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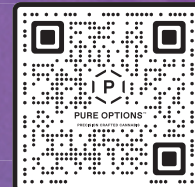
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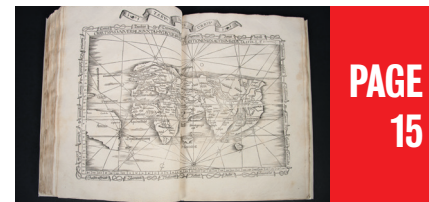
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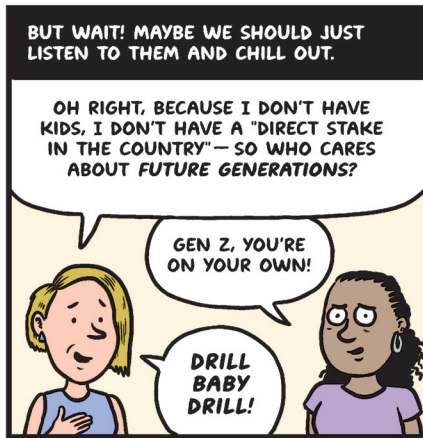
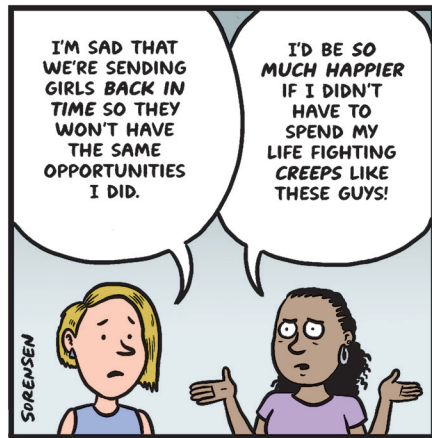
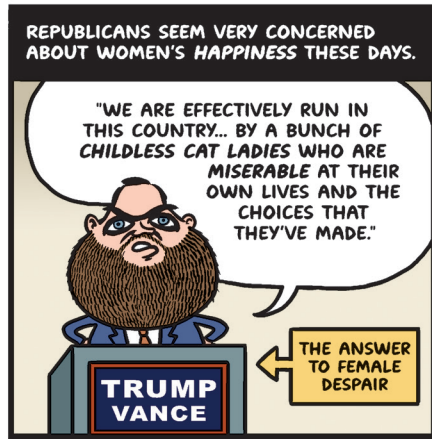
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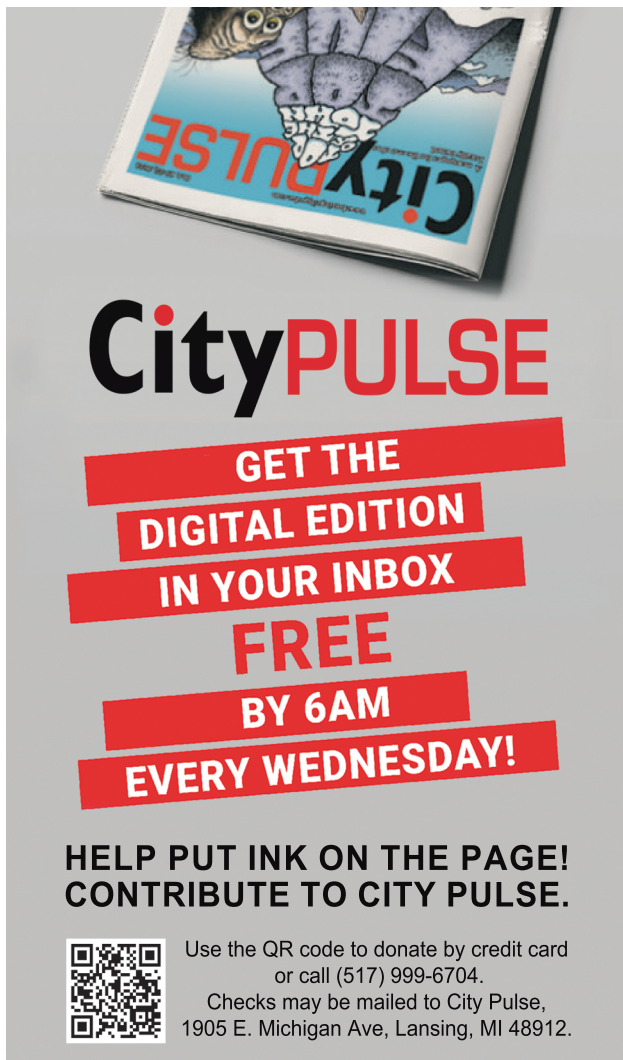
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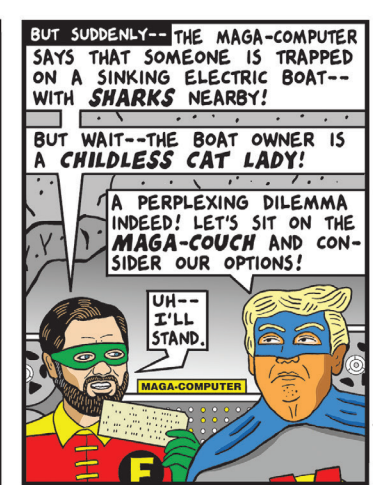
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NEWS & OPINION

Justice League issues inaugural reparation-based scholarships

Recent East Lansing High School graduate Olivia Burns' upbringing was ripe with stark parallels.

As an African American child who was adopted by white parents, she wasn't immune to the contrasts between her adoptive parents, who attended college on their parents' dime and own their home, and her biological parents, who weren't able to get much education and remain renters.

Burns traced her awareness of this juxtaposition this summer, when she penned an essay for a new scholarship established by the Justice League of Greater Lansing, a nonprofit racial justice organization founded in 2021. Applicants were descendants of enslaved African Americans who submitted 500-word essays examining racial and generational wealth gaps in the United States.

Her entry was selected as one of 10 winners in a ceremony Saturday at Lansing Church of God in Christ. She and her peers will receive \$5,000 each from the Justice League's \$400,000 reparations fund, which is sourced from payments by local churches and individual donors.

Justice League President Prince Solace described the moment as "delivery."

"Reparations is really this 400-year-old broken promise that we're still trying to breathe new life into. How do you deliver on that promise? In a way, I feel like we are delivering this community from shame and from guilt through this course of education," Solace said.

The inaugural scholarship disbursement came on the heels of a nearly three-year campaign by Solace, Justice League founder Willye Bryan and other allies as they worked to identify strategies for addressing the racial wealth gap in Lansing.

The seeds were sewn shortly after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police in May 2020, a watershed event that prompted Bryan to approach Solace about launching a faith-based reparations program.

With many local churches boasting large endowments despite waning memberships, Bryan said it was the perfect time to fund the project.

"Many churches were complicit in



Tyler Schneider / City Pulse

The Justice League of Lansing awarded its first scholarships Saturday at a ceremony at the Lansing Church of God in Christ. (Top row, from left) Justice League President Prince Solace, scholarship recipients Joseph Pizzo, Zachary Barker, Marvin Deh, Ahja Crawford and Justice League founder Willye Bryan. (Bottom row, from left) scholarship recipients J'Kyla Hobbs, Olivia Burns, Lydia-Anne Ding-Mejok, Nala Noel, Hailey Perkins and Braelyn Jackson.

slavery and even became rich because they bought and sold enslaved people," Bryan explained. "So, it was very purposeful to take this to the churches, because it's in their wheelhouse to talk about the sin of racism and how we can heal and repair the breach. Many of them were at a place where they were ready to listen."

One of the first churches to participate was the primarily white First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, which Bryan and Solace attend. It pledged to give \$100,000 from its endowment over 10 years, including \$58,000 to date. Other substantial contributions included \$173,260 from Edgewood United Church of Christ and \$130,470 from All Saints Episcopal.

At first, Bryan said laying out the argument for reparations was "shocking for many people."

"Reparations is a word that scares folks so bad. I wanted to demystify and normalize it, because once you talk about it, people start to realize that this is not so hard. We can sit down, put our heads together and work on fixing this," she said.

Solace, 34, wasn't raised in a formal church environment but said he has

since reignited his own faith, in part, because of this activism.

"From a generational standpoint, people my age and younger may have negative connotations about the church. They think it may not be impactful or effective, or that it may even be hypocritical," he said. "But while churches have benefited from the legacy of slavery, I also think the church is a place where transformation can happen when you have big minds at the table."

Solace sees the scholarship program as the first of many ways to help Greater Lansing's Black residents.

"Now that we've delivered in this area, we're also focusing on housing and business entrepreneurship," Solace said, noting that historically exclusionary housing policies have long prevented Black Americans from owning their own homes — a key component in establishing generational wealth.

"We take pride in not working in a silo. There's a lot of community resources and people with experience who will help guide us in that area. In a way, it becomes a work of art as we continue fleshing everything out," Solace added.

Evanston, Illinois, Amherst, Massachusetts, and Asheville, North Carolina, were among the first cities to establish reparation funds in 2020 and 2021, while San Francisco approved a \$5 million plan last year. Closer to home, Ann Arbor's City Council voted in June to explore the possibility of reparation payments.

Despite these outliers, Solace and his team are essentially working off a road map of their own design. It's been successful enough to prompt groups from Louisiana, Ohio and Virginia to contact the Justice League to ask how they might be able to duplicate its model.

"We're open to that, because we don't just want to hold this to ourselves," Solace said. "We want to expand on this within a theological framework and also make an impact at the state level on up."

He believes the Justice League's faith-based, bottom-up approach can translate into widespread, top-down reform down the road. For now, the organization's leaders can take solace in knowing they've helped 10 recent high school graduates achieve their dreams.

Burns will apply her \$5,000 toward attending Michigan State University, where she'll study psychology with honors starting this fall. She was among dozens of Greater Lansing students who submitted scholarship essays, but her grades and formal interview helped separate her from the pack.

"A lot of times, when you look for advice on writing scholarships, it'll tell you to fluff it up and be as likeable as possible. Trying to think about all of those things made me really nervous, but then I remembered I have a cool story and that I know a lot about this. Even if I didn't win, my thought was to just be as honest as I could," Burns said.

Burns found out she made the cut in a call from Bryan a few days before Saturday's ceremony.

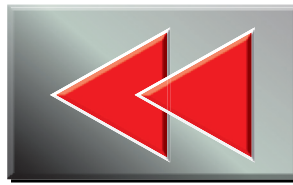
"It feels really unbelievable, honestly," she said. "To know that these churches and organizations are taking accountability, recognizing the hardships and giving us an opportunity to come together and celebrate our heritage by giving to this cause, that means a lot to my community and to me."

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The East Lansing City Council voted 3 to 1 at a special meeting to add a “caption” to a housing ballot proposal that, if passed in the November election, would prohibit the city from restricting relationships “of persons living together as a household” or interfering “with the rights of owners to live with persons of their choice, so long as they are not rent-paying tenants.” The caption, which will accompany the Charter amendment, says: “The proposed charter amendment below was initiated by a citizen-initiated petition and not the East Lansing City Council.” The amendment would also require the city to make all zoning and rental records available to the public and rewrite city definitions for terms like “tenant,” “rental unit” and “occupancy.” The Council rejected stronger language that said it “believes” the citizen-led Charter amendment seeking to overhaul sections of the city’s housing code “contravenes” the Home Rule City Act and Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.



who was named Miss Michigan in April, is a second lieutenant and military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army. She graduated in the top 5% of her class at West Point and is the first active-duty military officer to win for Michigan. She’s also a Knight-Hennessy Scholar at Stanford. Cooper said during the pageant that she is a migrant worker’s daughter and a “proud Afro-Latina woman” who wants to use her win to uplift other girls of color.



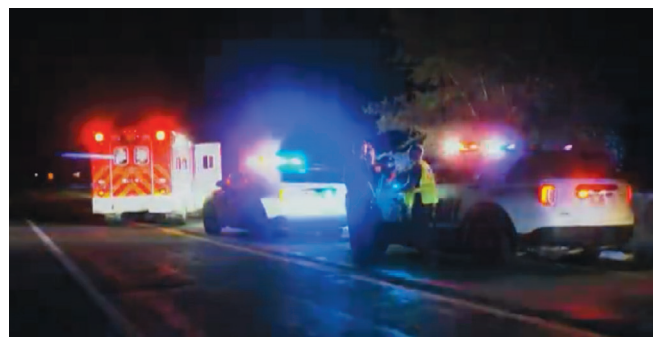
McLaren HEALTH CARE

McLaren Health Care reported Monday on its website that it was experiencing an unspecified disruption to its information technology platforms and telephone systems and was working to determine the extent of the disruption. The health system added that it did not have a timeframe to restore functionality. McLaren Health Care includes 13 hospitals, two HMOs, ambulatory surgery centers, diagnostics and a physicians’ network. Users were posting to McLaren’s Facebook account Tuesday morning that they were still unable to access information, but in the early afternoon McLaren officials replied that phone service had been restored to most clinics.

Two men were arrested in separate incidents in Holt, each after a fourth drunken driving incident. A Lansing man, 69, was arrested Saturday after a witness saw him passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle near Gunn Road and Wiloughby Road. A 26-year-old Holt man was stopped Sunday for careless driving near Grayfriars Avenue and Davlind Drive and arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Public safety

A 24-year-old man was in stable condition after he was stabbed Monday near North Cedar Saginaw streets in Lansing. A 51-year-old man was taken into custody, and there was no ongoing threat to public safety, police said. ... An 18-year-old man was seriously injured Monday while trying to change a tire on a disabled vehicle that was then struck by another vehicle on Marsh Road, said Meridian Township police. The 31-year-old man whose vehicle struck the disabled vehicle also suffered injuries. ... One person suffered minor injuries from a single-car crash Tuesday that caused a pick-up truck to roll over on Holt Road near Gilbert Road. Investigators said they believe alcohol was a factor and a blood-alcohol test was ordered. ... A 58-year-old man suffered serious injuries Saturday when a truck hit his bicycle on South Pennsylvania Avenue near Irvington Avenue.



The Lansing school board unanimously approved a resolution committing to a library in every school and to “continue to invest in literacy advancements, including supporting access to libraries and librarians.” The school district had come under fire for proposed library cutbacks. Officials said cutting some librarian positions rests with its administration. The district’s proposed plan retains all four certified, full-time K-8 librarians and will add 20 instructional assistants. The administration is expected to finalize the plan and announce the staffing changes soon.



Lamar Kemp, 15, of Lansing pled guilty to second-degree murder Friday in the fatal shooting of Ingham County Democratic Party secretary Ted Lawson during an apparent robbery attempt Oct. 8. The agreement negotiated by prosecutors and defense attorneys stated Kemp would serve 35 to 60 years. Sentencing is set for Sept. 11. Lawson was knocking

on doors for City Council candidate Trini Lopez Pehlivanoglu on North Jenison Avenue when he was shot. Ingham County Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk accepted the plea, but if she decides she can’t go along with the sentencing agreement, Kemp would be given the opportunity to withdraw his guilty plea. Then-Lansing Police Chief Ellery Sosebee said there was no evidence politics had anything to do with the shooting.

Alma Cooper, a 2019 Okemos High School graduate, was crowned Miss USA Sunday in Los Angeles. Cooper, 22,

SORE OF THE WEEK



4309 Wildwood Ave., Lansing

This one-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath, 693-square-foot home was built in Lansing’s Old Everett neighborhood in 1928. It’s been in limbo ever since its owner, Samuel Schreckengost, died in 2005. Family members tried to sell the property after Schreckengost’s widow, Florence Schreckengost, died in 2021, according to Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox. However, they were unsuccessful, and the home remains listed under Schreckengost’s name. Today, the home’s roof and foundation appear to be deteriorating rapidly, while a broken window and visible holes in sections of its siding greet passerby on its north side. The city’s Code Enforcement Office red-tagged and boarded it up last August and has cited it for unkempt grass twice since May. Fox noted that his office hasn’t had any contact with the owner’s family in two years. According to the Ingham County Assessor’s site, they still owe \$2,129.12 in property taxes for that period. There is some evidence that the family is taking steps to tackle that accumulation of fines, however, because they paid \$307.50 worth of outstanding fees in late May. Efforts to contact a relative of the owner were unsuccessful.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

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

Rogers' metamorphous keeps R's in game for U.S. Senate seat

Remember the Mike Rogers of early 2014? Before our then-8th District congressman said he was hanging up his seat for a radio show microphone?

Can you imagine THAT Rogers, the former FBI official, complaining that our judicial system cranked out "an un-American persecution" through a "rigged trial."

No. That Rogers three years ago described Trump in a Washington Post op-ed as "more gangster than presidential."

It's a different Mike Rogers who won the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday. The big-smile glad-hander who kept a center-right persona when he represented Lansing in Congress is the hard-right Trump apologist the Republican Party needs him to be.

Today's Mike Rogers is stoking people's prejudices by holding a public roundtable that shames transgender or intersex individuals from participating in organized sports.

He's adopted the poll-tested, cookie-cutter policy agenda only a Republican in a competitive seat can love. Tough on the border. Tough on crime. China's the enemy. Post-COVID inflation is Joe Biden's fault.

The Rogers transformation is a modern-day necessity for Republican politicians. If they want to get elected to anything, anyway.

In 2024, Trump is the mainstream. He's masterfully bridged the divide between the traditional "establishment Republicans" and the hard-right grassroots. Those who don't follow his path are doomed to fall into the depth of irrelevance.

Justin Amash rolled out his principled Libertarian rhetoric over social media. Nobody paid attention. Rogers crushed him in Tuesday's primary.

Sandy Pensler tried using his millions to build his own following. It failed. Pensler figured it out weeks ago and endorsed Rogers before Tuesday's election.

Peter Meijer wanted Trump impeached for passively encouraging the Jan. 6 riots on the U.S. Capitol. His U.S. Senate campaign never got off the launching pad.

The era of free-thinking politicians blazing his or her own path is long gone. Rogers is the Republicans' U.S. Senate nominee not because of who he is, but what he was willing to become.

It's what the Michigan Republican

Party needed.

I wrote last March that Rogers represented the Republican Party's best chance at defeating Elissa Slotkin. At the time, I listed the resume-neutralizing qualities he brought to the table. One thing I undervalued was Rogers' political pliability.

Nothing seems to stick to this guy. The Democrats tried hammering him on carpet-bagging back to Michigan after spending the last few years living in a sweet Florida mini mansion. Nobody really cared.

Pensler tried claiming Rogers was part of the broader Benghazi cover-up scandal with Hillary Clinton. Benghazi proved to be ancient history. We've all moved on.

If parachuting back to Michigan was a political liability, Slotkin wouldn't have beaten Mike Bishop in 2018.

The latest knock on Rogers is he used his congressional connections to make a lot of money these last 10 years. Maybe that works. But maybe his Chinese business connections only neutralize Slotkin's own vulnerability. She signed a non-disclosure agreement that cleared the way for the Gotion advanced battery plant near Big Rapids.

After all, business with China works for everybody until it's campaign time.

Rogers is evolving on the abortion ... as is Trump and any other Republican who want votes from suburban women.

You can call Rogers a political chameleon and I won't argue with you. As times change, public opinion changes, and the politicians who represent the public tend to change with them.

What's made Rogers' evolution so remarkable is how quickly and skillfully he's pulled it off after being out of the political game for 10 years.

I'm not saying Rogers beats Slotkin in November.

The Democratic nominee has too much money, and Senate Democrats need Michigan much more than Republicans for them to lose this race. Besides, the Kamala Harris switch-a-roo ends up boosting Democrats across the board a few points.

(History is on her side, too. Democratic U.S. Senate candidates in Michigan have won 20 of the last 23 elections).

The masterful metamorphous of Mike Rogers is keeping Michigan in the game, though. He's forcing Slotkin and Co. to spend their money, which is a win in itself.

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



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

Public Notice

The Ingham County Land Bank is accepting proposals for **Phase I & Phase II Environmental Site Assessments** at various properties. The RFP# Phase 1-2 ESA 2024-27 is available on August 7, 2024, at Ingham County Land Bank, 3024 Turner St, Lansing, MI 48906, or at www.inghamlandbank.org/contractors. Bids will be due at the Land Bank office by 10:00am on August 28, 2024. Bid Opening will begin August 28, 2024, at 10:00am. The Ingham County Land Bank is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply

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This is a part time position with an estimate of 5 – 10 hours per week throughout the year with the majority of the time spent in the spring, summer and fall seasons. Annual salary is \$12,000. The ideal candidate would have experience in letter writing, organization and must exhibit polite, unbiased, and professional communication via phone, e-mail, mail and in person. Oneida Charter Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all applicants, as is in the best interest of the Township.

Please send resume to 11041 Oneida Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837, email to info@oneidatownship.org, drop off in person or in drop box. Please call 517-622-8078 with any questions. Application deadline is August 30, 2024.

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Do You Need Assistance Paying Your Rent?

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), may be able to assist. The HCV Project Based Voucher program (PBV) is a federally funded rental subsidy program that may assist persons living at **Walter French** with paying their rent.

MSHDA's HCV/PBV Program is partnering with Walter French LDHA/LP, KMG Prestige, Capital Area Housing Partnership, Community Mental Health Authority of Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties (CMHA-CEI) and BECKA Management to make available supportive housing units with rental subsidies for 19 (nineteen) units (12-1/BR and 7-2/BR) located at 1900 S Cedar Street Lansing, MI 48910.

The PBV waiting list will be established by MSHDA beginning **August 7, 2024**. The waiting list for the PBV rental assistance program will remain open indefinitely.

You may qualify for assistance at Walter French, if your household income falls within the MSHDA allowable extremely low income for your family size, you meet program requirements and at least one of the following Supportive Housing Categories:

- Homeless Categories 1 and 4 (Literally Homeless or Fleeing Domestic Violence)
- Special Needs
- This property will have a preference for the Highly Vulnerable Population of Top 10% of the Local CoC Prioritized List

Staff at **Capital Area Housing Partnership** will accept applications beginning **August 7, 2024**. Please call **517-275-4663** between the hours of **9:00 am to 5:00 pm from Monday-Friday** to inquire about your eligibility for placement on the PBV waiting list for rental assistance.

NOTE: Proof of legal identity (birth certificate) and proof of a valid Social Security number will be required for all members of the household.





Raymond Holt for City Pulse

An outdoor amenity at the Blackboard District Apartments, Lansing's old Holmes Street School in the Potter-Walsh neighborhood.



Courtesy Capital Area Housing Partnership

A rendering of the old Walter French Junior High School as it is expected to look next year, when it reopens as Residences at Walter French.

Repurposing Lansing's old schools

Holmes, Walter French are latest examples of meaningful preservation

By JOAN NELSON

There is an emotional attachment to old schools. Generations of students may have passed through a particular school; participated in community activities or attended sporting events; or perhaps even worked as a teacher, bus driver or a school cook, as my Mom did for over a decade. Repurposing these often beautiful old buildings keeps history alive.

A number of local schools have been converted over the last several decades to popular community centers (Hannah Community Center in East Lansing, Foster, Gier and Hill community centers in Lansing). Other school conversions have provided homes for corporations, notably Allen Street and Oak Park Schools, which are now occupied by the biotechnology firm Neogen Corp. on the east side. And, the former Walnut Street School is home to the particle acceleration firm Niowave.

Increasingly, these centrally located and historic buildings are viewed as ideal for creating critically needed housing. In fact, two recent conversions are providing models for just this purpose. In the Potter-Walsh neighborhood in southeast Lansing, the former Holmes Street School opened recently as the Blackboard District Apartments. On the corner of Mount Hope Avenue and Cedar Street, the former Walter French Junior High School will soon become the Residences at Walter French.

Here are details on the transformation of these two historic schools to apartments:

Blackboard District Apartments

was created by Jeff Deehan and Matt McNeil of

“No building is too far gone as long as there are resources and the will to use them.”

— Michael Lewis of *The Wall Street Journal*

Dymaxion Development, a Lansing-based real estate development firm that specializes in adaptive reuse as well as new development. Dymaxion describes itself as “uniquely skilled at preserving and managing historic buildings with community revitalization at the forefront of our business model.”

After closing nearly 20 years ago, the 100-year-old Holmes Street School had already experienced one failed development effort before being purchased by Dymaxion. The Holmes Street School Community, a lively neighborhood organization serving the western portion of the Potter-Walsh neighborhood, welcomed Dymaxion. “From the beginning, Dymaxion was an exceptionally considerate neighbor,” the group’s president, Mary Beth Van Horn, noted. “Today, they communicate constantly, refer their tenants to our community garden and allow us to use their greenspace for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.”

After several years of construction, Blackboard District Apartments is substantially complete, with 43 of the 47 units occupied. Deehan noted that his team is “taking its time and having fun with creating the final four two-story loft units in the old gymnasium.”

While Deehan and his associates take great pride in preserving beautiful and historic buildings, he points out that “it is 10X harder and much more expensive to restore a building than to build new.”

He explained that given the current state of the lending environment, restoration of the sort he does is only possible with help from state or local government. Developers interested in repurposing old buildings must navigate a toolbox of incentives that include tax exemptions for obsolete properties, federal and state tax credits and the state’s Low-Income Housing Tax Program. Deehan noted that the city of Lansing has been “uniquely helpful,” praising Kris Klein of Lansing Economic Development Corp. as an essential ally. As I talked with Deehan about incentives, I recalled trying to figure out from this dizzying array of complicated programs that might have been helpful in building the Allen Place Complex several years back.

The Residences at Walter French

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014, the former Walter H. French Junior High School is undergoing a transformative restoration led by the local nonprofit Capital Area Housing Partnership. With experience in repurposing old schools into affordable housing (e.g., Bailey Community Center in East Lansing) and having acquired the old Walter French through a donation in 2018, CAHP took on what would be a complex development process and secured the necessary financing.

According to CAHP’s senior housing development



Opinion

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Dymaxion Development has saved many features of the old Holmes Street School in its conversion to 47 apartments.

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director, Tom Edmiston, and communications director Curtis Audette, “The mixed-use development will offer a unique living, working and living experience that pre-

serves Walter French’s original architectural character while giving the historic school a renewed purpose. Throughout the classroom wings, the Residences at Walter French will feature 76 affordable apartments and provide amenities such as a community room for residents in the former cafeteria and a fitness center in the former kitchen.”

Edmiston said the ground floor will host a childcare center that can serve up to 110 pupils within the former locker rooms and natatorium spaces. CAHP will move its offices into the original gymnasium and also build a maintenance structure on the grounds to house its popular Tuesday Toolmen Program, Tool Lending Library and DIY workshops. The newly revitalized Walter French should be completed by mid-2025 — 100 years after the school first opened its doors to Lansing students.

As was the case with Dymaxion, CAHP worked diligently to secure the funding necessary, primarily through Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits, with additional support from public and private grants from the state, city of Lansing, Ingham County Housing Trust Fund and donors.

Despite the financing challenges, both Deehan and CAHP’s Edmiston

say they would do it again. When I asked Deehan if he had any schools in mind, he told me that he had approached U of M Health - Sparrow about repurposing the old Eastern High School for housing. “Eastern is a jewel, and it’s the only school big enough and grand enough to put the energy that it would take into it.” U of

M was not interested, Deehan said.

It occurs to me that if U of M Health System, which acquired Sparrow and hence Eastern two years ago, is unable to figure out how to integrate the old Eastern High School into a new mental health facility (my

first choice), perhaps it can consider using it to create housing for seniors who would appreciate living so close to a hospital. Or they could provide lodging for traveling medical staff. Or host a daycare center for employees. Or make use of classroom space for continuing education. Or all of these. It appears that local developers, Lansing and especially the eastside community, historic preservationists and city leaders would welcome any number of community uses for this historic structure.

Bill Castanier, who heads the Historical Society of Greater Lansing recently shared a story about Michigan Central Station by The Wall Street Journal’s architectural writer, Michael Lewis, who said — in reference to a building in far worse condition than any former school in Lansing: “No building is too far gone as long as there are resources and the will to use them.”

(Joan Nelson, the retired founding executive director of the Allen Neighborhood Center, writes this column monthly.)



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Among the interior features in the old Holmes Street School is a brick fireplace with a tile mural.



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(Left) John Smith, property manager, DPMG Prime, and Luke Koerschner, project manager, Dymaxion Development looking over blueprints of apartments under construction in the old Holmes Street School.

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Discussion regarding bids will be had at the September 10th Board of Trustees meeting. This is an open meeting, and you are welcome to attend. Bids will be opened on August 29th at 9am to allow time for any additional questions to be asked prior to the Board meeting. Questions about the project can be directed to Clerk Jackie Kilgore at 517-622-8078. Oneida Charter Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or to award on any or all items, as is in the best interest of the Township.

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Emma Henry, assistant executive director of the Capital Area Housing Partnership, leads White House senior adviser Tom Perez (center) and Lansing Mayor Andy Schor on a tour of the old Walter H. French Junior high School last week during its renovation to become affordable apartments.

White House visit highlights conversion of Walter French to housing

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

White House senior adviser Tom Perez smiled as he peered out at Cedar Street through a large window in what was once a classroom of the old Walter H. French Junior High School.

“Everybody who walks in here will be sold on it, because it will always be really well lit,” he said of the nearly completed one-bedroom apartment that was made possible, in part, through American Rescue Plan Act funds provided by the Biden administration.

Come next year — the 100th since the school first opened — the 176,000-square-foot property will be fully transformed into a mixed-use facility featuring 76 affordable rental units for low-income families, a childcare center with capacity for more than 100 children and the new headquarters of the Capital Area Housing Partnership.

CAHP is spearheading the \$35 million project, which drew \$6.5 million from ARPA funding, \$5 million from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.’s Revitalization and Placemaking Program and \$1.5 million from the Ingham County Hous-

ing Trust. A substantial portion was also funded through private donations, local grants and incentives.

Perez, director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and former President Obama’s labor secretary, toured the building last week as part of a two-day trip viewing a handful of ARPA-funded projects in Michigan.

“What we’re seeing across the state is smart investments, great partnerships and real results for real people,” Perez said. “We can talk all about the unprecedented level of investment, but what’s far more compelling is to talk about the people who deserve it, and that’s what this is all about.”

Joining him on the Walter French tour were Lansing Mayor Andy Schor and Santrece Roberts, a childcare professional who will operate the Monarch Early Learning Center in what was once the school’s gymnasium.

Schor noted that the childcare center will be the first in Lansing in housing. He stressed the positive impact it will have on tenants.

“If you don’t have transportation, that’s one more hour out of your day that you’re not able to be at

work making money for your family. So, putting these kinds of services within a workforce housing project makes all the difference,” he said.

Over her 10-year childcare career, Roberts said she’d only ever seen one similar proposal in Flint, where the funding fell through. She’s seen the need for such programs grow over the years through her role as CEO of the Caterpillar Corner Child Care Centers in Holt and Pontiac.

“Fifty-six percent of children in the Lansing area that need care don’t have spots available to them. So, to be able to provide 100-plus spots here is just an amazing opportunity for our community,” Roberts said.

Perez was equally impressed.

“What the evidence shows is that zero to 3 are the three most important years in your life. And when you have a safe and healthy start, life gets a lot easier,” he said. “Lansing residents who live here are going to be able to be near a bus line if they’re transit dependent. They’re going to have a daycare on site. You can’t get much better than that.”

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Walter French

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In a press session after the tour, Schor lauded the progress the city has made in recent years.

“Coming out of that pandemic, the city was struggling. We could have really taken a dive, but President Biden, Vice President Harris, Congresswoman Slotkin, Sens. Peters and Stabenow all really jumped in,” Schor said.

As a result, Schor said the city has made progress preserving and redeveloping a number of historic properties following the pandemic.

The Lansing School District opened Walter French in 1925 for first through ninth grades, then in 1950 converted it to a junior high school. It was closed in 1981 due to falling enrollment. Two years later, the Eyde Co. bought it, but it sat empty till 1996, when it became a charter school, which closed in 2004. The Eydies donated it to CAHP in 2018.

Schor said he views Walter French as a prime example of Biden administration funds at work.

“Lansing, unfortunately, is a city that in the past has not remembered its history. We’ve seen a lot of buildings that have been knocked down, and we need to avoid that. That history is who you are — it’s your legacy, your past. So, we’re seeing a lot of those conversations right now,” Schor said.

Perez compared the modern influx of funding toward projects like Walter French to other pivotal developments



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

The Monarch Early Learning Center will fill the locker rooms and natatorium off the gymnasium, a first for affordable housing in Lansing. Capital Area Housing Partnership, the developers, will move its headquarters into the gym itself.

in United States history.

“Moments of greatest crisis — which we found ourselves in in 2021 — are also the moments of greatest opportunity,” he said. “In the throes of the Depression, we passed Social Security and a minimum wage. In the height of the Civil Rights movement of the ‘60s, we passed the Civil Rights Act of ‘64 and the Voting Rights Act of ‘65.

“We’re in another moment of serious challenges in our democracy and in our social safety net,” he added. “This is one of these third moments right now of unprecedented investment — the fruits of which we’re going to see literally for generations to come.”

As construction teams shuffled in

and out of rooms that will soon house families, Perez said the country has “only just begun to scratch the surface” of the vast array of opportunities made possible by programs like the ARPA and Inflation Reduction Act.

He praised the city for following through on its vision for what is booming The Residences at Walter French.

“What’s wonderful about this is you understand that you’ve got to meet the people who are going to be applying and living here where they are,” Perez said. “For me, what’s exciting about this is to make it real. It’s not just dollars and cents — it’s families and communities.”




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Renovation is expected to be completed next year, 100 years after the Lansing School District opened Walter French.



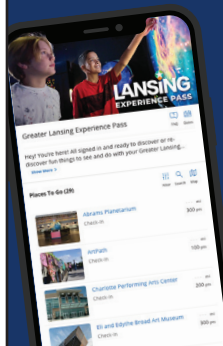

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Capital Area Housing Partnership’s plans for Walter French include 76 apartments for low-income families, a daycare center and a new headquarters for itself when it opens next year.

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Neither antsy nor pedantic

Smooth Jazz Fête brings laid-back vibe to Marshall Street Armory

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

Can smooth jazz be defined without using musical terms?

It's a timely thought exercise, with Lansing saxophonist and impresario Phil Denny's sixth annual Smooth Jazz Fête poised to wash over the Marshall Street Armory on Lansing's east side this Saturday (Aug. 10).

The outdoor festival, featuring performances by Denny himself and a slate of national smooth-jazz luminaries each year, has put Lansing firmly on the smooth-jazz map, with the attendees converging on the grassy Armory lawn hailing from coast to coast.

So, what's the winning formula? Remember — no jargon allowed. Pedantry is not in the smooth-jazz spirit.

Let's just say that smooth jazz is as smooth jazz does. To its devoted fans, smooth jazz is not a genre but an endless and consistent vibe. Smooth jazz doesn't develop; it envelops. Smooth jazz is never antsy. Smooth jazz plants a lounge chair on the beach, in the sweet spot where shade and sun meet, and stays there all day, daring the sun to move.

Smooth jazz musicians aren't big on giving music or history lessons from the stage, but uplifting personal stories and effusions of gratitude are integral to the culture.

Headliner Nathan Mitchell, a Florida-based keyboardist, vocalist, composer and producer, caught a lot of buzz with a dazzling show at the 2023 Seabreeze Jazz Festival in Panama City Beach, Florida. Since releasing his debut album, 2017's "Smooth Groove," he's notched 10 top-30 hits on Billboard's smooth jazz chart.

Mitchell dedicated a 2022 single, "100% Cotton," to the cause of raising awareness of kidney disease. The upbeat, life-affirming track from the

album "It's My Time" rocketed him to the No. 1 spot on the Billboard smooth jazz chart. His cousin got the transplant.

"Nathan's a great spirit," Denny said. "I've known him for at least a decade, and it's been fun to watch him grow and come into himself."

Mitchell is clearly on the rise, with a Grammy nomination, three NAACP Image Award nominations and a recent move to a major smooth-jazz label. Embedded in the enthusiastic crowd at Seabreeze were assorted critics, label execs and a former co-host of ABC's "The View," Sherri Shepherd, who featured Mitchell on her syndicated talk show.

"He lost his wife to cancer years ago, so he's raised his children with his extended family," Denny said. "He's gone through a lot and managed to stay focused and overcome one hurdle after another. I wanted to grab him while we could."

Musically, Denny described Mitchell's sound as "soul funk."

"He definitely has a tendency to go back in the day with what I would call a go-go set," Denny said.

The violin is an unusual instrument in the world of smooth jazz (or any jazz, for that matter), but Houston native Dominique Hammons, also on Saturday's slate, makes the fiddle soar, bend, sing and sustain as strongly as any saxophone. He even throws chords, double stops and harmonics into the bargain.

First trained in classical violin, Hammons can play anything from Bach to Beyoncé and beyond. In true smooth-jazz fashion, his latest CD is



Courtesy photo

Saxophonist Phil Denny, founder and organizer of the Armory Smooth Jazz Fête, will play a set at 6 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 10) with Detroit vocalist Isis Damil.

called "The Sweet Escape."

With a larger-than-life, ebullient presence, Hammons loves to stride confidently into cavernous, high-profile gigs like the halftime show at a New Orleans Pelicans game and wow the restless audience into violin raptures.

"He's not just a violin virtuoso — he's a showman," Denny said. "He's got almost 400,000 followers on Instagram, a huge YouTube success. It's amazing how much he travels while keeping up with his teaching."

Also performing Saturday is Michael Fields Jr., a formidable bassist, composer and producer from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Fields' latest album is called — of course — "Fields Good." Denny placed him firmly in the musical camp of the late NBA star and smooth-jazz bass guitarist Wayman Tisdale, himself a devotee of 1970s funk bands.

For his own set, Denny is trying something new. He'll trade musical licks with Detroit vocalist Isis Damil, a soulful and fiery performer (and winner of WDIV-TV's 2023 Go 4 It competition) who counts Erykah Badu, Sarah Vaughan and Solange Knowles among her inspirations.

"She's putting herself out there with her own tour, doing all the right things, delivering all of this vocal artistry and

a lot of energy," Denny said. "She offers something different, and I wanted to put her on this platform, where she could be discovered by people who haven't heard her before."

Musically, Denny likes to mix things up, blending original tunes with familiar jams from the likes of Earth, Wind & Fire; Chaka Khan; Michael Jackson; and Stevie Wonder.

"There's something that you see in the audience when you play a song they know," he said. "It takes them back to yesteryear, and we do that a little bit more at the festival, where you can get up and dance."

This year, for the first time, the fête will be bookended by two satellite events. Friday night (Aug. 9), flutist Brandon Marceal will deploy his sweet, butterfly-light tone to his own blend of jazz, gospel, hip-hop and R&B at a happy hour in the lounge of the AC Hotel, across Michigan Avenue from the Frandor Shopping Center, where many out-of-town fête attendees plan to stay the weekend. (There's no cover charge.) Marceal is a protégé of smooth-jazz guitar star Adam Hawley, who headlined last year's fête.

The fête will be followed by a jazz brunch Sunday morning (Aug. 11) at Toscana, on the first floor of the AC Hotel, featuring Detroit-area saxophonist Andrew Nichols.

Nichols is also playing as a sideman with Fields on Saturday. In classic festival fashion, don't be surprised if Fields sits in at the brunch, along with Denny, Mitchell or any fête performers who are still around and want to keep Saturday's vibe going.

Just don't expect a smoke-filled, life-or-death cutting contest à la "Round Midnight" or "Kansas City." This is smooth jazz, after all.

"There will be some surprises, but it's all chill," Denny said. "It's like, 'Hey, once you're done with your mimosa, come play a song with me.'"

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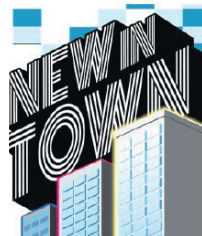
Andrew Nichols, saxophone
10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11
Toscana
3170 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

All of the Above's latest remix

Nonprofit looks to 'grow and blossom' after move to permanent space

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Four years after moving to Lansing with his wife in 2006 to start a family, Seattle native and musician Ozay Moore, 42, founded All of the Above Hip Hop Academy, a nonprofit that offers hip-hop-related courses and workshops to school-aged children.



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"I tried to identify the custodians, places and spaces that were doing the work to protect and maintain the culture here in our city. What became clear is that we just didn't have a mechanism to support legacy — to pass the baton on to the next generation," Moore said.

"We wanted to create an ecosystem by which artists could develop their craft, get plugged in, sharpen their skills and find camaraderie among like-minded individuals."

Fourteen years later, the academy has grown far beyond Moore's initial vision. While it has been "intentionally mobile" since its inception, Moore has known for several years that it needed a permanent home. He found one in a 1,900-square-foot space on Washington Square in downtown Lansing, which celebrated its grand opening on July 25.

"This is the first time that our name has been on a lease. Now that we're in this centralized location right on the bus line, everybody knows where we're at. We're just imagining it continuing to grow and blossom from here," he said.

Moore, along with three other staff members and nine contracted instructors, will continue teaching the academy's existing courses in the new space. They'll remain free for children and teenagers through high school, but the academy is also looking to expand its catalog by adding paid classes for adults in the near future.

However, at its core, the academy remains dedicated to youth.

"Hip-hop is a philosophy, a culture, a practice and a way of be-

ing. It's a way of internalizing and expressing your ideas about the world," Moore said. "We hold space for that conversation for our young people, walking them through the process of creating music with other people and learning skills in collaboration, while also showing them the importance of giving back to the community."

When Moore was recording and performing his own music on the West Coast under the stage name "Othello," hip-hop was still blossoming into the cultural behemoth it is today. While it's now the No. 1 genre in the U.S., according to a

January report by Billboard, Moore said his goal has always been to highlight hip-hop's roots for the next generation. In turn, he said, the students help the academy's instructors keep a finger on the pulse of the genre's continued evolution.

"Hip-hop has always been about transformation and remix, and our students represent that through line to wherever hip-hop is going to go next," Moore said. "Here, our goal is to hold space for what has been and what will be in the same place. Whatever you build on top of that, that's the gift."



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Ozay Moore, founder of All of the Above Hip Hop Academy, poses in front of the nonprofit's new home on Washington Square in downtown Lansing.

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Summertime ... and the smoking is easy — and cheap in Michigan



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Weed is being sold at some of the cheapest prices ever this summer as the industry capitalizes on increased consumer activity, making it a great time to visit local dispensaries and try some new strains or something from a new manufacturer.

By **CHRIS SILVA**

Summer is a great time to be in Michigan. Our state becomes a paradise for a few months, and nothing pairs better with this than smoking dope. Cannabis retailers have relied on the increased tourism and general uptick in consumption to lift their proverbial tides and beef up their sales before the oncoming Croptober inventory surge, subsequent winter glut and post-holiday-season consumer spending slowdown that often lasts until 420. There's always a lot of movement as the industry makes the best out of a period of increased consumer activity.

Michigan's proximity to states without legal markets has also made the summer season synonymous with dollar signs. The Upper Peninsula and its stores along the Wisconsin border are joined by downstate border powerhouses Monroe and

New Buffalo. Shocker: The legal dispensaries in these cities and others near the border are busy all year. But summertime makes the dispossing with the increased tourist traffic as people flock into Michigan and as their own summertime consumption rises in their own states.

As the months turn hotter, so does the competition. Every day, cannabis companies large and small are closing. Retailers have shuttered in many markets, such as Battle Creek and Muskegon. These months have always been a time when producers and retailers ensure that consumers have a plethora of cheap options.

This summer is no exception. However, the market is a lot different. Producers and retailers are scrambling to deal with a turbulent market and wild overproduction of wholesale flower. In addition, the Michigan cannabis market seems to have hit its natural plateau. The

industry recently topped California to become king in the nation's legal dope game by volume of sales. This high praise for the state's industry may prove to be short-lived: Legal cannabis sales have fallen flat in the last couple of months. Many industry insiders I've talked to recently think it's possible that the cannabis market has reached a sales cap. In other words, consumers might never spend any more on cannabis than they are right now.

As the market reaches maturity in size, the industry is still reeling from the fact that too many operators are producing too much cannabis. Even with this overproduction of raw cannabis, new grows are popping up frequently. This pressure has continued to drag prices down pretty low on the wholesale side. A lot of producers' costs are at about \$450 to \$500 per pound for indoor cannabis, with greenhouse- and outdoor-grown

Lansterdam in Review: Summertime cannabis prices

flower regularly being sold for less than this.

All of these factors continue to drive flower prices into the ground, making it one of the best times ever for consumers to purchase legal dope. Even if you have a plug, go buy some OK-looking flower in a store and see how little you pay. The insane competition has given us a pretty good lineup of high-quality, low-priced flower that's available to most consumers.

Even though the market is hurting, it's a great thing that the average consumer can get affordable fire. The wild capacity upswing will be interesting to watch play out. There will continue to be better and cheaper weed out there. Manufacturers are getting better at growing and selecting high-yielding, high-THC strains of flower.

This is a good summer to try some new strains or something from a new manufacturer. The price will probably be good, and there's a good chance that if it's not the absolute cheapest thing on the menu, it will at least be top-shelf mids. As the market matures and producers continue to exit the game, I expect to see prices creep up a little, but for the most part, consumer tastes — and the price points to go along with them — are starting to be established.




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MSU Libraries breaks rare 16th-century cartography text out of its cage

By **BILL CASTANIER**

One of Michigan State University's rarest and most valuable books in its Stephen O. Murray and Keelung Hong Special Collections recently got the "full spa treatment" by MSU conservation librarian Garrett Sumner.

Ptolemy's "Geographia," published in 1535, has been in the collection since 1951, but it has been kept in a special safe due to its fragile condition. There are approximately 60 known copies of the 16th-century cartography text in the world.

In the centuries since its publication, the book has survived numerous floods and a precarious trip through the streets of Milan, hidden in the undercarriage of a cab. It was a trip worthy of a spy novel due to a ruling by the late Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini that no historical documents could leave the country.

The smuggler was Fred P. Warren of Three Oaks, who was the son of wealthy industrialist E. K. Warren. The E.K. Warren Foundation donated the tome to MSU in 1951. And there it sat.

The library sought to have it preserved several times, but the cost far exceeded the budget, so it languished in its safe. Then, rare books curator Tad Boehmer decided to take another look at the book after coming across it in its safe.

Boehmer brought the book, nestled in a box with a note on top warning of mold, to Sumner.

"We pulled it out and found there was actually no active mold,"



Michigan State University's copy of Ptolemy's "Geographia" before (left) and after receiving the "full spa treatment."

Sumner said. From there, it was full speed ahead, with a slight delay due to COVID lockdowns and remote work.

Upon examination, despite there being no mold, the book was in tatters, with the covers hanging on by threads. It was dirty and looked nothing like a valuable book.

For Sumner, who was charged with evaluating how to preserve the book, the most difficult decision was whether to do nothing, which is always an option.

Sumner and Boehmer finally decided to give it the "full spa treatment," which included disbinding it; washing all the pages; resizing, mending, sewing and rebinding the pages; and housing the book in a custom enclosure. A recent upgrade to the Florence G. Wallace Conservation Lab allowed the preservation to move forward.

The 228-page book is a gem of early cartography. It contains 49 maps with woodcut borders, which some scholars have attributed to Renaissance artists Hans Holbein the Younger and Urs Graf. It was originally written in

the second century, with inaccuracies corrected in later editions, such as MSU's second edition.

MSU's book has quite a pedigree. It contains one of the earliest uses of the word "America" in print, according to Boehmer. It was printed by the Trechsel brothers in Lyon, France, in 1535 and was translated by German Renaissance lawyer, author and humorist Willibald Pirckheimer. At one point, it was housed by the Somaschi Fathers, an order of priests, at San Bartolomeo church in Somasca, Italy. Boehmer believes an inscription in the book is likely from the first half of the 16th century.

What makes this preservation project so important is that the book will now be available for use in classes and by the public. There will be a short delay as the Special Collections moves from the library's basement to new space on an upper floor, which has been in the works for years. The move will help ensure that "Geographia" will no longer be subject to floods. It sounds nerdy, but it's a remarkable achievement.



Courtesy of MSU Libraries

Garrett Sumner prepares the parchment cover for "Geographia."

Other book news:

In case you missed it, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's new memoir, "True Gretch," reached No. 3 on The New York Times' best-seller list for combined print and e-book nonfiction and No. 4 on its list for hardcover nonfiction the week of July 28. Congratulations to Whitmer. Making this list is a major accomplishment for an author.

Put this on your calendar: On Oct. 24 at MSU's Pasant Theatre, the Michigan Humanities will host a reunion of Great Michigan Read authors. Numerous award-winning authors will be in attendance. Watch facebook.com/MichiganHumanities for the announcement.

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Angels in Lansing

Riverwalk Theatre opens 2024-'25 season with groundbreaking play

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

This month, Riverwalk Theatre will stage “Millennium Approaches,” the first half of “Angels in America,” a landmark play about queer identity and the AIDS crisis in the United States.

“It’s one of those iconic shows that only comes around

BEHIND THE CURTAIN



every once in a while,” said Sally Hecksel, who plays one of four main characters, Harper Pitt.

Ticket sales for the final dress rehearsal on Aug. 14 will benefit the Lansing Area AIDS Network and can be purchased at laonline.org. The play runs Aug. 15 through 18 and 22 through 25, with tickets available through a new ticketing platform on riverwalktheatre.com.

Ben Cassidy, who



Courtesy photo

Heath Sartorius (left) as Louis Ironside and Luka Pawsek as Prior Walter during a rehearsal of “Angels in America: Millennium Approaches” at Riverwalk Theatre.

plays Joe Pitt, described his character as “a Mormon Republican lawyer who’s a chief clerk in the U.S. Court of Appeals. He’s married to Harper, and throughout the show, we see his values being tested. He struggles with his sexuality, which contradicts his religious beliefs. He’s presented with the opportunity to advance his career through Roy Cohn, but he has to decide if he’ll contradict his morals.”

Roy Cohn (1927-1986) was a real person, a New York City lawyer who rose to prominence for his role as the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy’s chief counsel during his investigations of suspected communists in the 1950s. He also represented former President Donald Trump early on in his business career.

“It’s unique to have a play where one character is based on a real person, and the rest are made up,” Hecksel said.

But “Angels in America” is not a typical play. Its long title, “Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes,” speaks to its epic approach to the issues it tackles. When it debuted

on Broadway in 1993, “Millennium Approaches” won the Pulitzer Prize for drama as well as four Tony Awards and five Drama Desk Awards. The show has been performed and revived consistently over the last 30 years, and in 2003, it was adapted into an HBO miniseries.

Both Cassidy and Hecksel noted that although the play was written more than 30 years ago and is set 40 years ago, it’s more than relevant to audiences of today.

“The idea that the world is coming to an end is still very relatable. And, if you compare the COVID-19 pandemic and the government response, I think we’re still finding out how much of the show parallels our current society and climate,” Cassidy said. “We’ve made advances in medicine, but a lot of the themes hold true and are reminiscent of today.”

Hecksel added, “There are a lot of people who lived through the AIDS epidemic. I’ve had conversations with cast members who’ve said, ‘We had a friend who was there one day, and the next

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day, they were gone.”

She continued, “When you think about older queer people, we don’t have a lot of those. There are a lot of young queer people, and that’s really inspiring. But it’s always really inspiring to see people who are living into their 70s and 80s who are trans, gay, lesbian, genderqueer. They do exist, but there are so many who have been taken by the AIDS epidemic. I think any source material that’s reflective of that time helps us better understand the community around us. To witness this in whatever way we’re able to has value.”

However, Hecksel noted that the stories and characters are intensely relatable even for people who aren’t queer or didn’t live through the 1980s.

“The playwright isn’t afraid to let his characters struggle,” she said. “Sometimes there’s resolution, and sometimes there isn’t. I appreciate shows that don’t have clean endings or fluffy resolutions. I want something that takes effort to digest because that makes it feel rewarding to me.”

Audience members should be advised that the show is geared toward adults,

and there are scenes of high conflict and some violence and sexuality.

“I think that because the show is so revered and decorated, everyone understands its importance,” Cassidy said. “A lot of it is sensitive material, but it’s been a great pleasure to work with like-minded folks who give it the respect and attention it needs.”

Hecksel added, “I’m just grateful that more and more theaters in this community are willing to take on large projects. I’m grateful that we’re not showing any fear when it comes to this.”

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Doak Bloss during a rehearsal of “Angels in America: Millennium Approaches” at Riverwalk Theatre.



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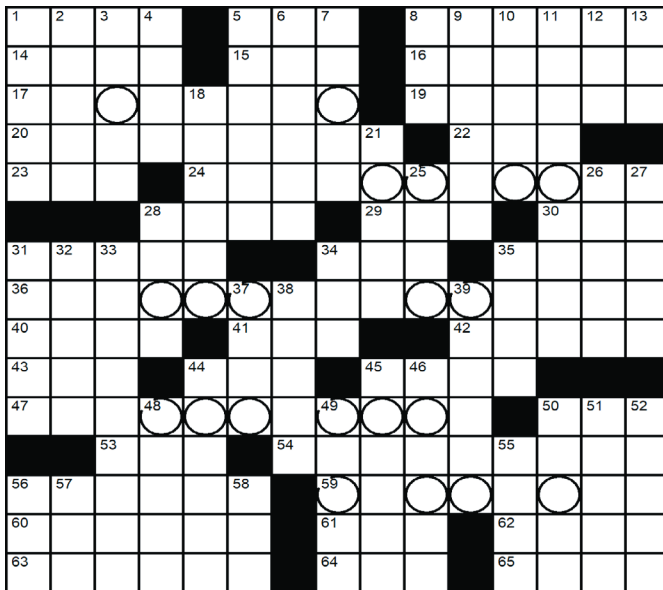
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By Matt Jones

"Count the Rings"
-- while you're over there.
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ACROSS

- 1. Big name in cat food
- 5. Minn. winter hours
- 8. ___ Bottom (SpongeBob's hometown)
- 14. Dis
- 15. State of reverence
- 16. Aphrodite's beloved
- 17. King, Waters, or Johnson, e.g.
- 19. Personally handle
- 20. Short story
- 22. Mount Rushmore guy
- 23. Holy Fr. woman
- 24. 1990s burgers considered one of the most expensive product flops ever
- 28. State home to the headquarters of Maverik convenience stores
- 29. Some style mags
- 30. Nutrition label listing
- 31. Dumbledore's slayer
- 34. Opposite of old, at Oktoberfest
- 35. Jury ___ (summons subject)
- 36. Bar offer
- 40. Cincinnati's home
- 41. Digit before a toll-free number
- 42. Richter and Roddick
- 43. Gold, in Grenada
- 44. "32 Flavors" singer DiFranco
- 45. The A that turns STEM to STEAM
- 47. The fruit it bears is olive-sized and orange-colored
- 50. "Antiques

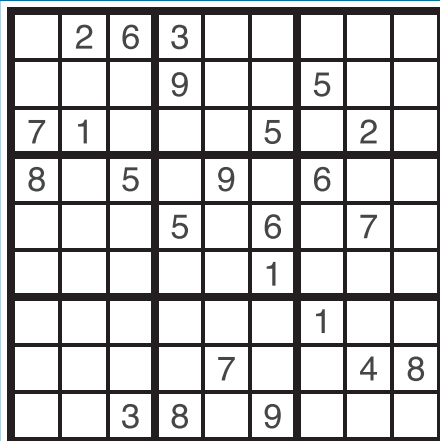


- Roadshow" network
 - 53. Crunch targets
 - 54. Pat who announced 16 Super Bowls
 - 56. Superlatively sweet?
 - 59. Skincare brand and subsidiary of Est e Lauder
 - 60. Bearded Egyptian deity
 - 61. "I'm Just ___" (movie song of 2023)
 - 62. Dessert spread made with fruit
 - 63. Film villain Hannibal who's definitely fictional
 - 64. Regulation, for short
 - 65. Klimt work, with "The"
- DOWN**
- 1. Publishing IDs
 - 2. Portion out
 - 3. Lavender relative
 - 4. Captain Hook's first mate
 - 5. Smartphone function
 - 6. 1980s timekeeping fad
 - 7. Like J, in alphabetical order
 - 8. Louisville Slugger, e.g.
 - 9. Aspirations
 - 10. Edible kelp in Japanese and Korean cuisine
 - 11. Stock portfolio of sorts
 - 12. Thing to be picked
 - 13. "Looking for," in ads
 - 18. Christian of "Mr. Robot"
 - 21. Did a lawn maintenance job
 - 25. Prefix for distant or lateral
 - 26. "___ shorts!" (Bart Simpson catchphrase)
 - 27. Eye annoyances
 - 28. "It's ___ you"
 - 31. "Succession" actress Sarah
 - 32. '60s jacket style
 - 33. Like self-evident truths
 - 34. 180 degrees from SSW
 - 35. Puts on
 - 37. "Game of Thrones" actress Chaplin
 - 38. Dosage figures
 - 39. Shiny cotton fabric
 - 44. Bondi Beach resident
 - 45. Band worn around the biceps
 - 46. Jog the memory
 - 48. Arcade title character who hops around a pyramid
 - 49. Knees-to-chest diving positions
 - 50. Former spicy chip brand
 - 51. Gets fuzzy
 - 52. Downhill rides
 - 55. Rock and jazz YouTuber Beato
 - 56. Rank for Mustard or Sanders, for short
 - 57. Take up
 - 58. Co. that introduced Dungeons & Dragons

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SUDOKU



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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Aug. 7-13, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Legend tells us that the first person to drink tea was Chinese Emperor Shennong in 2737 B.C.E. As he lounged outdoors, tree leaves fell into his cup of water and accidentally created an infusion. Good for him that he was willing to sample that accidental offering. It took many centuries, but tea drinking eventually spread throughout the world. And yet, the first tea bag, an icon of convenience, didn't become available until 1904. I don't expect you will have to wait anywhere near that long to move from your promising new discoveries to the highly practical use of those discoveries. In fact, it could happen quickly. The coming weeks will be a favorable time to ripen your novel ideas, stellar insights and breakthrough innovations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): I hope that in the coming months, taurus, you will be refining your skills with joy and vigor. I hope you will devote yourself to becoming even more masterful at activities you already do well. I hope you will attend lovingly to details and regard discipline as a high art — as if doing so is the most important gift you can give to life. To inspire you in these noble quests, I offer you a quote by stage magician Harry Blackstone Jr.: "Practice until it becomes boring, then practice until it becomes beautiful."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Wohlweh" is a German word that means "good pain" or "pleasurable pain." It might refer to the feeling you have while scratching a mosquito bite or rubbing your eyes when they're itchy from allergies. My favorite use of the word occurs when describing a deep-tissue massage that may be a bit harrowing even as it soothes you and provides healing. That's a great metaphor for the kind of wohlweh I expect for you in the coming days. Here's a tip: The less you resist the strenuous "therapy," the better you will feel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I earn my living as a writer now, but for many years, I had to work odd jobs to keep from starving. One of the most challenging was tapping the sap of Vermont maple trees during the frigid weather of February. Few trees produce more than 3 gallons of sap per day, and it takes 40 to 50 gallons to create a single gallon of maple syrup. It was hard work that required a great deal of patience. According to my analysis, you Cancerians are in a metaphorically comparable situation these days. To get the good results you want, you may have to generate a lot of raw material — and that could take a while. Still, I believe that in the end, you will think the strenuous effort has been well worth it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I love the fact that Antarctica doesn't belong to anyone. Thirty nations have research stations there, but none of them control what happens. Antarctica has no government! It has a few laws that almost everyone obeys, like a ban on the introduction of non-indigenous plants and animals. But mostly, it's untouched and untamed. Much of its geology is uncharted. Inspired by this singular land, I'd love for you to enjoy a phase of wild sovereignty and autonomy in the coming weeks. What can you do to express yourself with maximum freedom, answering primarily to the sacred laws of your own ardent nature?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Babylonia was an ancient empire located in what's now Syria, Iraq and Iran. Among its citizens, there was a common belief that insomnia was the result of intrusive visitations by ancestral spirits. Their urge to communicate made it hard for their descendants to sleep. One supposed cure was to take dead relatives' skulls into bed, lick them, and hold them close. I don't recommend this practice to you, Virgo. But I do advise you to consult with the spirits of deceased family members in the coming weeks. I suspect they have a lot to tell you. At the very least, I hope you will explore how you might benefit from studying and pondering your ancestors' lives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Libran tennis player Naomi Osaka is one of the highest-paid women athletes ever. She is also a staunch political activist. That blend of qualities is uncommon. Why do I bring this to your attention? Because now is an excellent time to synergize your pragmatic devotion to financial success with idealistic work on behalf of noble causes. Doing both of these activities with extra intensity will place you in alignment with cosmic rhythms — even more so if you can manage to coordinate them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio actor Sally Field told a story about an agent who worked for her early in her career. In those formative years, all her roles were on TV. But she aspired to expand her repertoire. "You aren't good enough for movies," the agent told her. She fired him, and soon, she was starring in films. Let's make this a teaching story for you, Scorpio. In the coming months, you will be wise to surround yourself with influences that support and encourage you. If anyone persistently underestimates you, they should not play a prominent role in your life's beautiful drama.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One Sagittarius I know is building a giant sculpture of a humpback whale. Another Sagittarius is adding a woodshop studio to her house so she can fulfill her dream of crafting and selling fine furniture. Of my other Sagittarius acquaintances, one is writing an epic narrative poem in Greek, another is hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Northern California to the Columbia River in northern Oregon, and another has embarked on a long-postponed pilgrimage to Nigeria, the place of her ancestors' origin. Yes, many Sagittarians I know are thinking expansively, daring spicy challenges and attempting fun feats. Are you contemplating comparable adventures? Now is an excellent time for them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When I opened my fortune cookie, I found a message that read, "If you would just shut up, you could hear God's voice." In response, I laughed, then got very quiet. I ruminated on how, yes, I express myself a lot. I'm constantly and enthusiastically riffing on ideas that are exciting to me. So, I took the fortune cookie oracle to heart. I stopped talking and writing for two days. I retreated into a quiescent stillness and listened to other humans, animals and the natural world. Forty-five hours into the experiment, I did indeed hear God's voice. She said, "Thanks for making space to hear me. I love you and want you to thrive." She expounded further, providing me with three interesting clues that have proved to be helpful in practical ways. In accordance with your astrological omens, Capricorn, I invite you to do what I did.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Scientists at the University of California devised a cheap and fast method for unboiling an egg. Their effort wasn't frivolous. They were working with principles that could be valuable in treating certain cancers. Now, I'm inviting you to experiment with metaphorical equivalents of unboiling eggs, Aquarius. You are in a phase when you will have extra power to undo results you're bored with or unsatisfied with. Your key words of power will be reversal, unfastening, unlocking and disentangling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Every week, I imbibe all the honey from an 8-ounce jar, mostly in my cups of hot tea. To create that treat for me, bees made a million visits to flowers, collecting nectar. I am very grateful. The work that I do has similarities to what the bees do. I'm constantly gathering arcane ideas, meditating on the astrological signs and contemplating what inspirational messages my readers need to hear. This horoscope may not be the result of a million thoughts, but the number is large. What's the equivalent in your life, Pisces? What creative gathering and processing do you do? Now is a good time to revise, refine and deepen your relationship with it.

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

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Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, Aug. 7

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

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

Back to School Health Fair - Get ready for school with vision, hearing, dental and lead screenings; vaccinations; and car seat safety checks. Giveaways while supplies last. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. health.ingham.org.

Broadway Jazz Dance - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

By the Beard of the Prophet: Exploring the First American Muslim Superhero in WWII - Visiting scholar Safiyya Hosein of Toronto Metropolitan University discusses her ongoing research and collections at MSU she's found valuable. Noon. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. lib.msu.edu.

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

Improv Acting Class - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Tejano Sound - Free. 7 p.m. Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

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

Life Drawing - Drawing session with a clothed model or still life. Facilitated by a teaching artist. Ages 13+. 6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Garage Sale Band (pop/rock) - Free. 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/about-us/calendar/summer-concert-series.

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

Michigan Young Birders Network Virtual Meeting - Virtual networking group for individuals ages 13-18 interested in birding. 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 946 4329 0865. Password: Chickadee. michiganaudubon.org/learn/young-birders.

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

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series - Free and open to the public. Bring a picnic and a chair

or blanket and enjoy the bells of the carillon. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Lighting Matches (alternative rock) - Free. 7 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

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

Summer Reading Program Finale Carnival - Enjoy bounce houses, carnival games and treats! Each reading log you complete earns you more carnival tickets to spend. There will be many non-ticketed activities as well, like bounce houses and a game trailer. 5-9 p.m. Bridge Street Plaza, 213 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: The Schrock Bros (Americana/blues) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell. gladl.org.

Stories in the Garden - Explore the garden and stop to listen to a picture book when you come across one of our volunteer readers! 10-11:30 a.m. Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. elpl.org.

Summer Vibes Karaoke - 8-11 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

Walk-in Wednesday - Create works of art with modeling clay! Free. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Weaving the Web: Honor - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Wednesday Yoga on Albert - Hosted by Yoga State. Bring a yoga mat. Free. 9:30 a.m. Albert EL Fresco, corner of M.A.C. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Thursday, Aug. 8

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

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

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

"Alluring Nature 2024" - Exhibition of paintings by En Plein Air Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august.

Babysitting Workshop - Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, age-appropriate activities and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Ages 12+. Registration req. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Mint Festival

2-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11
Clinton County Fairgrounds
800 W. Sickles St., St. Johns

St. Johns' annual Mint Festival runs 2 to 11 p.m. Friday (Aug. 9), 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 10) and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 11) at the Clinton County Fairgrounds, offering a juried craft show, a flea market, a carnival, food trucks, a mint ice cream booth and more.

There will also be special events each day, including a live radio broadcast by 94.1 Duke FM 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, line dancing 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, a three-on-three basketball tournament 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the St. Johns Middle School and High School gyms, a cornhole tournament 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, performances by the Motley Misfits circus collective 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and the Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe at noon Sunday, yoga with a three-legged dog 1 p.m. Sunday and the annual Peppermint Patty Plop 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Grand Mint Parade will begin 10 a.m. Saturday on Clinton Avenue near Oakview Elementary School. For the full route, visit mintfest.org/copy-of-cornhole.

Attendees 21 and older can also visit downtown St. Johns 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday for block parties featuring live music, food trucks and alcoholic beverages. Admission will be \$10 at the gate, and beverage tickets will be \$5 each.

Entry into the Mint Festival is free, and unlimited ride wristbands for the carnival are \$25 if purchased online by noon Friday or \$35 at the ticket box. For more information on the festival, or to sign up for the cornhole and basketball tournaments, visit mintfest.org.



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

Beal Botanical Garden Tour: Etymology and the Naming of Plants - Join us for a lunchtime tour to explore where plants get their names. 12:10 p.m. 330 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. bealbotanicalgarden.msu.edu.

Charlotte Community Library Birthday Book Club: "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," by Arthur Conan Doyle - 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Detroit Social Club (blues) - Free. 6:30 p.m. 1885 Eaton County Courthouse lawn, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce.

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

DeWitt Concerts in the Park: Kathy Ford Band (variety) - Free. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. dewittareacc.org/event/concerts-in-the-park.

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

Eight Things to Know for Successful Dehydrating - Learn how to prepare and dehydrate three of the most popular foods! 6 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse.

Four More Shapes - Michigan-based indie band whose members share an affinity for the boundlessness of music and the timeless structure of a pop ditty. Doors 5 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Game Night and Live Music - Enjoy activities and games from 5-9 p.m., including giant Connect 4, cornhole, giant Jenga, ping pong, giant chess and more! Live music at 6 p.m. Albert EL Fresco, corner of M.A.C. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Global Village (variety), opener School of Rock - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

Holt Music in the Garden: Stone Street Revival ('60s-'70s hits) - Food available for purchase from Hard Knocks Food Truck. Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhittownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

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

Laingsburg Music in the Park: Mixed Flavors (R&B/funk/jazz) - Free. Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.



Vet Fest

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10
Fowlerville Fairgrounds
8800 W. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville

VETLIFE, a nonprofit organization that offers free resources, programs and events for military veterans and their families, will host its annual Vet Fest 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 10) at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. The event is open to both active-duty military members and veterans, as well as their families. It will offer more than 60 veteran-specific resource booths, plus prize giveaways for veterans; backpack giveaways for the first 200 school-aged children in attendance; live music; a kids' zone with bounce houses and other activities; military, EMS, fire and police vehicle displays; complimentary food and beverages; and more. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Though the event is free, registration is required via the Eventbrite link at vetlifetoday.org/vet-fest. Attendees will be asked to show their military IDs at check-in.

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Modern Dance Class - 10-week class. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Moonlight Film Festival: "Crazy Rich Asians" - Movie starts at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.). Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

Parkinson's Exercise: Boxing - Exercise program proven to help enhance strength, balance and agility. Free for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lpsg.org.

Reno's Magic Night - Come see Jeff the Magician right at your table every Thursday night! 6-8 p.m. 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75153-reno-s-magic-night.

"Resonant Earth" Opening Reception - Group exhibition by Henry Moonrod, Hailey Becker, Kasia Gkoudina and Patrick Taylor. Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments. 5-7 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. lansingartgallery.org.

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

Touch-A-Truck/National Night Out - Kids can explore a variety of vehicles, including fire trucks, construction vehicles and police cars! Free hot dog cookout provided by the East Lansing Police

Department. 6-8 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Oxymorons ('90s-2000s) - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

Zap Zone XL Magic Night - Enjoy a night on the town with food, a full bar, amazing attractions and magic by Jeff the Magician. 8-10 p.m. 5220 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75155-zap-zone-xl-magic-night.

Zoom Support Group for Parkinson's - Do you have questions or concerns? Let's talk about it. Conversations are informal but informative. 6 p.m. Meeting ID: 998 749 4167. Password: MPF2020. lpsg.org.

Friday, Aug. 9

Adam Bronstein & ABTrio - Instrumental trio that takes influence from a range of genres, including hip-hop, R&B, jazz and psychedelia. Doors 5 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

"Alluring Nature 2024" - Exhibition of paintings by En Plein Air Mid-Michigan. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net/en-plein-air-august.

Creating Engaging Intro Videos - Intended for MSU educators eager to enhance student engagement through course introduction videos. Presentation is available in person and via Zoom. Registration req. 10 a.m. Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. bookings.lib.msu.edu.

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

Dine & Discovery Series: Mixology Basics - From a Tom Collins to a cosmopolitan, learn the techniques needed to master the classics courtesy of Dani Raymond, bartender at the Avenue. 6 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/AllenNeighborhoodCenter.

Divination Roundtable - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

East Lansing Summer Concert Series: Keynote Sisters (Americana/folk/pop) - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/summerconcertseries.

End of Summer Reading Foam Party - Celebrate with fun activities, foam-filled excitement and more as we wrap up a fantastic summer of reading! 3-5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

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

Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Shakedown (Bob Seger tribute), opener Atomic Annie acoustic duo - Free. Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles, a bounce house and an inflatable slide. 6:15 p.m. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell.

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

"Minecraft" Survival Mode Party - Join other kids and play "Minecraft" on the library's private server. We'll have Minecraft-themed food, drinks and games. Grades 3 and up. Registration req. 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Moonlight Movies: "Wonka" - 9 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

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

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

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

St. Johns Mint Festival - 2-11 p.m. Clinton County Fairgrounds, 800 W. Sickles St., St. Johns. mintfest.org.

Tri-County Office on Aging 50th Anniversary - Stop by from 3 to 6 p.m. to celebrate with us! Local leaders will share their appreciation for TCOA's impact on our community, and we'll have food trucks onsite. 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. tcoa.org.

Saturday, Aug. 10

6th Annual Smooth Jazz Fete - 3-9 p.m. Marshall Street Armory, 330 Marshall St., Lansing. smoothjazzfete.com.

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

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

Lock in Freshness: Canning & Freezing Your Harvest - Join Andrez Chune, garden director at SORA Gardens, for a comprehensive class on canning and freezing. 10 a.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse.

The Lynx Band - Join us for a night of high-energy pop/rock hits with the Lynx Band! Get ready to dance and sing along to your favorite songs from the '70s through today. Doors 5 p.m., show 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

Mason Symphony Chamber Players Concert - Members of the Mason Symphony Orchestra perform chamber music by Rossini, Webern, Vaughan Williams, Piazzolla, Dimler, Mozart and Svendsen. 7 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. masonorchestras.org.

Matthew Shannon at the Irish Pub - 7 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. 517-253-8713. facebook.com/IrishPubLansing.

Meet the Banjo, with Jim Pankey - Learn basic banjo anatomy, including how to hold and tune your instrument. Find a few simple melodies and explore different picking styles to help you decide the path you want to take with the banjo. 1-4 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

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

National S'mores Day Celebration - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Lansing Regional Center, 13287 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge. gshom.org/smares.

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

St. Johns Mint Festival - 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Clinton County Fairgrounds, 800 W. Sickles St., St. Johns. mintfest.org.

Teddy Bear Garden Party - This free, family-friendly event features outdoor games, swimming, crafts, a paint party, food, drinks and a teddy bear raffle! 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Valhalla Park, 2287 Pine Tree Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

Twilight Adventures - Follow clues on a self-guided tour, learn from conservation education stations and engage in fun games and activities while enjoying s'mores and concession snacks! 6-9 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Vet Fest 2024 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fowlerville Fairgrounds, 8800 W. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville. vetlifetoday.org/vet-fest.

Sunday, Aug. 11

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

Armand and Angelina, Sacred Sound Meditation - Attendees will receive vibrational healing as Angelina plays sacred tones into their bodies. Armand will add Native American flute, Shanti bells and other magical sounds. 12:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

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

"The Dog Whisperer," with Danielle McMahon - Danielle McMahon will share insights on being an animal communicator. 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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

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

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

"Getting High on God," Musical Sunday Service with Armand and Angelina - 10:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

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

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

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

University Lutheran Church Outdoor Summer Concert Series: LGC Jazz Ensemble - Free. 6 p.m. 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. ulcel.org.

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

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

St. Johns Mint Festival - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Clinton County Fairgrounds, 800 W. Sickles St., St. Johns. mintfest.org.

Sunday Yoga on Albert - Hosted by Yoga State. Bring a yoga mat. Free. 10 a.m. Albert El Fresco, corner of M.A.C. and Albert avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Three Sparks Comedy - Free comedy with Three Sparks. 7-9 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. onenorthdining.com.

Monday, Aug. 12

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. cmialanon.org.

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

Aquarium in a Jar - Use plastic animals to create a unique aquarium in a jar. Ages 6+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Broadway Jazz Dance - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Finance Committee - 6 p.m. Laingsburg City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

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

Improv Acting Class - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

LIBRARY BOARD - 7 p.m. City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

Magic at Culvers of Eastwood - Come see Jeff the Magician right at your table every Monday night! 6-8 p.m. 3115 Centre Blvd., Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75140-magic-at-culvers-of-eastwood.

"Magical CoMeDy," with Armand and Angelina - This musical comedy program will include costumes, jokes, skits and parodies, as well as the duo's collection of humorous songs. 6:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

Move to Learn Camp - Students will learn techniques for staying mentally strong and focused at school. Ages 5-13. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Open Mic Night, hosted by Kathy Ford - 6:30-9:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. onenorthdining.com.

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

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

Tuesday, Aug. 13

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

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

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

Ballet Class - Ten-week class. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Foster Parent/Adoption Information Session (Virtual Orientation) - 9 a.m. To register, contact Christina Redmond at 517-775-2693 or redmondc2@michigan.gov.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Magic Night at Fazoli's - Come see Jeff the Magician right at your table every Tuesday night! 6-8 p.m. 5705 S. Cedar St., Lansing. eventvesta.com/events/75143-magic-night-at-fazolis.

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

Parkinson's Support Group - Small group meeting for support and information sharing. People with Parkinson's meet in one room, caregivers in a separate room. 1 p.m. Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. laps.org.

Play in the Park - Children and their families can enjoy activities provided by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Free. 7 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/playinthepark.

"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Book Study, with Rev. Sharon Ketchum - 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Adult Henna Workshop - Unlock your creativity and adorn yourself with stunning henna designs! Ages 18+. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

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

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

Broadway Jazz Dance - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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National S'mores Day celebration

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
Lansing Regional Center
13287 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge

Join Girls Scouts Heart of Michigan at its Lansing Regional Center in Grand Ledge 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 10) for a National S'mores Day celebration, featuring target sports like archery and sling-shot, crafts, a slime bar, science activities provided by Michigan State University's Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, kittens from Saved by Zade, a foam party with a DJ and, of course, lots of s'mores.

The event is free for girls of all ages and their families. For more information, visit gshom.org/en/discover/activities/national-s-mores-day.html.



The Jeff Haas Quintet @ Urban Beat



Jeff Haas, piano
Laurie Sears, saxophone and flute
Anthony Stanco, trumpet
Marion Hayden, bass
Tariq Gardner, drums

1213 Turner Rd, Lansing, MI 48906

August
17 7pm
Doors 6:30

FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Delicious dan dan delivers for a down-and-out diner

By LIZY FERGUSON

Whenever I find myself ravenous, out of groceries and lacking any energy to spare — which happens more than I'd like to admit — there are a few restaurants I can order from through DoorDash that allow me to get a meal delivered, with a decent tip, for less than \$25. Am I proud of paying that much for convenience? No. But sometimes, you gotta do what you gotta do.

My most recent induction into my list of DoorDash pick-me-ups was the dan dan noodles from Hong Kong Restaurant, a Lansing staple previously located near the corner of Kalamazoo and Homer streets. Reopened last summer inside Allen Neighborhood Center's accelerator kitchen and food hall, it shares space with burgeoning culinary ventures like Tantay and Mr. Leslie's Cheesecakes, and there's a small

dining area if you want to eat in.

I had heard rumors of the noodles' deliciousness and decided while under the weather that something spicy and brothy was just what I needed. Dan dan noodles, like every recipe, have a history. Hailing from Chengdu, the capital of China's Sichuan province, the brothy version of the dish served at Hong Kong Restaurant is from, you guessed it, Hong Kong. The name "dan dan" refers to the poles on which street vendors would carry two baskets, one for noodles and one for sauce, dangling from either end across their shoulders.

Hong Kong Restaurant's dan dan arrived hot and fresh in one of the most excellent reusable takeout containers I've ever seen. Perfectly toothsome, thick noodles swam in a broth of long-sim-

mered stock, soy, garlic, sesame and chili oils, Chinese five spice and, I believe, peanut butter. Atop was minced pork in Sichuan chili paste as well as bok choy, green onion and a sprinkling of sesame seeds. With great pleasure, I took my chopsticks and churned this all together, began slurping and never wanted to stop. All the elements worked together to create a deeply satisfying and comforting meal — two meals, actually, thanks to the restaurant's generous portions.

It wasn't as spicy as I expected, so heat fiends should ask for extra spice. My understanding is that the restaurant is more than happy to modify your dish, including substituting the pork for a different protein. I'm thrilled to have another go-to meal when I'm down and out and will definitely be mining Hong Kong's menu for further additions.



Dan dan noodles

\$14.99

Hong Kong Restaurant
1615 E. Kalamazoo St.,
Lansing (inside Rathbun
Accelerator Kitchen &
Food Hall)

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

(616) 965-1518

hongkonglansing.com



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

The myriad elements of Hong Kong Restaurant's dan dan noodles work in harmony to create a deeply satisfying and comforting meal.

Grilled green chili stew

By ARI LEVAUX

After seven enchanting years in New Mexico, I became part native — especially my stomach. Late summer was my favorite time, mostly because of a certain aroma that wafted up and down the Rio Grande Valley. The widespread roasting of green chili peppers filled the air with a magical pungency.

Green chilis have transformational powers. They can turn a cheeseburger into a green chili cheese-

burger or scrambled eggs into green chili scrambled eggs. This simple modification results in a quantum leap in flavor.

And then there's green chili stew, not to be confused with "chili," the midwestern concoction resembling a sloppy Joe. A New Mexico green chili stew is brothy and nuanced, like the evening breeze after a monsoon rain.

While green chili peppers — and the delicious foods they elevate — are central to New Mexico's identity, the state hardly has a monopoly on growing, roasting and preparing

them. Nothing about the local soil, rain or anything else makes New Mexico's green chilis intrinsically better than those grown in New Jersey.

The key difference is that a farmer will get a better yield in Hatch, New Mexico, than in Duluth, Minnesota. But the most important thing — more important than where they were grown or what variety they are — is simply that the peppers are harvested at the proper time. Otherwise, the flavor will be off.

Green chilis are, by definition, unripe. Left to their own devices, every pepper on Earth will eventually turn red. The trick is to harvest the peppers just before they start to change color. Since they're all green until that point, the only way to tell



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if they're ready to harvest is by tasting them. Alas, most farmers outside of New Mexico don't seem to know what a green chili tastes like.

If it has splotches of yellow or red, that's fine. In fact, they have a word in New Mexico for when you mix red and green chilis together: "Christmas."

When I put green chilis on the grill, it's for one of three reasons. First, roasted green chilis freeze really well — a lot better than fresh peppers. Second, if there's also meat on the grill, green chilis are like fine wine when it comes to bringing out meaty flavors.

The final reason to grill green chilis is to make a pot of green chili stew. When I do that, I also put the other ingredients on the grill, including tomatoes, potatoes, onions, corn and meat.



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

The pleasant weather of late summer makes it a great time to gather around a grill, have a cookout and make green chili stew from the leftovers.

Grill-y green chili

The pleasant weather of late summer makes it a great time to gather around a grill, have a cookout and make an amazing stew from the leftovers. Don't add herbs, either as a garnish or in cooking. No oregano, no cilantro. The green chili fills that niche.

Serves 10

- 1/2 cup liquid aminos or soy sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- Four cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 pound onions, sliced in half along the equators
- 2 pounds tomatoes
- 2 to 3 pounds meat on the bone,

- like shank
- 3 pounds green chilis — I like a mix of Anaheim and jalapeno
- 1 pound potatoes
- Three ears corn, unshucked
- Two apples
- Chopped onions for garnish

First, make the marinade from the liquid aminos, olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Add the potatoes, onions, tomatoes and meat to the marinade and set aside.

Get the grill hot. I use hardwood briquets, which burn quickly and add an exciting note of urgency to the process.

Place the corn cobs along the perimeter of the grill and roast the chilis

in the hot middle, turning them as soon as they blister. Keep an eye on the slow-cooking corn on the edge, turning as necessary. When the chilis are blistered but not charred all around, remove them from the grill, place them in the pot with the marinade and cover with a tight-fitting lid. This step, called "sweating," allows the chili flavor to develop fully and makes the peels come off more easily.

Add the tomatoes, potatoes, onions and meat to the grill. When everything is browned and covered in grill marks, add it back to the marinade pot and cover so all the ingredients sweat together.

To finish cooking the stew, I use a

pot with a perforated insert like you'd use to make pasta. Cut the meat off the bones and into bite-sized chunks. Cut the corn off the cobs. Add the meat and potatoes to the bottom of the pot. Then add the insert and fill it with the bones, tomatoes, apples, onions and corn cobs. Add the remaining marinade and bring to a simmer. Cook until the meat is tender. While the stew cooks, peel, seed and chop the roasted green chilis.

Remove the insert, leaving a brothly soup with chunks of meat and potatoes. Serve in bowls, garnished with green chili, corn and chopped onions.

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 RAMEN

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

1. Bento Kitchen Cravings

Korean-fusion restaurant serving traditional dishes and Mexican options with a Korean twist
310 N. Clippert St., Suite 6, Lansing
(517) 580-8103
facebook.com/p/Bento-Kitchen-Cravings-100057409210268
11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Noon-8 p.m. Sunday

2. Ruckus Ramen

Food spot inside the Avenue Café offering ramen, rice bowls and small plates
2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 999-7549
facebook.com/ruckusramen
4-10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

3. Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar

Casual restaurant serving a variety of ramen bowls, including gluten-free options
317 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing
(517) 580-4251
facebook.com/SapporoRamenBar
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

4. Uni Sushi and Ramen

Japanese restaurant with a large menu of sushi, ramen, poke bowls, hibachi and teriyaki
2843 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 180, East Lansing
(517) 332-8866
unisushiramen.com
11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Noon-9:30 p.m. Sunday

5. Zhen Ramen & Grill

Cozy Japanese eatery known for its ramen and grilled dishes
4790 Hagadorn Road, Suite 142, East Lansing
(517) 574-5055
zhenrameneastlansing.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

Events

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Coffee and Conversation - Join us to learn about Chamber of Commerce members. 9 a.m. City Hall Community Room, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/coffee_and_conversation.php.

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

Improv Acting Class - Ten-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

It's Elementary - Set sail on an unforgettable adventure to Scallywag Island! Students will complete challenges to claim pirate booty! Grades 3-6. Registration req. 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Members' Night - Event for Potter Park Zoo members featuring animal education stations, kids' activities, animal care talks and more! Light meal (hot dog, chips, drink and a treat) also included. 5-8 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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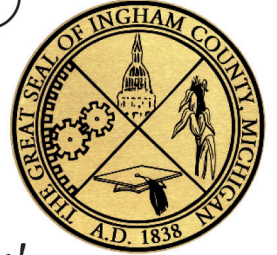
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2024

By Order of the County Treasurer of Ingham County

INCREDIBLE LOW RESERVES!!



Below are a few of the many properties offered in this incredible auction!



Property 3303 - Lansing
545 E. Paulson St.



Property 3304 - Lansing
239 Harris St.



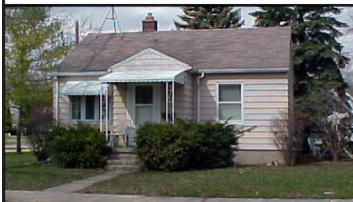
Property 3308 - Lansing
1210 N. MLK Jr Blvd.



Property 3310 - Lansing
1913 New York Ave.



Property 3311 - Lansing
1405 Vermont



Property 3312 - Lansing
1401 E. North



Property 3313 - Lansing
1114 Camp St.



Property 3318 - Lansing
2023 W. Malcolm X St.



Property 3319 - Lansing
1836 Osband Ave.



Property 3320 - Lansing
206 W. Mt. Hope Ave.



Property 3323 - Lansing
1617 Victor Ave.



Property 3324 - Lansing
2423 Dunlap St.



Property 3332 - Lansing
309 E. Potter Ave.



Property 3333 - Lansing
708 Maplehill Ave.



Property 3334 - Lansing
4625 Lyncott Dr.



Property 3335 - Lansing
552 E. Jolly Rd.



Property 3336 - Lansing
6409 Coulson Ct.



Property 3337 - Williamston
1560 Noble Rd.



Property 3339 - Onondaga
5340 Old Plank Rd.



Property 3341 - Stockbridge
4100 N. Main St.

A deposit of \$2,000 in cash or certified funds is required for bid approval.

Detailed information on parcels to be offered & terms of sale can be obtained on the internet at

www.BippusUSA.com

Alan Fox, Ingham County Treasurer, 341 S. Jefferson St, Mason, MI (517.676.7220)

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