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JD VANCE ADMITTED TO "CREATING STORIES" TO DRIVE NEWS COVERAGE.

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3 EVERY TIME THEY BRING UP THE "STORY," MENTION SOMETHING REAL THAT IS HARMING AMERICANS.

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

AS A FREETHINKING POLITICAL INDEPENDENT, I SIMPLY CAN'T DECIDE WHO TO VOTE FOR!

REALLY! WELL, LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH!

DONALD TRUMP IS AN ELDERLY, RAGE-FILLED NARCISSIST IN OBVIOUS DECLINE. HE'S APPARENTLY UNABLE TO STRING TOGETHER A SINGLE COHERENT SENTENCE WITHOUT GOING OFF ON BIZARRE TANGENTS.

HE'S A CONVICTED FELON AND ADJUDICATED RAPIST WHO INCITED A LITERAL INSURRECTION. HE'S SURROUNDED BY EXTREMIST FREAKS, LIKE THE DERANGED 9/11 CONSPIRACY THEORIST HE TOOK TO THE 9/11 MEMORIAL.

HE AND HIS VILE RUNNING MATE ARE CURRENTLY WHIPPING UP ANOTHER ROUND OF ANTI-IMMIGRANT HYSTERIA BASED ON DEBUNKED INTERNET RUMORS. IT'S ALREADY INSPIRED BOMB THREATS AND WILL PROBABLY GET SOMEBODY KILLED.

HIS ROLE MODELS ARE AUTHORITARIANS AND DICTATORS. HE NAME-CHECKED VIKTOR ORBAN DURING THE DEBATE. HE'S MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF HE GETS BACK INTO OFFICE, DEMOCRACY AS WE KNOW IT IN THIS COUNTRY IS PRETTY MUCH OVER.

SURE--BUT I HEARD THAT KAMALA HARRIS FLIP-FLOPPED ON SOME ISSUES AND STUFF.

HOW REASSURING IT IS, TO KNOW THAT THIS ELECTION MAY ULTIMATELY HINGE ON THOUGHTFUL, DELIBERATIVE VOTERS SUCH AS YOURSELF.

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NEWS & OPINION

‘Granny flats’: A backyard solution to a residential crisis

Lansing planners look to ‘accessory dwelling units’ to rebuild housing stock

Lansing Principal Planner Andy Fedewa and his staff completed an internal review of the city’s zoning policies in May.

Throughout the process, he said they received more than 20 letters of support for allowing accessory dwelling units, or secondary, detached buildings adjacent to existing single-family lots. Colloquially, ADUs are also known as granny flats or mother-in-law suites due to their popularity among people who are responsible for an older relative’s care.

“We have a running list of feedback from residents, developers, architects and even our own code officials. The majority of those comments have been about ADUs, and that’s organic,” Fedewa said.

Fedewa said the “grassroots” interest has come from every ward and “a lot of different neighborhoods.” As his team investigated potential zoning changes, it researched how other Michigan municipalities have codified ADUs. Lansing would be the first in mid-Michigan to do so.

“There’s quite a spectrum to look at, and we picked and pulled ideas from different places, but ours isn’t modeled after any one community. We tried to chart a balanced path towards allowing them, but also made sure they wouldn’t be so restrictive that they don’t even get built,” Fedewa said.

The city’s Planning Commission is set to vote on a proposed ordinance allowing ADUs on Wednesday (Sept. 25). If members approve it, a City Council public hearing could be set as soon as Oct. 28.

As defined by the proposed zoning amendment, ADUs are “a unit detached from and accessory to a principal single-family dwelling.” Often, they’ll come in the form of a second floor added to a detached garage, but they may also be a standalone structure in a backyard.

Fedewa said his office found six ex-



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An example of an accessory dwelling unit in a residential backyard. The city of Lansing’s Planning Office is seeking to amend the zoning code to allow them as a way of addressing the city’s housing shortage as well as meeting the needs of Baby Boomers.

isting ADUs in Lansing but declined to identify them in the interest of the occupants’ privacy other than noting that two or three were on the west side.

“It’s really hard to say when they were actually constructed, or if they were legal. There’s not very many of them, but allowing them won’t be such a huge culture change, because they do already exist here,” Fedewa said.

Under the proposed change, the city would permit one ADU per single-family property, which couldn’t be subdivided to house separate tenants. An ADU could be 400 to 1,000 square feet with up to two bedrooms so long as it isn’t larger than the base-square footage of the primary house.

Once built, the owner could move

into it and rent the primary residence. Or granny could move in rent free, but her name would have to go on the property deed. Or the primary home’s owner could rent the ADU to anyone after obtaining a rental license. Regardless, each ADU must also have its own dedicated parking space and meet height requirements.

ADUs could become a source of supplementary income for residents who build them. In Lansing, they could also be used as short-term rental units through services like Airbnb.

“We don’t have separate rental licenses for long term or short term. I don’t think we want to get into the business of dictating how people use their home. That’s more of a discussion for City Council, if that’s something they want to tackle,” Fedewa

said.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, one in six Americans are 65 or older. As that population grows, so too does the need for additional housing. For this reason, the AARP has been a stalwart supporter of ADUs nationwide.

In a 2021 survey of 3,000 respondents, the AARP found that three-quarters of those 50 or older would like to stay in their current homes or communities for as long as possible. The same percentage said they would like to have help from family or paid caregivers in their own home.

The organization cites ADUs as a means through which homeowners could allow an aging relative to live nearby without sacrificing the independence and comfort they may otherwise lose in an assisted living facility. For aging residents who still want to retain their existing home, an ADU could allow them to hire a professional caregiver to live on their property.

Rowan Price, a Spartan Housing Co-op employee and Cherry Hill resident, wrote a letter to the city supporting the move. As a member of the Shared Using Housing Advocacy Network, Price set out to research ADU laws after hearing about Fedewa’s revision efforts.

He identified 21 municipalities in Michigan that allow ADUs, while the City Pulse found a few more. Altogether, the count comprises Ann Arbor, Beulah, Brighton, Charlevoix, Chester Township, Clark Township, Comstock, Dexter, Flint, Ferndale, Grand Rapids, Hamburg Township, Holland, Holland Township, Kalamazoo, Manistee, Mt. Pleasant, Niles, Oscoda, Portage, Royal Oak, Saline, Traverse City and Ypsilanti.

Nationally California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, New York, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming have some form of ADU laws in place.

“Some people are concerned that ADUs would concentrate poverty quickly and take over the city, but it turns out that these issues are mostly not real,” Price explained.

“Even in the places where they’re

ADUs

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the most successful, people don't seem to build them very rapidly. And where they are allowed, they're not very common," he added. "In cities like Ann Arbor, they've started off with something that was so restrictive that it was functionally still illegal, and nobody was really doing it."

In that way, the influx of ADUs is a slow churn. Ann Arbor has since revised its ADU rules. Even then, Price said, residents aren't even always aware they're allowed.

"There's not a very centralized source of information about what ADU laws are, where they're allowed, or exactly what they look like," he said.

If Lansing decides to implement them, he said he hopes Fedewa and his staff would reconsider the single-space parking requirement, though he admits most Michigan municipalities that allow ADUs have the same minimum.

"This is a situation where the owner already has all of the information about the parking they'll need. If grandma can't live in a garage you retrofitted for her because she can't park a car that she's never going to drive, that's just heartbreaking," Price said.

He added that he supports allowing owners to use them as short-term rentals, and also considers them viable options for college students on a budget.

"If students could live in an ADU at their parents' house, they could just take the bus" to Lansing Community College. "That's a much more afford-

able way of getting an education than leaving town, taking out loans and being away from your support network," Price said.

Until now, Price said the idea of ADUs in Lansing has been more or less a pipe dream.

"It's just something many of us haven't thought to dream about," he said. "People aren't really making those plans because they don't see it as something they'll be allowed to do anytime soon."

If they are approved, ADU owners could benefit from using pre-approved architectural plans, which would eliminate the cost of hiring an architect. Fedewa noted that the city is looking at acquiring some of those designs for residents to utilize.

"We've stated that we would accept other communities' pre-approved

plans as long as they meet Michigan building code in our regulations. We'd like to look at that and maybe build a library to help people. But that's a bit further off," he said.

Joan Nelson, a longtime housing advocate in Lansing, joined Price, Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox, the Michigan AARP, the Eastfield Neighborhood Association, the Southwest Lansing Action Group and other groups and residents in expressing support for ADUs.

She echoed many of them in noting that Lansing could benefit from becoming "the only mid-Michigan municipality that allows" ADUs.

"It won't solve the housing crisis all by itself. That's going to take multiple approaches," she said. "But it can make a significant difference."

— TYLER SCHNEIDER





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LET'S BOOGIE!



MATT GAETZ

He has been tagged "Beavis" and/or "Butthead," both of which could easily apply. Although that is an insult to two of my favorite characters.

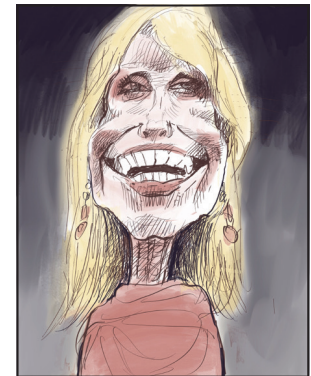
And a fellow congressman stated:

"He's the most unpopular member of Congress, with the possible exception of Marjorie Taylor Greene" Some benchmark!

Among his many credits, he is an alleged child molester with a penchant for drugs and serious partying, and a sworn enemy of yet another scoundrel, ousted House Speaker Kevin McCarthy. Two hateful guys hating on one another. You can't make this up.

He has managed to dodge indictment for many alleged criminal acts, but nevertheless, "he wanted a pardon, as I recall, from the beginning of time up until that day, for anything," stated Eric Herschmann, an attorney in the Bozo White House.

One wonders how a person with Gaetz' track record manages to get elected. It turns out his family is worth approximately \$29 million. Say no more ...



KELLYANN CONWAY

Memorable for stating outright lies and coining the term "alternative facts." To perpetuate them, Conway, though now somewhat inactive, remains a leading disseminator of sleaze and disinformation in political campaigns.

She gained traction as a talking head during Bill Clinton's tenure, appearing frequently as a mouthpiece for the wing-nut 1%.

She is a thoroughly unscrupulous propagandist, brazenly elevating disinformation and other falsehoods to unprecedented levels of mendacity. "Most people have to try really hard to be this reprehensible, but I think it comes naturally to her," Ron Filipkowski wrote after listing some of Conway's more egregious pronouncements.

Criticized for shamelessly violating the Hatch Act by advocating her wing-nut political beliefs while representing a public office, she doubled down by hawking Ivanka's jewelry from the White House. "Go buy Ivanka's stuff is what I would tell you."

Kellyanne was married for 22 years to George Conway a somewhat rehabilitated member of the "vast right wing conspiracy" who has turned into a relentless critic of the Orange Bozo. Bozo has called George a "stone cold LOSER & husband from hell" because of George's relentless and accurate criticism of him as an incompetent sociopath.

How these two managed to stay together for 22 years is a mystery.

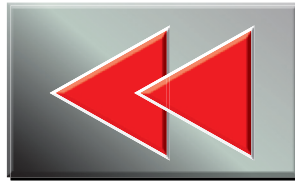
It turns out that Kellyanne's grandfather, Jimmy "The Brute" DiNatale, was a mob associate of the Philadelphia crime family. Helpful information.

(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.)

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES

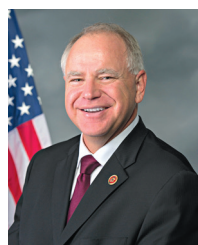


MSU officials, including former President Lou Anna Simon, knew that William Strampel (pictured), former boss of Larry Nassar, had a pattern of inappropriate behavior toward women yet withheld that information from the public until recently. Strampel, then dean of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, was first warned about his conduct in 2005. The review was included in more than 6,000 documents, withheld by the university since 2018, that will soon be released after the Michigan Attorney General's Office announced Wednesday that it had closed its investigation and released a five-page summary of what the investigators learned.



The investigation into MSU Board of Trustees' bullying and misconduct allegations, leading to the censure of three members, cost the university more than \$2.3 million. MSU paid the Miller & Chevalier firm \$2,043,000, according to the Lansing State Journal, to investigate claims that began when Trustee Brianna Scott alleged then-board Chair Rema Vassar bullied MSU administrators and other trustees and broke the board's codes of ethics and conduct. MSU also paid the Miller Law firm \$318,979 to represent Vassar.

Students were evacuated from Grand Ledge High School Monday after threatening graffiti was discovered on bathroom walls. Students and staff in the building for extra-curricular activities were evacuated at 4 p.m. so Grand Ledge police could investigate the threat and clear the building, following a normal school day. Activities outside the building continued as normal. The only details released about the threats were that they were "vague" and "non-specific." Law enforcement determined the building was safe to reenter at 8:45 p.m. Monday and was safe for classes on Tuesday.



Minnesota governor and Democratic vice-presidential candidate Tim Walz visited East Lansing Friday, speaking to supporters at the Graduate Hotel as well as volunteers at the Harris-Walz campaign office on Abbot Road. Walz and his daughter, Hope, were met at Capital Region International Airport by Lansing Mayor Andy Schor, U.S. House Democratic candidate Curtis Hertel Jr., Michigan Educational Association executive Aaron Eling and Pastor Neal Anderson of Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing. The campaign said it has opened 52 coordinated campaign offices across the state to mobilize and train volunteers and has signed up more than 35,000 volunteers since Aug. 1.

Ingham County 54B District Judge Molly Hennessey Greenwalt ruled Thursday the Attorney General's Office presented enough evidence for political consultants Rob and Anne Minard to face a jury trial on a series of charges re-



Emma Jane Huver, 27, was sentenced Monday to five years in federal prison in the death of her 2-year-old son, King Muhammad, from a self-inflicted gunshot wound Oct. 24.

She pleaded guilty to a weapons offense in April. Huver, still awaiting a Sept. 30 trial in Ingham County Circuit Court for involuntary manslaughter, second-degree child abuse and various weapons charges, must spend three years on supervised release after leaving prison.



Bradley Corey, 27, was dealt an open murder charge Thursday in the shooting death two days earlier of Emily Hansen, 26, at Fountain Park Apartments on West Clark Road in DeWitt Township. He was in Clinton County Jail after he pleaded not guilty at arraignment. He is also charged with possession of less than 25 grams of cocaine and felony firearm possession. An open murder conviction could result in up to life in prison. A probable cause conference is slated for Sept. 26 and a preliminary exam for Oct. 3.



Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist helped kick off Lansing's Hispanic Heritage Month Monday by noting its importance in a divisive presidential election year. He spoke at a noon ceremony at City Hall at which city and state proclamations were presented. Ballet Maria Luz, a local folklorico group, performed before an audience of more than 50 people. The festivities, which run through Oct. 15, recognize a slew of Hispanic countries' independence days. To read the full story, go here: <https://www.lansingcitypulse.com/stories/gilchrist-helps-lansing-launch-hispanic-heritage-month,110229>.

CATA board members approved the \$1 million purchase of the former Greyhound Bus Station property at 511 S. Washington Ave., near its downtown transportation center at the intersection



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of Grand Avenue and Lenawee Street, for a new administrative building. Construction is planned to begin in winter or spring 2025, with completion expected in January 2026. Officials said that the vision is for the new facility to house CATA offices, primarily for those interacting with customers, as well as providing a public meeting area, a resource center for customers, and possible space for another community partner



1223 Hickory St., Lansing.

This 1,248-square-foot, three-bedroom home just south of Kalamazoo Street and west of Hunter Park was initially red-tagged for safety concerns in September 2021. Built in 1915, it's been owned by Michael Penta since January, but he was also listed as a previous owner along with Mallory Smith in 2019 before becoming the sole owner. The house was hit with a fine from the city's Code Enforcement Office in May 2018 for not being registered as a rental, and again for a "failure to comply" in May 2019. In April 2021, it was again cited for lacking a rental certificate, followed by additional fines for non-compliance later that year, leading to its red-tagged status. According to the Assessor's Office, Penta owns at least two other red-tagged Lansing properties at 815 Prospect St. and 401 Leslie St. Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox said Penta is up to date on taxes, noting that "it looks like some rehab permits were pulled" but that work hadn't been done. Efforts to reach the owner for comment were unsuccessful.

TYLER SCHNEIDER

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

I was a Republican congressman. I support Democrat Curtis Hertel

In November, voters in Michigan's 7th Congressional District will once again elect someone new to represent them in Washington.

When I represented the 7th District in Congress, one thing became clear to me: It's not the loudest voices in the room who get things done. I had a front-row seat to those things that make someone an effective legislator, and what doesn't. Effective legislators are willing to work with anyone to accomplish the right result. Sometimes that meant working with my Republican colleagues, and other times that meant working with folks on the other side of the aisle.

And when I think about who I want in Congress, it's not party affiliation I consider first. I want a representative who has demonstrated the ability to deliver results that improve our lives.

That is why I am supporting Curtis Hertel.

In the Legislature, Curtis helped pass the largest middle class tax cut in the history of the state, and he cut taxes for hundreds of thousands of Michigan seniors. He reduced the high cost of prescription drugs and helped bring more than 5,000 good-paying manufacturing jobs back to Mid-Michigan. He worked with the governor to pass common sense gun safety legislation in the wake of the Michigan State shooting. He fought for our first responders by improving health coverage for firefighters who can develop cancer

because of on-the-job exposure to dangerous toxins and substances.

And these accomplishments don't just happen by accident. Curtis' work has been rooted in bipartisanship. He knows how to find common ground and points of agreement that serve as launching pads to advance policy.

On the other hand, his opponent, Tom Barrett, voted to raise the gas tax and protect pharmaceutical companies when they hurt Michiganders.

I worry that he would fan the flames of partisanship that have paralyzed Washington. We don't want to elect another member to join the already far-too-large do-nothing caucus in Congress.

Curtis will offer an antidote to that partisanship. He's delivered big wins for us already by finding common ground. He's unafraid to work across the aisle, and he's already shown that he is willing to stand up to leaders in his own party on issues such as securing the border and cracking down on China. I believe Curtis will be an effective advocate for our communities in Congress, and I hope you support him in November.

Joe Schwarz

(The writer was a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing Michigan's old 7th Congressional District in Congress from 2005 to 2007. He is a physician in Battle Creek.)



Schwarz

Letter to the editor

A troubling 63% don't believe Crooks acted alone in assassination attempt

Social media has us all so whipped up and turned around about what type of information we are feeding our brains that most of us are now concocting our own conspiracy theories out of whole cloth.

And I'm not even talking about this horrifying, unverified Haitian immigrants-eating-pets rumor Donald Trump and J.D. Vance are irresponsibly sharing with the masses.

I'm talking about results from a Mitchell Research and Communications poll question that showed 63% of Michigan voters believe Thomas Matthew Crooks did not act alone when he shot at Trump in June. Only 37% believe he did.

Nine out of 100 people said they believe Crooks was working with the "Deep State," whatever that is. Another 3% believe he was working with the Secret Service, 2% with a foreign nation and 1% with the CIA. The plurality, 48%, said they're not sure whom Crooks worked with, but they're convinced he didn't work alone.

This shocking level of skepticism comes without one shred of evidence that this 20-year-old loner associated with anyone, let alone some conspiratorial network.

In the weeks after the shooting, the FBI combed through Crooks' phone, conducted nearly 100 interviews, searched his house and rifled through his car to find ... nothing.

Same thing with the hordes of media who talked with old classmates or anyone with any connection to him. Crooks was troubled. He searched the internet about a major depressive disorder, how to make bombs, and stories regarding Ethan Crumbley, the Oxford High School shooter.

There's no evidence that he collected a boatload of cash. There's nothing on his phone, his emails or from any eyewitness that connected him with anyone nefarious.

There's no bullet trajectory that suggests a shot came from a grassy knoll. There's no Jack Ruby that comes out of nowhere to shoot him.

Instead, the best we can find on Thomas Crooks is that he was more like the mentally ill John Hinckley Jr., who shot Ronald Reagan, than an enigmatic Lee Harvey Oswald, who shot John F. Kennedy.



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

The official line that the Secret Service and the local cops royally screwed up isn't good enough for too many people.

A majority can't accept that the security detail, after more than 30 years without a serious incident, let one slide under the goal.

In this age where nobody trusts anybody anymore, this mountain of proof against a conspiracy doesn't stand a chance against social media and the power of people's imagination.

Trump has made talking out of one's ass on social media such a popular activity that everyone does it. Everybody is a political pundit on Truth Social, Rumble or TikTok now.

The game is to say outrageously crazy things and win a bunch of followers, become an "influencer," score a national sponsor and make money saying or doing nutty stuff.

After all, aren't we told these days that the "truth" is a personal set of beliefs? Your truth is different from my truth, which is different from someone else's truth.

Some Democrats are convinced Trump concocted the shooting to gin up sympathy. Some Republicans are convinced Democrats want to take Trump out before he wins again.

As a result, we put ourselves in an impossible position to prove something that does not exist.

We're told: "I don't have to prove Crooks worked with someone else to shoot at Trump.

You prove he 'DID NOT!' ... Prove this theory I cooked up in my head didn't happen. If you make a good point, maybe I'll adjust the facts slightly and try again ... if I listen to what you say."

All the while, our political figures steer us into swallowing their spin whole. They select their own set of facts through their free pseudo media sources. Everything else is "fake."

Why pay around \$80 a month for a legit news outlet when you can find something that poses as news and agrees with your own biases, for free?

Trash goes in through the eyeballs. Trash goes out through the mouth or the fingertips.

Sad commentary. Sad times.

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



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAW

UPDATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Planning Commission Bylaw Update
Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, to hear all persons interested with the proposed updates of the Planning Commission's bylaws.

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

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 24-1090-DE - Estate of Mildred Elizabeth Richardson – Date of Birth: 3/6/1931. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mildred Elizabeth Richardson, died 5/17/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lee Vester Richardson III, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 9/18/2024. Attorney: Thomas E. Woods, P22543, 421 W. Ionia St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-487-0800. Personal representative: Lee Vester Richardson III, 2001 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing MI 48915, 517-899-9572.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 24-1092-DE - Estate of Lester Joseph Turk – Date of Birth: 11/16/1920. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lester Joseph Turk, died 1/6/2017. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stacey P. Turk, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 9/18/2024. Attorney: Thomas E. Woods, P22543, 421 W. Ionia St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-487-0800. Personal representative: Stacey P. Turk, 611 N. Foster Ave., Lansing MI 48912, 586-306-5471.

CP#24-659

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING STARTS AT 6PM

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Greg Spridakos located at 123 Beech Street. The applicant is requesting to replace three tab and wood shingles with architectural shingles.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from David and Julie Cole located at 532 Charles Street. The applicants are requesting demolition of the garage.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Peak Management located at 1245 W. Grand River, Apt 12A. The applicant is requesting installation of two vinyl clad windows.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Peak Management located at 1300 Westview Ave. The applicant is requesting to replace 38 wood windows with vinyl clad replacement windows.
5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Ilene and Micheal Schechter located at 928 Cresenwood Rd. The applicants are requesting replacement of the storm door.

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

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

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

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

Dated: September 12, 2024
East Lansing, MI 48823

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the following public hearings will be held by the City of East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** The public hearings will take place at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. A public hearing to consider Ordinance 1540, a request from Hagan Realty Inc. to conditionally rezone 743, 755, and 765 Grove Street from R-2 (Medium Density Single-Family Residential District) to RM-32 (City Center Multiple-Family Residential District) for the construction of a multi-family residential building with up to 48 bedrooms and associated parking.
2. A public hearing to consider Ordinance 1539, a request from Gunovid, LLC to rezone a vacant parcel immediately adjacent to and to be combined with 16647 Chandler Road from D* (Bath Township - Development) to OIP (Office Industrial Park) to facilitate the construction of a fabrication shop, a Special Use within the OIP zone district.
3. A public hearing to consider a request from Timber Sauna (Daniel Downes) for approval of a site plan for a seasonal outdoor sauna park (personal services) at 270 W. Grand River Avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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ARTS & CULTURE

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Michigan musicians bring Chicago blues to Old Town BluesFest

By **NICOLE NOECHEL**

Kalamazoo pianist Tom Duffield keeps plenty busy playing with the Tomás Esparza Blues Band across the state and the Sand Bar Blues Quartet every other week at the Sand Bar Saloon in Saugatuck, but he's cleared his schedule for this week's Michigan BluesFest, where he'll showcase his brand of acoustic, Chicago-style piano blues.

Duffield is no stranger to BluesFest, having performed four times in the past. However, this year will be his first time pulling double duty: He'll play Thursday's (Sept. 19) Champagne Blues Benefit Concert and again Friday evening (Sept. 20).

"They've invited me for both the jazz and blues festivals, and I enjoy both of them. I just get a real passion out of playing. And there's this nice, magical connectedness that goes on when I sit down at the piano. So, being able to play twice in one year is just above and beyond," he said.

He's excited that both performances will be at UrbanBeat.

"I've played at UrbanBeat each year, and the owner, Terry, as well as the staff take care of all the details. They really provide the VIP service," he said. "I also love the ambiance — there's a nice baby grand piano there, and all I need to do is walk in and sit down. It's a picture-perfect gig for me."

Duffield was born and raised in Lansing. His first experience with the piano was in his late teens.

"You usually hear people saying they were introduced to the piano at a young age and were given or forced to have lessons. I was never introduced to the piano at all; we just happened to have one at the house because of my sister," he said. "It was sitting in the garage. One day I just sat down, and all I can say is there was a connection between me and the piano. I started



Courtesy photo

Kalamazoo pianist Tom Duffield will showcase his brand of acoustic, Chicago-style blues during two performances at Michigan BluesFest.

feeling something like I've never felt before."

Over time, he taught himself the notes and chords. When he moved to Kalamazoo to attend Western Michigan University in 1970, he continued to play piano wherever he could find one, from the school's music department to local churches — as long as no one was around.

Duffield was raised on the pop and rock of the '50s and '60s. He was introduced to blues while volunteering at a coffee shop in Kalamazoo.

"It was back when there were reel-to-reel recorders, and on this reel to reel was a compilation of a lot of different styles of music, from acoustic guitar to accordion to string bands," he said. "When I was setting up the chairs and everything, all of a sudden, I heard this piano playing. I said, 'What is that?' It turned out to be Otis Spann playing Chicago blues."

Duffield said Spann is his biggest musical influence.

"He set the standard for just about every piano player and definitely set the standard for Chicago blues," Duffield said. "Then there are other pia-



Photo by L.S. White

From left: Mike Skory, Mike "Cheech" Swartwood, Mike Daniels and S.J. "Frog" Forgey, the principal members of the Lansing Blues All-Stars, will be joined by local vocalists Angel Dottery, Filomena Castriciano and Jill Messing for their set Saturday evening (Sept. 21) at UrbanBeat.

no players like Roosevelt Sykes and Memphis Slim, who were playing what I call the 'real Chicago' or 'real piano' blues."

Duffield's sets at BluesFest will feature a familiar face for prior attendees: fellow Tomás Esparza Blues Band member David Ludington on drums.

"He lives in Lansing, and we're good friends, so it was just a natural fit to ask him to join me. This is going to be his third year with me," Duffield said. "Historically, drums and piano used to be a pretty common combination at the old juke joints and a lot of the places that catered to this kind of music in the '40s and '50s. I really like the combination of my style of piano and David's style of drums."

Also performing at the festival is a local favorite, the Lansing Blues All Stars. The group has played "three or four" BluesFests, according to guitarist S.J. "Frog" Forgey, who also plays in the blues-rock bands Frog & the Beef-tones and The Cynics, "straight-up" blues band 3 Guineas and a Frog and AC/DC tribute band ICY/DICEY.

"This is one gig everybody enjoys playing," Forgey said. "It's a shining

light as far as events go in here in Lansing. People from all walks of life look forward to this weekend."

Forgey said the group has had a "revolving cast" since its formation around 15 years ago, but the four principal performers are himself, Mike Skory on keyboards, Mike Daniels on drums and Michael "Cheech" Swartwood on bass. All are veterans of the local music scene: Forgey, Daniels and Skory have been playing in Lansing since the '70s, and Swartwood, whom Forgey called "the young guy," has been performing in town for 20 years.

"I think the last time we did the Blues Festival, probably 10 years ago, we had a five or six-piece band. This time, we're going with the four and keeping it compact," Forgey said.

The group's set Saturday evening (Sept. 21) at UrbanBeat will also feature local vocalists Angel Dottery, Filomena Castriciano and Jill Messing.

"It's all blues music, but it's different stuff," Forgey said. "Mike Skory does some Louisiana-style stuff, I do a straight-ahead Chicago blues type of thing, and Mike Daniels is a perennial favorite. We're ready for a good time."

Michigan BluesFest

Wednesday, Sept. 18-Saturday, Sept. 21
Old Town, Lansing
micharts.org/about-bluesfest

First ‘litfest’ lights up Lansing bookstores, libraries this weekend

By **BILL CASTANIER**

The pandemic may not have been good for much, as the New Yorker magazine recently noted, but it was for bookstores — as this weekend’s first-ever Lansing Lit Festival demonstrates by the number of relatively new stores that are hosting it.

The festival will feature more than a dozen authors, poets and comic book artists at nine independent bookstores, area libraries and performance areas. The three-day event, which kicks off Friday (Sept. 20), includes 22 individual readings, workshops and performances.

Bookstores and other venues are Hooked; Schuler Books; Deadtime Stories; Curious Book Shop; Robin Books; A Novel Concept; Everybody Reads; Wayfaring Booksellers; Socialight Society; Williamston Theatre; Lansing Community College Dart Auditorium; East Lansing and Delta Township libraries; and Reach Studio Art Center.

Events are free, thanks in part to a

\$10,000 grant from the Ingham County Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for Arts and Tourism,

The author events are as varied as the bookstores. They include a candlelight reading at Deadtime Stories; four noted writers talking baseball at Everybody Reads; four authors talking about “Kissing Evangelical Purity Culture Goodbye” at A Novel Concept; author Brenda Novak talking about her book, “The Banned Book Club,” at Schuler Books; Michigan State University political scientist Matt Grossman releasing “Polarized by Degrees” at Hooked about class distinctions; along with fantasy, romance writers and graphic novelist Jeff Wilson (“We Live Here”) also at Hooked.

“The litfest is an important collaborative effort among the bookstore community,” said organizer Elise Jajuga, co-owner of A Novel Concept. It “represents partnerships that are unusual for cities of a similar size.”

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Lansing Lit Festival

Friday, Sept. 20–Sunday, Sept. 22
Various locations
www.lansinglit.com
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Courtesy photo

Nicole Lintemuth, owner of Bettie’s Pages bookstore in Lowell, will visit Wayfaring Booksellers in REO Town Marketplace 11 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 21) to discuss her new book on book banning, “This Book Is Dangerous: For Those Who Refuse to Be Told What They Can — or Can’t — Read.”



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Jajuga said that fighting a national trend of bookstore closures, several Lansing-area bookstores opened during the pandemic.

Scott Harris, owner of Everybody Reads, agreed. “The effort is a wonderful example of the bookstores working in tandem against the ‘big box’ bookstores and online sales.”

The recent New Yorker article, “Are Bookstores Just a Waste of Space,” by Louis Menand, pointed out that despite Amazon sales of more than half of all print and e-books in the country, bookstores still provide a valuable service giving readers an opportunity “fondle the product.” It is estimated that more than 3 million books are published each year.

The four baseball writers appearing at EveryBody Reads are award-winning baseball historian Peter Morris, author of several books on historic baseball; Jess Goldberg Strassler, the voice of the Lugnuts and author “The Baseball Thesaurus,” Tom Stanton, the Detroit author of “The Final Season,” about the old Tiger Stadium, and Gary Gillette, who has authored several books and spearheaded the effort to save Hamtramck Stadium of the Negro Leagues.

Dart Auditorium will host the slam poet “The Bee.” Williamston Theatre will feature a reading from the play “Bad Books,” and MSU Theatre will host a preview of its upcoming production on “Inherit the Wind” and a discussion on the history of banned plays.

For kids, A Novel Concept will host children’s author Angie Zeigerbacher and Schuler Books will feature Tim Kleyn, author of the popular book “Grilled Cheese? Yes Please!” At Everybody Reads, two comic book authors will help children create their own superheroes. Sociallight Society and Reach

Studio Art Center offer the exhibition “Art in Sequence: Artwork Inspired by Comics.”

Nicole Lintemuth, the owner of Bettie’s Pages bookstore in Lowell, will visit Wayfaring Booksellers in REO Town Marketplace to discuss her new book on book banning.

Lintemuth, whose visit coincides with Banned Book Week 2024, is an outspoken opponent of book censorship by any means. Her book, “This Book Is Dangerous: For Those Who Refuse to Be Told What They Can — or Can’t — Read,” is part journal, part hands-on guide for citizens to fight book banning.

“There’s been a huge incidence of book banning in the last four years, and I wanted to put together a guide to fight back against it,” Lintemuth said in an interview. Her book offers scripts for supporters to talk with local officials about book banning and suggestions on how supporters “can join the army fighting against book banning.”

Lintemuth’s bookstore is named after Bettie Page, the 1950s “queen” of pinup girls. It promotes itself as “the coolest, queerest and best little bookstore in Lowell.” Page, like the Lowell bookstore, tested America’s stodgy demeanor often with unusual poses

like the classic photo of her standing among a dazzle of zebras in a leopard print swimsuit.

Lintemuth said that in Lowell “hardly a week goes by that someone isn’t at a public meeting talking about banning books.”

At her bookstore, she carries titles on banned-book lists like “Gender Queer” and “Little Boy Blue,” along with general interest books.

“Fantasy and Romance are among my best sellers,” she said.

Originally, from the UP, Lintemuth said there weren’t many opportunities to visit bookstores, but when she moved to the Lower Peninsula she frequented bookstores.

“I got into the bookstores business because I hated my job,” she said, opening Bettie’s Pages in 2020.

She does all the things to promote the store that you would expect, like hosting book clubs, book swaps and craft nights. But she also sponsors a monthly drag show.

“I have a fantastic group of supporters, and I do well on social media,” she said.

On 7 p.m. Saturday, Hooked will host an author and reader soiree where the two groups can mingle and talk about books.

The litfest will close Sunday with a tasting and an informal workshop on creating your own charcuterie boards with cookbook author Laura Klynstra, author of “Gather and Graze.”

Hooked co-owner Grossman, another key litfest organizer, said, “All the bookstores are excited about the litfest and are in it for the long term. It represents Lansing and covers everything from edgy to traditional.”

Grossman said the event was inspired by the Lansing Film Festival and patterned after other Michigan book festivals in Detroit and Harbor Springs.

Robin Books will host a reading called Healing Justice Storytime and also feature numerous authors from Lansing Community College reading from their works.

Curious Book Shop, which became a “drive-in” bookstore last week when a pickup careened into it, will host a two-day scavenger hunt featuring literary prizes for winners. A “book crawl” will encourage readers to visit every bookstore with a chance to win a book tote.

In downtown Lansing food trucks will be available from the Hispanic Heritage Festival, which is being held concurrently.



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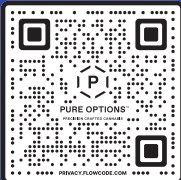
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Concern over CBD conversion oil dominates public CRA meeting

By CHRIS SILVA

The state Cannabis Regulatory Agency held its quarterly public meeting last week. This session was particularly rowdy — many attendees were visibly upset about the proof, in the form of third-party testing, that numerous vape cartridges and edibles pulled off dispensary shelves contained CBD conversion oil and banned pesticides.

Converting non-psychoactive CBD to psychoactive THC is problematic. For one, the lack of oversight due to hemp's federal legality means CBD-derived THC products don't have to be tested at a state-licensed facility for potency or contaminants like fungus, heavy metals and pesticides. The process of isolating THC from CBD is also complex, and there's a lack of research on the potential long-term health effects for consumers if unpredicted chemical reactions take place.

CRA executive director Brian Hanna addressed attendees' concerns at the meeting, admitting, "Some marijuana operators in Michigan have taken it upon themselves to convert CBD to THC and have mixed this converted product in with naturally occurring THC to increase their profit margins."

He said the agency has proposed rules "prohibiting the conversion of a cannabinoid into a different cannabinoid using a chemical reaction." If approved, Michigan licensees will be prevented from converting CBD to THC and from selling or transferring such material. In addition, all existing CBD conversion oil will be required to be disposed of.

"There is currently no scientific evidence that this process is safe; there is also no scientific consensus that it is harmful — if there were, we would have been all



Courtesy photo

Brian Hanna, executive director of the state Cannabis Regulatory Agency, addressed findings of CBD conversion oil and banned pesticides in dispensary vape cartridges and edibles at the agency's quarterly public meeting last week. He said the agency has proposed rules "prohibiting the conversion of a cannabinoid into a different cannabinoid using a chemical reaction."

over this immediately with product recalls," Hanna said.

He concluded by reiterating the agency's resolve to address this issue, pointing to recent enforcement actions against Exclusive Brands, Sky Labs and other operators.

"The CRA continues to advocate at the state and federal levels to address loopholes that allow 'hemp-derived products'

to flood the market here in Michigan," Hanna said. "As our recent publicized enforcement actions have proven, we are committed to enforcing the statutes, rules and regulations that make Michigan the best marijuana market in the country."

So, what does this mean for consumers looking for clean weed? It's hard to say how many products on the market contain CBD conversion oil. However, one



only needs to look at recent cannabis sales statistics in the state to understand the potential scope. In August, legal retailers sold more than \$294 million worth of products, the state's highest-grossing month ever. Many industry insiders have told me they're suspicious that these uber-high sales numbers are being skewed by widespread regulatory subversion in the industry, like the use of CBD conversion oil or so-called "ghost tags" to obscure the location and amounts of products operators are producing.

The CRA meeting's public comment period ended with Robin Schneider, executive director of the Michigan Cannabis Industry Association, urging industry members and consumers to help the CRA solve the conversion oil issue by reaching out to state legislators and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to gain their support for a state-wide ban on intoxicating hemp products. California Gov. Gavin Newsom recently proposed similar regulations.

CBD conversion oil will soon be illegal in the regulated cannabis industry, but as we've already seen, some operators are hell-bent on non-compliance. It's important that we, the consumers, remain vigilant any time we buy a vape cartridge or edible product. Ask questions at the store, stay informed on cannabis news and remember: Good weed ain't cheap, and cheap weed ain't good!




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A rendering of Albert Kahn Associates’ new design of the Ovation Center for Music and Arts, as seen from Washington Square in downtown Lansing. The city was scheduled to unveil the new look at a press conference today. The rendering on the cover is from the Lenawee Street side.

The ‘new’ Ovation

Redesign by Albert Kahn Associates a ‘game changer’

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

A big “O” that’s been building for decades in Michigan’s capital city is closer to reality.

Today the city of Lansing unveiled a set of glassy, glamorous exterior views and detailed floor plans for its long-awaited downtown music complex, the Ovation Center for Music and Arts.

Along with the sexy renderings of the exterior, designed by Detroit-based Albert Kahn Associates, the city unveiled a glitzy branding campaign by Redhead Design Studio, centered on a big “O” with sound waves throbbing from every side, destined for myriad forms of merchandise and social media.

Those sound waves aren’t just for show. A \$1.25 million grant from the Dart Foundation, earmarked specifically for a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system for the Ovation, was also announced today.

It’s not the full-scale performing arts center that danced in the heads of several administrations, going back to former Mayor David Hollister, but was finally dropped in 2019 as beyond reach, at \$60 million to \$80 million. The \$28 million Ovation is laser-focused on putting the city back onto the national music and entertainment map for the first time since the old Civic Center was torn down in 1999. It’s intended to bring touring rock, pop, hip-hop, country, comedy and other artists, while hosting a wide range of community-based events and educational programs.

The main hall has a capacity of 1,530 seated, or 2,025 standing concertgoers. A smaller, black box theater with a capacity of 150 to 200 people is also part

of the design, and planners hope to find a restaurant partner for the upper floor.

The undulating, glassy façade promises to light up the southwest corner of Washington Square and Lenawee Street, beckoning passersby in cars or on foot, and activate the city’s downtown housing-based, post-pandemic COVID renewal.

Ovation by the numbers	
Estimated construction cost:	\$28,000,000
City of Lansing Bond issue:	\$20,000,000
(to be repaid by future PEG fees and Brownfield reimbursements)	
Michigan Strategic Fund Grant:	\$5,000,000
State of Michigan Appropriation:	\$2,000,000
Federal Appropriation (via HUD):	\$750,000
Naming rights/fundraising	\$2,585,000
PEG Fees on hand	\$2,555,933
Total project funds:	\$32,890,933
Source: Dominic Cochran, Ovation Center for Music and Arts	

A patchwork of state, federal and private donor funds will pay for the facility, anchored by the capture of a projected \$8.5 million in PEG, or cable franchise fees, made possible by the participation of the Ovation’s permanent tenant, the Lansing Public Media Center.

Dominic Cochran, founding director of the Ovation project and former director of the Media Center, said no general city funds will be used to build the Ovation, and a primary goal is to operate the facility solely on proceeds from concert, rental and restaurant revenue.

“Our north star is no general fund dollars and no subsidies,” Cochran said.

Above-ground construction is expected to begin in the spring, when the big “O” branding will be plastered all over construction fences and barriers surrounding the site, building anticipation for the planned opening in late 2026.

Fresh sheet of paper

Ground officially broke on the Ovation over a year ago, in July 2023, but most of the work has been hidden from view, as workers refurbish the only structure standing on the site, the former Lansing Credit Bureau building, into the new home of the Public Media Center.

In early renderings of the facility, by Lansing-based Studio Intrigue Architects, the Ovation looks much like other recent mixed-use developments along Michigan Avenue, with a few Art Deco flourishes suggesting an old movie palace. It was hard to tell if the project was forward-looking, nostalgic or just sitting there.

In the designs unveiled today, it looks more like the game-changer its planners hope it will be.

When the Kahn firm got the bid as architecture

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and engineering partner of the Ovation, Andrew Stone, the firm's architect and operations lead, asked for a "fresh sheet of paper."

"I appreciate the design Studio Intrigue had done. It had some really nice qualities," Stone said. "But we really wanted to challenge some of that, with respect to materials, technology, the flexibility to evolve over time."

The guiding concept is "visual transparency," according to Michael Giovanni, Kahn's design director.

"We don't want to hide it," Giovanni told a donor group at a July meeting. "What a great site, because you're on the corner. It has a really strong urban connection. Let's bring it out."

The new design, as Stone described it, has "more glass, more opportunities for connection to the city, both for people walking back and forth or people walking to and through the space."

"We want people to be able to stop at a light on the corner, glance over and get a glimpse of what's going on inside," he said.

The Kahn team had the option of refining the earlier design into a set of detailed, buildable plans, but that's not why you hire a firm founded by pioneering industrial architect Albert Kahn.

Albert Kahn Associates was chosen mainly because it was the lowest bidder, Cochran said, but the firm's peerless 129-year pedigree didn't hurt.

Albert Kahn was best known for groundbreaking, large-scaled industrial designs, including the former Motor Wheel factory in Lansing, once the nation's largest manufacturer of wheels, now home to Motor Wheel lofts.

However, Kahn and his firm also designed several high-profile arts and music venues, including Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor in 1913 and its recent restoration. Albert Kahn Associates also contributed to significant recent work on the Detroit Opera House and the Detroit School of Arts.

"We know firsthand how transformative a project such as the Ovation Center for Music and Arts can be for a community," President and CEO Kimberly Montague said.

Stone and his team took the whole block back to the drawing board, "to see if there were opportunities for more design exploration," Stone said.



Courtesy Studio Intrigue Architects

The new look is dramatically different from the original design, by Studio Intrigue of Lansing. Andrew Stone, Albert Kahn Associates' chief architect, presented a design that opened up the Ovation to more visibility from the street — what Kahn's design director, Michael Giovanni, called "visual transparency."

The firm's history of cutting-edge industrial design can be glimpsed under the glassy glitz.

"We were working with materials like steel and concrete and exploring almost an industrial esthetic, versus more polished ones," Stone said.

The idea of a "universal space" goes back to Kahn's earliest and most significant industrial designs, and it applied just as readily to a space meant to appeal to a diverse range of audiences.

"Automotive plants are a vastly different market, but a lot of the flexibility, a space that can be used for any number of purposes, is at the core of who we are," Stone said.

As the final design took shape, the creative tension between Kahn's staff and the local Ovation team pushed the exterior toward a more welcoming and accessible look.

Undulations in the façade were designed to "break down the massiveness of the building, make it more approachable and human scale," Stone said.

In the most recent set of images, wooden support poles were added to the exterior overhang, to bear its weight more cost-effectively and soften the glassy, modern edge of the design.

Stone said the poles are the "biggest design move we've made over time," and were added after consulting with Cochran and his team.

Researching other venues around the country, Cochran and the local Ovation team studied some of their favorite music spots, including two vibrant Brooklyn venues, Elsewhere and The House of Yes, and Spot Lite in Detroit. "Those venues in particular have a decidedly non-industrial, lived-in vibe," Cochran said. "Our north star in terms of audience experience is to be memorable and inclusive."

The Kahn design team exploited a 5-foot slope in the project site to slip in a set of internal terraces and seating areas where people can hang out before and after a performance.

"The goal is to be the venue that you want to arrive at when doors open, as opposed to timing your arrival as closely to the headliner as you possibly can, and then bouncing just before or right after the encore," Cochran said.

Stone said the venue has the potential to be a "third place," besides home or work, where people are encouraged to gather.

"That kind of visibility helps to break down a perceived barrier, where it doesn't feel like it's secretive what's happening in there," he said.

When it comes to universal design, architects have some fancy tools in their box Kahn never imagined.

The art of projected colors, textures and imagery has been developed to an

astounding level of sophistication in venues around the world. Listeners can augment their experience by floating in a coral reef, whizzing through the center of the galaxy or confronting faces and places from anywhere in space and time.

"You can completely change the aesthetics of a space without building out something that would alienate other audiences or performers," Stone said.

'Diverse and unique'

What kinds of sounds and sights will fill the Ovation?

"The goal is to offer the most diverse and unique set of offerings to the community that we possibly can," Cochran said.

To prime the pump, the Ovation team launched a Spotify playlist today featuring "legendary Michigan artists." Cochran wouldn't make any promises, but a gala opening week packed with local heroes like Billy Strings, Lord Huron and Stevie Wonder would be a grand showcase for the Ovation.

The Lansing Public Media Authority will run the venue, but a mix of local and national players will curate the shows.

"We will employ a spectrum of in-house talent buying, indie regional promoters, as well as bigger names like Live Nation and AEG," (Alderac Enter-

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Courtesy Albert Kahn Associates

Andrew Stone, Kahn's chief architect and operations leader, is a 10-year veteran of the Detroit firm. He is the youngest member of the 129-year-old firm's board of director. He was selected as an LGBTQ Leader in Business by Crain's Detroit in 2022. When Kahn won the bid for the Ovation, Stone asked for a "fresh sheet of paper" for the \$28 million project.



Courtesy: Albert Kahn Associates

Albert Kahn, whose Prussian family immigrated to Detroit when he was 12, was a major figure in American industrial architecture. Among his achievements was the Ford River Rouge automotive complex. He also designed skyscrapers and mansions in Detroit. As of 2020, 60 Kahn buildings were listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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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 creating sustainable economic development of a region.

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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!

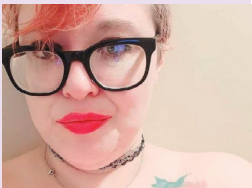
MICHIGAN BLUESFEST



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. E.J. Johnson, Alyson Williams, comedian George Lopez, recording artist Regina Belle, Mitch Ryder, Dennis Coffey, Mr. James Carter, Gerard Gibbs, Ralphie 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.

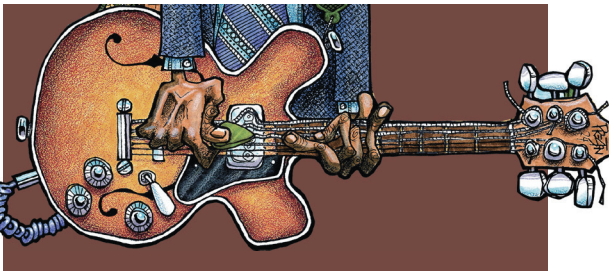
JOHNNY D BLUES BAND | 9:00pm

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 | **Instrument Petting Zoo & Harmonica for Kids**
Children and adventurers of all ages can try their hand at stringed instruments, keyboard, harmonica and percussion in this playful experience with encouraging musicians, led by Roger Gentry and friends.

2:30pm | Greater Lansing Ballet Company

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



SCHOOL OF ROCK › Kids Band

3:00pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner
School of Rock East Lansing's Kids Band delivers a revolutionary music program to students from Lansing and surrounding communities.



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**

The band will perform from 10:30pm-11:30pm, followed by a band-led jam session with other festival musicians until 1:00 am.

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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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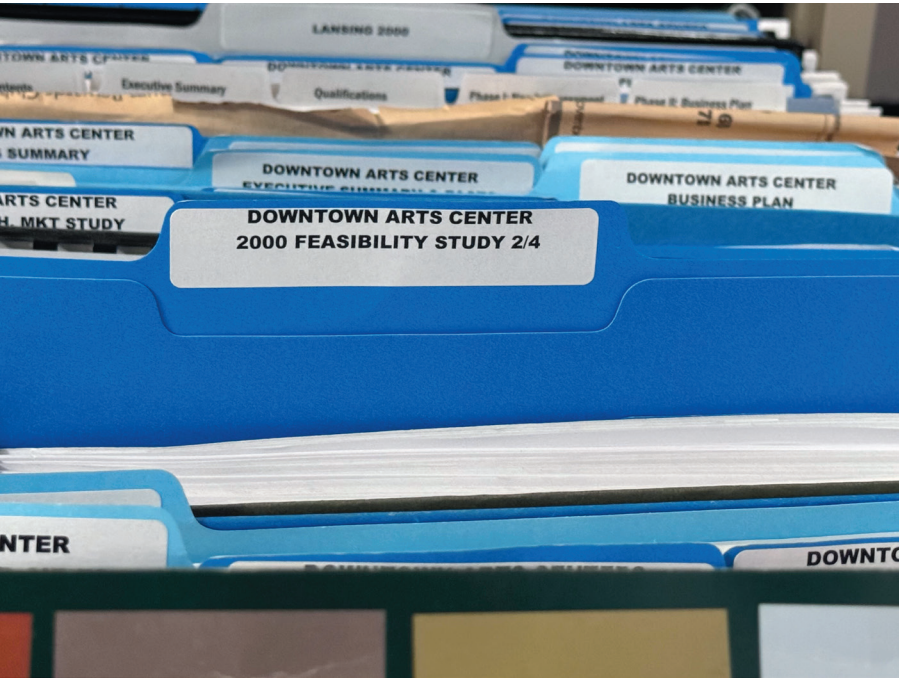
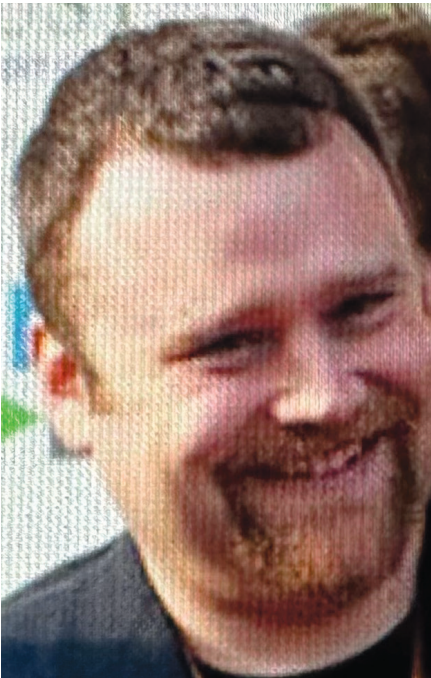


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tainment Group), Cochran said. “The room will be independent and open to all comers who are ready to bring memorable experiences to our audiences.”

While looking at venues around the country similar in ambition and scope to the Ovation, Stone said his team’s research concentrated on venues that serve the Michigan market. These included GLC Live at 20 Monroe, a 2,600-seat concert venue in Grand Rapids; El Club, a popular stand-up venue in southwest Detroit that has hosted stars from Insane Clown Posse to Lizzo and Billie Eilish; the venerable, 1,000-capacity St. Andrews Hall in Detroit’s Bricktown, where just about everybody from Eminem to the Red Hot Chili Peppers have played; and Sound Board at Motor City Casino, a 2,400-seat venue that serves an older age group with casino circuit favorites like Lalah Hathaway, Too \$hort, The Stylistics and Kenny G.



Courtesy City of Lansing

Dominic Cochran, the Ovation’s founding director and guiding light, said he still finds inspiration in the original study for a performing arts center in the 1990s under Mayor David Hollister. A successor, Virg Bernero, hoped to bring Hollister’s dream to fruition, The Great Recession in the late 2000s was a roadblock to progress. After taking office in 2018, Mayor Andy Schor took another crack at it. A feasibility study killed the plan for a \$60 million to \$80 million performing arts center. But it led to the conclusion that a smaller, music-oriented venue would fill a niche in Lansing.

Cochran is already networking with booking agents via the National Independent Venue Association.

“They know this is coming, and they’re excited,” he said. “These people are motivated to book shows for their artists.”

Cochran said the Ovation will be an independent venue, accessible to local community groups like the Refugee Development Center and the Firecracker Foundation at a low cost for banquets, fundraisers and other events. He said the facility will draw a “line of demarcation” between ticketed, forprofit events and community events.

Members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stag Employees, or IATSE, will still do the sound, lighting and other setup work for ticketed concerts, but community events like fundraisers and banquets will be subject to relaxed rules, to keep costs low.

“Events below a certain budget threshold should be able to set up their own chairs,” Cochran said.

Cochran expects to start with at least \$1 million for operating expenses on hand, but by opening night, ticket and rental revenue will already be rolling in.

“The first offers for the first shows will go out in November of next year,” Cochran said. “We have two years to open, but we have to start planning way in advance.”

The Ovation will carefully coordinate its calendar with Grewal Hall, a nearby event and concert venue with a standing capacity of 900, and the two venues may even collaborate on coordinating related events.

“We’re resurrecting a music scene

here,” Cochran said. “But it’s not to the point where we can have two punk rock shows on the same night. We need to make sure the calendars make sense together.”

Two options are being considered for the restaurant planned on the Ovation’s third floor.

“We’re either going to find a partner that’s going to go full-service, four season,” Cochran said, “or the venue will run it, and it will be more of a lounge — seasonal, limited drink and food menu, with a small four-season component.”

Cochran described the top-notch lighting and sound system, funded by the \$1.25 million donation from the Dart Foundation announced today, as “the last piece of the puzzle,” but that’s not quite true.

For about \$1 million more, the Ovation could be fitted out with state of the art, retractable seating system. Such systems are used to toggle venues from flat-floor rock concerts to cushily seated concerts in minutes. Systems that are already in place in stadiums, university auditoriums and music venues around the world show that the technology is well advanced, with myriad variations.

“We are building a place that can accommodate that storage system,” Cochran said. “I have two years to raise that million, and I’m going to do it.”

Silver lining

How long has Lansing waited for a downtown concert venue? The results of a feasibility study from the late 1990s

are still sitting in a closet in Cochran’s office, in two banker’s boxes.

“There’s no digital version,” Cochran said. It’s not even on floppy discs. “It’s good stuff, and I still refer to it sometimes.”

Cochran was 26 when he started working for the city in April 2001, when David Hollister was still mayor.

The project has suffered no end of false starts and real stops, but Cochran said there’s a “silver lining” to the long wait.

The city’s former mid-size concert venue, the Lansing Civic Center at 525 Allegan St., renamed the Lansing Civic Arena in 1987, was home to a staggering array of pop artists, from Adam Ant to ZZ Top. The center was demolished in 1999, when a plan to turn it into city offices foundered.

“People forget that the Civic Center was already 40 years old when it was

sold to the state in 1997,” Cochran said.

“It was at a crossroads. It was going to need a bunch of money to modernize it.”

If a large performing arts center had been built in the 1990s, or if the Civic Center had gotten a costly renovation, the facility would have faced serious challenges.

“It was huge, a 6,500-person venue,” Cochran said. “I’m not sure we could have supported a venue of that size in the intervening 20 years, with the population loss, two recessions. We’re learning now that we need that 2,000-seat venue.”

The downtown Lansing Convention Center, built in 1987 and expanded in 1995, took on the convention and events traffic formerly hosted at the Civic Center.

But the other shoe — a performing

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Eagle Township, Clinton County
Special Board Meeting Synopsis

September 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee M. Hoppes;
Also in attendance were 5 members of the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board; Delta Township Assistant Fire Chief; 2 officials from Watertown Township; and 4 citizens.
Board Discussion:
The Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board provided orientation to the Eagle Township Board on LGRFA operations and agreements including the joint agreement with Watertown Charter Township and the Delta Charter Township service agreement for fire and ambulance service.

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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Ovation

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arts center — never dropped.

“We wanted to get an arts center, and were really close to getting one,” Hollister told City Pulse in 2021. “We had money put in the budget to do a financial analysis. Gov. John Engler, who was not exactly my friend, put \$500,000 in the budget to do some preliminary work. The wheels came off the buggy in the Great Recession.”

Cochran said there never was “a nuts and bolts financial plan” for a performing arts center.

“It was like, ‘Let’s hope people get excited and we can raise the money when it comes,’” he said. “They were seeing which way the wind was blowing, and it wasn’t going to happen. So this, finally, is the second part of replacing the Civic Center, 20 years later.”

A key piece of the project’s revival came in 2006, when Mayor Virg Bernero lobbied the state Legislature to enable the city to capture \$8.5 million in PEG fees, part of the franchise fees cable companies pay the city in exchange for running their cables in public rights-of-way.

By state law, 2 percent of the gross revenues must be used for capital investments.

“If the city took those dollars and used them to fill potholes or hire firefighters, it would be violating state law,” Cochran said. “This is dedicated arts funding and a once-in-a-lifetime funding opportunity.”

At first, it was planned for the PEG money to fund a new Public Media Center in the former Holmes Street School, recently converted into apartments.

“It would be great. People love to use it,” Cochran said. “But it would be another city building that would not produce revenue and would need help.”

Why not think bigger? All kinds of downtown dreams were stirring back to life at the dawn of the 21st century, from the rescue of the Ottawa Power Station to new housing builds like Stadium District and The Outfield. A new hotel and a downtown market were in the offing. With the participation of the Public Media Center, the PEG funds could form the nucleus of a



Bert Schwartz/City Pulse

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor presided over the Ovation’s groundbreaking last summer at the corner of Washington Square and Lenawee Street in downtown Lansing. The property formerly belonged to Lake Trust Credit Union. The city also acquired the old Lansing Credit Bureau on Washington and is renovating it as the new home of the Lansing Public Media Center.

funding package for the long-dreamt-of performing arts center.

But finding the Goldilocks spot was a bumpy process. In 2019, a national theater consultant told the city that a full-scale performing arts center, with a fly tower (theatrical rigging system) and acoustics good enough for the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, would cost \$60 million to \$80 million. The next year, financial consultants told the city the project was not feasible, owing largely to “donor fatigue” and the lack of a deep-pocketed donor in greater Lansing.

But the consultants reported that a facility in the 2,000-seat range, targeted to fill the gap in music and entertainment market for national acts that would otherwise perform in Detroit or Grand Rapids, priced in the \$10 million to \$20 million range, would work.

It meant giving up on the traditional performing arts center dream, but it opened a different door.

“We were not able to end up building a facility where the symphony can come perform their MasterWorks acoustically,” Cochran said. “What we have built

is a place where they can, theoretically, be doing programs they’re not even doing yet, things that are experimental and geared toward different and younger audiences.”

Lansing Symphony music director Timothy Muffitt praised the Ovation, “not only for the new and exciting offerings it will provide, but also for its contribution to the continued growth of the vitality of our downtown area.”

“While the resources were not available to build a venue that could house our orchestral performances, we will keep this new space in mind as we consider our future artistic planning,” Muffitt said.

Once the downscaled project came into focus, more financial pieces fell into place. In 2021, then-state Sen. Curtis Hertel and then-Rep. Sarah Anthony secured \$2 million for the facility from the state Legislature. A \$5 million grant from the Michigan Strategic Fund, administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corp., followed in 2023, along with \$750,000 in federal funds. On June 28, 2023, MSUFCU President and CEO April

Clobes presented a \$1 million check to the city to secure naming rights for five years. A brownfield plan, approved by MEDC and the City Council, opened up a significant stream of funds that will be used to pay off the bonds issued by the city to finance construction. The budget was set at \$28 million, and the figure has held steady, despite recent inflationary pressures, Cochran said.

Above ground construction will start to show in the spring of 2025.

“I’m excited to see the snow melt, and we don’t even have snow yet,” Schor said at July’s donor meeting. “When the snow melts, we start seeing footings in the ground, things like that.”

Schor described the Ovation not only as the fulfillment of a long-held dream for Lansing, but also as “one of the biggest pieces of the downtown puzzle.”

“We know state workers are not coming back the way they were,” he said. “We’re building 400 or 500 units of housing. We’re going to have a new city hall, a new hotel, a new streetscape. We’re really going to see a new downtown in three or four years.”



Courtesy Redhead Design Studio

Redhead Design Studio unveiled a new marketing campaign for the Ovation today, including posters, a billboard design and a logo.

Mother and Earth Kids is parents' one-stop shop

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Lynn Ross was laid off from her hospitality job four months into her first pregnancy in 2010. The 42-year-old described the experience as “one of the best things that’s ever happened to me.”

“To save money, I started cloth-diapering my son from birth,” she said. “As I was trying to figure out what I wanted to do with the next phase of my life, I decided I wanted to start a cloth diaper store.”

She founded Mother and Earth Kids in a Delta Township office space in 2011. Since then, she’s moved to three different brick-and-mortar storefronts: one in Old Town, another at 100 E. César E. Chávez Ave. and, most recently, a 3,000-square-foot space closer to her home in Delta Township. The new shop opened Aug. 3.

Ross said over the years, Mother and Earth has grown into “a full-blown toy store.”

“As far as toys go, everything in the store is hand-picked by my team or me,” she said. “When somebody tells us about their child, niece or nephew, we can use what we already know to derive how that kiddo likes to play. People will walk out feeling like they’ve really done a good thing for their loved one while also supporting a local business.”

The most popular products at the moment are Jellycat plush toys, which are collectible, similar to Beanie Babies.

“Kids, parents and grandparents love them, and even some Michigan State University students love them,” Ross said. “If we get something nobody else in the area has, it sells fast. So, there’s major cross-over appeal there.”

Ross said about 80% of the store’s inventory is toys, but it also carries baby supplies like diapers, clothing, strollers, car seats and more. Her staff includes certified child passenger safety technicians who can help parents pick the safest car seat for their individual child and

vehicle, which she said has been effective in helping Mother and Earth differentiate itself from big-box retailers and online shops.

“Aside from going to Walmart or Meijer or Target and seeing the limited baby gear that’s bolted down to the shelves, there’s not really a place to get hands-on expertise,” Ross said. “The next closest used to be buybuy Baby in Grand Rapids, but it closed about a year ago.”

Ross also recently implemented a new universal gift registry service. Instead of establishing multiple registries at different stores, customers can add items from other stores to their list at Mother and Earth and have everything in one place.

Ross said she’s proud to be able to continue providing baby and children’s items in the new space, adding that these types of shops are fewer and further between these days.

“There’s such a lack of those resources here in Lansing, and we really didn’t want to take that away from the community,” she said. “So, people are really excited. Right now, we’re just getting our feet wet here and seeing what else this area wants and needs from us.”



Courtesy photo

Mother and Earth Kids began as a baby supply store, but toys and games now dominate 80% of its inventory.

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

“But Why Though?” -- some unusual seconds.
by Matt Jones
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- ACROSS
1. Morse code symbol
5. Suffix meaning “lover”
10. 1950s poem with the phrase “pingpong of the abyss”
14. Penne _____ vodka
15. _____-Leste (U.N. member since 2002)
16. Like some arguments
17. French businessman with a politically controversial namesake cosmetics company
19. Sextet halved
20. _____ Hawkins Dance
21. Historic Tampa neighborhood known for its cigar factories
23. Little nitwit
26. Came down
27. “Après _____, le déluge ...”
30. Succulent plant
31. “Danny and the Dinosaur” author _____ Hoff
32. Bronx-born member of Congress, familiarly
33. Pork _____ (convenience store snacks)
35. Therefore
39. NHL Hall of Famer Steve who led the Detroit Red Wings to three Stanley Cups and is now their general manager
41. Element #39 (one of four named after the same Swedish village)
44. Flying start?
45. Mario character hatched from an egg
47. Dr. behind Beats headphones
48. Consumed
51. Dramatist Coward

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52. Japanese flag symbol
53. Sword-and-_____ (period film genre)
56. Fencing swords
58. Peruvian-born 1950s singer with a Guinness-certified five-octave range
60. Car wash step
64. Decisive defeat
65. Tropical plant with oils used in perfume
68. Land area
69. Tougher to come by
70. Sacha Baron Cohen persona
71. 1/168th of a week
72. “_____ it goes”
73. Drains energy
- DOWN
1. Makeup of a week
2. Edison's middle name
3. Winter transport
4. “Rumour _____” (hit song by Adele)
5. Hrs. accrued for vacation, in many workplaces
6. “Drank water too fast” sound
7. “Really looking forward to it!”
8. “Stay” singer Lisa
9. Baseball misplays
10. Drink popular with fall leaf-watchers
11. Former senator Hatch
12. Rider-_____ (popular tarot deck)
13. Christopher who played Doc Brown
18. Prepare, as leftovers
22. Light beam
24. Film director Kazan
25. “The Daily Show” correspondent Chieng
27. Past and future portrayer of Kamala on “SNL”
28. Move like molasses
29. Cake decorator
34. Computer admin
36. Clears
37. Expert
38. Albatross, in some literary works
40. Open-top car
42. “From hell’s heart I stab at _____” (“Moby-Dick” quote)
43. Factory that makes mosaic pieces
46. Minimal poker draw
49. Letter after sigma
50. Pet-loving “Tiny Toon Adventures” character
53. Dark-skinned wine grape
54. Old Exxon competitor with a torch logo
55. Pacific island nation that had one sprinter in the 2024 Olympics
57. George Eliot’s “_____ Marner”
59. Actor Alda
61. Disney feline
62. Tiny cut
63. Carton purchase
66. “Metroid” console
67. Miracle-_____ (garden product)

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Sept. 18-24, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Few of the vegetables grown in the 21st century are in their original, wild forms. Many are the result of crossbreeding carried out by humans. The intention is to increase the nutritional value of the food, boost its yield, improve its resistance to insect predators and help it survive weather extremes. I invite you to apply the metaphor of crossbreeding to your life in the coming months. You will place yourself in maximum alignment with cosmic rhythms if you conjure up new blends. So, be a mix master. Favor amalgamations and collaborations. Transform jumbles and hodgepodes into graceful composites. Make “alloy” and “hybrid” your words of power.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): “All I ask is the chance to prove that money can’t make me happy,” quipped comedian Spike Milligan. I propose we make that your running joke for the next eight months. If there was ever a time when you could get rich more quickly, it would be between now and mid-2025. And the chances of that happening may be enhanced considerably if you optimize your relationship with work. What can you do now to help ensure you will be working at a well-paying job you like for years to come?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The World Health Organization says that 3.5 billion people in the world don’t have access to safe toilets, 2.2 billion live without safe drinking water, and 2 billion don’t have facilities in their homes to wash their hands with soap and water. But it’s almost certain that you don’t suffer from these basic privations. Most likely, you get all the water you require to be secure and healthy. You have what you need to cook food and make drinks. You can take baths or showers whenever you want. You wash your clothes easily. Maybe you water a garden. I bring this to your attention because now is an excellent time to celebrate the water in your life. It’s also a favorable time to be extra fluid and flowing and juicy. Here’s a fun riddle for you: What could you do to make your inner life wetter and better lubricated?

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cancerian rapper and actor Jaden Smith has won a few mid-level awards and has been nominated for a Grammy. But I was surprised that he said, “I don’t think I’m as revolutionary as Galileo, but I don’t think I’m not as revolutionary as Galileo.” If I’m interpreting his sly brag correctly, Jaden is suggesting that maybe he is indeed pretty damn revolutionary. I’m thrilled he said it because I love to see you Cancerians overcome your natural inclination to be overly humble and self-effacing. It’s OK with me if you sometimes push too far. In the coming weeks, I am giving you a license to wander into the frontiers of braggadocio.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Research by psychologists at Queen’s University in Canada concluded that the average human has about 6,200 thoughts every day. Other studies suggest that 75% of our thoughts are negative, and 95% are repetitive. But here’s the good news, Leo: My astrological analysis suggests that your amount of negative and repetitive thoughts could diminish in the coming weeks. You might even get those percentages down to 35% and 50%, respectively. Just imagine how refreshed you will feel. With all that rejuvenating energy coursing through your brain, you may generate positive, unique thoughts at an astounding rate. Take maximum advantage, please!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have probably heard the platitude, “Be cautious about what you wish for. You might get it.” The implied warning is that if your big desires are fulfilled, your life may change in unpredictable ways that require major adjustments. That’s useful advice. However, I have often found that the “major adjustments” necessary are often interesting and healing — strenuous, perhaps, but ultimately enlivening. In my vision of your future, Virgo, the consequences of your completed goal will fit that description.

You will be mostly pleased with the adaptations you must undertake in response to your success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The bird known as the gray-headed albatross makes long, continuous flights without touching down on the ground. I propose we nominate this robust traveler to be one of your inspirational animals in the coming months. I suspect that you, too, will be capable of prolonged, vigorous quests that unleash interesting changes in your life. I don’t necessarily mean your quests will involve literal long-distance travel. They may, but they might also take the form of vast and deep explorations of your inner terrain. Or maybe you will engage in bold efforts to investigate mysteries that will dramatically open your mind and heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are in a good position and frame of mind to go hunting for a novel problem or two. I’m half-joking, but I’m also very serious. I believe you are primed to track down interesting dilemmas that will bring out the best in you and attract the educational experiences you need. These provocative riddles will ensure that boring old riddles and paltry hassles won’t bother you. Bonus prediction: You are also likely to dream up an original new “sin” that will stir up lucky fun.

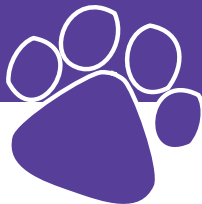
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your spinning and weaving abilities will be strong in the coming weeks. I predict that your knack for creating sturdy, beautiful webs will catch the resources and influences you require. Like a spider, you must simply prepare the scenarios to attract what you need, then patiently relax while it all comes to you. Refining the metaphor further, I will tell you that you have symbolic resemblances to the spiders known as cross orbweavers. They produce seven different kinds of silk, each useful in its own way. In a sense, so can you. Your versatility will help you succeed in interesting ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Capricorn basketball player JamesOn Curry had the briefest career of anyone who ever played in America’s top professional league. Around his birthday in 2010, while a member of the Los Angeles Clippers, he appeared on the court for 3.9 seconds — and never returned. Such a short-lived effort is unusual for the Capricorn tribe and will not characterize your destiny in the coming months. I predict you will generate an intense outpouring of your sign’s more typical expressions: durability, diligence, persistence, tenacity, resilience, determination, resolve and steadfastness. Ready to get underway in earnest?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It’s a good time for you to embrace the serpent, metaphorically speaking. You may even enjoy riding and playing with and learning from the serpent. The coming weeks will also be a favorable phase for you to kiss the wind and consult with the ancestors and wrestle with the most fascinating questions you know. So, get a wild look in your eyes, dear Aquarius. Dare to shed mediocre pleasures so you can better pursue spectacular pleasures. Experiment only with smart gambles and high-integrity temptations. PS: If you challenge the past to a duel (a prospect I approve of), be well-armed with the future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Panda bears don’t seem to enjoy having sex. The typical length of their mating encounters is 30 seconds to two minutes. There was a dramatic exception to the rule in 2015, however. Lu Lu and Zhen Zhen, pandas living at Bifengxia Panda Base in China, snuggled and embraced for 18 minutes. It was unprecedented. I encourage you, too, to break your previous records for tender cuddling and erotic play in the coming weeks. The longer and slower you go, the more likely it is you will generate spiritual epiphanies and awakenings.

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Bryn and her sister Bree are two adorable, floppy-eared shepherd puppies who were found running in a ditch along the side of a country road. They are young and will need families with the time and patience to raise and train a baby. They love people and should make really great family dogs for a couple of lucky families!



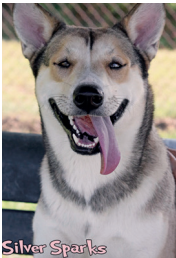
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Silver Sparks is a cute little pitsky who has been to the shelter many times. Her owner decided that it would be best for her to find a new home. She has the typical husky need to wander, and she's too smart for her own good. (She learned how to open the guillotine doors in our kennels!). She will need an owner with some husky experience (or one who has the patience and time to stay one step ahead of her mischief). All our adoptable dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots before adoption!



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Bruce is an adorable chihuahua who was brought to the shelter when he was found in a crate near a dumpster. He's a typical chichi who talks tough but doesn't mind being carried around and spoiled. He is quirky about going into a kennel though (not that we blame him). He'll let you put him in there, and then he immediately spins around and starts barking and growling about it. Once he's stated his opinion, he's pretty quiet (unless he hears you and thinks you are hanging around with another chihuahua). He's just over 5 pounds, so older kids who understand that he needs gentle handling and other small dogs would be best. Of course, if he's the only dog in the home and he gets to be the tiny king, that's even better!



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Mak is a sweet, gentle shepherd who was found after being abandoned. He is very underweight (about 40 pounds) and in need of a special person. He isn't the bravest shepherd, but he's one of the sweetest. He loves to snuggle in close to people, but other dogs are quite scary (a husky bounced at him and play bowed, and he fell over onto his side and froze there until she went away). He would probably do best as an only dog but might be OK with a gentle friend who is content to just co-exist with him while he settles in. He's hoping his special person will come soon and take him out of the scary shelter!

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

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

Code Club - Kids will work on learning how to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding expertise necessary. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Diane Sanderson Bookend Gallery Display - Diane has a love of animals and nature, which is well-represented in her photography. Stop in and enjoy her work! Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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.

Financial Literacy Workshop: Making a Spending Plan - Learn about the benefits of a spending plan, the difference between needs and wants and the importance of an emergency fund. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Planning a Life Celebration - Learn how to protect your loved ones by planning your life celebration in advance. Seminar led by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes. Registration req. 12:30 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. dewittlibrary.org.

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.

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.

Visit Red Cedar Glen Preserve and Legg Park - Meridian Township's land stewardship coordinator will lead a tour of Red Cedar Glen Preserve and Legg Park. 6 p.m. Legg Park pavilion, 3891 Van Atta Road, Okemos. wildoneslansing.weebly.com.

WHOKILLEDXIX/pranav.wav/ONI INC. at Mac's Bar - Doors 7 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. instagram.com/macsbarmsu.

Yoga For Peace - Free all-level flow class. Arrive at 5:45 p.m. to check in and get settled. Yoga mats will be available if needed. Registration req. Peoples Yoga, 1146 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-599-5976. peoplesyogastudio.com/practice.

Thursday, Sept. 19

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

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.

Cracked Pot Studio Tour

5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22
Various locations

The annual Cracked Pot Studio Tour, running Friday (Sept. 20) through Sunday (Sept. 22), offers Greater Lansing residents an opportunity to tour private pottery and ceramics studios, view and purchase the work of more than 50 Michigan artists and meet many of those artists along the way.

Back by popular demand, the weekend will begin with the Cracked Pot Throwdown 5:30 p.m. Friday at Art Unlimited in Okemos. The public is invited to watch as Cracked Pot artists compete in three unconventional pottery challenges. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday and Sunday, nine artist studios throughout Greater Lansing will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a self-guided driving tour. In addition to art displays, each studio will offer pottery or ceramics demonstrations, including wheel throwing, pinching, raku firing, tile making and pine needle weaving.

All events are free, and no registration is required. Visit crackedpotstudiotour.com for more information, including a map of studio locations and a list of participating artists.



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.

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

The Auto Revolution: Birth of the Assembly Line - Automotive historian Don LaCombe will discuss the history of the assembly line in American manufacturing. 5:30 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. reoldsmuseum.org.

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

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.

Bridge Street Merchants Night Owl Shopping - A variety of stores will be open from 5 to 9 p.m.

with sales, specials and snacks! Bridge Street, downtown Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

Champagne Blues Benefit Concert for KidzBeat - Featuring performances by Tom Duffield and Lady Champagne & the Blues Connection Band. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org/about-bluesfest.

Community Listening Session - Eastside residents can voice their concerns about social inequity issues. A City Council member will be present. Dinner will be provided. 6 p.m. Eastside Community Action Center, 1001 Dakin St., Lansing. For more information, email trishaw@nationoutside.org.

Corbin Wagner, Horn - Presenting a variety of works by Reinecke, Basler and Herzogenberg. Corbin Wagner, horn; Nermis Mises, oboe; Michael Kroth, bassoon; Tasha Warren, clarinet; Patrick Johnson, piano. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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.

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

"In Pieces" - Anthology musical weaving the romantic journeys of six people across three chapters of life. Sometimes the greatest love story is the soulmates you don't end up with. 7 p.m. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.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.

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. ladiessilverblades.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.

LEGO-Palooza - Each child will get a tray of LEGO bricks to build their most fantastic creation. Some Duplo bricks will be available for younger children. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. glad.org.

Nation Outside Chapter Meeting - We'll discuss barriers that community members face and explore potential solutions. Additionally, we'll highlight upcoming events and initiatives. 5 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. For more information, email trishaw@nationoutside.org.

New Music Forum Presents: Premieres by Jenny Ribeiro - The New Music Forum kicks off its sea-

son with premieres by soprano Jenny Ribeiro and more music by pianist Shannon Wettstein-Sadler. 7 p.m. Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. 21potluck.com/events.

Optimizing D2L with Templates - Intended for MSU educators interested in creating D2L courses more efficiently. Presentation available in person and online. Registration req. 10 a.m. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. bookings.lib.msu.edu/calendar/CTLI.

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.

“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.

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.

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. framedstage.net/shiawassee-artists-guild-september.

Soulja Boy/Quazar/Stay True Red/BRB - 8 p.m.
Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square,
Lansing. hall224.com.

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Lansing Area AIDS Walk

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

Edgewood United Church

469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing

For more than 25 years, the Lansing Area AIDS Network has hosted an annual AIDS walk in remembrance of those who have died from the illness and in celebration of those who continue to live with HIV. In addition to raising awareness about HIV and AIDS, the event raises funds to support LAAN's programs and services, including group support meetings for people with HIV, free HIV testing, PrEP and PEP access, safer sex supplies, a food pantry, companion animal support and more.

This year's event will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 21) at Edgewood United Church in East Lansing, featuring a 2-mile walk around the city, guest speakers, a community vendor fair, food, a DJ and kids' activities. Registration is \$5 for youth and either \$15 or \$25 for adults, depending on whether they'd like a T-shirt. There's also an option to create a team and raise funds for LAAN in advance to receive free entry. The team that raises the most money will receive an award and prizes.

To register yourself or a team, purchase a vendor space or make a donation to LAAN, visit laanonline.org/events/aids-walk-2024.

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Lansing Bike Co-op 10-year anniversary celebration

Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21
1715 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

“If you would’ve told me 10 years ago that I’d still be here and that we’d own the building, it’s an achievement. It means there’s some real long-term stability for the organization, which is what I’ve been building to this whole time,” said Lansing Bike Co-op director Aaron Fields, who co-founded the all-volunteer nonprofit with a group of friends in March 2013. On Saturday (Sept. 21), Fields will sign the final mortgage check and officially pay off the co-op’s building at 1715 E. Kalamazoo St., and the public is invited to celebrate from noon to 4 p.m. with free food, shop tours, bingo and live music. The co-op’s monthly “alley cat” bicycle scavenger hunt will start at 2 p.m.

Last week, one of the co-op’s windows was smashed with a rock. While Fields is hopeful the window will be repaired by this weekend, he’s not too concerned about it. “I’m a little annoyed, but I imagine it was someone who wasn’t even thinking two seconds ahead of what they were doing,” he said. “We put up a post on Facebook to help repair the window, and the community responded.”

Fields said that over the past 10 years, the co-op has given away “at least 700” children’s bicycles during its annual holiday bike drive and has repaired a few thousand bikes with community members. Looking ahead to the next decade, he’d like to see the organization continue its steady growth.

“Now that we’ve got a good place in the community, we have the opportunity to do other things, like expand classes and make some capital improvements,” he said.

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting September 11, 2024
Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Eyster, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Budget Amendments
- Legal Counsel Engagement
- BS&A cloud program and training to replace all current BS&A financial programs

The next regular Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193. Robin A. Cleveland, Township Clerk

CP#24-656

CITY OF LANSING
SUMMARY OF
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1323

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to to repeal and replace the existing signs ordinance, being Part 14, Title 4 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances in its entirety, with Part 13, Title 2, regulating the size, location, and character of signs and sign structures on property in Lansing.

Effective date: October 9, 2024

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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“THIRST” - 2 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.

Friday, Sept. 20

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

Ben Awrey at Harrison Roadhouse - 6 p.m. 720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. harrison-roadhouse.com.

Cracked Pot Throwdown - Friendly pottery-throwing competition among Cracked Pot Studio Tour artists. Free, open for public viewing. 6-10 p.m. Art Unlimited, 4692 Okemos Road, Okemos. cracked-potstudiotour.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.

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

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

Harry Hill High School Alumni Meet & Greet - Appetizers and cash bar. Attire is casual/Harry Hill apparel. 6-10 p.m. Buddies Grill, 2040 N. Aurelius Road, Holt. eventbrite.com/o/harry-hill-reunion-committee-88374490183.

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. joellellisart.blogspot.com.

Michigan BluesFest - Open-air festival with three stages. We showcase diverse styles of blues, attracting musicians from across the state and around the world. 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Turner Street, Old Town. micharts.org/about-bluesfest.

Moth Duster at Lansing Shuffle - 7 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

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

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

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

Peace Pole Planting Ceremony - A pole stating “May peace prevail on Earth” in 12 languages will be permanently “planted” on the MSU campus. Musicians will perform. 11:30 a.m. Meet behind MSU International Center near Red Cedar River. peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

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.

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

Saturday, Sept. 21

Books & Bagels - Be ready to share about your summer and discuss what we should read this fall! Bagels provided by Big Apple Bagels. Grades 4-6. Registration req. 1 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elp.org.

Charlotte Community Library Puzzle Race - Teams of two to four will race to see who can assemble the same 500-piece puzzle first. Prizes for first, second and third places. Registration req. 10 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Comedy Through the Looking Glass - Host Nick Leydorf, headliner Sam Rager and opener Dave Welfare. 9 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. lookingglassbrewingcompany.com.

Cornbread & Beans Takeover - Comedy show with a quick live podcast to wrap up the evening. Host Jacqui Marpa, headliner Rob Jenkins, opener Ken Witzgall. 8 p.m. Country Creek Reception Hall, 5859 N. Michigan Road, Dimondale. countrycreekreceptionhall.com.

Cracked Pot Studio Tour - Self-guided tour of nine Greater Lansing studios. Enjoy demonstrations, meet the artists and buy directly from the hands that created all the beautiful sculptures, pottery and ceramics. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. cracked-potstudiotour.com.

Diane Sanderson Bookend Gallery Display - Diane has a love of animals and nature, which is well-represented in her photography. Stop in and enjoy her work! Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Geech at the Green Door - 8:30 p.m. 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-482-6376. greendoor-live.com.

Eddie Kross/End of I - Christian hard rockers Eddie Kross and special guest End of I invite you to a free, all-ages show. Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and giveaways! Doors 6:30 p.m., show 7 p.m. 719 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. eddiekross.com/deadmanrising.

Electronics Recycling & Coat Collection Day - In addition to recycling electronics, Meridian Cares will accept new and gently used coats, snow pants and boots for its annual coat drive. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Fall Craft Show - Shop from 30 crafters and concession booths! 10 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Therese Catholic Church, 102 W. Randolph St., Lansing. 517-487-3749. facebook.com/StThereseLansing.

Free Brush and Yard Waste Drop-Off - 8 a.m.-noon. Delhi Publicly Owned Treatment Works, 5961 McCue Road, Holt. 517-699-3874. delhitownshipmi.gov.

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

Harry Hill High School Alumni Reunion - All graduation classes welcome! Buffet, cash bar and live music. Attire is business casual. 6-11 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., Lansing. eventbrite.com/o/harry-hill-reunion-committee-88374490183.

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High Caliber’s 5th Birthday Party Extravaganza - We’ll have loads of free events and some unique paid activities. For the schedule, visit highcaliberkarting.com/birthday-party-celebration. Noon-10 p.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

Hispanic Heritage Month Sugar Skull Decorating Workshop - Free and open to the public. 1-5 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria and Cultural Center, 204 E. Mt Hope Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/casaderosado.

“In Pieces” - Anthology musical weaving the romantic journeys of six people across three chapters of life. Sometimes the greatest love story is the soulmates you don’t end up with. 7 p.m. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

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The Kids Under the Carpet: Phish Tribute - Doors 8 p.m., show 9 p.m. Mac’s Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. instagram.com/macsbarmsu.

JP Peters at Summerlands Brewing Co. - 8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Lansing-Area AIDS Walk - Two-mile walk and local vendor fair. Commemorate and celebrate people living with HIV while raising funds for the Lansing Area AIDS Network. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. laanonline.org.

Nashville Country Takeover - Performances by rising country artists Madison Olivia, Cooper Johnson and Prior Noon. Evening will end with a DJ set by Leezus. Doors 4 p.m., show 5:30 p.m. Mash Bar, 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. m23group.com/mash921.

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

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

Michigan BluesFest - Open-air festival with three stages. We showcase diverse styles of blues, attracting musicians from across the state and around the world. 1:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Turner Street, Old Town. micharts.org/about-bluesfest.

Mike Williams Comedy Show - You’ll be inspired as you hear the story of God’s grace in Mike’s

life. He’ll have you laughing your socks off at the real-life humor around you. Free. 7 p.m. Christ Community Church, 227 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. christcommunitylansing.org/comedy.

Mozart Fest: “The Impresario” - A gala evening of opera, featuring “The Impresario” and other works by Mozart. Wine and refreshments to follow. Free, suggested donation \$20. 7:30 p.m. Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. michiganoperaoutreach.org.

Native Michigan Plant Sale - Wide selection of perennial wildflowers, grasses/sedges, trees and shrubs grown by Bendy Stem Farm. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. wildoneslansing.weebly.com.

Oktoberfest Dinner/Dance - German dinner 5-6:30 p.m., live music and dancing to follow. \$15 adults, \$7 children 10 and under. Lansing Liederkrantz, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-882-6330. facebook.com/lansingliederkrantz-club.

Peaceful Potluck Picnic - We’ll gather to share food, converse, play games, color peace-themed coloring sheets and more. Bring a good-sized dish to share. 1-4 p.m. Lake Lansing Park North, 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. peacequestgreater-lansing.org.

Pinky Patel - This PTA mom turned comedian is best known for her hilarious commentary and viral videos from her glam cave that have garnered over 64.5 million likes on TikTok. 7 p.m. Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Pure Options Concert Series: Disco Lines and Twinsick - Additional performances by local artists Dom Chap, Prim, Simio and Rock City, plus food trucks, games and activities. Ages 21+. 1-7 p.m. Pure Options Frandor, 125 N. Clippert St., Lansing. facebook.com/PureOptions.

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

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Spicy Bowls for Strong Souls Chili Cookoff - Family-friendly event with a kids’ area, chili to sample and beverages for purchase. Proceeds support T.W.I.G.S. and Mark Advocacy Group. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Hope Sports Complex, 5801 Aurelius Road, Lansing. spicybowlsforstrongsouls.com.

Summerlands Movie Night - Free film screening. 10:30 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Summerlands Saturday Matinee Movie - Free family-friendly film screening. 2 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

“THIRST” - 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Eddie Kross, with special guest End of I

Saturday, Sept. 21

Doors 6:30 p.m., show 7 p.m.

Christ’s Kingdom Builders Church

719 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing



Lansing songwriter and recording artist Eddie Kross will wrap up his four-state tour promoting his debut solo EP, “Reborn,” Saturday evening at Christ’s Kingdom Builders Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and Christian hard-rock band End of I will kick off the show at 7 p.m.

Kross, formerly of the bands Oracle, Prisoners of Conscience and Dead Man Rising, describes himself as a heavy-metal guitarist with “a flair for the nostalgic, a unique voice and a heart for God.” Since its release in December, his “Reborn” EP has seen radio play on both Christian and secular internet stations. His performance Saturday will feature a full band.

End of I is known for fusing heavy guitar riffs and lyrics of faith and redemption, drawing influences from bands like Breaking Benjamin, Red and Skillet. The band has made a name for itself in the Christian rock scene and has performed at events such as Kingdom Come Fest in Indiana and Soberfest in Flint.

Saturday’s free, all-ages show will also offer refreshments, door prizes and giveaways. For more information on the performers, visit eddiekross.com and endofimusic.com.

“Come out and be yourself at this night of heavy music and fun! Bikers and other misfits welcome,” Kross said.

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

Yesteryear Flower Show - View exhibits in horticulture, floral design, visual arts and photography. Meridian Historical Village buildings will also be available to tour. Noon-3 p.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridiangardenclub.weebly.com/flower-shows.html.

Sunday, Sept. 22

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.

Autumn Stroll - Celebrate the autumnal equinox with a guided walk at Harris Nature Center. Afterward, enjoy donuts and cider at the pavilion. 1 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Bluey Meet-and-Greet Brunch at Buddy’s Pizza - Enjoy family fun, delicious food and an opportunity to meet Bluey. 11 a.m. 2010 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. eventbrite.com/e/childrens-day-at-buddys-pizza-tickets-982123516877.

Cracked Pot Studio Tour - Self-guided tour of nine Greater Lansing studios. Enjoy demonstrations, meet the artists and buy directly from the hands that created all the beautiful sculptures, pottery and ceramics. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. crackedpotstudiotour.com.

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

Eastern Ingham Farmers Market - Live country music with Jessey Adams from noon to 2 p.m. Market runs 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.

Harlan Jennings, Anne Nispel and Elden Little - An afternoon of art songs composed by Schubert, Hundley, Debussy and more. Jennings, baritone vocals; Nispel, soprano vocals; Little, piano. 3 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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

Hispanic Heritage Month Sugar Skull Decorating Workshop - Free and open to the public. 1-5 p.m. Casa de Rosado Galeria and Cultural Center, 204 E. Mt Hope Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/casaderosado.

“In Pieces” - Anthology musical weaving the romantic journeys of six people across three chapters of life. Sometimes the greatest love story is the soulmates you don’t end up with. 2 p.m. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.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. Noon-6 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. joelfellisart.blogspot.com.

John McCutcheon - Author of familiar songs like “Christmas in the Trenches” and “Calling All the Children Home,” folk music renaissance man John McCutcheon visits the Fiddle for a special concert. 7 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

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.

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

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

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Events

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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.

World Rhino Day Celebration - Immerse yourself in the world of rhinos with special education stations and interactive activities throughout the zoo. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Monday, Sept. 23

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.

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.

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.

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

Diane Sanderson Bookend Gallery Display - Diane has a love of animals and nature, which is well-represented in her photography. Stop in and enjoy her work! Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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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.

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Musique 21 - MSU’s contemporary music ensemble presents a variety of works from the 21st century featuring unique instrumental combinations. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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.

Pumpkin Guts Slime - Make some gooey, pumpkin-pie-scented slime, complete with pumpkin seeds. Ages 4+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District

Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

“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.

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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. 24

“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.

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.

Bricks & Brews - We bring the bricks, you bring the creativity! Attendees can build their own creations or participate in a collaborative build challenge. Ages 18+. Registration req. 6:30 p.m. Reno’s North, 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. elpl.org.

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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.

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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.

MSU Symphony Band - Program includes works by Roger Nixon, Percy Grainger, Martin Ellerby and James M. David. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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

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.

“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.

September Grand River Connection: Lansing Brewing Co. - Network and connect with other young professionals. 5-7 p.m. 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. lansing501.com.

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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. 25

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.

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Allen Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-391f. allenneighborhood-center.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.

CharLit Adult Book Club: “When Women Were Dragons,” by Kelly Barnhill - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

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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 Ce-

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

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It’s Elementary - From Bigfoot to Mothman, learn about strange and elusive creatures that have long captivated our imaginations and filled our folklore. Grades 3-6. Registration req. 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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Matter of Balance - Eight-session workshop designed to help older adults improve balance, flexibility and strength. 10 a.m.-noon. St. Johns Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

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

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

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

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.

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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.

Votapek and Friends, Fourth Edition - An evening of music for two pianos, with works by Schumann, Scriabin, Stravinsky and Ravel. Artists: Wei-Qing Tang, Daniel Bazin and Ralph Votapek. 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training - Two-evening class. Learn to identify and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among youth. Ages 18+. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

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**RESIDENTS OF ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 TAX YEAR MILLAGE RATE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, AT 1PM**

The Oneida Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Millage Rate for Tax Year 2024 on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 1pm at Oneida Township Hall located at 11041 Oneida Rd, Grand Ledge.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget will be the subject of this hearing. The millage rate for tax year 2024 is 0.8748.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Oneida Charter Township Clerk’s Office.

Jacqueline Kilgore
Oneida Charter Township Clerk
(517) 622-8078

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

I generally don't believe that the adage "when someone shows you who they are, believe them" applies to restaurants, but the two experiences I've had at Bobcat Bonnie's have been so unpleas-

ant that maybe I should reconsider.

My first visit was a Saturday night dinner date. Mr. She Ate and I had childcare, so we had plenty of time to enjoy a leisurely dinner. Evidently, it's easy to confuse "leisurely" and "have you forgotten I'm here?" because although we weren't the only diners on the patio, I'm certain our server forgot about us for the last 40 minutes we were seated.

We started with the fried goat cheese (\$9.50), which was unremarkable except for the fact that it desperately needed something savory. A balsamic glaze or fresh herb sauce would have been appropriate. I had the kale salad with added chicken (\$19.50), which was quite good and large enough to save half for lunch the next day. Mr. She Ate enjoyed the K-chix sandwich (\$14.50) and particularly liked the well-seasoned tots.

While we ate and chatted and drained our glasses, we noticed that the tables surrounding us were getting service, but we weren't. We didn't see our server for 40 minutes, until the moment I exited to go to the restroom. She hadn't come to check in, apologize for her absence or see if we'd like anything else — she'd brought the bill.

To ensure my first negative experience wasn't caused by an underprepared server, an off night or one of the myriad other things that could have gone wrong, Mr. She Ate and I decided that the next time, we wouldn't go back for a dinner for two. Instead, we brought the kids and my father-in-law for Sunday brunch.

Our return visit, quite frankly, ruined my mood for the rest of the day. The table next to us was laden with dirty dishes, which were still there by the time we left, two excruciating hours later. That was the opposite of appetizing. We were seated outside, and the moment I sat down, I remembered why I didn't want to sit outside — the tables were a completely inappropriate height for the benches. I, an adult, had to sit on top of two pillows to semi-comfortably eat off my plate on the table. The kids? Forget it.

We ordered a cinnamon roll (\$12) to start because my children were complaining about how hungry they were, and we assumed a simple pastry wouldn't take 30 minutes to appear. When the cold roll finally arrived, it was followed almost immediately by our entrees. My son had the carnival waffle (\$11), which was topped with chocolate drizzle, a scoop of ice cream and sprinkles. I would descend into madness if I ate that for brunch, but he's 6 years old, so it was no problem. My daughter had the buttermilk pancakes (\$8), which were adequate. I love a pancake with crispy edges.

Mr. She Ate and his dad both had the breakfast burrito (\$13), which they professed to be tasty and flavorful. I had the avocado toast (\$12) and left half of it on the plate. It was completely bland, and since there was no

From burgers to breakfast burritos, Bobcat Bonnie's New American fare is brilliant

Ave. has held a place in Lansing's heart and history for more than

a century. My family enjoyed an abundance of special occasions at Clara's, and I have fond memories of its massive menu, the special dining in the railcar and the nostalgic scene from the second-floor balcony.

Today, the space is occupied by a Starbucks on one side and the newest location of Michigan-based chain Bobcat Bonnie's on the other. Founded in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood, Bobcat Bonnie's offers New American fare in comfy and fresh environments. The Lansing location honors the past but offers more than a fresh coat of paint. The renovations are aesthetically pleasing, and I could envision young professionals cozying up to the bar or families enjoying celebratory meals in the train car.

I visited with a friend on a Friday afternoon, and though the restaurant was sparsely populated when we arrived, the main dining room was soon filled. Downtown Lansing needs more viable dining options, and I hope the inclusive spirit emanating from Bobcat Bonnie's will lead to years of sustained success.

Train wrecked

Usually, a first bite of soup requires one to cautiously touch the spoon to their lips and take a soft sip before going all in so as not to scald their tongue or the roof of their mouth. This wasn't the case with my dining companion's fairly bland, barely room-temperature chicken tortilla soup (\$7/bowl). Two or three turns of his spoon into the not-so-spicy Southwestern stew didn't uncover any consolatory chicken shreds or chunks. Our table was also a little shaky, and whenever one of us bumped into it, I could see how watered down and thin the soup was.

Service seemed slow. We were the only ones in the main dining room, but it took a while to place an order and then get our drinks. While the waitstaff was friendly, the food took longer than expected. A lot of attention seemed to be paid to the diners in the railcar and less to me and my friend. I will say, however, that once the staff realized the soup wasn't being eaten, they offered to replace it, which we politely declined.

Also on the lackluster side of the meal were the truffle tots (\$11), a cup of typical tater tots seasoned with black truffle and parsley and topped with shredded Parmesan. They were okay, but the Parm kept falling off, and I found myself searching for some aioli to dunk the tots in.

Back on the rails

A far better bite was the 24K gold wings (\$15). They weren't quite as crispy as I would have preferred, but they were a nice size and came with an intriguing dusting of edible gold that shimmered in the light. The star of the show was the side of honey sriracha, which was tangy, sweet and offered just the right amount of kick.



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

Bobcat Bonnie's offers unique takes on classic dishes, from wings dusted with edible gold to Brussels sprouts topped with toasted almonds and a honey-sriracha drizzle.



Beverly

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Savoring the Danube River on the Viking Vilhjalm

By JILL DUTTON

Apart from being a picturesque journey through stunning landscapes, Viking's Danube River cruise is also a delightful culinary adventure. I savored regional delicacies on board and at each stop on our voyage from Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany. Let's explore the delectable culinary experiences that await travelers on this gastronomic odyssey.

Onboard delights

Viking's river cruises are known for providing passengers with exceptional culinary experiences. On board the ship, guests can indulge in various regional dishes inspired by the cities along the Danube. From chicken paprikash to wiener schnitzel, the ship's chefs showcase the diverse flavors of the region. Having the option of regional fare on the menu each day whetted our appetites before exploring each city.

Budapest – chimney cake

Our culinary exploration began in Budapest, where the sweet aroma of kürtőskalács, or chimney cake, filled

the air as we walked the cobblestone streets. These cylindrical pastries are made by wrapping dough around a cone-shaped mold and roasting it over an open flame until golden brown. They're then coated with sugar, cinnamon or nuts. Be sure to seek out cakes cooked over an open fire for the most authentic experience.

Bratislava – lokša

In Bratislava, Slovakia, prepare to savor lokša, a traditional dish that embodies the heartiness of the region. Pancakes made from potatoes, flour and eggs are fried or baked until golden brown, then stuffed with savory fillings such as cheese or liver pâté or sweet fillings like Nutella and fruit spreads. I sampled a goat cheese lokša at the Christmas market, and it was savory and satisfying.

Vienna – Vienna schnitzel

When in Vienna, you must try the classic Vienna schnitzel. Thin slices of veal are coated in breadcrumbs and fried to golden perfection, creating a crunchy exterior that

gives way to tender, flavorful meat. Paired with a squeeze of lemon and perhaps a side of potato salad, this iconic dish is a true culinary masterpiece.

Krems – apricots

Cruising through the Wachau Valley, travelers will want to relish the region's bounty of apricots. In Krems, Austria, indulge in marillenknödel, or apricot-filled dumplings, and experience the sweet harmony of flavors that this picturesque region has to offer.

Stop by Hellerschmid distillery and try its B'soffene Marille, or "tipsy apricots": Luscious apricot halves floating in a nectar of apricot schnapps and apricot liqueur. The family's secret recipe keeps the apricots firm yet soft, and the intoxicating liquid makes for an ideal finish to the bite of fruit.

In addition to bringing home the tipsy apricots, I loaded my luggage

with apricot schnapps, jam, honey and sweet mustard. Our family enjoyed tasting the numerous apricot products at Christmas, savoring the flavors of the Wachau region at home.

Linz – bread rolls

After a morning exploring Linz, Austria, we took an optional excursion to the countryside. There, we met with a farmer who taught us to bake rolls using wheat and spelt flour. The rustic setting, warmth of the oven and shared laughter created an experience that added depth to the simple joy of indulging in freshly baked goods.

After the rolls were baked, we sat down for a typical Austrian dinner of meats, cheese, hummus and beetroot spread, alongside our warm bread. It was an immersive experience and one of my favorite meals of the trip.

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She Ate

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salt and pepper on the table and no server in sight, it was a lost cause.

I enjoyed my coffee, and both Mr. She Ate and I requested refills from the server. She said she was brewing some and would bring it out shortly. Then she came back and explained that a few larger tables had been seated in her section. She vanished and didn't even bring the coffee when I was standing, packed up, ready to leave. Water would have been nice as well.

A group of girlfriends seated close to us made a brilliant observation about what restaurants are calling "mocktails." While I love a good alcohol-free drink, I'm not

going to pay \$8 for strawberry lemonade just because you've muddled some mint into it. Bobcat Bonnie's mocktail menu is cute, but the prices are out of control for what's basically glorified juice.

I didn't want to write this review because, contrary to what some believe, I don't like to bash local restaurants. My co-reviewer and I have pulled the plug on reviews when our experiences missed the mark, whether it was because we felt the restaurant deserved more consideration or because we realized it just wasn't an appropriate review. But my two meals at Bobcat Bonnie's were the worst dining experiences I've had in recent memory. I know the complaint is that "people in Lansing don't want to pay for good food," but if you can show me where the good food (and service) is, I'll gladly pay up.

He Ate

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The fried Brussels sprouts (\$10) had a lovely char, and the toasted almonds were an interesting accompaniment. I wish the sprouts would have been paired with some citrus or balsamic to cut the sweetness of the honey sriracha, but overall, they were a win and got my dining experience back on track.

Best bite

This month's best bite goes to the Bob-

cat burger (\$16), two quarter-pound beef patties smothered with cheddar cheese and barbecue sauce and topped with thick-cut bacon strips and a large, beer-battered onion ring. Although I wasn't asked how I wanted the burger cooked, it was almost perfect, though perhaps a bit well-done for my liking. The brioche bun was buttery and toasty, and each bite was flavorful and juicy. My discerning palate could tell these were well-seasoned patties. The Bobcat definitely joined the ranks as one of my favorite burgers in town.

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Passau – gingerbread

The final stop of our cruise brought us to Passau, where the air was fragrant with the spiced aroma of gingerbread. A holiday favorite, Passau’s gingerbread is crafted with a blend of honey, molasses and aromatic spices. Decorated with intricate patterns and often served in festive shapes, these gingerbread

treats provided a sweet conclusion to our culinary voyage.

After visiting the Christmas market, where we sipped mulled wine and tasted Simon Confiserie ginger-breads, we were treated to a demon-stration by Simon himself.

Savoring the Danube isn’t just about tasting local specialties; it’s about immersing oneself in the rich tapestry of regional traditions. From baking bread in an Austrian farmhouse to sampling gingerbread with Simon in Passau, our unique experiences added a layer of depth to the culinary odyssey.

Bread rolls from Linz

500 grams whole-grain spelt flour

500 grams wheat flour

40 grams fresh yeast

2 teaspoons salt

250 milliliters milk

250 milliliters water

2 tablespoons oil

1 teaspoon bread spice

(caraway, coriander seed, fennel seed)

One egg for basting

For sprinkling on top: poppy seeds, sesame seeds, pumpkin

seeds, sunflower seeds ...

Crumble the yeast into luke-warm water, then stir until completely dissolved. Add the rest of the ingredients and knead until the dough becomes medium-solid.

Let rest for 30 minutes.

Split into 30 pieces and mold to taste.

Baste with egg and sprinkle with different seeds.

Bake for 20 minutes at 390 degrees.

I wish you much success!



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