 19, 2024, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

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

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High School.

In the Pew Research study, 82% of respondents said they already had some form of cell phone restrictions in place at their schools. Of that group, 30% noted that they had some difficulty enforcing those rules.

East Lansing's policy stops short of collecting all phones.

East Lansing High School Principal Ashley Schwarzbek and her staff rolled out a new cell phone policy in fall 2022. Teachers confiscate cell phones and other non-academic electronic devices when students use them during instructional periods.

"We came to a critical point where we had situations involving student-peer conflicts and other disruptions, so we made some changes," Schwarzbek said. "One of them was to limit cell phone use."

The policy, now in its third year, has worked well for her staff.

"The biggest feedback we've gotten from teachers is that they've seen an increase in instructional time because they're not having to take time to redirect students that are on phones," she said.

Three weeks into the fall semester in Lansing, Carruthers said he's seen just "a couple issues with a few students who may not have wanted to give their phone up to a teacher." When that happens, the instructor brings that student's phone to the office, where it remains for the rest of the day.

In both East Lansing and Lansing high schools, students are still permitted to use their phones during passing periods and lunch hours. Carruthers, who cited social media use as a key driver behind the new policy, dubbed this "a big compromise."

"Some of our students are now doing TikTok videos during lunchtime after they get their phones back," Carruthers said. "We thought that was an important trade off to help them buy into this, and I think students are largely accepting it."

Schwarzbek also stressed the benefits of retaining the students' right to use their phones at those times.

"We recognize that our students are young adults who have some legitimate uses. They may have to check their work schedule or pick up their younger sibling that after-

noon. We understood that there's always going to be some need for them to be able to have their phone at specific times, but instructional time just wasn't one of them," Schwarzbek said.

She said Lansing educators should expect some resistance early on, adding that it will "even out" as students settle into a routine.

"We'll see a higher number of phones coming in at the beginning of the year, because students are still getting used to that system. I think we fought some ebb and flow, because any policy is always only as good as its enforcement," Schwarzbek said. "That's been a learning curve for all of our staff, as well as making sure we're consistently enforcing it across all classrooms, all the time."

As far as backlash from parents or students is concerned, Schwarzbek said most complaints boil down to concerns about safety during emergencies. It's part of the reason, unlike the Lansing School District, her school opted to not actually collect phones.

"We don't take their phone unless we absolutely have to, because we wanted to make sure that our students still feel confident that they can continue to have it on their person all day, as long as they're using it at the appropriate times," Schwarzbek said.

There are also special cases, like diabetic students who need access to their tracking applications.

"If there's a medical issue, we always automatically approve that request. There are also some exten-

uating circumstances where there may be a family member in the hospital and a parent needs to be able to contact their child about it," Carruthers said.

Aside from these allowances, Carruthers and Schwarzbek believe their policies will, in time, become the new norm.

"Our K-8 students are already not allowed to use their phones at all. So, our current freshmen that were at our middle school last year are already largely used to this," Schwarzbek said. "To many of them, the little bit of freedom that we do give our high school students to make certain decisions as young adults may feel like a loosening up of things, to some degree."

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

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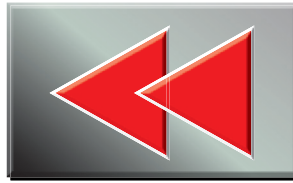
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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The financially struggling Lansing Art Gallery has suspended operations for at least the rest of September. Executive director Michelle Carlson resigned and five part-time and two full-time employees were laid off. Two employees remain. “We just have to tighten our belts and figure out how we’re going to move forward,” said board Vice President Amy Zander. Board President Rachel Beatty said the monthly operating budget has been cut from \$20,000 to \$6,000. The board plans to meet weekly and reopen the downtown gallery in October.

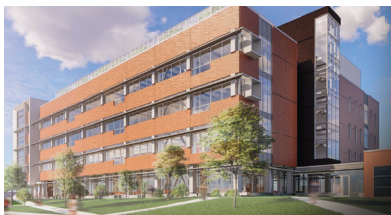


Democratic vice-presidential candidate Tim Walz will appear in Lansing Friday. The Minnesota governor is scheduled to arrive at Capital Region International Airport at noon and participate in events in Lansing, with details to come. Walz will campaign in Grand Rapids Thursday.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg visited East Lansing Friday, touting the Biden administration’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act while speaking from an Interstate-127/Inter-



state-496 bridge construction site off Trowbridge Road. Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and a 2020 presidential candidate, was part of the Biden-Harris administration’s Investing in America Tour. He was joined by Lansing Mayor Andy Schor and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, all wearing construction vests.



The MSU Board of Trustees approved two major building proposals Friday in its first 2024-’25 meeting: a 4,000-to 5,500-seat sports arena and a 200,000-square-foot

plant and environmental sciences building. The sports arena, on Harrison Road south of the new Student Recreation and Wellness Center, will be home to volleyball, gymnastics and wrestling teams. The facility will meet requirements for Big Ten championships, athletic director Alan Haller said. The plant and environmental sciences building, at Farm Lane and Wilson Road, will provide lab space for food security and climate adaptation.

Delta Township Supervisor Ken Fletcher was arraigned in Eaton County District Court on two felony charges of using a computer to commit a crime and accosting a child for immoral purposes. Fletcher, who resigned the previous day after serving more than 15 in the elected post, pleaded not guilty. Court records said Fletcher



er “engaged in sexual conversations” on Grindr, an LGBTQ+ hookup app, with an undercover detective posing as a 15-year-old boy. A hearing to determine whether he should stand trial was tentatively set for Sept. 23. Township Clerk Mary Clark was named acting supervisor.

Lansing Police Officer Robert Olson was cleared of wrongdoing Friday by the state Attorney General’s Office from a non-fatal shooting incident in January in the 300 block of West Saginaw Street. Olson was



said to be acting in self-defense when he fired seven rounds at Zachary Duling when Duling drove at him and struck him with a Chevrolet Cruze following a police chase. Duling suffered a grazing wound and was arrested the following day.



Lansing’s City Rescue Mission broke ground on buildings for a 440,000-square-foot facility in the 400 block of West Kalamazoo Street expected to shelter more than 300 people dealing

with homelessness and other challenges and function as a temporary shelter for 50 more. Construction is expected to take up to 11 months and cost close to \$10 million. The Christian nonprofit ministry is receiving state funds for the construction, with the stipulation the mission cannot use religious standards for serving people.

MSU paid \$2.76 million in fines in July after failing to obtain approval from the U.S. Department of Education for more than a dozen academic programs as required under provisions put into place after the Larry Nassar scandal. MSU and the DOE reached a settlement in June that acknowledged the university violated provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The DOE found that financial aid was provided to students in unapproved programs and had to be paid back to the department by Aug. 1, according to the settlement agreement. MSU spokesperson Mark Bullion said the amount was paid in full on July 19.

Public Safety

Meridian Township police asked for the public’s help Tuesday in a search for Baylee Psenski, a 13-year-old girl last seen Sunday at Meridian Mall. Anyone with information is asked to call the police at (517) 853-4800. ... Johnny Estes was convicted of first-degree murder Tuesday in the 2022 shooting death of Daniel Cannarile. Ingham County Prosecutor John DeWane said he faces an automatic life sentence. ... A reward of up to \$25,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the July 5 shooting death in Detroit of MSU graduate Jordan Thornhill. The U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Detroit, Detroit police and CrimeStoppers are offering the reward.



Cold War returns

A remnant of the Cold War has been repurposed as garden art at a home on Lansing’s north side.

In the early 1960s, Cold War playgrounds were all the rage in public parks. Kids could bounce on rocket ships, ride on jet interceptors, climb on Telstar style monkey bars and ride on a nautilus submarine.

The northside garden has a jet interceptor manufactured by Jamison Inc. of Los Angeles, the largest supplier of what were called “spring rides” in the 1960s. The company made a variety of rabbits, trains, cars and motorcycles that little kids bounced on. A Michigan company Gametime, of Litchfield, Michigan, also made cold-war playground equipment. The company later moved to Alabama; the site is a Superfund location.

The jet interceptor is made of cast aluminum and is approximately 35 inches long, 7.5 inches wide and 14 inches high and mounted on a large truck spring.

The trend became so popular that Life Magazine ran a multi-page article (“Playground Takes a Space Age Spin”) in March 1963 that featured a cover story on Fidel Castro and an article on using atomic bombs to dig canals. Sort of ironic.

The equipment became so popular that Philadelphia transformed 163 playgrounds in 1963 by installing cold-war equipment.

BILL CASTANIER

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

LET’S BOOGIE!



BOZO seems to be having an identity crisis. He can’t seem to identify the person he is running against.

In spite of his best efforts to identify Joe Biden as his opponent, he hasn’t been able to convince an obdurate electorate that he isn’t running against a woman of color. Bozo invested millions in dollars and time prepping to campaign against Hunter’s laptop, and now he just can’t process the fact that his investment has been wasted.

One reason he is stumped is all of the other preposterous lies he keeps spewing seem to resonate with the MAGA cult and the MSM. So why can’t he sell his fantasy that he is still running against Joe to anyone else? He even keeps testing the waters by reviving “Hillary’s emails,” and that appears to still work. Unfortunately, HRC isn’t on the ticket either.

Ever more frustrated, he relentlessly keeps throwing overtly racist and sexist low-rent insults and demeaning comments at Kamala. He seems puzzled as they either bounce off Ms. Teflon, miss the mark completely, or immediately boomerang back into his face.

For example, Bozo recently posted some crude, off color and disgusting remarks about Kamala’s sex life.

This from a person who is an admitted serial sexual predator (see Access Hollywood video in Bozo’s own words) who also has a civil conviction for the equivalent of rape and at least 26 other women, many under oath, swearing that Bozo sexually molested them.

And surprise! In yet another act of self-sabotage, he is bringing up all 26 of the other women he sexually molested over the years to insult them yet again with preposterous denials.

Desperation and hysteria are amplifying Bozo’s erratic and totally unhinged behavior.

As there is no bottom for Bozo, we can expect more of the same at least until Nov. 5. And probably beyond.

(The Boogie Kings is an e-newsletter written by Bob Baldori, with art by David Small. Baldori, a singer/songwriter/keyboardist and attorney who lives in Meridian Township, founded the rock group The Woolies while at Michigan State University, performed for decades with Chuck Berry and toured worldwide as part of the Boogie Kings duo. Small is the award-winning author and illustrator of children’s books whose memoir “Stitches” was a National Book Award finalist. He is a longtime contributor to The New Yorker. He Boogie Kings Newsletter is published several times a week. To subscribe, go to theboogiekings.substack.com.)

Paid parental leave is likely coming To Ingham County government workers

For some parents working in the private sector in 2024, taking paid time off after the new child comes into the family is expected.

Whether you’re the mother giving birth or the supporting parent, there can be late nights ... like a lot of late nights ... in a row.



POLITICS

At least that’s the experience of Ingham County Commissioner Gabrielle Lawrence,

“It’s really hard to be a parent of young kids, even if you’re not the one giving birth,” she said.

The mother of 6- and 4-year-olds was surprised when coming into the county fold last year that Ingham County government doesn’t have any type of parental leave time. Neither did Clinton or Eaton either, for that matter.

Ingham County employees who want to take a few months off to acclimate their new lives with the new baby were expected to use their vacation time or banked time or sick time.

That may change soon.

Lawrence is leading the charge for a paid parental leave policy for all county employees that is at least as generous as the 12-week paid leave policy the state of Michigan gave its employees in 2020.

This summer, Lawrence, an attorney, brought the subject to the county’s Law and Court Committee, on which she serves.

As it turns out, someone with court experience— Circuit Court Judge Morgan Cole — came to the committee to voice her support.

Cole had three children as a county employee for a decade before becoming a judge.

Her first child was put in daycare at 5 weeks old because she didn’t have any additional time off. Cole’s second child was put into daycare at 8 weeks old.

While she and her husband aren’t planning on more kids, she voiced support for the policy so future county employees wouldn’t have to put their newborns in daycare so

soon after birth, especially before they’ve even had their shots.

Everybody on the committee supported the idea. It’s now in the hands of county staff, who are crafting a formal policy for final consideration.

It appears all the commissioners are on board, although Commissioner Mark Grebner questioned whether a change in employee benefits should go through the collective bargaining process with the county’s 17 or so labor units.

With 80% of county workers represented by unions, Grebner wondered if “we really ought to be working through those agents.”

“I really chafe at that,” Lawrence said. “This is a right that employees have, and they shouldn’t have to rely on their bargaining unit for it.”

Her point, also, was about non-represented employees. Should they not get the same benefit, as well?

Grebner also questioned the proposed benefit’s cost. Would any existing programs need cuts? What about taxes — especially if it was implemented suddenly and outside of the bargaining process?

For Lawrence’s part, sick time should be used when you’re sick. Vacation time should be used for vacation. Parental leave time should be used when a new child is born or adopted.

Washtenaw County near Ann Arbor adopted this policy at the end of 2023 for its 1,400 employees. The city of East Grand Rapids did the same in February.

Two years into the program at the state level, 4 percent of state government’s 46,000 employees used 800,000 hours of paid time with their new babies, according to state numbers from 2022.

“You don’t work for the county to get rich,” Lawrence said. “The least we can do is give them good benefits.”

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

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-1-2024, 3724 Pleasant Grove Road
Rezoning from R-3 “Suburban Residential” to MFR “Multi Family Residential”

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request to rezone 3724 Pleasant Grove Road from R-3 “Suburban Residential” to MFR “Multi Family Residential”. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit multiple-family residential use of the subject property.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, 2024 at the City Clerk’s Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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Giggles at a funeral

How tearing City Pulse to shreds can improve your life

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The jaws of an angry opossum gape at the viewer, flashing razor-sharp teeth and a tongue that's blood purple with aggression. Two words, torn from a newspaper in cold-blooded kidnapper style, appear above and below this marsupial nightmare: "HERE kiTTy."

Jeffrey Gaff's contribution to the "Elemental Offerings" exhibit at north Lansing's Struk Studio is a modest one, but it's not without interest.

For one thing, the first "E" in the word "HERE" is the uppercase "E" from the "City PULSE" cover logo. And there's the "y" from "City" in a droll tableau depicting a cute little camper, with the caption "HOLiDAy."

Unfortunately, a Sherman tank seems to be hauling that cozy camper to a war zone.

Gaff, who goes by the pen name Séafra Duffy, likens his drawings to "giggles at a funeral." His self-portrait is a sad skeleton gazing at a typewriter, emblazoned with the word "ReFLECTiOn." Connoisseurs of City Pulse typography will instantly spot the white "i" with the red tittle.

Someone stop me! There's a fancy "E," obviously rendered by artist Dennis Preston. There's a "Q" from a Quality Dairy ad.

OK, enough with the font fetishism. It's time to address Gaff's off-the-wall, brain-worm images. A butterfly resting on bones? A seahorse in a cowboy boot? The Hamburglar on Mount Rushmore?

Gaff has had a rough time since he moved to Lansing from Fort Wayne, Indiana, about two years ago, and he's working it out in his own gonzo way. About 3 feet of wall space at Struk, along with a binder packed with more images, tell the whole story — if you know how to look.

Gaff is a ramp supervisor for UPS at Capital Region International Airport. Every weekday evening, he orchestrates a heavy-duty dance of about seven semi-trucks, a dozen small feeder planes and a fleet of package cars.

In about an hour and a half, his crew consolidates and loads everything onto a



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Jeffrey Gaff, also known by his pen name, Séafra Duffy, poses in front of his artwork at Struk Studio in north Lansing.

big jet, headed to the main hub in Louisville, Kentucky.

"You don't know whether it's going to be late, what the weather will be, whether the plane is going to break," Gaff said.

How did he end up in Lansing?

"Like every good story, it started with a girl," he said.

Gaff is a passionate rescuer of old typewriters, but he's no mere collector. He dusts them off and puts them to work.

His pandemic book, "100 Days, 50

Bottles, and a Typewriter: Locked Down and Grounded in Fly-over Country," is a zig-zagging EKG of daily impressions and musings. (A post-pandemic sequel followed: "More Days, More

Bottles, and the Same Damn Typewriter: Unlocked and Rolling to Mountain Country.")

His website, typewriterfox.com, is headlined by a jet-black Smith Corona model that's scrawled with the motto, "This machine kills memes."

A female reader from Lansing was intrigued by his blog.

"I was kind of known in the typewriter scene, and she reached out," Gaff said. He

followed the electrons all the way to Lansing to make it physical.

"And then she decided we were done," he said.

The resulting confusion, dislocation and heartbreak provided plenty of grist for his typewriters.

His most recent blog entries chronicle his up-and-down Lansing days, from the sudden death of a friend to quotidian observations on "the land of QD," with its cornfields and construction barrels.

One afternoon, while doodling with a set of Sharpies at a coffee shop, he suddenly discovered an impertinent-looking fox on the table before him.

"I thought, 'he's gangsta,'" Gaff said.

There happened to be an issue of City Pulse nearby. He tore out some letters to form the label "GANGSTA," and voila — his first artwork.

After the fox, a series of gonzo images flooded through his brain. The Sharpies obeyed, moving with a will of their own. Many copies of City Pulse bit the dust.

Things you can touch, from typewriters to print newspapers, keep him tethered to the physical world.

"Honestly, City Pulse is the one anchor I've had since I moved here — that tactile connection to a new city," he said. "It's been a friend to me, especially during



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Gaff tears letters from copies of City Pulse to create the phrases pasted on his drawings.

those first few weeks at a coffee shop."

Once he had accumulated a stack of images, he stopped by Struk Studio, not far from the airport, and showed them to owner and artist David Such.

"He graciously incorporated them into the show," Gaff said. "To me, these are just doodles. They're silly. As a collection, I appreciate them more."

Gaff's discomfiture at the exhibition's Aug. 10 opening reception is the subject of a recent blog entry. He confesses that his "excitement at the stupid shit I drew" moved him out of his comfort zone. He was so rattled that he showed up on time.

Accustomed to dwelling in "the periphery of the overnight" — usually the tarmac at Capital Region International Airport — he found himself blinking like an opossum in the light of sudden attention. He recalls counting the steps to the exits and wondering if a couch at the front of the gallery was part of the art or "intended for actual asses."

Suddenly, a familiar woman walks into the gallery, and ... well, check out the blog entry to get the rest of the story.

The blog is so up to date that a recent entry mentions this interview and a forthcoming story in City Pulse.

Back at you, Typewriter Fox.

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Greater Lansing's Superheroes vie in Top of the Town 2024

Superheroes abound during the election season, and 2024 is no exception. All the candidates, presidential and beyond, are trying to summon their superpowers to heroically offer solutions to our state, local and national challenges.

But we have plenty of superheroes right here in Greater Lansing, in the business, service and artistic communities, and you have a chance to let us know who are the best of the best, starting now. We're proud to launch our 17th Annual Top of the Town contest and give you an opportunity to vote for the restaurants, bars, cannabis shops, restaurants, hangouts, artists, services and "whatever" that you think are the superheroes who deserve the ultimate recognition in their respective categories.

Superheroes must be lean and fit to do their job. Likewise, so does our contest. Last year, we had more than 330 categories, by far the most ever. For 2024, we've trimmed it down to 249, making it easier for you to vote in each one!

Most notably, you'll notice the absence of the People category from last year. That's because we're now giving Greater Lansing's most outstanding individuals their own Top of the Town-type contest, launching in January after the holidays (see related story).

Meanwhile, three new categories make their debut this year, recommended by you in last year's "Best Category We Didn't Think Of": Best Mural, Best Disc Golf Course and Best Pet Grooming Business.

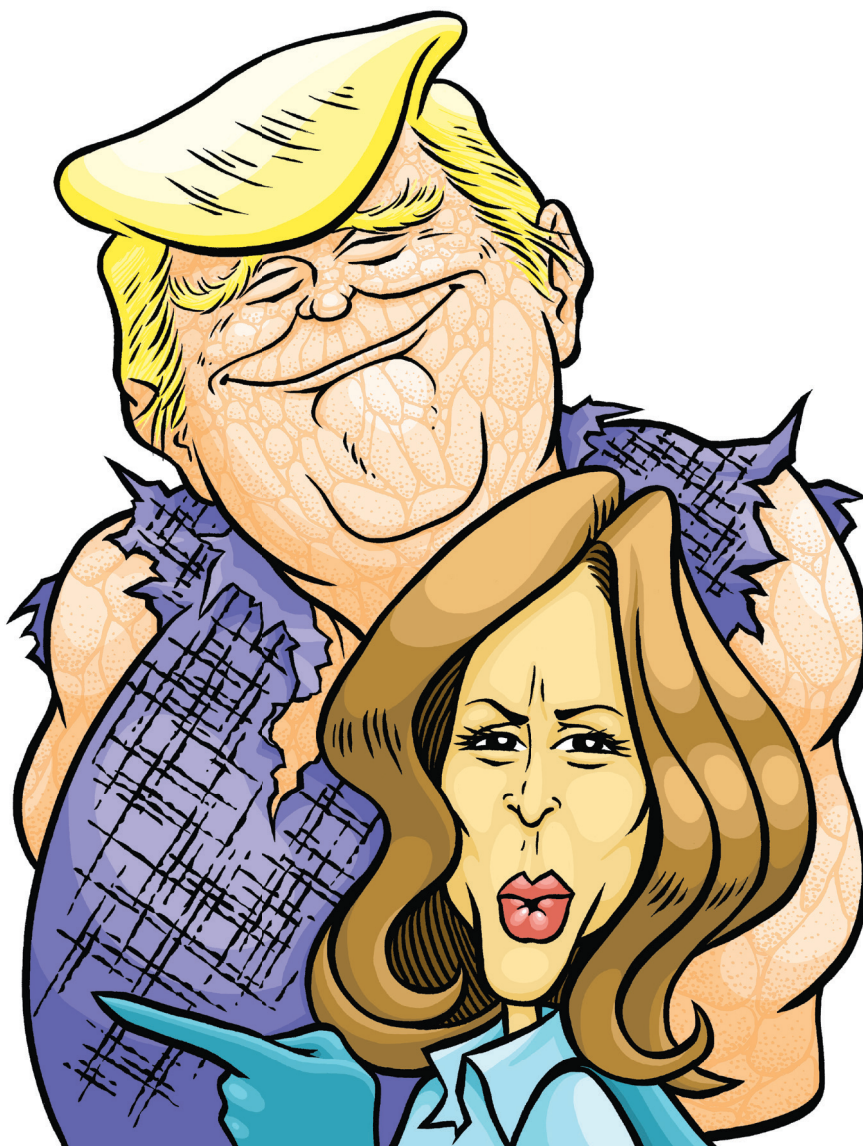
Here's how to vote in this year's contest:

— **To get started, please visit lansingcitypulse.com and click on the banner at the top of the home page.** That takes you to the contest's homepage, where you can register or sign back in. Clicking any of the category groups below will also give you prompts to sign in or register.

— **Next, begin voting!** Please note that all votes are submitted automatically. Once you've cast them, you're done. Don't worry about a second submission screen.

— **If you need to stop and come back to your ballot, or your internet browser closed, you can return to the site and continue voting exactly where you left off.** You can always log out of your voting session and, when you are ready to resume voting, log back in and get back to the contest.

— **As always, you can vote in as many (or as few) categories as you wish, but please remember to finish your ballot before 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1.** That should give you plenty of time to make even the most gut-wrenching of decisions!



Top of the Town 'People' coming in January

Great people are what makes Greater Lansing thrive, and City Pulse has always sought to recognize those individuals, most notably in our annual People Issue every January. What better time and place, then, to also recognize the best of the best folks in our community in more than three dozen categories?

Our Top of the Town contest had gotten a little unwieldy in that respect, so we're taking the 40+ People categories we've had in the past and giving them their own special contest. Whether you want to recognize your favorite bartender (or budtender), hairstylist, tattoo artist, high school coach, auto salesperson or real estate agent, you'll be able to do so in January.

So please stay tuned for our Top of the Town People contest! Details will be coming after our 2024 Top of the Town contest concludes in mid-November.

— **The Top 5 vote-getters in each category will advance to the second round, which will be announced on Oct. 16.** You will then have two more weeks to vote for the Top 3, which will be announced in our Nov. 13 issue.

— **If you are the first one to nominate a business, please be patient.** It will be submitted to an approval process so we can verify it is in the right category, spelled correctly, etc., so it may not show up immediately. If you do not see it after 24 hours, please contact Steve Underwood at (517) 999-6704 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays or steve@lansingcitypulse.com.

— **Also, when you vote or nominate, you have an opportunity to comment.** Please do so! We may want to use those comments in the next round when the Top 5 nominees are winnowed down to the winner and second- and third-place finishers.

— **You can also send us your list of votes via snail mail** to Steve Underwood at City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912.

— **Everyone who votes in EVERY category, in each round, will be entered in a drawing to win prizes from some of our winners!**

— **And make sure you sign up for our timely and informative newsletters.** If you're not sure if you're one of the nearly 12,000 signed up already, enter your email address and we will sort it out for you and make sure you only get it once.

We are excited to again partner with RevFluent and Friends2Follow, showcasing all the categories, nominees and, ultimately, our Top 5 next month and Top 3 in November.

The integrity of the contest is of utmost importance, so all nominations will come from the community. Yes, winners past and present often place ads, which sometimes results in more votes because of greater exposure. But it does not influence the results in any other way, and buying an ad is not required to participate or win. Top of the Town is absolutely a people's choice contest.

Top of the Town is THE platform in Greater Lansing to vote for the best of the best, and our new Lansing Guru website will host the Top 5 results after the contest concludes and serve as

an invaluable reference for our community all year long!

Thanks so much to Dennis Preston for his outstanding artwork on the cover and within this story!

— STEVE UNDERWOOD

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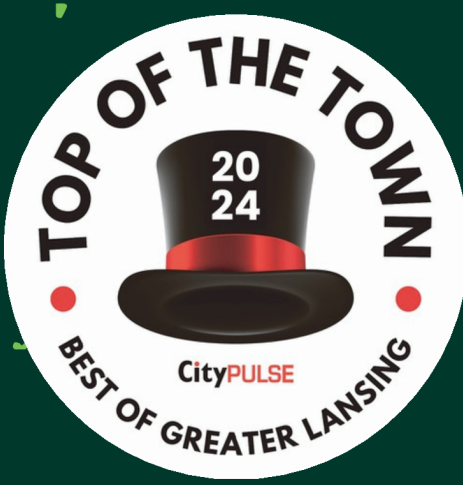
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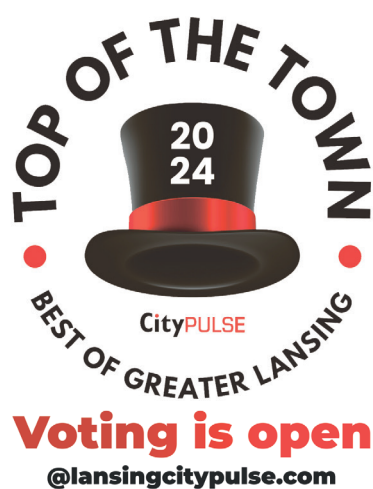
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Best Topical

Dining

Best Bagels
Best Bakery
Best Baklava
Best BBQ
Best BBQ Sauce



Best Breakfast
Best Brunch
Best Bubble Tea
Best Buffet
Best Burger
Best Chicken Strips/Tenders
Best Chinese Food
Best Restaurant
Best Cider
Best Coney Dog
Best Crab Legs
Best Cupcake
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Best Diner
Best Donuts
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Restaurant
Best Fast Food
Best Fish Fry
Best Food Truck
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Best Greek
Best Hibachi
Best Ice Cream
Best Indian Rest
Best Irish
Best Italian
Best Lasagna
Best Late Night



Best Mediterranean

Best Mexican – chain

Best Mexican Restaurant
(non-chain)

Best Nachos

Best New Restaurant

Best Olive Burger

Best Pancakes

Best Pho

Best Pizza

Best Prime Rib

Best Ramen

Best Ranch Dressing

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Best Restaurant for Seniors

Best Restaurant Wine List

Best Reuben

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MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

MICHIGAN
BLUESFEST



SEPTEMBER 18-21
2024 • OLD TOWN, LANSING

During the 1980s, a handful of artists set up studios and opened a few art galleries in north Lansing's mostly vacant and boarded-up buildings. In the mid 1990s, MICA started producing music festivals, which placed a spotlight on the historic commercial district we now know as Old Town. The journey has been steady. MICA helped establish Old Town as one of the first designated urban main street sites in the nation. Now there are myriad thriving businesses, galleries, restaurants, boutiques, nightclubs, restored and new buildings, loft apartments and waiting lists of people wanting to live here. MICA is thankful to be able to serve as a catalyst for this community transformation and recognizes the significance that arts and artists play in sustainable economic development of a region.

Come to **MICHIGAN BLUESFEST** on the streets of **OLD TOWN** - Lansing. We have a terrific line-up of artists who will be performing new and exciting arrangements with over 30 unique performances. Enjoy a weekend of music, food and beverages. Meet old friends and make new ones.

3 VENUES & 4 DAYS OF GREAT MUSIC The Wednesday Kickoff Concert and the Thursday Benefit Concert are at UrbanBeat. Friday and Saturday there are three venues: the MICA Stage, MessageMakers Stage, and UrbanBeat Stage.

ENJOY THE SOCIAL DISTRICT Old Town's designation as a Social District means festival goers can buy, walk and consume on the streets with appropriately labeled alcoholic beverages from sponsor UrbanBeat and other bars and restaurants while experiencing all that the festival has to offer.

TICKET INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY • KICK OFF CONCERT is free (limited seating)

THURSDAY • BENEFIT CONCERT \$20 or donation

FRIDAY & SATURDAY • General Admission \$15 good for both days

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Blues Lady
Champagne &
The Connection
Blues Band

WED SEPT 18 • KICK OFF CONCERT

Featuring Ann Bell
Jeff Baldori Blues Band

THUR SEPT 19 • THE CHAMPAGNE BLUES
BENEFIT CONCERT FOR KIDZBEAT

Featuring Tom Duffield
Blues Lady Champagne & The Connection Blues Band

FRI SEPT 20 • SAT SEPT 21

Rhett Yocom Blues Band • Brendon Linsley Band • Lexie Blue
Blues Lady Champagne & the Connection Blues Band
Joseph & the Velozians Guitar Edition • Johnny D Blues
Clique Vocals • Jim McCarty & Mystery Train, with Pat Smillie
Lady Sunshine & the X Band • Jake Kershaw • The Euclid Motel
Lansing Blues All Stars • The Rusty Wright Band • Tom Duffield
Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues • Ann Bell
Jeff Baldori Blues Band • Ralph McKee Blues Band
Mike Espy Group • School of Rock • and more!

AFTERGLOW • at Urbanbeat at 10:30pm-11:30pm • Limited Seating

MICHIGAN BLUESFEST JOBS FAIR

Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA) and Capital Area Michigan Works! (CAMW!) will be holding the first annual BluesFest Job Fair on Saturday, September 21st, from 3:30-6:30pm in Old Town Lansing. CAMW! is the workforce development agency for the tri-county capital region that works with employers across all industry sectors and supports job seekers with employment-related resources.

The BluesFest Job Fair will not only showcase local employment opportunities with regional employers and Old Town but will also promote the Greater Lansing region as part of the BluesFest activities. Individuals attending can network with local businesses and learn about job openings available here in the Greater Lansing area. As the festival is informal, there is no required dress code or need to print resumes for the job fair portion of the event. City of Lansing, Michigan Department of Transportation, CATA and Shaheen Chevrolet are among the participants. A full list of participating employers will be available in the near future.

The first ever **MICHIGAN BLUESFEST JOB FAIR** will offer individuals attending an opportunity to learn more about careers in the region. The event will connect people, community and career opportunities, reinforcing all of the exciting things that Greater Lansing has to offer!

MICHIGAN BLUESFEST



WED SEPT 18 • KICK OFF CONCERT

ANN BELL

6:00pm | **UrbanBeat**
Dynamic singer, songwriter and pianist.



JEFF BALDORI BLUES BAND

7:30pm | **UrbanBeat**
Singer, guitarist, songwriter and pianist Jeff Baldori began his career studying classical, jazz, and boogie-woogie. He performed many times with Chuck Berry. Kickoff your BluesFest weekend with a spark from the Jeff Baldori Blues Band, including Mike Daniels, Mike Skory, and Mike Smalley.



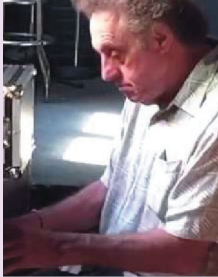
THUR SEPT 19 • THE CHAMPAGNE BLUES BENEFIT CONCERT

MICA has always provided arts programming for kids, including dance, drawing and painting workshops, an instrument petting zoo and monthly workshops at MICA Art Gallery. At Bluesfest, we also provide harmonica lessons for kids. Your generous donation will enable MICA to offer more arts activities for kids.

The evening includes a complimentary glass of champagne!

TOM DUFFIELD

6:00pm | **UrbanBeat**
Duffield's piano work has been a part of the jazz and blues scene for decades. His repertoire includes interpretations of the standards as well as some surprises. A regular at music festivals on the west side of the state, we are glad to have Tom Duffield and friends at the Michigan BluesFest.



BLUES LADY CHAMPAGNE & THE CONNECTION BLUES BAND

7:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner**
Lady Champagne is an experienced musician whose style ranges from blues to R&B and gospel. She has shared the stage with many great R&B artists, including Mr. EJ Johnson, Alyson Williams, comedian George Lopez, recording artist Regina Belle, Mitch Ryder, Dennis Coffey, Mr. James Carter, Gerard Gibbs, Ralphe Armstrong, and Alex White. Lady Champagne was inducted into the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame.

FRI SEPT 20



SCHOOL OF ROCK › Adult Band

5:00pm | **MICA Stage**
School of Rock East Lansing's Adult Band delivers a revolutionary music program to students from Lansing and surrounding communities. Hear fresh sounds from upcoming musicians. Catch them live to experience the magic firsthand.

TOM DUFFIELD

5:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner**
A BluesFest favorite, Tom Duffield's repertoire includes interpretations of the standards as well as some surprises.



THE EUCLID MOTEL

6:00pm | **MessageMakers Stage**
The Euclid Motel is a "Blues and Groove" band from Bay City, Michigan. Review Magazine wrote that the band is "fueling fresh punches with the wisdom and experience of old souls." The Euclid Motel strives to keep the rich history of blues music alive, while adding a fresh, modern taste. The band consists of Connor Windiate - *vocals/acoustic guitar*; Darrian Loehne - *lead guitar*; Nathan Seifferly - *drums/vocals*; Tim Cary - *Organ/piano*; and Tim Goff - *bass*. The Motel is known to leave their crowds impressed with both their musical prowess and their stage performance.



ASAMU JOHNSON & THE ASSOCIATES OF THE BLUES

7:30pm | **MICA Stage**
A unique and captivating blues band, Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues has performed across the nation and represented west Michigan at the International Blues Festival. They have an array of original songs that can be heard on their CDs, *Bow Legs and Big Feet*, *Got to Go*, and *Blues You Can Use*.

TOM DUFFIELD

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



JEFF BALDORI BLUES BAND

8:30pm | **MessageMakers Stage**
Singer, guitarist, songwriter and pianist with Mike Daniels, Mike Skory, & Ed Fedewa.

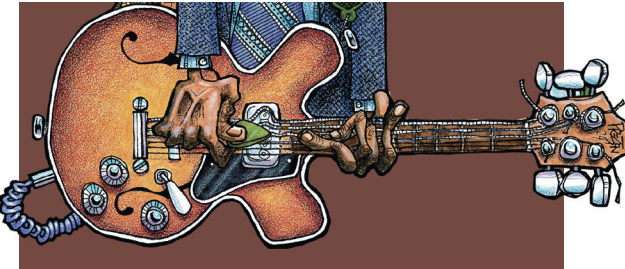
JOHNNY D BLUES BAND | 9:00pm

UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner
Well known in the community for his performances and the local blues jams he hosted for years, Johnny D is bringing straight-up blues to this year's festival.



LEXIE BLUE

9:30pm | **MICA Stage**
Lexie Blue is a captivating blues singer with a deep, soulful voice that resonates with raw emotion. Whether belting out a heart-wrenching ballad or delivering an upbeat and energetic performance, Lexie effortlessly connects with her audience, making them feel every note and leaving an indelible mark on their souls.



AFTERGLOW • JEFF BALDORI

10:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner › Limited seating**
Baldori will perform from 10:30pm-11:30pm, followed by a band-led jam session with other festival musicians until 1:00 am.

SAT SEPT 21

KIDZBEAT › MessageMakers Stage

1:30pm | **Children's Ballet Theatre & Powers Dance**
Combine to perform light-hearted dances by children for children of all ages. Directed by Jesse Powers.

2:30pm | Instrument Petting Zoo & Harmonica for Kids

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



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JOSEPH AND THE VELOZIAN'S GUITAR EDITION
3:30pm | **MICA Stage**

Detroit blues bassist Joseph Veloz has spent decades touring and recording with great acts such as Larry McCray, Thornetta Davis, Lucky Peterson, Matt “Guitar” Murphy, Eddie Kirkland, Joanne Shaw Taylor, Mississippi Heat, Sherman Robertson and many more. He produced two solo albums and has formed Joseph & the Velozians, a supergroup of Michigan’s top musicians who present a new, unique blend of modern blues in their original songs and revamped classics. At Michigan BluesFest, they will be performing a guitar-style rendition that is sure to knock your socks off.



CLIQUE VOCALS
4:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner**

Dan Templin and Kelly Sandula-Gruner met as members of Singers on the Grand, and their similar approach to performing and a shared love of singing led to the formation of Clique in 2016. The duo will perform blues songs arranged in a unique style with tight harmonies. Their mesmerizing performances are a must-listen.



THE RUSTY WRIGHT BAND
4:30pm | **MessageMakers Stage**

Rusty is a masterful lyrical storyteller, guitarist, vocalist, and producer with a singular take on improvisation-heavy blues rock. This Billboard Top 5 artist’s sound is a hot fusing of Texas-style blues, driving boogie and Southern guitar rock. The band’s lineup includes Rusty on guitar and lead vocals, wife Laurie LaCross-Wright on guitar and lead/harmony vocals, Billy Agner on bass/harmony vocals, and Vail Hayes on drums.



LANSING BLUES ALL-STARS
5:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner**

This is a rare treat to hear these formidable veterans of the area rock, soul, jazz and blues scene — S.J. “Frog” Forgey on guitar, Mike Skory on keyboards, Mike Daniels on drums, and Michael “Cheech” Swartwood on bass — trading licks and pushing the musical envelope all on one stage.

BRENDON LINSLEY BLUES BAND

5:30pm | **MICA Stage**

Brendon Linsley has graced the stage with legends like Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters, Jim McCarty from the Rockets, Bobby Murray from the Etta James band, the late, great saxophone player Alto Reed from the Bob Seger band, Johnny “Bee” Badanjek, and Chicago Blues Hall of Fame inductee John Watkins. He began playing guitar at 8, turned professional at 13, and has been dedicated to crafting his unique sound ever since.



CLIQUE VOCALS

6:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner**



LADY SUNSHINE & THE X BAND

6:30pm | **MessageMakers Stage**

Formed in 1994, Lady Sunshine and the X-Band is a reflection of the very essence of Detroit — emotion, fire, pride, and soul. Among her many awards are: Detroit Blues Challenge, 1st place; voted Best Blues Band in Washtenaw County by Current Magazine; International Blues Challenge, 2nd place; and Detroit Music Award, Best Rhythm & Blues/Soul Band.



RALPH McKEE BLUES BAND

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

The Ralph McKee Blues Band comprises veterans of the southeast Michigan music scene, playing an eclectic repertoire of blues grooves and styles. Bandmates include harmonica standout Tim Douthit, guitarist extraordinaire Randy Lear, ace keyboard man Brian Mangino, groovemaster Greg Lytle on drums, and for extra spice, harmony singers Jill Baker and Lynne Frederickson. The band just won the Capital Area Blues Society contest, qualifying for the national competition in Memphis, Tennessee, next January.



JIM McCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN with PAT SMILLIE

7:30pm | **MICA Stage**

Legendary Detroit guitarist Jim McCarty first broke onto the national stage with his searing guitar solo on Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels’ chart-topping debut hit, “Jenny Take a Ride”. Vocalist/songwriter Pat Smillie has been performing with Jim McCarty & Mystery Train since 2010. Their high-energy performances are sure to thrill.



JAKE KERSHAW

8:30pm | **MessageMakers Stage**

Jake Kershaw is a fresh, young, and exciting guitar player/singer/songwriter out of lower Michigan with many accolades. Jake has won two Jamie Awards from West Michigan’s WYCE radio for “Listener’s Choice: Best Album by a New Artist” and “2018 Emerging Artist of the Year”, as well as a nomination for a Detroit Blues Award. He was honored with his first “Young Artist” endorsement by Heritage Guitars.



MIKE ESPY GROUP

8:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner**

Michigan musicians extraordinaire, the Mike Espy Group features top-notch talent with Mike Espy on guitar and vocals, Jeff Thompson on harp, Michael Vincent Espy on bass and rhythm guitar, and Kenney Hampton on drums. The Mike Espy Group shares their love of classic electric blues.



RHETT YOCOM BLUES BAND

9:30pm | **MICA Stage**

The Rhett Yocom Blues Band is a soulful blues ensemble that brings together the rich heritage of traditional blues with a vintage yet high-energy sound. Amber Yocom, “Papa” Kiszka, Denny Fisk, Anthony Hill, and Jeffrey Grassl bring a level of musicianship, passion, and dedication that is sure to leave audiences mesmerized.

AFTERGLOW • JOHNNY D BLUES JAM

10:30pm | **UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner - Limited seating**

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The mission of the **Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art**, a 501(c)3 non profit, is to create open spaces where people can come together, meet old friends, make new friends, and in the context of the arts explore ways to bring about positive community transformation. MICA's exhibitions in the visual arts and programs in music, performance, film and literature provide opportunities to entertain, educate and inspire. For more, see **micharts.org**.
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Visit **MichArts.org/volunteer** to sign up!

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9:30pm	Rhett Yocom Blues Band	MICA Stage
10:30pm	AFTERGLOW - Johnny D Blues Jam	UrbanBeat Stage, 1213 Turner

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- Best Salad
- Best Sandwich/Wrap
- Best Seafood Restaurant
- Best Signature Dish
- Best Soup
- Best Steak
- Best Sub Sandwich
- Best Sushi
- Best Tacos
- Best Thai Restaurant

- Best Upscale Dining
- Best Vegan/Gluten Free Dessert
- Best Vegetarian/Vegan Dish
- Best Vegetarian/Vegan/ Gluten Free Restaurant
- Best Wings

Hangouts

- Best Beach
- Best Biggby
- Best Bowling Alley
- Best Cafe
- Best Coffee Shop (non-Biggby)
- Best Comedy Night
- Best Corn Maze
- Best Disc Golf Course
- Best Escape Room Venue



- Best Golf Course
- Best Hangout for Seniors
- Best Hangout for Students
- Best Hangout Solo
- Best Library
- Best Local Attraction for Kids
- Best Movie Theatre
- Best Music Venue
- Best Nature Center

- Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date Night
- Best Patio
- Best Place to Play Pinball Games
- Best Place to Play Video Games
- Best Place to Shoot Pool
- Best Public Park
- Best Sober Hangout
- Best Trivia Night

Local Arts

- Best Choral Group
- Best Country Artist/ Band
- Best Cover Band
- Best Folk Artist/Band
- Best Hip-Hop Artist/ Group
- Best Jazz Musician/ Group
- Best Local Theatre Organization
- Best Mural

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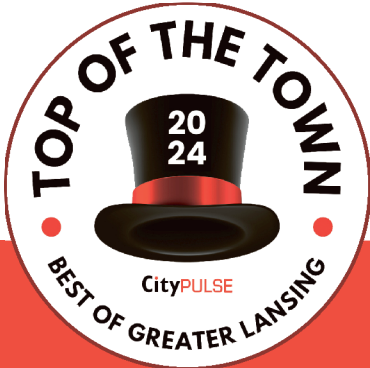
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Best Rock Artist/Band

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Best Yoga Studio

Shopping

Best Antique Shop

Best Art Gallery

Best Art Supply Store

Best Auto Dealership

Best Beer Selection in Retail Store

Best Bookstore (locally owned)

Best Butcher Shop

Best Candy Store

Best Cheese Department

Best Clothing Store (locally owned)

Best Consignment Shop

Best Farmers Market

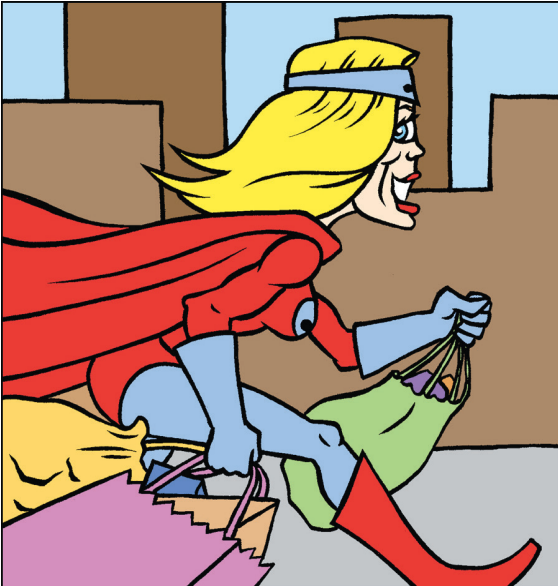
Best Florist

Best Furniture Store

Best Gardening Center

Best Gas Station

Best Gift Shop



Best Grocery Store (locally owned)

Best Hardware Store

Best Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store

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- Best Place to buy Mums
- Best Quality Dairy
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- Best Secondhand Shop
- Best Sex Shop
- Best Thrift Store
- Best Tire Store
- Best Used Car Dealership
- Best Vape Shop
- Best Wine Shop

Whatever

- Best Axe Throwing Venue
- Best Casino
- Best Category We Didn't Think of
- Best Day Trip
- Best Eye Candy Building
- Best Facebook Group or Page (local)
- Best High School
- Best Historical Place
- Best Instagram Account

- (local)
- Best Local Art Festival
- Best Local Event/Festival
- Best New Business
- Best Outdoor Adventure
- Best Place to Cry in Public
- Best Place to Find Quiet
- Best Place to Work
- Best Shop Pet
- Best Staycation Hotel in Lansing
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Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

VENUE SPOTLIGHT: GREWAL HALL AT 224



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Alt-rock chart toppers Everclear (above) and legendary hip-hop group Sugarhill Gang are just two of the notable acts headlining Grewal Hall at 224 in the coming month.

Live music hotspot boasts big-name shows

A remarkable music venue will forever be engrained in a city's sonic legacy. You have CBGB in New York, Whisky a Go Go in Hollywood, the Bluebird Café in Nashville, Tennessee — the list goes on. While Lansing has demolished some of its most legendary rooms over the years, like the Lansing Civic Center, the Silver Dollar Saloon and the Small Planet, new spots have continued to pop up like Whac-A-Mole and fill in the gaps. Long-running watering holes like Mac's Bar, the Green Door and the Avenue Café all do their part to host exciting live acts.

The newest spot is Grewal Hall at 224, which opened last year at 224 S. Washington Square in downtown Lansing. It immediately filled a need for a mid-sized local venue and has since kept up a

busy calendar of notable national and emerging local acts spanning numerous genres: rock, rap, country and more. While it's much too early to tell what its legacy will be, it's off to an admirable start.

"If your community takes arts and culture seriously, you need to have venues of every size," Grewal Hall partner Scott Bell told City Pulse just before its opening. "You need to have a place where local and regional artists can aspire to play. In the Lansing and East Lansing area, we were missing a 900-capacity venue that could host national and international touring artists. One of our goals with Grewal Hall at 224 is to make people outside the 517 area code think of Lansing as a destination for live music and events."

Read on for a sampling of Grewal Hall's upcoming show roster.

Soulja Boy

Sept. 19

Doors 7 p.m., all ages

Back in 2007, Soulja Boy's breakthrough rap single, "Crank That (Soulja Boy)," topped the Billboard Hot 100 after going viral during the rise of "ringtone rap." Born DeAndre Cortez Way, the now 34-year-old Atlanta rapper, record producer and entrepreneur was a forerunner in using social media and internet platforms like YouTube and Myspace to promote and market music. In short, it paid off. After "Crank That," he found success with "Kiss Me Thru the Phone" and "Turn My Swag On," proving he was more than a one-hit viral wonder. Beyond that, his influence on younger artists like Lil Yachty and Chief Keef is undeniable. Openers at Grewal Hall are Quazar, StayTrue Red and Blood Rich Business.

The Sugarhill Gang

Oct. 11

Doors 7 p.m., all ages

If there were a short list of iconic opening lines to groundbreaking songs, "Now what you hear is not a test, I'm rappin' to the beat!" would sit near the top. The trailblazing 1979 single — "Rapper's Delight," by the Sugarhill Gang — forever changed hip-hop by pushing it into the global mainstream and proving the then-new genre had mass appeal. While stacks of rap songs were cut before it, "Rapper's Delight" was the first to become a Top 40 Billboard hit. The earworm track not only laid the groundwork for lyrical rhyming but also commercialized the art of sampling. (It masterfully samples the instrumental break from Chic's disco-dance classic "Good Times.")

Hailing from Englewood, New Jersey, the group initially consisted of three members: Michael "Wonder Mike" Wright, Henry "Big Bank Hank" Jackson and Guy "Master Gee" O'Brien. After making waves on the East Coast, the legendary Sugar Hill Records signed the group of emcees. Despite lineup changes over the years, Sugarhill Gang's influence on the evolution of hip-hop remains significant. Along with other architects, like DJ Kool Herc, Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, Whodini and Run-

DMC, Sugarhill Gang is among the most recognizable names in early rap history. Fortunately for local hip-hop heads, the group will headline at Grewal Hall on Oct. 11.

Everclear w/ Marcy Playground, Jimmie's Chicken Shack

Oct. 13

Doors 6 p.m., all ages

Thanks to radio stations like Impact 89 FM and 94.1 The Edge, Greater Lansing has long had a soft spot for alternative music. On Oct. 13, three noteworthy '90s bands will share a bill at Grewal Hall: Everclear, Marcy Playground and Jimmie's Chicken Shack.

While Everclear formed in 1991, the band didn't hit it big until the mid-'90s alt-rock boom. Mainstream success and ample MTV airplay made 1995's "Santa Monica" the group's debut hit. From there, the Portland, Oregon natives landed other spots on the Billboard rock charts throughout the 2000s, thanks to "Father of Mine," "I Will Buy You a New Life" and "Wonderful."

Co-opener Marcy Playground also enjoyed success during the golden era of slacker college rock. The New York City-based outfit topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart (now called Alternative Airplay) for 15 weeks with its lethargic yet hooky single "Sex and Candy." Led by frontman and primary songwriter John Wozniak, the band's poppy grunge-folk sound was a perfect fit for the times, keeping them busy touring and recording.

Jimmie's Chicken Shack, which first performed in Lansing at the 1999 Old Town Octoberfest, is led by songwriter Jimi Haha (real name Jimi Davies), the band's founder and frontman. In 1997, the band's single "High" gained traction on MTV's alternative music show, "120 Minutes," a then-career-starting blast of national exposure. Its follow-up, "Do Right," another funky, reggae-influenced pop-punk single, also became a hit.

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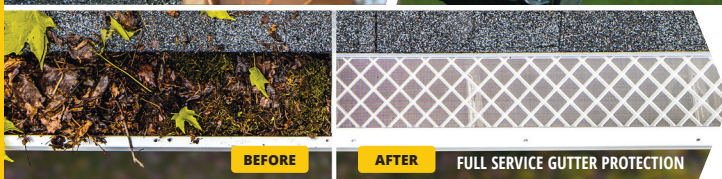
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Detroit native reminisces on height of illegal gambling in the city

By **BILL CASTANIER**

I had a great-aunt who ran a gambling operation out of a wallpaper store, and as a small child, I was fascinated by all the numbers she and her partner wrote on scraps of wallpaper. That's why I anxiously awaited the publication of "When Detroit Played the Numbers: Gambling's History and Cultural Impact on the Motor City," by Felicia B. George. I was not disappointed.

George, a career law enforcement official and adjunct professor at Wayne State University, is a spot-on researcher who has turned her doctoral dissertation into a remarkable book on the history of the numbers racket in Detroit, a form of illegal gambling that was a huge part of the city's cultural milieu until the legal lottery doomed its existence.

Without preaching, George makes the case that the implementation of the legal lottery system was a detriment to the city's self-reliance. During its heyday, the numbers racket employed thousands of workers and poured money back into the city's infrastructure and charitable institutions.

With facts and figures, the author shows how "money from Detroit numbers funded various businesses, newspapers, insurance agencies, loan offices, housing proj-

ects, prize fighters, night clubs" and much more.

She writes, "When the formal economy failed its citizens, the informal economy filled the void."

For those who know nothing about how the numbers game is played and operated, George provides a primer in several chapters and describes how peoples' processes for picking numbers evolved over time. Some selections were obvious, like a birthday or an anniversary, but other players turned to fortune tellers and church preachers for their picks.

Eliciting picks from dreams was very popular, as were "dream books" published by entrepreneurs. These books helped players interpret their dreams into numbers. For example, a dream where a dog appeared would become the number 73, according to "Old Aunt Dinah's Policy Dream Book."

In the early chapters of her book, George details how state-sponsored lotteries in the 1700s and 1800s were used to fund public works and even the American Revolution. By 1878, lotteries had been banned in all states except Louisiana, which continued its lottery until 1893.

With the lottery banned, Detroit turned to the numbers game, also known as policy gambling. Most of the activity was housed in betting parlors. By 1887, it was estimated that

160 "policy shops" were operating in Detroit.

The book reads like a true-crime thriller when George delves into the life of the legendary numbers kingpin John Roxborough, who ran the largest operations in Detroit from the 1920s through the mid-1940s, when he was arrested and imprisoned. Roxborough was also the co-manager of boxing champion Joe Louis, nicknamed the Brown Bomber. George explains how Roxborough used the profits from his numbers racket to support Louis on his climb to the championship.

The author also considers the sociological impact of Detroit's numbers racket and how it provided hope for thousands of Black citizens trying to survive the daily grind. She quotes one newspaper as stating, "In the Negro ghetto, it was the only hope you could afford."

For a nickel bet, one could win \$25, with the odds somewhere around 1,000-to-1.

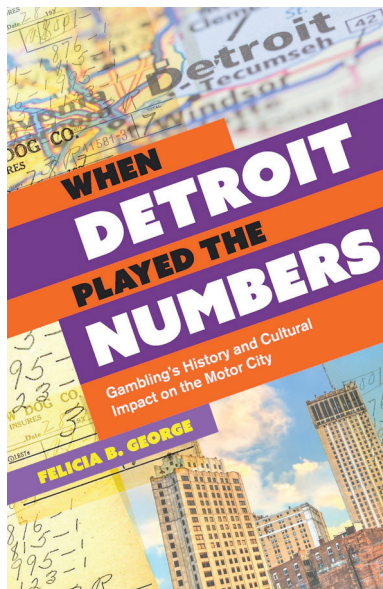
It probably goes without saying, but the rampant illegal gambling in

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Felicia B. George, a career law enforcement official and adjunct professor at Wayne State University, has turned her doctoral dissertation into a remarkable book on the history of the numbers racket in Detroit: "When Detroit Played the Numbers: Gambling's History and Cultural Impact on the Motor City."



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Detroit wouldn't have been successful without lucrative bribes to local officials to look the other way. In 1940, a former mayor, a former county prosecutor and many police officers and numbers operators were indicted, including Roxborough. Most received short-term prison sentences after a "spectacle for the public," the author said of the trial.

George ends her book with a chapter titled "The State of Michigan: The Legal Numbers Man," which details the state's long process of trying to legalize the lottery. Success came in 1972 when voters overwhelmingly passed an amendment to the state constitution ending the 137-year-old ban.

The state's first legal lottery pick was held in November 1972 and was a somewhat convoluted process that involved clowns and dancing girls in short skirts. The winning numbers were 130544, with the numbers 130 and 544 paying out \$25 each to more than 25,000 players. Unlike the illegal lottery, there were no home deliveries of the payouts.



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Trade your dollars for scents at Hana Lalzari

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

In 2014, two years after getting married and moving to Lansing from other parts of Michigan, Hassad Abdul-Rasheed and Hanifah Amatul-Adil began selling fragrances part-time out of a friend's Citgo gas station.



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"We started with one crate," Abdul-Rasheed said, gesturing to that exact crate on the counter next to him at the business's new space on East Michigan Avenue. "All we had was that, a table and a handful of fragrances."

"Citgo helped us out by giving us a platform, and then we would set up at different barber shops around town and different festivals," he continued. "It sort of grew from there as we expanded our inventory."

In 2020, the couple moved into their first brick-and-mortar store in west Lansing. Citing rapid growth in the last year and the need for more space, the pair moved again on Aug. 31 to a storefront at 2522 E. Michigan Ave., the prior location of the local skincare store Honeyderm. Mamud Musa, the founder of Honeyderm and owner of the building, transitioned his business to a primarily online format following the pandemic. This allowed Abdul-Rasheed to take over the space while continuing to stock some Honeyderm products.

Hana Lalzari carries roughly 300 domestic fragrances and more than 100 imported fragrances from places like the United Arab Emirates and



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Hassad Abdul-Rasheed, left, helps a customer select fragrances at his new East Michigan Avenue shop.

India.

"We're trying to bridge that gap between what's available overseas and what people are aware of here," Abdul-Rasheed said. "We wanted to create a local experience, something you wouldn't get by ordering something online. It's endless, the amount of options we have here."

Customers can also blend scents to create custom fragrances.

"Scent is a very underestimated emotion," Abdul-Rasheed said. "I've had people smell stuff that makes them cry because it reminds them of their mom or grandma. And when you start smelling a great scent, it's almost impossible to remain as angry as you were."

Abdul-Rasheed typically mans the

counter while Amatul-Adil homeschooled their seven children. However, he credits her with being the heart and soul of the business.

"She's the one who's responsible for taking it from a hustle to a business. It's really hers, the whole image, and she had the foresight to make it happen. It wouldn't be what it is today without her," he said.

He hopes the recent move will make the shop more visible to Michigan State University students.

"My desire is to introduce this to the students who may be on a budget," he said. "I don't drink, but I like to say that they can afford both a bottle here and a beer at the party. It's inexpensive, but it's not cheap."

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“Duct and Cover” --
there’s a way out.
by Matt Jones
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- ACROSS
1. A, in Spain
4. Removes, as a hat
9. Word before bod
or joke
12. State of danger
15. Allotted portion
16. Soccer stadium
cheer
17. Aerosmith lead
singer who announced
his retirement from
touring this year
19. Took the prize
20. “You’re totally
wrong”
21. Made-up big
number in Hobbit lore
23. Allow
24. Reggae singer ____
Kamoze
26. It’s in the loop
27. Bitten by the acting
bug, maybe
33. Where
funambulists walk
34. Court
35. Grammy winner
Black
38. “Mr. Blue Sky” band
39. Gave an edge to
41. Diaphragmatic
spasm noise
42. Trample
44. Heat sensor on the
range?
50. Party spoiler
51. Take to court
52. “Son ____ Critch”
(Canadian sitcom)
53. Like ungulates such
as pigs, hippos, and
giraffes (but who’s
counting?)
57. Concoct
59. German definite
article
60. “Let me blow off
some steam,” or
the reason for five

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62. Verb ender
63. “Hot in Herre”
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64. Tough-to-find
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65. Printers’ dash
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66. “Evening Shade”
narrator Davis
67. Tajikistan,
previously, for short
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1. Convinced to shell
out more
2. It comes before
“lands” or “world”
3. Coy comeback
4. “Spring ahead” clock
abbr.
5. “____ of little faith”
6. Topple
7. Giveaway gift
8. Person who waits
9. Urban center
10. Tons
11. Say it isn’t
13. 1961 Nobelist Andric
or comedian Graham
14. Forgiving
18. Italian grandma
22. Middle-earth
inhabitant
25. Words after “as”
that, on their own,
look grammatically
incorrect
28. Baron ____
Rightofthen (playable
character in the 1984
Trivial Pursuit arcade
game)
29. NHL player in
Edmonton
30. Many charity golf
tournaments
31. Sturgeon eggs
32. “The ____ Squad”
35. Comedian
Margaret
36. 54, in Roman
numerals
37. Glacier breakaways
39. Keyboarder’s base
(index fingers on F
and J!)
40. “____ Punch Man”
42. Last word of an
HBO megahit
43. Have reservations
45. Smoking
alternative, ages ago
46. Pizzeria owner Jim
who founded a frozen-
pizza manufacturing
company
47. Linen closet items
48. Money in an online
wallet, e.g.
49. “Jurassic Park”
predator
53. Falco who appears
in the “Avatar” sequels
54. Type of diagrams
appreciated by Kamala
Harris
55. Squiggly fish
56. Salami source
58. Longoria on the
current season of
“Only Murders in the
Building”
61. Turn eggs green,
perhaps

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Sept. 11-17, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): One of the longest bridges in the world is the 24-mile-long Pontchartrain Causeway in Louisiana. During one 8-mile stretch, as it crosses Lake Pontchartrain, travelers can't see land. That freaks some of them out. You might be experiencing a metaphorically similar passage these days, Aries. As you journey from one mode to the next, you may lose sight of familiar terrain for a while. My advice: Have faith, gaze straight ahead and keep going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): My horoscopes don't necessarily answer questions that are foremost in your awareness. This might annoy you. But consider this: My horoscopes may nevertheless nudge you in unexpected directions that eventually lead you, in seemingly roundabout ways, to useful answers. The riddles I offer may stir you to gather novel experiences you didn't realize you needed. Keep this in mind, Taurus, while reading the following: In the coming weeks, you can attract minor miracles and fun breakthroughs if you treat your life as an art project. I urge you to fully activate your imagination and ingenuity as you work on the creative masterpiece that is YOU.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The Gemini musician known as Prince got an early start on his vocation. At age 7, he wrote "Funk Machine," his first song. Have you thought recently about how the passions of your adult life first appeared in childhood? Now is an excellent time to ruminate on this and related subjects. Why? Because you are primed to discover forgotten feelings and events that could inspire you going forward. To nurture the future, draw on the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are lucky to have an opposable thumb on each of your hands. You're not as lucky as koala bears, however, which have two opposable thumbs on each hand. But in the coming weeks, you may sometimes feel like you have extra thumbs, at least metaphorically. I suspect you will be extra dexterous and nimble in every way, including mentally, emotionally and spiritually. You could accomplish wonders of agility. You and your sexy soul may be extra supple, lithe and flexible. These superpowers will serve you well if you decide to improvise and experiment, which I hope you will.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The internet is filled with wise quotes that are wrongly attributed. Among those frequently cited as saying words they didn't actually say, Buddha is at the top of the list. There are so many fraudulent Buddha quotes in circulation that there's a website devoted to tracking them down: fakebuddhaquotes.com. Here's an example. The following statement was articulated not by Buddha but by English novelist William Makepeace Thackeray: "The world is a looking glass. It gives back to every man a true reflection of his own thoughts." I bring these thoughts to your attention, Leo, because it's a crucial time for you to be dedicated to truth and accuracy. You will gain power by uncovering deceptions, shams and misrepresentations. Be a beacon of authenticity!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Peregrine falcons can move at a speed of 242 miles per hour. Mexican free-tailed bats reach 100 miles per hour; and black marlin fish go 80 miles per hour. These animals are your spirit creatures in the coming weeks, Virgo. Although you can't literally travel that fast (unless you're on a jet), I am confident you can make metaphorical progress at a rapid rate. Your ability to transition into the next chapter of your life story will be at a peak. You will have a robust power to change, shift and develop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mythically speaking, I envision a death and rebirth in your future. The death won't be literal; neither you nor anyone you love will travel to the other side of the veil. Rather, I foresee the demise of a hope, the finale of a storyline or the loss of a possibility. Feeling sad might temporarily be the right thing to do, but I want you to know that this ending will ultimately lead to a fresh beginning. In fact, the new blooms

ahead wouldn't be possible without the expiration of the old ways. The novel resources that arrive will come only because an old resource has faded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Did you ever have roommates who stole your credit card and used it to buy gifts for themselves? Does your history include a friend or loved one who told you a lie that turned out to be hurtful? Did you ever get cheated on by a lover you trusted? If anything like this has happened to you, I suspect you will soon get a karmic recompense. An atonement will unfold. A reparation will come your way. A wrong will be righted. A loss will be indemnified. My advice is to welcome the redress graciously. Use it to dissolve your resentments and retire uncomfortable parts of your past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One of my oldest friends is Sagittarius-born Jeffrey Brown. We had rowdy fun together in our 20s. We were mad poets who loved to party. But while I went on to become an unruly rock 'n' roll musician, experimental novelist and iconoclastic astrologer, Brown worked hard to become a highly respected, award-winning journalist for the "PBS NewsHour," a major American TV show. Among his many successes, he has brought in-depth coverage of poetry and art to mainstream TV. How did he manage to pull off such an unlikely coup? I think it's because he channeled his wildness into disciplined expression; he converted his raw passions into practical power; he honed and refined his creativity so it wielded great clout. In the coming months, dear Sagittarius, I urge you to make him one of your inspirational role models.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let's hypothesize that you will be alive, alert and active on your 100th birthday. If that joyous event comes to pass, you may have strong ideas about why you have achieved such marvelous longevity. I invite you to imagine what you will tell people on that momentous occasion. Which practices, feelings and attitudes will have turned you into such a vigorous example of a strong human life? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to meditate on these matters. It will also be a favorable phase to explore new practices, feelings and attitudes that will prolong your satisfying time here on planet Earth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Few Americans are more famous than George Washington. He was a top military leader in the Revolutionary War before he became the country's first president. George had a half-brother named Lawrence, who was 16 years older. Virtually no one knows about him now, but during his life, he was a renowned landowner, soldier and politician. Historians say that his political influence was crucial in George's rise to power. Is there anyone remotely comparable to Lawrence Washington in your life, Aquarius? Someone who is your advocate? Who works behind the scenes on your behalf? If not, go searching for them. The astrological omens say your chances are better than usual of finding such champions. If there are people like that, ask them for a special favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): More than 15 centuries ago, Christian monks decided Fridays were unlucky. Why? Because they were the special day of the pagan Goddess Freya. Friday the 13th was extra afflicted, they believed, because it combined a supposedly evil number with the inauspicious day. And how did they get their opinion that 13 was malevolent? Because it was the holy number of the goddess and her 13-month lunar calendar. I mention this because Friday the 13th is now upon us. If you are afraid of the things Christian monks once feared, this could be a difficult time. But if you celebrate radical empathy, ingenious intimacy, playful eros and fertile intuition, you will be awash in good fortune. That's what the astrological omens tell me.

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Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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Wednesday, Sept. 11

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Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

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

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Beginning West Coast Swing Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Coffee and Conversation - Meet and network with Chamber of Commerce members. 9 a.m. City Hall Community Room, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/coffee_and_conversation.php.

Darin Larner Band - 7 p.m. Corey's Lounge, 1511 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 517-482-3132. coreyslounge.com.

Diabetes PATH - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 1-3:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1450 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Join us for some fun trivia and great food and beer. Prizes for first, second and third-place teams. 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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.

Gaelic Storm - Genre-bending Irish band whose songs mix Celtic traditions with something new and unexpected. 8 p.m. Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz Works by Whitaker and Ruggiero - Members of the MSU Professors of Jazz and saxophonist Joseph Luloff perform works by MSU bassist and composer Rodney Whitaker and retired composition Professor Charles Ruggiero. 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East

Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Joel Ellis Art Display - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. joelfellisart.blogspot.com.

Lego Creators Challenge: People's Choice Voting - Vote for your favorite Lego creation, made by members of the community! You may vote each time you come to the library until Sept. 30. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Make a Magical Mask - Pick up a blank mask from the library by Sept. 30. Decorate it in whatever way you'd like, then bring it back by Oct. 1 for people's choice voting. Ages. 8+. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

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

Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lamc.info.

MSU Women's Volleyball vs. Western Michigan Broncos - 6 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball.

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

Savvy Caregiver Program - Six-week workshop for those caring for a loved one with memory loss. 2:30-4:30 p.m. UM Health-Sparrow Lansing Health Center, 2909 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

Savvy Senior Finances: Preserving Your Wealth - Topics discussed will include tax planning, budgeting and saving tips, social security maximization and other financial questions attendees have. 2-3 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Reflections" - This group show features a variety of amazing artwork! 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/shiawassee-artists-guild-september.

Tap II for Teens & Adults - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Weaving Diversity Ritual - Learn about diversity and inclusion and how to apply them in our community and our homes. 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Webster's Cat Café - Cat visitation and adoption event presented by Constellation Cat Café. We'll read cat stories, and refreshments will be provided. 4-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

The Rumble

6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13
McClintock Park Amphitheater
255 E. McClintock St., Laingsburg

New Orleans funk septet The Rumble, which embarked last week on a 12-stop tour celebrating the release of its new album, "Stories from the Battlefield," will perform 6 to 8 p.m. Friday (Sept. 13) at Laingsburg's McClintock Park Amphitheater. The concert will be a homecoming event for guitarist Ari Teitel, who hails from the Detroit area and graduated from Michigan State University's jazz studies program in 2016.

The Rumble was formed in 2021 by seven members of the two-time Grammy-nominated band Cha Wa. Fronted by Second Chief Joseph Boudreaux Jr. of the Golden Eagles tribe, the group calls its sound and style "Mardi Gras Indian funk," which it describes as "New Orleans funk in the vein of the Meters and the Neville Brothers but updated, modern and vibrant, befitting the next generation." The group's debut album, "Live at the Maple Leaf," was nominated for best regional roots album at the 2024 Grammys.

The Rumble offers audiences a unique stage show, highlighted by Boudreaux Jr.'s traditional Black Masking Indian garb and Indian-style call-and-response chanting.

"The Rumble provides audiences with not only a top-tier musical event but a chance to participate in a culture that, while deeply rooted in centuries-old tradition, is thriving and evolving through the active work of this next generation of bold and passionate culture-bearers," the group's website reads.

The show is hosted by Local Roots Cannabis and the Laingsburg Business and Community Association. Admission is free, and food concessions will be available. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket.



Thursday, Sept. 12

Acting 101 for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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.

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.

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cmialanon.org.

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

Beal Botanical Garden Tour: Fall and Winter

Plant Lore - Hear some of the plant lore created to explain or protect against the shortening days and darker, colder nights of winter. 12:10 p.m. 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. bealbotanicalgarden.msu.edu/events.

Beginning Hustle Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club,

2900 Hannah Blvd., Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Beginning Texas Two-Step Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Bicycle Rebuilding and Maintenance Class - Learn to rebuild, fix, adjust and maintain your bicycle! Free. 6-8 p.m. Lansing Bike Co-op, 1715 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. lansingbike.coop.

Charlotte Community Library Birthday Book Club: "The Call of the Wild," by Jack London - 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Chipmunk Story Time - Story time comes alive as children interact with puppets Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends. Stories followed by nature activities and a guided walk. 10 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

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.

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

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

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Carole King musical offers nostalgia and levity

By DANA DEMINK

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. has aptly chosen to kick off its 21st season, a celebration of barrier-breaking women, with the lighthearted, boomer-bait jukebox musical “Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.”

If you aren’t familiar with the production, which debuted on Broadway in 2014, familiar music punctuates the mostly true story of King’s early life. We see timid Brooklyn, New York, teenager Carole Klein push her way into the office of Aldon Music, known for its AM radio “teenybopper” love songs that invented girl groups like the Shirelles and made stars out of bubble-gum-pop performers such as Neil Sedaka and Little Eva.

King meets her creative partner and future husband, the bipolar philanderer Gerry Goffin. Together, they write numerous teen pop songs for “star-maker” Don Kirshner that rise to the top of the Billboard Hot 100. The pair develops a competitive friendship with composer Barry Mann and lyricist Cynthia Weil, who

wrote such ‘60s classics as “On Broadway” for the Drifters and “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feelin’” for the Righteous Brothers.

As their marriage disintegrates due to Goffin’s philandering, the duo writes breakthrough hits such as “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman” and “Pleasant Valley Sunday” before the newly divorced King moves to Los Angeles to become the pioneering musical artist she is today.

I listened to King’s “Tapestry” album on the way to the sold-out opening-night performance and thought, “That voice ... who are they going to get to play King? How are they going to pull this off?” But the mighty Peppermint Creek is the little theater that could. Under the leadership of director Meghan Eldred-Woolsey, music director Zach Everly and choreographer Amanda Tollstam, this well-orchestrated production (there’s actually an orchestra on stage under the set) never misses a beat.



Review

“Beautiful: The Carole King Musical”

Sept. 12–15 (SOLD OUT) and 19–22
7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday; Sept. 21
Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood
2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
(517) 927-3016
peppermintcreek.org



Photo by Trumpie Photography

Lewis Elson (left) as Gerry Goffin and Caila Conklin as Carole King in Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.’s production of “Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.”

Lovin’ Feelin’”; Janell Hall as the imperious lead Shirelle; Ny’Kieria Blocker as the composite character Janelle Woods, played with glittering sex appeal; Ayden Soupal as crooner Neil Sedaka; Prince Spann as the lead Drifter; and Kyleigh Burtley as “The Loco-Motion” artist Little Eva.

This feel-good, nostalgic musical should not be missed — if not to admire the early struggles and ultimate triumph of an inspiring female performer, then to enjoy the familiar songs of her playbook that helped define a generation.

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Home & Harvest Experience - Get design advice from professional interior designers. Dinner and drinks will be provided, along with cocktail demonstrations and a private shopping experience. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Maple Street Mall, 108 W. Maple St., Mason. maplestreet-mall.com.

Joel Ellis Art Display - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library’s Community Room. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. joellisart.blogspot.com.

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ice Cube, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiesilverblades.org.

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.

Matter of Balance - Eight-session workshop designed to help older adults improve balance, flexibility and strength. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Delta Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

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

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. lapsg.org.

Roy Book Binder at the Robin Theatre - The Ten Pound Fiddle kicks off its 50th concert season with a legendary acoustic blues artist. 8 p.m. 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenters.com.

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

Shiawassee Artists’ Guild Presents: “Reflections” - This group show features a variety of amazing artwork! 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/shiawassee-artists-guild-september.

Sweat Tour Countdown - 21+ event celebrating the Detroit stop of the Charli XCX and Troye Sivan tour. Enjoy songs by pop icons and divas. 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. ticketleap.events/tickets/lansing-shuffle-board-social-club.

“THIRST” - 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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.

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.

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

Friday, Sept. 13

An Intimate Night with Deon Gladney - Experience Gladney’s extraordinary vocal skills, which he’s displayed at music festivals, gospel concerts and as an opening act for giants like Aretha Franklin and OutKast. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

B3 at Harrison Roadhouse - 6 p.m. 720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. harrisonroadhouse.com.

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

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.

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.

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

The Future of Comedy Show at Spare Time - Performances by headliner Mike Ball, J Bell of Kevin Hart’s “Hart of The City” and FOCS regulars Dave Welfare, Alexa Stanton and Chuck Bates. Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. 3101 E. Grand River Ave.,

Lansing. sparetimelansing.com.

Jazz Swing Dance - The audience is encouraged to get up and dance as three jazz orchestras perform selections from the repertoire of the great jazz masters. 8 p.m. Large Rehearsal Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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

“Minecraft” Club - Join other kids and play “Minecraft” on the library’s private server! Laptops provided. Grades 3+. Registration req. 4 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

MSU Broad Fall Opening Party - Explore our newest exhibitions while enjoying food, music, special guests, art-making activities and more. All ages are welcome at this museum-wide party. 6-10 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

North of Five at Lansing Shuffle - 7 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

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.

Parkour for Littles at ALIVE - You and your little one will learn to safely maneuver obstacles using the whole body. Build strength, balance, focus and problem-solving skills after listening to re-

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lated stories. Ages 3-6. 10 a.m. 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. myalive.com.

Peace Vigil - All are welcome. Bring peace-related signs if you would like. Noon-1 p.m. Michigan Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

"Refuge Recovery" - Buddhism-based recovery group that can be used for all addictions. Meetings include meditation and readings from the book "Refuge Recovery." 6:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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Sounds of the '90s, 2000s and 2010s, with DJ Face - Dance the night away to classic hits. Ages 21+. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

"THIRST" - 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Capital Pro Wrestling - 3 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. 517-894-4589. american-luchalibre.com.

Craig Hendershott Live & Eclectic! - 9 p.m. REO Town Pub, 1145 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-485-4863. reopub.com.

Death Talks with Allee Redfern: Holding Space - Join Redfern, a dedicated death midwife, for an informative workshop designed to demystify the process of end-of-life planning. 3 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifest-lansing.com.

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

Frankenshirts - Use scissors, fabric, paint and glue to transform a T-shirt into something new! Participants must bring their own shirts. Registration req. 2 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Inebriated Insights - A night of intoxicated witchcraft! Variety of tarot cards, oracle cards, bone readings, astrology, runes, reiki and more. 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

MSU Spartans Football vs. Prairie View A&M Panthers - 3:30 p.m. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/football.

Night Out in Nature for Kids - We'll explore the trails, enjoy nature activities and meet live animals. Pizza dinner included. Registration req. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Oktoberfest Family Festival - This year's event will feature lederhosen contests, live music, games, face painting, a bounce house, food, frothy beverages and a whole lot of gemütlichkeit! 3-7 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 St. Joe Hwy., Lansing. oursaviorlansing.org.

Open Canvas Open Mic - This event offers a creative space for collaborative art experiences, an open mic and delicious food. 4-7 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Polka Dance Party - Hosted by the Federated Polish Home of Lansing. Join us for food and dancing. We'll be selling Polish sausages and hot dogs. Entry fee is \$5. 5-9 p.m. 1030 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing.

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Summerlands Movie Night: "Happy Gilmore" - 10:30 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Summerlands Saturday Matinee Movie: "Explorers" - 2 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

"THIRST" - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Time2Play - This beloved Lansing band has been entertaining audiences with its diverse blend of rock, pop, blues and country tunes since 2009. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. 7-9 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Big Babies 5K Run/Walk - Funds raised will be used to cover medical expenses for young large animals that require treatment at MSU's Veterinary Medical Center. 9 a.m. For route and registration, visit runsignup.com/Race/MI/EastLansing/BigBabies5K.

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

'One Bite at a Time' full-dome presentation

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

Abrams Planetarium

755 Science Road, East Lansing

Comics artist and Michigan State University Professor Ryan Claytor will conduct a full-dome presentation of his new book, "One Bite at a Time," 7 p.m. Friday (Sept. 13) at MSU's Abrams Planetarium. The 260-page art book features a 20-year retrospective of Claytor's comic, illustration and design work, including behind-the-scenes images depicting his creative processes. Throughout the presentation, the artist will also share insights from his two decades in the industry.

The event is part of a national promotional tour that began in July at Capital City Comic Con and finishes Nov. 9 at A Novel Concept.

Claytor, a Lansing resident, is the coordinator of MSU's comic art and graphic novel minor and teaches the school's comics studio courses. Accomplishments throughout his 20-year career include a residency and an exhibition at San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum, visiting lectureships at the Dallas Museum of Art and Savannah College of Art and Design and an internship at Marvel Comics in New York City. His international client list includes Moleskin, Verizon Wireless, Stern Pinball Inc. and London-based Mr. Jones watches.

The planetarium presentation is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis. For more information, including a list of additional tour stops, visit elephanteater.com.



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

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

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

International Red Panda Day Celebration - Roam the zoo to discover educational stations and activity tables highlighting these adorable bamboo-munching ambassadors. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

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

Just Peace Sunday Worship Service, with Rev. Robert Livingston - All are welcome. Service will be followed by the opportunity to sign three petitions for peace and justice. 10 a.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

Ken Cowan, Organ - Cowan will showcase his virtuosity and artistry with a repertoire that features classical and contemporary works arranged for organ. 3 p.m. Alumni Memorial Chapel, 636 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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

Outdoor Story Walk - Walk along enlarged pages of "The Great Labne Trade." This story shows children that their traditions, though different from others, can be great! 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

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

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

Sermon on Peace, with Pastor Dillon Burns - All are welcome. Conversation, cookies and fair-trade coffee and tea in the OCC Lounge after the service. 10 a.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

Summerlands Sunday Brunch - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

"THIRST" - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Trae Crowder - Earning national attention for his "Liberal Redneck" video series, Crowder has been performing his brand of Southern-fried intellectual comedy in the Southeast and beyond for six years. 7 p.m. Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

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

Monday, Sept. 16

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.

Beaded Bracelets for Tweens and Teens - Make bracelets using pony beads and other findings to show off your unique style! 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 8-9:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlands-brewing.

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Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jake Reichbart at Elderly Instruments - Solo fingerstyle guitarist whose repertoire draws from all forms of popular music, from '20s-'60s jazz and bebop standards to '60s-'90s pop and rock classics to current-day hits. 5 p.m. 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

Jazz/Ballet II for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Joel Ellis Art Display - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. joelfellisart.blogspot.com.

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.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Reflections" - This group show features a variety of amazing artwork! Noon-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/shiawwassee-artists-guild-september.

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, Sept. 17

"A Course in Miracles," with Lisa Schmidt - Group reads a passage from the book and discusses its meaning and how to apply it to real-life situations. 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting 101 for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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.

B3 at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Bicycle Rebuilding and Maintenance Class - Learn to rebuild, fix, adjust and maintain your bicycle! Free. 6-8 p.m. Lansing Bike Co-op, 1715 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. lansingbike.coop.

Gun Violence Prevention Forum - Maya Manuel of End Gun Violence Michigan will share her passion for the cause. 3 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

Highly Suspect/Dead Poet Society - 7 p.m. Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz Tuesdays - Weekly series showcasing the best and brightest mid-Michigan jazz musicians. 7 p.m. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/jazztuesdaysatmoriartys.

Joel Ellis Art Display - Original works of art by Joel Ellis are on display through September and October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. joelfellisart.blogspot.com.

Level I Dance for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-8. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Medicare Presentation by Tri-County Office on Aging - Registration req. 12:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

MSU Women's Volleyball vs. Purdue Fort Wayne Mastodons - 6 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball.

National Voter Registration Day - We'll have registration information and materials. We can check polling locations and other civic information, and municipal clerks will be on hand to answer questions. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Allentown duo

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

Classic Pub & Grill

16219 Old U.S. 27, Lansing

Allentown, Michigan's only dedicated Billy Joel tribute band, will send two members — drummer and bandleader Todd Stoney and pianist and lead singer Mark Calcott — to perform at north Lansing's Classic Pub & Grill 8 p.m. Friday (Sept. 13). Allentown offers more than 2.5 hours of Billy Joel's greatest hits in its repertoire, including many fan-favorite deep cuts. The full six-piece band has played at performing arts centers, theaters, outdoor festivals and even a few high-end private parties. The scaled-back Classic Pub performance will be Stoney and Calcott's duet debut and will kick off several more duet and trio shows around Michigan and Ontario this year. It will be free and open to the public, though seating will be limited. To schedule a dinner reservation for the evening of the show, call (517) 999-0101. To view some of Allentown's live performances, visit youtube.com/@toddstoney7967. Allentown also has two full-band concerts scheduled at local venues later in the fall: Grewal Hall at 224 on Oct. 6 and the Michigan Theatre of Jackson on Nov. 9, the same date Joel's "Piano Man" was released 51 years ago.



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.

Parkinson's Support Group: Education - Monthly educational session for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. We'll discuss opportunities to contribute to research with the hope of developing treatments and cures. 3 p.m. Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Peace-Themed Clay Ornament Craft at Art Unlimited - Create peace by making three clay ornaments. Light refreshments will be provided. 6-8 p.m. 4692 Okemos Road, Okemos. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

"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.

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"Sounds of Sancho's London," with Les Délices - The Cleveland-based Les Délices ensemble explores music composed by Charles Ignatius Sancho and his contemporaries. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Summerlands Karaoke Night - Family-friendly until 9:30 p.m. Enjoy food and beverages, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic. 7:30-11 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 18

2024 Virtual Labor & Employment Law Update - Panels of Foster Swift attorneys will discuss developments in various areas of labor and employment law. 8:30-11 a.m. Virtual — register at fosterswift.com.

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

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

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Join us for some fun trivia and great food and beer. Prizes for first, second and third-place teams. 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

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

Friends of Lansing Regional Trails Annual Meeting & 10-Year Anniversary Kickoff - Join us for presentations on trail expansion projects and plans. Light refreshments and cake will be served. 5:30 p.m. 1203 E. Washington Ave., Lansing. lansingtrails.org.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

Michigan BluesFest Kickoff Concert - Featuring performances by Ann Bell and the Jeff Baldori Blues Band. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org/about-bluesfest.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Going fishing at the Irish Pub

By COURTNEY BOWERMAN

I'm ordinarily not much of a bar person, but when my mother and I heard about the Irish Pub re-opening in Lansing, we thought it might be fun to check it out.

The westside staple had been closed since 2013 but resumed operations in July under new ownership. I never visited prior to the new owners taking over, so I can't compare the old version to the new one. However, from everything I've heard, the renovations are a vast improvement. The new atmosphere feels more like a standard sports bar, with an industrial ceiling, TV screens, Irish-themed decorations and a va-



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riety of games that patrons can play while waiting for their food. It also has a souvenir shop that sells sweatshirts, beer mugs and other merchandise.

The menu includes plenty of Irish food, but it also features an array of sandwiches, burgers and even pizza. I got the fish and chips, while my mother decided to try the fish tacos. Technically, fish and chips is more of a British dish than an Irish one. (Fun fact: It was actually introduced to England by Spanish and Portuguese immigrants). Regardless, my fried

haddock was served fresh and hot, though it was a bit heavy on the breading. The provided tartar sauce and lemon added moisture and a zesty kick, and the crinkle-cut fries were nice and crispy. I don't know if people prefer to dip their "chips" in tartar sauce instead of ketchup, but either works.

My mother's fish tacos were a blend of haddock, red cabbage, radishes, scallions, avocado and sriracha sauce, all wrapped in soft-shell tortillas. She ordered them at the recommendation of her friends, who claimed they were the best fish tacos they'd ever had. Although my mother enjoyed them enough to order them again, this was the first time she'd ever eaten fish tacos, so she couldn't truly attest to how good they were. If nothing else, the pub has the best fish tacos for those looking to try them for the first time.

Overall, my dining experience was pleasant. The food was good, and the staff was friendly and provided



Courtney Bowerman for City Pulse

Though fish and chips is more of a British dish, the Irish pub knocks it out of the park.

excellent service. While I'm still not much of a bar person, it's easy to see why other people are happy that the pub has reopened. It's a nice place to unwind after a long day or hang out with friends while playing a game or two of darts.

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 REUBENS

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

1. Harry's Place

Century-old bar and restaurant serving burgers, sandwiches, pizza and more
404 N. Verlinden Ave., Lansing
(517) 484-9661
facebook.com/HarrysPlaceLansing
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

2. Meat BBQ

Barbecue restaurant with a long list of sandwiches, including a pork belly Reuben
1224 Turner St., Lansing
(517) 580-4400
meatbbq.com

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

3. One North Kitchen & Bar

Upscale sports bar with a diverse, made-from-scratch food menu
5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
(517) 901-5001
onenorthdining.com

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

11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

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

4. Soup Spoon Café

Colorful and cozy café offering homemade soup, homestyle eats and regional beers
1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 316-2377
soupspooncafe.com
8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday

5. Stateside Deli & Restaurant

Breakfast and lunch spot specializing in deli classics like corned beef and pastrami sandwiches
3552 Meridian Crossing Drive, Okemos
517-853-1100
statesidedeli.com
8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

An insider's look at the flavors of New York's Sullivan Catskills

By JILL DUTTON

Just about a two-hour drive from New York City, the enchanting landscapes of the Sullivan Catskills await. This hidden gem in the heart of New York offers travelers solace and an immersion in nature.

Settled in Roscoe, New York, you'll find Northern Farmhouse Pasta and its owners, Bob and Jen Eckert.

"Sullivan County is a book, and each of its villages is a chapter — each unique and filled with their own stories," Bob Eckert said.

Known as the birthplace of American fly fishing, the area is filled with unspoiled lakes, expansive for-

ests and scenic mountains.

Bob Eckert, originally from Queens, New York, found his calling in the culinary world after a successful career in construction. With a passion for pasta-making, Bob and his wife established

Northern Farmhouse in 2011, initially as a wholesale pasta business. In 2015, they expanded their venture to include a restaurant where they serve Italian dishes using locally sourced ingredients.

Central to Northern Farmhouse's philosophy is the use of 100% locally grown wheat in its pasta. Buck-

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Global Plates

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ing the trend of conventional pasta, Bob Eckert recognized the potential of using wheat that thrives in the region. Partnering with farmers in the Finger Lakes area, the couple sources organic grains that are milled to order, ensuring freshness and quality.

One of the highlights of Eckert’s culinary journey is foraging for unique ingredients in the Sullivan Catskills. Each season brings a bounty of wild produce, such as ramps, watercress and mushrooms. From the pungent flavors of wild ramps to the earthy richness of porcini mushrooms, these hyperlocal ingredients find their way into Northern Farmhouse’s delectable dishes.

While incorporating locally sourced ingredients presents its challenges, Eckert is committed to educating diners about the value and flavor of these regional treasures. Engaging with the local farming community, he overcomes obstacles such as the limited amount of processing facilities and the need for close collaboration with farmers. Through its efforts, Northern Farmhouse brings the farm-to-table experience to the Sullivan Catskills.

During a visit to Northern Farmhouse, I was enamored with the hearty and savory pasta dishes made exclusively with New York wheat. I dined on the oxtail ragu, a dish that took me back to childhood memories of our father slow-cooking an oxtail stew for Sunday dinner.

When asked how he came upon using oxtails in his sauce, Eckert replied, “We had a lot of Spanish restaurants where I grew up in Queens, and you would go in and get an oxtail stew with some rice. I always loved it, so I started working with it.

“We were almost emulating the Spanish versions I had as a kid, but then I learned more about putting it into a ragu,” he continued. “The fattiness melts really quickly and coats everything. It adds this incredible flavor. And we get it from local farmers, which really makes us happy.”

He was gracious enough to share his delicious recipe.

Northern Farmhouse’s oxtail ragu
4 pounds oxtail (osso buco meat cuts can work as well)
Equal amounts celery, carrot and onion (approximately 12 ounces)
48 ounces whole pear tomatoes, blended
Four bay leaves
1 teaspoon chili flakes
Salt and pepper to your liking
Put all the ingredients in a pot and cook on low heat for at least three hours, stirring occasionally. When the meat falls off the bone, it’s ready.
Plate with your favorite pasta. Add a little olive oil and fresh parsley and grate some pecorino Romano over the top.

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