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The Michigan Supreme Court is Chosen by The People, the U.S. Supreme Court is Not

The Michigan Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, making decisions on critical issues that impact everyone. It's important to know the citizens of Michigan have the power to elect the people who are entrusted with this vital role in our state government.

During any given term, issues that come before the Michigan Supreme Court can include civil rights, environmental regulations, criminal justice, reproductive rights, gun safety, fair elections, and more. The justices who serve on the court help shape Michigan's future, reviewing over 2,000 appeals every year and choosing the most complex, significant cases to help ensure a just and fair outcome.

Michigan is one of only 24 states that empowers voters to elect state Supreme Court justices, which is a civic duty as important as any choice you make on your ballot.

This is completely different from United States Supreme Court justices, who are nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Although both the U.S. Supreme Court and the Michigan Supreme Court act as the final authority in interpreting laws and judicial rules at the federal and state level, respectively, there are other differences, too.

Unlike U.S. Supreme Court justices, who serve for life, Michigan Supreme Court justices are elected for eight-year terms. Candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court must be a qualified elector, a licensed Michigan lawyer for five years, and under the age of 70 at the time of their election.

Seven justices serve on the Michigan Supreme Court at a time. When their term is complete, they can run for re-election if they meet the requirements. In 2024, Justice Kyra Harris Bolden is the only incumbent running for re-election. She is the first Black woman to serve on the Michigan Supreme Court, having been appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer in 2022 when a vacancy on the court needed to be filled. That is part of the process in Michigan, and is the only time a Supreme Court justice is appointed and not elected.

Although Justice Bolden may not have been a household name at the time, she previously served in the state House for four years. During her time in the House, Justice Bolden sat on the Judiciary Committee and introduced bipartisan legislation designed to protect citizens' rights. Before that, she was a litigation attorney. These are the kinds of qualifications that ensure that Michigan Supreme Court justices understand the rule of law, the importance of fairness and equity, and demonstrate the level of integrity and education this important role requires.

Supreme Court justices in Michigan must be nominated by a political party, but their political affiliation is not included on voters' ballots. So it's essential to do your homework to understand the values and experience of candidates once they are officially nominated, especially if you want to ensure a balanced court that will protect the rights and freedoms of everyone in Michigan.

This year, Michigan voters will choose who fills two open spots on the Michigan Supreme Court. The votes you cast can make an impact for a generation. That's why it's essential to understand how to vote for Michigan Supreme Court justices.

Even if you vote a straight-party ticket, you must individually cast your vote for justices in the non-partisan section of your ballot. It's easy to find – as long as you know to look for it. So don't stop at the top! Keep going through your entire ballot to vote for two Supreme Court justices in the non-partisan section.

Every election – and every vote – matters. Learn more about your voting rights, get more information about the Michigan Supreme Court, and check out what the non-partisan section of your ballot will look like. Visit www.misupremecourtrocks.com for all this and more.

-Steve James, Michigan United Movement Politics Director



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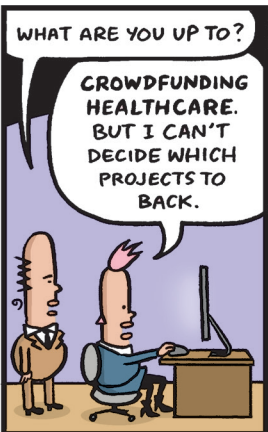
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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THE WEEK IN WEIRD

EAGER TO PROVE THAT HE'S NOT WEIRD, J.D. VANCE FOLLOWS HARRIS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND POSES FOR SELFIES IN FRONT OF HER PLANE. SWEET RIDE! AND SOON IT WILL BE *MINE*!

THIS IS A VERY NORMAL THING TO DO, INCIDENTALLY. IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING.



SENIOR TRUMP ADVISOR STEPHEN MILLER DOES HIS PART FOR TEAM NORMAL IN A TV INTERVIEW!

"JOE BIDEN AND KAMALA HARRIS ARE THE **NUMBER ONE** TRAFFICKERS OF CHILDREN, GIRLS, INTO SEX SLAVERY ON PLANET **EARTH**!"



ACTUAL QUOTE, FROM THE BEAT WITH ARI MELBER, 8/7/24.

TRUMP INTRODUCES A NEW NICK-NAME THAT LITERALLY NO ONE UNDERSTANDS.

"KAMABLA!" GET IT? "**KAMABLA!**"

ER--HA HA! SURE! GOOD ONE, SIR!



TRUMP ALSO SUGGESTS THAT BIDEN WILL "CRASH" THE D.N.C. TO TAKE BACK THE NOMINATION (AND CHALLENGE TRUMP TO ANOTHER DEBATE). STAND *ASIDE*, FOUL USURPER! THIS NOMINATION IS RIGHTFULLY *MINE*! I SHALL NOT BE ROBBED OF MY CHANCE TO DEBATE THE MASTERFUL **DONALD J. TRUMP** ONE LAST TIME!



AND HE GIVES A BIZARRE, RAMBLING PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH *SHOULD* HAVE INSPIRED THE SAME FREAK-OUT DEMOCRATS FACED LAST MONTH. THIS MAN ISN'T *FIT* TO BE PRESIDENT! HE'S A COMPULSIVE LIAR WHO CAN'T DISTINGUISH FANTASY FROM *REALITY*!

HE MUST STEP DOWN AS A CANDIDATE *IMMEDIATELY*--FOR THE GOOD OF THE *NATION*!



AND OF COURSE, THE ROLLOUT OF THE HARRIS/WALZ CAMPAIGN LEADS VERY SERIOUS PUNDITS TO DIZZIFYING NEW HEIGHTS OF VERY SERIOUS PUNDITRY.

IN MY IMMENSELY RESPECTED OPINION, THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET MUST (AHEM)...*MOVE TO THE CENTER*!

WOW! WHAT A DARINGLY NOVEL AND COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED OBSERVATION!

IT'S WHY I MAKE THE *BIG* PUNDIT BUCKS, SON.



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NEWS & OPINION

Senior millage passage helps, but local needs continue to grow

Meridian Township resident Jean McDonald started attending the Meridian Senior Center last year.

"I really enjoy the fun things, like going to play euchre or different games. I also go regularly to the massage class. It's wonderful," McDonald said.

The program is in Okemos' Chipewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Road. However, the school is set to be demolished by 2026. The Meridian Township Board discussed moving the center to the former Younkers Department Store in the Meridian Mall this summer. But after seniors like McDonald voiced their opposition, the board voted 5-2 last Thursday to keep a millage proposal to raise funds for that project off the November ballot.

McDonald, 82, loves the community the center provides, but she has concerns that the mall isn't an appropriate location. She also believes that she and her peers could use more space — in particular, a gymnasium.

The former Sexton High School teacher is one of at least 52,000, or about 23%, of Ingham County residents over 60 — a growing demographic that's led to an increased need for senior services. As the population ages, the pressure is on community leaders and political representatives to find ways to meet that demand.

Millage proposals are one way in which Greater Lansing communities have done so. In the Aug. 6 primary election, 80% of Ingham County voters approved a four-year renewal of the 2020 elder persons millage that collects \$0.30 cents per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation "to support the growing population of persons age sixty." It's expected to raise \$2.9 million in its first calendar year.

Casey Cooper, assistant director of the Tri-County Office on Aging, said the millage renewal will go a long way in providing critical services like Meals on Wheels, which delivers food to needy seniors, as well as home health care and support for senior centers. However, she also noted that the need for these programs goes well beyond the county's borders.

"There is no wait list for Meals on Wheels in Ingham County because they're able to use some of those mill-



Courtesy Williamston Area Senior Center

Seniors meeting at the Williamston Area Senior Center in the Commons of Williamston shopping mall. The center will move into bigger digs in the former Merindorf Meats store by the end of the year.

age funds. But we do have a wait list in Eaton County," Cooper said, adding that Greater Lansing's rural residents are "especially underserved."

"I think senior centers are one of the ways that we can get links in those communities. There's a natural partnership there, and so we've been working on that with senior center directors in the area," Cooper said.

Two of Ingham County's most rural communities, Williamston and Stockbridge, have paved a path forward. The Stockbridge Area Senior Center opened in a renovated fire hall in 2022, while the Williamston Area Senior Center has been around for 32 years.

In the primary, 81% of Williamston voters passed a similar millage proposal that will draw \$0.2475 per \$1,000 of taxable property value over the next four years to bolster their senior center. The funds will support the program's move from its current 1,400-square-foot space at the Commons of Williamston shopping mall to an 8,500-square-foot facility at the former Merindorf Meats, 500 Williamston Center Road, by the end of the year.

"This has been a long process over seven years," said Julie Rudd, the center's director, "but it finally worked out for us. It sits on several acres, and it's going to be a really nice facility when

we're done."

Rudd has seen the effects of an aging population firsthand. She cited an April report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments that noted that there will be more older adults in southeast Michigan than children by 2026. By 2034, the phenomenon will likely be true for the entire country.

"When people ask me how many members we have, it's always a struggle for me to say, because I can't market to get more people in here when I don't have a space that could even accommodate them," Rudd said, adding that the expansion will mitigate the issue.

"The statistics are just astounding," she added. "We need to prepare and change for this because it's just going to continue to increase."

For Rudd, senior centers are particularly crucial for preventing social isolation, a health concern that she said has disproportionately affected seniors since the pandemic.

"It's important that seniors are keeping not just their physical body active, but also their minds. They may have family members that are spread out all across the country, but they can come here and find their own little community," Rudd said.

Alesha Williams, director of East Lansing's Prime Time Seniors Program,

agreed, noting that it's "important that we talk about something that's inevitable for all of us."

"As we age and we're no longer working and engaging in social actions as a part of our lives, social isolation is very easy to slip into and an easy habit to maintain once you do," Williams said.

Williams has also seen a stark increase in demand for Prime Time's services, which include exercise and art classes, social gatherings, health fairs and more. She's working on developing an upcoming resident survey which she'll use to design new programs.

"Our numbers are elevating to pre-COVID levels very quickly," Williams said, adding that Prime Time typically served about 800 residents per year before the pandemic and are now at pace for more than 700.

Nearby in Okemos, McDonald hopes to see more transparency from Meridian Township trustees as they debate the future of their own senior center.

"All the Jazzercise, exercise and massage classes are still totally filled, and people want more space, including a gym," she said. "I don't want to ruin this for us by voicing my concerns, I just want the space and the time that we need and for the township to be honest about what they're planning."

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, **August 26** at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #81 Amendment #1 – NEOGEN Expansion Brownfield Redevelopment Project pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 720 E. Shiawassee Street and 703 E. Michigan Avenue located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

720 E. Shiawassee Street (33-01-01-15-151-273):

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 10 ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 5 BEING A SUBDIVISION ON PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORHTWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15 TOWN 4 NORTH RANGE 2 WEST CITY OF LANSING INGHAM COUNTY MICHIGAN THENCE S89DEG46'25"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF 8, 9 AND 10 OF SAID ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 5 ALSO BEING THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAYLINE OF SHIAWASSEE STREET 206.25 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 8, THENCE S0DEG24'35"W ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF LOT 8 A DISTANCE OF 155.75FEET, THENCE N89DEG46'25"W 6.45 FEET THENCE S0DEG24'35"W PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 8 A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 8 THENCE S1DEG13'20"E 123.30 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 130.83FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 239FOOR RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARING S16DEG27'14"E 129.2 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 102.96FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 258 FOOT RADIUSCURVE TO THE LEFT THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARING S20DEG43'01"E 102.29 FEET THRNCE N89DEG35'10"W 228.05 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CSX RAIL ROAD THENCE N0EG24'35"E ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LIN 341.75 FET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID ASSESSORS PLATNO. THENCE N89DEG46'25"W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID ASSESSORS PLAT NO. 5 DISTANCE OF 46.5FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 15 THENCE N0DEG24;35"ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 15 A DISTANCE OG 255.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.568 ACRES MORE OR LESS INCLUSIVE OF THE LAND CONTAINED WITH EASEMENT TO CSX RAILROAD AS C RECORDED IN LIBER 1668 PAGE 727-753. AREA OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED EASEMENT IS 0.242 OG AN ACRE NET AREA WITHOUT RAILROD EASEMENT 2.326 ACRES SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS H OF RECORD AN DUECORDED THE BASIS OF BEARING FOR THIS SURVEY ASSUMES THEWEST LINE OF SECTION 15 TO BEAR N0DEG24'35"W-FROM MICHIGAN STATE PLAN COORDINATES DERIVED FROM GPS FIELD OBSERVATION LOT 8 EXC E 6.45 FT OF S 100 FT, ALSO LOTS 9 & 10 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 5, ALSO COM ON N LINE MICHIGAN AVE 46.5 FT E OF W LINE SEC 15, TH N 00DEG 11MIN 15SCD E 976.18 FT TO S LINE ASSESSORS PLAT NO 5, E ON SAID LINE 153 FT +/- TO C/L OF RAIL ROAD SPUR TRACK, S ON SAID C/L 123.2 FT, SE'LY 130.77 FT ON A 239 FT RAD CURVE TO LT CHORD BEARING S 16DEG 12MIN 45SCD E 129.2 FT, SE'LY 102.32 FT ON 258 FT RAD CURVE TO RT CHORD BEARING S 20DEG 29MIN 14SCD E 101.65 FT, E 11.06 FT, S 00DEG 12MIN W 194.4 FT, S 08 DEG 16MIN E 19.47 FT, N 89DEG 48MIN 45SCD W 92.25 FT, S 00DEG 11MIN

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new section 884.____ for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for fifty-four (54) low-income elderly dwelling units in a project known as Genesee Senior Apartments, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, (being Public Act 346 of 1966, as amended [MCL 125.1401, et seq.]) (The "Act").

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

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15SCD W 431.89 FT, S 89DEG 32MIN 30SCD W 145.8 FT TO BEG; SEC 15 T4N R2W AND LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 & E 6.45 FT OF S 100 FT LOT 8 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 5, ALSO W 41.25 FT LOT 12 JEROMES ADD, ALSO COM SW COR SAID LOT, TH S 192 FT, W 140.01 FT, N 12.7 FT, W 11.06 FT TO C/L RAILROAD SPUR TRACK, NW'LY ON C/L 102.32 FT ALONG A 258 FT RAD CURVE TO THE LT CHORD BEARING N 20 DEG 29MIN 14SCD W 101.65 FT, N'LY ON C/L 130.77 FT ALONG 239 FT RAD CURVE TO THE RT CHORD BEARING N 16DEG 12MIN 45SCD W 129.2 FT, N 123.2 FT TO S LINE ASSESSORS PLAT NO 5, E TO NW COR LOT 12 JEROMES ADD, S TO BEG ALSO WITH A PARCEL OF LAND SPLIT/COMBINED ON 02/07/2023 FROM 33-01-01-15-151-271, 33-01-01-15-151-241, 33-01-01-15-151-253, 33-01-01-15-151-261; SPLIT ON 08/23/2023 WITH 33-01-01-15-151-272 & 33-01-01-15-151-004 INTO 33-01- 01-15-151-273

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Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer – President and CEO, Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 South Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 243-3512.

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The Lansing Board of Water and Light announced a two-year plan to raise its electric and water rates starting Oct. 1, increasing bills for average residential customers by more than \$10 per month. Customers could see increases of 6.95% in electric, 9.23% in water, 9.75% in steam utility and 2% in chilled water. BWL will conduct a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 20) at 1201 S. Washington Ave., then its board will vote Aug. 27.



Michigan State Police are investigating the death of a 1-and-a-half-year-old boy in the 4900 block of Plains Road in Eaton Rapids Monday. The parents called authorities to report they had found their son “unresponsive” in his crib.

WLNS-TV has requested a zoning to install a 6-foot-tall chain-link fence topped with barbed wire to section off the main entrance and parking circle on the north end of its headquarters at 2820 E. Saginaw St. in Lansing. WLNS general manager Marci Daniels told City Pulse Wednesday that the proposal was the result of a set of new “critical infrastructure” recommendations from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Zoning ordinances prohibit chain-link fences, barbed wire or any fence over 4 feet tall. The Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals held a hearing last week and is expected to vote at its September meeting.



McLaren Health Care confirmed that while the disruption to its computer and telephone systems was caused by a “criminal cyber-attack,” it has not determined if any patient or employee data was compromised. The Grand Blanc-based health system was still working Tuesday to fully restore operations at its 13 Michigan hospitals and medical offices, including Lansing, eight days after the attack. McLaren spokesperson David Jones said there is no timeline for when McLaren’s tech systems will be completely restored.



The Ingham County Community Health Centers Board voted unanimously Thursday to close the New Hope Community Health Center, 4430 N. Larch St., and lay off about 15 employees. The closing will reduce a \$4 million deficit to about \$3 million. The Forest Community Health Center and Allen

Community Health Center will take over New Hope’s services. The board has not determined how it will make up the remaining deficit, with the fiscal year concluding Sept. 30.

The MSU Union’s former food court area and classroom spaces on the first floor of Berkey Hall, both closed off after the Feb. 13, 2023, mass shooting, will reopen after Labor Day, MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz said. He added that the spaces will no longer be used for food service or classes, but for socializing in an “open and peaceful setting,” small-group meetings, reflection and student services.



The designer of a quiz that displayed an image of Adolph Hitler before MSU’s home game vs. UofM last October sued MSU for unauthorized use of the trivia. Netherlands-based Carsilius Media, owner of the Quiz Channel, claimed the university engaged in copyright infringement and invasion of privacy - false light, naming its board of “regents” as defendants. The quiz, displayed on the scoreboard about 80 minutes before kickoff, showed an image of Hitler as part of a question about the German dictator’s birthplace. The image appeared to match an image shared in an episode on “The Quiz Channel,” a YouTube channel that posts a variety of quizzes.

Public Safety

A crash Friday at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Olds Avenue between a mid-sized CATA bus and another vehicle injured seven, including two children. Four of the five occupants of the bus required hospital treatment for minor injuries. ... Jacqueline Garrow, a former mail carrier from Lansing, was sentenced Monday to probation for stealing mail. She was accused of stealing rebate cards from intended recipients along her USPS route and redeeming them at a Menards in Lansing. ... Billy Joe Hicks, 43, was struck and killed Wednesday on the east side of Homer Street, north of Vine Street, when a Ford F-150 pickup went off the road after colliding with a Chevrolet Traverse at the intersection with Vine, Lansing Township police said. Hicks was later was pronounced dead at U-M Health-Sparrow. ... A 63-year-old Perry man died Monday after his vehicle went off Haslett Road and struck a tree near M-52 in Locke Township. Police said excessive speed appeared to be a factor, but alcohol did not.



Local author and illustrator Marissa Tawney Thaler is making a literary splash with her mural work and has completed murals at Hooked Bookstore, near Frandor, and at the Mason Branch of the Capital Area District Library. The graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design, who has also worked as an elementary school teacher, has completed murals at the BWL Substation in REO Town, on the Art Path and at numerous other installations, including a mural at a Row House in Baltimore.

Tawney Thaler is also the author-illustrator of “Get that Grit,” an inspirational book for younger children. She has also completed an artistic series called “Drawing Folded Paper” inspired by origami.

Her work is typically of minimalist design and supplemented by muted colors. Her Mason mural recognizes some iconic sites in Mason such as the county fair with its Ferris wheel, farm animals and the Mason County Courthouse.

Tawney Taylor said her mural art gravitates toward color blocks with line art on top. She said, “Mural art is huge for place making and they are a boost for public morale. To have these jewels of public art scattered about the city bring pride to the community.” The artist said her mural commissions were boosted by her posting on Instagram and that she has a couple of commissions this summer. She lives adjacent to REO Town and has her studio in downtown Dewitt.

— BILL CASTANIER

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DATE: August 27, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS: Ingham County Livingston County
Drain Commissioner's Office Drain Commissioner's Office
707 Buhl Avenue 2300 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 105
Mason, MI 48854 Howell, MI 48843

QUESTIONS: (517) 676-8395 (517) 546-0040
ppratt@ingham.org krecker@livgov.com

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the Wallace Intercounty Drain Drainage District boundaries and for a review of the apportionment of benefits for the Drain. A map of the current Drainage District boundaries – and the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions, if necessary – may be found on the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's website at drain.ingham.org and on the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's website at www.milivcounty.gov/drain.

A licensed professional engineer has recommended lands be added or removed from the Drainage District, and a general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage District is as follows:

Municipality	County	Portions of Sections Added/Removed
Leroy Township	Ingham County	13, 24
Handy Township	Livingston County	18, 19

The Drain Commissioners, engineers, and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. Written statements may be mailed or emailed to the Drain Commissioners at the postal or email addresses listed above. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioners before the date of the meeting to ensure consideration.

The computation of costs for the Drain and the tentative apportionments against the parcels and municipalities within the Drainage District will be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges. Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted in writing before the date of the meeting to review the apportionment or may be submitted in writing or orally at the review.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioners' Offices at the phone numbers listed above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioners' decision to revise the Drainage District boundaries to the County Circuit Court within ten (10) days after the decision is entered, and you may appeal the determination of apportionments to the Probate Court within ten (10) days after the Day of Review.

Patrick Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Dr. Tim Boring, Director
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By: Brady Harrington, P.E., Deputy for the Director
P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909
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August 8, 2024

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Now it's the Dems who look good in state legislative races Nov. 5

Back in February, I wrote in this space how Michigan House Republicans were in the driver's seat to regain the majority of seats this fall.

The Democrats captured a slim 56-54 majority in 2022, thanks to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's reelection victory and the success of an abortion legalization constitutional amendment.

But with President Joe Biden at the top of the ticket and Republicans scoring quality candidates in Downriver, Macomb County and Northern Michigan — areas where Donald Trump was expected to do well — they faced strong head winds.

Until it didn't.

Biden's decision to quit in favor of Vice President Kamala Harris has me revisiting my earlier prediction.

Harris is reigniting young voters and women in Oakland County, in particular. The polling shows it. The August primary turnout in key areas showed it. The hastily called rally at Detroit Metro Airport last week drawing 15,000 (that Trump is trying to claim was AI-generated) showed it.

Republicans need Harris' recent popularity surge to be the "honeymoon phase" they're hoping it is or Democrats are going to expand their majority this cycle, a prospect I didn't consider a possibility just a month ago.

Some incumbents likely will lose their seats this November. History puts the average number of incumbent state House candidates defeated in a General Election over the last 50 years to be about four.

Now it's becoming more likely that Republicans will lose their seats than Democrats.

The Democrats always had a money advantage over Republicans. Now they have money AND enthusiasm.

First, let's talk money. Michigan House Democrats have more of it. They've already spent nearly twice as much as the Republicans, too. A lot of it is coming from out of state, but it spends the same.

In some 50/50 districts, like the Traverse City-based 103rd, the incumbent and the House Democratic Fund have reserved so much advertising time on network TV between now and Election Day, it'll be too expensive for Republicans to compete effectively.

In other districts the Republicans

targeted, like the Downriver-based 27th, Monroe County 31st and the Upper Peninsula-based 109th, the Democrats also have more than a \$1 million in ad time reserved if the Republicans decide to play there.

Here's another way to look at the money advantage.

At MIRS, we tracked contributions in 21 politically competitive House districts. The Democrat outraised the Republican in all but one seat, the one held by the minority leader.

Then there are the primary results. Now, don't take too much stock in this because many factors contribute to why turnout in one primary is higher than the other, but ... of 20 politically competitive House seats, the Democratic candidate or candidates received more votes in 14.

If voter turnout in the August primary was stretched out to all 110 House districts, Democrats would have a 60-50 majority. If voter turnout in the 2022 August primary was stretched out to all 110 House districts, Republicans would have had a 60-50 majority.

Momentum is on the Democrats' side and will be for at least another week as the Democratic convention kicks off in Chicago next week.

What happens when Harris finally does an unscripted interview with a real journalist? How does she do in a one-on-one debate with Donald Trump?

Republicans are hoping it'll expose some wild-eyed liberal or someone who's flip-flopping from the progressive agenda of her 2020 presidential campaign.

Even if it's one of the two, the results won't be as catastrophic as what happened to Biden, whose cognitive decline was covered up until it couldn't be hidden anymore.

Trump knows it. He doesn't have an insulting nickname that's catching with Harris. He's struggling.

The ol' "Crooked Hillary" thing worked in 2016 because Clinton's background made it easy to presume corruption. "Sleepy Joe" Biden worked because ... we already covered that.

The longer Harris soars in polls, the more state House districts the Democrats could conceivably play in.

Of course, with a Democratic House majority, it'll be another two years of Democrats having unchecked political power in Lansing.

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



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Staff believe new director will be 'unifying force' for MSU Horticulture Gardens

By **TESSA PANETH-POLLAK**

When Mason McNair was 6 years old, his mother had to entice him into a trip to Juniper Level Botanic Garden in Raleigh, North Carolina, with the promise of ice cream.

"But by the time she was done, I didn't want to leave because I was having so much fun playing in the gardens," McNair said.

He recalled a "magical" experience of exploring the winding paths at Juniper Level, navigating through elephant ear leaves bigger than he was and art installations made from found objects.

Since then, he has built a career that keeps him as close to gardens as possible. As an undergraduate horticulture major at North Carolina State University, his first internship was at Juniper Level's Plant Delights Nursery under Tony Avent, its founder. He also participated in a horticulture internship at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, before going on to work at the agricultural technology firm Syngenta. In 2023, he earned a doctorate in plant taxonomy from the University of Georgia.

Earlier this month, he moved to Michigan to become the new director and curator of Michigan State University's Horticulture Gardens, which includes its beloved Michigan 4-H Children's Garden. His term begins Thursday (Aug. 15).

McNair's hiring comes in the wake of two major retirements in 2022: Norm Lownds, curator of the children's garden since 1997, and Kristin Getter, director of the Horticulture Gardens since 2018.

Jessica Wright, the children's garden's education coordinator, has also been serving as its interim director and curator since Lownds retired. She's excited about what McNair will bring to the revamped role.

Throughout the gardens' 31-year history, the curator of the children's garden and director of the Horticulture Gardens have been separate jobs, she said. McNair is the first faculty member hired specifically to oversee

the gardens as a whole. His role will include strategic planning as well as fundraising.

Wright said she looks forward to McNair bringing "cohesiveness" to the gardens and seeing him develop "a vision for the whole gardens."

Day to day, Wright also looks forward to having "someone to bounce ideas off" again.

"I'm excited for his perspective," she said. "I've been here for 20 years, and sometimes I think I just get stuck in my ways."

MSU's Horticulture Gardens originated in the 1880s as a series of test plots for horticultural crops on the north side of campus. A century later, in the late 1980s, work began on the current iteration of the gardens on the south side of campus, outside the then-new Plant and Soil Sciences Building. They were dedicated in 1993. Today, they span 14 acres and feature several named gardens, each with its own mission, including the colorful Judith Delapa Perennial Garden, which greets visitors near the entrance pavilion, and the Amien and Florence Carter Trial Garden, which assesses how plants perform in mid-Michigan growing conditions.

Botanical gardens like MSU's Beal generally offer intentionally curated collections for scientific purposes. Horticultural gardens tend to focus on the factors that determine "why plants grow the way they do," often with an eye toward the needs of gardeners or the agricultural industry, according to assistant Professor of horticulture Courtney Hollender.

"I think Mason's going to bring a lot of energy and ideas to the gardens," Hollender said. In particular, she thinks McNair's experience using 3D printing for STEM outreach will "inspire the kids" who participate in the children's garden's programming.

The idea for the 4-H Children's



Mason McNair, the new director of MSU's Horticulture Gardens, and his son, Miles, pose in front of an apple tree at their home in DeWitt.

Photo by Kristin McNair

looking forward to the challenge of having new plants to identify in Michigan.

"In the southeast, I can ID almost every plant, at least to its family," he said. "But when I get to Michigan, I'm not going to know everything immediately."

While he prefers to "spot ID" plants from memory, he's no Luddite: A major focus of his research is on what technology, including plant identification apps and 3D printing, has to offer plant science education. He'll continue this exploration in his Plants X Tech Lab at MSU.

As he settles into his role, McNair said he plans to observe and learn before making big changes to programming.

"I'm hoping to come in and learn what they've been doing, what's worked and what hasn't," he said.

These days, McNair doesn't need to be lured to a garden with ice cream.

But he does cite the Pizza Garden, a circular herb garden with a slice-shaped wedge cut out of it, populated by the plants needed to make pizza, as one of his favorite elements in the children's garden.

"All those plants have different growing habits," he said. "Wheat is a grass, while oregano is very sprawling ground cover."

The pizza becomes "a metaphor for biodiversity," he said — and a creative way to teach kids about their food sources.

It's an easy element to miss, he noted, if one doesn't slow down to observe.

McNair encourages people to look at plants slowly and closely. But he's also looking for opportunities to make operations more efficient. With his startup funds, he plans to implement multiple FarmBots — an automated gardening system that includes planting, watering, weeding and more — in the gardens.

"I'm a big fan of working smarter, not harder," he said.

Garden stemmed from the late Jane Taylor. While working as director of annual gift programs for the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Taylor raised funds for an educational play space that would be created "by kids, for kids," according to Wright.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a youth development organization that offers hands-on agricultural opportunities for kids. It provides funding for the children's garden as well as McNair's directorial position.

McNair also brings with him a 19-month-old beta tester for the children's garden: his son, Miles.

"I want it to be a place where he's excited to hang out," McNair said.

The children's garden, which draws school groups from across the state, is a successful outreach arm of the university. Last year, Wright said, she led 10,000 children through its programs. But both McNair and Wright would like to see deeper connections between the gardens and the plant science happening across campus — not just in horticulture but also botany, entomology and soil science. Together, the two plan to encourage more use of the gardens in research and teaching.

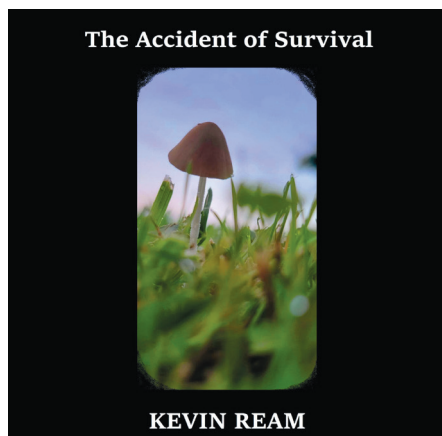
Having spent most of his life in the southeastern United States, McNair is intimately familiar with its flora. He's

TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

FROM BIG SUR TO BIG SOLO ALBUMS



Local music scene fixtures Kevin Ream and Mark E. King are keeping busy with their rock band, From Big Sur, but also their own solo music.

Kevin Ream and Mark E. King talk recent LPs

Dynamic four-piece rock 'n' roll outfit From Big Sur has become a Lansing fixture over the years, thanks to a steady schedule of live gigs and well-crafted records. But the band members have been keeping busy beyond their From Big Sur duties. Kevin Ream (vocals, guitar) just released a new solo LP, "The Accident of Survival." Late last year, keyboardist Mark E. King also debuted his first solo record. Read on to hear the stories behind both lone sonic ventures.

Kevin Ream "The Accident of Survival"

Listen at
kevinream.bandcamp.com

When did you start writing "The Accident of Survival," and what inspired it?

Kevin Ream: I've been working on these songs since my last album, "Hemlock," was released in 2021. Lyrically, there are darker themes than usual. The loss of close friends and family, sleep and divorce — but there's still plenty of light poking



Kevin Ream

through the cracks.

How is this album different from some of your past albums?

My last album was very acoustic-singer-songwriter-driven. "The Accident" is a much louder, dirtier and darker LP. I'm not sure if I've ever chained myself to an electric guitar as much as I did on this album.

Where did you record the album?

I recorded this album at my Cut and Run Studio, sneaking in sessions on the weekends before the kids got up and on weeknights after they went to bed. I ended up playing and singing everything on this one, just as a pet project to peck away at while writing new material with the From Big Sur guys.

Since you played everything on the album, what instruments could you fit on the tracks?

I played drums, bass, guitar, piano, synth, banjo, pedal steel and the all-important shakers. I couldn't find a bagpipe. But this album is more of a guitar album. I built this massive guitar-pedal board for my studio that should achieve any sound

I can imagine, and I wanted to explore as many textures as possible. In high school, I was a massive Smashing Pumpkins and Nirvana fan. Those tones that Butch Vig mined have always haunted me, and I wanted to have some fun with them.

Do you plan on playing a release show?

These days, I prefer to just play with the From Big Sur guys, so I probably won't have a release show. However, the guys are super supportive, and I'm sure we'll crank out a tune or two from this one.

Over the years, what bands have you been in?

In the '90s, I was a member of the Roswells, based in Grand Rapids. Following the Roswells, I started a group called the Reams with my dad and his brothers — we had no choice. The Floods in Kalamazoo followed that before escaping to Portland, Oregon, to form the Cut and Run. From Big Sur is my current and permanent family. We've had a great 14-year run so far, and we're already recording what looks like a double album. We haven't done that yet, but we have the material.

From Big Sur's Mark King also released a solo LP not too long ago — just a coincidence?

I can't recommend his album enough. They're separated by nine months in release. That's about as long as it took to make this album. It's a very creative time in the FBS camp. As George Harrison said about the release of "All Things Must Pass," "What am I supposed to do with all these songs?" I have to mention Wes (Tkaczyk) has a great album he's written and is ready to record as well.

Mark E. King "Seasons"

Listen at
markeking.bandcamp.com

When did you start writing "Seasons," and what inspired the theme of the LP? I see each song title has a month attached to it.

Mark E. King: Many of the songs started as little progressions and jams at my house back in 2019. Once the pandemic hit and my band's gigs dried out, I started making songs out of them, and slowly, the idea of the album came forward. The seasons have always influenced what I want to listen to and play, and it came out in my writing, so I thought it would be a good concept to run through the album.

In summer, I really enjoy folk, bluegrass and classic rock. Fall tends to be an '80s and '90s alternative focus. Winter is more jazz- and prog-influenced. In spring, I move to more neo-psychedelic sounds, and it tends to be my most "modern" time. So, the writing on the album sort of follows these trends a bit. The cold months tend to produce minor keys, more electric instruments and a darker lyrical theme. The warmer months have more major keys; more acoustic, organic instruments; and a lighter lyrical theme.

Who plays on the record?

I play all instruments on eight of the songs. My From Big Sur bandmate Shawn Doolittle plays drums on three tunes, and Kevin Ream



Mark E. King

adds some lead slide guitar on two of them. My lovely wife, Lana, and dog, Riley, add vocals to "Best Friend," which, as you may expect from the title, is about our dog. I recorded all the tracks in my basement studio and then sent them to Kevin, who produced

them at his own Cut and Run Studio. His help in finishing up this album cannot be understated.

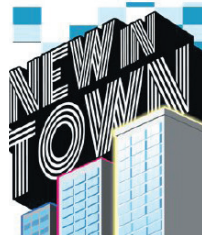
Why did it take you so long to do a solo LP?

I'm not a natural in the recording studio. I've always preferred rawer live performances. This comes from jamming in Grateful Dead-style cover bands in the past. It was difficult to settle down, shorten and tighten songs. I also didn't have enough of my own recording equipment to make it work. So, during the pandemic, I finally bought some good drum and room mics and challenged myself to learn and play some drums to get this started.

Freshies Bakery kneads to fill a need in DeWitt

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Brandon and Kate Slotman don't like to let anything go to waste, whether it's a quality loaf of bread or their own valuable time.



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One week after first discussing the idea of opening a bakery in early January, they had already locked down a 1,900-square-foot space in downtown DeWitt. Freshies Bakery opened just five months later, on May 9.

"We were looking at opening a franchise toward the end of last year, but we decided we didn't really want to go that route. To be honest, the idea for a bakery just kind of popped into my head one day after that," Kate Slotman said.

The couple, both 41, grew up on opposite sides of the state: Brandon hails from a small family farm near Holland, while Kate was raised in Lapeer. They met while attending Western Michigan University and got married shortly after.

They spent several years in Tennessee and Indiana before moving to DeWitt with their three children in 2018 to be closer to family.

"It was new territory for us, but we wanted to live in DeWitt because it's a nice family town," Slotman said.

While cooking had always been one of her favorite hobbies, she said she didn't start honing her breadmaking skills until the pandemic, when she had more time to experiment.

"I had a friend who introduced me to it, but she lives in Tennessee, and I didn't know anybody around here that was doing it. So, I learned a lot on my own," she said.

Her interest in healthy living led her to focus on sourdough, which has become a staple at Freshies. The shop offers nine varieties of artisan sourdough, including chocolate espresso, cranberry walnut and jalapeno cheddar.

"We knew for sure we wanted to make sourdough because there are a lot of health benefits to it that we wanted to share. I also brought in things I was already making at home, like bagels and sandwich rolls," she

said.

Sweets like cinnamon rolls, chocolate croissants, donuts and biscotti round out the menu.

The shop sells some of these products to other nearby businesses.

"We supply our hamburger buns and sourdough sandwich bread to Looking Glass Brewing Co., and we send bagels to Blue Owl Coffee, which is the coffee we have in-store. It's been nice to be able to work together with our neighbors to help and promote each other, and we're looking forward to more of those partnerships," Slotman said.

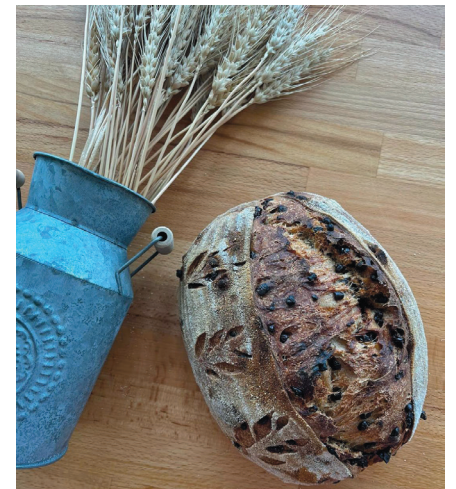
If you don't find what you're looking for in-store, Slotman suggests or-

dering from the website, which offers a "build-your-own bread" service.

"Say someone wants something like rye bread, which we don't make every single day because you never know who's going to come in to buy it, and we don't want to throw anything away. If they wanted it, they could order it on our website and pick it up the next day," she said.

Now that they've settled in, Slotman is looking forward to the road ahead.

"Overall, we've been really thankful for the support from our community so far," she said. "People have been telling us we really needed something like this in DeWitt, and that's been really encouraging for us."



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Freshies Bakery offers a variety of products, but its sourdough stands out as a community favorite, co-owner Kate Slotman said.

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SUE MILLS:

‘YOU HAVE TO SAY YES’

Sue Mills served a 23-year stint as director of the Greater Lansing Arts Council, until she retired in 2005 at age 65. Twenty years later, there’s no point in asking her what she does with her spare time.

Spare time?

From church events, local theater, Spartan sports and parks fundraising to brisk walks and a lively social life at her East Lansing condo, Mills, 84, is just as busy, if not busier, than she’s ever been.

Most recently, she was instrumental in the conversion of aging tennis courts at East Lansing’s Patriarche Park into state-of-the-art pickleball courts.

Decades of experience in grant writing and fundraising for the arts came in handy. As fund development chair, she led a 60-day push to raise \$50,000 and qualify for a matching amount from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. in 2022.

Pickleball has boomed in the last several years, and it’s not uncommon to see people of all ages on the courts, not just seniors.

The park is now equipped with 10 pickleball courts, with fences around each court to keep balls in, wide walkways and individual entrances. The group went on to raise more money for surfacing, shade structures and other features.

“We’ve raised \$206,000 from 215 different donors,” Mills said. “The support is really amazing. That’s taken up most of my time the last couple of years, and

I absolutely loved doing it.”

Mills is also active in the Lansing Rotary Club and The People’s Church, where she has been a member for decades. She served on the church’s fine arts committee for 25 years, 18 of them as chairwoman. Each year, she chairs the church committee that works with the Michigan State University brass faculty and students to mount a holiday concert.

She enjoys helping older friends who no longer drive. Every Friday, she picks up a 99-year-old neighbor, Irv Nichols, whom she described as “really sharp,” and takes him to Rotary meetings.

“It’s kind of delightful,” she said.

She also loves drama and makes an effort to support local theater. She co-organized a group of 10 widows who go out to dinner and to every Williamston Theatre production. Smaller, informal groups go regularly to Purple Rose and Peppermint Creek productions.

Last week, Mills and her neighbors at The Greens condominium had a party (dubbed “The Women of The Greens”) to welcome a widow who recently moved in.

“I like to keep busy, keep thinking positively,” she said.

Mills has always been involved in athletics. She met her husband on the tennis court, and they both played competitively for years. She still goes to all the MSU football games and men’s

Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Sue Mills at Patriarche Park, where she led a fund-raising campaign to convert tennis courts to pickleball courts.

basketball games, many of the women’s volleyball games and other sporting events.

“Living in a community like ours, with Michigan State, I hope I never have to leave,” she said. “Culturally, it’s great. There’s so much to do.”

She shifted from tennis to less strenuous pickleball years ago, after knee surgery, but she’s feeling so strong these days that she asked her surgeon if she could go back to tennis.

“He said it would be OK, but only if I play social doubles,” she said. “I told him I’m too competitive for that.”

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO

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Cheerleader Sue Mills in a photo of a 1959 Spartan football game. Actor John Gavin leads the crowd in scripted chants for the soundtrack of the movie “Spartacus.”

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CHRISTINE JOHNSON:

‘I HAVE JUST KEPT GROWING’



Christine Johnson at her home in Lansing.

Photo by Raymond Holt

Personal faith, involvement in her church and generations of children and grandchildren are what keep Christine Johnson, mother of Hall of Fame basketball player Earvin “Magic” Johnson, motivated in life at age 89.

Johnson and her late husband, Earvin Johnson Sr., had 10 children. She is very clear about what continues to keep her grounded. “Christ is the foundation of my life,” she said. “Without him, I could not be who I am or what I am today.

“I have to thank my parents; they were Christian, and they brought us up in the church,” she added. “I have just kept growing, growing and growing. Still growing.”

Johnson’s church is Bethel Community Seventh-day Adventist on Bristol Street in Lansing, where she has been a deaconess and an elder, among many contributions. “We purchased a new church building six years ago, and it needed some remodeling, so I was involved in that,” she said. “I started a Bible study at our house, then as it continued to grow, we moved it to the church.

“I’m also involved with the children at the church. I love the children, and I really support them and want them to be successful.”

The accomplishments of Johnson’s own children are a source of great joy to her. “They’re not jealous of each other and always love and appreciate everyone. Larry started Brotherhood Against Drugs. My daughters are educators. They all have done really well, and I’m very proud of them.”

She continues to impart wisdom to this day. “Know who you are. Treat people the way that you want to be treated. Do your best and always respect others,” she said. “I always tell them to never run from a problem, but sit down and discuss things. I don’t treat any one of my children differently; I treat them all the same.”

Johnson said that while folks see Magic’s success, they don’t necessarily know what it took to get there.

“I taught my children how to work. When they got to high school, they wanted to work because we couldn’t afford to give them everything they wanted.

“Earvin set some goals for himself, like all of them, and worked toward them and has pretty much accomplished them. He’s just a person that loves people, and he’s a giving person. He saw how hard his daddy worked. He said, ‘I want to be a good businessman when I grow up, just like my dad.’

“Sometimes folks say, ‘Mrs. Johnson, I want to be like you one day.’ And I say, ‘Honey, you see the glory, but you don’t know the story.’

All of the younger people in her life, both at church and at home, continue to inspire Johnson.

“I love my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren,” she said. “I want to stay around as long as I can to enjoy them. I go to exercise class twice a week and do things on my own, too. I just want to try and stay as healthy and active as I can.”

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DAVID WIENER:

‘WE ALL HAVE A ROLE’

David Wiener retired from his long-time role as executive assistant to former Lansing mayors David Hollister and Tony Benavides in 2005, but his work in the community never ceased.

Today, Wiener, 84, serves as treasurer for both the South Side Community Coalition and Southwest Action Group — groups he helped establish in 2003 and 2018, respectively.

Since 2016, his efforts have primarily involved planning, fundraising and implementing a neighborhood revitalization campaign known as the Southwest Lansing Action Plan.

“I’m involved in looking for grant money and also trying to raise money through public donations. We have about four or five grants we’re utilizing right now and have about 100 people that give us small donations, plus a couple of larger donors,” he explained.

Over the past several years, these funds have paved the way for a new soccer field, tree planting and trail and facade improvements throughout south Lansing. Now, Wiener is working on “the final piece” of the Southwest Lansing Action Plan: building a new community center at the site of the former Pleasant Grove Elementary School, at the intersection of Pleasant Grove and Holmes roads.

“Our goal is to convert the school into community space, à la what Joan Nelson did at the Allen Neighborhood Center. That’s kind of a model for what we want to do there, where you’ll have a health center, a community kitchen, a food co-op and housing,” Wiener said.

By the end of the month, Wiener and his colleagues will review responses to a request for proposals to redevelop the property. They’ll choose the best path forward in conjunction with the Ingham County Land Bank, which owns the site.

“After looking at the building, the Land Bank decided that it couldn’t be



Photo by Raymond Holt
David Wiener at the South Side Community Coalition hoop house on Holmes Road in south Lansing.

saved. About a month ago, they finished taking it down and remediated the land. There’s now grass there. And that’s where we’re at right now. We’re very excited to take the next steps soon,” Wiener said.

Wiener doesn’t plan on taking his foot off the gas after that project is completed, however.

“It’s just been energizing to be able to be part of this in my old age and a nice way to continue work that I had done during my career with community groups,” he said. “I’m not working with all of them now, but it’s great to be able to really put my teeth into these two efforts in south Lansing.”

“Eventually, I’m sure I will start to step back,” he added. “But I think the challenge for me and other members of our boards is to bring on younger people so we can pass the torch to the next generation.”

For those who may want to follow in

his footsteps, Wiener suggested starting with topics or issues that they’re already interested in.

“Young people, especially, can use Google to get a taste of what’s happening. They can follow a group online, find a meeting and go out into the world and explore. Once you open your door and start meeting likeminded people, the rest sort of falls into place,” he said.

Wiener is proud of what he’s been able to help the city accomplish thus far, but he also notes that the work is “ongoing and never over.”

“In some respects, we’ve made great progress. In other cases, we still have major problems that have gotten worse,” he said. “But as people of goodwill, we have to continue to work together to protect and save our society and our democracy. And we all have a role to play, even if it’s just voting.”

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EUGENIA ARENS:

‘MUSIC AND FLOWERS ARE A LITTLE BIT ALIKE’

Eugenia Arens sat on a small, wooden bench at the front of her sprawling farm property in Westphalia, splitting her attention between the large, heavy accordion dominating her frame and the tiny kitten lounging next to her.

“These were dropped off,” she said, pointing to another kitten exploring the yard. “I already had two, and the mother is expecting six more. I don’t want to have too many. But they seem to like music, so that’s good.”

Arens, 88, can often be found playing the accordion outside her house. She loves to bask in the natural scenery, from the various tree species dotting the property to the flowers in bloom along the driveway.

“To me, music and flowers are a little bit alike. They both make you feel good,” she said.

“So far, the neighbors haven’t complained. In fact, I walked around one time, playing in the woods and all over. The phone rang when I got home, and somebody said, ‘Do you take requests?’”

You may recognize Arens from Grand Ledge’s annual Island Art Fair, where she’s been playing accordion each year since its inception in 1974 — except for one year when she and her late husband, who died in 2022, were traveling Germany.

“I love every year. It’s a lot of fun,” she said. “I used to walk the whole island with my accordion and play and sing, and people would help me sing. When you play music, it’s nice to have someone interested. To just sit there alone doesn’t do it.”

Music has been integral to Arens’ life as long as she can remember. She would sing to her dolls when she was just 2 or 3 to help them go to sleep. She began playing the piano around 7 or 8 and picked up the accordion at 15 after her sister’s husband, who was serving abroad in the Army, sent one home from Germany.

“I picked it up one day and

played ‘Goodnight, Irene’ about 16 times,” she said. “My sister said, ‘If I hear that one more time ...’ I played it one more time. I was hooked.”

She taught herself how to play both instruments. She also plays the trombone, guitar and ukulele, though she said she’s “still practicing” those.

“I don’t take lessons. I don’t want to be told how to do it,” she said. “I play by ear. If you have enough luck to have the music, which I got from my mom and sisters, why not get some use out of it?”

One of nine children in her family, Arens has three adopted children of her own, plus a slew of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She enjoys teaching the younger generations how to play music — something she learned from her elders that she, in turn, intends to pass down as far as she can. One of her great-grandsons even plays the accordion.

“They all play musical instruments. That makes me proud,” she said.

Due to the importance she places on family, Arens has also taken an interest in genealogy. She even compiled a book of her research so her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and beyond will know where they came from.

“I think it’s important to know who you act like, who you look like,” she said. “My grandpa, I didn’t know it, but he played accordion. Why didn’t they tell me that? That’s important! And grandma played the organ. I didn’t know that stuff. That’s what these kids have to learn. They have to know stuff about my background that they’d never know otherwise. And they’re all interested.”

— NICOLE NOECHEL



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Eugenia Arens in the front yard of her Westphalia farm.

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KEN ROBERTSON:

VOLUNTEER WORK KEEPS HIM GOING

He wouldn't don his Tuesday Toolman garb again for another five days, but Ken Robertson, 81, of Bath, willingly wore his special work shirt and hat as he met with City Pulse on the north side of Lansing, a chance to display one of the finest accomplishments of the group he helped launch in 2010.

The Toolmen are volunteers who gather Tuesdays to construct entry ramps and install accessibility devices for Greater Lansing residents in need, more than 400 since they started. It seemed almost impossible that they could construct a ramp from this particular home's deck to the ground, but Robertson and his team don't give up easily. The project this past April compelled Mayor Andy Schor to pay a visit.

Did Robertson ever imagine doing work like this at 81, long after his retirement? "No, certainly not, although I can envision us keeping it up because it's just a fantastic group of guys, still plugging away after all these years. They all show up every Tuesday, and that's what keeps it going."

The group takes up more than just Tuesdays. "I also spend a couple of days preparing for each project," Robertson said. He visits locations, takes measurements and speaks with clients. He inputs info into an AutoCAD program and engineers through challenges, often coming up with legal ramp plans when contractors have said it was impossible.

"He prepares material lists, cut sheets, and communicates this all to the volunteer team with a little bit of humor sprinkled on top," said Emma Henry of the Capital Area Housing Partnership, which funds the group.

Robertson retired from the Michigan Transportation Department in 1998 after 32 years. His wife died in 2002. Six months later, his house burned. "That really threw a monkey wrench in things," he said.

Robertson drew on fellow parishioners at Bath United Methodist Church. "One of my church friends, Jerry Boyer, was just retiring, and he helped me. We did all the interior work on my house and carpentry work and got very close."

They were already part of a group doing volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity. Then, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, they went to New Orleans to help rebuild. That was the first of five years of annual weeklong trips there. "We had never done anything like that before, but we went down there and had just a fantastic experience,"

he said. "It was the camaraderie with the group and the local community that really made me want to keep going back."

When the group decided to focus on something more local, they discovered a growing program in Lansing that was designed to help elderly and low-income people with home safety and access, which would become the Toolmen.

"We're a strange group. Jerry takes the lead on construction, but we really work 'leaderlessly,'" he said, adding with a laugh, "and we pick on each other something fierce. It all goes back to the group dynamics. I get sucked in with people of similar minds, and that inspires me."

— STEVE UNDERWOOD



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Ken Robertson at the site of one of his Tuesday Toolmen projects in north Lansing.

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DORIS FRANKLIN:

'YOU HAVE TO GIVE BACK'

Doris Franklin spent 20 years working as an aide at a nursing home in Cleveland, supervising residents and helping with whatever else needed to be done, from making beds to taking temperatures and blood pressure readings. Though the 83-year-old retired in 2003 and moved to Lansing, she's retained her passion for helping people.

Today, she's a member of Lansing's Hope Christian Ministries International, where she assists with outreach in addition to attending Sunday mass weekly. On the fourth Saturday of each month, she travels to the Waverly Place Apartments to help with the church's Sow and Reap program, which provides ministry, food and games. She also participates in the church's grand-

parent program, where she watches over church members' children while they take some time for themselves.

"The new generations aren't coming up the way we were brought up. The kids are raising their parents. So, you have to be able to be there with kids and tell them right from wrong," Franklin said.

Other church members regard her as a mother figure — so much so that she's earned the title "Mother Doris."

"I'm probably about the oldest one in there," she said. "When they call you 'mother,' they look up to you."

Apart from volunteer work through the church, Franklin also helps out in classrooms at Dwight Ridge School of the Arts when she can.

"I'll read to the kids, the kids read to me. I don't do it often, just sometimes, because I got sick for a while," she said. "When you get to be a certain age, things happen in your life. You never know what's wrong with you until you go to the doctor. Maybe something's hurting, and when you go there, it might be okay, it might not. But I came out okay, and I was blessed."

Franklin said that



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Church members refer to Doris Franklin as a "mother figure."

her generosity is inspired by the kindness she experienced in her youth.

"I was always taught you have to give back because when we were coming up, people always helped us," she said. "Whatever I do, like going on trips with the church, volunteering or whatever, I never think the more about it. This is just something you do."

When she's not out bettering the community, Franklin enjoys shopping with her niece and sister and watching sports, from basketball and football to the Olympics. She ran and played basketball herself growing up.

When it comes to college athletics, she roots for Ohio State University. In the NBA, her favor is beginning to move toward the Detroit Pistons.

"They have a good team that's young, and the kids play hard out. They still don't win, but I enjoy it," she said.

— NICOLE NOECHEL



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

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WALKER BEVERLY:

'I LIKE TO KEEP UP'

Walker Beverly spent 14 years of his quarter-century career with the Lansing School District at the former C.W. Otto Middle School, including several as its principal.

Now primarily vacant, the building is occasionally used for events like a STEM science fair his granddaughter participated in last fall. He attended the event to see her experiment win a prize but hadn't been back until last week.

Standing amid overgrown grass and a crumbling parking lot, Beverly, 81, took a moment to reflect.

"It touches my heart, as time goes on, to see that Lansing has grown far beyond just being known for Michigan State," he said. "It's really moved forward in terms of its relationships with minorities and people who were maybe not going to go to college who can now do tech programs."

Beverly came to Lansing via his hometown of White Plains, New York, in 1960 as a fresh-faced sprinter on the Michigan State University track and field team. Before he became an educator, he spent several years as an area director for the Lyndon Johnson-backed Model Cities Program and as deputy director of the Youth Development Corp.

"At first, there wasn't a whole lot of community involvement. But as time went on, those types of programs helped change that. Today, we're much more aware of what's happening in our community and the world," he said.

Beverly maintained his activism as an educator. While at Otto Middle School, he established a Peace Center Program to address youth violence, which led to a 14% decrease in suspensions in its first six months. He was also instrumental in creating the first school-based student health center in the state.

Shortly after retiring in 2002, Beverly became a guest professor at Olivet College, where he taught a critical thinking course for six years. Now that he's hung up the chalk and erasers for good, he's continued to stay abreast on the events of the day through habitual reading.

"I've got three newspapers here now," he said, gesturing to his car with a grin. "I like to keep up with not just what's going on here, but also on the bigger picture and what's happening in the world."

He noted that efforts to promote lasting change often hinge on being able to understand the larger narrative of any particular issue or perspective. In other words, as he liked to remind students throughout his career, "There are always two sides to a story."

"It's helpful to remember that what may have an impact on you may not for others. So, you have to recognize, understand and respect the other side first if you want to have a meaningful conversation and accomplish what you set out to do," he said.

When he's not turning pages, going on walks or spending time with his family, Beverly has been encouraged by and supportive of modern efforts to "incorporate more minorities in education."

He hopes his former role as a minority educator in a leadership position has helped pave the way for younger people of color to step up and continue that work.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER



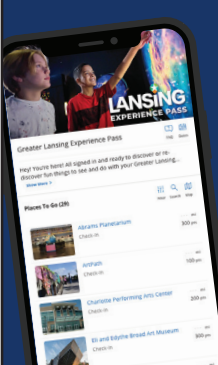
Walker Beverly outside the old C.W. Otto Middle School, where he was the principal.



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Randy Gelispie on stage in June at the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

One night in 1960, jazz legend Philly Joe Jones angrily stormed the bandstand at the Jazz Gallery in New York's Greenwich Village, where drummer Randy Gelispie was trading licks, at the tender age of 25, with the great guitarist Wes Montgomery.

Jones, drummer of the first great Miles Davis quintet, yanked the sticks out of Gelispie's hands.

"Get up, motherfucker, you're too young to be playing that good," he demanded.

Gelispie has been playing drums ever since he whittled sticks out of kindling from the woodshed and banged them on tin cans at age 6.

"I was born to play this music," he said.

His spirit, stamina, skill and power at 89 are enough to drive the ghost of Philly Joe to rise up and pull the sticks out of his hands all over again.

He would only have to change one word: "You're too old to be playing that good."

Gelispie laughed at the thought.

"That sounds just like something he would say," Gelispie said.

Starting in his early teens in jazz clubs in his hometown of Akron, he played with, or

RANDY GELISPIE: 'I WAS BORN TO PLAY THIS MUSIC'

met, nearly every jazz great from the glory days of mid-20th-century jazz.

He came to Michigan State University at the invitation of Jazz Studies director Rodney Whitaker in 1991 and still teaches about a dozen students per semester.

Many MSU students say "Uncle G" changed their lives.

He starts each semester by telling them three things. The first is, "We love you." The second is, "There is only one race: the human race." The third is to call him, anytime day or night, if they need something.

"If I can't help you, I will find somebody to help you," he tells the students. "Now let's get together, have some fun and play this music."

Gelispie's reputation as a living embodiment of the jazz tradition stretches across the nation. This year, no less an acolyte than Obed Calvaire, drummer for Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, called Gelispie and asked for a lesson.

"I said, 'Man, you're in the top band in the country,'" Gelispie recalled. "What do you need me for?"

Calvaire flew to Lansing, rented a car and took a two-and-half hour lesson with Uncle G. He told Gelispie that Marsalis often talks about him.

"Whenever they get to talking about swing, your name comes up," Calvaire told him.

Gelispie doesn't do a lot of traveling anymore, but he gets plenty of licks in at Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub and festival gigs like the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival. He's never partaken of alcohol or tobacco — "Not yet," he said.

"Music helps keep you young," Gelispie said. "And there's always something else to learn. The instrument was here before you got here, and it's going to be here after you leave."

Retirement is not part of the plan.

"Methuselah lived 959 years," he said. "When I start getting close to that, maybe I'll give it some thought. But until then, I'm going to be talking about one, two, three, four."

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO



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When Gelispie was 4 years old, he wandered into midtown Akron to look at a drum kit in a music store window. Until he got his first drum, he whittled his own sticks and banged on cans.



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Oskar Matzerath
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24. Coworker of
Knope and Swanson
25. John Lee Hooker
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28. Key in the corner
31. Willing to speak up
34. Golf equipment
35. Mil. address
36. “Hey there, sailor!”
37. Culotte-like
portmanteau
38. Singer Jason, or
punctuated differently,
his 2005 album
39. Title for Arthur
Conan Doyle
40. Ancient bread
grain
41. Precipitous
42. Approximate
weight of a newborn
gray whale calf
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Lavender Moon” band
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sandwiches, for
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52. “The Secret of
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53. Two-tone mammal
55. Minnesota WNBA
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58. Address bar
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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Aug. 14-20, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Years ago, when I worked as a postal delivery person in Santa Cruz, California, I mastered my route quickly. The time allotted to complete it was six hours, but I could easily finish in four. Soon, I began to goof off two hours a day, six days a week. Many great works of literature and music entertained me during that time. I joined a softball team and was able to play an entire game each Saturday while officially on the job. Was what I did unethical? I don't think so since I always did my work thoroughly and precisely. Is there any comparable possibility in your life, Aries? An ethical loophole? A workaround that has full integrity? An escape clause that causes no harm?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): From an astronomer's perspective, Uranus is huge. Sixty-three Earths could fit inside of it. It's also weirdly unique because it rotates sideways compared to the other planets. From an astrologer's point of view, Uranus symbolizes the talents and gifts we possess that can be beneficial to others. If we fully develop these potentials, they will express our unique genius and be useful to our fellow humans. It so happens that Uranus has been cruising through Taurus since 2018 and will mostly continue there until 2026. I regard these years as your best chance in this lifetime to fulfill the opportunities I described. The coming weeks will be especially pregnant with possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mountaineer Edmund Hillary is renowned as the first person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. It happened in 1953. Less famous was his companion in the ascent, Gemini mountaineer Tenzing Norgay. Why did Hillary get more acclaim than Norgay, even though they were equal partners in the monumental accomplishment? Was it because one was a white person from New Zealand and the other a brown person from Nepal? In any case, I'm happy to speculate that if there's a situation in your life that resembles Norgay's, you will get remediation in the coming months. You will receive more of the credit you deserve. You will garner the acknowledgment and recognition that had previously been unavailable. And it all starts soon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): As an American, I'm embarrassed by the fact that my fellow citizens and I comprise just 4% of the world's population but generate 20% of its garbage. How is that possible? In any case, I vow that during the next five weeks, I will decrease the volume of trash I produce and increase the amount of dross I recycle. I encourage you, my fellow Cancerians, to make a similar promise. In ways that may not be immediately imaginable, attending to these matters will improve your mental health and maybe even inspire you to generate an array of fresh insights about how to live your life with flair and joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The coming weeks will be a wonderful time to waste time on the internet. If you are properly aligned with cosmic rhythms, you will spend long hours watching silly videos, interacting with friends and strangers on social media and shopping for products you don't really need. JUST KIDDING!! Everything I just said was a dirty lie. It was designed to test your power to resist distracting influences and mediocre advice. Here's my authentic counsel, Leo. The coming weeks will be a fantastic phase to waste as little time as possible as you intensify your focus on the few things that matter to you most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Scientific research suggests that brushing and flossing your teeth not only boosts the health of your gums but also protects your heart's health. Other studies show that if you maintain robust microbiota in your gut, you're more likely to avoid anxiety and depression as you nurture your mental health. The coming weeks will be a favorable time to focus on big-picture thoughts like these, Virgo. You will be wise to meditate on how each part of your life affects every other part. You will generate good

fortune as you become more vividly aware and appreciative of the intimate interconnectedness that underlies all you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The official term for the shape of a single M&M candy is “oblate spheroid.” It's rounded but not perfectly round. It looks like a partially squashed sphere. An Iraqi man named Ibrahim Sadeq decided to try the difficult task of arranging as many M&M's as possible in a vertical stack. He is now the world record holder in that art, with seven M&M's. I am imagining that sometime soon, Libra, you could achieve a comparable feat in your own domain. What's challenging but not impossible?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): I've heard many people brag about their hangovers. The stories they tell are often entertaining and humorous. One of my best laughs emerged in response to two friends describing the time they jumped on the roof of a parked Mercedes Benz at 3 a.m. and sang songs from Verdi's opera “Falstaff” until the cops came and threw them in a jail cell with nothing to eat or drink for 10 hours. In accordance with astrological omens, Scorpio, I ask you to not get a hangover in the coming weeks, even an amusing one. Instead, I encourage you to studiously pursue extreme amounts of pleasurable experiences that have only good side effects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Most famous musicians demand that their dressing rooms be furnished with specific amenities. Beyoncé needs rose-scented candles. Rihanna expects her preparatory sanctuary to have dark blue or black drapes topped with icy blue chiffon. Eminem insists on a set of 25-pound dumbbells, and the hip-hop duo Rae Sremmurd wants Super Soaker water guns. Since the coming weeks may be as close to a rockstar phase of your cycle as you've ever had, I recommend you create a list of your required luxuries. This imaginative exercise will hopefully get you in the mood to ask for exactly what you need everywhere you go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sleep deprivation is widespread. I see it as a pandemic. According to some studies, more than half the people in the world suffer from insomnia, don't get enough sleep or have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep. Most research on this subject doesn't mention an equally important problem: Many people aren't dreaming enough. And the fact is that dreaming is key to our psychological well-being. I bring this to your attention, Capricorn, because the coming weeks will be a favorable time to enhance your relationship with sleep and dreams. I encourage you to learn all you can and do all you can to make your time in bed deeply rejuvenating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Only 47 people live on the volcanic Pitcairn Islands, which are located in the middle of nowhere in the South Pacific Ocean. Pollution is virtually nonexistent, which is why the honey made by local bees is the purest on the planet. In accordance with astrological omens, I'd love for you to get honey like that in the coming weeks. I hope you will also seek the best and purest of everything. More than ever, you need to associate with influences that are potent, clear, genuine, raw, vibrant, natural and full-strength.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Many Indigenous people in North America picked and ate wild cranberries. But farm-grown cranberries available for commercial use didn't appear until 1816. Here's how it happened. In Cape Cod, Massachusetts, a farmer discovered a secret about the wild cranberry bog on his land. Whenever big storms dumped sand on the bog, the fruit grew with more lush vigor. He tinkered with this revelation from nature and figured out how to cultivate cranberries. I recommend this as a teaching story, Pisces. Your assignment is to harness the power and wisdom provided by a metaphorical storm or disturbance. Use it to generate a practical innovation in your life.

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.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, 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. eradi.org.

Allen Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allenneighborhood-center.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.

Bookend Gallery Display - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synk are on display during the month of August. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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.

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

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

Improv Acting 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 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. Enjoy animal education stations, kids' activities, animal care talks and more! Light meal (hot dog, chips, drink and a treat) included. 5-8 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

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

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

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

Read Between the Wines Book Club - We'll discuss "Lessons in Chemistry," by Bonnie Garmus. Glasses

of wine \$1 off. 5:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 5635 Shoeman Road, Haslett. 517-655-2883. burgdorfwinery.com.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: The Unusual Suspects (Grateful Dead tribute) - 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.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Surf Zup ('60s surf rock) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

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

Switch Gaming: "Mario Kart" - An evening of fun and friendly competition! Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns on the big screen. Ages 8-12. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Walk & Roll-A-Thon Family Fun Event - 1-mile walk/roll in support of the Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault. Enjoy food trucks, characters from the League of Enchantment, face painting and more. 5 p.m. Origami Rehabilitation, 3181 Sandhill Road, Mason. secure.frontstream.com/walk-roll-a-thon-2024.

Weaving the Web: Rituals - 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.

Thursday, Aug. 15

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

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

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

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

"Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" - Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play that examines the AIDS crisis and homosexuality in 1980s America. 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

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

Book and Bake Sale - Thousands of items, including books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, DVDs and more, all half-price. Homemade baked goods also available for purchase. Members only (memberships may be purchased at the door). 3-7 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. dtdl.org/about_us/friends_of_the_library/index.php.

Not Dead, Yet! – Lansing Art Gallery 59th anniversary fundraiser

6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16
Lansing Art Gallery
300 S. Washington Square,
Suite 100, Lansing

The Lansing Art Gallery invites community members to celebrate its 59th anniversary while offering financial support during a difficult time with a special fundraising event 6 to 9 p.m. Friday (Aug. 16).

In a press release, the gallery wrote that it's experiencing a "financial crisis" due to "inflation; across-the-board increases from service providers; general operational cost increases; and a decrease in sponsorships, memberships, and donors since the pandemic." It requires additional funds to continue hosting exhibitions, running its retail gallery and offering programming such as ArtPath and artmaking workshops.

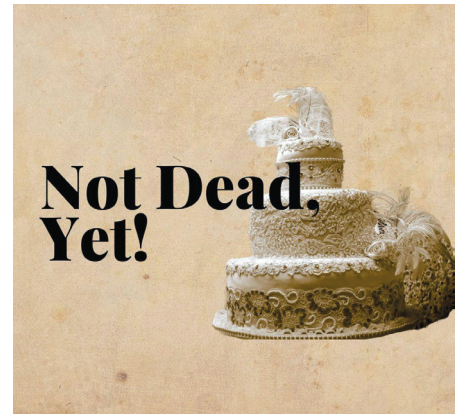
The fundraiser will feature live painting sessions by local artists Brian Whitfield, Marissa Tawney Thaler, Steph Joy Hogan and Anna Zander, whose work will also be auctioned off at the event. Another local artist, Dennis Preston, will draw caricatures. In addition, Deadtime Stories will offer merchandise and promotional items in anticipation of A Festival of Oddities in Charlotte on Aug. 31.

The Mezzanine Gallery will be a VIP area, offering live body art by special guest artist Sera Reneé, a special mocktail at the private bar and an opportunity to purchase exclusive art.

Additionally, the gallery will announce the winner of its Page Follow Contest at 7 p.m. To enter, follow the gallery's new Facebook page at facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562695126002.

Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite black party attire.

General admission tickets are \$20 each or two for \$30 and include one drink ticket. Additional drink tickets will be available for \$5 each. VIP tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50. Tickets are available at the gallery or online at lansingartgallery.org/gallery-events/not-dead-yet.



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Bridge Street Merchants Night Owl Shopping - A variety of stores will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. with sales, specials and snacks! Bridge Street, downtown Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

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

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

Cocktail Class at Lansing Shuffle - Craft and enjoy three Wheatley Vodka cocktails while learning about the brand. 6:30 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansingshuffle.com.

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

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

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: Starfarm ('80s), opener Big L - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

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: Atomic Annie (rock/pop) - Free. Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

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

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Meridian Children's Concert Series: Zippity2Dads - Get ready to sing, dance and play! 6 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian.mi.us.

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

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

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.

Rummage & Bake Sale for Haiti Baby Box and Soaring Unlimited - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Holt United Methodist Church, 2321 N. Aurelius Road, Holt. 517-694-8168. holtumc.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.

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Tony Thompson & Friends (Funk/R&B) - 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.

Friday, Aug. 16

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

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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.

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

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.

In-Store Concert - Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road, the International Bluegrass Music Association's 2019 Momentum Band of the Year, perform at Elderly Instruments. 7 p.m. 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

Intro to Pistol Optics, with Brian Hill - Through dry practice and live fire, learn the importance of stance, grip, Red Dot sights, follow through and trigger. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Capital Area Sportsmen's League, 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing. thecompletecombatant.com/intro-to-pistol-optics.html.

Lake Lansing Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Black Barn Band (rock), opener Shelby & Jake - 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.

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

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.

Mixed Flavors at the Irish Pub - 9 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. 517-253-8713. facebook.com/IrishPubLansing.

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

National Thrift Shop Day at Habitat ReStore - Enjoy 20% off storewide and a chance to win a ReStore gift certificate. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Three participating locations: 1941 Benjamin Drive, Lansing; 2352 Old U.S. 27, St. Johns; 954 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. habitatcr.org.

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

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

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Wine Tasting Dinner and Fundraiser - Enjoy a tasting menu developed by the chefs at our Maker Kitchen, complemented by a curated selection of wines. 6 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Saturday, Aug. 17

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Bee Palooza

1-4 p.m. Sunday,
Aug. 18
MSU Horticulture
Gardens
1066 Bogue St.,
East Lansing



Michigan State University's annual Bee Palooza, a celebration of pollinators and the promotion of pollinator stewardship, will run 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 18) at its Horticulture Gardens. The goal of the event is to raise awareness of the need to preserve populations of native bees, other pollinating insects, birds and some bats.

This year's theme is "Bee the Change," which focuses on ground-nesting bees and restoring native prairies. The free event will feature eight hands-on educational stations through which attendees can gain a greater understanding of the role bees play in Michigan's ecosystem and how to protect and provide the natural resources they require. Attendees can also enjoy free ice cream, face painting, crafts and more.

The event is free and open to all ages. For more information, visit beepalooza.org.

The Jeff Haas @ Urban Beat Quintet

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

August 17 7pm
Doors 6:30

1213 Turner Rd, Lansing, MI 48906

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"Extinct: An Artistic Study of Animals Loved and Lost" Opening Reception - This exhibition celebrates creatures we've lost or that are currently slipping away from our shared Earth. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Art Williamston gallery, 3845 Vannetter Road, Williamston. facebook.com/ArtWilliamston.

Flower Arranging Fundamentals - Join Rachel Hatt, a Lansing flower farmer, to learn the basics of selecting, trimming and arranging flowers into whimsical bouquets. 10 a.m. Hunter Park Garden-House, 500 Clifford St., Lansing. [facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse](https://www.facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse).

"For The Love of Music" - Join us for an electrifying night of hip-hop, rap and DJ performances featuring some of the most talented underground artists in the area. 9 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. macsbar.com.

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

Gunnisonville UMC Craft & Bake Sale - A variety of handmade items will be available for purchase, including accessories, jewelry, home and holiday decor, artwork, candy and baked goods. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 2031 Clark Road, Bath. [facebook.com/GunnisonvilleUMC](https://www.facebook.com/GunnisonvilleUMC).

Inner Game of Shooting, with Brian Hill - In this two-day class, we'll explore three modes of training: technical (accuracy and precision), speed (speed and efficiency) and performance (neuroscience triggers). 8:30 a.m. Capital Area Sportsmen's League, 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing. thecompletecombatant.com/the-inner-game-of-shooting.html.

Introduction to Human Design, with Wilder Dreams Collective - Human design combines astrology, the I Ching, Kabbalah and the chakras to create a system that reveals one's unique design. 3 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

The Jeff Haas Quintet - Get ready for an unforgettable night of jazz featuring the extraordinary talents of Jeff Haas, Marion Hayden, Tariq Gardner, Anthony Stanco, and Laurie Sears. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

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](http://grandledgechamber.com/market%20on%20the%20grand.php).

Mason Aviation Day - See homebuilt, classic and restored military aircraft. All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast (served with scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee) 7-11 a.m. Lunch (pork, brats, hot dogs) noon-2 p.m. Jewett Airport, 655 Aviation Drive. mason.chapters.eaa.org/eaas55.

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](http://meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket).

Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame Awards - Join us for this special evening celebrating Michigan's country music pioneers! 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. 517-541-5690. mcmhof.com.

Monarch Day Celebration - Roam the zoo and discover education stations and activity tables dedicated to monarch butterflies and other pollinators. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

National Thrift Shop Day at Habitat ReStore -
Enjoy 30% off storewide and a chance to win a ReStore gift certificate. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Three participating locations: 1941 Benjamin Drive, Lansing; 2352 Old U.S. 27, St. Johns; 954 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. habitatcr.org.

REO's 120th Birthday Celebration - Celebrate the REO Motor Car Co.'s 120th birthday with cake, a special display of REO vehicles and a visit from Mr. Olds himself! 11 a.m.-2 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. reoldsmuseum.org.

Rummage & Bake Sale for Haiti Baby Box and Soaring Unlimited - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Holt United Methodist Church, 2321 N. Aurelius Road, Holt. 517-694-8168. holtumc.org.

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

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

Toy Photography - Use small lights and sets to stage photos of your favorite toy. We'll go over the basics of photography, lighting, figure posing and angles. Ages 14+. 10 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-574-4521. givebutter.com/RDn6JJ.

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

Turtle Toast - Annual fundraiser for Harris Nature Center Foundation. Bring your friends, a comfy chair and a beverage of choice and enjoy an evening in nature. Music by the Further Adventures of FatBoy & JiveTurkey. Refreshments and desserts provided. Ages 21+. 7 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mj.us/hnc.

VOAMI National Thrift Shop Day Celebration: 25% Off All Items - At both Lansing locations (5411 S. Cedar St. and 5900 W. Saginaw Hwy.), there will be raffles for four \$50 gift cards, plus free popcorn, candy and drinks while supplies last. 8 a.m.-9 p.m. voami.org/thrift-shop/.

Sunday, Aug. 18

About the Bhagavad Gita, with Fred Stella - Fred Stella will share powerful insights from the writings of the Bhagavad Gita. Fred is an accomplished lecturer on many aspects of Hinduism. 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. unitylansing.org.

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.

"Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" - Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play that examines the AIDS crisis and homosexuality in 1980s America. 2 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive. lansing.riverwalktheatre.com.

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The image contains the logo for Community Mental Health, which features a stylized knot icon to the left of the text "Community MENTAL HEALTH CLINTON • EATON • INGHAM" and the tagline "Together we can." below it. Below the logo, the text "CMHA-CEI Board of Directors" and "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Hearing Meeting" is displayed in bold. Further down, the location "Location: CMHA-CEI, 812 E. Jolly Road, Atrium, Lansing, MI 48910" and time "When: Thursday, August 22, 2024 @ 5pm." are listed. The online meeting link "Online: Join by Zoom https://zoom.us/j/92974125374" and meeting ID "Meeting ID: 929 7412 5374" are also provided. A paragraph states that the public hearing will include a presentation of priority needs and proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 and opportunity for public and board comments related to the budget proposal. Another paragraph explains that if accommodations are needed, one should email echols@ceicmh.org or call 517-346-8238, or call the Michigan Relay Center at 711 or 844-578-6563. The text "This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act." is also present. At the bottom, the website "www.ceicmh.org" and the contact number "CP#24-606" are listed.

Events

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Back to School: Opera 101 - Discover your back-to-school soundtrack with an afternoon of operatic favorites sung by exceptional local singers. 2:30 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. michiganoperaoutreach.org.

Bee Palooza - 1-4 p.m. MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. beepalooza.org.

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

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

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

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

Historic Chapel Open House - The chapel, built in 1887, will be open for public tours. A historian will be onsite. Free ice cream treats will be available. 2-4 p.m. St. Katherine's Chapel, 4650 Meridian Road, Williamston. facebook.com/stkatherinese-piscopalchurch.

Inner Game of Shooting, with Brian Hill - 8:30 a.m. Capital Area Sportsmen's League, 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing. thecompletecombatant.com/the-inner-game-of-shooting.html.

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

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

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

University Lutheran Church Outdoor Summer Concert Series: Three Men and a Tenor (a cappella pop) - 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.

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.

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

Monday, Aug. 19

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.

Bookend Gallery Display - Oils, acrylics and posters of previous works by mixed-media artist Lucy Synk are on display during the month of August. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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.

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.

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.

Sturgeon Moon Gathering - Hosted by Art Interactive. Featuring live music, creative stations, a potluck, a drum circle, an open mic, local vendors, flow props, drag performances and more. Free to attend, all ages welcome. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093590392600.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Adventures in Yoga - Three-session yoga class offering a blend of gentle stretches, mindful breathing and relaxation techniques. Ages 18+. Registration req. 5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.



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Al-Anon Meeting - 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. cmialanon.org.

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LSO Concerts on the Lawn: Jazz Ensemble - Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic and enjoy the power of live music! 6:30 p.m. MSUFCU, 3777 West Road, East Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

DH@MSU THATCamp - An open, fun, less formal conference where humanists and technologists of all skill

levels learn and build together in sessions proposed on the spot. 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. MSU Main Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. digitalhumanities.msu.edu/thatcamp.

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. lapsg.org.

Parkinson's Support Group: Education - August's topic is "New Developments in Deep Brain Stimulation for Parkinson's Disease." 3 p.m. Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Trust. In the Matter of Trust Administration of the Beverly L. Hamly Revocable Trust UDA Nov. 7, 1989. Beverly Lee Hamly n/k/a Beverly Lee Temple was born Dec. 18, 1930. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Beverly Lee Temple, who last lived at 11555 Silverstone Dr., Grand Ledge MI 48837, died June 12, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Robert B. Hamly, Successor Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Aug. 14, 2024. Robert B. Hamly c/o Anthony J. Garczynski, PLC Anthony J. Garczynski (P47146) 771 North Mill St., Plymouth MI 48170-1423 (734) 404-2425.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

1. Amendments to Chapter 50 of the City Code, the East Lansing Zoning Ordinance, to add a new definition of "bed and breakfast."
2. A request from CNP LLC (Matthew Johnson) for approval of a site plan and special use permit for a "stay and play" motel and banquet facility in an existing building at 211 Harrier Drive. This property is zoned R-1, Low-Density Single-Family Residential, with a Clustered Development Plan overlay in effect.

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

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Members of the public may also participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact City Clerk Marie E. Wicks at 517.319.6914, mwicks@cityofeastlansing.com, (410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823) for additional information. Visit the City's public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/> for electronic access information.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to City Council, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to council@cityofeastlansing.com

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the City Council's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6869 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at tverche@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Summerlands' burgers are simply smashing

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

I spent last Saturday (Aug. 10) working up a hunger while walking the beautiful streets of Lansing and knocking on doors to canvass for the November election. After three hours of weird looks, uplifting conversations and greetings from friendly (but very large) dogs, I was more than ready to escape from reality for a few hours. So, I fled south to Holt, where Summerlands Brewing Co. recently opened, and treated myself to a burger and fries. As I took my first juicy bite in front of the big-screen TV inside the restaurant, an Olympic marathon runner was finishing a race in

just over two hours. Pure, dissociative bliss was mine.

Summerlands is a tropical-themed brewery, but I wouldn't go so far as to call it "tiki." While a large, inflatable palm tree isn't exactly a subtle decoration, the brewery is fun and understated, without all the sensory overload of a tiki bar. The outside patio is a great place to sit on a summer day, while the inside gives a sports bar vibe with a mix of high- and low-top tables.

I tried the Hawaiian smash burger, a juicy beef burger topped with the brewery's signature Kahlua pork, which is rubbed with Ha-

waiian salt and aged soy before being wrapped in banana leaves and "slow-cooked for hours," according to the menu. After the first bite, I could taste the care that had been taken with this pork. It was salty — I could taste both the rub and the soy — but overall, it was deeply flavorful and unique. I appreciated the sweet and salty combination of the pineapple ring and the beef, but the whole burger really came together for me because of the provolone cheese. It was earthy, a cheesier-tasting cheese than what I normally get on a burger (Swiss), and its edge balanced the strong flavor of the two different meats.

I'll be real: The sides were a little so-so, especially compared to the burger. My waffle fries had been sitting for a bit, and the modest dill pickle wasn't anything to write home about. While dining, I found myself craving a bit of coleslaw. While I'd never dream of telling a chef what to do, let's just say that if it naturally came up in conversation,



Hawaiian smash burger
\$13.95

Summerlands Brewing Co.

1957 Cedar St., Holt

Noon-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Noon-1 a.m. Friday-Sunday
(517) 709-3647

summerlandsbrewing.com



Chelsea Roberts for City Pulse

At Summerlands Brewing Co., the meat (like this Kahlua pork-topped burger) is the main event.

I would absolutely suggest a tropical coleslaw as a side for this burger.

The meat is the main event at Summerlands. It's not only worth a try; it's worth revisiting. The Kahlua pork is a great foundational dish for a new restaurant that has great service and provides a unique and light-hearted dining experience. I'll certainly be returning to try the craft sodas, and maybe next time, I'll try the pork nachos.

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 RESTAURANTS FOR SENIORS

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

1. Bob Evans — all locations

Chain restaurant known for hearty family-style meals and a country vibe
See bobevas.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

2. Coral Gables

Former dance hall turned eatery serving homemade American and Greek dishes
2838 Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 337-1311
coralgablesrestaurant.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday

3. Flap Jack Shack

Breakfast and lunch spot with fast, friendly service
3000 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
(517) 351-0630
facebook.com/FlapJackShack
6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
6 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
7 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

4. Meat BBQ

Casual restaurant serving slow-smoked barbecue standards and inventive, handmade sides
1224 Turner Road, Lansing
(517) 580-4400
meatbbq.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

5. Soup Spoon Cafe

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

Mississippi's off-bottom aquaculture brings oysters fresh from sea to table

BY JILL DUTTON

Captain Mike Arguelles met me at the docks in Biloxi, Mississippi. His scruffy beard and happy eyes said it all: This is a practical, get-the-job-done oyster farmer who delights in telling funny tales. Arguelles had agreed to take me on his boat for the day to harvest 900 oysters for a local restaurant.

We set across the Mississippi Sound, the sky gray and threatening rain, the water choppy. This wasn't a leisurely cruise; the pace was clipped, and Arguelles meant business.

Good thing, as business was booming. Previous oyster aquaculture had waned in the wake of natural disasters and other calamities, but due to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' RESTORE Act, which taught potential oyster farmers the ins and outs of off-bottom oyster

aquaculture, things were picking up. Since the reefs were damaged, the RESTORE Act educated interested participants in oyster cultivation using cages.

Along with his wife, Anita, Arguelles created the French Hermit Oyster Co.

We arrived at Arguelles' plot in the waters of Deer Island. As the boat gently rocked against the waves, Arguelles' helper began pulling up the cages. The brown, slimy cages were then power sprayed to remove the muck, which flew into my face and hair. Once cleaned, the oysters were dumped onto a table and hand-picked to fill the bags for the restaurant order.

Mississippi oysters

When asked his favorite way to eat oysters, Arguelles quickly replied,

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“Raw. Always.”

On our trip, he opened a few oysters, fresh from the murky waters. He taught me to place my mouth around the shell and slurp. The oyster slid into my mouth along with the seawater, warm and salty.

The method for shucking oysters that he uses is the “Biloxi way,” he said.

“When you open the oyster, it has an eye, which is the muscle that’s attached to both shells. The bottom is attached to the top, and you cut that loose to pry it open.

“I’ll open one for you the old Biloxi way: A pointed knife comes in and from the bill, whereas most of the modern chefs use a different kind of knife and pop the hinge instead. I can’t do it that way, but I like it this way for a couple of reasons. When you open the oysters, you have to cut that eye loose on one side before you can pry it open and then cut it loose from the other side so you can take the top off. If you’re not careful about where you enter with your knife, it’s not good. I see this so much — even in cooking magazines, they think speed is best, but it’s really important to not cut the oyster because it’s still living, and it’s still a unit.”

Cutting it this way also allows the diner to eat the oyster from the wider bottom half and enjoy the “liquor” that Arguelles said is a key part of the experience.

The taste was the freshest I’ve encountered, flavored by the sweet waters of the Mississippi Sound.

Even though Arguelles’ favorite method is to eat them raw, Anita said her oyster soup recipe is always a treat for special occasions.

Anita’s oyster soup

Serves four

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
- 24 fresh-shucked oysters
- 1/2 cup chopped spinach
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons chili oil
- The juices (liquor) from the oysters
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- Salt to taste

1. Add the olive oil to a large pot and sweat the yellow onions, stirring until they’re soft.
2. Add the green onion and the butter. Once the butter is melted, add the oysters.
3. Cook the oysters until done, then add the spinach, garlic, thyme and chili oil.
4. Cook until the spinach turns soft, then add the oyster juice, whipping cream, milk and white pepper.
5. Cook on low for 10 minutes. Salt to taste and serve.

This story comes from Jill Dutton’s syndicated column, “Global Plates: The People We Meet, The Food They Eat.” It was originally published on the website Global Journeys with Jill Dutton.

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1/4 lb. grilled Michigan grass-fed beef with melted cheddar cheese, lettuce, onion, pickles, mayo, & ketchup on a grilled wheat bun

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