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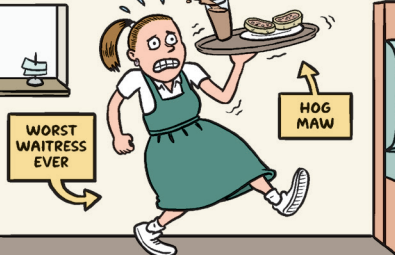
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I GREW UP IN RURAL LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. AS A TEEN, I WORKED AT A PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH-STYLE FAMILY RESTAURANT.



WORST WAITRESS EVER

HOG MAW

IT WAS A CONSERVATIVE AREA, WITH A MIX OF PEOPLE WHO WERE DECENT AND FRIENDLY TO ONE ANOTHER.



STILL COMFORTED BY THE SMELL OF MANURE DECADES LATER


SO WHEN I SEE TRUMP AND OTHER BILLIONAIRE CREEPS IN THESE PLACES, PRETENDING TO HAVE WORKING-CLASS VALUES, I GET ANGRY.



LIES THREATS DEHUMANIZATION
NONSENSE Vanity
BLAH BLAH

THESE GUYS ARE SLEAZY FAKES, AND THEY'RE TURNING NEIGHBOR AGAINST NEIGHBOR.

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HE'S A CHEATER AND A CROOK—NOT LIKE FOLKS I KNOW!

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

DOWN THE MEMORY HOLE

I START EACH DAY ANEW, UN-ENCUMBERED BY ANY MEMORY OR AWARENESS OF RECENT HISTORY!



I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION WHATSOEVER OF TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY!

ME EITHER! I WONDER IF WE SHOULD VOTE FOR HIM THIS TIME!

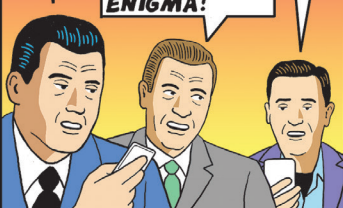
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME SORT OF PUBLIC RECORD OF HIS TIME IN OFFICE WHICH COULD HELP US DECIDE!



MAYBE I CAN LOOK IT UP ON THIS RECTANGULAR COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE I FOUND IN MY POCKET!

HEY! I'VE GOT ONE OF THOSE TOO!

HERE'S SOMETHING! APPARENTLY DONALD TRUMP IS VERY PROUD OF APPOINTING THE JUSTICES WHO ENDED THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION!



BUT WAIT--IT SAYS *HERE* THAT THEY SIMPLY SENT IT BACK TO THE STATES, LIKE EVERYBODY WANTED!

IT'S A MYSTERY WRAPPED IN AN ENIGMA!


THIS ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT HE INCITED A LITERAL *INSURRECTION* TO OVERTURN THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION!



WEIRD! *THIS* PERSON SAYS IT WAS JUST A PEACEFUL GATHERING OF PATRIOTS!

I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY TO EVER KNOW THE TRUTH!

AND ACCORDING TO *THIS*, HE'S A CONVICTED FELON AND ADJUDICATED RAPIST!



BUT--IT SAYS HERE, "NUH UH HE *ISN'T*!"

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CHOOSE WHAT WE WANT TO BELIEVE--AND IGNORE EVERYTHING ELSE!

SO IT'S SETTLED THEN! WE'RE ALL VOTING FOR THIS TRUMP FELLOW?



IF THERE'S A GOOD REASON NOT TO, I CERTAINLY CAN'T REMEMBER IT!

I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN THIS ENTIRE CONVERSATION!

HEY! DID YOU GUYS HEAR ABOUT SOME BIG PANDEMIC?

DOESN'T RING ANY BELLS.

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NEWS & OPINION

Cyclists worried over safety of Michigan Ave.'s new bike lanes

David Ellis was riding his bike to work one day in 2022 when he was hit by a car. Ellis, who had been riding on the sidewalk, was struck when he entered the crosswalk at Michigan Avenue and Museum Drive in downtown Lansing. He said the driver went through a stop sign.

"Luckily, I was uninjured," he said. The driver stopped to make sure he "wasn't dead" then left before police arrived.

For Ellis, this experience was "the catalyst to everything."

"I asked myself why riding on the sidewalk on Michigan Avenue got me hit. That's what got me down this rabbit hole. I had inklings in my head that it wasn't the safest before, but it wasn't until then that I fully realized that this was a very real, tangible issue we have here," he said. "I ride almost exclusively in the road now."

Shortly after the incident, Ellis heard about Lansing's \$14 million Michigan Avenue redesign project, which started last spring and will last through late 2025. In addition to removing one eastbound traffic lane between Howard Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and upgrading water and sewer mains and traffic signals, workers are adding new sidewalks featuring a 6-foot-wide bike lane that is separated by 6 feet from the roadway.

Ellis, 24, a downtown resident who still bikes to work, said the design is unsafe.

"A design that puts cyclists so far away from the right of way and so close to the edge of the buildings makes you less visible and more likely to hit someone or be hit at an intersection. A good design would account for this," Ellis said.

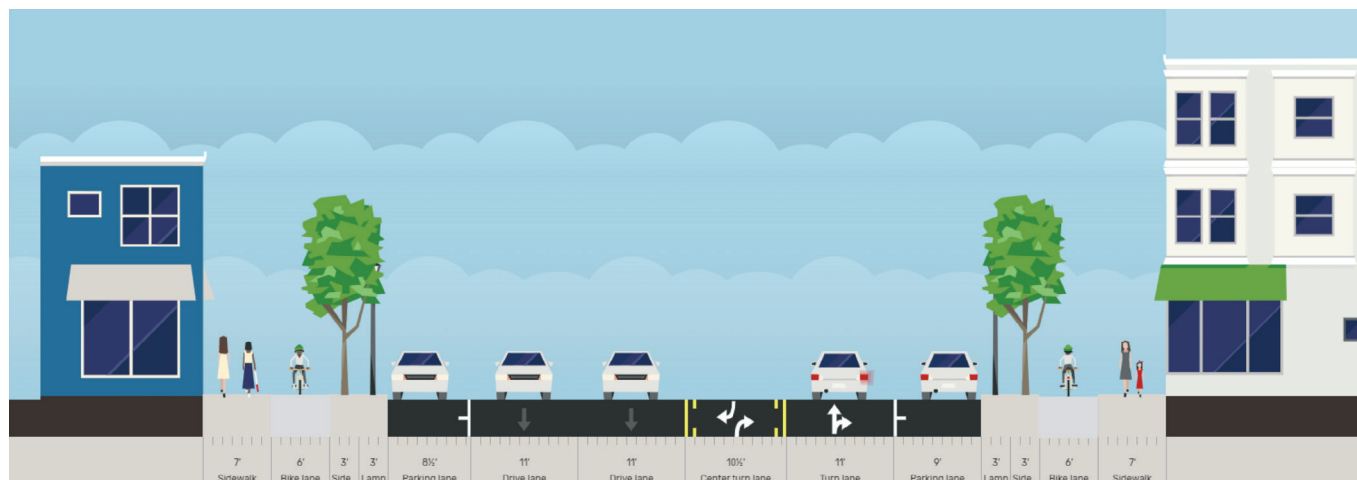
He was among residents who met with representatives from the city's Public Service Department in 2022 to discuss how the new bike lanes should be configured.

Mike Dombrowski, 38, a member of both the city's Park Board and the Lansing Bike Co-Op, was also there.

Both indicated a preference for buffered bike lanes built between the street and sidewalk. Ellis is partial to using concrete bollards to divide them, while Dombrowski favors an elevated curb between the street and bike lane.

At any rate, they said, the city didn't go with either.

"They seemed pretty on board, and we thought they heard us. But when we saw the designs, they made no changes



Courtesy City of Lansing

A rendering of how traffic lanes, a bike path and pedestrian space will line up on Michigan Avenue between Howard Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Cyclists are concerned about the configuration's safety.

whatsoever. We were surprised and disappointed," Dombrowski said.

For Dombrowski, Ellis and other bicyclists, the final configuration was far from ideal.

"Take a bus to Ann Arbor, Detroit, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Chicago or any developed city other than Lansing, and you'll see properly designed bike lanes," Ellis said, citing Ann Arbor's South Division Street as an example.

In 2021, Ann Arbor completed a new, two-way bike lane on the east side of Division Street, separated from traffic by a buffer curb that's large enough to place trash and recycling containers on. A traffic study that compiled collision data from before and after they were installed found that bike accidents had decreased by 42%. When the city issued a followup survey in 2023, 85% of respondents said they were now more likely to bike downtown.

Lansing Public Service Director Andy Kilpatrick said the city did consider a design placing the bikeways next to the street. Kilpatrick cited numerous constraints, including meeting deadlines to use \$7.6 million in federal funds for the project. Coming up with a new design would have taken more time, he said.

Kilpatrick added that a separate,

street-adjacent bike lane would be more difficult to maintain. If the city followed Ann Arbor's lead and created another curbed section, he said, the city wouldn't have the proper equipment to keep it free of debris and snow.

"The other consideration is, at the corners where pedestrians are crossing, either the bikes would have to ramp up to meet pedestrians at the sidewalk level, or the pedestrians would have to ramp down before crossing the bike facility. That creates issues with water ponding, debris and everything else," Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick admitted the project isn't perfect.

"I think the possible negative is that, now, the bikes are next to pedestrians and there might be some mixing between the two. We'll have to make sure that we can train the pedestrians for that separation," he said.

That will come through sidewalk markers as well as signs. Due to the wear and tear of construction equipment, Kilpatrick said the city will have to wait until the process is complete to start painting or indenting the sidewalk to separate the bike and pedestrian sections. In other cities, bike lanes are often stained green, but he said the final markings are

still up in the air.

Kilpatrick said the city might add separated, fully buffered, street-adjacent bike lanes along this stretch of Michigan Avenue later. He said traffic levels along the route had been "flat" since roughly 1997 before dropping significantly during COVID. They have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels.

If that trend holds, Kilpatrick explained, the city could then consider removing one of the remaining four lanes to build another 9-foot-wide bike lane along the street. First, they'll have to conduct a post-construction traffic study to see if usage rates stay stagnant.

"It would be at least 2026 before we could make that change, but we'd essentially be taking a half lane out on either side. So, you'd have about a 2-foot buffer on each side, with the bikes in the middle," Kilpatrick said.

Similarly, the city could also collect usage data for the bike lanes on the sidewalk to get a feel for how often similar projects could be used.

"We definitely want to start measuring their usage, because, honestly, we need to be able to justify to the public why we'd put them in if they're not being used," he said. "If it turns out that they aren't used a lot, that's possibly because there's just not a full network yet. If roads didn't connect, you're not going to have a lot of cars using them, either."

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David Ellis

Three candidates vie for a pair of LCC trustee seats

Three candidates, including one incumbent, are running for a pair of six-year terms on Lansing Community College's Board of Trustees.

Incumbent Terry Frazier, a longtime educator, is running against two area natives, Ryan J. Smith and Chatum Taylor.

Meanwhile, incumbents Noel Garcia Jr., a retired Lansing Police officer, and Hope Lovell, executive director of nonprofit Lovejoy Community Services, are running unopposed for two partial-term seats through 2026.

Here is a look at the candidates in the competitive race.

Terry Frazier

Frazier was picked this year from 25 applicants to be appointed to complete one of two partial terms after attorney Andrew Abood and Ingham County court administrator Ryan Buck resigned effective Jan. 1.

Frazier, 49, hangs his hat on a multi-decade educational career that



included administrative roles at Michigan State University, Alabama A&M University, Stephen F. Austin State University and Ball State University. He and his wife opened Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe in the Knapp's Centre in 2022.

"Lansing is a global place, and community college is where most folks are going to be going to school now. I want to continue to help strengthen the pipeline for creating global citizens," Frazier said.

If elected, Frazier said he hopes to help strike a balance between online learning and the more traditional community college setting.

"Students want to take online classes, but we want people to be able to come and have physical, in-person classes, too," he said. "The question we have to answer is how we can use our space more efficiently. How do we maintain our beautiful campus and continue to grow on the technology side?"

Frazier would also like to foster greater student participation and promote LCC to a wider audience by broadening its internet presence and bolster its relationships with the local media.

"I'd like to see more students get involved with the running of the university. We want to hear more of their opinions about what's happening," Frazier said. "LCC is really a hidden gem here in Lansing, and we need to get that word out."

Ryan J. Smith:

Smith, 47, is an East Lansing resident and Michigan State University graduate who grew up in Williamston. He owns his own business, S&S Real Estate Holdings, which owns property in Florida, Illinois and Michigan.

Smith's first crack at public office came in an unsuccessful run for Lansing School Board in 2022. He applied for the vacant LCC trustee position in January but was not selected as a final-



ist.

As a trustee, he said he would like to help LCC become an "educational Swiss Army Knife" in the community and hopes to help expand its offerings for students in all fields.

"I want LCC to be whatever the given student needs it to be to have success," Smith explained. "I believe access to high quality educational opportunities are essential to a successful community, and I want to make sure that LCC continues to prepare the students of today for the careers of tomorrow."

For Smith, this quest begins through proper leadership. He identified the three "important attributes" of a successful leader as "the ability to listen," willingness to compromise and leading

by example.

"Time is our most valuable asset. Successful leaders invest significant

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LCC

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time into building collaboration by developing ideas and making sure those ideas are then implemented,” he explained. Smith believes “LCC has been a very respected and successful educational institution for our community,” he said. “I want to make sure that continues.”



Chatum Taylor:
(Note: City Pulse was unable to reach Taylor for comment for this story. The following quotes are from her responses to questions from Vote411.org.)
Chatum Taylor, 45, is a Lansing native and graduate of Everett High School and Lansing Community College who is a manager for Lake Trust Credit Union. She applied unsuccessfully for LCC trustee this year.
From 2015 through

2019, Taylor managed CASE Credit Union's LCC branch in the Gannon Building, which she said helped her better understand student needs. She touts her financial expertise as her candidacy's key aspect.
“I want to help to continue bridging the gap between financial literacy and financial capability by working with the current programs LCC offers and by looking at more effective student-options to mandate a financial wellness course before graduation,” she said.

Ensuring that tuition stays affordable is paramount to this effort, she added.
“LCC has been and continues to be a staple in our community. The role of the community college is to provide an education for all students, no matter what area of life they are in,” she said, adding that she would look to “offer unique, diverse programs” to “keep up with the ever-changing economic workforces of today's times.”
- TYLER SCHNEIDER

Biking

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Dombrowski offered a similar comparison.
“If a river doesn't have a bridge, nobody's going to be crossing it. But time and time again, when cities have built bike infrastructure, more people start biking,” he said.
As far as the Michigan Avenue project is concerned, Dombrowski said he doesn't “have high hopes.”
“I don't know who they designed this for or really wins with this design. A lot of people in the neighborhood feel burned by the city on this,” he said.
According to Kilpatrick, the city will start collecting more input and hearing concerns from pedestrians and cyclists

alike when it begins hosting community sessions for its updated Non-Motorized Plan early next year.
“We want to know where people think connections are missing, or about crossings that they feel should be improved. That plan, and the input we get for it, will help us focus our projects for the next five years,” Kilpatrick said.
Like Ellis, Dombrowski believes the city could still be doing more to show that it's serious about pursuing safe, forward-thinking bicycling infrastructure. He issued a friendly challenge.
“It would be super cool to see Andy Schor bike to work,” Dombrowski said, referring to the mayor. “He lives in the Moores River neighborhood, and you really can't ask for a much better commute than from there to downtown.”
- TYLER SCHNEIDER

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

In re: Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property

Case No. 24- 779 - CH
Hon. James S. Jamo

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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Estate of Kerry H. Stouder, Kevin Stouder, Raymond Stouder, and all other persons having an interest in the subject property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable James S. Jamo, Ingham County Circuit Judge, at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:
Lot 120, Excelsior Land Company's Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-22-205-211
Commonly known as 1018 Bensch St., Lansing, MI 48912
Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for the subject property was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on September 18, 2024.

Judgment of the Court after this hearing may result in title to the property vesting in the Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority, 3024 N. Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906 – Telephone (517) 267-5221.

Any persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of the subject property are requested to contact the Land Bank.

Any rights of redemption and any ownership interest in the subject property may be extinguished by the judgment of the Court.

Any person with a property interest in the property may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE INGHAM COUNTY LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AND IS SUBJECT TO AN EXPEDITED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. PERSONS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIOR OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AT 3024 N. TURNER ST., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48906, TELEPHONE (517) 267-5221.

Respectfully submitted,
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.

Date: September 27, 2024

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(PANDA EXPRESS)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517-853-4560) to hear all persons interested in a special use permit request. Panda Express is proposing to construct a drive-through for a new restaurant at the property located at 4990 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864. The approximate 2.2-acre site is zoned C-2 (Commercial).

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.

Comments may be sent prior to the public hearing by writing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, by phone at phone 517-853-4560, or by email at shorkey@meridian.mi.us. Comments may also be given in person at the public hearing.

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk

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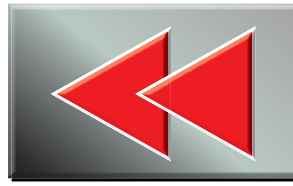
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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Vice President Kamala Harris will travel to Lansing Friday, her sixth appearance in Michigan as the Democratic nominee for president but first here. Details of where, what time and whether it will be a rally have not been released. Support from state GOP politicians grew Tuesday when former Michigan Republican Congressman Joe

Schwarz endorsed the Harris-Walz ticket. "Now more than ever, we need a principled leader who unites us — not someone who is divisive and who threatens to end democracy," he said. Schwarz, 87, is a Battle Creek physician and former state senator long associated with moderate Republican positions.

The Lansing City Council unanimously resolved Monday to oppose any move of Capital Area District Libraries from its downtown location. Council members Peter Spadafore and Adam Hussain said the community relies on web access and other

resources there. Executive Director Jenny Marr said last week that CADL remains "committed to maintaining a strong presence downtown" but didn't rule out moving from the 60-year-old facility. "Any discussion about a potential relocation has been driven by a desire to increase and improve access to library services while remaining ardent and responsible stewards of public tax dollars," she said, referring to maintenance costs.



MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz said Friday he is restructuring the campus Police and Public Safety Department, effective Nov. 11. Former Lansing Police Chief Mike Yankowski will be its chief and director, with Guskiewicz "recombining" previously separate roles. Guskiewicz also announced Vennie Gore as the new vice president for administration, plus new titles for the university's top spokespeople and a method to find the next provost.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has asked Attorney General Dana Nessel to advise her on demands that she remove former MSU board chair Rema Vassar and Trustee Dennis Denno, The State News reported. The board voted in March to refer them to Whitmer for removal, but there had been no reported action since. It is not yet clear what specific information Whitmer has asked Nessel to review or when she asked her to review it.



About 100 Catholics and supporters rallied outside the governor's mansion in reaction to a viral video in which Whitmer placed a Dorito in podcaster Liz Plank's mouth while promoting the CHIPS Act, legislation signed by President Biden regarding investments in domestic manufacturing. CatholicVote organized the event.

Attendees, who recited the rosary, said the video was blasphemous and mocked the Holy Communion sacrament. Whitmer spokesperson Stacey Larouche provided an apology from the governor, saying, "A video about the importance of the CHIPS Act to Michigan jobs has been construed as something it was never intended to be and I apologize for that."

More than 750,000 former, current or even potential Lansing Community College students may be eligible for a portion of a \$1.45 million class action settlement tied to a data breach.



Mailers declaring "You are Eligible for a CASH PAYMENT" were received last week by some of those impacted. Compromised data, including names and Social Security numbers, could have been accessed by an "unauthorized actor" between December 2022 and March 2023, said the mailers and documents submitted to federal court. Those who file a claim by Dec. 30 are eligible for a cash payment in an undetermined amount based on how many file.

Real estate agent John DeMarco, 64, of Lansing, was sentenced Friday in Shiawassee County Circuit Court to up to 20 years in prison for sexually abusive activity involving a child. He pleaded guilty Aug. 29 to persuading, enticing or knowingly allowing a child to engage in sexually abusive activity for the purpose of producing sexually abusive material.



Police are investigating shots fired and damage to a window at U of M Sparrow Hospital Sunday. An unoccupied vehicle was struck several times by bullets, along with the

window in an unspecified area. No injuries were reported, and U of M Sparrow officials said the incident was not related to the hospital.

Police arrested a Lansing man, 36, after a bullet narrowly missed a sleeping child in a Delhi Township mobile home. A suspect allegedly fired several rounds from a handgun, striking two vehicles, the outside wall of a home and a mattress a child was sleeping on. No injuries were reported.

A sculpture dedicated to the late artist and Creole Gallery owner Robert Busby, known as the "Mayor of Old Town," was destroyed by vandals Thursday. A sign in his memorial garden was also stolen. Donations to repair the sculpture and replace the garden sign can be made at iloveoldtown.com. Busby died in 2007, beaten by a handyman he had befriended and housed.



115 W. Hodge Ave., Lansing

This 764-square-foot, two-bedroom home near the intersection of Hodge Avenue and Stabler Street was built in 1925. Now vacant, it was red-tagged for safety concerns in April 2023 and boarded up two months later. Those actions from the City's Code Enforcement Office came after more than a decade of back and forth with the former owners, Charles and James Taul. According to Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox, the brothers were facing "a wide variety of health and other issues" that led to the property's foreclosure in 2023. It had been in the family since 1977. "Neither one was able to follow through with obtaining services. We did everything possible to keep them in the house through COVID," Fox explained. In August 2023, Charlotte-based ownership group WJC-FAM LLC purchased the house in an Ingham County treasurer auction for \$25,000. The LLC planned on remodeling but "ran into problems getting resources together and appears to be in the process of selling the property," Fox said. Though the 2023 taxes are still delinquent, Fox added that they could still "sell the house with taxes outstanding." Efforts to contact the owners were unsuccessful, but Fox noted that they've acted in good faith. "Unlike some auction buyers who have similar issues, they did contact us and let us know what was going on and even offered to return the property," he said.

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.

Michigan Supreme Court That Protects Our Civil Rights

In November, Michigan voters will decide who fills two spots on the Michigan Supreme Court. Why is this a big deal? Because these justices will make decisions about the laws that impact all of us, and Michigan is one of only 24 states where voters are empowered to elect the members of their state's Supreme Court.

It's the job of the Michigan Supreme Court to act with fairness and integrity, ensuring justice for everyone in our state. That includes protecting and even broadening civil rights protections.

In the recent past, the Michigan Supreme Court has frequently ruled in favor of equity when it comes to civil rights. In 2018, the court ruled that the independent group Voters Not Politicians could launch a ballot initiative to establish an independent citizen's redistricting commission. The success of the ballot initiative empowered Michiganders to pick their elected representatives by taking away redistricting power from partisan control.

In 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a 1976 law – the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act – bans firing someone, evicting them, or otherwise discriminating against them because they are a member of the LGBTQ community. Despite opponents' opinions to the contrary, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the law's ban on discrimination based on the basis of sex includes sexual orientation.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled in 2023 that judges must use the preferred pronouns of defendants, litigants, attorneys, and others with business before the court. Michigan's Supreme Court was the first in the nation to mandate this change through court rules, setting a precedent for respecting people's dignity. Those who choose not to use preferred pronouns can simply refer to "the defendant" or "the plaintiff," making the rule fair regardless of personal beliefs.

Just this spring, the Michigan Supreme Court set a new state precedent with a ruling that allows civil rights claims alleging indirect workplace retaliation. The lawsuit was originally filed by two employees who said they were fired because of claims made against them by a fellow employee as an act of revenge. The 7-0 unanimous decision, which cites similar federal civil rights protections, sends the case back to the Circuit Court where it originated.

The Michigan Supreme Court presides over the most significant and challenging cases in our state. Vigorous discussions among those who preside over Michigan's highest court, which serves as the guardian of justice, keep our state in harmony through fair and equitable outcomes.

The Michigan Supreme Court plays a crucial role in our state's government – and in protecting our rights and freedoms. But you have an equally important part to play, because it's your vote that determines who sits on that bench.

When filling out your ballot this fall, don't stop at the top. Look for the non-partisan section of your ballot and individually select the two candidates that have earned your vote. Although Supreme Court justices in Michigan are nominated by a political party to serve an eight-year term, their party affiliation isn't included on your ballot. So even if you vote for a straight-party ticket, it won't apply to the non-partisan section.

Selecting two Michigan Supreme Court justices is too important to skip—your choice could impact civil rights in the state for the next generation. Learn more about the Michigan Supreme Court, the voting process, and how to spread the word about the importance of choosing who will sit on our state's highest court. Visit www.MISupremeCourtRocks.com to get all the information you need to do your civic duty in this year's election.

-Steve James, Michigan United Movement Politics Director



Support sought for residential zoning reform

As staff coordinator of the Ingham County Housing Trust Fund and a member of the Shared-Use Housing Advocacy Network, I believe our community must encourage a diverse range of housing options in order to be responsive to local housing needs. The Shared-Use Housing Advocacy Network is a group of Lansing residents who believe shared housing can help to address the housing shortage by gently increasing density and diversifying housing options.

The City of Lansing Planning Commission has unanimously supported zoning changes that allow for boarding houses, cooperative housing, cottage developments, rooming houses and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). City Council will hold a public hearing on these changes during their Oct. 28 meeting. By adopting these changes, the city has an opportunity to distinguish itself as a regional lead-

er in encouraging diverse housing options for Lansing's diverse population.

We know that too many community members are struggling with the persistent shortage of safe, affordable housing and that shared-housing developments like ADUs can expand housing accessibility. ADUs are small houses or apartments on a single-family residence property that provide for separate and independent living. The Biden administration and local governments around the country, including 20 cities/villages in Michigan, have embraced ADUs.

We urge all fellow residents concerned about housing to contact City Council and/or attend the meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 to ask for their support on the proposed zoning modifications as an important piece of the response to Lansing's critical housing shortage.

Diana Bartlett

Letters to the editor

What's wrong with a 'regular guy'?

I have a question for Kyle Melinn: Just what's wrong with a public official who is just a "regular guy"? (City Pulse, Oct. 9.)

Melinn castigates Curtis Hertel for recent TV ads that show him doing "regular guy" things like mowing the lawn and drinking a beer. According to Melinn, this is proof that Hertel has "tossed his extensive and impressive resumé into the burn pile." Hogwash!

One of the main reasons that many — including me — support Curtis Hertel for the 7th Congressional District seat is he is that regular guy. He knows well the kitchen-table issues that all of us "regular" people deal with daily because he deals with them too. Have you heard Curtis talk about how he must be an optimist because of his four children? Have you seen how meaningfully he engages with voters at informal meet-the-candidate house parties? His status as a regular guy makes Hertel relatable, not "gimmicky."

Melinn is correct that being a good politician takes a special person — the kind who is willing to work across partisan lines to get things done. That's the kind of hard, gritty work that Curtis Hertel has always excelled at. Curtis has proven that he has the experience, skills and track record to earn our votes and represent us in Congress.

One last point: Melinn states that Tom Barrett was "arguably the chamber's most conservative senator during his tenure" in the Michigan legislature. It would be far more accurate to describe Barrett as a consistently rigid partisan who reliably hewed to his far-right ideology, even when it meant voting against projects that benefited this community. Tom Barrett has neither the skill nor the temperament to represent our district in Congress.

**Melany Mack
DeWitt**

LET'S BOOGIE! Bob Baldori & David Small

Tutti Frutti Rudy

The tiresome mainstream media is at it again. Tutti Frutti Rudy has been disbarred, yet again. No surprise to anyone familiar with his antics and the Rules of Professional Responsibility for attorneys.

Instead of reporting the reasons for the disbarment, which are sinister, dangerous and horrifying to anyone in the profession, the lead articles emphasized the response of Rudy's wing-nut attorneys — which is total delusional spin:

"Ted Goodman, a spokesman for Giuliani called the order 'an absolute travesty and a total miscarriage of justice.'

"Members of the legal community who want to protect the integrity of our justice system should immediately speak out against this partisan, politically motivated decision,' he said."

I scanned almost a dozen media outlets, from Newsweek to the WaPo, the NYT, CNN, et. al. Not one published the court's comments. All of them published the spinning talking points of the perp.

For the real record, here are some excerpts of what the court said, which should be the headlines. You will have a hard time finding them by Google or scouring the mainstream media:

"Disbarment is the only sanction that will protect the public, the courts, and the integrity of the legal profession, and deter other lawyers from launching similarly baseless claims in the pursuit of such wide-ranging yet completely unjustified relief."

It said Giuliani offered "no facts" to support the claims he made about alleged voter fraud in Pennsylvania and that a "reasonable lawyer would have concluded that there was not a faint hope of success of prevailing on the argument" that state election officials engaged in a scheme to steal the Pennsylvania election. Disciplinary proceedings against Giuliani in D.C. began June 2021 in response to a New York court's decision to suspend him from practicing law. The court found he spread falsehoods about the integrity of the 2020 presidential election while serving as a personal lawyer to Trump and the Trump campaign.

The New York appeals court said at the time that there was "uncontroverted evidence" that Giuliani spread "demonstrably false and misleading statements" to courts, lawmakers and the public during his efforts to overturn the election results.

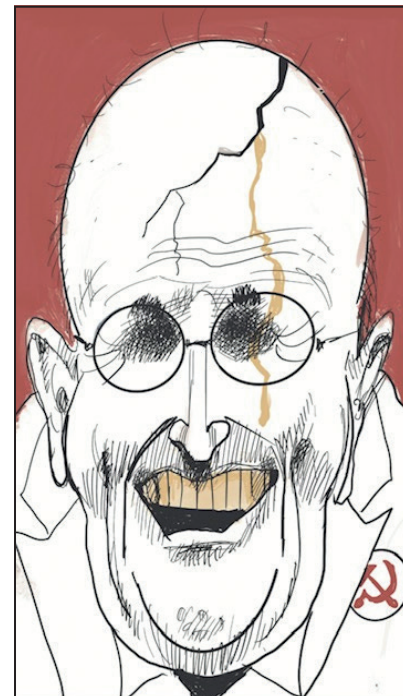
"His latest disbarment joins a myriad of legal issues for Giuliani arising from the unsuccessful efforts to subvert the transfer of power after the 2020 election. He faces charges in Georgia and Arizona stemming from alleged efforts to reverse the outcome of the election in those two states, and has pleaded not guilty in both cases."

"A federal judge also held him liable last year for defaming two former election workers in Georgia, and a jury ordered him to pay them \$148 million. Giuliani filed for bankruptcy following the decision."

Giuliani "repeatedly and intentionally made false statements, some of which were perjurious, to the federal court, state lawmakers, the public ... and this Court concerning the 2020 Presidential election, in which he baselessly attacked and undermined the integrity of this country's electoral process," the five-judge appellate panel said.

Giuliani "claimed massive election fraud but had no evidence," the panel wrote, accusing the former mayor of being involved in an "effort to undermine the integrity of the 2020 presidential election" that "helped destabilize our democracy."

Try to find reports of the actual facts in the MSM. Good luck.



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Let's work together to save historic Eastern High School

By **BILL CASTANIER**

When the University of Michigan was faced with a deteriorating Michigan Union building, tearing it down wasn't considered. The 1919 iconic structure designed by noted Chicago Architects Pond and Pond was restored in 2020 for \$86.2 million.

However, in Lansing, UM Health-Sparrow has said it wants to tear down old Eastern High School, another important Pond and Pond-designed structure, replacing it with a psychiatric hospital.

The brothers Irving and Allen Pond were University of Michigan graduates and leaders in the scholastic gothic style of public architecture popular in the late 19th and early 20th century. They also designed the MSU Union, the Michigan Mutual Building in downtown Lansing and, ironically, an early version of Sparrow Hospital.

When UM Health-Sparrow System announced plans for the badly needed mental health adjacent to its Michigan Avenue campus, the community was

blindsided. Citizens formed the Committee to Save Historic Eastern and Promote Mental Health to work collaboratively with UM Health-Sparrow to save a portion of the iconic old school.

The committee was met with resistance after an initial in-person meeting with health system officials. When committee members asked to tour the building along with a preservation architect and a photographer, its request was rejected.

Despite several attempts to meet again in person, the committee was only able to get video teleconference meeting with a few representatives of the hospital, who firmly rejected any attempt to save a portion of the school and repurpose it.

Committee members have sent letters to community officials and U of M's regents ahead of their monthly meeting Thursday (Oct. 17) to ask that a small portion of old Eastern High called the west wing and the auditorium be saved and integrated into the new mental health facility.

We had hoped to speak to the regents

in person on Thursday, but our request was declined, and in a euphemistic fashion: "We are unable to confirm your request to speak at the Board of Regents meeting." The issue does not appear to be on the agenda Thursday. Before it is scheduled for a vote, however, we hope our elected officials will show us the respect we deserve and hear us out.

By threatening to move the facility elsewhere if objections were made, UM Health-Sparrow has garnered community support for razing Eastern High School from organized labor, mental health proponents and Lansing City Council, shutting down a robust discussion about the importance of saving our historic structures.

The Lansing area has been a leader over the last decade in promoting "placemaking," which calls for connecting the community through arts, culture and identity to understand its past and examine its history.

To the tens of thousands of alumni, Eastern is more than brick and mortar. It is a hallowed hall where hope of a better life through education mingled with sports, arts, music and personal relationships. It is an important part of the soul

of the community. From the onset, Eastern High School was a lifeline to generations of immigrants. Alumni went off to WW II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm to preserve democracy, some not returning.

Throughout this ordeal, committee members continued their commitment to work in a collaborative way with hospital system officials. Its efforts speak to the culture of Lansing. For example: When faced with losing a General Motors presence entirely in 1996, Lansing officials and the public stood up, and the result was Lansing became the only U.S. to have two new auto plants. A former Eastern High School teacher, David Hollister, led that effort as mayor.

In keeping with that spirit, the Committee to Save Historic Eastern and Promote Mental Health asks U of M's regents to take a step back and consider a collaborative plan to preserve a great community legacy.

(Bill Castanier is president of the Historic Society of Greater Lansing and a member of the Committee to Save Historic Eastern and Promote Mental Health.)



Opinion

CURTIS
HERTEL

FOR MICHIGAN

“**WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING MICHIGAN FAMILIES AND WORKERS, I’LL WORK WITH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS TO GET THE JOB DONE.**” - *Curtis*

Curtis Hertel is a former State Legislator, Legislative Director to Gov. Whitmer, and father of four. **Curtis fought to repeal the state’s extreme 1931 law that banned all abortions** and worked with Democrats and Republicans to lower prescription costs and finally end the retirement tax for Michigan seniors.

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NOVEMBER 5

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WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting September 26, 2024
Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Trustee Creagh, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Duffy, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Adoption of Resolution #133 supporting construction of a non-motorized pathway in Williamstown Township
- Adoption of Resolution #134 to approve ownership of Safe Routes to School within Williamstown Township.
- Acceptance of a \$6000 elections grant from the Institute for Responsive Government

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

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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the City of Lansing Codified Ordinance, being Chapter 203, Section 203.03, to establish the service requirements for municipal civil infraction violations arising from the unauthorized placement of signs in violation of Section 606.02.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

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

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An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the City of Lansing Codified Ordinance, being Chapter 606, Section 606.02, to prohibit the placement of signs in or on the public right of way and public buildings, places, and facilities; and to establish the responsibility of the persons who place, or cause to be placed, any sign on public or private property; and to provide that a violation of this section is a civil infraction.

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'Go Green' MSU could go all blue for first time ever

Since Michigan State University's governing body was first appointed in 1861, the board has always had a Republican on it.

Whether that board member was appointed or elected, it didn't matter. A Republican was always on it.

That unbeaten streak may end this year.

If Democratic nominees Rebecca Bahar-Cook and Thomas Stallworth III are elected this November, the board will consist of seven elected Democrats and one politically agnostic appointee picked by a Democratic governor.

The Republicans will be completely swept off.

This interesting historical artifact is more than fun trivia shared at an Election Day party. It's a startling reversal of fortunes for the Republicans, who — just when it seems they couldn't lose anymore — keep losing more relevance, one election at a time.

I've written before that the Michigan Board of Education could go all Democratic for the first time since the new Constitution in 1964. Frankly, that was a right-place, right-time scenario for the Democrats that hasn't repeated itself.

This situation with Republicans on the MSU board is more about four straight election cycles of making the wrong moves. Some of it is bad luck, but bad luck four cycles in a row for one major political party doesn't typically happen in Michigan.

Before this proclamation sounds too hyperbolic, let me go back and explain what happened here.

The university, when it was Michigan Agricultural College, was overseen starting in 1861 by a six-member state Board of Agriculture appointed by the governor to staggered six-year terms.

The governor in 1861 was Republican Austin Blair. From 1861 to 1909, Michigan's governor was elected every two years. A Republican won every time during this period except twice: 1882, when a Fusion candidate won, and 1890 when a real Democrat won.

After those two elections, the governor appointed his required two board members, but Republicans remained in the majority.

In 1909, the 1908 Constitution made the Board of Agriculture an elected body. So instead of Republicans being

appointed to the board, they just kept winning elections to it, even when Democrats elsewhere were doing well.

After the Great Depression, Republican didn't win every election like they had been doing from the Civil War to 1932.

However, Board of Agriculture elections were held in the spring. Not many people voted in these affairs, but farmers did, and they voted, predominately, for Republicans.

If you know MSU, you'll recognize the names of two trustees from that time. Clark Brody, for whom the Brody complex was named on campus, served from 1921 to 1959. Forest Akers, for whom the golf course is named, served 17 years from 1940 to 1957.

In 1959, the Board of Agriculture was renamed the Board of Trustees. Four years later, the Constitution was reconfigured and these trustees became a body of eight people elected in 1964 to staggered eight-year terms.

From this point on, Republicans never bombed four straight cycles. They always managed a seat here and there, even in the 1970s after Watergate, Nixon and the rest.

This changed in 2018. That year, Whitmer beat Bill Schuette by 10 points, while Democrats Kelly Tebay and Brian Scott were elected to the board.

In 2020, Joe Biden beat Donald Trump and Democrat Rema Vassar was elected along with Republican Patrick O'Keefe, who resigned less than two years into his term. It allowed Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to appoint Sandy Pierce, who has not publicly declared a party affiliation.

In 2022, Democrat Renee Knake Jefferson was reelected along with Democrat Dennis Denno as Whitmer dominated again.

Now Republicans are running Mike Balow and Julie Maday, but delegates may have missed an opportunity by not renominating board Chair Dan Kelly, who won with Donald Trump on the ballot in 2016.

Polling is showing another tight race, but with Kamala Harris slightly ahead, Democratic nominees are favored to win again.

If the Republicans lose again, the GOP's losing trend will have reached something historic. It's not something they're shooting for.

(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol news service MIRS. His email is melinnky@gmail.com.)



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CITY OF EAST LANSING
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

To the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing, please take notice that a State General Election will be held in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

For the purposes of electing the following offices:

- President/Vice-President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative in Congress
- State Representative
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Board of Regents
- Michigan State University Board of Trustees
- Wayne State University Board of Governors
- County Offices:
- Prosecuting Attorney

Sheriff

Clerk

Treasurer

Register of Deeds

Drain Commissioner

County Commissioner

The following non-partisan offices:

- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the Probate Court
- Lansing Community College Board of Trustees
- East Lansing School Board
- Lansing School Board (Part of East Lansing)
- Bath School Board (Part of East Lansing)

Also, to vote on the following proposals:

Ingham County:

- Ingham County Housing and Homeless Millage
- Ingham County Lodging Excise Tax Increase

City:

- East Lansing City Charter Amendment Proposal 1

Transportation Authority:

Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Millage Renewal Proposition-City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, and Delhi Township

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office, 410 Abbot Road, Room 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Polls at said election will be open at 7 am and will remain open until 8 pm.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

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

LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS:

- Pct. 1 - Brody Hall, MSU
- Pct. 2 - Martin Luther Chapel, 444 Abbot Road
- Pct. 3 - East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road
- Pct. 4 - Capital City Vineyard Church, 1635 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 5 - Hannah Community Center West Gym, 819 Abbot Road
- Pct. 6 - Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road
- Pct. 7 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3383 Lake Lansing Road
- Pct. 8 - University Reformed Church, 841 Timberlane Street

- Pct. 9 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 10 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 11 - East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road (temporary re-location)
- Pct. 12 – Union Bldg., MSU
- Pct. 13 – IM Sports East, MSU
- Pct. 14 – IM Sports East, MSU
- Pct. 15 – IM Sports West, MSU
- Pct. 16 - Wesley Foundation, 1118 S. Harrison Road
- Pct. 17 – Department of Public Works, 1800 E State Rd.

All polling places are accessible and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille.

In addition to regular business hours, the East Lansing City Clerk's Offices will be open on November 2 from 8 am – 4 pm to register voters, issue and accept absentee ballots for qualified electors.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the East Lansing City Clerk's Office is October 21, 2024. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall
410 Abbot Road, Room 100
East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Business Hours:
Monday-Friday from 8am-5 pm
Additional Hours:
November 2 from 8am-4pm

MSU Communications Arts and Sciences
404 Wilson Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48824

Dates: Oct 21-Nov 3
Hours: 10am-6pm

Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dates: Oct 26-Nov 3
Hours: 9am-5pm

To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or view your sample ballot check the Secretary of State Voter Information website at www.mi.gov/vote

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:
Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

The East Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at www.mi.gov/vote or at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

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

Those registering to vote on Election Day, November 5, 2024, are eligible to receive a ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office or MSU Communications Arts and Sciences: WKAR Studio B.

EARLY VOTING CENTER

All qualified electors in the City of East Lansing have the right to mark a ballot and tabulate their ballot beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. For the November 5, 2024, election, the Early Voting Centers will be held at two different locations in East Lansing:

MSU Communications Arts and Sciences
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East Lansing, MI 48824

Dates: Oct 21-Nov 3
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'It's really humbling'

Rodney Whitaker inducted into American Academy of Arts and Sciences

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

By now, Rodney Whitaker has had a few weeks to ponder his late-September induction into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He joins the ranks of artists, scholars, leaders and scientists like Benjamin Franklin, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Martin Luther King Jr. and Albert Einstein.

But even for Michigan State University's Jazz Studies director, a life-changing mentor for hundreds of young people and one of the top bassists in the world, it's a lot to digest.

"I don't think of myself as someone on that level," he mused. "My passions are music and mentorship. If someone thinks those things are important, I'm really humbled by it. I'm just trying to do what I was put here to do."

Whitaker not only joined one of the nation's oldest learned societies; he performed at the ceremonies with his trio. The induction weekend in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from Sept. 20 to 22 was a heady whirl, but it started with a setback.

The music Whitaker chose to play for the occasion is full of deeply expressive arco playing, or bowing, on the bass. However, shortly after arriving in Cambridge on Sept. 19 to rehearse with his trio, he found, to his dismay, that he'd lost one of his best bows in transit. He rushed to Studio Pangaro, an instrument repair shop on Prospect Street.

"I found a really good bow for \$115," he said.

This was no ordinary gig. Goodwin Liu, associate justice of the California Supreme Court and chair of the AAAS' board of directors, invited Whitaker to perform at the Legacy Recognition Program induction ceremony on Sept. 20, the eve of his induction day. The ceremony recognized 40 outstanding Americans who didn't become members during their lifetimes — most of them women or members of ethnic minorities — going all the way back to the academy's founding in 1780.



Courtesy photo

Rodney Whitaker signs the official book of American Academy of Arts and Sciences members on Sept. 21, joining such illustrious predecessors as Benjamin Franklin, Martin Luther King Jr. and Albert Einstein.

The legacy honorees included author James Baldwin, environmentalist Rachel Carson and one of Whitaker's lifelong heroes, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

"When I was 7, I read a book about Thurgood Marshall and decided I wanted to be a law professor," Whitaker said.

Whitaker performed his own composition, "John Lewis."

He named the yearning, soulful piece after the pianist of the Modern Jazz Quartet, but it turned out to be heavy enough for two John Lewises. Whitaker told attendees that after the murder of George Floyd, many listeners heard a deeper strain in the music, a cry for justice and reconciliation, and assumed it was written in honor of U.S. Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights icon. He now considers the title to be

a double dedication. Whitaker and his new bow, joined by drummer Neal Smith and pianist Kevin Harris of the Berklee College of Music, brought the house to a reverent hush.

"The audience went on the journey with us," Whitaker said.

The academy's Legacy Recognition Program parallels the nation's larger reckoning with its long history of excluding minorities and women from the halls of power.

At the legacy ceremony, writer, historian and civil rights activist Paula J. Giddings enlisted Whitaker in helping the AAAS broaden its scope and diversity.

Whitaker said the academy impressed him with its commitment to "not just racial and cultural diversity but diversity of thought and vocation."

This year's regular class of inductees was larger than usual, 250 in all, including new members from 2021, 2022 and 2023 who hadn't been able to attend in person because of the pandemic. Like most new inductees, Whitaker was nominated by two anonymous members last spring and admitted by a general vote. The class of 2024 stretches across 31 disciplines and categories, including Apple CEO Tim Cook, actor George Clooney, New York Times columnist Jamelle Bouie and General Motors CEO Mary Barra.

Just sitting down for a Saturday morning breakfast prior to the induction ceremony was a heady experience.

"First of all, you go in and you see the names on the wall, all these people we know about through history, and you start to realize what this is," Whitaker said. "I'm still just a kid from the east side of Detroit."

The names of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, poet Gwendolyn Brooks and composer Aaron Copland all caught his eye as he looked for his seat.

Whitaker was seated at a table loaded with scientists, including a molec-

A lively dinner

As soon as Rodney Whitaker was elevated to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, City Pulse figured out a way to get him into trouble by asking him to pick five academy members he would invite to a dinner party.

He tried to keep it to five, but it seems that five is not a swinging meter, so he counted out to eight: Grant Hill, Atlanta Hawks co-owner and former pro basketball great; Goodwin Liu, associate justice of the California Supreme Court ("a great listener"); actress and playwright

Anna Deavere Smith of "The West Wing" ("for her soulfulness"); writer, historian and civil rights activist Paula J. Giddings ("insightful"); actor George Clooney, who was inducted this year along with Whitaker; cellist Yo-Yo Ma ("he pays attention to details"); and two jazz musicians: drummer and composer Terri Lyne Carrington ("she's passionate") and trumpeter-composer-educator Wynton Marsalis, whom Whitaker called "a storyteller, our modern-day Mark Twain."

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Final round begins for Greater Lansing's 2024 Top of the Town superheroes

Get ready for some titanic clashes: The next two weeks will determine who the real superheroes are in Greater Lansing this year.

No, we're not talking comic books, blockbuster movies or even the costumed politicians you saw artist Dennis Preston depict on our Sept. 11 cover. This is all about your 17th annual Top of the Town contest heroes — all those businesses, services, artists and

performers who put forth their best efforts 365 days a year and earn YOUR votes in our contest.

More than 1,700 of you cast over 34,000 votes in the first round in September and early October. The Top 5 contenders have emerged in 249 categories across eight groups, all eager to win your favor and ascend the podium as part of the Top 3 next month!

Now it's time to vote again; you can do so at lansingcitypulse.com. Just go to our home page and click on the red banner near the top that reads, "Voting is now open!" You can stop and return to complete your ballot at any time, as long as it's by **11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29.**

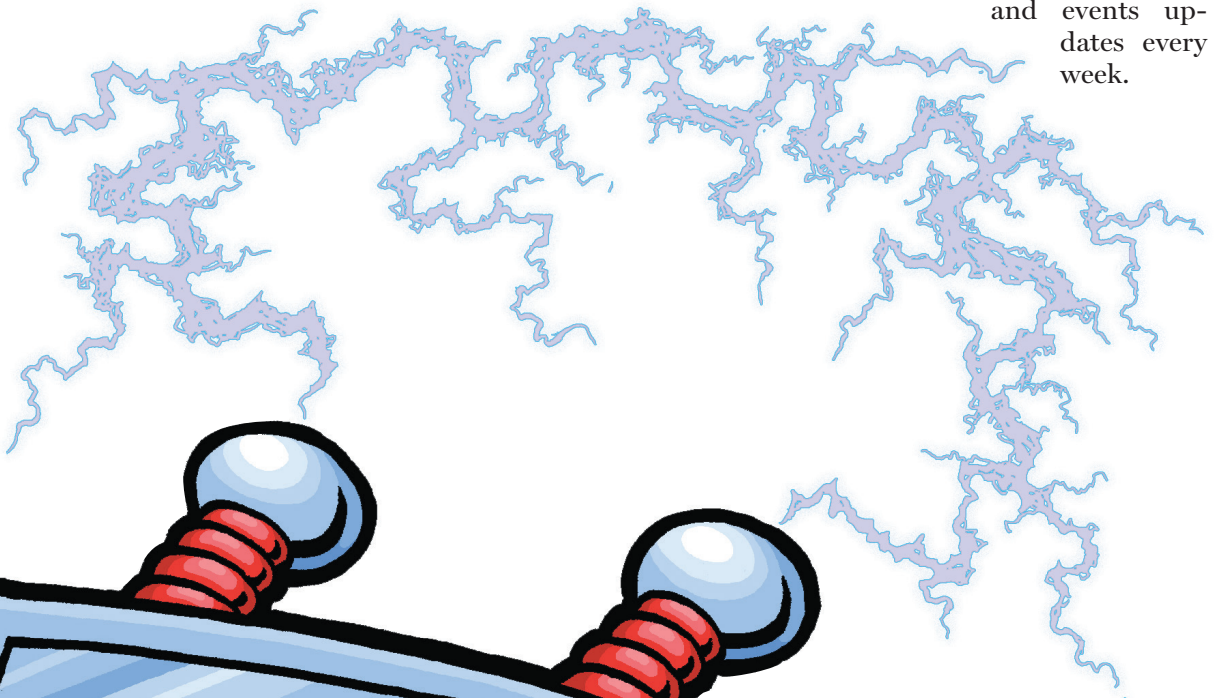
This superhero battle reaches its grand finale with the announcement of the winners in our Nov. 13 issue! Who will be the REAL "Burger Boy" of Greater Lansing (aka the winner of Best Burger), per the drama on this week's cover? Who will capture the title of Best Bubble Tea, Best Food Truck or Best Indian Restaurant? Or Best Florist, Best Nail Salon and Best CBD Store? How about Best Coffee Shop, Best Trivia Night and Best Music Venue?

It's all up to you, Greater Lansing!

Remember, when you go to vote on the website, you will be asked to reply to a confirmation email whether you're returning to vote or doing so for the first time. That's to keep out bots and spammers and keep the contest legit!

To begin voting, select any category and follow the prompts. All votes are submitted automatically; there's no second submission screen. You can always log out of

receive the list of winners by email one day early. So, when you go to vote, be sure to sign up if you haven't done so already and join more than 12,000 subscribers who receive our news and events updates every week.



Top of the Town is THE platform in Greater Lansing to vote for the best of the best! Our new Lansing Guru web-

your session and resume voting later.

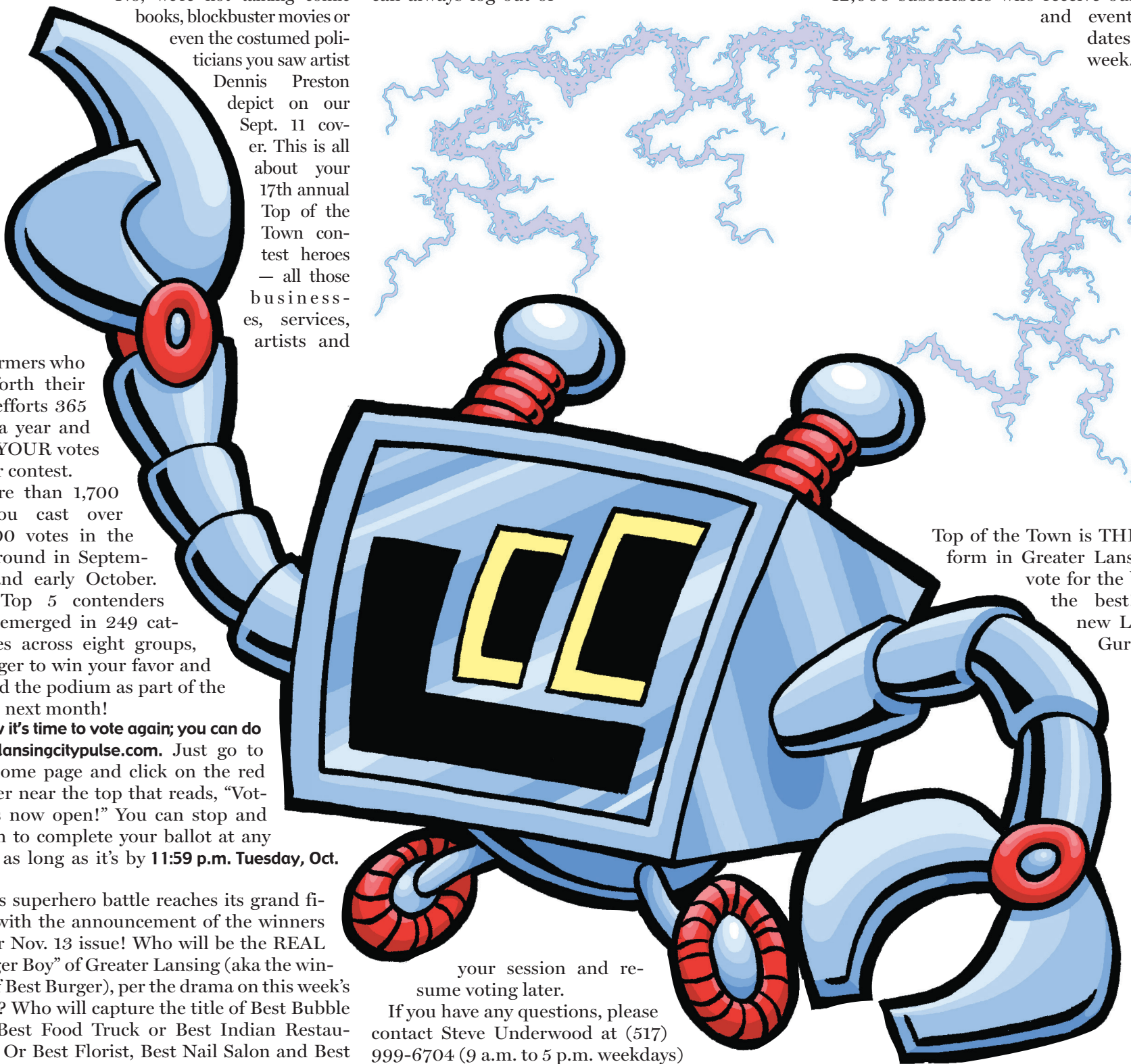
If you have any questions, please contact Steve Underwood at (517) 999-6704 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) or steve@lansingcitypulse.com. You can also send us your list of votes via snail mail to Steve Underwood at City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48912.

Everyone who votes in EVERY category in each round will be entered into a drawing for prizes from some of our winners!

If you are signed up for newsletters, you will

site will host the Top 5 results after the contest concludes and serve as an invaluable reference for our community all year! **Thanks so much to our partners at RevFluent and Friends2Follow, and to Dennis Preston for his outstanding artwork on the cover and within this story!**

— STEVE UNDERWOOD



TOP OF THE TOWN

2024

BEST OF GREATER LANSING

Voting is open

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- BAR
- Best Bar Food

- BAD Brewing Co.
 - Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
 - Ruckus Ramen
 - The Peanut Barrel
 - Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Best Cocktails

- American Fifth Spirits
 - Bobcat Bonnie's
 - Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
 - Red Cedar Spirits
 - The Avenue Cafe
 - Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Best Dance Bar

- FieldHouse
 - The Green Door
 - The Avenue Cafe
 - The Tin Can

- UrbanBeat
- Best Dive Bar

- Crunchy's
 - Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
 - Harry's Place
 - Stober's Bar
 - The Avenue Cafe
- Best Happy Hour

- Applebee's Grill + Bar
 - Cask & Co. Kitchen & Bar
 - Crunchy's
 - Kelly's Downtown
 - Sidecar Slider Bar
- Best Jam Night

- Moriarty's Pub
 - UrbanBeat
- Best Karaoke

- Crunchy's
 - Darb's Crystal Bar
 - The Green Door
 - One North Kitchen & Bar
 - The Avenue Cafe
- Best LGBTQ-Friendly Bar

- BAD Brewing Co.
 - Esquire Bar
 - The Avenue Cafe
 - UrbanBeat
 - Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Best Lansing-Area Brewery

- BAD Brewing Co.
 - EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
 - Lansing Brewing Co.
 - Old Nation Brewing Co.
 - Ozone's Brewhouse
- Best Lansing-Area Distillery

- American Fifth Spirits
 - Ellison Brewery and Spirits
 - Michigrain Distillery
 - Red Cedar Spirits
 - Sanctuary Spirits
- Best Margarita

- Barrio
 - Cancun Mexican Grill Grand Ledge
 - El Azteco Lansing
 - Fiesta Charra
 - Los Tres Amigos Hacienda
- Best Mocktails

- Bobcat Bonnie's
 - Constellation Cat Cafe
 - EnVie

- The Cosmos
 - The People's Kitchen
- Best Neighborhood Bar

- Art's Pub
 - BAD Brewing Co.
 - EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
 - Harry's Place
 - The Peanut Barrel
- Best Pub/Tavern

- Art's Pub
 - Mayfair Bar
 - Moriarty's Pub
 - Ozone's Brewhouse
 - Stober's Bar
- Best Spartan Sports Hangout

- Crunchy's
 - Harrison Roadhouse
 - Nuthouse Sports Grill
 - Reno's North
 - The Peanut Barrel
- Best Sports Bar

- Buffalo Wild Wings
 - Frank's Press Box
 - Nuthouse Sports Grill
 - The Peanut Barrel
 - Sidecar Slider Bar



- CANNABIS
- Best CBD Store/Boutique

- Flora
 - Pincanna East Lansing
 - Pleasantrees East Lansing
 - Pure Options Frandor
 - Pure Options Lansing Midtown

- Best Cannabis Flower - Hybrid

- Blue Runtz || Herbana
 - Fruit & Fuel - Greasy Runtz || Pincanna East Lansing
 - GGB || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Love Letters || Bazonzoos
 - Orange Zkittlez || The Botanical Co.
- Best Cannabis Flower - Indica

- 517 Headband || Premier Cannabis Farms
 - Frosted Cherry Cookies || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Fruit & Fuel - Motorbreath #15 || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Insano Cake || Cannaisseur Provisioning Center
 - Pro Gro - Moonbow #112 || Pure Options
- Best Cannabis Flower - Sativa

- Britney's Frozen Lemons || Insano Pharms
 - Fruit & Fuel - 007 Up || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Lemon Gravy || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Pro Gro - Lunar Lemon || Pure Options
 - Tango Jack || Bazonzoos
- Best Cannabis Growing Brand

- Pincanna East Lansing
 - Premier Cannabis Farms
 - Pro Gro
 - Redemption Cannabis
 - The Botanical Co.
- Best Distillate Cartridge

- Blue Razz || BAMN
 - Breeze Canna || Bazonzoos
 - Franklin Fields || The Botanical Co.
 - Fruit & Fuel || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Pro Gro Distillate Disposable Cartridge || Pure Options
- Best Gummy Edible (Cannabis)

- Choice || JARS Cannabis Lansing
 - Funky Extracts || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Wyld || Bazonzoos
- Best Indoor Grow Shop

- Indoor Grow Supply

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EAST LANSING

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- Pincanna East Lansing
 - Pure Options
 - The Botanical Co.

Best Marijuana Provisioning Center

 - Cannaisseur Provisioning Center
 - Herbana
 - Pure Options Frandor
 - Pure Options Midtown
 - Sapura

Best Marijuana Provisioning Center - East Lansing

 - Ascend Cannabis
 - Flora
 - Pincanna
 - Pleasantrees

Best Non-Gummy Edible (Cannabis)

 - Motor City Cannabis || JARS Cannabis Lansing

- Funky Extracts || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Potpots || Lion Labs

Best Non-Solvent Concentrate (Cannabis)

 - Temple Balls || The Bubble Boyz
 - Candy Fumez || Pure Options
 - Element || Lion Labs
 - Moonbow #112 || Pure Options
 - Fruit & Fuel || Pincanna East Lansing
 - Pure Roots || Pure Options

Best Solvent Concentrate (Cannabis)

 - Bubblegum Gelato || BAMN
 - Element || Lion Labs
 - Skymint || Skymint

Best Topical

 - Michigan Organic Rub || Pincanna East Lansing
 - RISE Advanced Cream || Lion Labs

DINING

- Best BBQ

 - Capital City BBQ
 - Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que
 - Meat BBQ
 - Saddleback BBQ REO Town
 - The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best BBQ Sauce

 - Charred Sauces and Seasonings
 - Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que
 - Meat BBQ
 - Saddleback BBQ Okemos
 - Saddleback BBQ REO Town

Best Bagels

 - Big Apple Bagels
 - Bruegger's Bagels
 - Flour Child Bakery
 - New Daily Bagel
 - Panera Bread



- Best Bakery

 - Bake N' Cakes
 - Flour Child Bakery
 - Mitten Raised
 - Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe
 - Sweetie-licious

Best Baklava

 - Aladdin's Restaurant
 - Bell's Greek Pizza
 - Bread Bites Mediterranean
 - Jerusalem Bakery
 - Woody's Oasis

Best Breakfast

 - Anna's House
 - Blondie's Barn
 - Fleetwood Diner
 - Golden Harvest Restaurant
 - Good Truckin' Diner
 - Sophia's House of Pancakes

Best Brunch

 - Anna's House
 - Art's Pub
 - Bobcat Bonnie's
- Best Bubble Tea

 - Bento Kitchen Cravings
 - Ding Tea
 - Feng Cha
 - Koala Bakery & Cafe
 - YumYum Bento

Best Buffet

 - Asian Buffet
 - Hibachi Grill & Sushi Buffet
 - One North Kitchen & Bar
 - University Club of MSU
 - World Buffet & Grill

Best Burger

 - Crunchy's
 - Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
 - Weston's Kewpee Sandwich Shop
 - South Riley Grocery, Tavern & Grill
 - The Peanut Barrel

Best Chicken Strips/Tenders

 - Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
 - Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
 - Olympic Broil
 - Raising Cane's
 - The Old Bag of Nails Pub

Best Chinese Food Restaurant

 - Apple Jade
 - Bamboo Gardens
 - Charlie Kang's Restaurant
 - Chen's Restaurant
 - House of Hsu

Best Cider

 - Boss Cider
 - Country Mill Farms
 - Phillips Cider Bar and Market
- See TOTT 2024, Page 18

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- Quality Dairy
● Uncle John's Cider Mill

Best Coney Dog
● Dimitri's Restaurant
● Fleetwood Diner
● Nip N Sip Drive In
● Olympic Broil
● Sparty's Coney Island

Best Crab Legs
● King Ocean Crab
● The Tangy Crab

Best Cupcake
● Cakes-A-Bloomin'
● Flour Child Bakery
● Nothing Bundt Cakes
● Sugar Shack
● Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe

Best Deli
● Barnhill's Westside Deli
● MEAT On the WEST Side
● Sidestreets Deli & Bakery
● Stateside Deli
● The Vault Deli

Best Dessert
● Constellation Cat Cafe
● Everything Is Cheesecake
● Flour Child Bakery
● MSU Dairy Store
● Nothing Bundt Cakes

Best Diner
● Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
● Dimitri's Restaurant
● Fleetwood Diner
● Good Truckin' Diner
● Sunshine Diner

Best Donuts
● Flour Child Bakery
● Groovy Donuts
● Quality Dairy
● Strange Matter Downtown
● Uncle John's Cider Mill

Best Drive-up Location
● Arby's
● Culver's
● Nip N Sip Drive In
● Olympic Broil

Best Family-Friendly Restaurant
● Buddies Pub & Grill
● Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
● Flour Child Bakery
● Meat BBQ
● Spag's Bar & Grill
● Texas Roadhouse

Best Fast Food
● Chick-fil-A
● Culver's Okemos Road
● Culver's Eastwood
● Nip N Sip Drive In
● Olympic Broil

Best Fish Fry
● Crack Chicken
● Culver's
● Eastside Fish Fry & Grill

- Harry's Place
● The Old Bag of Nails Pub

Best Food Truck
● Eato Chef
● El Oasis
● Hard Knocks Food Truck
● Ozone's Brewhouse
● The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best French Fries
● BAD Brewing Co.
● Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
● HopCat
● Meat BBQ
● The Peanut Barrel

Best Greek
● Athena's Diner
● Bell's Greek Pizza
● Niko's Taverna
● Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill
● Woody's Oasis

Best Hibachi
● Hibachi Grill & Sushi Buffet
● Kaiyo Sushi
● Maru Sushi & Grill
● Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Lansing
● Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Woodlake

Best Ice Cream
● Arctic Corner
● MOO-ville Creamery Eaton Rapids
● MSU Dairy Store
● Tasty Twist
● The Daily Scoop

Best Indian Restaurant
● Persis Indian Grill
● Sindhu Indian Cuisine
● Sree Saffron
● Swagath Indian Cuisine

Best Irish
● Dublin Square
● Harry's Place
● Kelly's Downtown
● Moriarty's Pub
● The Irish Pub

Best Italian
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● Piazzano's
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● Fleetwood Diner
● Insomnia Cookies
● Lansing Shuffle
● Sidecar Slider Bar

Best Mediterranean
● Aladdin's Restaurant
● Bread Bites Mediterranean
● ChouPli Wood-Fired Kabob
● Woody's Oasis
● Zaytoon

Best Mexican Restaurant - Chain
● Acapulco Mexican Grill Lansing
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● Fiesta Charra
● Los Tres Amigos Hacienda

Best Mexican Restaurant- Non-Chain
● El Azteco Lansing
● El Oasis
● Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Eastside
● Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Old Town
● Pancho's Taqueria

Best Nachos
● Buddies Pub & Grill
● El Azteco Lansing
● Fiesta Charra
● Meat BBQ

● Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Eastside

Best New Restaurant
● Arms & Embers Grill
● Bobcat Bonnie's
● Noosh Afghan Cuisine
● Summerlands Brewing Co.
● Toscana Kitchen & Wine Market

Best Olive Burger
● BAD Brewing Co.
● Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
● Weston's Kewpee Sandwich Shop
● Olympic Broil
● The Peanut Barrel

Best Pancakes
● Anna's House
● Good Truckin' Diner
● Sophia's House of Pancakes
● Sparty's Coney Island
● The People's Kitchen

Best Pho
● Asia's Finest
● Capital City BBQ
● King Phở
● Pho 777
● Pho So 1

Best Pizza
● Art's Pub
● Cugino's
● Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
● Slice by Saddleback
● Spagnuolo's Restaurant

Best Prime Rib
● Airport Tavern
● Lucky's Steakhouse
● Piazzano's
● Texas Roadhouse

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- The English Inn

Tipsy Nickel Bar & Grille

Best Ramen

Bento Kitchen Cravings

Ruckus Ramen

Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar

Sushi Moto

Uni Sushi and Ramen

Best Ranch Dressing

Art's Pub

BAD Brewing Co.

Buddy's Pizza

EnVie

Jet's Pizza

Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub

Relli's Sports Bar

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Best Restaurant Beer List

BAD Brewing Co.

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HopCat

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Best Restaurant Wine List

Bowdie's Chophouse

Bridge Street Social

Dusty's Wine Bar

Soup Spoon Café

Toscana Kitchen & Wine Market

- Best Restaurant for Seniors

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Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

Meat BBQ

Tavern 109
- Best Reuben

Corey's Lounge

LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill

Meat BBQ

Soup Spoon Café

Stateside Deli
- Best Salad

Art's Pub

El Azteco East Lansing

Fuel'd

Leaf Salad Bar

Soup Spoon Café

Zoup!
- Best Sandwich/Wrap

Babe's Corner

Flour Child Bakery

Jersey Giant Subs

Soup Spoon Café

Stateside Deli
- Best Seafood Restaurant

Mitchell's Fish Market

Red Lobster

King Ocean Crab

The Old Bag of Nails Pub

The Tangy Crab
- Best Signature Dish

Bourbon Salmon || One North Kitchen & Bar

Hippie Hash || Fleetwood Diner

Meat Mountain || Meat BBQ

Mussels & Frites || EnVie

Trust Us || The Cosmos
- Best Soup

Flour Child Bakery

Horrocks Tavern

Panera Bread

Soup Spoon Café

Zoup!
- Best Steak

Airport Tavern

Bowdie's Chophouse

Capital Prime

Lucky's Steakhouse

Texas Roadhouse

- Best Sub Sandwich

Babe's Corner

Jersey Giant Subs

Jersey Mike's Subs

King Subs

Mancinos South Cedar
- Best Sushi

Cask & Co. Kitchen & Bar

Maru Sushi & Grill

Ohana Sushi and Bar

Sansu Sushi and Cocktails

Sushi Moto
- Best Tacos

El Azteco East Lansing

El Oasis

Meat BBQ

Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Eastside

Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Old Town
- Best Thai Restaurant

Bangkok House

Eato Chef

No Thai! East Lansing

Taste of Thai

Thai Princess
- Best Upscale Dining

Bowdie's Chophouse

EnVie

Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant

The English Inn

Toscana Kitchen & Wine Market
- Best Vegan/Gluten Free Dessert

Bobcat Bonnie's

Flour Child Bakery

Good Truckin' Diner

Strange Matter Coffee

Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe

Veg Head
- Best Vegetarian/Vegan Dish

Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine

Beggar's Banquet

UrbanBeat

Veg Head

VEG-N
- Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant

Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine

Flour Child Bakery

Veg Head

VEG-N
- Best Wings

Art's Pub

Buffalo Wild Wings

Eastside Fish Fry & Grill

Meat BBQ

Saddleback BBQ Okemos

- Fleetwood Diner

Flour Child Bakery

Hooked

Strange Matter Coffee Eastside

Best Coffee Shop (Non-Biggby)

Blue Owl Coffee

Constellation Cat Cafe

Flour Child Bakery

Strange Matter Coffee Eastside

Toads

Best Comedy Night

Country Creek Reception Hall

Crunchy's

Mac's Bar

Ozone's Brewhouse

Pure Options Comedy Series @ Grewal Hall

Best Corn Maze

Bestmaze

Choice Farm Market

Best Escape Room Venue

Breakout Escape Rooms Lansing

Challenges East Lansing Adventure Escape Rooms

Escapes Unlocked

Spare Time Entertainment Center

Best Golf Course

Eagle Eye Golf Club

El Dorado Golf Course

Forest Akers East Golf Course

Groesbeck Golf Course

Ledge Meadows Golf Course

Best Hangout Solo

Constellation Cat Cafe

Crunchy's

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

Hooked

Moriarty's Pub

The Avenue Cafe

Best Hangout for Seniors

Constellation Cat Cafe

Coral Gables

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

Meat BBQ

Meridian Senior Center

Best Hangout for Students

Constellation Cat Cafe

Crunchy's

East Lansing Public Library

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

The Avenue Cafe

- Best Library

CADL – Downtown Lansing

CADL – Mason

CADL – South Lansing

Delta Township District Library

East Lansing Public Library

Grand Ledge Area District Library

- Best Local Attraction for Kids

Constellation Cat Cafe

Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge

Impression 5 Science Center

Launch Trampoline Park Lansing

Potter Park Zoo

- Best Movie Theatre

Celebration Cinema Lansing

NCG Cinema Lansing

Regal Lansing Mall

Studio C Meridian Mall

Sun Theatre

- Best Music Venue

Grewal Hall at 224

Horrocks Tavern

The Avenue Cafe

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Wharton Center for Performing Arts
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Best Bowling Alley

City Limits Mason

Pins and Pints

Royal Scot Golf & Bowl

Spare Time Entertainment Center

Zap Zone

Best Cafe

Constellation Cat Cafe

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TOP OF THE TOWN

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- Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date

 - Constellation Cat Cafe
 - High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
 - Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Michigan History Center
 - Old Town Lansing
- Best Patio

 - BAD Brewing Co.
 - El Azteco
 - Horrocks Tavern
 - Lansing Shuffle
 - The Peanut Barrel
- Best Place to Play Pinball

 - Pinball Pete's
 - The Avenue Cafe
- Best Place to Play Video Games

 - Lansing Shuffle
 - Pinball Pete's
- Best Place to Shoot Pool

 - Mac's Bar
 - Nuthouse Sports Grill
 - Sholty's Bar
 - The Avenue Cafe
 - The Riv
- Best Public Park

 - Bancroft Park
 - Burchfield Park
 - Fitzgerald Park
 - Hawk Island Park
 - Patriarche Park
 - Sharp Park
- Best Sober Hangout

 - Constellation Cat Cafe
 - High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
 - Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
 - Old Town Lansing
 - The Gaming Cantina East Lansing
- Best Trivia Night

 - BAD Brewing Co.
 - Constellation Cat Cafe
 - Crunchy's
 - LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
 - The Avenue Café

LOCAL ARTS

- Best Choral Group

 - DeWitt Community Singers
 - LanSINGout Gay Chorus
 - MSU Chorale
 - Sistrum
- Best Country Artist/Band

 - Billy Strings
 - Cooper Johnson
 - Double Wide Ride
 - Shelby and Jake
- Best Cover Band

 - Atomic Annie
 - Be Kind Rewind
 - Frog and The Beeftones
 - Starfarm
 - The Black Barn Band



- Best Folk Artist/Band

 - Abbey Hoffman
 - Heartland Klezmerim
 - Shelby and Jake
 - The Dangling Particples
 - The Wild Honey Collective
- Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group

 - JusKel
 - Ozay Moore
 - Sean Mic
 - Sway Boi
 - Tony Thompson
- Best Jazz Musician/Group

 - Jeff Shoup Quartet
 - Linda Abar
 - Michael Dease
 - Sunny Wilkinson and Ron Newman
 - The Rodney Whitaker Quartet
- Best Local Theatre Organization

 - All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre
 - Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
 - Riverwalk Theatre
 - MSU Summer Circle Theatre
 - Williamston Theatre
- Best Pottery Studio

 - Art Unlimited
 - Chatterley Sculptures Inc.
 - Spinner Pottery
 - Sunset Clay Studio
 - Wheel House Studio
- Best Public Art/Sculpture

 - Big Penny, the Truck Munching Bridge
 - Broad Museum
 - Mother Nature Sculpture
 - Riverwalk ArtPath
 - Sparty Statue
- Best Rock Artist/Band

 - Atomic Annie
 - Be Kind Rewind
 - Frog and The Beeftones
 - Jimmy Likes Pie
 - Starfarm



SERVICE

- Best Appliance Repair

 - Babcock's Appliance Services
 - Darold's Small Engine

- Best Car Wash

 - Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change
 - KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
 - Mister Car Wash
 - Tommy's Express Car Wash
 - Wash World Car Wash
- Best Caterer/Catering Service

 - Graze Craze Charcuterie Boards & Boxes
 - Meat BBQ
 - Morton's Fine Catering
 - Saddleback Catering
 - The Smoke N' Pig BBQ
- Best Cemetery

 - Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
 - DeepDale Memorial Gardens
 - Evergreen Cemetery
 - Mount Hope Cemetery
 - St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
- Best Chiropractic office

 - Craft Chiropractic Creating Wellness Centers Charlotte
 - Craft Chiropractic Creating Wellness Centers Grand Ledge
 - Creative Wellness
 - Dewitt Chiro
 - Divine Spine Chiropractic Wellness
 - Truecare Chiropractic & Performance
- Best Cleaning Service

 - 5s Cleaning
 - Domestic Divas Cleaning Services
 - My Neighbors Cleaning Services LLC
 - St. Pete's Maids
 - Sweet Solutions Cleaning Service LLC
- Best Credit Union

 - Adventure Credit Union
 - CASE Credit Union
 - LAFCU
 - Lake Trust Credit Union
 - MSUFUCU
- Best Curbside Pickup

 - Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
 - Culver's
 - Meat BBQ
- Best Dick's Appliance Service

 - Dick's Appliance Service
 - G & W Appliance
 - Lane's Appliance Sales and Service
 - Richards Appliance and Bedding
 - Shaw's Appliance Service
- Best Audiologist/Hearing Firm

 - Advanced Audiology DeWitt
 - America's Best Hearing
 - HearUSA
 - MaryRose Hecksel AuD. LLC
 - Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose & Throat
- Best Auto Body Shop

 - Driven Collision LLC
 - Eaton Auto Body Inc.
 - Mason Auto Body Repair Inc.
 - Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing
 - Tripp's Collision Lansing
- Best Auto Detailing Service

 - Finish Line Detailing and Coatings
 - Jay's Complete Auto Detailing
 - KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
 - Lincoln's Touch
 - Showroom Shine
 - Spot-Les
- Best Auto Repair Shop

 - Chuck's Garage Lansing
 - Frankie D's Auto & Truck Repair
 - Lea's Auto Body
 - Righter's Auto Repair
 - Ryan's Auto Care
 - The Back Room
- Best Bank

 - Comerica Bank
 - Dart Bank
 - Eaton Community Bank
 - Fifth Third Bank
 - Independent Bank
- Best Barber Shop

 - Barber Squad
 - East Side Barbershop
 - Family Barber Shop
 - Jude's Barbershop East Lansing
 - Kozmos Hair Studio
 - Loyalty Barbershop
- Best Bicycle Shop

 - Denny's Central Park Bicycles
 - Eric's Cycling & Fitness
 - Jim's Village Cycle Shop
 - Lansing Bike Co-op
 - SPIN Bicycle Shop

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- Odd Nodd Art Supply

● Olive Garden
- Best Dance Studio

● Dance Conservatory

● Karyns Dance Place

● Patsy Watson School of Dance

● The Hive Dance Studio

● The Studio Performing Arts Center
- Best Day Spa

● Douglas J Salon

● Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center

● Onyx Moon

● Solara Wellness Acupuncture & Holistic Health

● Zoe Life Spa and Salon

- Best Dentist Office

● Downtown Dental Studio PLLC

● Lansing Elite Dental

● MB Dental Solutions

● Schaefer Dental Group

● Zielinski Dental
- Best Estate Sale Company

● A Wrinkle in Time Estate Sales

● Kellie's Estate Sales

● Richard Hornaday Estate Sales

● Sheridan Realty & Auction Co.

● Tom & Jerry's Estate Service
- Best Facial

● Douglas J Salon

● Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center

● Massage Bliss

● NECTAR body•face•skin

● Pinnacle Dermatology Okemos

● Skin Boss Med Spa

● Tres JoLee Beauty Bar

● Zoe Life Spa and Salon
- Best Financial Planner/Company

● Dart Investment Centers

● Full Circle Financial Planning

● Grace Braatz-Opper - Modern Woodmen of America

● Hantz Financial Services Okemos

● Preferred Wealth Management LLC
- Best Funeral Home

● Estes-Leadley Funeral Home

● Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes Lansing

● Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes East Lansing

● Pray Funeral Home Inc.

● Vickers Leslie Funeral Home
- Best Gym/Fitness Studio

● ALIVE

- Eagle Fit 24/7 Charlotte

● Parkwood YMCA

● Planet Fitness

● Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club
- Best Hair Salon

● Douglas J Salon

● Hair and Co. on Ash

● Holiday Lansing

● Rubie's Paradise Salon

● The Artisan Hair Co.
- Best Heating/Cooling

● All Star Mechanical

● Applegate Home Comfort

● Doty Mechanical

● Hager Fox Heating & Air Conditioning

● Kane Heating & Ventilating
- Best Holistic Healing

● Beyond A Dream LLC

● Creative Wellness

● Douglas J Salon

● Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center

● Solara Wellness Acupuncture & Holistic Health
- Best Home Healthcare Company

● Centered Care of Michigan

● McLaren Greater Lansing

● Rich's Residential and Home Care Options

● Stoneleigh Residence & Hospice of Lansing
- Best Insurance Agency

● Auto-Owners Insurance

● Bye Insurance

● David Chapman Agency

● Fiedler Insurance Agency

● Rathbun Insurance

● Russell and Schrader Insurance Agency

- Best Landscape Company

● Hammond Farms Landscape Supply

● Land Visions

● Puregreen Lawn & Tree Professionals

● R&D Landscape

● Snyder's Landscape Design Inc.
- Best Laser Hair Removal

● Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center

● Milan Laser Hair Removal

● Mirkin Electrology

● MSU Aesthetics & Laser Treatment Center

● Pinnacle Dermatology Okemos
- Best Law Firm

● Abood Law Firm

● Bahrie Law

● Foster, Swift Collins & Smith PC

● Grewal Law

● Noud & Noud, Attorneys at Law
- Best Local YouTube Channel

● Magnet Fishing Lansing

● Mango, the Quirky Cat

● Q106

● Time Signatures with Jim Ervin
- Best Massage Studio

● Amanda Tollstam LMT

● Craft Chiropractic Creating Wellness Centers Charlotte

● Creative Wellness

● Onyx Moon

● Solara Wellness Acupuncture & Holistic Health
- Best Med Spa

● Aqua Body Lab

● Douglas J Salon

● Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center

● NECTAR body•face•skin

● Solara Wellness Acupuncture & Holistic Health

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● Ink Therapy Lansing

● J&L Nails

● Jenny Nails

● Polished by Me

● Polished Nail Salon

● Royal Nails

● Time 4 Nails

● VIP Nail Bar

Best News Source

● City Pulse

● Fox 47 News

● WILX-TV

● WKAR Media

● WLNS-TV

Best Non-Profit Organization (local)

● Capital Area Housing Partnership

● Constellation Cat Cafe

● Ele's Place Capital Region

● Greater Lansing Food Bank

● Punks with Lunch

Best Painter

● Blue Sky Painting

● Brad's Quality Painting LLC

● Choice Painting

● Do-Well Remodel

● Stroke of Color Painting LLC

● T.L. Hart Inc.

● Walls of Change

Best Pet Grooming

● Amanda's Grooming

● Kelly's Pet Boutique East

● Michigan School of Canine Cosmetology

● Old Town Tails LLC

● Paw City Pet Care

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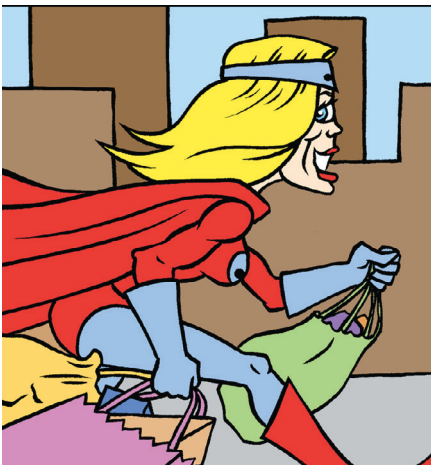
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- Best Pet Rescue**
 - Capital Area Humane Society
 - Constellation Cat Cafe
 - Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter
 - New Hope Pet Rescue
 - Saved by Zade
- Best Pharmacy (locally owned)**
 - Apothecary Shop
 - Central Pharmacy Lansing
 - Central Pharmacy Haslett
 - MSU Health Care Pharmacy
 - Sparrow Pharmacy Plus
 - Ware's Pharmacy
- Best Plumbing Service**
 - Jenks Plumbing & Heating Inc.
 - Michigan Plumbing
 - Pierce Plumbing & Heating
 - Roger the Plumber LLC
 - The Meridian Co.
- Best Radio Station**
 - WJXQ 106.1
 - WQTZ 92.1
 - WDBM 88.9
 - WITL 100.7
 - WKAR 90.5
- Best Residential Remodeling Company**
 - Acme Home Exteriors
 - Aldrich Cabinets and Millwork
 - Community Building Services
 - Custom Built Design & Remodeling
 - Key Builders Inc.
 - McDaniels Kitchen & Bath
 - RSI Home Improvement Inc.
- Best Senior Living Community**
 - Burcham Hills
 - Provision Living at East Lansing
 - Red Cedar Lodge
 - Serenity Place Apartments
 - The Courtyard at Delta

- Best Tanning**
 - Glow by Gracie
 - J2 Tanning East Lansing
 - J2 Tanning Grand Ledge
 - Pacific Tan
 - Uptown Sun Co.
- Best Tattoo Parlor**
 - Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.
 - Ink Therapy Lansing
 - Splash of Color
 - True Blue Tattoo Co.
 - Vivid Ink
- Best Therapy/Therapist Service**
 - Origami Rehabilitation
 - Right Direction Counseling PLLC
 - Rooted Counseling
 - Therapy Today Counseling and Consulting
 - Wild Ferns Wellness
- Best Towing Company**
 - H&H Mobil Towing
 - Lea's Auto Body
 - Northside Service Inc.
 - P.J.'s Towing
 - Shroyer Auto Parts
- Best Veterinarian Service**
 - Apple Grove Veterinary Care
 - East Lansing Veterinary Clinic
 - Evergreen Veterinary Clinic
 - Patterson Veterinary Hospital Mason
 - Waverly Animal Hospital
- Best Wedding Services**
 - All Grand Events + Floral
 - Angry Talent Entertainment
 - Sparrow Bloom
 - The Venue by Eleven 11 Events LLC
 - Twiggies
- Best Wifi/Internet Service Provider**
 - Advanced Communications & Data
 - Metronet Telecom Inc.
 - T-Mobile
 - Xfinity
- Best Yoga Studio**
 - 3 Legged Dog Yoga + Strength Studio
 - East Lansing Hot Yoga
 - Lovelight Collective
 - Peoples Yoga Studio Lansing
 - Yoga Connect

SHOPPING

- Best Antique Shop**
 - Maple Street Mall
 - Off Skate Vintage
 - Simply Vintage Marketplace LLC
 - The Mega Mall
 - Thrift Witch



- Best Art Gallery**
 - Broad Art Museum
 - Katalyst Art Gallery & Gift Boutique
 - Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center
 - Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art
 - Nelson Gallery
 - Struk Studio
- Best Art Supply Store**
 - Dear Ollie & Co.
 - Hobby Lobby
 - Michaels
 - Odd Nodd Art Supply
- Best Auto Dealership**
 - Feldman Chevrolet Lansing
 - Graff Chevrolet Okemos
 - Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing
 - Sundance Chevrolet, Inc.
 - Williams Subaru
- Best Beer Selection in Retail Store**
 - (Oades) Big Ten Party Store West
 - Big Ten Party Store Okemos
 - Darrell's Market & Hardware
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Mega-Bev
 - Old Town General Store
- Best Bookstore (locally owned)**
 - Bestsellers Books and Coffee Co.
 - Curious Book Shop
 - Deadtime Stories
 - Hooked
 - The Cozy Corner Bookstore
- Best Butcher Shop**
 - MEAT on the WEST Side
 - Merindorf Meats & More Mason
 - Mert's Specialty Meats
 - Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
 - Westlund's Apple Market
- Best Candy Store**
 - Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
 - Fabiano's Candies
 - Kean's
 - Peanut Shop
 - Rocket Fizz
- Best Cheese Department**
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - MOO-ville Creamery Eaton Rapids
 - MSU Dairy Store
 - Vine & Brew
 - Whole Foods Market
- Best Clothing Store (locally owned)**
 - Capital Hippy
 - Curvaceous Lingerie
 - Grace Boutique of Old Town
 - Kean's
 - Thrift Witch
- Best Consignment Shop**
 - Bella Grande
 - Carousel Consignments
 - Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
 - Thrift Witch
 - Weathered Nest Vintage Market
- Best Farmers Market**
 - Allen Farmers Market
 - Dimondale Farmers Market
 - Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market
 - Meridian Township Farmers Market
 - South Lansing Farmers Market
- Best Florist**
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Hyacinth House
 - Twiggies
 - Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
 - Where the Wild Things Bloom
- Best Furniture Store**
 - Bob's Discount Furniture and Mattress Store
 - Bradly's HG
 - Off Skate Vintage
 - Pilgrim House Furniture
 - Vintage Junkies
- Best Gardening Center**
 - Andy T's Farm Market
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Lansing Gardens
 - Matthew Ryan Salon & Garden
 - Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- Best Gas Station**
 - BJ's Gas Station Eastwood
 - Costco Gas Station East Lansing
 - Meijer Mason
 - Sam's Club Eastwood
 - Speedway East Michigan
- Best Gift Shop**
 - Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
 - Constellation Cat Cafe
 - Kean's
 - Old Town General Store
 - Studio Marketplace

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- Best Grocery Store (locally owned)**
- Darrell’s Market & Hardware
 - Eastside Lansing Food Co-Op
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Tom’s Food Center
 - Westlund’s Apple Market

- Best Hardware Store**
- Ace Hardware
 - Darrell’s Market & Hardware
 - Gilbert’s Hardware & Rental
 - Great Lakes Ace Hardware
 - Haslett True Value Hardware
 - Vet’s Ace Hardware
- Best Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store**
- Aquarius Pools by Theresa LLC
 - The Hot House
- Best Jewelry Store**
- Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
 - Carl V. Reck Jewelers
 - Gemstone Hideaway Hut
 - Grace Boutique of Old Town
 - Jean Jean Vintage LLC
 - Sweet Custom Jewelry
 - Wheat Jewelers
- Best Lingerie Store**
- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Best Liquor Store**
- (Oades) Big Ten Party Store West
 - ABC Liquor
 - Darrell’s Market & Hardware
 - Mega-Bev
 - Tom’s Party Store and Wine Shop
- Best Metaphysical Store**
- Beyond A Dream LLC
 - Coyote Wisdom Bookstore

- Gemstone Hideaway Hut
 - Oracle’s Apothecary
 - Triple Goddess Bookstore
- Best Musical Instrument Store**
- Elderly Instruments
 - Marshall Music Co.
 - Meridian Winds
 - Music Instrument Swap
 - Music Manor
- Best Organic/Natural Market**
- Better Health Market & Cafe
 - Clean Refillery
 - Eastside Lansing Food Co-Op
 - Fresh Thyme Market
 - Horrocks Farm Market
- Best Pet Store**
- Feeders Pet Supply
 - Fur Real Dog Snacks
 - Joey’s Pet Outfitters
 - PetSmart
 - Preuss Pets
- Best Place to Buy Mums**
- Butcher Farms
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Hyacinth House
 - River City Farms
 - Roseacre Greenhouse
 - Van Atta’s Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- Best Quality Dairy**
- Quality Dairy, 173 W. Maple St., Mason
 - Quality Dairy, 804 Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge
 - Quality Dairy, 1699 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos
 - Quality Dairy, 2233 Cedar St., Holt
 - Quality Dairy, 2400 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
- Best Record/CD Store**
- Flat, Black & Circular
 - Mi-Rural Records
 - The Record Lounge
 - Westlund’s Apple Market
- Best Secondhand Shop**
- Carousel Consignments
 - Kellie’s Estate Sales
 - The Mega Mall
 - Thrift Witch
 - Vintage Junkies
- Best Sex Shop**
- Cirilla’s
 - Deja Vu Love Boutique Lansing
 - Lion’s Den
- Best Thrift Store**
- Needful Things Charlotte
 - St Vincent de Paul Society and Thrift Store
 - The Mega Mall
 - Thrift Witch
 - Volunteers of America Thrift Store
- Best Tire Store**
- Adado Tire Center
 - Belle Tire
 - Costco Wholesale
 - Discount Tire
 - Tasmanian Tire Co.
- Best Used Car Dealership**
- Champion Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of Lansing
 - Feldman Chevrolet Lansing
 - Graff Chevrolet Okemos
 - Spartan Toyota
 - Sundance Chevrolet, Inc.
- Best Vape Shop**
- ABC Liquor
 - Every Day Tobacco
 - Mister-E’s Vape Shop
 - Puff Puff Tobacco
 - Wild Bill’s Tobacco Grand Ledge
 - Wild Bill’s Tobacco Lansing
- Best Wine Shop**
- Dusty’s Cellar
 - Horrocks Farm Market
 - Mega-Bev
 - Old Town General Store
 - Vine & Brew
- WHATEVER**
- Best Axe Throwing Venue**
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
 - Spare Time Entertainment Center
 - Zap Zone XL
- Best Casino**
- FireKeepers Casino Hotel
 - Soaring Eagle

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

In re: Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property

Case No. 24- 779 - CH

Timothy M. Perrone (P37940)
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.
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Hon. James S. Jamo

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Estate of Christina Gaytan, Rodolfo M. Gaytan, and all other persons having an interest in the subject property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable James S. Jamo, Ingham County Circuit Judge, at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:
Lot 447, Leslie Park Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-14-310-061
Commonly known as 323 S. Hayford Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for the subject property was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on September 18, 2024.

Judgment of the Court after this hearing may result in title to the property vesting in the Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority, 3024 N. Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906 – Telephone (517) 267-5221.

Any persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of the subject property are requested to contact the Land Bank.

Any rights of redemption and any ownership interest in the subject property may be extinguished by the judgment of the Court.

Any person with a property interest in the property may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE INGHAM COUNTY LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AND IS SUBJECT TO AN EXPEDITED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. PERSONS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIOR OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AT 3024 N. TURNER ST., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48906, TELEPHONE (517) 267-5221.

Respectfully submitted,
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.

Date: September 27, 2024

/s/ Timothy M. Perrone

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- Best Day Trip

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Lake Michigan

• Old Town Lansing

• Saugatuck

• Sleepy Hollow State Park
- Best Facebook Group or Page (local)

• 517 Living Community

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Lansing Facts

• Lansing Foodies

• Not Your Mother’s Networking Group
- Best High School

• East Lansing High School

• Eastern High School

• Grand Ledge High School

• Haslett High School

• Mason High School

• Okemos High School

- Best Historical Place

• Courthouse Square Museum

• Michigan History Center

• Michigan State Capitol

• R.E. Olds Transportation Museum

• The Village Chapel at Meridian Historical Village

• Turner–Dodge House
- Best Instagram Account (local)

• Bad Annie’s

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Curvaceous Lingerie

• Lansing Facts

• Lansing Foodies
- Best Local Art Festival

• A Festival of Oddities

• ArtFeast

• East Lansing Art Festival

• Old Town Krampusnacht

• Old Town ScrapFest
- Best Local Event/Festival

• A Festival of Oddities

• BAD Brewing Summer Block Party

• East Lansing Art Festival

• Lansing Pride

• Olive Burger Festival
- Best New Business

• All of the Above Hip Hop Academy

• Bobcat Bonnie’s

• Graze Craze Charcuterie Boards & Boxes

• Grewal Hall at 224

• Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- Best Outdoor Adventure Venue

• Burchfield Park

• Dimondale Canoe and Kayak

• Fitzgerald Park



- Hawk Island Park

• Woldumar Nature Center
- Best Place to Cry in Public

• BAD Brewing Co.

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Fish Ladder Parking Lot

• Frandor Parking Lot

• Meat BBQ

• Michigan State Capitol
- Best Place to Find Quiet

• Bancroft Park

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Lansing River Trail

• MSU Horticulture Gardens

• Woldumar Nature Center
- Best Place to Work

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Flour Child Bakery

• Michigan State University

• Summit Comics & Games
- Best Staycation Hotel in Lansing

• Courtyard By Marriott East Lansing Okemos

• Graduate East Lansing

• Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

• The English Inn

• Wild Goose Inn
- Best Vehicle Ever Made in Lansing

• Camaro

• Chevy SSR

• Olds Cutlass Supreme
- Best Wifi Spot

• BAD Brewing Co.

• Biggby Coffee

• CADL – Downtown Lansing

• Constellation Cat Cafe

• Michigan State University
- Category We Didn’t Think of

• Best Computer Store

• Best Cultural Landmark

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WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Board Meeting October 9, 2024 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Eyster, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

• Consent Agenda

• Request to rezone two parcels at 3840 Vanneter, from RR to R-1

• Request to rezone 3962 Vanneter from RR to R-1

• Waiver request from JJDB Properties/Red Cedar Bend Apartments for 20 acre minimum size requirement for a Planned Development to ~4.45 acres

• Contract with Meridian Township Police for policing services for 2025, 2026, and 2027

• Resolution #73-2024 for updated bank signatories

• Resolution #116-2024 for amendments to Depository Designation

• Police Assessment Roll amendment of Resolution #2024-98 from \$172,890 to \$172,970

• Purchase of computer upgrades per schedule

The next regular Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 13, 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#24-695

Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority

Notice is hereby given that the Ingham County Land Bank will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:45pm at the Land Bank Office or virtually via Zoom. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering the fiscal year 2025 budget. See the meeting agenda packet posted at www.inghamlandbank.org for more information and the Zoom link, or call 517-267-5221. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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In the matter of LaVerne Lloyd Aves: TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: and creditors (known and unknown) whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: The Settlor, LaVerne Lloyd Aves (DOB 03/19/1932) who lived at 11740 Broadbent Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 died on Sept. 08, 2024. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against LaVerne Lloyd Aves will forever be banned unless presented to Susan Pettit, Successor Trustee of The LaVerne L. Aves Living Trust Agreement, dated October 1, 2014, at 405 W. Jackson St. Bellevue, MI 49021 within four months after the date of publication, 10/16/2024. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Attorney: Benjamin L. Cwayna, #P70266, 11973 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, 517-622-1900. Petitioner: Susan Pettit, 405 W. Jackson St., Bellevue, MI 49021.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

In re: Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property

Case No. 24- 779 - CH

Hon. James S. Jamo

Timothy M. Perrone (P37940)
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(517) 372-9000

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Estate of Maude D. Stardevant, Rhonda Philips, and all other persons having an interest in the subject property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable James S. Jamo, Ingham County Circuit Judge, at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:
Lot 26, Block 10, Manufacturer’s Addition No. 2, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-22-132-201
Commonly known as 1227 Mechanics St., Lansing, MI 48912
Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for the subject property was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on September 18, 2024.

Judgment of the Court after this hearing may result in title to the property vesting in the Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority, 3024 N. Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906 – Telephone (517) 267-5221.

Any persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of the subject property are requested to contact the Land Bank.

Any rights of redemption and any ownership interest in the subject property may be extinguished by the judgment of the Court.

Any person with a property interest in the property may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing.

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Respectfully submitted,
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.

Date: September 27, 2024

/s/ Timothy M. Perrone

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CP#24-679

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

In re: Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property

Case No. 24- 779 - CH

Hon. James S. Jamo

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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Estate of Kerry Hagan, Marisa Hagan, Sandra Allan, and all other persons having an interest in the subject property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable James S. Jamo, Ingham County Circuit Judge, at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

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Lot 85 of Logancrest, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, page 14, Ingham County Records.
Parcel ID #33-01-01-29-428-041
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CP#24-680

Horrifying new film festival debuts just in time for Halloween

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

In a dimly lit theater, the last survivors of an obliterated culture search for spiritual bonds in a reality show from hell. This isn't a nightmare — it's just one of the films featured at the inaugural Pest Control Film Festival, a one-day horror movie festival running noon to 8 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 19) at the Historic Howell Theater.

While the organizers use “horror festival” as shorthand, co-founder Jack Pratt was quick to clarify the breadth of the programming.

“We’re including traditional horror, B movies, experimental oddities, grindhouse, gory films, animated movies and the

like,” said Pratt, who founded the festival with his friend and filmmaking collaborator Lee Ivy.

The day promises to be full of “bizarre, esoteric and disquieting”

cinema.

“Horror audiences are very open to thinking outside the box,” Pratt said. “We literally have a movie that’s just about balloons.”

Born from a New Year’s Eve sighting of a “decrepit, gnarly-looking pest control van” in Chicago, Pratt and Ivy, who have collaborated on short films since 2016, have had this idea in mind for the past seven years. They previously worked with the now-defunct Threadbare Mitten Film Festival and have judged for the Capital City Film Festival.

“We’ve had a lot of fun judging films, curating them, scheduling them, watching them,” Pratt said. “Eventually we thought, ‘Why don’t we just do our own festival?’”

Saturday will feature three blocks of films,

each containing three shorts and one feature-length movie. Highlights include “The Triangular Door,” a short narrated by Canadian screenwriter and director Guy

Maddin and shot on Super 8 film, and “Burnt Flowers,” a feature from the United Kingdom starring Laurence Harvey of “The Human Centipede 2” fame.

The festival is restricted to ages 18 and older, with tickets priced at \$10 for each individual block or \$20 for an all-day pass. The first block runs from noon to 2:30 p.m., the second from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and the third from 6 to 8 p.m. Synopses for all the films are available at pestcontrolfilmcollective.com/film-festival.

As the festival draws closer, the local community of filmmakers and horror enthusiasts has been reaching out to organizers to ask about networking.

“We didn’t plan for that, but absolutely. Shoot your shot,” Pratt said. He noted that the breaks between film blocks are the perfect time for attendees to meet up and network.

“We’re thrilled to bring together this community of filmmakers and movie lovers,” he said.

Pest Control Film Festival

Noon-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Historic Howell Theater
315 E. Grand River Ave., Howell
pestcontrolfilmcollective.com/film-festival



Courtesy of Jack Pratt

Pest Control Film Festival co-founder Jack Pratt outside the Historic Howell Theater.

Rodney Whitaker

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ular biologist and a specialist in RNA vaccines.

“We talked about heavy things like climate change and vaccines. They wanted to know my opinion as a non-scientist so they could communicate better with non-scientists,” he said. “And they’re listening to everything you say.”

He was surprised at how many of his fellow inductees either play or love music.

“Whatever they did, whether they were scientists or other things, they were all musicians,” he said. As he fielded dozens of questions on his background, musical education and career, he got very good at delivering a nutshell autobiography.

Most frequently, he was asked whether he ever foresaw receiving such an honor when he was young.

“The answer is no,” he said with a laugh. It’s not that young Whitaker wasn’t a lofty thinker. After his phase of wanting to be a lawyer, he joined every science club he could and imag-



Courtesy photo

Whitaker performs his composition “John Lewis” at the AAAS’ Legacy Recognition Program induction ceremony on Sept. 20. Honored at the ceremony were 40 Americans who didn’t become AAAS members during their lifetimes, most of them women or members of ethnic minorities.

ined himself a future scientist.

When he was 13, he discovered jazz, and everything fell into place.

“That was it,” he said. “I always felt

like I was walking around without my soundtrack before jazz. That was the missing thing. Music provided everything I needed. I could even be a professor.”

The AAAS is dedicated to bridging diverse disciplines, from astrophysics to visual arts, and that’s Whitaker’s sweet spot. He’s a musician first and foremost, but his worldview stretches well beyond music.

The lessons he imparts to his students encompass politics, geography, science, literature and many other disciplines.

As a kid, he would amaze fellow airline passengers by pointing out the geographical features below. He was fascinated by the “chain migration” of musicians like Louis Armstrong from New Orleans to Chicago to New York.

“It seems like I’m a bit insane, talking about all these things at once,” he said. “But I wanted to go all over the planet. In order to be successful at jazz, you have to think at a large level.”

Building the Jazz Studies program at MSU, he looked for teachers with similarly expansive minds.

“If you build a program, you have to get people who are thinking about

other things, not just about music, to inspire the students,” he said.

The same thing applies to the students.

“The students from the program who make it big think in a more macro way, a big way,” he said. “They think about what has happened before, they think about being mentors, they know about the history of Detroit.”

After 24 years as director of Jazz Studies, Whitaker’s impact, both direct and through his academic progeny, is incalculable. Former MSU students like CBS “Late Show” bassist Endea Owens, saxophonist Diego Rivera, hip-hop producer Thaddeus Dixon, trumpeter and University of Michigan Assistant Professor Kris Johnson and many other alumni are teaching, performing, running jazz studies programs and otherwise fulfilling their role as force multipliers.

“My goals are simple,” Whitaker said. “To produce 1,000 mentors, each one of whom will in turn produce 1,000, and so on,” he said. “I see that as a simple task, but now, after this, I think it’s more important than I thought it was because I’m trying to use music to change the world.”

Great Michigan Read authors coming to East Lansing next week

Seven prestigious writers, including a National Book Award winner, will gather in East Lansing next week for an author reunion of the Great Michigan Read program, which has annually picked a book for the whole state to read starting with Ernest Hemingway's "The Nick Adams Stories" in 2007.

I will moderate the Michigan Humanities event at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts' Pasant Theatre at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24. It's free but requires registration. (See box.)

The authors and their books are Bich Minh Nguyen ("Stealing Buddha's Dinner: A Memoir"); Kevin Boyle ("Arc of Justice," which won the 2004 National Book Award for non-fiction); Steve Luxenberg ("Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret"); Mary Doria Russell ("The Women of the Copper Country"); co-author Kekla Magoon ("X: A Novel"); Mona Hanna ("What the Eyes Don't See"); and Angeline Boulley ("Firekeeper's Daughter").

Great Michigan Read Author Reunion

6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 24
Wharton Center Pasant Theatre
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
Free. Registration required at whartoncenter.com/events/detail/great-michigan-read-author-reunion

Each of them brings a different orientation to their award-winning books, from a doctor, a journalist, a young adult author, a Vietnam War boat person, a history professor, an indigenous Sault Tribe member and an historical fiction writer.

Six of their books are based on real-life stories. The exception is Boulley's thriller mystery, which draws from her personal experiences of reservation living as a member of the Sault Tribe of Sault Ste. Marie.

Nguyen tells the intimate story of an immigrant family from Vietnam that escapes the ravages of war and grows up in the Grand Rapids area.

Russell, a noted sci-fi and historical fiction author, writes passionately about "Big Annie" Klobuchar Clemenc, who at 25 led the 1913 copper strike in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In another memoir, Luxenberg tells the emotional story of another immigrant family, this time in Detroit. His

account reveals a deeply held family secret of mental illness and special needs.

In an unusual departure, Magoon, who partnered with Ilyasah Shabazz, Malcom X's daughter, gives a creative nonfiction interpretation of X's life as he comes of age in Lansing, Harlem and Boston.

In her startling debut novel, Boulley creates a complex teenage protagonist who gets caught up in a murder that takes place against the backdrop of Indigenous life in the heart of Michigan's Indian country.

Two writers, Boyle and Hanna, delve into true-life tales that read like fictional thrillers.

Boyle drops back in history to mid-1920s Detroit and retells the dramatic story of Ossian Sweet, a physician who was tried with 10 other African Americans for the murder of a white man who had joined a mob protesting Sweet's crossing the color line to live in an all-white neighborhood. The story is told against the backdrop of the emergence of the Ku Klux Klan, the Great Migration and a family's desire to join the American dream of home ownership. Boyle's deft skills are at work here, and the outcome of the trial is never a given as it comes to a dramatic denouement led by defense lawyer Clarence Darrow.

Hanna's contemporary memoir is a day-by-day retelling of the Flint Water Crisis and the lead poisoning of the children of Flint in 2019. Hannah, a young pediatrician, became a crusader in bringing the nation's attention to this horrific contemporary disaster, all the while standing up to the medical political establishment.

The next Great Michigan Read book will be announced at the program's end. Michigan Humanities is a



Courtesy photo

Seven prestigious writers will gather in East Lansing next week for an author reunion of the Great Michigan Read program. The event will be moderated by Bill Castanier.

statewide organization headquartered in Okemos that is partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

"I have been impressed how timeless these books are and how people relate to the books on a personal level," Jennifer Rupp, Michigan Humanities' president and CEO, said. "Since the launch of Great Michigan Read, more than 300,000 people have read or listened to the books on audio."

For each book, Michigan Humanities prepares a reader's guide to help lead to "deeper conversations," Rupp said.

Regional committees propose and review books leading to the selection. The books then become the focal point for book club discussion groups, with author appearances across the state.

"It's been amazing to see standing room only at author events," Rupp said.

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'My students are my art'

Artists near and far honor the late Jim Ferguson

By CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS

When Owosso's Shiawassee Arts Center invited Lansing artist Michelle Detering to show her work this year, she immediately thought of her teacher and friend Jim Ferguson. Ferguson, who died in 2023 at age 74, was a long-time instructor at Lansing Community College who taught and mentored dozens of budding artists, many of whom have become professionals.

"After Jim died, I was having lunch with another artist, and we were talking about how he always encouraged us," Detering said. "He was magic in that way. He inspired so many people not only to make art but to make a living at it. I thought it would be nice to do a tribute to him."

Jennifer Ross, the Shiawassee Arts Center's exhibits director, was delighted to hear of Detering's plan.

"Our focus is to celebrate artists and get people to start collecting original art," Ross said. "Art is important because it changes how people feel about where they live and how they live."

The resulting show, "Watercolor Blooms: A Tribute to Jim Ferguson," is on view at the Shiawassee Arts Center through Oct. 27. It brings together 13 artists from Lansing and as far away as Albuquerque, New Mexico. The artwork includes original paintings by Ferguson, a student's portrait of Ferguson for a class and numerous natural landscapes, people and animals, including cats, birds and zebras.

Ross said many visitors to the Owosso exhibition haven't heard of Ferguson.

"Outside the Lansing area, he's not as well known, so people have enjoyed reading about him and learning about his work," she said. "The show is providing something new to appreciate."

Travis Bruce Black studied with Ferguson between 2001 and 2004. He was 24 when he took his first watercolor class. Older than the other students, struggling with his direction in life and in need of a job, he said the LCC experience helped to turn him from "an un-



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A self-portrait by the late Jim Ferguson, on display in his tribute exhibition at the Shiawassee Arts Center.

educated person" into someone with real self-esteem and confidence.

"Jim really believed in his students," Black said. "He appreciated that education wasn't just telling you what to do, it was opening your eyes so you could see."

Ferguson's instruction included lessons about the professional side of being an artist, but his personality drew students in and created a genuine community for them. He was known for his quirky and opinionated nature, Black recalled.

"After an achievement, he would say, 'Hey, I'm really proud of you. But you're still shit,'" Black said. "That's the kind of guy he was. He was trying to teach me to keep going, no big deal."

According to Detering, Ferguson's teaching style was as vibrant as his personality. He would start classes with an art history lesson, sharing his vast knowledge of watercolor techniques and traditions. His playful nature came through in his teasing references to oil painting as "the art that will not be named."

"He only wore white, he didn't like music other than opera. You might say that he was quirky, but he went above and beyond for us," Detering said. She studied under Ferguson for about 15 years. As reported by City Pulse in 2016, she left her full-time job at age 42 to pursue a career as an artist.

She described Ferguson's emphasis on exhibiting work as a matter of building confidence.

"It's for you," she explained. "When you see your work framed and matted, beautifully hanging on a wall, it gives you motivation and encouragement to continue. And, of course, you want to sell your work. I know that I'm making a lot of art, and I want to sell it so that I can make some more."

Ferguson's students were required to exhibit in a show. They had to contact a space like a coffee shop, hang the show professionally and label their work. He also taught students how to reach out to the press to promote their shows.

"He instilled in me the notion that talent is nice," Black said, "but without work, you got nothing. He wouldn't say it in those terms, but I think he would emphasize that you can actually work your way to mastery."

Black relocated from Michigan to



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"Maasai Mara Couple (Zeebs)," by Travis Bruce Black.

New Mexico about 20 years ago, with encouragement from Ferguson. Today, he's a successful artist based in Albuquerque.

For him, Ferguson's influence was transformative.

"I wouldn't be the person I am without him. He was an amazing painter, but he would always say, 'My students are my art.'"

Ferguson's students remember him frequently drawing parallels between art and cooking, saying, "If you can't cook, you can't do art." He believed both disciplines shared similar qualities of experimentation, presence and combining different elements. As an accomplished cook himself, Ferguson saw the creative process in the kitchen as an extension of his artistic practice. According to his students, he loved to host parties. He was also active in the LGBTQ+ community and the Dhammasala Forest Monastery in Perry.

The reach of Ferguson's influence is hard to overstate, Black reflected.

"This was love to him. All these people have been influenced by him. I could add 20, 30, 40 names. So many people were affected by him. It's astounding really, exponential. What would we do without people like him? Lucky us."

"Watercolor Blooms: A Tribute to Jim Ferguson"

Through Oct. 27
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
Noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
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Michigan's 'Croptober': Boom harvest meets remediation controversy

By CHRIS SILVA

Across rural Michigan this month, cannabis growers of all sizes — from large-scale corporate operations to small, independent cultivators — are preparing to harvest their outdoor crops. This annual harvest season, often referred to as “Croptober” by industry insiders, will see a surge of fresh cannabis enter the state’s legal market.

Many speculate this year’s harvest will be another strong one for the legal industry, with savvy cultivators reporting success thanks to dialed-in growing processes and hearty genetics suited to Michigan’s challenging outdoor climate. However, a controversial process known as remediation plays a significant role in ensuring a successful harvest for many cultivators, both outdoor and indoor.

Cannabis remediation encompasses a variety of methods used by growers to ensure their product passes state-man-



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This year’s outdoor cannabis harvest will push thousands of pounds of flower into an already saturated market. Much of this flower will undergo remediation, a controversial process used to kill contaminants like mold and pests.

dated testing requirements for contaminants like mold and pests. Since successful cannabis cultivation hinges on precise environmental control, outdoor cultivation presents inherent challenges. To address these challenges, many operators utilize methods like ozone treatment, heat treatment or irradiation to salvage flower that fails initial testing.

Remediation can also be done preemptively if a grower suspects a crop might fail or even routinely on all crops.

As the legal cannabis industry has grown, so has the use of remediation technology. Cultivators have significant financial investments on the line with each harvest, and a failed crop is simply not an option for most. Additionally, there are no regulations requiring cannabis operators to disclose whether their products have undergone remediation.

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency has proposed amending the state’s cannabis industry regulations to address this transparency issue. These proposals are under review by legal and legislative liaisons.

Patient and consumer advocates have been vocal in urging the CRA to address remediation transparency, arguing that consumers have the right to know if their cannabis products have undergone remediation. Critics argue that remediation only kills live contaminants, leaving behind dead mold or pests that could be harmful to consumers, particularly those with compromised immune systems. It




also may not kill all the contaminants, causing them to eventually reappear. Purists highlight the potential for methods like irradiation and ozone treatment to diminish a flower’s terpene profile, impacting its aroma and flavor. While some call for an outright ban on the practice, most acknowledge this is unlikely due to consumer demand for affordable flower and producers’ need to mitigate financial risks.

Not all companies utilize remediation. A movement in the craft cannabis industry is promoting marketing and outreach strategies that highlight the absence of remediation in products. Businesses like MJ Verdant, based in Muskegon, have launched consumer education campaigns to inform customers about the practice and their commitment to avoiding it. Certified Remediation Free, the first business of its kind, conducts independent verification and certification for companies that refrain from using remediation. This allows certified cultivators to market their products as “remediation-free,” providing consumers with an additional layer of transparency.

Many Michigan cannabis operators see a potential benefit in mandatory remediation transparency labeling. While price will likely remain a key consideration for consumers, a label indicating a product is remediation-free could offer a valuable distinction in the crowded market. Regardless of future regulations, consumers should inquire about retailers’ and brands’ stances on remediation when making purchases. Ultimately, informed consumer choices can drive real change within the industry.

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7. “Drugs are bad, _____?” (“South Park” line)

11. Sea-_____ Airport

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15. “Arrested Development” star Michael

16. Unexpected

17. The most fortunate member of the Scooby Gang?

19. Rank under cpl.

20. Last part of “Aida,” e.g.

21. Broadway star McDonald

23. _____ apso (small terrier)

26. Footwear with spikes

29. Meal component?

30. Half a Robert Louis Stevenson title character?

32. “I’ll just pop out for _____ bit ...”

33. What a flag made up of green, white, grey, and black stripes represents

34. Battery terminal, for short

35. Old sitcom’s new chance?

37. Bite-sized Chinese dishes

39. _____-Lytton Fiction Contest

42. Map section

44. Birthplace of Albert Einstein

45. “Much _____ About Nothing”

46. “Free Willy” creature

48. Instructions before

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50. Comedian _____ Lina

51. Completely reliable

53. John on the Mayflower

55. Bit of a giggle

56. Traffic sign verb

58. Prefix meaning “upon”

59. Vegan block for Laura Ingalls Wilder?

65. Hairstyling stuff

66. Shredded

67. Stewed fruits

68. NPR’s Shapiro

69. Booty

70. Quaking trees

DOWN

1. “Do the Right Thing” pizzeria owner

2. Fort Collins sch.

3. “Doctor Odyssey” network

4. Haas of “Inception”

5. University that doesn’t allow alcohol

6. Pt. of DOS

7. James of “X-Men” movies

8. Ale container

9. Braz. neighbor

10. “Get Yer _____ Out” (Rolling Stones album)

11. Direction to put in laundry, in some machines?

12. Like most paid streaming accounts

13. Music holder in a tower, once

18. Stock market peaks

22. Rental truck brand

23. Mutual fund charge

24. Comedian

25. Super-spicy pepper?

27. CEO, for instance

28. Lacking force

31. Joker portrayed Cesar

36. Scrapyard scourers

38. Chinese zodiac animal

40. Nurse Jackie portrayed Falco

41. “Hot To Go” singer Chappell

43. No. on a business card

44. Bovine milk source

46. “High School Musical” director Kenny

47. Ebert’s partner after Siskel

49. Trying (for)

52. Back-to-school mos.

54. Slacken

57. Daytime TV host Kelly

60. Sudoku section

61. Old Notre Dame coach Parseghian

62. Number _____ Observatory Circle (current residence of Kamala Harris)

63. Boggy land

64. Letters on some battleships

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezshny

Oct. 16-22, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): As a young adult, I lived in a shack in the North Carolina woods. I was too indigent to buy a car or bicycle, so I walked everywhere I needed to go. Out of necessity, I discovered the practical power of psychic protection. I envisioned myself being surrounded by an impenetrable violet forcefield and accompanied by the guardian spirits of a panther, wolf and bear. This playful mystical practice kept me safe. Though I was regularly approached by growling dogs and drunk thugs in pickup trucks, I was never attacked. Now would be an excellent time for you to do what I did: put strong psychic protection in place. You're not in physical danger, but now is a good time to start shielding yourself better against people's manipulative gambits, bad moods, emotional immaturity and careless violations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): “Dear Rob: I once heard you say that the best method for solving any dilemma is to sit silently, calm my mind and listen for the ‘still, small voice of the teacher within me.’ I have tried your advice, but I have never detected this voice. What am I doing wrong?” — Deprived Taurus.” Dear Taurus: Here's how to become available for guidance from the still, small voice of your inner teacher. 1. Go someplace quiet, either in nature or a beloved sanctuary. 2. Shed all your ideas and theories about the nature of your dilemma. 3. Tenderly ask your mind to be empty and serene as you await an intuition. 4. Feel sweet gratitude for each breath as you inhale and exhale. 5. Visualize your inner teacher smiling. 6. Make yourself expectant to receive an insightful blessing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In the parlance of people who love to trek in natural places, a “cobknocker” is a hiker who precedes you and knocks down the spiderwebs crossing the trail. I would love for you to procure a similar service for all your adventures in the coming weeks, not just hiking. See if you can coax or hire helpers to clear a path for you in everything you do. I want you to be able to concentrate on the essentials and not get bogged down or distracted by trivial obstructions. You need spaciousness and ease.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When you are at your Cancerian best, you nurture others but don't smother them with excessive care. You give your gifts without undermining your own interests. You are deeply receptive and sensitive without opening yourself to being abused or wounded. In my astrological estimation, you are currently expressing these qualities with maximum grace and precision. Congratulations on your ever-ripening emotional intelligence! I trust you will be rewarded with grateful favors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Here's the deal that life is offering: You temporarily suspend your drive to possess crystalline certainty, and you agree to love and thrive on ambiguity and paradox. In return, you will be given help in identifying unconscious and hidden factors at work in your destiny. You will be empowered to make confident decisions without needing them to be perfect. And you will learn more about the wise art of feeling appreciative reverence for great mysteries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I once had a Virgo girlfriend. She was talented, hardworking, meticulous, organized, health conscious and resourceful. She also hated it if I neglected to put the jar of honey back in the cupboard immediately after using it. She would get upset if I neglected to remove my shoes as soon as I entered the house. Her fussy perfectionism wasn't the reason we ultimately broke up, but it did take a toll on me. I bring this to your attention because I hope you will mostly keep fussy perfectionism to yourself in the coming weeks. It's fine if you want to indulge it while alone and doing your own work, but don't demand that others be equally fastidious. Providing this leeway now will serve you well in the long run. You can earn slack and generate goodwill that comes in handy when you least expect it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your bulboid corpuscles are specialized nerve cells in your skin that can experience intense tactile pleasure — more so than any other nerve cells. They are located in your lips, tongue and genitals. According to my analysis of your astrological potentials, these ultrasensitive receptors will be turned on extra high in the coming weeks. So will their metaphysical and metaphorical equivalents. That's why I predict you will gather in more bliss than you have in a long time. Please give yourself permission to exceed your usual quota.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Once upon a time, you were more hazardous to yourself than you are now. I'm pleased about the progress you have made to treat yourself with greater care and compassion. It hasn't been easy. You had to learn mysterious secrets about dealing with your inner troublemaker. You had to figure out how to channel its efforts into generating benevolent and healing trouble. There's still more work to be done, though. Your inner troublemaker isn't completely redeemed and reformed. But you now have a chance to bring it more fully into its destined role as your ally and helper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I predict that your past will soon transform. You may discover new details about old events. Stories you have told about your history will acquire new meanings. You will be wise to reinterpret certain plot twists you thought you had figured out long ago. There may not be anything as radical as uncovering wild secrets about your true origins — although I wouldn't discount that possibility. So, expect a surprise or two, Sagittarius. But I suspect you will ultimately be pleased to revise your theories about how you came to be the resilient soul you are now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Of all the astrological signs, Capricorns are least likely to consult horoscopes. There are many skeptical people among your tribe who say, “Astrology is irrational and illogical. It can't be precise and accurate, so it's not even real.” My personal research suggests, however, that a surprising percentage of Capricorns pretend not to be drawn to astrology even though they actually are. They may even hide their interest from others. How do I feel about all this? It doesn't affect me as I compose your oracles. I love you as much as the other signs, and I always give you my best effort. Now I suggest that in the coming weeks, you do what I do: Give your utmost in every situation, even if some people are resistant to or doubtful of your contributions. Be confident as you offer your excellence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are ready to graduate to a higher octave of maturity and wisdom about everything related to love, romance and sex. It will be instructive to meditate on your previous experiences. So, I invite you to ruminate on the following questions. 1. What important lessons have you learned about the kind of togetherness you want? 2. What important lessons have you learned about the kind of togetherness you don't want? 3. What important lessons have you learned about how to keep yourself emotionally healthy while in an intimate relationship?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Are you longing to feel safe, cozy and unperturbable? Are you fantasizing about how perfect life would be if you could seal yourself inside your comfort zone and avoid novelty and change for a while? I hope not, Pisces! By my astrological reckoning, you are due for a phase of experimentation and expansion. You will thrive on the challenges of big riddles and intriguing teases. Please take full advantage of this fun opportunity to hone your intuition and move way beyond random guesswork. For extra credit: Prove the theory that it's very possible to cultivate and attract good luck.

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, Oct. 16

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 Harvest Festival - We'll have our annual pumpkin giveaway, live music, activities, delicious dinner options and more! 3-7 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/market.

Ann Bell (No Cover) - An evening of live music with pianist and vocalist Ann Bell. 8:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Beginning Ballet for Adults - 6:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. dancesingact.com.

Beginning Tap Dance for Teens & Adults - 7:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. dancesingact.com.

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.

"Bugs, Blossoms & Trees" - Watercolor display by East Lansing artist Sarah Eubanks. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/353/Public-Art-Gallery.

Chilling Tales and Haunted Trails - An evening of scary stories with storyteller Jeff Doyle. Participants are also invited to explore a spooky StoryWalk designed for an older audience. Registration req. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 405 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. dewittlibrary.org.

Code Club - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Coming Home Ritual - As we approach Samhain and our annual reunion with those who have gone before, we'll create spirit guardians to help protect us and remind us of what a safe and comforting home is. 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

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

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

Fire Academy Program Showcase - Learn about LCC's Fire Academy and fire science programs. Explore the training facilities, speak with faculty and learn how to enter fire science careers. 6-8 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone

Drive, Lansing. lcc.edu/fireshowcase.

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

The Good Neighbor Concert Series - Performances by Michigan singer-songwriters Tamiko Rothhorn and Sari Brown. Doors 6:30 p.m., show 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/TheGoodNeighborConcertSeries.

Halloween Night Lights Walk - Join us for a neighborhood stroll to see the amazing Halloween decorations and lighted displays! We'll return to the library for cider, donuts and a Halloween story. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Post Office, 118 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.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.

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

Latinx Heritage Month Comedy Showcase - Performances by Julianna Loera-Wiggins, Esteban Touma, Deanna Ortiz, Angelica Julia Davila, Christina Gutierrez and Janice Rodriguez. Doors 7 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

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

"MichMash" Live Podcast Recording - Cheyna Roth, Zach Gorchow and Alethia Kasben interview lawmakers and politicians, unpacking the statewide issues that affect you. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

MSU Concert Band and Campus Band - Program includes "Revelry," by William Pitts; "Heart on Fire," by Viet Cuong; "Two Songs Without Words," by Gustav Holst; and "Fairest of the Renaissance Faire," by Erika Svanoe. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

GTG Fest

8 p.m.-midnight
Friday, Oct.
18-Saturday,
Oct. 19
The Avenue
2021 E. Michigan
Ave., Lansing

Lansing-based DIY record label GTG Records will host its 17th annual GTG Fest, a celebration of independent, local music, 8 p.m. to midnight Friday (Oct. 18) and Saturday (Oct. 19) at the Avenue.

Friday evening will kick off with a performance by LoLo and Friends, a collective that fuses R&B, soul, pop and rock. They'll be followed by Detroit-based solo artist Willy Fotang; Leisure, a self-described "soft-punk" trio from Lansing; Hardgrade, a Lansing-based indie-folk-rock trio; Brother Wolf, a post-punk band from Grand Rapids; and No Skull, a trio that labels itself as "psychedelic stoner sludge and cosmic doom country." Local "progressive pop" quartet Narc Out the Reds will close out Friday's lineup.

Saturday's concert will be "punks vs. pokes" themed, juxtaposing local country and punk-adjacent groups. Punk band the Plurals will open, followed by country band Flatfoot, pop-punk band Nunya, country-rock duo Deer & Elk and emo band Small Parks. The final act is the Wild Honey Collective, a six-member Americana and psychedelic-rock group.

Both shows are restricted to ages 21 and older and include a \$5 cover charge. For more information about the festival and the featured artists, visit gtgrecords.net.



"Off the Grid" - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Framer's Edge to view her artwork! 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october.

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.

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.

Walk-in Wednesday - Make a work of art, then take it home! This week's theme is torn-paper landscapes. All ages welcome. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Aaron Jonah Lewis's Ragtime Banjo Revival - Expect virtuoso musicianship, thoughtfully chosen songs and stories, and a wonderful night of ragtime tunes with friends! 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.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.

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

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

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

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

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

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

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.

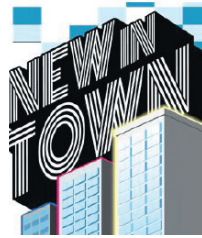
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Tatse relocates to East Lansing, rebrands as Handie African

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Taiwo Adeleye, 39, moved from Nigeria to New York City in 2015 to study dance therapy and human movement. Two years later, he relocated to Greater Lansing, where he found a new passion in cooking.



Handie African

515 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
10 a.m.-11 p.m. daily
(517) 599-8013
handieafrican.com

Growing up, he said he learned the basics of cooking traditional Nigerian dishes from his grandmothers. However, it wasn't until later in life that he began preparing his own variations, following a stint as a prep cook at Lucky's Steakhouse in Okemos.

Greater Lansing struck a contrast with New York City, where there was a relative abundance of African and Nigerian restaurants. In Michigan, Adeleye saw an opportunity to bring something unique to the table. He began cooking traditional



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Taiwo Adeleye prepares to serve traditional Nigerian food to customers in his new downtown East Lansing restaurant, Handie African.

African-style meals for friends and family during the pandemic. From there, he said, "I started using the Allen Neighborhood Center's kitchen to cook and took the food to area farmers markets."

It didn't take long for that side hustle to become a legitimate brick-and-

mortar business. In 2021, he opened Tatse & Alobosa Bar in downtown Lansing. Come mid-July of this year, he decided to close Tatse in favor of moving to a 1,900-square-foot space in East Lansing with greater foot traffic.

The new restaurant, rebranded as Handie African, opened Sept. 13, though Adeleye is planning an official grand opening with an expanded menu on Oct. 24. The new space can seat up to 50, including about 20 in a patio area.

"My lease was running out, and I thought about getting my food to a bigger market," he said of his decision to tap into the Michigan State University population.

Handie's menu is packed with traditional Nigerian staples like egusi, a mix of locust beans, red onion, melon seeds, crayfish powder and other seasonings; fufu balls, which are made from cassava, a starchy root vegetable similar to a sweet potato or yam; and proteins like goat meat, oxtail and suya, a smoked and spiced sirloin steak. It also offers protein bowls, which are served with jollof or fried rice, plantains and veggies or beans.

Americanized versions of these

dishes, including the suya burger and a sweet pulled-chicken wrap with veggies and plantains, will be available after the grand opening. Adeleye hopes these options will help bridge the gap for Americans unfamiliar with Nigerian cooking.

"If I wanted to introduce something that's new to people, I knew I needed to find a way to use what they already have. So, I looked for ways to infuse American food into my dishes," he said.

"In the beginning, it was a little challenging to sell Nigerian food. I think it's a little easier now," he added. "When I called it African food, it was a harder sell. But when I say Nigerian food — maybe because more people know Nigeria — people are often more open to wanting to try it. Especially when they see it's mostly things they're already familiar with, like rice, beans and vegetables."

He hopes the revamped restaurant will add to an already diverse food landscape in the area.

"People have been very, very receptive to the food because right now, in East Lansing and even in Lansing, we're the only ones selling it," he said.

Events

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Charlotte Community Library Board Meeting -

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

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

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

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

Downtown Business Huddle - Meet with other downtown business owners and workers to network and learn about new projects and developments. 8 a.m. Lansing Chamber of Commerce, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Lansing. facebook.com/downtownlansing.

Friendship Force Greater Lansing - Potluck and program. Friendship Force connects people from different areas and cultures and promotes global understanding. 6 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 5509 S. Pennsylvania

Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/friendship-forcelansing.

"Impressions on Paper and in Clay" Opening Reception -

Meet artists Laura and Doug DeLind and view their exhibition, which will continue through Dec. 5. 5-7 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. thepeopleschurch.com.

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

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

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

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

MSU Women's Soccer vs. University of Wisconsin - 7 p.m. DeMartin Stadium, 223 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-soccer.

My Inquiry into Ability, Disability, Love and Physics: The Story of Morton and Bernice Gordon - Presentation by author Janet Gordon. 5:30 p.m. Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, 640 S.

Shaw Lane, East Lansing. frib.msu.edu.

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.

"Off the Grid" - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Framers Edge to view her gorgeous artwork! 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october.

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. laps.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.

Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal - We're an inclusive community of women who sing a cappella in the barbershop style. We welcome all levels of musical experience. 6:45 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, 4851 Holt Road, Holt. spiritofmichiganchorus.com.

"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.

Trio Fibonacci - Montreal-based Trio Fibonacci presents Max Richter's "The Seasons Recomposed" and Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires." 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Friday, Oct. 18

'90s Dance Party - Help us celebrate the 30-year anniversary of our move to this building! Enjoy refreshments while dancing to throwback music. Intended for adults. 6-8 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Broomstick Bash - Enjoy dancing, a silent auction, a costume contest, a dessert bar, photo ops, tarot readings and more! Proceeds benefit the Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund. 7-10 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. facebook.com/icasfund.

"Bugs, Blossoms & Trees" - Watercolor display by East Lansing artist Sarah Eubanks. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/353/Public-Art-Gallery.

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Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show - Featuring wall-to-wall vendors, demonstrations, displays, children’s activities, a silent auction, door prizes and more. 1-7 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

The Coffeehouse at All Saints - Monthly showcase of Michigan-based musical and spoken-word talent. Bring your own snacks/drinks. Free. 7:30 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/TheCoffeehouseAtAllSaints.

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

The Devil You Don’t at the Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

Djangophonique - With respect for tradition and fearless creativity that bends the conventions of the style, Djangophonique is keeping the jazz manouche revival alive and well. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urban-beatevents.com.

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

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

Go Green! Go Art! - Screenprint a poster and customize a button outside the museum, just before the MSU homecoming parade kicks off. 4-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

GTG Fest - Doors 8 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gtgrecords.net.

Howl-o-ween in Old Town - Dog trick-or-treating event beginning at Preuss Pets and continuing throughout Old Town. A panel of local “celebrities” will award prizes for the top three pet costumes of the evening. 4-7 p.m. 1127 N. Cedar St., Lansing. facebook.com/PreussPets.

Iron Bloom Smelt - Learn to make iron “blooms” as the ancients did, using local iron ore, charcoal and clay. Noon-2 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfire-michigan.com.

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge - Teams of up to 5 people will put together as much of a 500-piece puzzle as possible within 75 minutes. The team with the most puzzle completed wins. 6:30 p.m. Delta 39’ers Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. facebook.com/delta-township.

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.

Josiah and the Bonnevilles - Musical project led by singer-songwriter and “American Idol” alum Josiah Leming that combines folk, Americana and country. Opener Greg Austill. Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. grewalhall.com.

“The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” - When Percy Jackson discovers he’s a demigod, he embarks on an epic journey to find Zeus’ missing lightning bolt and prevent a war among the gods. 7 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

May Erlewine - This folk musician’s annual solo show at the Ten Pound Fiddle is more of a fall homecoming where she shares new songs and stories with her many friends and fans. 7:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

MSU Women’s Volleyball vs. University of Nebraska - 6 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

“Off the Grid” - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Framers’ Edge to view her gorgeous artwork! 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october.

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.

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

Serita’s Black Rose - Hailing from Grand Rapids, this band brings out the very best in funk, rock, blues and soul. 5 p.m. Horrocks Farm Market, 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/HorrocksFarmMarket.

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

“Turn, Turn, Turn” - 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/IxionEnsemble.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Apple Butter Festival - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

Boo at the Zoo - Enjoy fall-themed activities like a straw maze, treat stations and a pumpkin scavenger hunt, plus ticketed activities like inflatables, a hayride and a blacklight room. Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

“Bugs, Blossoms & Trees” - Watercolor display by East Lansing artist Sarah Eubanks. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/353/Public-Art-Gallery.

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

Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show - Featuring wall-to-wall vendors, demonstrations, displays, children’s activities, a silent auction, door prizes and more. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

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

Apple Butter Festival

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 20
Fenner Nature Center
2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing

Fenner Nature Center will commemorate half a century of family fun at its 50th Apple Butter Festival, running 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 19) and Sunday (Oct. 20). Attendees can learn about the history of apple butter production through demonstrations, crafts and an opportunity to stir their own apple butter. Other attractions include pumpkin painting, cookie cutting with a crosscut saw, a special “50 Years of Fenner” exhibit, donuts and cider, live music, local vendors, food trucks and more. Jars of apple butter will be available for purchase at the visitor center.

“This is the perfect time of year to see what Fenner Nature Center has to offer. Apple butter is just one of the fun fall treats to try. What a great chance to view the vibrant fall foliage, enjoy live entertainment and learn about the amazing changes that fall brings,” executive director Gabriel Biber said.

Admission to the festival is free, with a \$5 suggested donation for parking. Proceeds benefit the Fenner Conservancy, the nonprofit that manages the nature center in partnership with the city of Lansing. For more information, visit mynaturecenter.org or call (517) 483-4224.



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.

Haunted 5K Run/Walk - Adorn your most frightening costume and embark on a 5K run/walk around Charlotte. Meet at As the Wood Turns (114 E. Lovett St., Charlotte) at 6 p.m. for check-in. Race starts at 6:30 p.m. shadowseason.org.

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.

Infinity & Beyond (Journey Tribute) - Experience the spirit and magic of Journey’s music with Infinity & Beyond! 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. charlotteperformingartscenter.com.

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

Jenn’s Apartment 10th Anniversary Show - Featuring performances by guest of honor Jenn’s Apartment, plus Nick & the Big Sneeze, Ritual Suns, the Lithiums, Tequila Mockingbird and. 7 p.m. Sir Pizza, 201 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/jennsapartment.

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Kurt Fehrenbach Power Hammer Demo - Using an air hammer and traditional flat dies, Kurt will walk us through the techniques used in power forging. 9 a.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

“The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” - When Percy Jackson discovers he’s a demigod, he embarks on an epic journey to find Zeus’ missing lightning bolt and prevent a war among the gods. 7 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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.

MSU Football vs. University of Iowa - 7:30 p.m. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/football.

Night of Villainy Pub Crawl - Travel through Charlotte’s social district as you sink your muzle, fangs or suckers into ice-cold cider, arctic ale or the monsters calling your true name. Ages 16+. 7 p.m.-midnight. shadowseason.org.

“Off the Grid” - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Framers’ Edge to view her artwork! 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october.

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

Punks vs. Pokes - Doors 8 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gtgrecords.net.

Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR w/ AED Training - Students receive a course completion card. Ages 12+. Registration req. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

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

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

Tease A Gogo Presents: Tricks & Treats, a Halloween Burlesque Extravaganza - Dress to impress — we’ll have a costume contest for a cash prize. Ages 18+. Doors 8 p.m., show 9 p.m. The Studio at 414, 410 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. teaseagogo.com.

'Turn, Turn, Turn' needs work, work, work

By **MARK GMAZEL**

Unfortunately for Ixion Ensemble Theatre, its production of "Turn, Turn, Turn," a collection of monologues, is an undercooked, under-rehearsed and nearly pointless rehashing of an un compelling, previously staged original work.

There's no discernable unifying theme or meaning between the monologues, which also lack dramatic structure and tension. The monologues have no beginning, middle and end but are rather a bunch of very downbeat, stream-of-consciousness ramblings. The time, place and location of the action often remain unestablished and are confused by a very lazy set design. Lights have three settings — on, off and preshow — and the sound design is unremarkable. Two video screens I've seen used in prior Ixion productions to good effect remain ignored.

The actors could clearly be much

more familiar with their material. Several performers forgot lines and truncated their scenes. I don't attribute this to the director, who can only schedule rehearsals, hope actors attend them and expect actors to work on memorization on their own time. Alas, most community theater actors rely on the rehearsal process to teach them their lines. When they have the problems I witnessed, they tend to blame the process for leaving them unprepared. No matter how truncated and shambolic the rehearsal process is, it's the actors' prerogative to do their own work and not rely on rehearsal to get them ready.

And where's the artistic director? I would like to ask him several pointed questions, but I haven't seen him at the opening of any of his shows in the last couple of years. Ixion has gotten away with this hands-off approach in the past, mounting several significant, successful productions, but this time it was I who was chained

to an eternally turning wheel of pain. The seconds seemed like hours as I tortured myself trying to decide how to write this review.

I will say this: The role of the artistic director is to oversee scheduling, make sure the process is on track, the material is on par, the actors are prepared, the show is ready to present to a paying audience and, above all, protect the reputation of the theater by attending the show when there are only 14 people in the audience, several likely the playwrights. The choice to produce this show again is questionable at best and appears to be a move of convenience and cost savings rather than one of artistic integrity and commitment to new works.

The good news is several authors



Courtesy Ixion Ensemble Theatre

The cast of "Turn, Turn, Turn," a collection of monologues written by members of Ixion Ensemble Theatre's COVID-era Wheel Writers Group.

wrote 10-minute monologues, and several actors got to learn a lesson about preparedness. I hope the authors keep writing and the actors keep learning. Since Ixion's next production is a remounting of a show it staged a couple of years ago, I hope to see a better production, but I'll admit I'm not that excited to see it reappear again so soon.

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

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

True Crime - Bring your beverage to the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse, where expert storytellers will draw you into assorted tales of malice, mayhem and murder. Ages 16+. 2 p.m. 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. shadowseason.org.

"Turn, Turn, Turn" - 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/IxionEnsemble.

Wes Maharas - Singer-songwriter who mixes themes of peace and passion with a unique blend of hip-hop, soul, folk-rock, and reggae. 3-7 p.m. BAD Brewing Co., 440 S. Jefferson St., Mason. badbrewing.com.

Wine in the Woods - Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy a guided walk through the woods. After the walk, "unwine" by the campfire with gourmet smores. Ages 21+. Registration req. 7 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Witches on the Town - We'll have food trucks and vendors around town and adult "trick-or-treating" at local businesses. There will be a costume contest, so dress in your best. Noon-6 p.m. Downtown Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

Sunday, Oct. 20

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.

Apple Butter Festival - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

Artfire Michigan Monthly Gathering - Join us for our monthly open house, forged-and-flaunt show and tell, and a workshop on hot-chasing steel skulls to create a lasting memento mori. 2-6 p.m. 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

Boo at the Zoo - Enjoy fall-themed activities like a straw maze, treat stations and a pumpkin scavenger hunt, plus ticketed activities like inflatables, a hayride and a blacklight room. Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Capital Area Modelers Society Open House - We'll have stations displaying a variety of modeling techniques and stages, including some hands-on guidance. 1-4 p.m. AFK Games, 2495 N. Cedar St., Holt. capitalareamodelerssociety.wordpress.com.

Cat Yoga & Snuggle Session - Join us for a purrfect session of cat yoga and snuggles, guaranteed to make your heart melt! 4 p.m. 621 S. Grand Ave., Fowlerville. eventbrite.com/o/the-cat-connection-65515147103.

Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show - Featuring wall-to-wall vendors, demonstrations, displays, children's activities, a silent auction, door prizes and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

Curator Tour: "Eye Witness" - Join assistant curator Rachel Winter for an exclusive

walkthrough of Samia Halaby's first American museum retrospective. 1 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Darrel Markewitz Lecture - An expert on the Viking Age and a founding member of the North American "early iron" movement, Darrel was paramount in resurrecting the forgotten craft of bloom smelting. 10 a.m.-noon. 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.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.

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

FREE Gentle Nidra Yoga Class - Designed for all levels to ease you into deep relaxation and stillness. Noon. Firefly Hot Yoga Barre, 118 S. Washington Square, Lansing. fireflyhotyogabarrefitness.com.

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/macsbars.

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.

"How to Speak Unity," SALT Presentation by Donnette Pinkerton - 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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

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LSO Family Series - Join us for an engaging and educational journey into the world of the violin, led by the talented Allyson Cohen! This interactive musical adventure is designed for all ages. 1 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

MSU Women's Volleyball vs. University of Washington - 1 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball.

Mitten Misfits, Goblins and Goats - Come out to Mitten Misfits Farm Sanctuary for hayrides, visits with the animals, trick or treating, yard games, fresh donuts, face painting and costume contests. 2-6 p.m. 8650 W. Mount Hope Hwy., Grand Ledge. facebook.com/mittenmisfitsfarm.

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Polka & Zupa - Enjoy a hearty soup dinner and dancing on the hall's wooden dance floor. \$15 admission includes 12 ounces of soup, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. 2-5 p.m. Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-374-0419.

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Pumpkins & Pints - Head to Bobcat Bonnie's for a fun-filled evening of pumpkin carving! Stencils and carving tools will be provided, along with delicious donut cider from Blake's Hard Cider. 5-7 p.m. 637 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing.

Pumpkin Flower Arrangement - Create your very own flower arrangement inside of a pumpkin! Registration req. 2 p.m. Van Atta's Greenhouse, 9008 Old M-78, Bath. vanattas.com/news-events.

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

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

Monday, Oct. 21

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.

Almost Midnight Madness (For Kids) - Little goblins and ghouls are invited to wander the streets of downtown Charlotte for trick-or-treating. Enjoy an apple cider refresher at Courthouse Square for FREE! 5-7 p.m. 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. shadowseason.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/summerlandsbrewing.

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.

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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.

"The Four Agreements" Zoom Book Study, with Kathi Frederick - 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.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.

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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Broomstick Bash

7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Ingham County Fairgrounds
banquet hall
700 E. Ash St., Mason

The Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund, the nonprofit fund-raising arm of Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter, will host its first Halloween party since the pandemic 7 to 10 p.m. Friday (Oct. 18) at the Ingham County Fairgrounds banquet hall. The theme is "Broomstick Bash," so be sure to don your most witchy apparel.

Festivities will include dancing, a silent auction, a costume contest, a dessert bar, tarot readings, caricature drawings, ghost hunting and more. Tickets are \$40 and include two beverages. They can be purchased at secure.qgiv.com/for/icasf/event/broomstickbash2024. The event is restricted to ages 18 and older. For more information, email icasfund@gmail.com or call (517) 574-9902.



October in the Okemos Library's Community Room. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-347-2021. joellfellsart.blogspot.com.

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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.

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In memory of Rodica's Cats



Dream
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Chimaera
is a sweet, confused girl who was adopted as a baby and recently came back. Both times she has been with us have been after being abandoned. She isn't sure what she's doing wrong but she really hopes her next family loves her enough to keep her. She loves other dogs but doesn't have a lot of dog experience (her play group was pretty awkward but she tried really hard!) and she would benefit from an easy going playful friend to show her how it's done!

Jersey
is a big goofy boy with the best ears! He was found as a stray on the north side of Lansing with his friend Grindylow. He's a little thin and neglected looking but with some time and good food he'll be a very handsome boy in no time! He loves other dogs and would really enjoy a playful friend in his new home!

Nandi Bear
came to the shelter with what we assume are her two puppies (they are babies, and she was recently nursing but they look like shepherd mixes!) She's a sweet girl who can be a little shy around new people but she's trying really hard to be brave! She loves other dogs and would enjoy a playful friend in her new home!

Floyd
and his brother Frank are two handsome playful guys who lived outside the first year of their life. They were taken in by a nice lady and although they seemed to adjust to life as indoor cats, they needed more time and exercise than she could give them. They spent most of their time causing trouble because they were bored. They would probably be best as indoor/outdoor cats where they can get out their need to climb, jump, and explore but with people willing to give them interesting puzzles to solve and plenty of things to keep them busy they might be just fine as indoor cats.

Jackalope
is a sweet senior cat who came to the shelter as a stray. He had a microchip but his owner could no longer care for him. He is looking for a quieter home with gentle people where he can get plenty of chin scratches and belly rubs and maybe a window where he can watch the squirrels and nap in the sun!

Griffin
and his siblings came to the shelter when they were found in a box behind a business. They are friendly outgoing cats who should do well in just about any cat loving home and they would probably enjoy a feline friend in their new homes!

Dream
is one of our adorable kittens waiting for new homes. They are spayed/neutered, up to date on shots, and microchipped. They would love to have you stop by!

FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

One of the things I love most about Lansing is that everyone has their own go-to shawarma spot. While I certainly have my favorites, I'm always eager to see what's new in town, and I was happy to meet a small group of friends (including my illustrious co-reviewer) for lunch

at Noosh Afghan Cuisine, which took over the location of the former Nola Bistro in Delta Township last year.

We started to explore the menu, and I was struck by the many dishes that included pumpkin as an ingredient. As it turns out, this isn't a symptom of the pumpkin spicing of just about everything that happens this time of year. Pumpkin is an extremely popular ingredient in Afghan cuisine.

We wanted to try as much of the menu as possible, so we chose the traditional family plate (\$49.99) as our lunch centerpiece. The platter offered a thick base layer of two kinds of rice: traditional white rice and brown rice studded with dried cranberries. The rice was laden with various proteins, but my attention was quickly drawn to the beef meatballs. The oversized meatballs, bathing in a light tomato sauce, were some of the most flavorful and moist I've ever had.

While I tried to hide from my companions that I was eating much more than my fair share of the meatballs, I also quickly dug into the pumpkin Bolani, naan bread sandwiched around a layer of pumpkin puree. If you're looking for an entry-level Afghan dish, this is a good place to start. Most of us have had a quesadilla before, and this is not unlike one, except there's no cheese.

Another of my favorites from our gargantuan lunch spread was the mantu, beef dumplings (think Chinese soup dumplings) served atop a yogurt-and-tomato sauce. While the dumplings were tender and fabulous, I could have eaten the sauce like a soup. So as not to be completely weird, I resorted to sopping it up with the basket of extra naan.

I knew I wanted to try the traditional burger (\$10.99) myself before driving across town to eat with Mr. She Ate, so I ordered one for a takeout dinner a while later. If you saw me hammering down on food in the parking lot while wearing a full business suit, no you didn't. The fries were crispy and seasoned with something that made them just the slightest bit spicy. The burger was straightforward — a thick, juicy patty on a pillowy bun with welcome toppings of pickles and a slightly spicy mayo — but the flavor profile was completely unexpected and magnificent. Flecks of cilantro topped the patty, and I could see the bits of coriander seasoning the meat. I managed to save some for Mr. She Ate, but I would have ended the day happy had I scarfed it all down in the parking lot.

We also shared the kabob family plate (\$41.99). The rice that layered the bottom of the platter wasn't the rice with vermicelli that I'm used to getting at Middle Eastern restaurants — here, we were given distinct portions of white rice and a brown rice that was deliciously buttery. The sheen wore off, however, with some of the ground meat on the platter. It was a bit gristly and a

Noosh brings unique flavors to Middle Eastern food scene

ribbean, Icelandic, Welsh, Māori and Taiwanese are all examples of international cuisines I've been fortunate to sample either in-country or in the home kitchens of natives of those countries. Later this

month, I'll be traveling to Norway for my day job, and I look forward to tasting some authentic Scandinavian dishes. Closer to home, our community is privileged to have far-reaching ethnic tastes to choose from, and those options continue to expand as new restaurants open.

Early last month, I was invited to attend a fundraising breakfast for a charitable organization. As usual, the organization offered guests highlights of the good work it's doing in and around Lansing. One of those highlights included a testimonial from a refugee who came to the United States from Afghanistan with members of his family. He spoke of the challenges he faced in his home country, the lengthy process for seeking entrée to our country and the support the charity offered him and his family as they settled into Lansing and established themselves as contributing members of the community. After a few years of support — language acquisition, housing, food security and employability skills lessons — the gentleman was able to open a restaurant that showcases his proud heritage through food.

That restaurant is Noosh Afghan Cuisine, which offers both dine-in and carryout options. The staff is very friendly, and the owner is keen to make his guests comfortable, offering to answer any questions you may have about the dishes.

Noosh opened in 2023 and has developed a loyal fan base with a menu that includes Middle Eastern staples like shawarma and kabobs paired with Western fare like burgers and fries, but with Afghan flavors. The true stars are the traditional Afghan delicacies, and I urge you to give the area's only Afghan restaurant a try.

What's really good

My first trip to Noosh was for takeout on a busy weekday evening while my better half was out of town for a conference. I figured the flavor profiles would be too intense for my younger littles, ages 8 (happy birthday, Simone) and 4, so I grabbed them some sub sandwiches before heading in to pick up my food.

I ordered the lamb chops (\$24.99), which were served with brown rice, salad and a zesty garlic sauce. The chops were meaty, well seasoned and cooked to a perfect medium. I followed that with the beef burger (\$10.99), and let me say, it wasn't what I was expecting in terms of flavor. It was better. Packed with traditional Afghan spices like coriander and black cumin, this burger will have you considering new flavor possibilities at your next cookout. Paired with carnival-cut french fries and topped with chopped cilantro, red onion and a slightly spicy mayo, this handheld was teeming with yumminess.

What's amazing

On my second visit to Noosh, I was joined by three of my favorite dining companions (and former Lansing Board of Education colleagues), including the incomparable Mrs. She Ate. Our calendars miraculously aligned for a Monday lunch and incredibly, the food matched the



Beverly

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

I take pride in having an open mind when it comes to exploring different flavors and genres of food — Ca-

Noosh Afghan Cuisine
603 N. Waverly Road, Lansing
10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday
Noon-8 p.m. Sunday
(517) 327-4771
nooshafghan.wixsite.com/
noosh-afghan-cuisine



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

Noosh's family plates allow groups of diners new to Afghan cuisine to sample a variety of staple dishes at once.

She Ate

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tad overcooked, so I quickly shifted my attention to the chicken shawarma and lamb kabob, both of which were excellent.

I didn't grow up in a lamb-eating household, and many members of my family are still quick to demur whenever I suggest it for a holiday meal. Lamb is one of my favorite dishes, and I think it a shame that it isn't eaten as widely in the United States as it is in many other

parts of the world. Noosh's version was tooth-sinkingly tender and provided many of my favorite bites of the meal.

I'm frequently intimidated to try restaurants that serve cuisines I'm not familiar with. If you've had shawarma (if you live here, chances are you have), you'll find enough to be comfortable with at Noosh. If you haven't had shawarma and you're not a vegetarian, welcome to the wonderful world of a dish beloved the world over. Start at Noosh, which is a fantastic addition to our dining scene — one I hope is successful for years to come.

He Ate

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great company. We shared the traditional family plate (\$49.99), and there was more than enough food for the four of us. Mounds of white rice and qabli (brown rice, shaved carrots and raisins) were flanked by mantu (beef dumplings with cilantro, tomato paste and a delightful yogurt sauce) and bolani (think of a quesadilla but instead of cheese, there's spiced pumpkin).

These combinations alone were outstanding, but there was so much more. Bowls of kofta challow (spiced meatballs) and chicken karahi accompanied the main plate, bathing in delicious vari-

ations of tomato sauce. Then there was the warm and spongy naan bread, which served as the perfect instrument to sop up all the bright flavors. What an all-around wonderful meal.

Best bite

Those who know me best understand lamb chops and dumplings are among my favorite foods, and Noosh's versions are terrific. So, for my best bite nod to go to a pumpkin dish should tell you all you need to know. The burani pumpkin (\$10.99) consisted of thick slices of poached pumpkin drizzled with a light garlic sauce, dusted with paprika and sprinkled with sliced red chilis. So good. Open your mind, expand your horizons and give this dish — or one of Noosh's many other fabulous options — a shot.

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Events

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Pumpkin Decorating Party - Decorate a pumpkin using Lite-Brite pegs, yarn, Sharpies, carving tools and other art supplies. We'll have two sessions at 6 and 7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Zoom 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.

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, Oct. 22

"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.

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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. cmlananon.org.

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

Axe-Throwing Tournament - Winners take home a share of the pot. The more people who play, the bigger the prize! Ages 16+. 6:30 p.m. Court-house Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. shadowseason.org.

"Bugs, Blossoms & Trees" - Watercolor display by East Lansing artist Sarah Eubanks. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/353/Public-Art-Gallery.

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

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

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

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

Mandy Patinkin in Concert: "Being Alive" - From Irving Berlin to Stephen Sondheim and Cole Porter to Harry Chapin, this acclaimed actor/singer/storyteller presents a musical journey you'll never forget. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

"Off the Grid" - Martha Brownscombe is an accomplished weaver who creates prints with items she crafts on her loom. Join us at Framer's Edge to view her gorgeous artwork! 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/martha-brownscombe-october.

TOP 5

DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 BARBECUE

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

1. Capital City BBQ

Cozy eatery serving traditional American barbecue dishes alongside Vietnamese classics

1026 W. Saginaw St., Lansing

(517) 721-1500

facebook.com/capitalcitybbq

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday

2. Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que

Lively spot for barbecue eats, draft beer and live entertainment

2440 Cedar St., Holt

(517) 258-4900

gravitiesmokehouse.com

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday

3. Meat BBQ

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

1224 Turner St., Lansing

(517) 580-4400

meatbbq.com

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

4. Saddleback BBQ REO Town

Craft barbecue joint featuring authentic Southern flavors with a Midwestern flair

1147 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

(517) 253-7556

saddlebackbbq.com

11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily

5. The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Relaxed eatery specializing in slow-smoked ribs, pork and brisket

908 Elmwood Road, Lansing

517-582-5100

smokenpigbbq.com

11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday

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