

www.lansingcitypulse.com

May 24-30, 2023

# CityPULSE

A newspaper for the rest of us  
Locally owned

## FROM LANSING TO THE GREAT LAKES

The 2023 Summer Guide

See Page 15



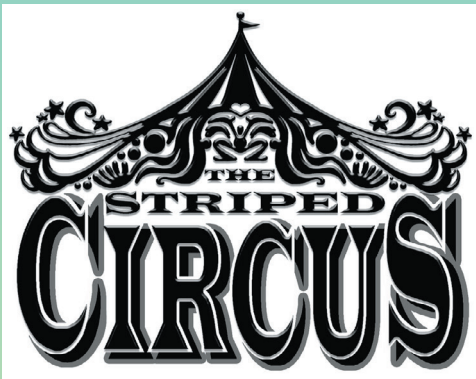
**sidebar**  
dine & tap  
East Lansing

# JOIN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT EAST LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY!

## June 5 - August 7, 2023

### Registration now open!

- Sign up at <https://elpl.readsquared.com!>
- Track your reading to earn a prize and be entered into our grand prize drawings!
- Separate categories for pre-K, kids, teens, & adults!

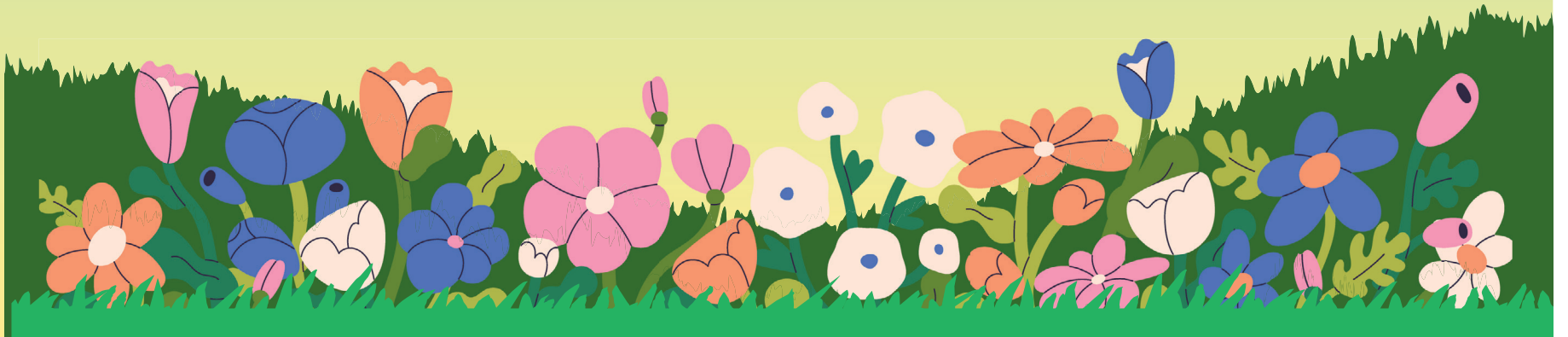


### Kickoff Event: Monday, June 5, 5-8pm

- Get help with registration!
- Featuring performances by The Striped Circus!
- A science open house in the Maker Studio!

### Free programs all summer!

- Concerts, trivia night, birding club, 3D design & family history workshops, book clubs, & more!
- Collabs with Constellation Cat Cafe, MSU Museum, Potter Park Zoo, Fresh Food is Fun, & others!
- For the full schedule of events, **visit *elpl.org***.



**ALL STAR**  
**MECHANICAL**  
**HEATING • COOLING**  
**517-490-4642**  
 LIC. 7115371

I'm not intolerant. It's just that most arguments I hear that don't align with my beliefs just don't fundamentally make any sense. I'm not sensitive, it's just that most often, people who attack liberalism are shallow and lack the intellectual capacity to have a genuine conversation about many of the particular subjects that are creating harm and causing violence against segments of people who they have determined do not deserve the same liberty as themselves. The double standards and hypocrisy have no limits.

Tolerance is reserved for those who are in earnest about humanity. If your acceptance of someone is predicated on a belief that they need to assimilate to societal norms, then tolerance cannot and should not be expected or given.

Don't get it twisted. There are no threats against men's rights, or whiteness, or Christianity. The only threat against men are ourselves. Men have been teaching men how to be men all wrong. We've raised boys to not cry or try to understand their emotions. We've raised generations of boys who use their deep voices and broad shoulders to intimidate and manipulate every aspect of society. Shame. Women don't feel safe around men because men have consistently been misogynistic, overbearing, and abusive. Women don't rape women. Women don't tell jokes about telling the man to get in the kitchen. Nobody is attacking Christianity - just don't make laws based in faith. This is NOT a Christian nation. It never was meant to be anyway. I'm pretty sure people fled England due to religious persecution and expressly created a separation of church and state to assure the freedom to practice any religion you choose, or choose not to.

I can tolerate anyone who is willing to see that the groomers of today are the same ones who would call a woman a witch for disagreeing with a man's opinion. I can tolerate anyone who tries to comprehend that grooming men to be the "head" of the household, as opposed to equals with their families and communities, is terribly problematic. I can tolerate anyone who is capable of seeing how groomed we all are to accept the income inequality that allows such a gross and violent capitalistic society, and then try to convince us that the inflation isn't created by billionaires controlling the market, making record profits, and then blaming it on politicians. I can tolerate anyone who is open to seeing that grooming everyone to pledge an allegiance to a flag and talk about liberty and justice for all has created far too many apathetic people who watched people be tortured and enslaved by many, including some "founding fathers," while receiving no liberty or justice and continuing to be systematically oppressed for generations. I can tolerate anyone who accepts we've all been groomed to be heterosexual, even though it's not a choice, but a few gay people cannot groom anyone to be gay, lesbian, transgender, or bisexual. That's just not how it works, not at all.

I was groomed to believe that our founding fathers were honorable. What honorable person enslaves a human being? I was groomed to believe that I should be willing to die for a flag that is flown over capitol buildings where they enact laws that create violence against trans kids and adults. I was groomed to be a manly man and the head of my house, to protect my family - but not in the way that I am protecting them now because I rebuke that grooming; my children are free to be whoever they are, marry whomever they choose, and my wife gets to choose what she will do with her body.

**A few more things we've been groomed for:**

- Police brutality and accepting that police have authority over us even if we haven't done anything wrong.
- Gun culture, that we should be able to own any gun and that the right "shall not be infringed," which is laughable because everything should be subject to challenge, particularly when innocent children are being slaughtered. Frankly, more guns lead to more shooting, no matter how you spin it.
- Everyone in America has the same opportunities, which couldn't be farther from the truth because of the likes of people who started this whole "grooming" argument in the first place.

I'm saddened by the "alpha" male communities, and the women who support them, may they find the error of their ways, lest they pass on from this Earth having never experienced a fulfilling life of unadulterated joy, a life having been worth living. I'm not naive enough to believe that they'll not receive praise and adulation for their beliefs when they leave this Earth, it's as American as apple pie. If we hope to witness meaningful change, we cannot allow them to go unchallenged, for the sake of peace and happiness in our lives. Colin Kaepernick engaged peacefully, and out of love, sparking conversation, for which he was conspired against and lost his profession. In his soft-spoken voice, he was loud in love, and that's what we need: love to be louder than hate, bigotry and silence.

And on another note, consider this: Bud Light sales may be down 23%, but while losing money is obviously not what they want, I'm looking at this as a win: They retained 77% of their business, and that's a majority, so I'm hanging my hat on that. Sometimes you need to look at things from a different perspective. I am sure they're making enough money to weather this.

I'll never give up hope that the suffering of many can be prevented if there is unity among those of us who conscientiously speak truth to power and not allow those hoarding, multiplying, and protecting their wealth by manipulating the markets and conspiring with those who organize to protect the foundations of white supremacy and outdated patriarchal "isms".

There was a time when families lived comfortably on one income. They vacationed. They paid for a house, a car, and their kids' college. It wasn't the case for everyone, but it wasn't uncommon. The reason it's not possible today has more to do with greed than it does with cost of manufacturing or the cost of raw materials. Corporate greed and cheap overseas labor have cost an unimaginable number of American jobs. Industries resisting the impact of global warming to protect their infrastructure in outdated technologies like coal and oil, are content with spending millions to prevent new technologies that would replace them, at the expense of destroying the planet. The arguments about family values and how we are failing should start with less exploitation of workers, higher wages, and the distribution of the wealth gap between the CEO and hourly employees. Otherwise it's disingenuous at best, but more likely unethical, corrupt, and immoral.

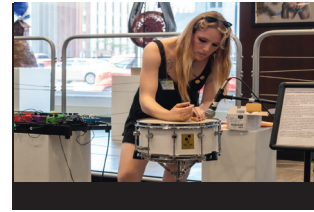
Life is hard, but it's harder when the power is limited mostly to those with all the gold. Everything is connected in some way. The roots are intertwined from the inception of a bunch of white men who protected their privileges from the very moment they signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It's been slowly chipped away, but we keep chipping. I don't trust that the wealthy will relinquish any of their power, which would go against their interests. The only way is for the majority of us to demand more from them. Our value is equal to theirs.

Grooming isn't new, but lately it's being used as a false-flag call to action. They have been doing it for generations right under our noses in plain sight. I'll fear a drag queen when I see one on Main Street with an Ar15.

# CityPULSE

**VOL. 22  
ISSUE 42**

(517) 371-5600 • Fax: (517) 999-6061 • 1905 E. Michigan Ave. • Lansing, MI 48912 • www.lansingcitypulse.com



**PAGE  
11**

Lansing Art Gallery and Suits and the City partner for LGBTQ+ art exhibit

**ADVERTISING INQUIRIES:** (517) 999-5061  
or email [citypulse@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:citypulse@lansingcitypulse.com)  
**CLASSIFIEDS & OBITUARIES:** (517) 999-6704

**EDITOR AND PUBLISHER** • Berl Schwartz  
[publisher@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:publisher@lansingcitypulse.com) • (517) 999-5061

**ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR** •  
[arts@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:arts@lansingcitypulse.com) • (517) 999-5066  
**OFFICE MANAGER** • Kamara Drane  
[kamara@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:kamara@lansingcitypulse.com) • (517) 999-6704

**EVENTS EDITOR** • Nicole Noechel  
[nicole@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:nicole@lansingcitypulse.com) • (517) 999-5066

**NEWS REPORTER** • Todd Heywood  
[heywood.reporter@gmail.com](mailto:heywood.reporter@gmail.com) • (517) 899-6182

**STAFF WRITER** • Lawrence Cosentino  
[lawrence@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:lawrence@lansingcitypulse.com) • (517) 999-5065

**SALES EXECUTIVE** • Lee Purdy  
[lee@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:lee@lansingcitypulse.com) • (517) 999-5064

**Contributors:** Dedria Humphries Barker, Bryan Beverly, Taylor Blair, Rob Brezny, Capital News Service, Bill Castanier, Ryan Claytor, Mary C. Cusack, Lizzy Ferguson, Roxanne Frith, Lucas Henkel, Trevor Hubert, Ari LeVaux, Gabrielle Lawrence, Audrey Matusz, Kyle Melinn, Joan Nelson, Tom Perkins, Dennis Preston, Chelsea Lake Roberts, Jen Sorensen, Nevin Speerbrecker, Rich Tupica, David Winkelstern

**Delivery drivers:** Cindy Heistand, Laurie Langstaff, Curt Lauck, Terri Paine



**PAGE  
27**

Report shows Michiganders' thoughts about book banning, libraries



**PAGE  
33**

Recipes for a plentiful weed

Cover photo by Dave Dempsey

**2011: THE GOP REFUSES TO COMPROMISE ON THE DEBT CEILING**

**GIVE ME TAX BREAKS ON PRIVATE JETS OR GIVE ME DEATH!**

OTHER LESSER-KNOWN THREATS:

**HEALTH CARE FOR POOR CHILDREN AXED UNTIL PASSAGE OF A PLASTIC SURGERY TAX CREDIT**

**I MUST KEEP MY FACE WRINKLE-FREE, DAHLING, OR AMERICA WILL LOSE JOBS!**

**NO MORE MONEY FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNTIL BILLIONAIRE PLAYBOYS CAN WRITE OFF THEIR JOYRIDES INTO SPACE.**

**WHEEE!**

**KA-BOOM!**

**LOOK AT ALL THE CHAOS THE DEMOCRATS HAVE CAUSED!**

**FUNDING FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE STOPS UNTIL THE LOCAL COUNTRY CLUB CAN EMPLOY SLAVE LABOR**

**I HOPE THIS STANDOFF ENDS SOON!**

**I HAVE TO PAY FOR A CADDY AND THERE ARE CORPSES ALL OVER THE COURSE!**

© Jen Sorensen - Be a subscriber! [jensorensen.com/subscribe](http://jensorensen.com/subscribe)

Sign up at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com) for our Email newsletter

# CityPULSE

**& GET THE DIGITAL EDITION IN YOUR INBOX FREE BY 6AM EVERY WEDNESDAY!**

We work hard to keep you informed and up to date on the issues that matter most to you.

Stay aware with local news right at your fingertips!

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

HELLO, IT'S **ME** AGAIN! YOUR ANXIETY!

AH, WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE.

I SEE YOU'RE GOING THROUGH ANOTHER PERIOD OF PERSONAL UPHEAVAL! PERHAPS I CAN BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE!

THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU, BUT THERE'S REALLY NO NEED--

PLEASE! I INSIST.

ARE YOU **REALLY** SURE YOU'RE MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES? WHAT IF YOU REGRET YOUR DECISIONS? YOU **MIGHT** BE UNHAPPY! WHAT WILL YOU DO **THEN**?

WOW, THIS IS SO HELPFUL.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED LAYING AWAKE AT NIGHT RUNNING THROUGH EVERY POSSIBLE THING THAT **MIGHT** GO WRONG? YOU KNOW, JUST TO BE PREPARED? OR MAYBE JUST REVIEWING ALL YOUR **PAST** MISTAKES FOR HOURS ON END?

OKAY, I REALLY NEED TO GET SOME WORK DONE--

OOH, YOUR **WORK**! ARE YOU SURE IT DOESN'T SUCK? MAYBE YOUR WHOLE CAREER HAS BEEN A GIANT MISTAKE! WHAT IF EVERYONE SECRETLY HATES YOU? **THIS** CARTOON CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE A SWING AND A MISS.

WELL, THANKS FOR STOPPING BY--

YOU'RE BREAKING FORMAT, PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO LIKE THAT. AND THAT'S AN EXTREMELY UNFLATTERING PORTRAIT OF **ME**. I'LL JUST HANG OUT OVER HERE IN CASE YOU NEED ANY MORE INPUT!

I WOULD EXPECT NO LESS.

HEY! WHY DON'T WE DISCUSS YOUR **DATING LIFE**?

PLEASE GO AWAY.

HA! AS IF.

TOM TOMORROW © 2023 ... JOIN SPARKY'S LIST: [thismodernworld.com/subscriptions](http://thismodernworld.com/subscriptions)

# PULSE

# NEWS & OPINION

## Downtown plan offers new hope for the homeless population

### Housing Commission, CATA seek to provide housing, homeless services across from the Transportation Center

The Lansing Housing Commission and the Capital Area Transportation Authority have plans for separate projects that would transform most of a square block on South Grand Avenue across the street from the CATA Transportation Center.

The proximity to the bus station is strategic because the proposals seek to benefit homeless and low-income residents.

LHC has proposed 63 apartments above 2,200 square feet of retail space. Executive director Doug Fleming estimated the cost at \$22.5 million. Most apartments would be priced for low-income tenants, but some would be market rate, he said.

The project would occupy most of the east side of the 400 block of South Grand, which stretches north to south between Kalamazoo and Lenawee streets and west to Cherry Street. A small strip mall anchored by Baryames Cleaners would remain at Kalamazoo and Grand.

Meanwhile, CATA is eyeing the construction of an administrative building with space for homeless services on the south end of the block that the city's old Center for the Arts — which housed BoarsHead Theatre — occupied. It would possibly have apartments as well.

Both projects, with their emphasis on helping low-income and homeless people, are strategically located across the street from the CATA Transportation Center. LHC would need to demolish buildings that were the home of Davenport University before it moved to 200 S. Grand Ave. in 2011. CATA would build on a city-owned parking lot that replaced the arts complex after it closed about the same time.

The housing commission project, called Riverview 220, is farther along.

"It's gonna be the first mixed-use building in the city" of its type, Fleming said, referring to the preponderance of units priced for lower-income residents.

"It's a model that's been used in Detroit and Grand Rapids and a lot of other cities, but we're doing the first one here in Lansing. We need more of that."

Fleming said the agency is working with Chesapeake Community Advisors of Baltimore. Chesapeake, a for-profit business, has consulted on over 90 properties in 15 states, according to the company's website, including affordable housing.

He said that LHC and the Boji Group, which owns the old Davenport property, have signed a letter of intent for the sale. LHC would pay about \$600,000.

Fleming said LHC is awaiting word from the



Credit: Courtesy Lansing Housing Commission

Renderings by Hooker Dejong, a Grand Rapids-based architectural firm, of a mixed-use residential and commercial project that the Lansing Housing Commission is pursuing for downtown Lansing.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority if the project has qualified for 9% low-income housing property tax credits, which are investment instruments it can sell to investors for financing the project.

"Riverview 220 has the current high self-score in this past April round," Fleming said, referring to a measure called a Qualified Allocation Plan. He said it is based on several criteria, "like the location of the proposed project to medical care, grocery stores, etc., how walkable it is to other amenities and some other financial considerations."

Four percent low-income housing tax credits are another possibility if the agency loses out on the 9% credit.

In what Fleming calls "Phase II" of the development, CATA has asked the state to allocate \$15 million for its project, which would front on Lenawee.

The new facility, which is still in the very early planning stages, would include office space, one-stop homeless assistance and possibly a daycare facility.

Bradley T. Funkhouser, CATA's executive and CEO said the organization also wants to partner with a housing organization to place apartments above the first-floor CATA operations.

How many CATA employees would move to the new facility is unknown, said spokesperson Lolo Robison.

"That hasn't really been fully nailed down yet, but certainly the majority of our customer experience team will be housed where the bulk of our customers converge. That much is certain," she said.

It is also unclear how many executives would relocate to downtown from the headquarters on Tranter Avenue in southeast Lansing. It is not on a public transit line, making access difficult for many of CATA's users.

The move comes as CATA, like many businesses and social services agencies, has seen a surge in the homeless population in Lansing. Many have no place to go during the day, when the shelters shut down, and travel the buses or hang out in the bus station.

"We need to hit this head-on and do our part," Funkhouser said. "I believe that we need to have what I call a triage center down in this building."

The triage center would be a one-stop location to assist homeless residents in accessing various support services, including emergency housing, food, medical care and more.

CATA has not always been seen as friendly to homeless people. In fact, while Lansing was being socked by a polar vortex in late January 2017, two founders of the nonprofit organization Punks With Lunch, Martin Mashon and Julia Miller, were arrested for trespassing when they were passing out food and other survival essentials to homeless people caught in the deadly cold snap. Mashon was also charged with obstructing and resisting an officer during the arrest as well. The duo was found not guilty of trespassing in a May 2019 trial in 54-A District Court, but Mashon was found guilty of resisting an officer.

Funkhouser, who started in January 2018, said the incident was a "lesson learned" on his part. He said he realized change had to come from the top in CATA and that it has been moving to do so.

# Census: East Lansing's population gains as pandemic ends

## BRIDGE MICHIGAN

When it comes to population, East Lansing was the state's biggest winner last year, according to estimates released by the U.S. Census.

But there's a catch: The population there nosedived in 2021 because of being a university town during the pandemic.

Overall, Michigan has lost an estimated 43,200 people since 2020 — including nearly 3,400 from 2021 to 2022. The losses are a reversal of the small but steady gains it had been making in the previous decade.

Experts have called upon policymakers to take action to combat population losses.

If Michigan continues to have stagnant growth — some projections suggest annual declines beginning in 2045 — it will have broad implications on the state's economy through a shrinking workforce, customer base and tax revenues, they say.

Since 1990, only West Virginia, which lost population, has fared more

poorly than Michigan. The state grew 8.4 percent since then, ranking 49th in the country.

Detroit and most Michigan cities continued to lose population in 2022.

Lansing has lost 17 residents since July 2020, falling to 112,357.

See Census, Page 7

## Projects

from page 5

"We are a neighbor. We are a facilitator down in south downtown of daily life. And we need to talk to people and if they

need help," he said. "We need to understand where to get that help for them."

The arrests resulted in three reforms. Lansing Police officers are no longer stationed in the center; social service agencies like Advent House, which provides housing resources to homeless people,

are working on site; and the cafe has been shut down. This past winter, the facility was opened as a warming center, but it was quickly swamped by people seeking shelter.

The idea for a new facility grew out of a visit to Traverse City, Funkhouser said.

"We saw a facility up in Traverse City that was a combination of a transit center and affordable housing," he said. "Immediately we said, 'My God, that's what we need to do.' This would be phenomenal because, being a planner, and working on transit-supportive design, we could do something downtown where we are able to put in office space on the ground floor, and then possibly three stories above it of housing."

Mayor Andy Schor and public agencies such as Lansing Economic Area Partnership, the Community Foundation, Delta Township and the Lansing Board of Water and Light supported the \$15 million request in a joint regional funding request submitted to the Legislature this year.

"CATA is an active partner to the Capital Region Housing Collaborative and

looks forward to partnering with other local housing-development resources to bring to fruition our plan for affordable residential spaces with improved access to transit Services," the document disclosed. "CATA is seeking funding for the transit portion of this project which is a single floor in the development. CATA anticipates the housing component would be funded separately by a property developer by way of a Joint Development relationship."

The request also sought \$3 million to \$5 million in additional funding for homeless assistance in Lansing. Activists have said the population has swollen by 300 percent in the last year.

State Sen. Sarah Anthony, who represents much of Lansing and parts of Eaton County, chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"We're aware of the requests," she said. "But we're still negotiating the entire budget. I am not certain what will or won't make it into the budget. But I am advocating for a lot of exciting Lansing area projects for this budget."

— TODD HEYWOOD



**Club Tabu is an 18 & up adult alternative lounge in Lansing, Michigan.**

**We are located within Fantasies Unlimited!**

**We are LGBTQ + friendly. Couples welcome!**

**3208 S. MLK Blvd.**  
**Sunday - Thursday \ 11 A.M. - Midnight**  
**Friday - Saturday \ 11 A.M. - 2 A.M.**

**(517) 393.1159**

**clubtabu.info**

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Z-4-2023, N. Larch Street**  
**Rezoning from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "S-C" Suburban Commercial**

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request to rezone 6 vacant parcels located along the west side of the 3300 block of the unimproved of N. Larch Street right-of-way that extends south off of E. Frederick Avenue, from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "S-C" Suburban Commercial. The properties that are the subject of this request are legally described as:

Lots 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 & 50, Supervisors Plat of Schworer's Bloomfield Farms

The purpose of the rezoning is to permit use of the subject properties for storage of materials related to the fence construction/contracting business at 3323 N. East Street

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov).

**Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk**  
[www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk](http://www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk)  
[www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope](https://www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope)

CP#23-120

# Census

from page 6

Detroit, which is Michigan's biggest city, lost nearly 1 percent of its population, about 7,791 people to 620,376, falling to 29th in the nation, with fewer residents than Memphis or Louisville, according to the U.S. Census.

On Twitter, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan called the Census Bureau a "complete national clown show." He claims postal records show the city has more than 2,300 more homes receiving mail in 2022 and that the city added 4,000 homes in 2021.

The city failed to win an earlier challenge to the Census's 2020 count.

The latest estimates also are bad news for other Michigan cities, with Warren (1,165) and Dearborn (1,026) each losing more than 1,000 people from 2021 to 2022. Warren now has 137,107 people and is the state's third largest city. Dearborn has 107,710 and is seventh largest.

Michigan's second-biggest city, Grand Rapids, lost an estimated 843 people, one year after losing 947 people. In 2020, the Census estimated Grand Rapids had 198,893 people.

Gainers included college towns,



City of Detroit

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan slammed the U.S. Census Bureau for reporting a population decline in Michigan's biggest city,

which welcomed back students who had left campus during the pandemic in 2021, including:

- East Lansing, where Michigan State University's population rose to 34,532 to 47,340, a nearly complete reversal from losing over 13,100 the year before.

- Ann Arbor, home to the University of Michigan, gained 805 to 119,875.

It had lost 4,555 from 2020 to 2021.

- Marquette, home to Northern Michigan University, gained 647 people to 20,786.

- Ypsilanti, home to Eastern Michigan University, rose 546 to 19,732. It had lost over 1,400 the preceding year.

- Allendale Township in Ottawa County, home to Grand Valley State University, added 516 people to 26,487 people in 2022.

The numbers are affected by the pandemic when COVID-19 forced many campuses to avoid in-person classes, experts said.

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Z-5-2023, 1906 E. Miller Road and the vacant parcel at the southwest corner of E. Miller Road and Aurelius Road

Rezoning from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "R-MX" Residential Mix

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request to rezone 1906 E. Miller Road and the vacant parcel of land at the southwest corner of E. Miller Road and Aurelius Road from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "R-MX" Residential Mix. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit multiple family residential use of the subject properties.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov).

**Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk**  
[www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk](http://www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk)  
[www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope](https://www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope)

CP#23-121

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Z-6-2023, 1326 N. Chestnut Street & Vacant Lot to its South Rezoning from "R-6A" Urban Detached Residential to "R-MX" Residential Mix

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider a request to rezone the property at 1326 N. Chestnut Street and the vacant lot to its south from "R-6A" Urban Detached Residential to "R-MX" Residential Mix. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit a multiple family residential building on the subject property.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov).

**Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk**  
[www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk](http://www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk)  
[www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope](https://www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope)

CP#23-122

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances of The City Of Lansing.

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

**Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk**  
[www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk](http://www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk)  
[www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope](https://www.facebook.com/LansingClerkSwope)

CP#23-123

Paid for by JOHN DEWANE for Ingham County Prosecutor 1039 Foxborough Drive Williamston, MI 48895

## John Dewane (D) for Ingham County Prosecutor

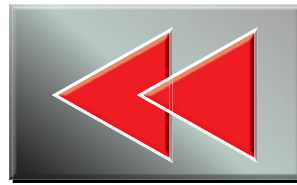


When Ingham County needed a new Prosecutor, our Circuit Court chose John Dewane, based on his 22-year track record as a trial prosecutor.

# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

BY NICOLE NOECHEL



**Lansing Mayor Andy Schor vetoed portions of the fiscal 2023-'24 city budget that the Council had approved, but the Council overcame his veto on a 6-1 vote.** He tried unsuccessfully to restore funds to his office and to give \$1.8 million to departments that he said was left unallocated when the Council reduced

his proposed budget. At-large member Peter Spadafore was the only vote against the veto, and President Carol Wood abstained because she said she has contracts with the Human Resources and Community Relations departments.



**A teacher at East Lansing's MacDonald Middle School was placed on paid administrative leave after allegedly using a racial slur.** Dennis Petrowitz, a gym teacher, allegedly used an anti-Black slur in class two weeks ago. He sent an apology letter to families, stating, "There were students using the 'N-word' interchangeably amongst themselves. In my haste to redirect the behavior, I addressed the students by stating that they shouldn't use that word, and in doing so, I used the actual word itself. I immediately felt terrible and regretted using it." He stated in the letter that he will undergo racial justice, anti-racism and implicit bias training this summer. His will be on paid leave until East Lansing Public Schools concludes its investigation of the situation.



**Michigan State University filed a motion to dismiss former business school Sanjay Gupta's lawsuit, the Lansing State Journal reported.** Gupta, whom Interim President Teresa Woodruff forced to resign after he reportedly didn't notify the school of alleged sexual misconduct at a business school event, sued the school

in February, claiming Woodruff forced him out to ensure he wouldn't become the school's next president and make herself a more likely candidate for the presidency. The Board of Trustees hired a third-party firm to investigate the resignation, and it found that Woodruff may not have had then-President Samuel Stanley Jr.'s approval, even though university policy required it. Attorneys for Woodruff and six other current and former MSU officials asked the court to dismiss the suit, saying it's a "desperate, last-ditch plea" to have a judge act as a "super-personnel department" for the school and that Gupta has failed to bring forward any litigable claims.

**Skymint relinquished ownership of the former Summit Sports and Ice Complex in Dimondale.** Dimondale-based cannabis company Green Peak Industries, which sells its

products under the Skymint name, has been under a court-ordered receivership since March after one of its investors, Canada-based Tropics LP, sued the company for allegedly owing more than

\$127 million. Green Peak has also allegedly failed to pay rent at multiple retail dispensaries and other locations, including the Dimondale complex, which it ceded in March to San Diego-based Innovative Industrial Properties, the company it was leasing the property from, the Lansing State Journal reported. Summit Sports and Ice Complex closed in February 2021, and Green Peak began using the space later that year, planning to turn it into a warehouse and distribution center, commercial kitchen, cannabis grow operation and genetic testing area, according to the State Journal.



**Michigan Women Forward is accepting nominations for 2023 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inductees.** Those who are interested in making a nomination should submit an electronic form at [miwf.org/mw/whof/nomination](http://miwf.org/mw/whof/nomination) by July 15.

Candidates can be either historical (dead) or contemporary (living) but must have either been born in Michigan, achieved prominence within the state or been a resident of the state for an extended period.

Candidates can be either one person or a group of women who are jointly associated. Nominations will be judged based on whether the candidate made distinctive accomplishments that are enduring and further the

wellbeing of the community state or nation, whether they significantly advanced the status of women in society and the ways in which they changed the course of history for residents of Michigan and/or global citizens.

**Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum announced the winner of the "I Voted" sticker art contest.** Myrah Fletcher from Leslie Public Schools created the winning design, which states, "Voice Heard and Recorded #iVoted."

The sticker will be presented to voters in future Ingham County elections. "The sticker encapsulates everything that is important about voting, ensuring that the voices of the people are heard and counted," Byrum said. "I also like the reference to the #iVoted, which I hope will remind young voters to share with their social media circles their excitement to have voted!"



**PUBLIC**  
**Art**  
**OF THE WEEK**



**Rathbun Insurance Agency  
529 W. Saginaw St., Lansing**

Brian Whitfield is the Johnny Appleseed of Lansing muralists. In the last several years 15 of his murals have popped up across Lansing, including on the walls of the Allen Neighborhood Center, the Meijer Capital City Market and under the overpass where U.S. 127 crosses Michigan Ave near Frandor.

Right now, he's busy painting a mural on the west side of the Rathbun Insurance Agency on the corner of Pine and Saginaw streets while jumping back and forth to preliminary work on murals on some Interstate 496 support pillars recognizing the impact the Interstate 496 construction in the 1960s had on African American neighborhood.

The Rathbun mural shows a silhouette of the Lansing skyline with a picket fence in the foreground. The fence honors one of the founders of the Rathbun agency who got the nickname "Fencepost" for his penchant for nailing advertising posters on fence posts.

Despite his wall-sized graphics gracing Lansing, Whitfield's most visible artwork might be the Mackinac Bridge license plate he designed in 2014 for his employer, the Michigan Transportation Department.

Whitfield traces his diverse mural styles to Rothko, El Greco, Jacob Lawrence, Picasso and Romare Bearden, among others.

To view more of Whitfield's work, visit B. Whitfield Studio on Facebook.

— BILL CASTANIER

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



The case for reparations is growing in pockets across the country and at the local level here in Michigan. California created a statewide task force in 2020 that was charged with “studying the institution of slavery and its lingering negative effects on living African Americans, including descendants of persons enslaved in the United States and on society.” City councils in Detroit and Kalamazoo have established similar task forces and are themselves working toward making recommendations to address generational disparities. Gov. Whitmer’s office should work in tandem with the Legislature to establish a similar working group for our state and empower the Attorney General’s Office and the Department of Civil Rights to support the task force in meaningful ways. The focus of such a task force should not solely center on financial compensation, but also on tangible ways to root out the structural and institutional aspects of racist and discriminatory policies.

# Michigan should step up on reparations

## West Coast wades in

There is a growing call for all levels of government to consider how past wrongs have negatively affected past and current American citizens. As this call grows louder and more insistent, it is reaching the ears of the highest level of state government, and in California, even the governor is listening. Gov. Newsom recently acknowledged California’s culpability in American slavery, and this was not performative or political lip service. The state’s task force’s reparations report, which is due to the Legislature by July 1, contains recommendations that will provide guidance for hotly debated topics such as financial restitution and eligibility.

Much attention to this point has been directed to the recommendations for financial compensation. The price tag could be as much as \$1.2 million per person and \$800 billion overall, with nearly 2 million people eligible to some degree. The recommended remedies include a tiered financial compensation where eligibility is determined based on the number of years a resident was exposed to discrimination. Slavery descendants would receive over \$3,000 per year for discriminatory housing policies known as redlining; nearly \$14,000 per year to compensate for health disparities between Blacks and whites; and \$2,352 per year for the “war on drugs.”

It’s important to note that the task force is also including a list of recommendations that call for change at the policy and practice level in a host of contexts, such as legal, educational, social and medical. California is taking reparations payments seriously, but the task force is also keen to address systemic and structural racism.

## The localized push

At the municipal level, last May, Evanston, Illinois, initiated payments of \$25,000 to 16 Black residents to compensate for discriminatory housing practices at play between 1919 and 1969. Later, Amherst, Massachusetts’

Town Council established a \$2 million reparations fund over the next 10 years to distribute similar payments to descendants of enslaved Blacks. Closer to home, Detroit’s City Council created a task force to provide recommendations to address the harms of systemic racism on Black residents, specifically targeting housing and economic development programs aimed at boosting opportunities for Black residents in Detroit. The Kalamazoo City Council’s reparations task force aims to examine discriminatory practices and the effects they’ve had on residents and hope to spread understanding of how slavery helped public and private businesses that resulted in lasting disparities in Black communities. At the local level in California, San Francisco’s own task force assessed the harm of slavery and

assigned a value of \$5 million each for eligible victims’ pain and suffering. The response to both the sentiment and the sum of the payout have been mixed, with older San Franciscans being witness to a host of “task forces” that have never produced any sustainable change and a larger group finding the amount of money to be unrealistic in the face of city budget cuts/shortages. The city’s

mayor, London Breed, has been noncommittal on the restitution payments, preferring to focus on more practical solutions, like housing subsidies and her “Dream Keeper” initiative, which hopes to invest \$60 million into the Black community by way of youth development, arts and culture, and workforce development programs.

## The CP Edit

### Opinion

## Michigan needs to step up

Gov. Whitmer and legislative leaders should take the necessary steps to create a task force here in Michigan. Any future task force should then build on the work in Detroit and Kalamazoo rather than simply beginning to study the problem from a blank slate. The rationale for reparations is clear enough that spending time rehashing the injustices against Blacks from slavery through Jim Crow era policies and modern-day discrimination seems like grandstanding and an unnecessary delay in righting the many wrongs. A Michigan-commissioned group should lead with removing barriers to accessible quality education, employment, housing and capital, which are far too often still denied to most Black people in our state. Merely writing a check, even a large check, minimizes the impact of current structures that inhibit the upward mobility of Black people. Once those barriers are eliminated, investments should then be made to make whole the descendants of enslaved people and, following California’s tiered model, descendants of those who experienced the litany of further discriminatory policies.

## Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages?

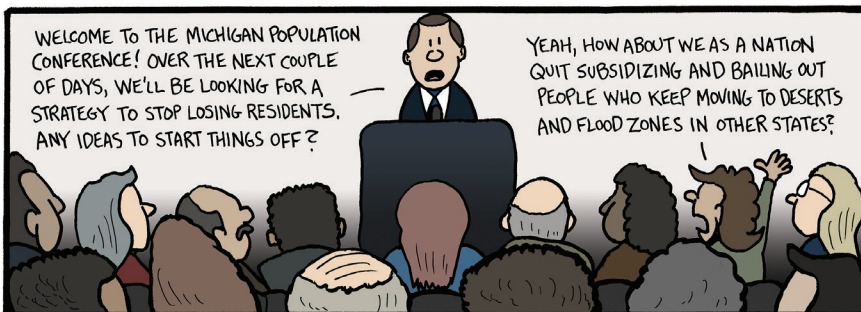
### Now you have two ways to sound off:

#### 1 Write a letter to the editor.

- E-mail: [letters@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:letters@lansingcitypulse.com)
- Snail mail: City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
- At [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com)

#### 2 Write a guest column.

Contact Berl Schwartz for more information: [publisher@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:publisher@lansingcitypulse.com) or (517) 999-5061. (Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)



**Notice to Creditors. Decedent's Estate. Case No. 21-000356-DE-P33.** Estate of Bettie Jean Wade. Date of birth: 05/19/1937. The decedent, Bettie Jean Wade, died 02/10/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Deborah Green, personal representative, or to both the Ingham County Probate Court at 313 W Kalamazoo St, MI 48933 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. **05/24/2023.** Deborah Green 2655 W. Barnes Rd Mason, MI 48854

CP#23-119

State of Michigan 54-A District Court, Ingham County 124 W. Michigan Ave 54 Floor, Lansing, MI 48933 **Order for Service by Publication. Case No. 23-00369-SPD.** Plaintiff: Annette Burns 1105 Climax St. Lansing, MI 48912 Plaintiff's Attorney: John A Finley p86315 The Covert Law Firm PLLC 328 W. Ottawa St., Garden Level Lansing, MI 48933. Defendant: Michael S. Hoseman 5730 Orchard Ct. Lansing, MI 48911 **To: Michael S. Hoseman. It is Ordered:** You are being sued in this county by the plaintiff to obtain title to and possession of the Property described as; Lot(s) 3 Orchardvale, according to the record plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 28 of Plats, Page 6. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 7, 2023. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in City Pulse for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. 5/17/2023 Judge S. Buchanan P61500.

CP#23-124

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER  
NOTICE OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO  
APPORTIONMENTS OF COST OF PROCTOR DRAIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of 1956, PA 40, as amended, that a meeting of the Drainage Board for the Proctor Drain (a Chapter 20 Drain) will be held at the following date, time, and location:

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**  
Ingham County Human Services Building - Conference Room A  
5303 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911

The purpose of this meeting is to hear objections to the proposed apportionments for the Proctor Drain Emergency Maintenance and Repair Project only, and to discuss any other business that may come before the Board. The proposed apportionments for the Proctor Drain Emergency Maintenance and Repair Project are as follows:

Meridian Charter Township City of East Lansing	50.00%
County of Ingham	0.00%
<u>Michigan Dept. of Transportation</u>	0.00%
Total	100.00%

For ordinary maintenance separate from this Project, the historical apportionments will remain in place. The historical apportionments among the public corporations for the Proctor Drain are:

Meridian Charter Township City of East Lansing	67.51%
County of Ingham	22.60%
<u>Michigan Dept. of Transportation</u>	0.29%
Total	100.00%

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any public corporation to be assessed, or any taxpayer thereof, will be entitled to be heard at the time and place of the hearing; and that after consideration of all objections to the apportionments, the Drainage Board shall determine whether the apportionments fairly reflect the benefits to accrue to each public corporation and the extent to which each public corporation contributes to the conditions making the drain expenses necessary. If the Drainage Board determines that the apportionments are equitable, then it will enter a Final Order of Apportionment confirming the apportionments.

For purposes of providing input or asking questions on any business that will come before the public body at the meeting, you may contact Paul Pratt, Ingham County Deputy Drain Commissioner via email (ppratt@ingham.org). Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in meeting should contact the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request visual, hearing or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner.

PROCTOR DRAIN DRAINAGE BOARD  
By: Patrick E. Lindemann, Chairperson  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

Dated: May 4, 2023

CP#23-112

## 2024 Democratic presidential primary still far from settled in Michigan

Remember when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer proudly proclaimed that on Feb. 27 Michigan would have the nation's fifth Democratic presidential primary of 2024.

Michigan had been moved up the calendar along with Georgia to join South Carolina, Nevada and New Hampshire as the key states charged with thinning out future presidential primaries?

Well ... hopefully you didn't write down that date in indelible ink.

The Democratic National Committee's grand plan to shake up the presidential primary system is hitting enough snags that the whole thing could unravel by the fall. One reason has to do with the Michigan Senate having enough Republican members to throw a wrench into the whole thing.

Earlier this year, the DNC told Iowa that it didn't want any more of its first-in-nation caucus stuff after they made a dog's lunch out of its 2020 contest.

Instead, it rewarded South Carolina for clearing Joe Biden's path to the White House three years ago by elevating the Palmetto State to having the first 2024 Democratic presidential primary, on Feb. 3.

New Hampshire and Nevada would share the next contest on Feb. 6. Georgia's would follow on Feb. 13 and Michigan would be next with a Feb. 27 date. Super Tuesday, with several other states, would be March 5.

The Republican National Committee was not consulted, which was the first problem. The Republicans decided last year that they weren't messing with their primary calendar.

The GOP schedule has Iowa's caucus on Jan. 8 and primaries in New Hampshire on Jan. 16, South Carolina Jan. 27 and Nevada Feb. 6. Michigan would be sometime in March with many others.

New Hampshire's state law requires that it have the first primary in the country. Its GOP Legislature isn't changing the law. A state could move its primary to New Year's Day. New Hampshire would hold its primary on Christmas.

Next, Georgia has decided that it's not interested in moving its calendar around. The GOP-led Legislature in the

Peach State told its secretary of state this month that it will be March 12. That is that.

Why did Georgia do that? For the same reason Republicans in Michigan don't want to hold a primary on Feb. 27.

The RNC's penalty for states that hold primaries before March 1 is a loss of 85% of a state's delegates and hotel rooms an hour away from the national convention site.

Michigan Republicans went through this back in 2008. The RNC is serious about cutting the delegation. For grassroots Republicans who are shafted from a delegate post, this is a big deal.

Michigan needs to pass a law to change its primary date from the second Tuesday in March.

In the Senate, a bill needs 26 votes to be effective immediately after it's signed into law. There are 20 Democratic members. That means six Republicans are needed or the change will not take effect until 90 days after the Legislature goes out of session.

The Democratic Senate could adjourn in September as opposed to December. That would make a change in the primary law effective in time for February. But Senate Democrats haven't been in power for 40 years. They don't want to end their session early and cede their authority for the rest of the year to the governor. That's what would happen.

Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, says if Democrats want to hold an early primary election on Saturday, March 2, he's good with that.

The RNC wouldn't penalize Michigan's delegation. Michigan could still be an earlier state. More people could, theoretically, participate in the voting process since it would be on the weekend.

The local clerks probably wouldn't like working the weekend, but with nine days of early voting now in our Constitution, clerks are working Saturdays around Election Day anyway.

Besides, if Biden is really running for election and his re-nomination is a fait de accompli, what difference does it matter to Democrats if the election is Feb. 27, March 2 or June 2?

Maybe the date will get moved to June 2. Who knows?

As of now, nobody knows for sure what day Michigan's 2024 presidential primary election will be.

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



KYLE MELINN

Opinion

POLITICS

# ARTS & CULTURE

ART • BOOKS • FILM • MUSIC

## ‘The LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan’ delivers depth, breadth and diversity

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

“Michigan,” artist Peter Stack declared, “is great because of our diversity, and celebrating that multiplicity allows us all to flourish.”

Stack, who is earning a master’s in fine arts at the University of Michigan, is one of 28 artists whose work is represented in “The LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan” at the Lansing Art Gallery.

“As a person who lives in rural Michigan, it’s uniquely wonderful to have representation and community support,” Stack added.

The exhibit, on view through June 29, showcases a mix of emerging and established artists from around the state. With work by 28 artists, it feels big and diverse. Sculptures and ceramics fill the windows, and paintings and pencil drawings hang alongside carved wood. There’s even a queer quilt.

The show is hosted in partnership with Suits and the City, a Greater Lansing networking organization and activist group for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. The exhibition’s celebration of queer joy and expression is not only powerful — it’s quite popular with audiences, who took to social media to share positive reviews after the May 11 opening reception.

“Last night had a lot of feels going on in that space, I was really glad to be a part of it,” one guest wrote.

“This was the best event I’ve been to since I’ve been in Lansing,” another attendee wrote.

Stack and other artists noted that celebrating queer art and joy is especially important in our current political climate. Lansing locals will remember when pride flags along Michigan Avenue were repeatedly burned last summer, and just last month a City of Lansing mural was defaced with antigay and anti-transgender hate speech.

In March, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a bill adding LGBTQ+ people to Michigan’s Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, permanently outlawing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Whitmer announced the signing on her social



Courtesy of the Lansing Art Gallery

The artists behind “The LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan” pose for a group photo at the exhibition’s May 11 opening reception.

media by stating, “Amid a nationwide attack on the LGBTQ+ community, we’re fighting to ensure every Michigander can live as their authentic self, free from discrimination and prejudice.”

But the fight is still raging. According to translegislation.com, seven anti-trans bills have been introduced in Michigan’s Legislature of this year.

“I think the world needs more courageous efforts to make queer art accessible in public spaces. I think this type of representation and visibility could lead to more empathy, compassion and understanding,” said Ferndale artist and educator Erin Brott-Holtzman, who trained at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and presented her

first solo exhibition in 2019. Her work is inspired by the ways humans experience the environment and the psychological benefits of nature.

She noted that other events that celebrate queer art in Michigan, like Mighty Real/Queer Detroit, have been gaining momentum.

“To be a queer artist in Michigan right now is exciting, especially when galleries and curators are taking note of our work and creating more opportunities for emerging and established artists,” she said.

During the opening reception, multiple patrons shared positive remarks about pieces by Kae Britton, a non-binary multidisciplinary artist who explores gender, transformation and persona through art. Britton has a

bachelor’s degree in studio art with an emphasis on illustration from Grand Valley State University.

Also on view is SUMMIT, a large painting by Paul VerBurg, who recently moved to Okemos. A painter since 1975, VerBurg earned his bachelor’s degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2009 after turning 50.

According to a review from VerBurg’s website, he paints in a “strongly Western” style — while also breaking all the rules of that style.

“It takes courage to express vulnerability. So, I stand by my belief that your art is courageous,” the reviewer, Elizabeth Soper, wrote.

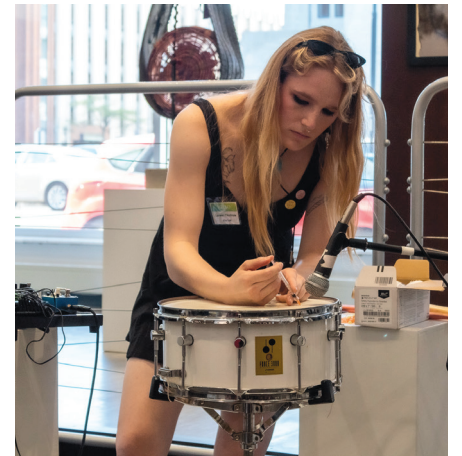
Kalamazoo-based artist YVE moved to Michigan from Georgia in 2021 and says the strength of the Michigan LGBTQ+ community has helped them feel accepted, supported and loved.

“I feel that it is safe for me to be out in Michigan, and I am hopeful that seeing shows like this makes other people feel safe to express themselves,” they said. “I appreciate that the Lansing Art Gallery dedicated the time, space and effort to organize this show.”

YVE’s work explores the “anxiety and silliness” of an evolving relationship with gender, displaying painful or complicated experiences as bright and lighthearted. They noted that, as a transgender artist, having their work shown in a queer context is beneficial.

“I anthropomorphize myself as different animals and architectural characters, but sometimes the meaning gets passed over. In this show, I think people connected with those feelings, and that was really special to me,” they said.

Lorelei d’Andriole is an assistant professor of electronic art and inter-



Courtesy of the Lansing Art Gallery

Lorelei d’Andriole gives a performance inspired by transgender identity at the opening reception of “The LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan.”

media at Michigan State University. The artist delighted the audience with a soundscape performance at the exhibit’s opening reception, during which she injected a snare drum with estrogen syringes. At one point, at least 75 people looked on in silence, some in tears.

According to d’Andriole’s social media, the performance was inspired by relearning the drums after coming out as transgender.

“When I sit behind the kit, I am utilizing the muscle memory I have developed, but whose muscles?” she wrote.

In a press release for the Lansing Art Gallery, d’Andriole wrote, “Performing these works in front of audiences has promoted conversations about bodies and gender. It is my sincerest hope that my work be used as an example and as permission for other trans people’s liberation, joy and becoming.”

### “The LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan”

Through June 29

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Saturday

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday

Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center

300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing

517-574-4521

[lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org)

# Report sheds light on Michigan's cannabis job market

By LUCAS HENKEL

Vangst, the leading hiring platform for cannabis workers, published in its 2023 job report that Michigan's cannabis industry boasts more than 35,000 jobs — the second most in the country, just behind California. While states like Colorado and Oklahoma noticed a decline in the total number of cannabis-related jobs over the last year, Michigan added 4,000 jobs to its market.

According to Vangst, about 30% of America's cannabis workers are cultivators — that's more than 125,000 people across the country. This category includes trimmers and post-harvesters, who make \$16 to \$20 per hour; production technicians, who make \$16 to \$23 per hour; growers and cultivation technicians, who make \$17 to \$26 per hour; grow managers and cultivation managers, who make \$65,000 to \$90,000 per year; and cultivation directors, who make \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year.

After the cannabis is harvested, processors turn it into finished products. This category employs 18% of the industry — more than 75,000 people across



Courtesy of Pixabay

Michigan boasts more than 35,000 cannabis-related jobs — the second most in the country behind California. These include cultivation-related jobs like trimming and harvesting, processing-related jobs like packaging and retail jobs like budtending.

the country. From carefully packaging weed into mylars and doob tubes to making dank edibles and pressing rosin, processors take cannabis to the next level. This category includes packagers, who

make \$16 to \$20 per hour; edible specialists, who make \$45,000 to \$75,000 per year; extract technicians, who make \$45,000 to \$90,000 per year; and production supervisors, who make \$75,000 to \$110,000 per year.

Retail stores and medical marijuana dispensaries employ about 22% of cannabis workers — more than 91,000 people nationwide. Hundreds of budtenders work among the 20+ dispensaries in the Lansing area to help fellow stoners find products that are perfect for them. This customer-facing job category includes budtenders, who make \$17 to \$28 per hour plus tips, which average \$7 per hour, and general managers, who make \$65,000 to \$100,000 per year.

In addition to providing reports on salaries and pay rates for some of the most common jobs in the cannabis industry, Vangst released a report in 2022 that shed light on the demographics of those workers. The 2022 Cannabis Industry Salary Guide reported that 49% of the companies surveyed employed workers with weed-related criminal records. As far as diversity, 72% of respondents identified as white or Caucasian, 12.9% identified as Hispanic or Latinx and 8.9% identified as Black or African American.

When asked if they considered themselves part of the LGBTQIA community, nearly 42% of respondents said they weren't part of the community but identified as an ally. This is more than double the percentage of folks that reported they did identify as part of the



LGBTQIA community.

## See something? Say something

If you or someone you know has witnessed anything sketchy while working, you have the right to report those incidents anonymously without retaliation. There are multiple organizations in Michigan that are ready and willing to receive complaints.

While cannabis remains federally illegal, employees at numerous dispensaries and cultivation facilities across the country have unionized to fight for better working conditions.

The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union is a labor union made up of 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada. The a nonprofit organization believes in the power of ordinary people coming together to improve their lives and make a lasting difference for all workers. The organization represents tens of thousands of cannabis workers across the U.S. in dispensaries, labs, kitchens, grow facilities and more, helping workers secure better wages, protection from unfair discipline and benefits with a union contract. To learn more, visit [ufcw.org/cannabis](http://ufcw.org/cannabis).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has regulatory jurisdiction over cannabis facilities. These include cultivation, processing, manufacturing and laboratory facilities and retail locations. Current and former employees of these workplaces, and even non-employees, can report health and safety concerns. Complaints can be filed on the administration's website, [osha.gov](http://osha.gov). They can be submitted anonymously if desired.

Michigan's Cannabis Regulatory Agency has a similar complaint-submission process for medical marijuana and adult-use establishments. Complaints can be submitted on its website, [michigan.gov/cra](http://michigan.gov/cra), and may include photos, videos, emails and text messages in addition to a description of the event. Investigators will conduct an unannounced audit of the reported facility and note any violations. Depending on the depth of the situation, the severity of the violation can range from hefty fees to criminal charges.

**Flagstar**  
Bank

## Let's find a home loan that looks good on you.

Here are three ways we can help:

- Low or no down payment options
- Grants and gifts to help lower costs
- Affordable payments

Get started today.

[flagstar.com/welcome4home](http://flagstar.com/welcome4home) | 517-715-4663

Equal Housing Lender | Member FDIC

Programs for qualified borrowers. All borrowers are subject to credit approval, underwriting approval, and product requirements including loan to value, credit score limits, and other lender terms and conditions. Fees and charges may vary by state and are subject to change without notice. Some restrictions may apply. Not a commitment to lend. Grants are limited and subject to change without notice. Recipients must meet program requirements and applicable restrictions. Homeownership education may be required.



**PURE OPTIONS™**

PRECISION CRAFTED CANNABIS

**PRESENTS**

**JellyRoll**

**WHITSITT CHAPEL**

**LISTENING PARTY +**

**LIVE Q&A WITH JELLYROLL**

**5/27 at Wayside Central, Mt Pleasant, MI**

**Shop at Pure Options  
and get a free ticket!**

Starting on 5/19, Buy any  
**Bad Apple Pre-Roll or Prepack 8<sup>th</sup>**  
at any Pure Options location, and receive a free ticket  
to the Jellyroll live Q&A + listening party on 5/27.

*\*Tickets limited to the first 1000 customers who purchase  
a Bad Apple cannabis product\**



- FINE CANNABIS -

NATIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTER: 1-800-222-1222

For use by individuals 21 years of age or older or registered qualifying patients only. Keep out of reach of children. It is illegal to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana. The actual concentration of THC and CBD can vary from the reported value by 10%.

WARNING: USE BY PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING WOMEN, OR BY WOMEN PLANNING TO BECOME PREGNANT, MAY RESULT IN FETAL INJURY, PRETERM BIRTH, LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, OR DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS FOR THE CHILD.



**PURE OPTIONS™**

PRECISION CRAFTED CANNABIS



# ARTS NIGHT OUT



## June 2nd

### 5:00-8:00PM

## 2023 Venues

- Arts Council of Greater Lansing
- Bradly's Home & Garden
- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Elderly Instruments
- Great Lakes Art & Gifts
- Metro Melik 517
- MICA Gallery
- Mother & Earth: Toys + Baby
- Neighborhood Empowerment Center
- Odd Nodd Art Supply
- Old Town Commercial Association
- Old Town General Store
- Preuss Pets
- Thrift Witch
- UrbanBeat



## See art and fun come together Friday night in Lansing!

Old Town is your next Friday destination for live music, art exhibits, shopping and more. Come explore, meet the artists, wine and dine - Arts Night Out has something for everyone!

[#MyArtsNightOut](#) | [MyArtsNightOut.com](#)



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS: **CityPULSE**





## 2023 Summer Guide

Your guide to events, happenings and more in Greater Lansing this summer

# Truth and myths about the Great Lakes



Courtesy photo

Dave Dempsey, author of “The Great Lakes: Fact or Fake,” on the shores of Grand Traverse Bay.

As summer approaches, so do trips to the Great Lakes. Some of us are lucky enough to own or rent cottages on or near them. Others go back to favorite B&Bs, motels and cabins year after year or take trailers and tents to campgrounds. And many of us make a day trip or two before the warm weather escapes us.

But how much do you know about the Great Lakes?

Dave Dempsey knows more than most. Dempsey has spent the last 40 years working on environmental policy for the governor of Michigan, various nonprofit organizations and the International Joint Commission, through which the United States and Canada manage bodies of water along their border. Dempsey, a Michigan State University graduate, is a prolific writer (and a former environmental columnist

for City Pulse). His 12th book, which was just published by Mission Point Press, is “The Great Lakes: Fact or Fake?” In it, he poses questions you can ask your car mates as you head west, east or Up North for your summer trip destinations — then use his answers to grade your knowledge of one of the world’s greatest wonders.

Here is an excerpt from “The Great Lakes: Fact or Fake,” by Dave Dempsey.

### Introduction

The Great Lakes are impossible to overlook. Whether you’re an astronaut

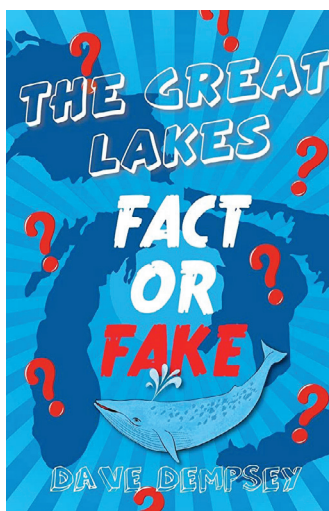
circling the globe, a student examining a map of North America or a tourist standing on the shore of one of the five lakes, they dominate our attention.

And yet, even most of those living within the roughly 200,000-square-mile Great Lakes watershed — an area larger than Thailand, Spain or Zimbabwe — don’t know many of the most interesting things about them. Others who have never visited or studied them may lack knowledge or have misconceptions about the Great Lakes. Filling gaps and correcting misconcep-

tions is a major purpose of this book. But learning should stimulate minds and, might we suggest, even be fun. Gaining Great Lakes’ insights should be as inviting as deep-blue Lake Michigan on a sweltering summer day.

So, rather than lecturing, this book aims to challenge and entertain with 40 statements and asks you to guess what’s fact or fake. No homework and no grading.

You are encouraged, however, to improve your Great Lakes knowledge to become more intimate with the 20% of the world’s available surface freshwater they contain. “Available” means water that is not captured in ice caps, glaciers and permanent snow. “Surface water” excludes groundwater.



## Great Lakes

from page 15

You can then become a better steward of these majestic lakes and an informed advocate for their protection.

### TIDES FACT OR FAKE?

*The Great Lakes have tides.*

Oceans have tides. Thanks to the gravitational pull of the sun and moon, oceans rise and fall twice each day.

Tides are long-period waves. They originate offshore and move toward coastlines. They are usually measured in feet or meters. At their extreme highs, tides in the Bay of Fundy, with shorelines touching Maine and the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, average 47.6 feet (14.5 meters) but have varied by as much as 53.5 feet (16.3 meters) — the approximate height of a five-story building

So do the Great Lakes, with mammoth open waters, have tides?

It depends on your definition. The Great Lakes rise and fall in response to the gravitational pull of the sun and moon, but never more than 2 inches (about 5 centimeters). Consequently, the National Ocean Service considers

the Great Lakes non-tidal.

Still, much bigger water level changes occur over a short period of time in the Great Lakes. Known as seiches, the changes typically occur when high winds drive water from one side of a Great Lake to another. Seiches can even occur on Great Lakes' connecting waters, like Lake St. Clair between Michigan and Ontario. The effect is reminiscent of a sloshing bathtub, as water can surge back and forth several times. Waves related to seiches have reached 22 feet and washed people off piers and even resulted in fatalities on shores and piers. On June 26, 1954, a storm drove an 8-to-10-foot swell from Chicago to the east shore of Lake Michigan. The water then rebounded, suddenly inundating a Chicago pier where anglers were fishing, sweeping many into the churning water. Eight people died.

The Great Lakes also experience meteotsunamis, large waves whipped up by changes in atmospheric pressure associated with storms. The phenomena has led to waves up to 20 feet high and multiple incidents along Lake Michigan's southern coast (10 killed in Grand Haven, Michigan, in 1929 and seven in 2003 in Michigan's Berrien County).



RHIMAGE/Shutterstock

A close-up of the Great Lakes on a map: Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario.

### ANSWER

*The Great Lakes have tides.*

**Fact – barely.**

### WHALES FACT OR FAKE?

*There are whales in the Great Lakes.*

Each spring, visitors to Traverse City enter a building inquiring about whales. Traverse City Tourism, an agency that promotes recreational visits to the bays and open waters of the Great Lakes, reports that visitors walk in the doors “asking about the best places to view migrating whales or wanting to know what companies offer the best whale-watching tours.”

And the lore of the Great Lakes whale emerges again like a humpback breaching the lake surface.

There is considerable evidence of

whales in the Great Lakes. One is the Great Lakes Whale Migration Station on Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan. The station “collects migration data and records sighting of whales as they migrate throughout the Great Lakes,” the station says on its Facebook page. A website, Lake Michigan Whale Watching, informs visitors:

As winter turns to spring and the cool waters of the lake are warmed by the sun, the freshwater sperm whales and dolphins begin their annual southbound 1300-mile journey from Hudson Bay. Although there are a number of locks at Sault Ste. Marie, these beautiful and intelligent creatures forge a faster route through nearby streams, and by mid-June, they have reached the breeding

See Great Lakes, Page 17

Filmmaking...Theater...Sculpture...  
Drawing...Painting...Clay...Fiberarts

Do all Kinds of Art at

**REACH**  
reachstudioart.org

This summer!

Also **SPRING THING**  
**JUNE 3, 11:00-3:00**

Featuring Accessibility Arts Exhibition  
and fun community art activities

**FREE!**

register at:

**REACHSTUDIOART.ORG 517.999.3643**  
**1804 S WASHINGTON AVE, LANSING**

**FRANKENFEST**

**SATURDAY JUNE 24**  
**TURNER-DODGE HOUSE • LANSING**  
**FRANKENFEST.COM**





## Great Lakes

from page 16

grounds of southern Lake Michigan that they know as their “summer home.”

The first whale-watch cruise originating from Chicago took place in June 1985. The organizer pointed out that Great Lakes whales are rarely seen because, “Through evolution, the Great Lakes whales are carefully camouflaged.”

Early in the 2000s, some Michigan instructors received a teaching aid, also distributed nationally to 1.2 million third through sixth grade students in the U.S, which described Great Lakes whales. The guide also mentioned the annual migration of the whales.

But whales thrive only in salt water, the nearest of which is 800 miles from Lake Michigan. Krill, the dietary staple of many whale species, do not live in freshwater. These small, shrimp-like crustaceans, averaging only about 2 inches, are critical to marine ecosystems. Saltwater helps heal small wounds on whales. And the 1985 Chicago whale watching cruise was tongue-in-cheek.

Whale bones have been found in Michigan but may reflect their transport from ocean waters by Indigenous peoples through trade.

The point where Great Lakes water reaches saltwater in the Saint Lawrence River is home for about 900



beluga whales. White with a rounded forehead, female beluga whales average 11.5 feet (3.5 meters) while males can exceed 13 feet (4 meters). The species faces threats from toxic chemicals that exit the Great Lakes system. Flame retardants, mercury and pesticides all contribute to the toxic burden borne by the beluga.

So — whales may be close to the Great Lakes and influenced by the Great Lakes, but they do not live in the Great Lakes.

### ANSWER

*There are whales in the Great Lakes.*

### Fake

### SALT AND SHARK-FREE FACT OR FAKE

*The Great Lakes are “Unsalted and Shark-free,” as a vehicle decal popular in the region proudly declares.*



Some residents of the Great Lakes region, proud of their freshwater heritage, celebrate that identity with signs, personalized license plates and decals.

One decal commanding attention declares that the Great Lakes are unsalted and shark-free, and we’ve already seen that whales don’t inhabit their waters. No sober sightings of sharks have been confirmed, but are the Great Lakes unsalted?

Not if you consider road salt and salt from water softeners, they’re not. In 2021, researchers estimated chlorides in Lake Michigan had risen from about 1 to 2 milligrams per liter before European settlement to more than 15 milligrams per liter. Canadian researchers found levels ranging from 1.4 milligrams in Lake Superior to 133 milligrams per liter in Lake Ontario. Although these levels are well below the chloride concentrations in ocean water, about 35 grams per

liter, and below the aesthetic standard for chlorides in drinking water, about 250 milligrams per liter, rising concentrations may have biological impacts. These include killing or otherwise harming aquatic plants and invertebrates.

The Lake Michigan salinity level studies found that watersheds with a greater surface area of roads, parking lots and other impervious surfaces tended to have higher chloride levels due to direct runoff into streams and lakes.

Although road salt is likely the largest source of chloride pollution of the Great Lakes, livestock, fertilizer and water softeners also contribute. Still, the simplest solution to rising chloride levels in the Great Lakes is to use less road salt, and transportation officials have sought ways to apply less salt on roads during winter while keeping roads clear and safe for motorists. The most direct way is to put salt on fewer roads. In some cases, sand or ash is used as an alternative in lower-traffic areas.

As for sharks, well, there was a report of a bite taken out of a Chicago-area man by a bull shark on Jan. 1, 1955. The best guess of the Chicago Tribune is that it was a hoax published in 1975, the year the movie “Jaws” was released. So, “shark-free” is accurate.

See Great Lakes, Page 18

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

## June 1 – Aug. 5

Read for fun and prizes!



Sign up at any branch or [cadl.org/summer](http://cadl.org/summer).



Sponsored by





## SPECIALS DESIGNED FOR YOU

Achieve your dreams with MSUCFU by taking advantage of these limited-time offers, designed with you in mind.

**Receive a Gift with our Spend and Save Bundle<sup>1</sup>**  
 Make the most out of every transaction when you open a cash back Visa Credit Card and a 1-Year Add-On Certificate. Use the cash back you earn to grow your savings.

**Receive \$250 with our IMMA Special<sup>2</sup>**  
 Achieve higher returns on your savings when you open a new IMMA account and deposit \$25,000 or more.

Hurry! Offers end June 30, 2023.  
[msufcu.org](http://msufcu.org) | 517-333-2424




<sup>1</sup>Eligibility requirements: Members without an MSUCFU Visa Credit Card and 1-Year Add-On Certificate who open both within 10 business days of each other will receive a gift. MSUCFU Visa Credit Card must be activated by 7/10/23 and at least 5 purchase transactions must be made within 30 days of card activation. <sup>2</sup>1-Year Add-On Annual Percentage Yield 3.95% as of 5/1/23. Rate subject to change. \$50 minimum to open 1-Year Add-On Certificate. Early withdrawal penalties may apply. Gift will be mailed within 6 to 8 weeks of card activation, while supplies last. First come, first served. Not valid with any other deposit offers except the \$250 IMMA offer. College/University students not eligible. Gift may be taxable and reported on an IRS Form. <sup>3</sup>Members without an Insured Money Management Account (IMMA) who open an IMMA with a minimum deposit of \$25,000 and maintain a balance of at least \$25,000 for 90 days will receive \$250. IMMA must be opened and funded by 6/30/23. IMMA Tier 1 Annual Percentage Yield 1.25% as of 5/1/23. Rate subject to change. Bonus of \$250 will be deposited to member's base savings account within 4 weeks of 90-day requirement being met. Not valid for funds already on deposit with MSUCFU or with any other deposit offers except current credit card/Certificate offer. Bonus may be taxable and reported on an IRS Form. Federally insured by NCUA.

# 10 things to do this summer in Greater Lansing Festivals, outdoor concerts, a fiesta and more

Labor Day is Monday (May 29), marking the start of the summer season in the Northern Hemisphere. With kids on summer break and adults looking for ways to enjoy the warm weather, a list of upcoming events is in order.

Some beloved events are returning from years past, but others, like the Best of Lansing Festival,

are brand new. The festival, taking place 6 to 11 p.m. July 29 at Jackson Field, features the best of the best Lansing has to offer, from artists and creatives to retail shops and restaurants, including many winners of City Pulse's Top of the Town contest.

Lansing 5:01 will transform the baseball stadium into a festival

setting, complete with inflatables, obstacle courses, more than 100 vendors and a performance by City Pulse's 2022 Top of the Town best cover band, Starfarm.

There will also be a food-tasting competition, featuring more than a dozen local restaurants. Tickets for 10 tastings are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door.

Vendors that would like to participate should visit [youshineeventsconsulting.com/apply](http://youshineeventsconsulting.com/apply). Restaurants that would like to participate should email [contact@lansing501.com](mailto:contact@lansing501.com).

There are plenty more events in the coming months, including concerts, festivals and fairs, so pull out your calendar and get ready for a fun-filled summer.



Courtesy photo

## 1 Cristo Rey Fiesta

May 26, 4-11 p.m.  
May 27, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
May 28, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Cristo Rey Church  
201 W. Miller Road, Lansing  
[cristoreyfiesta.org](http://cristoreyfiesta.org)

At mid-Michigan's premier Hispanic festival, you can enjoy authentic Mexican food, live music, dance

performances, a market, a raffle and more.

The festival is mostly free, though there will be a \$5 entrance fee Friday and Saturday after 5 p.m.

Members of the military and veterans are invited to attend the festival on Sunday for a pre-Memorial Day tribute to those who have served and are currently serving.

## 2 Pumpstock 2023 Festival of American Roots Music

June 3  
2-8 p.m.  
Bailey Park  
300 Bailey St., East Lansing  
[facebook.com/pumpstock](https://facebook.com/pumpstock)

2023 marks the 13th year of this outdoor festival, which will feature local food vendors, a hands-on Instru-



Courtesy photo

ment Petting Zoo courtesy of Music is the Foundation, children's art-making activities, a Uke Strum with the Lansing Area Ukulele Group and custom-made ukuleles from Dave's Ukes.

On the main stage, hosted by DJ and musician Jim Hall, will be Creature of One, Nikki Morgan, Emily White, Black Rock 101: The Black Rock Sextet featuring Benjamin Hall and Elden Kelly and The Wilson Brothers.

On the local stage will be Bart Moore, Trailer Cats, Sammie Her shock and Clemmie Kelly.

The festival recommends you bring

"chairs, blankets, your family, your friends and your dogs."

Attendees are asked to donate to the festival's Kickstarter prior to the event. A link can be found on the Facebook event page.



Courtesy photo

## 3 Lansing Beer Fest

June 10  
3-8 p.m.  
Washington Avenue, REO Town  
[lansingbeerfest.com](http://lansingbeerfest.com)

See Summer events, Page 19

**SUMMER MUSIC EVENTS ON CAMPUS**

Picnics are welcome and don't forget to pack a blanket or lawn chair.

**Music and the Garden**

On select Sundays, 1 PM family-friendly activities. 2 PM concert followed by garden topics and tips.

- 7/16 Clap7 Saxophone Quartet
- 9/10 Vocalist GeDeane Graham, Mengyao Zhao, piano
- 8/13 Percussion Duo
- 9/24 Colorwash Woodwind Quintet

Beal Botanical Garden 150 YEARS

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MUELDER 2023

**Carillon SUMMER SERIES**

Listen to the bells of Beaumont Tower on **Wednesdays in July and early August** with carillonists from Belgium, Canada, England, Germany, Netherlands, and the United States.

- 7/5 Dina Verheyden and Richard de Waardt
- 7/12 Mathieu Daniel Polak
- 7/19 Simone Browne
- 7/26 Katarzyna Takao-Piastowska
- 8/2 Andrea McCrady
- 8/9 Jim Fackenthal

College of Music MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Great Lakes

from page 17

### ANSWER

*The Great Lakes are "Unsalted and Shark-free," as a vehicle decal popular in the region proudly declares.*

### Fake

*Only half right, the half involving sharks.*

### WHAT'S FOR DINNER? PLASTIC FACT OR FAKE?

*Some residents of the Great Lakes watershed may eat the equivalent of a credit card every week.*

Where do plastic bottles and plastic grocery bags go to die when they're discarded?

The better question might be, do they ever die?

Worldwide studies have shown that many plastics break into small pieces, or microplastics, that persist indefinitely. They clutter the ocean — and the Great Lakes. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates there are 112,000 particles of plastic per square mile of Great Lakes water. A sampling of Lake Ontario and Lake Superior fish found the "highest concentration of microplastics and other anthropogenic (synthetic) microparticles ever reported in bony fish, including 12,442 anthropogenic microparticles in 212 fish from nearshore Lake Ontario, and 3,094 in 119 fish

from Lake Superior. Between 35% and 59% of the particles were microplastics.

Plastic particles 5 millimeters (0.2 inch) or smaller are considered microplastics. Studies have found microplastics in the atmosphere, on land and oceans and freshwaters. They also have made their way into drinking water and foods for human consumption. The impact on human health is unknown, but they may act as stressors, entering the human digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems.

Another study estimated the global mean rate of human consumption of microplastics at between 0.1 and 5 grams per week. Variability is high and depends on the individual's home location, age, size and cultural factors. In the worst-case scenario, consumption is roughly equivalent to a credit card.

While no one knows yet the impact of microplastics on human health (or fish and wildlife) there are worrisome signals that suggest preventing human exposure to microplastics should be a priority. Finding substitutes for microplastics intentionally added to agricultural chemicals, paints, cosmetics, and detergent, for example, is critical. Scientists are piloting a system based on biodegradable silk instead.

There is hope — and urgency.

### ANSWER

*Some residents of the Great Lakes watershed may eat the equivalent of a credit card every week.*

### Fact

# Summer events

from page 18

The 9th annual Lansing Beer Fest will feature more than 20 Michigan breweries and 100 craft beers and ciders in addition to food trucks, live music, giant chess and checkers, vendors and more.

General admission tickets are \$25 until May 27, \$35 until June 10 and \$40 the day of the event and include entry into the festival, a logo tasting glass and 10 sampling tickets. VIP tickets are \$35 until May 27, \$45 until June 10 and \$50 the day of the event and include early entry at 2 p.m., a dated souvenir glass and 15 sampling tickets. Designated driver tickets are \$10.

Each sampling ticket is redeemable for 3 ounces of beer or cider, and additional tickets will be available at the festival for \$1 each.

All proceeds benefit the REO Town Commercial Association, which promotes cultural and commercial development in the neighborhood.



Courtesy photo

## 4 517 Juneteenth Weekend

June 15-18  
REO Town  
517juneteenth.com

517 Juneteenth Weekend, recognizing the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States, is packed with events to celebrate Black culture, expression, experiences and entrepreneurship.

June 15 features a Black History, Black Futures Seminar with Tony Willis, chief equity development officer for the Lansing Economic Area Partnership; Rashida Harrison, an assistant professor of social relations and policy at Michigan State University's James Madison College; Dwayne Powell Jr., a vice president of community development at PNC Bank; and more.

June 16, there will be an ice cream social with free ice cream sandwiches and popsicles from Sweet Encounter Cafe and Bakery, music and DJs, PNC Bank's Mobile Learning Adventure activity stations, Impression 5 Science Center experiments and more.

The 517 Juneteenth Festival, June 17 on South Washington Avenue in REO Town, will feature 75 Black-owned-business vendors, information booths, a Kidz Zone, a food court and Battle of the Qs barbecue station and live performances by two Grammy-nominated musicians, Kenyon Dixon and Gwen Bunn, as well as other local, regional and national performers.

Ending the weekend June 18 is a Father's Day Brunch.

Check the website in the coming weeks for lineup announcements, schedules, locations and other information.



Courtesy photo

## 5 Charlotte Bluegrass Festival

June 22, Noon-10:15 p.m.  
June 23, Noon-10:15 p.m.  
June 24, 11 a.m.-10:25 p.m.  
Eaton County Fairgrounds  
1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte  
charlottebluegrassfestival.com

The 51st annual Charlotte Bluegrass Festival features three days of live music, camping, group jam sessions, workshops, food wagons, vendors and more.

Performers include Harbourtown Bluegrass, Williamson Branch, the Amanda Cook Band, the Kody Norris Show, Full Cord, Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, the Lonesome River Band, the Edgar Loudermilk Band and more.

Tickets are \$80 until May 31 and \$90 after that. Thursday one-day tickets are \$25, and Friday and Saturday one-day

tickets are \$30. Camping is \$18 per day and includes water and electricity.



Courtesy photo

## 6 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

June 23, 5:30 p.m.-midnight  
June 24, 2:30 p.m.-midnight  
Albert Street, East Lansing  
eljazzfest.com

This year's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival will again feature two stages with a host of jazz performers, including the Randy Napoleon Quintet, the Michael Dease Quartet, Rodney Whitaker, the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan Scholarship Band, 496 West, Gayelynn McKinney & McKinney Zone and more.

The After Glow performances at the Graduate Hotel Rock Bar will feature Hugh Downs Friday evening and Michael J. Reed and the Revelation Sat-

urday evening.

In addition, the festival is partnering with the East Lansing Farmers Market June 18 to host performances by Christopher Minami and Jonathon S. Muir-Cotton & Expressions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Courtesy photo

## 7 Mighty Uke Day Festival

June 23-25  
University United Methodist Church  
1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing  
mightyukeday.com

The 2023 Mighty Uke Day Festival includes plenty of workshops, music-making opportunities, live performances and more.

June 23, the event kicks off with a flash mob at noon, followed by workshops from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be

See Summer events, Page 20

HOSTED BY:

SOUTH LANSING

SPONSORED BY:

SOUTH LANSING

EST. 2007

FARMERS MARKET

THURSDAYS 3-7PM

MAY 18 - OCTOBER 19

5016 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD.

(CORNER OF JOLLY & S. MLK)

AT SOLDAN'S PET SUPPLIES

Facebook

Website

# NEED TO PROMOTE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT?

Contact **Kamara Miller**  
at **(517) 999-6704/kamara@lansingcitypulse.com**  
to find out about our Live & Local Advertising Special.

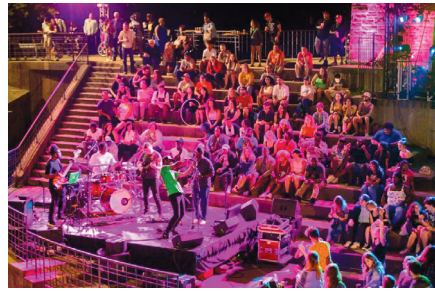
## Summer events

from page 19

other activities from 1 to 6 p.m., including a walk-up open mic, a Punch Drunk intro lesson and a two-chord strum. The Main Stage Concert begins at 8 p.m., featuring Peter Luongo's Legacy Ensemble, Heidi Swedberg & Daniel Ward and more. Ending the evening at 11 p.m. is an after-hours jam at SpringHill Suites.

June 24, music on the Community Stage begins at 10 a.m. with an opening strum. From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a walk-up open mic, group strums and live performances. Workshops will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by a Main Stage Concert at 7:30 p.m., featuring Aldrine Guerrero and Aaron Nakamura, The Corner Laughers and more. Again, there will be an after-hours jam at SpringHill Suites at 11 p.m.

Finally, the weekend ends with an Acoustic Afterglow Concert 1 p.m. June 25.



Courtesy photo

### 8 Dam Jam Music Festival

July 7, 6-11 p.m.

July 8, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Brenke Fish Ladder

216 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing

[lansing501.com/events/dam-jam](http://lansing501.com/events/dam-jam)

Dam Jam, presented by Lansing 5:01, is back for a fifth year, featuring local vendors, food stalls and, of course, live music. New this year is a full day of programming on Saturday,

with two stages. The festival will expand into the Fish Ladder's adjacent parking lot to include more music, vendors and activities.

The lineup hasn't been announced yet, but the festival's Facebook page promises an array of genres to ensure there's something for everyone.

The festival is taking applications for vendors, and interested parties can apply at [youshineeventsconsulting.com](http://youshineeventsconsulting.com).

### 9 Michigan JazzFest

Aug. 3-5

Old Town Lansing

[micharts.org/jazzfest-about](http://micharts.org/jazzfest-about)

This year's JazzFest will feature four venues: the South and North Turner Street Stages and the River Stage, which are outdoors, and the Urban-Beat Afterglow Stage.

Each artist or group will premiere a song, composition or arrangement they haven't performed publicly before. The full lineup hasn't been announced yet, but performers will



Courtesy photo

include Tom Duffield, the School of Rock Adult and House bands, the Ammy Amorette Quartet, Walter White and the Lounge Wizards, Michael Dease & Friends and T-Bone Paxton & the Old Town Stompers. The festival promises something for everyone – even children.



Courtesy photo

### 10 Michigan Chicken Wing Festival

Sept. 2-3

2-9 p.m.

Adado Riverfront Park

201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing

[michiganchickenwingfestival.com](http://michiganchickenwingfestival.com)

As the event website states, "This festival is not about how many wing vendors participate; it's more about the different flavors of wings you can buy."

Food vendors will sell a variety of wings, ranging from a mild spice level to off-the-charts heat. The festival will also include a main stage with musical acts, other live entertainment, professional wrestling, a kids' zone with inflatables, a game trailer, giveaways, a VIP beer and wine tent, a chicken wing-eating contest, a people's choice vendor contest and more.

General admission tickets are \$5 before 4 p.m. and \$15 after 4 p.m. at the gate. Kids 14 and under can enter for free with a paying adult. Cancer survivors, military members and seniors ages 65 and older can also enter for free.

VIP tickets are \$45 for ages 21 and up and include tokens for 12 wing samples, two drink tokens for alcoholic beverages, five drink tickets for nonalcoholic drinks, early entry, a giveaway drawing ticket and access to the VIP Tent and the VIP area near the stage. VIP beer and wine tickets are \$55 for ages 21 and up and include, on top of the other VIP perks, eight drink tokens for alcoholic beverages and access to premium beverages.

VIP tickets must be purchased online prior to the event.

Guests are encouraged to bring foldable chairs and blankets, as there won't be general seating.

**LOCAL EATS, LOCAL TREATS.  
LOCAL VEGGIES, LOCAL VIBES.**



**ALLEN FARMERS  
MARKET**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3 - 7PM**

**1629 E. KALAMAZOO, LANSING**

ALLEN  
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

# More summer events

There are even more events throughout Greater Lansing to enjoy this summer. This isn't an exhaustive list, so make sure to look out for highlights in the Out on the Town section as the season continues.

## ArtPath 6

May 29-Sept. 4  
Lansing River Trail  
lansingartpath.org

ArtPath 6 will open with a kickoff event 5 to 9 p.m. June 2, featuring live music, vendors, activities and more. There will be an opportunity for attendees to add words of positivity to a mural by two ArtPath artists, Jessica and Zach Kovan, from 4 to 6 p.m.

20 local artists, selected by a panel of jurors, will create murals, sculptures and installations along the River Trail that will be viewable all summer.

For a list of contributing artists, visit the ArtPath website.

## Capital Area District Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

June 1- Aug. 5  
cadl.org

Registration is open for CADL's Summer Reading Challenge, which begins June 1. There are four age categories: babies and toddlers (ages 0-3), kids (ages 4-12), teens (ages 10-18) and adults (18+).

This year's theme is "All Together Now," celebrating friendship, community and kindness.

Participants will read books throughout the summer, accumulat-

ing points to redeem for prizes, including gift cards, Impression 5 family memberships and more. Those who complete all levels of the challenge will be entered to win grand prizes, including a Raising Readers backpack for toddlers, gift cards to Launch Trampoline park at the Meridian Mall for kids and gift cards to Meijer, Schuler Books and Roblox for teens.

To register, visit [cadl.org](http://cadl.org).

## Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square

June 1-Aug. 18  
6:30 p.m. Thursdays  
Historic Courthouse Lawn  
100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte

Charlotte's Summer Concerts on the Square series includes an eclectic lineup of performers throughout the season.

- June 1: *Sea Cruisers*
- June 8: *Friendz*
- June 15: *Claim Jumpers*
- June 22: *Detroit Social Club*
- June 28: *Jimmy & the Mortals*
- July 6: *Frog & the Beeftones*
- July 13: *Dwayne Spaw*
- July 20: *Laurie & the Lefties*
- July 27: *Soul Town*
- Aug. 3: *Whistle Pig Surprise Band*
- Aug. 10: *Parted Waters*
- Aug. 18: *Blind Ambition*

## Sounds of Summer 2023

June 2-Aug. 25  
7-9 p.m. Fridays  
Lake Lansing Park South Bandshell  
1621 Pike St., Haslett

[facebook.com/lakelansingbandshell](https://facebook.com/lakelansingbandshell)

The 21st annual Lake Lansing Bandshell concert series will feature children's activities such as inflatables, a tricycle track and a playground; 50/50 raffles; ice cream from Ashley's Ice Cream Extravaganza; and food trucks, a new addition this year.

June 2: *Don Middlebrook and the Pearl Divers*

June 9: *Oxymoron's*

June 16: *Universe Band*

June 23: *Capital City Chordsmen*

June 30: *Meridian Community Band*

July 7: *Roadside Attraction*

July 14: *Sea Cruisers*

July 21: *Tony Thompson & Friends*

July 28: *Stone Street Revival*

Aug. 4: *Global Village*

Aug. 11: *Frog King*

Aug. 18: *Jeff Baldori*

Aug. 25: *Showdown*

## St. Johns Pride Festival

June 3  
Noon-4 p.m.  
Clinton Avenue, St. Johns

The 3rd annual St. Johns Pride Festival, presented by the SJ Call-In Coalition, will feature food trucks, speakers, live music, a family-friendly drag show, raffles and giveaways, a kids' corner and more.

## Chalk of the Town

June 3  
Noon-4 p.m.  
Turner Street, Old Town  
[iloveoldtown.org](http://iloveoldtown.org)

Visit Turner Street in Old Town June 3 to view a variety of chalk art by local artists. The art will be completed by 2:30 p.m., and judges will

determine the top three pieces.

## Magical Realm Fantasy Faire

June 3-4  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Eaton County Fairgrounds  
1025 Cochran Ave., Charlotte  
[themagicalrealm.com](http://themagicalrealm.com)

Magical Realm's annual Fantasy Faire will feature live jousting, sword fighting, fire spinning, live music, more than 80 vendors, a mead hall and more. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in costumes.

All proceeds benefit Magical Realm, a nonprofit organization. It will use the funds to support the Crosswalk Teen Center of Charlotte and the Knights of the New Order joust troupe, helping pay medical expenses for its joust horses.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and children 6 and under can enter for free.

## East Lansing Public Library Summer Reading Program

Beginning June 5  
[elpl.org](http://elpl.org)

The East Lansing Public Library's Summer Reading Program features the same theme as CADL's, "All Together Now," and is open to people of all ages. Registration is open, and participants can start tracking their reading June 5.

The program will kick off with an event from 5 to 8 p.m. June 5, featuring performances by the Striped Circus and a Maker Studio open house with local science educators.

See Summer events, Page 22



# Lansing Mobile Farmers Market 2023 Schedule

Will be out on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting July 6 thru October 5, 2023

## TUESDAYS

Letts Community Center - 1-3pm  
1220 W. Kalamazoo St.  
Capitol Commons - 4-6pm  
500 S. Pine St.

## THURSDAYS

Riverfront Apts. - 11am-1pm  
601 N. Cedar St.  
Abigail I & II - 2-4pm  
715 W. Willow St.



Accepting cash, debit/credit cards, EBT cards, Double Up Food Bucks\*, WIC Project Fresh\*, Senior Market Fresh Coupons\*.

(\*Michigan grown produce only)

Visit [lansingmobilefarmmarket](https://lansingmobilefarmmarket.com) on FB. Questions? Call 517-999-2894

## Summer events

from page 21

### Concerts in the Park

June 14-Aug. 9

7-9 p.m. Wednesdays

[lansingmi.gov/994/concerts-in-the-park](http://lansingmi.gov/994/concerts-in-the-park)

Throughout the summer, Lansing Parks & Recreation is hosting concerts at various local parks, featuring an array of genres.

*June 14: Tejano Sound - Moores Park*

*June 21: The Kathy Ford Band - Durant Park*

*June 28: Frog & the Beeftones - Fulton Park*

*July 12: Sea Cruisers - Turner-Dodge House*

*July 19: Mixed Flavors - Benjamin Davis Park*

*July 26: Shelby & Jake - Bancroft Park*

*Aug. 2: Global Village - Sycamore Park*

*Aug. 9: Aldaco - Frances Park*

### Lansing Pride

June 17

Noon-10 p.m.

Turner Street, Old Town

[lansingpride.org](http://lansingpride.org)

Lansing Pride is free, family-friendly and welcomes LGBTQ+ people and allies of all ages. The 2nd-annual event will feature a main stage with entertainment, vendors, food, a beer tent, a family area and more. Check the website and the event's Facebook page, facebook.

[com/lansingpride](http://com/lansingpride), for schedule and lineup updates.

### Music in the Park

June 20-Aug. 15

7 p.m. Tuesdays

Sharp Park

1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing

[deltami.gov](http://deltami.gov)

Venture to Sharp Park on select Tuesdays during the summer for concerts on the big stage or in the amphitheater. There will be food trucks at big stage events.

*June 20: Brotha Earth, opener Tony Thompson, The Smoke N' Pig BBQ food truck - big stage*

*June 27: Mixed Flavors, opener Kanin Wren - amphitheater*

*July 18: Sea Cruisers, opener Jen Sygit, Jay's Dogs food truck - big stage*

*July 25: Wild Honey Collective, opener School of Rock - amphitheater*

*Aug. 15: Three Men and a Tenor, opener Oxymorons, Jay's Dogs food truck - big stage*

### Grand Ledge Music in the Park

June 22-Aug. 17

7 p.m. Thursdays

Jaycee Park

525 E. River St., Grand Ledge

[grandledgechamber.com](http://grandledgechamber.com)

The outdoor concerts just keep coming! Grand Ledge's Chamber of Commerce will host performances Thursdays throughout the summer at Jaycee Park, featuring two acts each night.

*June 22: Three Men and a Tenor, opener Oxymorons*

*June 29: Tony Thompson & Friends, opener Wild Honey Collective*

*July 6: The Usual Suspects, opener Brian Bristol*

*July 13: The Frog King, opener Tay-*

*lor Taylor*

*July 20: Global Village, opener School of Rock*

*July 27: Mixed Flavors, opener Kanin Wren*

*Aug. 3: Sea Cruisers, opener Dean Madonia*

*Aug. 10: Stone Street Revival, opener Donny Brown*

*Aug. 17: The Insiders, opener Nicholas James Thomasma*

### Olive Burger Festival

June 24

Noon-7 p.m.

Jackson Field

505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

[lansingfoodies.com/about-obf](http://lansingfoodies.com/about-obf)

The first-ever Olive Burger Festival, sponsored by Lansing Foodies, will feature more than a dozen olive burgers from local restaurants and food trucks, beer and wine, live music, games and activities for all ages, including bounce houses and face painting for kids.

Attendees will be able to try different burgers and vote for their favorites. Lansing Foodies will also collect signatures to encourage Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to designate Lansing the "Olive Burger Capital of the World."

### FrankenFest

June 24

11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Turner-Dodge House

100 E. North St., Lansing

[frankenfest.com](http://frankenfest.com)

The annual FrankenFest, summer's spookiest event, will feature artwork, food trucks, a cash bar, evening ghost tours, DJs, a photo booth, horror ac-

See Summer events, Page 23

➔ PECKHAM FARMS

# PECKHAM FARMS

LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS, VEGGIES, & FLOWERS



come visit us:

- 5408 w. grand river rd.  
lansing, mi 48906
- monday - friday  
10:00am - 6:00pm

learn more



**BATH**  
*Farmer's*  
**MARKET**

**Every**  
**Thursday**  
**3-6:30 PM**  
**5/25-10/26**  
**James Couzens**  
**Memorial Park**

**Visit [www.shopbfm.org](http://www.shopbfm.org) for more information**

## Summer events

from page 22

tors, a replica of the “Scooby Doo” Mystery Machine and more. The festival is free, and all ages are welcome.

### Eaton County Fair

July 9-15  
Eaton County Fairgrounds  
1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte  
eatoncountyfair.com

Fairs are a beloved part of the summer season. The Eaton County fair will include horse races, live entertainment, animal shows and sales, carnival rides and games, truck and tractor pulls, contests, rodeos and much more. For a full list of events and times, visit the website.

### ScrapFest

July 14-15  
Old Town Lansing  
scrapfest.com

ScrapFest, an art festival focusing on upcycled and repurposed artwork, returns for its 13th year July 14-15. There will be a scrap-metal sculpture competition, art vendors, family ac-

tivities, live music, food, a Great Scrap Run 8K run/walk, a Kids’ Fun Run and a “Refashion Show.”

To sign up for the fashion show and runs, visit the festival’s website. Check back for a schedule and more information coming soon.

### Ingham County Fair

July 31-Aug. 5  
Ingham County Fairgrounds  
700 E. Ash St., Mason  
inghamfair.org

Whether you enjoy monster trucks, demolition derbies, motocross, live music, rides, games, or animals, the Ingham County Fair has something for everyone. For a full list of events, visit the website.

### Eastside Summer Fest

Aug. 26  
11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Frondor Sears parking lot  
3131 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

This year’s free Eastside Summer Fest promises activities for kids, live entertainment, a car show, food trucks, vendors and more. Join in the fun while celebrating local businesses and the eastside community. For more information, visit the festival’s Facebook page.



**Eastern Ingham  
Farmers Market**

**Make Your Sundays Special  
Eastern Ingham Farmers Market  
Fresh • Local • Handcrafted  
Williamston, MI**

Open 10 AM to 2 PM every Sunday through Mid-October  
McCormick Park in Williamston  
Visit Us on Facebook!   
@EasternInghamFarmersMarket

## The Williamston Area Beautification Fund *Presents...*

# 2023 CONCERTS *at the Shell*

**MAY** FREE THURSDAYS • 7-9 pm

25 WILLIAMSTON HS JAZZ BAND **Jazz** SPONSOR: Williamston Area Beautification Fund (WABF)

**JUNE**

15 ROADSIDE ATTRACTION **Classic Rock** SPONSORS: Capital Area District Library, Niko's Taverna

22 LEAKY TIKIS JIMMY BUFFET TRIBUTE **Jubilee** SPONSORS: Odd Fellows Contracting, Sunrise Rotary

29 MERIDIAN COMMUNITY BAND **Patriotic** SPONSORS: American Legion Post 296, Honor For All

**JULY**

6 CEDAR CREEK **Bluegrass** SPONSORS: Williamston Area Senior Ctr, Tavern 109

13 KINGFISH **Jump Blues, Be-Bop** SPONSOR: The "Canasta Club"

20 CHELSEA HOUSE ORCHESTRA **Celtic** SPONSOR: Ray & Ann Lemmen

27 LOCAL TALENT ALL-STARS **Variety** SPONSORS: Six String Place, WABF

**AUGUST**

3 LANSING CONCERT BIG BAND **Big Band** SPONSOR: Bappert Automotive

10 TONY THOMPSON & FRIENDS **Soul, R&B** SPONSORS: Zynda's, Williamston Sunrise Rotary

17 DOUBLE SECRET PROBATION **Classic Rock** SPONSORS: Six String Place, WABF



**American  
Legion Bandshell**

**McCormick Park • 300 N. Putnam • Williamston**  
SUMMER PATRON: WILLIAMSTON SUNRISE ROTARY

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:   
WILLIAMSTON SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

# Farmers markets galore

By **NICOLE NOECHEL**

Looking to get your grocery shopping done while soaking up the sunlight and supporting local farmers and businesses? Visit any of the farmers markets in Greater Lansing, where you'll find fresh produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, crafts and more.

A new farmers market, the Westside Lansing Farmers Market, opened in May for residents of the city's west side. It's still growing, but it welcomes guests of all ages — and even pets.

"There are no other farmers markets going on in west Lansing at all. We're hoping to create a sustainable farmers market like Lansing once had in the Lansing City Market," said Jane Bush, the market's co-founder. "We just think that having a downtown, viable, sustainable city market is what citizens want. It's something that's very local, with high visibility, tons of parking and a lot of room to grow."

The market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at Union Missionary Bap-

tist Church on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. It will run until the end of October, offering eggs, pork, lamb, maple syrup, honey, greens, bread, pastries and more.

Bush, who has been involved in Lansing's farming and food community since she bought her farm in 1987, including assisting in the creation of the Allen Farmers Market and the Market on the Grand in Grand Ledge, hopes the Westside Farmers Market will provide more food security for Lansing residents.

"I sell at the Allen Street market, and there were a lot of food shortages that were going on during COVID. It was really an example of how vulnerable our food system can be to natural or human-made disasters, and to have a local food system that's more robust and more immediate than the global food system is another way of thinking about food security," she said. "I know food security is thought of in terms of people not having enough food because

of income status, but it really reaches across all socioeconomic factors when stuff happens in the world that's out of our control. What's in our control is the local food system, and if we can support local farmers and producers, that's food security. That's a sustainable food system."

The Westside Lansing Farmers Market is sponsored by the Lansing Urban Farm Project, which supports small and urban farms in the Lansing area and integrates food and farming into larger community-building efforts.

The market is growing, and Bush asks any vendors who would like to be involved to email westsidelansingfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call her at 517-231-2240.

"This past Saturday, we had more customers than we had vendors," Bush said. "It's a slow grow, but we're committed to being there."

Continue reading for a list of additional farmers markets in the area, sorted by opening date.

## Allen Farmers Market

Year-round  
Summer season: May 24-Oct. 25  
3-7 p.m. Wednesdays  
Eastside Lansing Food Co-Op  
1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing  
allenneighborhoodcenter.org

## Holt Farmers Market

Year-round  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays  
2150 N. Cedar St., Holt  
holtfarmersmarket.org

## Meridian Township Farmers Market

May-October  
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays  
Marketplace on the Green  
1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos  
meridian.mi.us

## The Fowler Village Market

May-October  
Second Tuesday of every month  
4-7 p.m.  
11135 W. Clinton St., Fowler  
facebook.com/fowlerfarmersmarket

## Charlotte Artisans & Farmers Market

May-October  
2-6 p.m. Thursdays  
Beach Market  
120 W. Lovett St., Charlotte  
facebook.com/charlotteartisansandfarmersmarket

## South Lansing Farmers Market

May 25-Oct. 19  
3-7 p.m. Thursdays  
Soldan's Pet Store parking lot  
5016 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing  
southlansing.org

## Bath Farmers Market

May 25-Oct. 26  
3-7 p.m. Thursdays  
James Couzens Memorial Park  
13753 Main St., Bath  
shopbfm.org

## Stockbridge Open Air Market

May 26-Oct. 13  
4-7 p.m. Fridays  
Stockbridge Town Square  
stockbridgemarket.org

## Market on the Grand

May 27-Sept. 23  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays  
Jaycee Park  
525 E. River St., Grand Ledge  
grandledgechamber.com

## Eastern Ingham Farmers Market

May 28-Oct. 15  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays  
McCormick Park  
228 Putnam St., Williamston  
easterninghamfarmersmarket.org

FARM ▲ FOOD ▲ CRAFTS

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP FARMERS' MARKET**

Saturdays  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
May 6 - October 28, 2023

Wednesdays  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
June 7 - October 25, 2023

Marketplace on the Green  
1995 Central Park Drive  
meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

Facebook Instagram

**Red Cedar spirits™**

Cocktail Bar & Distillery

**LIVE MUSIC EVERY SUNDAY**  
[AND EVEN CALENDAR DAY FRIDAYS]  
Sunday 05/28: Randy Napoleon Trio

hours  
Sun, Tue, Wed • 4PM to 9PM  
Thurs, Fri, Sat • 4PM to 11PM  
CLOSED MONDAY  
2000 Merritt Rd • East Lansing, MI

**FARMERS' MARKET**

DIMONDALE, MICHIGAN

**Dimondale Farmers' Market**  
Thursdays, June - October, 3-7 pm  
136 N. Bridge Street  
Follow us on Facebook!





**TRACY BYRD CONCERT**



**RIDES**



**ANIMALS**



**FOOD**

**July 31 - August 5, 2023**



**FAIR.INGHAM.ORG**



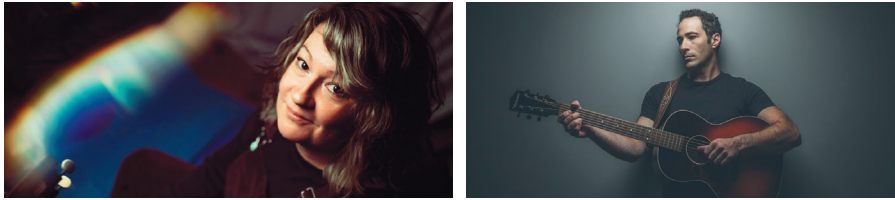
**Save money!  
Buy tickets  
in advance!**

# TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

## ROCKIN' ROBIN



Courtesy photos

The Robin Theatre in REO Town is stacked with live shows over the next few weeks, including intimate performances by Rachael Davis (left) and Joshua Davis (no relation).

### REO Town venue turns up the volume

While Michigan Avenue is Lansing's hotspot for live music, it's important to remember the smaller listening rooms in other neighborhoods. One of those, the Robin Theatre, has been a fixture in REO Town since 2015. The 90-seat space hosts an eclectic mix of performances, from folk and hip-hop music to sketch comedy, poetry, book signings, plays and more.

Here are a few upcoming shows on the venue and bookstore's schedule.

**May 25: Roochie Toochie and the Ragtime Shepherd Kings**  
7:30 p.m. doors, 8 p.m. show

### \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

Based in Abita Springs, Louisiana, the dynamic Roochie Toochie and Ragtime Shepherd Kings doesn't stick to the typical guitar/bass/drums setup. The outfit delivers fancy fiddling, dueling Hawaiian guitars, ukelele wizardry and flashy lap-steel guitar. Topping it off is a menagerie of toy instruments, vocal harmonies and other sonic surprises. In 2013, the band formed in a joint effort to fulfill the members' shared dream of recording an entire album on a wax cylinder, and they never looked back. From there, Roochie Toochie transformed

its recorded discography of antique novelty tunes into a whimsical, nationally touring stage show centered on dynamic showmanship. All of this will be on display Thursday (May 25) at the Robin Theatre.

**June 4: Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet**  
2:30 p.m. doors, 3 p.m. show  
\$15 to \$21

Recognized by critics in JazzTimes magazine, the Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet mines the globe for infectious world-music rhythms and textures. The group's energetic batch of original compositions and progressive jazz sounds are executed with instruments like the oud, a fretless stringed instrument; violin; electric bass; synthesizer; and world percussion. Led by bassist and composer Dave Sharp, the Worlds Quartet explores musical traditions from Turkey, Egypt, Ukraine, India, Bulgaria and Greece. Luckily, on June 4, locals can witness a matinee performance in REO Town.

**June 8: Rachael Davis solo show**  
7:30 p.m. doors, 8 p.m. show  
\$25

Multi-instrumentalist Rachael Davis is renowned for her expressive, explosive voice, backed by her folk-blues-country-pop hybrid music. As a member of several groups, like The Sweet Water Warblers, Davis is a beloved figure in Michigan's folk-music scene. Still, her upcoming show at the Robin will be an intimate solo gig that spotlights her longtime passion for the craft of folk music and performance — which

started at age 8.

"I was learning everything I could get my hands on," Davis recalled. "And when I was 17, my father gave me his Bart Reiter banjo and taught me to play clawhammer style. I like to joke that cursed me for life."

Today, Davis lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband, critically acclaimed bassist Dominic John Davis, who performs with the likes of Jack White. The harmonious couple performs together as The Davis Duo.

**June 14: Joshua Davis solo show**  
7:30 p.m. doors, 8 p.m. show  
\$26

In 2015, millions of viewers fell in love with Joshua Davis after he placed third on NBC's "The Voice," but Lansing folks had been loving the troubadour for years before that. With the band Steppin' In It, Davis performed every Monday at The Green Door. The group ended that popular, decade-long stint in 2014, but Davis didn't

slow down. He's since kept busy recording and touring solo and with a trio. In 2019, he issued his "Live at the Robin" album, which pares his songs down to their emotional, musical and lyrical roots. In between are scattered stories and banter that further unveil his stellar songbook. If you'd like to see him back on that same stage, grab advance tickets for the June 14 show because this one is expected to sell out.

### Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington Ave.,  
Lansing  
989-878-1810  
therobintheatre.com

LANSING PRIDE PRESENTS

# ORION STORY

LANSING PRIDE 2023

in the Heart of Old Town Lansing  
Presented by RITE AID

Prize

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023  
1 PM - 10 PM

STAY THE WEEKEND!

Graduate HOTELS

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSORED BY

RED CEDAR FOUNDATION  
PRIDE HEALTH PARTNER  
MSUFCU  
MASONRY

## Farmers markets

from page 24

### Dimondale Farmers Market

June-September  
3-7 p.m. Thursdays  
October  
3-6 p.m. Thursdays  
136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale  
villageofdimondale.org

### Old Red Mill Farmers Market

June 3, 17  
Every Saturday in July and August  
Sept. 2, 16, 30  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
The Red Mill Pavilion  
450 N. Water St., Portland  
facebook.com/oldredmillfarmersmarket

### Eaton Rapids Community Market

June 3-September  
9 a.m.-noon Saturdays  
120 W. Hamlin St., Eaton Rapids  
facebook.com/erfarmersmarket

### Laingsburg Farmers Market

June 4-Oct. 1 (outdoor)  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays  
Roosevelt Row, Laingsburg

Year-round (indoor)

5-8 p.m. Thursdays  
First Congregational Church  
Laingsburg  
401 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg  
laingsburgbusiness.org/farmers-market-1

### East Lansing Farmers Market

June 4-Oct. 29  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays  
Valley Court Park  
280 Valley Court, East Lansing  
cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket

### Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market

June 6-Oct. 10  
4-7 p.m. Tuesdays  
North Bridge Street, DeWitt  
dda.dewittmi.gov/farmers-market

### St. Johns Farmers Market

June 10-Oct. 28  
8 a.m.-noon Saturdays  
100 Maple St., St. Johns  
facebook.com/saintjohnsfarmersmarket

### Mason Farmers Market

July 8-Sept. 30  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays  
Lee Austin Park  
320 W. Ash St., Mason  
facebook.com/masonfarmersmarketmi

# What do Michigan residents really think of book banning?

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Libraries across Michigan recently put on their boxing gloves in the form of a statewide public opinion poll regarding what the state's residents think about libraries and book banning.

The survey, completed in March by Lansing polling group EPIC-MRA and underwritten by the Michigan Library Association, found that 71% of the voting public supports the job public libraries are doing.

"There had been two or three national surveys on book banning, but we had to be sure what Michigan people think," said Debbie Mikula, executive director of the library association. "It was critical we heard the voices of Michigan voters, regardless of political affiliations. We were very happy when we saw the positive results, with 79% of Democratic voters indicating they support libraries and that books should never be banned, followed by 68% of independent voters and 65% of Republican voters."

"The poll of 847 Michigan voters underlined the concept that individuals have a right to decide what is suitable for them and their families to read, and no one has the right to make decisions that say what others can read," she added.

In fact, the poll showed an 80% majority of respondents agreed that "individual parents can set rules for their own children, but they do not have the right to decide for other parents what books are available to their children."

Mikula said censorship isn't new in this country, and every local library has a pro-

cess for readers to note books they find objectionable. Ask John Herrmann, who hailed from Lansing and was a member of Hemingway's lost generation. His book "What Happens" was banned in the United States, causing his career to take a nosedive.

Mikula also said the poll showed overwhelming support statewide against banning books with content about the history of slavery or LGBTQ+ issues, which are the primary targets of those who would ban books.

The poll reported nine out of 10 voters believe "descriptions and depictions of slavery, race and political ideas you don't agree with should never be banned." 67% of all respondents said "books with discussions about sex, gender identity or sexual orientation" should never be banned, 21% said they should sometimes be banned, and 9% said they should always be banned. (There was a split across party lines. 86% of Democrats, 76% of independents and 46% of Republicans said these books should never be banned.)

Other findings include:

- 71% of respondents gave public libraries in Michigan a positive rating for the job they're doing providing programs, services and a diverse collection of books and other materials.

- 70% said librarians are very capable or mostly capable of deciding which books and reading materials should be included in local library collections.

- 42% agreed that "there is absolutely no time when a book should be banned from local public libraries." However, 45% said that "there are rare times when it may be appropriate to ban books from local public libraries." What "rare" means was not defined.

- 75% said they agree the most that "we need to protect the ability of young peo-



Courtesy of the Michigan Library Association

ple to have access to books from which they can learn about and understand different perspectives and help them grow into adults who can think for themselves," while only 17% agreed that "we need to protect young people from books that they might find upsetting or that reflect ideologies and lifestyles that are outside of the mainstream."

- 77% of respondents agreed that "local public libraries should have a diverse collection of books and reading materials that represent the community and the world around us," while only 15% agreed

that "anyone who opposes objectionable material is just pushing a woke ideology."

The poll also provides a cautionary note for elected officials, since 57% of voters said they're less likely to vote for their member of Congress, state senator or state representative in the next election if they support legislation that would allow or require books to be banned from their local public library.

Mikula said the library association "will use the data to design a statewide public relations strategy to bring the poll results to the public's attention."

## DIVORCE FAMILY LAW



**Divorce**  
Custody • Visitation  
Child Support  
Alimony  
Property  
Distribution

**Domestic Partnership  
Agreements / Separation**

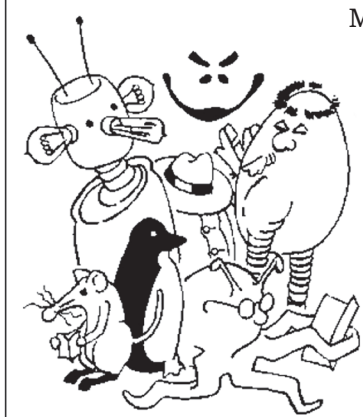
45 YEARS -  
AGGRESSIVE  
LITIGATION

EFFECTIVE  
MEDIATION

LAW OFFICES OF  
**STUART R.  
SHAFER, P.C.**  
Former Assistant Prosecutor

487-6603

1223 Turner St., Ste 333, Lansing  
[www.stushafer.com](http://www.stushafer.com)



### Curious Book Shop

307 E. Grand River \* East Lansing  
Mon - Sat 10-7 pm, Sun 12-5  
(517) 332-0112  
We validate parking!   
[www.curiousbooks.com](http://www.curiousbooks.com)

**GREAT USED BOOKS FOR EVERYONE!**  
(and a few new ones too!)

### Archives Book Shop

519 W. Grand River \* East Lansing  
Mon - Sat 11-6 pm, Sun 12-5 pm  
(517) 332-8444  
Free parking  
[thearchivesbookshop@gmail.com](mailto:thearchivesbookshop@gmail.com)

## ART BY NEVIN

As Seen On the Cover of CityPulse

Illustrations • Murals • Graphic Design  
Signs • Banners • T-Shirts • Logos

[nevin@nevingraphics.com](mailto:nevin@nevingraphics.com)  
**517-703-4655**

ArtByNevin
 Art\_By\_Nevin

# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

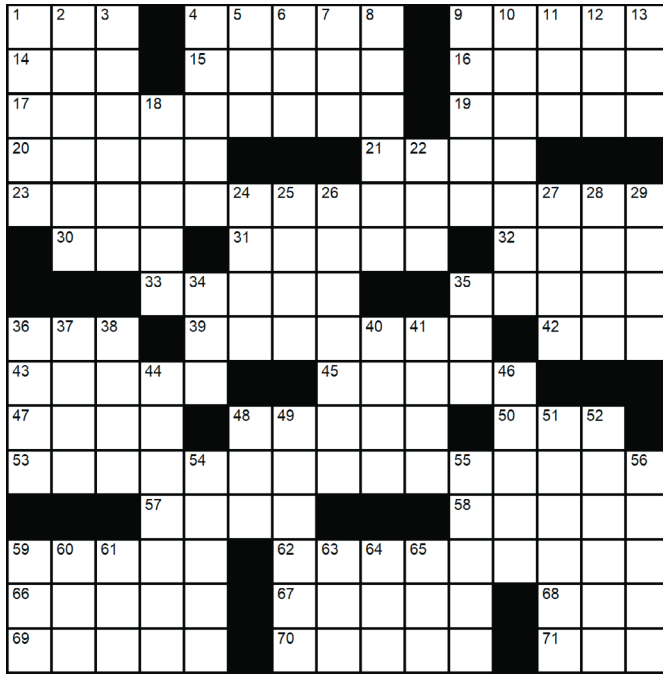
"Supernova" -- you're all so bright.

by Matt Jones

© 2023 Matt Jones

ACROSS

- 1. 1150, to Caesar
- 4. West Coast NFLer
- 9. Tiny firework
- 14. Is for two people?
- 15. Speed skater \_\_\_\_ Anton Ohno
- 16. "General Hospital" figure
- 17. Substitute leader pre-1918?
- 19. Didn't feel good
- 20. "Wicked Game" singer Chris
- 21. "Downton Abbey" nobleman
- 23. Command for pirates to start talking?
- 30. Los Angeles-to-New York dir.
- 31. Come after
- 32. Reverb effect
- 33. New York's Mount \_\_\_\_ Hospital
- 35. Emerald or olive
- 36. Kung \_\_\_\_ chicken
- 39. Pointer painting and Scottie sculpture, for instance?
- 42. Get droopy
- 43. "Goodness me!"
- 45. Dragging to court
- 47. '80s pesticide
- 48. Fern leaf
- 50. Sushi bar tuna
- 53. Deeply discounted versions of porcupines (with way fewer quills)?
- 57. Eroded
- 58. Last word in a 1978 #1 disco title
- 59. Free tickets, say



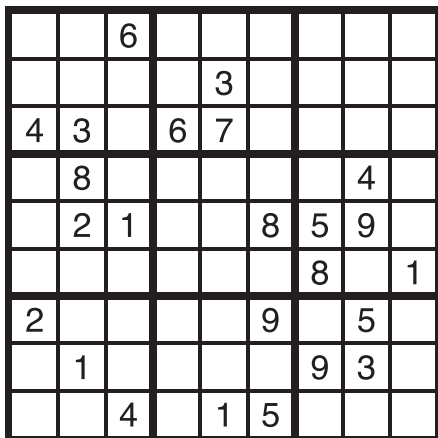
- 62. Fruit-flavored candy \_\_\_\_ (or what happens at the end of each theme answer)
  - 66. Regarding
  - 67. Breezy class
  - 68. "Metric" prefix
  - 69. Arms and legs
  - 70. Lassoed
  - 71. "Mad Men" protagonist Draper
- DOWN
- 1. Prestidigitation
  - 2. Defoe hero Robinson
  - 3. Country singer Womack
  - 4. Potato pancake served at Hanukkah
  - 5. On topic
  - 6. "Takk..." band Sigur \_\_\_\_
  - 7. Carte starter
  - 8. "The Island of Doctor
  - 9. Traffic tangle
  - 10. Bee expert?
  - 11. Web address
  - 12. Suffix in Sussex
  - 13. Flower plot
  - 18. Puts aside
  - 22. Stout, maybe
  - 24. "Biggest Little City in the World"
  - 25. Bit of a hang-up
  - 26. It's OK to call him Boomer
  - 27. Low cards
  - 28. Ostrichlike bird
  - 29. Record number?
  - 34. Halogen compound suffix
  - 35. "Master Minds" channel, briefly
  - 36. "La Vie en Rose" singer
  - 37. "It's \_\_\_\_ ever wanted"
  - 38. Any of several kings of Norway
  - 40. Littlest littermate
  - 41. Laundry room brand
  - 44. Place for a pint
  - 46. Loup-\_\_\_\_ (werewolf)
  - 48. "Go \_\_\_\_ the gold!"
  - 49. Car wash machine
  - 51. "You're a wizard, Harry" speaker
  - 52. "That's correct"
  - 54. Mastodon items
  - 55. Perform poorly
  - 56. "Dragonwyck" author Anya
  - 59. Record-setting Ripken
  - 60. \_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
  - 61. May VIP
  - 63. "I Ching" concept
  - 64. "Antony and Cleopatra" snake
  - 65. Dark bread

©2020 Jonesin' Crosswords (jonesincrosswords@gmail.com)

Answers on page 31

# SUDOKU

# Advanced



## 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 Breznsky May 24-30, 2023

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** History tells us that Albert Einstein was a brilliant genius. After his death, the brain of the pioneer physicist was saved and studied for years in the hope of analyzing the secrets of why it produced so many great ideas. Science writer Stephen Jay Gould provided a different perspective. He said, "I am less interested in the weight and convolutions of Einstein's brain than in the near certainty that people of equal talent have lived and died in cotton fields and sweatshops." I bring this to your attention, Aries, in the hope it will inspire you to pay closer attention to the unsung and underappreciated elements of your own life — both in yourself and the people around you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Human life sometimes features sudden reversals of fortune that may seem almost miraculous. A twist in my own destiny is an example. As an adult, I was indigent for 18 years — the most starving artist of all the starving artists I have ever known. Then, over the course of a few months, all the years I had devoted to improving my craft as a writer paid off spectacularly. My horoscope column got widely syndicated, and I began to earn a decent wage. I predict a comparable turn of events for you in the coming months, Taurus — not necessarily in your finances, but in a pivotal area of your life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** I am weary of gurus who tell us the ego is bad and must be shamed. In my view, we need a strong and healthy ego to fuel our quest for meaning. In that spirit, and in accordance with astrological omens, I designate June as Celebrate Your Ego Month for you Geminis. You have a mandate to unabashedly embrace the beauty of your unique self. I hope you will celebrate and flaunt your special gifts. I hope you will honor your distinctive desires as the treasures they are. You are authorized to brag more than usual!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** One study reveals that British people own a significant amount of clothing they never wear. Other research suggests that the average American woman has over 100 items of clothing but considers just 10% of them "wearable." If your relationship to your wardrobe is similar, Cancerian, it's a favorable time to cull unused, unlike and unsuitable stuff. You would also benefit from a comparable approach to other areas of your life. Get rid of possessions, influences and ideas that take up space but serve no important purpose and are no longer aligned with who you really are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** In July 1969, Leo astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the moon. But he almost missed his chance. Years earlier, his original application to become part of NASA's space exploration team arrived a week past the deadline. But Armstrong's buddy, Dick Day, who worked at NASA, sneaked it into the pile of applications that had come in time. I foresee the possibility of you receiving comparable assistance, Leo. Tell your friends and allies to be alert for ways they might be able to help you with either straightforward or surreptitious moves.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Great shearwaters are birds that travel a lot, covering 13,000 miles every year. From January to March, they breed on islands in the South Atlantic Ocean, about halfway between Africa and South America. Around May, they fly west for a while and then head north, many of them as far as Canada and Greenland. When August comes, they head east to Europe, and later they migrate south along the coast of Africa to return to their breeding grounds. I am tempted to make this globetrotting bird your spirit creature for the next 12 months. You may be more inclined than ever before to go on journeys, and I expect you will be well rewarded for your journeys. At the very least, I hope you will enjoy mind-opening voyages in your imagination.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** One of the central myths of Western culture is the Holy Grail. For more than

800 years, storytellers have spun legends about the search for a precious chalice with magical qualities, including the power to heal and offer eternal youth. Sober scholars are more likely to say that the Holy Grail isn't an actual physical object hidden away in a cave or catacomb but a symbol of a spiritual awakening or an enlightening epiphany. For the purposes of your horoscope, I'm going to focus on the latter interpretation. I suspect you are gearing up for an encounter with a holy grail. Be alert! The revelations and insights and breakthroughs could come when you least expect them.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** June is Dare to Diminish Your Pain Month for you Scorpios. I hope you will aggressively pursue measures to alleviate discomfort and suffering. To address the physical variety, how about acupuncture or massage? Or supplements like Boswellia, turmeric, devil's claw root, white willow bark and omega-3 fatty acids? Other ideas: sunshine, a heating pad, warm baths with Epsom salt, restorative sleep and exercise that simulates natural endorphins. Please be equally dynamic in treating your emotional and spiritual pain, dear Scorpio. Spend as much money as you can afford on skillful healers. Solicit the help of empathetic friends. Pray and meditate. Seek out activities that make you laugh.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A hungry humpback whale can hold more than 15,000 gallons of water in its mouth at once — enough to fill 400 bathtubs. In a funny way, their ability reminds me of you right now. You, too, have a huge capacity for whatever you feel like absorbing and engaging with. But I suggest you choose carefully what you want to absorb and engage with. Be open and receptive to only the most high-quality stuff that will enrich your life and provide a lot of fun. Don't get filled up with trivia and nonsense and dross.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Funny story: A renowned Hollywood movie mogul was overheard at a dinner party regaling an aspiring actor with a long monologue about his achievements. The actor couldn't get in a word edgewise. Finally, the mogul paused and said, "Well, enough about me. What do you think of me?" If I had been in the actor's place, I might have said, "You, sir, are an insufferable, grandiose and boring narcissist who pathologically overestimates your own importance and has zero emotional intelligence." The only downside to speaking my mind like that would be that the mogul might ruin my hopes of having a career in the movie business. In the coming weeks, Capricorn, I hope you will consistently find a middle ground between telling the brazen truth to those who need to hear it and protecting your precious goals and well-being.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** When faced with important decisions, most of us benefit from calling on all forms of intelligence. Simply consulting our analytical mind is not sufficient. Nor is checking in with only our deep feelings. Even drawing from our spunky intuition alone is not adequate. We are most likely to get practical clarity if we access the guidance of our analytical mind, gut feelings and sparkly intuition. This is always true, but it's extra relevant now. You need to get the full blessing of the synergistic blend. PS: Ask your body to give you a few hints, too!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Has your intuition been nudging you to revise and refine your sense of home? Have you been reorganizing the domestic vibes and bolstering your stability? I hope so. That's what the cosmic rhythms are inviting you to do. If you have indeed responded to the call, congratulations. Buy yourself a nice homecoming present. But if you have resisted the flow of life's guidance, please take corrective measures. Maybe start by reorganizing the décor and furniture. Clean up festering messes. Say sweet things to your housemates and family members. Manage issues that may be restricting your love of home.

# OUT on the TOWN

## Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

### Wednesday, May 24

**"A Course of Love" with Lucille Olson** - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**After-School Enrichment Time** - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

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

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST," "The Nightly News"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Bookend Gallery Display by Jill Campbell-Mason** - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Code Club!** - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. Register at [hq.girlswhocode.com](http://hq.girlswhocode.com) using club code M145609. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

**Effective Google Searches** - Learn to perform more targeted and effective Google searches. 18+. Registration req. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. [eradl.org](http://eradl.org).

**"Exploring Our World" 2023 Art Show** - Photographs by Creative Photographers of Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-347-7400. [framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**"Fitness Over 50" Senior Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**Houseplants 101** - Learn all about plants with Odd Mama's Plants. 18+. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. [eradl.org](http://eradl.org).

**"LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan" exhibition** - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Live Music at the Monk - Charlie Richardson & Jackalope** - 7-9 p.m. EagleMonk Pub and Brewery, 4906 W. Mt. Hope Hwy., Lansing. 517-708-7350. [eaglemonkbrewing.com](http://eaglemonkbrewing.com).

**Living History Music & Arts Noon Recital Series** - J. Nixon McMillan, organist. Noon. Central United

Methodist Church, 215 N. Capital Ave., Lansing. 517-485-9477. [lansingcentralumc.net/events](http://lansingcentralumc.net/events).

**Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [lamc.info](http://lamc.info).

**Meridian Dems Meeting** - Melissa Siefert, Associate Director of the Michigan AARP, will discuss crimes against seniors and answer questions. 6 p.m. social time, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Henry's Place, 4926 Marsh Road, Okemos. 517-351-8547. [facebook.com/meridiandems](http://facebook.com/meridiandems).

**Open Mic Hosted by Rick Hansel** - Family-friendly, welcomes singers and musicians. No cover! 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**Peggy Nusz** - 7-10 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. [williamstonroadhouse.com](http://williamstonroadhouse.com).

**Weaving the Web: Community** - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

**"WICKED"** - 7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com).

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. [thepeopleschurch.com](http://thepeopleschurch.com).

### Thursday, May 25

**"A Course in Miracles," a Group Discussion on ZOOM** - 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 177 417 886 Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**"Alabaster"** - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

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

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST," "The Nightly News"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Bookend Gallery Display by Jill Campbell-Mason** - Noon-6 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**"Exploring Our World" 2023 Art Show** - Photographs by Creative Photographers of Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-347-7400.

### "Alabaster"

**May 25-June 18**  
**8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday**  
**3 p.m. Saturday (beginning May 27)**  
**2 p.m. Sunday**  
**Williamston Theatre**  
**122 S. Putnam St., Williamston**

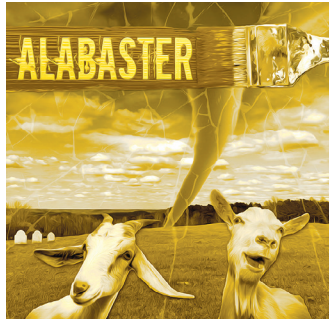
The Williamston Theatre kicks off its run of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated drama "Alabaster," by Audrey Cefaly, tomorrow (May 25) at 8 p.m.

The play focuses on a noted photographer, Alice, who "sets out to explore the topography of scars and the women who bear them. Her journey takes her to the mysterious realm of Alabama. What begins as an artistic collaboration between two women becomes an intimate exploration of love, grief and longing. This bittersweet portrait explores the meaning and purpose of art and the struggle of the lost and tortured souls that seek to create it," the theater said in a press release.

The show contains mature content and language. Check the theater's website, [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org), for a note about trigger warnings.

Attendees must wear masks to the performances on May 26, June 3 and June 18. Masks are strongly recommended for other performances but aren't required.

Tickets can be purchased on the theater's website or by calling 517-655-7469 Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. They're \$28 for Thursday evenings, \$37 for Friday and Saturday evenings and \$34 for Saturday and Sunday matinees. Guests 65 and older and members of the military receive a \$2 discount, and those with a valid student ID can purchase tickets for \$10.



[framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**Karaoke Thursday** - 8 p.m.-midnight. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. [greendoorlive.com](http://greendoorlive.com).

**Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club** - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:20 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. [ladiessilverblades.org](http://ladiessilverblades.org).

**"LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan" exhibition** - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Upbeat Thursdays with Mark Shilakes and Anthony Taylor Trio, plus open jam after the show** - 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. [urbanbeatevents.com](http://urbanbeatevents.com).

**"WICKED"** - 7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com).

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. [thepeopleschurch.com](http://thepeopleschurch.com).

### Friday, May 26

**After-School Enrichment Time** - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

**"Alabaster"** - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST," "The Nightly News"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum,

547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Bookend Gallery Display by Jill Campbell-Mason** - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. [cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett](http://cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett).

**Craft Club** - Making friendship plants. Grades 4-12. Registration req. 4 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Cruise to Holt** - Bring your classic, modern or project cars and bikes — if it has wheels, bring it, or just come take a look! 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers Market parking lot, 2150 Cedar St., Holt. 517-694-2135. [delhitownshipmi.gov](http://delhitownshipmi.gov).

**Darin Larner Jr. Music** - 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. [lansingbrewingcompany.com](http://lansingbrewingcompany.com).

**"Exploring Our World" 2023 Art Show** - Photographs by Creative Photographers of Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-347-7400. [framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**"Fitness Over 50" Senior Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**French Music and Poems: Violin and Piano Duo** - Selection of fin-de-siècle and early 20th-century French music, with readings of poetry by French symbolists whose works had a resounding influence on musical circles of their time. 5:30 p.m. Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, 640 S. Shaw Lane Room 1300, East Lansing. [frib.msu.edu](http://frib.msu.edu).


## Live & Local

### Red Cedar Spirits CityPULSE

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing

**Mike Skory, keys; Lisa Smith, vocals; Hank Horton, bass; Jeff Shoup, drums**  
 Fri., May 26, 7 p.m.

**Vincent Chandler, trombone; Randy Napoleon, guitar; Noah Jackson, bass**  
 Sun., May 28, 6 p.m.



# SamRose Entertainment presents new comedy series at UrbanBeat

By LUCAS HENKEL

Mike Geeter wants to make Lansing laugh again. With more than a decade of experience as a touring comedian and actor, he's worked with some of the funniest



people in the country at some of the biggest venues in Michigan. His company, SamRose Entertainment, named after his parents, is ready to bring that talent to Lansing.

## Ladies' Night

Tuesday, May 30  
Doors: 5 p.m.  
Show: 7-9 p.m.  
UrbanBeat  
1213 Turner St., Old Town  
517-331-8440  
urbanbeatevents.com

"There are 11 million people in the state that need to laugh," the 54-year-old Oakland County native said. "Comedy is transformative. It brings everyone together, and I think Lansing could benefit from that."

SamRose Entertainment's new monthly comedy series at UrbanBeat in Old Town kicks off Tuesday (May 30) with a Ladies' Night. The event will feature an all-female lineup of stand-up comedians.

"This is still a male-dominated field, so we want to create a show that elevates everyone — especially women and their comedic talent," Geeter said.

Ladies' Night features the following funny ladies:

**Melanie Hearn:** A fast-rising talent, Detroit-born Melanie Hearn has been sweeping the scene as the winner of the Jumpstart Your Comedy Career Contest at Joey's Comedy Shop in Detroit, the winner of the Big Money Contests at Laff Tracks Comedy Club in Novi and a finalist in the Woodward Comedy Competition. She's performed across the country and opened for big comedians like Mike Bonner. She's known around town for her versatile mix of realism and sass. As the evening's headliner, Hearn is sure to have audience members laughing all night long.

**Johanna Medranda:** Medranda's in-your-face comedy style stems from her Peruvian upbringing, heartbreak and bowel movements. The metro Detroit-based comedian is a Laughfest Roast Battle finalist, she's performed at Bricks & Bridges Comedy Festival and StoopFest 2019, and she's opened for

comedians like Liza Treyger, Stavros Halkias, Nicole Aimée Schreiber and Brody Stevens. When she isn't performing, she's the co-founder of Honorary Mentions Comedy Productions and a producer for 313 Comedy and The Independent Comedy Club.

**Robyn Gilleran:** This Detroit-based comedian, actress and model has a lot to say about growing up, motherhood and life in general. Gilleran has performed on stages across the country and at festivals such as Gilda's LaughFest in Grand Rapids, The Traverse City Comedy Fest and the Detroit Women in Comedy Festival. She's sure to catch you off guard and will be truly unforgettable as the evening's host.

Presale tickets are available for \$10 at UrbanBeat's website. Tickets will also be available for \$15 the day of the show. Audience members are encouraged to get to the venue early to secure a seat for the



Courtesy of UrbanBeat

SamRose Entertainment's first monthly comedy event at UrbanBeat is Ladies' Night, featuring an all-female lineup of stand-up comedians.

show. UrbanBeat will be offering specialty cocktails, savory snacks and beer for purchase all night long.

For more information on this event and future comedy nights, like Geeter's June 27 headlining show, follow SamRose Entertainment on Facebook and Instagram, @samroseentertainment.

**ACCELERATING  
MID-MICHIGAN  
BUSINESS  
SINCE 1992**

**ACD**  
Phone • Internet • Fiber

517.999.999 | sales@acd.net | 1800 N Grand River Ave Lansing, MI

# Events

from page 29

**"LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan" exhibition** - 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

**Live Music at the Monk – Stuart Campbell & Friends with Cody Wilson** - 7-9 p.m. EagleMonk Pub and Brewery, 4906 W. Mt. Hope Hwy., Lansing. 517-708-7350. eaglemonkbrewing.com.

**Matthew Shannon at The Peanut Barrel** - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

**Mix Pack** - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

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

**Orquesta Ritmo Project** - 8 p.m.-midnight. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

**"Wayfinders: Waves, Winds & Stars"** - Explore the nearly lost art and science of non-instrument navigation in Hawaii and the Pacific. 8 p.m. 755 Science Road, East Lansing. 517-355-4676. abramsplanetarium.org.

**"WICKED"** - 8 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

## Saturday, May 27

**Afro Beat in Town** - Dance to Afrobeat, amapiano, Afrocongo, bongo, reggae and dancehall. 8.m.-1 a.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

**"Alabaster"** - 3 and 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST," "The Nightly News"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Bookend Gallery Display by Jill Campbell-Mason** - Noon-2 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

**The Corzo Effect** - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

**Darin Lerner Jr. Music** - 9 p.m. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-485-5287. moriartyspublansing.com.

**Divination Roundtable** - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

**"LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan" exhibition** - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

**Makers Material Market** - Makers will sell tools, extra materials and other odds and ends. Demonstrations, tours, make & take activities and food by From Scratch Food Truck. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. 517-234-4566. lansingmakersnetwork.org.

**Memorial Day – Saturday Parade on Bridge Street** - Luncheon to follow at American Legion Post 48. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bridge Street, Grand Ledge. 517-627-2383. mms.grandlegedchamber.com

**Meridian Township Farmers' Market** - Ready-to-eat foods, produce, meat, cheese, eggs, baked goods, bread, crafts and so much more! 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. meridian.mi.us/farmersmarket.

**Showdown** - 7-11 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. williamstonroadhouse.com.

**Trim & Ride Your Bike in Wacousta's Memorial Day Parade** - We'll supply red, white and blue patriotic trims to decorate kids' bikes or scooters as well as a spot to ride with us in the parade. Registration req. 10-10:45 a.m. Watertown Charter Township Office, 12803 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge. 517-626-6593. watertownmi.gov.

**"Wayfinders: Waves, Winds & Stars"** - Explore the nearly lost art and science of non-instrument navigation in Hawaii and the Pacific. 8 p.m. 755 Science Road, East Lansing. 517-355-4676. abramsplanetarium.org.

**"WICKED"** - 2 and 8 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

## Sunday, May 28

**"Alabaster"** - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST," "The Nightly News"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Eastern Ingham Farmers Market** - Locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared food, hand-made artisan goods, live music, kids' crafts and so much more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. 517-618-1630. easterninghamfarmersmarket.org.

**Laser Cutter "Checkout" Training** - Learn the basics. Successful completion of this class certifies members to use the laser cutter on their own time. 1 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2730 Alpha Access St., Lansing. 517-234-4566. lansingmakersnetwork.org.

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

**"One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure"** - 2:30 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. 517-355-4676. abramsplanetarium.org.

**"Spirit of Memorial Day" with Jerry Podany** - Hear stories to remember and honor those who have served our nation. 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

**Sunday Jazz** - Vincent Chandler, trombone; Randy Napoleon, guitar; Noah Jackson, bass. 6-9 p.m. Red Cedar Spirits, 2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing. 517-908-9950. redcedarspiritsdistillery.com.

**"Wayfinders: Waves, Winds & Stars"** - Explore the nearly lost art and science of non-instrument navigation in Hawaii and the Pacific. 4 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. 517-355-4676. abramsplanetarium.org.

**"WICKED"** - 1 and 6:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

## Living History Music & Arts Noon Recital Series

May 24 and 31  
Noon

Central United Methodist Church  
215 N. Capital Ave., Lansing

Today (May 24) and next Wednesday (May 31) at noon, Central United Methodist Church is hosting free performances by local musicians to showcase historical compositions that have had a lasting impact.

Today, J. Nixon McMillan, an organist who previously led MSU's Sine Nomine Early Music Ensemble and is currently the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany, New York, will perform works by Johann Pachelbel.

May 31, Samuel Shuler, a high school senior who will attend Hope College in Holland, Michigan, in the fall to study organ performance, will perform works by Eugène Gigout and Léon Boëllmann.

Bring a lunch to enjoy in the church's library prior to the performances. For more information, visit [lansingcentralumc.net/events](http://lansingcentralumc.net/events).



## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

From Pg. 28

M	C	L		L	A	R	A	M		S	Q	U	I	B
A	R	E		A	P	O	L	O		N	U	R	S	E
G	U	E	S	T	T	S	A	R		A	I	L	E	D
I	S	A	A	K						E	A	R	L	
C	O	N	V	E	R	S	E	A	L	L	T	A	R	S
		E	N	E		E	N	S	U	E		E	C	H
				S	I	N	A	I			G	R	E	E
P	A	O		D	O	G	A	R	T	S		S	A	G
I	L	L	B	E		S	U	I	N	G				
A	L	A	R		F	R	O	N	D		A	H	I	
F	I	V	E	P	O	I	N	T	E	D	R	A	T	S
				W	O	R	N			O	O	G	I	E
C	O	M	P	S		S	T	A	R	B	U	R	S	T
A	B	O	U	T		E	A	S	Y	A		I	S	O
L	I	M	B	S		R	O	P	E	D		D	O	N

## SUDOKU SOLUTION

From Pg. 28

8	7	6	5	9	2	4	1	3
1	5	2	8	3	4	7	6	9
4	3	9	6	7	1	2	8	5
9	8	7	1	5	6	3	4	2
3	2	1	7	4	8	5	9	6
6	4	5	9	2	3	8	7	1
2	6	3	4	8	9	1	5	7
5	1	8	2	6	7	9	3	4
7	9	4	3	1	5	6	2	8

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

**The Witches' Pyramid with Solinox Silverstar** - The Witches' Pyramid is a tool that emphasizes the steps necessary for effective magic and manifestation. We'll talk about what each of these steps means and how to put them to work in your own practice. 3 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

## Monday, May 29

**Meridian Township Memorial Day Tribute** - Honoring and paying respect to those who have served in the military. 11 a.m. Glendale Cemetery, 2500 Mt. Hope Road, Okemos. 517-853-4000. meridian.mi.us.

## Tuesday, May 30

**LAGE Game Night East** - Variety of board games, card games, dice games, cooperative games and strategy games. Bring your own or play games other people bring. All skill levels welcome. 6:30-11 p.m. The Junction, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing. [meetup.com/lansing/events](http://meetup.com/lansing/events).

**LAGE Game Night West** - 6:30-11 p.m. Frank's Press Box, 7216 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. [meetup.com/lansing/events](http://meetup.com/lansing/events).

**Open Mic** - 7 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. williamstonroadhouse.com.

## THE PULSIFIEDS

Scientist (CA)  
The Michigan State University Facility for Rare Isotope Beams seeks qualified candidates for the following full time position:  
Scientist (CA) (East Lansing, MI) Conduct physics research to support gamma-ray spectroscopy experiments and research. Provide user support for SeGA, CAESAR, GREY, and GREY. Qualified candidates will possess a Ph.D. in Physics + 3 years' exp in position offered or any related position in detector physics. Must have 3 years' exp working with digital data acquisition systems for gamma-ray and particle detection, working with auxiliary detector systems used in conjunction with in-beam gamma-ray spectroscopy. Michigan State University, Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, 640 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824. To apply for this position please go to [www.careers.msu.edu](http://www.careers.msu.edu) and search for posting number 858957. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through cultural diversity. The university actively encourages applications and/or nominations from women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities. MSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

# Korean rice cake stew: The gift that keeps on giving

By LIZY FERGUSON

With the conclusion of Michigan State University's spring semester, it's once again safe to visit East Lansing's eateries. I took advantage of this opportunity and visited Kimchi Box, in the former location of Espresso Royale, where I spent countless hours overcaffeinated and attempting to study, instead using Google to obsessively complete every crossword puzzle I could get my hands on. I think it was briefly a Middle Eastern restaurant before Kimchi Box took over this year. Korean fried chicken being a mild obsession of mine, I've had my sights set on eating there for a while now.

I treated a friend to lunch for her birthday, so, naturally, we had to order a feast. We shared a small order of wings — half Korean Sassy, half Garlic Soy — two fish tacos and Duk-bok-ki, which we upgraded to the supreme version. The wings were

great — crispy and drenched in both the wonderful sauces — and the fish tacos were fine, if a bit bland. Dipping the tacos in the Duk-bok-ki is really what saved them, and that's one reason the stew deserves the most attention.

A featured player of Korean cuisine, dukbokki (or tteokbokki) is a stew seasoned with gochujang, a spicy red chili paste. Kimchi Box's version is filled with dense, chewy, cylindrical rice cakes and ribbons of fish cake, which have a texture similar to fried tofu skin. There's also cabbage, green onion, a boiled egg and, if you order the supreme version, a layer of mozzarella cheese on top as well as two varieties of dumplings to submerge. One is a bundle of cellophane noodles that are wrapped in seaweed and lightly battered and fried, and the other is a mandu dumpling filled with pork, tofu, garlic and ginger.

Classified, to my understanding, as comfort food in Korea, this dish is heavy

and heady, and if you like kimchi, you're bound to enjoy the flavors in dukbokki. My favorite part is the texture of the rice cakes, which are like the thickest, silkiest noodles I've ever had. The fish cake and seaweed dumplings imbue the stew with seafood flavors and excellent texture. That, along with the green onion, offers a bright counterpoint to the rich noodles, but the cheese brings it back to decadent in all the right ways.

Kimchi Box also offers two versions of the very trendy Korean corn dog: potato or mozzarella on a stick, breaded and fried and dusted with sugar. Per-

sonally, I'm intrigued by the Honey Butter Powder wings and fries. I also feel like all these options would be even better dipped in dukbokki.



### Duk-bok-ki Supreme

\$17

Kimchi Box

527 E. Grand River Ave.,  
East Lansing

11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-  
Thursday

11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-  
Saturday

517-580-4088

kimchiboxusa.com



Lizy Ferguson/City Pulse

Kimchi Box offers a variety of Korean-inspired dishes, including tacos, corn dogs, sandwiches and wings, but the star of the show is the Duk-bok-ki, a spicy rice cake stew.

**Thank you for Voting Us the Best!**

voted #1 Top of the Town 2022

**BBQ Food Signature Dish Wings**

**Caterer/Catering Service**

**Meat**

SOUTHERN B.B.Q. & CARNIVORE CUISINE

**El Oasis**

Antojitos Mexicanos

(517) 648-7693

Lansing - Haslett - South Side

**WE CATER ALL EVENTS!**

**Best Food Truck**

**Best Tacos**

**Best Caterer / Catering Service**

voted #1 Top of the Town 2022

**Family Owned & Operated**

**eloasisfood.com**

## TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2022 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

TOP 5 FAMILY-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

### 1. Cugino's

Italian restaurant with bar and patio seating for pizza, pasta and other staples  
306 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge  
517-627-4048  
cuginosmenu.com  
4-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
4-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday

### 2. One North Kitchen & Bar

Scratch kitchen and diverse menu in an

entertainment-based environment  
5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing  
517-901-5001  
onenorthdining.com  
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday  
11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

### 3. Texas Roadhouse — both locations

Chain steakhouse serving American fare with a Southwestern spin  
See [texasroadhouse.com](http://texasroadhouse.com) for locations, hours and phone numbers

### 4. Coral Gables

Former dance hall turned eatery providing American classics and Greek dishes  
2838 Grand River Ave., East Lansing  
517-337-1311  
coralgablesrestaurant.com

11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday  
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday

### 5. Buddies Pub & Grill — all locations

Casual restaurant with an eclectic range of dishes  
See [buddiespubandgrill.com](http://buddiespubandgrill.com) for locations, hours and phone numbers

Coming Sept. 13: Top of the Town 2023



# The dandelion challenge

By **ARI LEVAUX**

I make a point to eat a dandelion every day. The whole plant is edible, from the sunny top to the deep taproot and all the stem, stalk and leaf in between. There are ways to eat dandelions that won't contort your face with bitterness but rather turn your frown upside down, inside out, round and round. Yes, they can taste good and be part of a delicious meal. They're also one of the most all-around healthy foods you can eat, rich in vitamins, fiber and many other nutrients.

Fried in butter, oil or bacon, the sunny flowers taste like extra-floral artichokes. The buds have a meaty chewiness and are slightly sweet, with a sunny floral taste that's reminiscent of the plant's smell. Like summer and fresh-cut grass.

The hollow flower stalks make great cocktail straws, bitters included. The roots can be roasted until chewy, crunchy or browned like coffee. The leaves are most of the plant. Raw and cooked, I've found ways to get hooked.

Native to northern Europe, dandelions specialize in colonizing disturbed areas, which humans specialize in creating. They've followed humans and their disturbances around the world, colonizing every continent except Antarctica. While often labeled as weeds, they don't hang out where they don't belong.

In a little forest patch near my house, where most of the plants and animals living there or passing through are native species and the ecosystem is roughly intact, there are no dandelions,



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

The whole dandelion plant is edible, from the sunny top to the deep taproot and everything in between. Fried in butter, oil or bacon, the flowers are reminiscent of artichokes.

ons, except alongside one trail through the grove. And you sure don't want to eat those.



The best dandelion habitats are unsprayed, overgrown lawns, which are about as disturbed as a piece of land can get. Dandelions want to help steer the ecosystem toward diversity. When you go out hunting, look for a place that wouldn't have yellow snow in winter, if you know what I mean. Whether it's the root, leaf, stalk or flower you seek, harvest them as cleanly as possible, bringing as little dirt home as possible.

In winter, it's more challenging to eat dandelions. It involves more tea —

and roots, if you can jump on them before the plant flowers. They need to be gathered now, in the summer, when the living is easy and the buds are open and high. Eat them fresh and stock them up for later.

Blanch and freeze. Dry the leaves and roots. Add flowers to a jar of pickled cucumbers for some quick-pickled

buds. They will close up but get chewy and tangy. Add leaves to sardine salad. Make dandelion-infused oil, dandelion wine, dandelion barbecue curry, potato salad, smoothies or olives and cheese in a rolled up leaf, a tapestry of daring dandelion tapas. Here are some do-it-yourself dandelion cookery ideas for every day of the week.

## Sunday: fried flowers

In a cast iron or omelet pan, fry the flowers with the yellow sides in butter, oil or bacon grease. Add garlic, salt, pepper and whatever else you can think of.

## Monday: raw leaves with grapefruit

Wash, dry and chop a bunch of raw leaves. Add onion and minced or mashed garlic. Dress with olive oil and lemon juice and season with salt, copious amounts of feta or both. Toss with peeled and cut grapefruit flesh.

## Tuesday: radikia, the famous Greek dandelion dish

Blanch some leaves in salted, boiling water for about 60 seconds. Transfer immediately to cold water and chill. Then drain, squeeze and chop the dandelion. Dress with lemon juice, salt and olive oil.

## Wednesday: namul

This is a Korean-style way to prepare dandelions. Blanch the leaves as above and dress with a sauce made of minced garlic, sesame oil, apple cider vinegar, chili powder, a pinch of sugar, fish sauce or anchovy paste and salt to taste.

## Thursday: roasted roots

Excavate the root as gently as you can, loosening it as deeply as possible. Ideally, it would be before it has flowered, after which the root can get woody. Scrub it clean, chop it and roast slowly at 275 degrees until dark brown. Serve with salt, honey, chocolate or as a coffee-flavored tea.

## Friday: stalking bitter bubbles

Go into the yard and pick the longest dandelion flower stalks you can. Pop off the flowers. Mix with gin and juice or tonic. Insert straw. Serve.

## Saturday: ramen

"Tampopo" means dandelion in Japanese. It's also the name of a movie heroine, a hapless maker of mediocre ramen, in "Tampopo," a masterful Japanese comedy from 1985. The heroes attempt to teach her how to make ramen but can't. Drama and hilarity ensue. I only found out about it when I searched for dandelion ramen to see if I invented it. But no, I am not the first person to add dandelion to a high-end ramen, like Nongshim or Sapporo Ichiban brands, with an egg cracked toward the end. Use any part of the plant, including leaves and roots. As long as it's clean, add it to the pot.

## Appetizers



**El Oasis**  
2501 E. Michigan Ave.  
Lansing  
(517) 648-7693  
eloasisfood.com

**WANT YOUR RESTAURANT LISTED?  
CALL 517-999-5064**

**TRY THE CROWN JEWEL OF LANSING'S FOOD TRUCKS.**  
Serving the Lansing community for 13 years, we extend an invitation to all those to give us a try to find out why we were voted the best food truck in Lansing's 2019 Top of The Town Contest.

---



**Meat Southern BBQ**  
1224 Turner Rd.  
Lansing  
(517) 580-4400  
meatbbq.com

**WE BELIEVE EVERYONE DESERVES GREAT BBQ.**  
Award winning BBQ. Ribs, French fry bar, chili, sides including BBQ pit baked beans, mac n' cheese. 18 rotating taps of craft, Michigan made beers. Craft cocktails. We cater, too.

## Welcome Back to The Airport Tavern!

Home of the World Famous Sizzler

Buy one entree Get

# \$5 OFF

Second Entree of equal or lesser value

Valid Monday-Thursday Only. Dine-In Only. Valid with coupon Only. Void if reproduced. Not valid with any other offers or discounts. Expires 6/30/23.




Thank you for voting us #1 in PRIME RIB!

5000 N. Grand River  
(517) 321-3852

# Events

from page 31

**Preschool Family Storytime** - Stories and literacy-enhancing activities for ages 1-6, 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

**SamRose Entertainment Presents Comedy Night – Ladies' Night!** - Featuring headliner Melanie Hearn and Johanna Medranda. Hosted by Robyn Gilleran. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

## Wednesday, May 31

**"A Course of Love" with Lucille Olson** - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unity-lansing.org.

**After-School Enrichment Time** - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

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

**Black** - 7-10 p.m. Williamston Roadhouse, 3700 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 517-388-6133. williamstonroadhouse.com.

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Code Club!** - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. Register at [hq.girls-whocode.com](http://hq.girls-whocode.com) using club code MI45609. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

**"Fitness Over 50" Senior Exercise Group** - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh

Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**"LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan" exhibition** - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Living History Music & Arts Noon Recital Series** - Samuel Shuler, organist. Noon. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capital Ave., Lansing. 517-485-9477. [lansingcentralumc.net/events](http://lansingcentralumc.net/events).

**Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr. Blvd., Lansing. [lamc.info](http://lamc.info).

**Open Mic Hosted by Rick Hansel** - Family-friendly, welcomes singers and musicians. No cover! 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

**Weaving the Web: Witches' Pyramid** - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200

W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. [thepeopleschurch.com](http://thepeopleschurch.com).

## Thursday, June 1

**"Alabaster"** - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

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

**"Blind Spot," "DIGEST"** - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**Capital Area Audubon Society June Meeting** - Quick annual meeting followed by free ice cream social and guided walk around Fenner. 7 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing. [capitalareaaudubon.org](http://capitalareaaudubon.org).

**THE HENHOUSE PROWLERS** - 8 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. [macsbar.com](http://macsbar.com).

**Karaoke Thursday** - 8 p.m.-midnight. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. [greendoorlive.com](http://greendoorlive.com).

**Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club** - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:20 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. [ladiessilverblades.org](http://ladiessilverblades.org).

**"LGBTQ+ Artist in Michigan" exhibition** - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Summer Concerts on the Square** - Sea Cruisers. 6:30 p.m. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. 517-543-0400. [micharlotte.org](http://micharlotte.org).

**"Wild Florescence"** - Multi-dimensional collages by Lansing artist Michelle Word. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. [thepeopleschurch.com](http://thepeopleschurch.com).

## Friday, June 2

**After-School Enrichment Time** - Kids can get their homework done, use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

**"Alabaster"** - 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

## NEW Money Saving Innovations from Better Health

10.5-16.9 oz

**29<sup>99</sup>**

Member Price

SHOP NOW



**Bone Broth Protein**  
Non-GMO, 20 g protein + type II collagen, 20 Servings, Hyaluronic Acid, Glucosamine and Chondroitin, Supports healthy joints

**Organic Plant Protein**  
USDA Organic & Non-GMO, 20 g protein, 16 Servings, 6 Select Organic Plant Protein Sources, 6 Organic Herbs and Mushrooms, Proprietary Probiotic, Vegan Friendly

**Multi Collagen Protein Powder**  
Non-GMO, 40 Servings, 4 Real Food Ingredients, 5 Types of Collagen, 20g of Collagen per 2 scoops, Supports healthy joints, skin, and nails

**Better Health**  
MARKET

[BetterHealthMarket.com](http://BetterHealthMarket.com)

### LANSING

6235 West Saginaw Hwy • 517-323-9186  
Hours: Mon-Sat: 9am -8pm • Sun: 11am-6pm

### EAST LANSING (FRANDOR)

305 N Clippert Ave Across from Frandor Mall • 517-332-6892  
Hours: Mon-Sat: 8am-9pm • Sun: 10am-7pm



A special just for you!  
**Buy One Dinner GET ONE 1/2 OFF!**



Monday-Thursday 11AM-10PM  
Friday 11AM-10:45PM  
Saturday 11AM-10:30PM  
Sunday 11AM-9PM

300 N. CLIPPERT STREET, SUITE 17  
LANSING, MI 48912 • 517.203.0096

# Restaurant Appreciation Summer

**All ads half price June 21-Aug. 30:**

1/4 Page	Normally \$448	Your Price <b>\$224</b>
1/3 Page	Normally \$549	Your Price <b>\$274.50</b>
1/2 Page	Normally \$815	Your Price <b>\$407.50</b>
Jr. Page	Normally \$831	Your Price <b>\$415.50</b>
2/3 Page	Normally \$987	Your Price <b>\$493.50</b>
3/4 Page	Normally \$1058	Your Price <b>\$529</b>
Full Page	Normally \$1280	Your Price <b>\$640</b>
Back Page	Normally \$1536	Your Price <b>\$768</b>

Run as many times as you wish.



# CityPULSE

Contact Lee Purdy at [lee@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:lee@lansingcitypulse.com) or (517) 999-5064

# CAPITAL CITY COMIC CON

## JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023

### WWW.CAPCITYCOMICCON.COM

## THE LANSING CENTER

### 333 E MICHIGAN AVE, LANSING, MI

### FEATURED SPECIAL GUESTS

- LEXI RABE** - ACTRESS: "I LOVE YOU GOOD" - AVENGERS: END GAME - FIRST MICHIGAN APPEARANCE
- MARK VERHEIDEN** - COMIC/SCREEN WRITER - PRODUCER: BSB - SUPER MAN - TONS MORE
- MING CHEN** - ACTOR - PODCASTER - GREAT GUY: COMICBOOK MEN - CLERKS III
- DARREN DUNSTAN** - VOICE ACTOR: TMNT - YU-GI-OH! - MORE
- WAYNE GRAYSON** - VOICE ACTOR: TMNT - YU-GI-OH! - MORE
- AARON DOUGLAS** - ACTOR - WRITER: BATTLESTAR GALACTICA
- ROGER VELASCO** - ACTOR: POWER RANGERS: TURBO/SPACE
- TRACY LYNN CRUZ** - ACTRESS: POWER RANGERS: TURBO/SPACE
- GREG ABBEY** - VOICE ACTOR: TMNT - YU-GI-OH! - MORE
- BILL MORRISON** - COMIC ARTIST - NEW EXCLUSIVE PRINT: SIMPSONS - FUTURAMA
- DAVID ROMAN** - COMIC ARTIST - NEW EXCLUSIVE PRINT: RICK & MORTY
- AMANDA CONNER** - COMIC ARTIST: HARLEY QUINN - POWER GIRL
- JIMMY PALMIOTTI** - COMIC ARTIST: HARLEY QUINN - DAREDEVIL

## COME SEE... MOVIE STARS TV STARS ANIME VOICES COMIC ARTISTS MORE!

**NEW COMICS**  
**CLASSIC COMICS**  
**ORIGINAL COMICS**  
**MANGA**  
**MORE...**

**DEALER HALL**  
FRI. \*4 PM - 8 PM  
SAT. \*10 AM - 5 PM  
SUN. \*10 AM - 4 PM

**GAMING HALL**  
FRI. 10 AM - 12 AM  
SAT. 8 AM - 12 AM  
SUN. 8 AM - 6 PM

**Capital City Comic Con**  
**FREE FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT**  
JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
9 PM - 12 AM  
LANSING SHUFFLE  
FEATURING: WESLEY & THE CRUSHERS, MARK COOPER, DJ FLUFF

**Capital City Comic Con**  
**FREE SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT**  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
7 PM - 12 AM  
LANSING SHUFFLE  
FEATURING: MARK COOPER, DJ FLUFF, & COSTUME CONTEST

\*WEEKEND & VIP PASSES INCLUDE **ONE HOUR** EARLY DEALER HALL ENTRY

**TABLE TOP GAMES**  
**BOARD GAMES**  
**DUNGEONS DRAGONS**  
MAGIC: The Gathering

**CBCS GRADING & WITNESSING!**  
**WIN THIS \$6000 TABLE FROM TABLETOP MAKERS**

## COSTUME CONTESTS EVERY DAY. CASH PRIZES!

**KIDS UNDER 14 FREE WITH PAID ADULT**

**xfinity PRESENTS ESPORTS**  
**FREE TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES**  
SWITCH XBOX PS5  
**TOURNAMENTS WITH PRIZES**

**DIAMOND SPONSORS**

- THUNDERFORGE STUDIOS
- SOCIAL OPS DIGITAL MARKETING SERVICES & CREATORS
- xfinity
- TableTop Makers
- #1 Hotel Search & Negotiation ANDROMEDA CONSULTANTS
- Lansing Tugboats
- Sharp Talents Productions

**USE CODE PULSE23 FOR 25% OFF**

