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Welcome to another week in Trumplandia, where the entrance fee will only cost you your soul—if you grovel at his feet and kiss the ring. Honestly, I don't have much to say this week. I have been busy tending to the business, and I am tired.

There is one thing on my mind, though, and I will get it off my chest. Most of the emails I get from you are positive, and I have often thanked you because it partly fuels me to keep writing. I also get emails from the void, however, and I expect that because, obviously, a portion of the country is all too gleeful to send me something colorful, and I can handle that.

Here is what gets under my skin, though: when I get an email from someone who wants to tear me down when we are on the same side. I need you all to know that I don't sit behind a desk and collect checks. I am not rich; I acknowledge my privilege, I pay my guys better than most local companies (deservedly), and I work out there in your homes just like them, carrying tools and busting my knuckles. When I am not working, I am just like you; I come home where I know it is safe, with the people I love and who love me.

I was told in this email to invest more into my community instead of being a talking head, that my espousing is redundant, and that my thoughts were wasted on them. All that is fine, except this person doesn't know me or what I do in my community. Some of you do, some of you don't. But for those that do, I know you pass it along and pay it forward; that is all the thanks I ever need. I know that almost daily, what I do uplifts somebody, and I will continue to do so.

What I write here in the City Pulse is more about letting many of you who may feel alone out there know that you are not. With everything happening so fast and often, sometimes we just need to know that someone is pushing back against what is happening, especially if government officials appear to be mostly silent. We all have something to offer in these truly remarkable times, and this is something that I believe is keeping hope alive if nothing else.

Sometimes, I want to throw in the towel and give up, but somebody inspires me to keep going. But the last thing I will do is take a dig at someone who is just trying to get by, especially when I know absolutely nothing else about them. This person spoke of lifting others up; well, you should take your own advice. I referenced the importance of unity last week, and this is exactly what I was talking about. There are enough of the MAGA's trying to tear us down, and this person couldn't help themselves to bring me down for no reason.

I am going to share some others' thoughts that I came across this week:

[threads.net/nickvatterott](https://www.threads.net/nickvatterott)

I don't buy that MAGA likes anything about America. They wear red hats that say. "America is not great." They don't like the democracy part. They don't like the Constitution part. They don't like the government part. They don't like the "give us your huddled masses." They don't like our land/water/animals enough to protect them. They hate half the people who live here. When all that's gone, what's left to like? They're basically walking around chanting, "I like... ME!!!"

I think I will leave it at this until next week when I hopefully have a better mindset.

A reporter once asked A.J. Muste, a Dutch-born American clergyman and pacifist who protested the Vietnam War, "Do you really think you are going to change the policies of this country by standing out here alone at night in front of the White House with a candle?"

Muste replied softly, "Oh, I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country won't change me."

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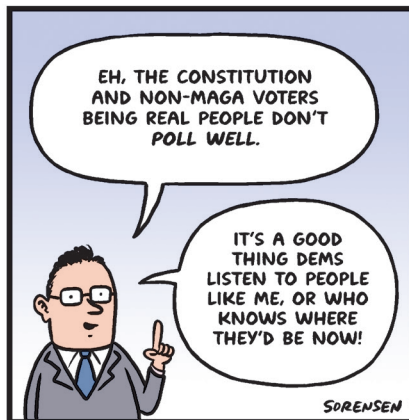
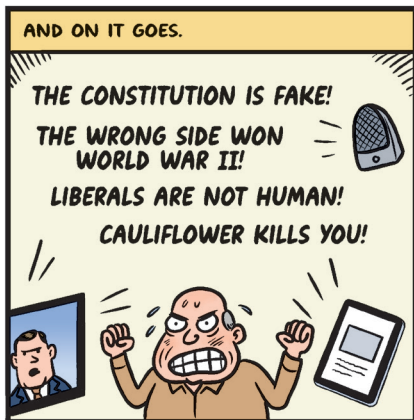
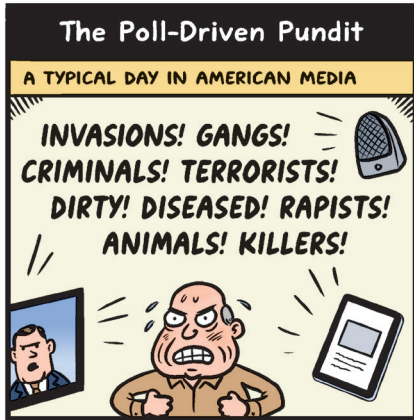
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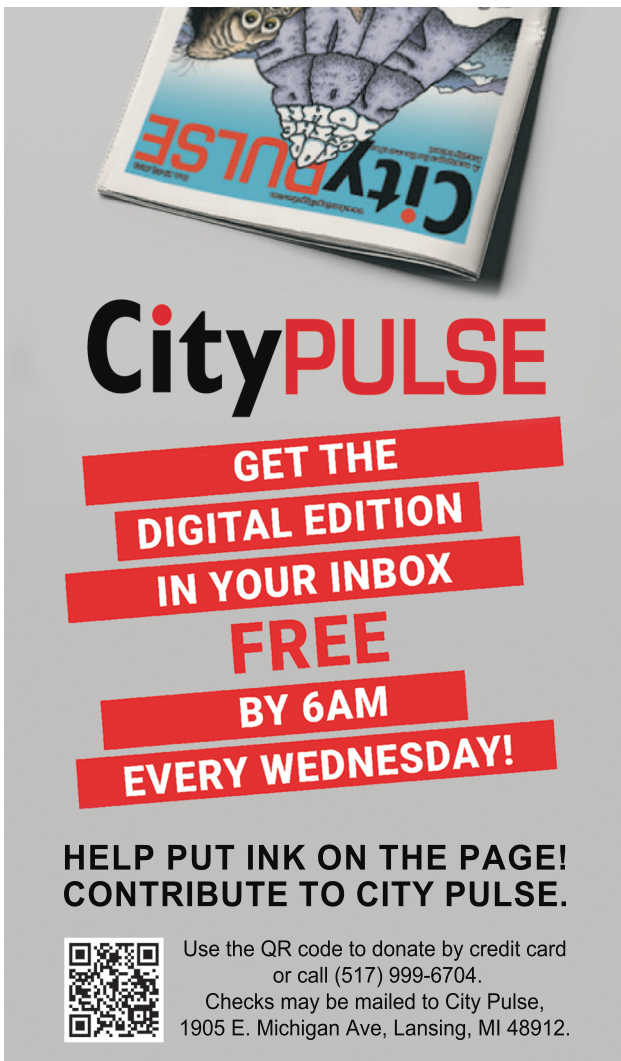
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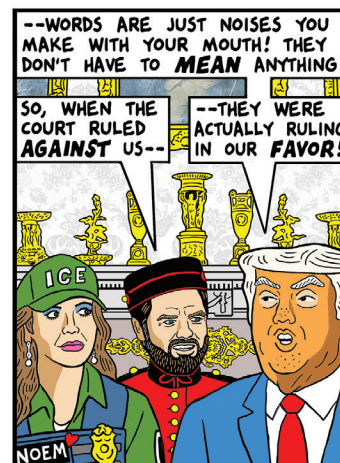
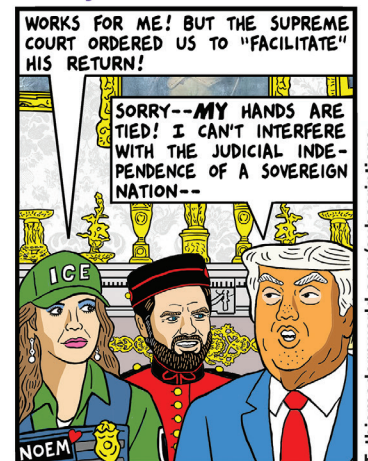
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NEWS & OPINION

Schor's third-term campaign hits a pothole: Jeffrey Brown

The candidate filing deadline for the Lansing City Council came and went Tuesday with the winner appearing to be Lansing Mayor Andy Schor.

Despite a late challenge by a City Council member, Andy Schor is a heavy favorite and may play a factor in some of the City Council races.

Of course, though, the big winner is Chris Swope, who all but won his sixth four-year term when nobody filed to run against him ... again. Swope, who turns 58 this year, is a westsider who is involved in his husband's business at Bradley's Home and Garden in Old Town.

Swope wasn't challenged in 2021, 2013 or 2009. His opponent in 2017, Jerimic Clayborn III, got 15% of the vote.

The big news on filing deadline day, though, was Councilmember Jeffrey Brown.

The first-term incumbent ended weeks of speculation Tuesday by filing to run against Schor as opposed to running for reelection for his at-large seat.

Brown, 41, waited only a few hours before the 4 p.m. deadline to file, and, in doing so, gives Schor at least a mildly competitive challenger as he looks to score a third four-year term.

Three other candidates ended up filing against Schor, creating a five-way primary, but it's Brown, who received some business community support in his 2021 run, who will attract the most attention.

For one, there's his enigmatic background. How, exactly, does he scratch out a living? Who are his political allies? Where is his base of support? How is he going to fund a longshot bid against a well-funded incumbent, who's five years removed from the loudest grumblings he's faced: his handling of the 2020 Black Lives Matters Protest.

Brown doesn't talk to the press. It's not exactly clear where he's living. He had a positive relationship with the mayor — until he bailed on the city hall project and sided with developer Gary Granger.

He'll have some business support, though, and will give the anti-Schor crowd someone to gravitate toward. If nothing else, Brown's entrance in the race will put some pressure on Schor to stay sharp on the campaign trail and take nothing for granted.

Meanwhile, Brown's decision opens up a second at-large seat and turns that race into an 11-candidate free-for-all.

The presumed frontrunner is Jeremy Garza, the Second Ward Councilmember running for an at-large seat for his third term because he and family moved out of the district for a bigger house.

Nothing is in the bag for him, though, and there are several other candidates with support.

Clara Martinez, an Everett High dance teacher, has a lot of friends and is a prime candidate to get Michigan Education Association support. Allegedly, she's asked for the mayor's support, so we'll see what happens with that.

There's Tristan Walters, who was appointed to the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board and sits as an at-large member of the Lansing Parks Board. The projects coordinator for the Michigan State Police is expected to have the support of some of the other Councilmembers and should be strong on the east side.

Another candidate with expected councilmember support is Aurelius Christian, an African American and lifelong Lansing resident who's the development programs coordinator for the Lansing Economic Development Corp.

His connection to the LEDC may work to Christian's advantage politically, but some have already questioned whether this would create a conflict of interest if he were to win one of the two available seats.

Julie Vandenboom can't be overlooked, given that she missed an elected spot on the Lansing City Charter Commission by 18 votes last May — 10th out of 36 candidates. The eastsider is expected to be a popular choice among the city's more progressive voters.

Nick Pigeon, the former executive



Courtesy photos

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor, left, faces four candidates in pursuit of his third term. One opponent is City Council Member Jeffrey Brown, seen here filing his paperwork in the City Clerk's Office Tuesday as the filing deadline approached for the Aug. 5 city primary election.

director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, is already hitting the doors.

Olivia Vaden is the president of the Southwest Action Group. Prior to that, Vaden was researcher for Flint Councilwoman Tonya Burns. Vaden is a queer Black woman and a first-generation college graduate.

And then one of the late filers could be interesting. Gloria Denning has done constituent work in the Michigan and U.S. Senate and knows a little about politics.

In the 2nd Ward, the presumed favorite is Lansing School Board member Deyanira Neverez Martinez, who got into the race early and is expected to generate support. Her opponent, Erik Almquist, 58, is a newcomer to the area who came from Cook County, Illinois.

In the 4th Ward, the story is all about Peter Spadafore. Originally, Spadafore was not going to run for a third term after being the top vote-getter in the at-large seat in his prior two bids.

But after significant feedback from folks across the community, Spadafore

reconsidered and decided to seek the 4th Ward seat that Brian Jackson is leaving vacant.

While viewed as an ally of the mayor — the two are Moore's River Drive neighbors — the talk on Spadafore is that he's an experienced, sharp public servant who won't let the Council dive into rabbit holes.

Whether he'll have the fire to run in a small race is the question.

Heath Lowry, who turns 33 this year, is the president of the Westside Neighborhood Association and former executive officer of the Ingham County Democratic Party. Professionally, he is a staff attorney and policy specialist for the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Lowry serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals and once worked as the legislative director for a former state legislator. A lot of people like him, but whether he's got the chops to knock off an experienced campaigner is a question.

Also, a third candidate, Zacharie Spurlock, a Lansing bartender got into the race but will need to work to be a factor.



KYLE MELINN

Opinion

POLITICS

Schor draws 3 Lansing primary challengers; 14 seek Council positions

Here are the candidates who filed to run in the Aug. 5 city of Lansing primary election for mayor, clerk and the City Council. The filing deadline was 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Note that in races with fewer than three candidates, the candidates will not appear on the primary ballot. Instead, voters will decide those races in November's General Election. An asterisk after the address indicates the information is based on beenverified.com since those candidates listed Post Office box numbers. The City Clerk's Office said that it has verified that all candidates are city residents. Efforts to obtain photos of some candidates were unsuccessful.

Mayor



— Brett Brockschmidt, 63, 1423 Jerome St.* Retired duplex owner. B.A. in financial administration, MSU.



— Jeffrey Brown, 41, 3507 Ronald St.* Current at-large Councilmember.



— David Ellis, 25, 323 N Walnut Street. Home improvement retail specialist and urban advocate.



— Kelsea Hector, 33, 210 Virginia St.* Founder, ACS consulting. Co-Chair, Inclusive Justice of Michigan.

— Andy Schor, 50, 2210 Moores River Drive*. Incumbent, seeking third term. Former Ingham County commissioner.

City clerk



— Chris Swope, 57, 1402 Genesee Drive. Incumbent, seeking sixth term. Certified Master Municipal Clerk. Board member, Capital Area Municipal Clerks Association.

City Council

Council Member At-Large



— Miles Biel, 36, 2808 Tulane Drive. Senior product manager, Consumers Energy. Former community programs coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.



— Aurelius Christian, 27, 500 E. Michigan Ave.* Development programs coordinator, Lansing Economic Development Corporation. Board member, Allen Neighborhood Center.

— Gloria Denning, 67, 3800 Churchill Ave. No other information was immediately available.



— Jeremy Garza, 48, 5616 Ellendale Drive*. Current 2nd Ward councilmember. Journeyman plumber and pipefitter. Safety director, United Association Local 333.

— Robin Jones, 6288 Haag Road. No other information was immediately available.



— Clara Martinez, 33, 108 S. Hosmer St. Dance director, Everett High School. Board member, All of the Above Hip Hop Academy; Lansing Arts & Culture commissioner. Master of social work, MSU.



— Nick Pigeon, 28, 326 N. Fairview Ave. Former director, Michigan Campaign Finance Network. Public policy MA, MSU.



— Jonah Stone, 31, 1019 Clear St. Forensic scientist, Michigan State Police. Human Biology MS, University of Indianapolis.



— Olivia Vaden, 29, 2904 S. Deerfield Ave. Executive board president, Southwest Action Group. Former research and public policy director, Mich-

igan Growth Office. Master's in public policy, University of Michigan.



— Julie Vandenoob, 50, 1713 Stanley Court. Program reengineering specialist, state Health and Human Services Department. Board member, Capital Area District Library. Active in The Rent is Too Damn High Lansing, A Place for Us, Strong Towns Lansing.



— Tristan Walters, 25, 216 Rosamond St. ARP programs coordinator, state of Michigan. At-large Lansing Park Board member; vice chair, Mayor's neighborhood advisory board.

Ward 2



— Erik Almquist, 58, 4615 S. Pennsylvania, Ave. Senior adviser, Apple. Former Fennville City Council member.

— Deyanira Nevarez Martinez, 39, 1820 Shubel Ave., Assistant professor of urban and regional planning, MSU. Member, Union of Tenure Stream Faculty, MSU.

Ward 4



— Heath Lowry, 32, 421 Huron St. Staff attorney and policy specialist, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. President, Westside Neighborhood Association.



— Peter Spadafore, 40, 2310 Moores River Drive. Current at-large councilmember. Executive director, Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunity.



— Zacharie Spurlock, 31, 904 West Shiawassee St. Bartender, American Fifth Spirits.

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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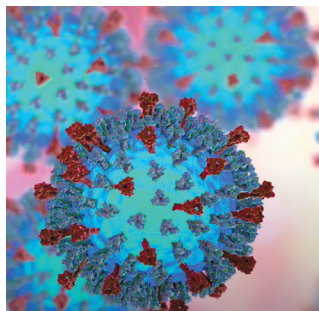
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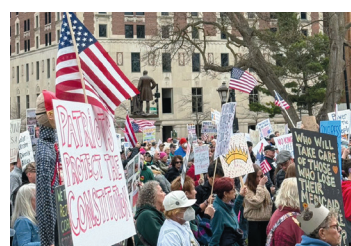


The Barry-Eaton District Health Department said people may have been exposed to measles at restaurants in Lansing and Orion Township this month as it waits for test results for an Eaton County resident. An official said that potential exposure sites include King Ocean Crab restaurant on Miller Street in south Lansing

from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 12 and Bad Brads BBQ in Orion Township from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The department did not provide information about the individual undergoing testing. For more information about measles, including a link to download your immunization record, visit the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services measles information page at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/children-families/immunizations/measlesupdates>.

The Michigan Supreme court made 12 people convicted of murder in Ingham County courts and three in Eaton County eligible for resentencing.

The court found that mandatory life sentences without parole for 19- and 20-year-olds convicted of murder were unconstitutional due to the brains of individuals not being fully developed at that age. The Michigan Corrections Department reported that 579 offenders statewide could be eligible for resentencing. Five of the seven justices, all Democratic Party nominees, supported the opinion. Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane said his staff will locate files to identify the victims' next of kin and inform them of the change. A dissenting opinion, written by Chief Justice Elizabeth Clement, said that if the neuroscience evidence cited by the majority justifies changing sentencing policy, the Legislature should do so, not the court.



An organization called Stand Against Extremism, acting in solidarity with the 50501 movement, held a "Rally for Freedom" Saturday at the Michigan Capitol to protest the Trump administration on the American Revolution's 250th anniversary.

Several hundred protesters, marched around the Capitol and then listened to local organizers, politicians and community members. The speakers included State Rep. Jasper Martus, D-Flushing, and Lansing activist Lorenzo Lopez.

Patricia Church, the mother of a 13-year-old boy at Dwight Rich School for the Arts, has filed a lawsuit against the Lansing School District and staff member Zahlon Sampson, claiming he seriously injured her son demonstrating a wrestling move, the Lansing State Journal



reported. The suit said the incident occurred in 2023, when Sampson, employed there as an assistant and coaching the wrestling team, tried to convince the student to join the squad. A take-down move, the suit stated, caused the boy a fractured clavicle and injury to his left shoulder that may cause permanent complications, the suit says. Attorneys for Sampson and the district wrote in an answer to the lawsuit that they are immune from the lawsuit as a government employee and government institution.



The Centerfolds strip club at 5910 S. Pennsylvania Ave. is suing the city of Lansing so it can reopen after City Council members revoked its cabaret license last month.

The suit states that the city didn't give the club's owners proper notification of the March 25 hearing, where officials compiled the list of offenses on which the Council based its revocation decision. The club demands the license's restoration, damages and a jury trial. Three homicides have occurred at the location since 2006, including a fatal shooting in February.

The city of Lansing has asked Ingham County Circuit Court to dismiss the public records lawsuit the Republican National Committee filed against it over what the RNC said were excessively high fees in response to a public records request, the Lansing State Journal reported.

The RNC is seeking copies of surveillance video from absentee ballot drop boxes in the city from last Nov. 5, Election Day. The suit said Lansing estimated a \$4,795 fee and \$2,397 deposit to provide the footage, while other cities estimated less than \$700, including East Lansing and Battle Creek. Lansing City Council President Ryan Kost said the fee was appropriate because a city employee would have to watch 240 hours of video to ensure what was released didn't contain any nonpublic information, and other cities may not be as thorough as Lansing.



The Bloomfield Hills real estate firm Lormax Stern has acquired Tanger Outlets in Howell and renamed it Kensington Valley Outlets.

Tanger acquired the outlet in 2002 when it was called Kensington Valley Factory Shops and changed the name to Tanger Outlet Centers Kensington Valley. Lormax Stern officials said they would not expect the ownership change to affect store owners.

Public Safety

A vehicle traveling west on Interstate 96 in Alaiedon Township near Okemos rolled several times in the median and landed in the eastbound lanes, killing a 17-year-old boy and injuring two other people, all from Troy. The deceased was one of two backseat passengers whom the crash ejected from the vehicle.



634 South Francis Ave., Lansing

A trash-strewn property plus used toilet paper in the yard and hanging from a front deck railing are just a few reasons this 50-year-old, 707-square-foot home, owned by James and Mark Farrell and occupied by James' son, Joe, has become a blight in this eastside neighborhood.

Phil Damico, a fed-up resident next door, made a detailed post with photos on the Eastside Neighborhood page on Facebook, sparking more than 100 comments, including other neighbors who said they've witnessed drug sales, occupants defecating and urinating outside the house and individuals living in a backyard camper. Damico has a large yard with fruit trees "to feed the neighborhood" next to the Farrells' house. He said he is repelled by the human waste next door.

Damico said he and neighbors have called City Hall and code enforcement "for months." Records on the Lansing BS&A website indicate that the city recently responded to the complaints with letters to the Farrells regarding zoning enforcement and trash enforcement. Damico said that one of the Farrells told him this week that he asked the city for a one-week extension to deal with the issues.

The 1955 house, which the Farrells purchased in 2021, has an assessed value of \$27,200.

STEVE UNDERWOOD

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

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EXHIBIT A

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

Case No. 25-1236-CH
Hon. Morgan E. Cole

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Individual parcels of property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:

1. Lot 189, Highland Park Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-10-180-211
Commonly known as (1413) Massachusetts Ave., Lansing, MI 48906
2. Lot 12, Block 2, Holmes Subdivision Plat, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-17-252-071
Commonly known as (1412) W. Ionia St., Lansing, MI 48915
3. S. 34.5 ft., Lots 73 and 74, Huntington Heights Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-22-177-131
Commonly known as (1118) S. Holmes St., Lansing, MI 48912
4. Lot 208 and North ½ of Lot 207, Excelsior Land Companys Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-22-256-201
Commonly known as (1224) Dakin St., Lansing, MI 48912
5. Lot 18, Block 6, Assessor's Plat No. 28, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-22-309-081
Commonly known as (1531) Donora St., Lansing, MI 48910
6. North 94 ft., Lots 52 and 53, Southfield Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-05-08-226-155
Commonly known as Daft St., Lansing, MI 48911
7. North 35 ft., Lot 1, except East 50 ft., Randalls Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-03-353-001
Commonly known as (2128) N. East St., Lansing, MI 48906
8. Lot 2, Greenwood Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-08-201-111
Commonly known as (1616) Glenrose Ave., Lansing, MI 48915
9. West 132 ft. of Lot 11, except the South 4.7 ft. and North 1.5 ft., Assessor's Plat No. 13, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-08-426-021
Commonly known as 1210 N. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI 48915
10. Lots 38 and 39, except commencing 15.5 ft. East of the Northwest corner of Lot 39, thence East 96 ft. of North line Lot 39, Southwesterly 12 ft. on Easterly line Lot 39, Northwesterly 92.5 ft. to Point of Beginning, Otto's Addition, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-10-401-211
Commonly known as (1243) Clark St., Lansing, MI 48906
11. North 33.5 ft. of Lot 4, Assessor's Plat No. 4, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-15-152-231
Commonly known as (333) N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
12. Lot 13, Giddings Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-29-376-151
Commonly known as (1522) W. Holmes Rd., Lansing, MI 48910
13. Lot 132, Pleasant Grove Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-32-352-221
Commonly known as (2026) W. Jolly Rd., Lansing, MI 48910

Individual parcels of property located in the Township of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:

14. Lot 260 and West 5 ft. of adjacent alley, Urbandale Subdivision No. 1, Lansing Township, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-21-01-14-330-018
Commonly known as (235) S. Mifflin Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
15. Lot 261 and West 5 ft. of adjacent alley, Urbandale Subdivision No. 1, Lansing Township, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-21-01-14-330-019
Commonly known as (239) S. Mifflin Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable Morgan E. Cole, Ingham County Circuit Judge, at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse, 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing or Lansing Township, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for each of the subject properties was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on March 7, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date: March 7, 2025

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‘I’ve never had to hide who I am’: 50501’s Colton Hughes

Anti-Trump protest leader a ‘professional volunteer’

When Colton Hughes walked onto the state Capitol grounds March 4, he was just like every other protester there: angry with the Trump administration and wanting to do something about it.

A month later, he addressed thousands from the Capitol steps, sharing an improvised stage with state Attorney General Dana Nessel, Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, and former U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

“Two months ago, I was just like all of you,” Hughes said.

So how did Hughes, 36, a downtown Lansing masseur with a fear of public speaking, come to be a primary face of the newly formed Michigan chapter of 50501, a national grassroots anti-Trump organization.

In his words, he did it because he had to.

Sipping on a cup of hibiscus tea at Strange Matter on Washington Square, Hughes recounted how busy he had been in the last month helping form a grassroots activist group, submerging himself in paperwork and speaking to thousands at packed rallies.

“I would love to not be doing this,” he said. “My life was already busy enough. But this is where we’re at.”

The state 50501 organization began when a Jan. 25 Reddit post suggested coordinated rallies at every state Capitol on Feb. 5 in response to the Trump administration. The post was deleted, but the idea snowballed. The weekend before the would-be event, no one had taken the reins in Michigan to lead a mostly anonymous group to unite, find speakers and pull a permit only four days before the Wednesday protest.

The rally was a success, but the group that formed to lead it was ill-equipped to continue organizing. After the national organization 50501 declared successive days of action, another group, MI Resist, stepped up to lead rallies Feb. 17 and March 4. Meanwhile, some original organizers tried to cobble together an “official” 50501 Michigan.

When Hughes first got involved, it was to help set up a group server on Discord, an instant messaging app. From there, he kept taking more re-



Photo by Raymond Holt

50501 Michigan organizer Colton Hughes on the state Capitol steps at the April 5 “Hands Off!” rally.

sponsibilities until he found himself one of the leaders of a quickly growing community.

Hughes said it was his ability to show his face that helped him take a leadership role.

“It comes from me not needing to be anonymous,” he said. “You know, others have

a lot more to lose. They have children, they worry about losing their job.”

As an established business owner, Hughes does not have to worry about being fired for his speech. Amid concerns that the Trump administration’s crackdowns have had a chilling effect on free speech, Hughes is ready to get even louder.

“I’ve got the privilege to be able to, and I feel like it’s important to be loud for the people who can’t or don’t feel like it’s possible to speak up right now,” he said.

A gay man, Hughes is concerned by the Trump administration’s crackdown on LGBTQ+ civil liberties.

“I’ve never had to hide who I am,” he said. “I marched for marriage equality when I was younger. I’ve been out since I realized I was gay at 14. As soon as I realized, I came out, and I don’t ever intend to go back.”

As Hughes took on greater respon-

sibilities with 50501, the group’s scope expanded in kind. In under three months, 50501 Michigan has jelled.

“We’ve got a graphics team, we’ve got an outreach team, we’ve got press and security teams,” Hughes said. “Everybody’s kind of doing their own things and bringing it together. Like, I don’t have my hands in some of those teams.”

But the group has stayed grassroots, and many leaders are first-time organizers. Leading a movement without prior organizing experience has had its hiccups — after a protest and community cleanup last weekend fell through, Hughes said knowing when to delegate has been a major takeaway — but he has leveraged previous work and volunteer experience for 50501.

As momentum grows for grassroots activism, leaders across the country are learning to leverage their skills similarly. Hughes said he became interested in community work at the Allen Neighborhood Center on Lansing’s east side. Then, his time as a store manager at Taco Bell taught him to lead a team.

“It made me a professional volunteer,” Hughes said.

To overcome a fear of public speaking and address thousands at the state Capitol, he drew on experience leading tabletop role-playing groups.

And despite being known downtown for his participation and leadership in business groups, he said people he does not recognize have begun to approach him and praise his speeches.

As frustration grows toward established leadership across the political spectrum, activists like Hughes are an example of how everyday people can become leaders. The implications are not lost on him: He considered running for the City Council but rejected it because of time constraints. But he has his eyes on a future campaign, and his dreams are big.

“I could see myself becoming a state representative one day,” he said.

Reflecting on the last two months, Hughes has found protests transformative.

“I’ve made so many friends, and they’re all genuinely just good people who care about helping each other out,” he said. “You’re going to find that there. You’re going to see like-minded people and it’s going to make you feel like you’re not alone.”

A main takeaway is that those feeling “scared, nervous or hopeless” amid the political climate “need to do something about it.”

“The only way to do that is to actually take action.”

— LEO V. KAPLAN

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on anti-Trump protest
leaders

RFP/25/091 2025 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF FRANCES PARK RIVER LOT IMPROVEMENTS for the Parks and Recreation Department as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept bids at The City of Lansing, Purchasing Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave. 3rd Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48933 or electronically submitted thru MITN Site (www.Mitn.Info) until 2PM local time in effect on MAY 12, 2025. Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by contacting Marilyn Chick at (517) 483-4282, or Marilyn.chick@lansingmi.gov or go to www.mitn.info. The City of Lansing encourages bids from All Vendors Including MBE/WBE Vendors and Lansing-Based Businesses.

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**ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP, EATON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oneida Township Hall, 11041 Oneida Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The purpose of the hearing is to consider and hear public comment concerning an amendment to the Oneida Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate Large Solar Energy Systems Facilities to maintain public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors of the Township.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is available for review at the office of the Zoning Administrator Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Anyone having questions or needing assistance during or prior to the hearing can contact the Zoning Administrator, Melissa Goschka, at 517-622-8078. Written comments will be accepted until Monday, May 5, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Oneida Charter Township Clerk's Office.

Jacqueline H. Kilgore
Oneida Charter Township Clerk
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CP#25-126

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CP#25-125

Ex-BWL commissioner defends standing

Lansing Board of Water & Light General Manager Dick Peffley suggested in a City Pulse article ("Former commissioner seeks BWL reforms in city charter," April 9) that I lack standing to recommend that the City Council supervise BWL's internal auditor rather than the utility's governing board because when I was a board member for less than two years, I "voted for every audit" and did not raise concerns. But my position is well supported.

In September 2022, I and the other board members unanimously approved six topics for the BWL's internal auditor to review. He audited only two of them before we fired him for improper spending. A new auditor was not hired until after my term had ended in July 2023. In July 2024, when the current board approved topics for the new auditor, the four topics unaddressed by the prior auditor were not included. At least three of these four topics were potentially controversial: construc-

tion and operation of the \$500 million gas-burning power plant at Delta Energy Park, where repeated turbine breakdowns prompted the BWL to sue the manufacturer; the BWL's multi-million-dollar contract to supply electricity to the new Delta Township electric car battery plant, a document the general manager told me he did not want to share with the public; and decommissioning the Erickson coal-burning power plant, where the U.S. EPA has cited BWL for 29 violations of federal law related to cleanup of toxic coal ash. (BWL has denied the charges.)

It appears there is no plan to conduct these audits — supporting my opinion that, due to conflicts of interest, an internal auditor supervised by the board of commissioners is unlikely to pursue potentially controversial but important audits. An auditor supervised by the City Council would be an improvement.

**Dusty Horwitt
Washington, D.C.**

**Letter to
the editor**

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The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified ordinances, Chapter 1615, Section 1615.02 to allow fireworks on June 19th of each year from 11 a.m. until 11:45 p.m.

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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CP#25-123

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**, at Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

1. A public hearing on the request from Hassan Beydoun of Decora, Inc. on behalf of Pizza Wala's for approval of a Special Use Permit located at 523 E. Grand River Avenue. The applicant request is to allow service of alcohol for on-site consumption. The property is zoned B-3 City Center Commercial.
2. A public hearing to consider Ordinance 1543, minor amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the City's Code of Ordinances) and Sign Code (Chapter 32) which are meant to be corrections and clarifications, and not policy changes.

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 Interim City Clerk Amy Gordon at 517.319.6891, agordon@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 sbent@cityofeastlansing.com.

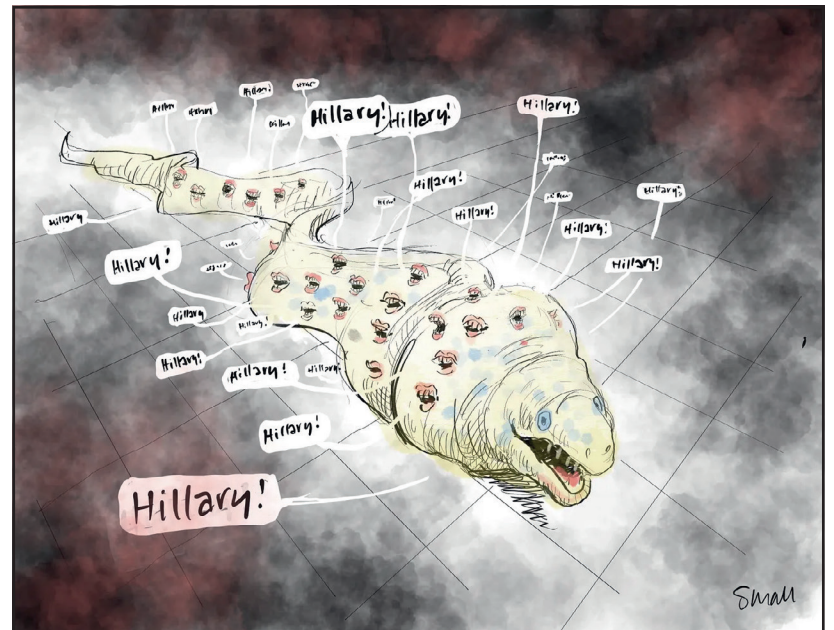
This notice is posted in compliance with P.A. 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.

Amy Gordon
Interim City Clerk

Dated: April 17, 2025
East Lansing, MI 48823

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LET'S BOOGIE! Bob Baldori & David Small



Flooding the zone: Chaos

In any given hour, outrageously false information spins by on my social media apps, including Fakebook, Instagram, TikTok. et al., like fruit symbols on a slot machine. Most posts are by "friends" mesmerized by Bozo. They are actually re-posts of something they were fed – probably by fake accounts – on their own timelines.

A random sample from two minutes ago: A "friend" posts an obviously fake meme about, of all things, Hillary Clinton! One might think this type of attack is tediously, tiresomely old news. But no. Apparently, my friend thinks I need to be reminded that HRC "murdered" Vince Foster, left four Americans to die in Benghazi, deleted 33K emails, stole billions from Haiti, etc, etc. Every single allegation outrageously false, thoroughly debunked old news, but regurgitated again and posted by a current cult true believer. My poor friend, who could never have come up with this nonsense on her own, is the equivalent of what Lenin referred to as a "useful idiot."

Inside of 15 minutes, a friend posts that Bozo, Musk and Hegseth took massive income cuts to work for the government – seriously bizarre given the well documented increase of billions in President Musk and Bozo's wealth since moving into the Oval Office.

There is a constant "flooding of the zone." Wildly misleading fake news loaded with MAGA hot buttons being posted at a relentless pace. And further, being disseminated by an overwhelming network of information systems – talk radio, social media, the MSM, etc, etc., for the most part owned and controlled by the 1%.

For a while I was countering this nonsense with corrective replies. I'm still not sure it isn't worth the effort.

A good argument can be made that individual responses are a waste of time. In fact, they may be playing right into the criminally pathological Bannon plan of "flooding the zone." Responding has several deleterious effects. First, it distracts us from coming up with an effective strategy to counter the criminal dismantling of American democracy that is happening apace. And further, it turns citizen against citizen, amplifying a general atmosphere of divisiveness and hate.

Individual efforts at addressing this AI-enhanced blizzard are not, by themselves, going to counter the effect these miscreants are achieving. (What will? See below for how to read the rest of Bob Baldori's views on this topic.)

(The Boogie Kings is an e-newsletter written by Bob Baldori, with art by David Small. The Boogie Kings Newsletter is published several times a week. To subscribe, go to theboogiekings.substack.com.)

A break from the arts tumult

Wharton and LSO muster up meaty 2025-'26 seasons



Photo by Julien Bernhamou

Baroque group Les Arts Florissants, featuring dynamic young French violinist Théotime Langlois de Swarte, will make a rare Midwest appearance at the Wharton Center on Nov. 14 to perform music by Vivaldi, including "The Four Seasons."

Wharton Center: 'World's best artists'

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Some people will do anything to get you off the couch and out of the house. They might even offer you the world.

Knock, knock. We're here! Musicians from Zimbabwe! The Royal Philharmonic! Jazz at Lincoln Center!

When Eric Olmscheid, executive director of Michigan State University's Wharton Center, put together the 2025-'26 fine arts season, he searched the globe, and the community, for ways to deisolate people and fill their souls.

Big-city roars from London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and New York City's Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, the first full production of a play about Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings by local playwright Sandra Seaton, a new series of intimate cabaret performances by Broadway greats and much more is on the slate, announced this morning (April 23).

Balancing arty stuff like the Royal Philharmonic with international troupes, dance, jazz, cabaret and nostalgic baby boomer fare is the fun part of Olmscheid's job. The hard part for the Wharton Center, or any performing arts organization, is simply getting people out of the house.

The dedicated arts patron of old, the culture lover who put on a coat and hat and went to everything for the sake of self-education, comfortable with liking some things more than others, is a rarer breed these days.

"We all fall victim to that — we get home, we're comfortable and we don't want to leave again, or we worked from home that day," Olmscheid said.

Post-pandemic inertia and streaming services are hard to fight, but Olmscheid has an ace in the hole: There's still no substitute for coming together to dig the arts live and in person.

"There's a natural downturn that's happened," Olmscheid said, "but on the other hand, people are trying to find ways to connect with one another, and this is a beautiful way of doing that."

As if the challenge of drawing people off their couches isn't enough, universities and arts organizations are looking over their right shoulders in 2025 as well as their left.

Does Olmscheid worry that productions like "Sally: A Solo Play," probing the nexus of slavery and the nation's founding, or Kurbasy, an unabashed celebration of the distinct and rich Ukrainian culture, might push a hot button somewhere among the nation's ascendant an-



Photo by Frank Stewart

Wharton Center executive director Eric Olmscheid admitted to "a little healthy sparring" between the East Lansing venue and its University of Michigan counterpart, the University Musical Society, to host the nation's premier jazz band, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. The group, led by trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, performs at Wharton on Feb. 10.

ti-woke, pro-Russia poobahs?

"It's a consideration in the whole mix," Olmscheid said. "It's something we're definitely aware of. We remain committed to our standard. If you look at our history, we've been working at bringing the world's best artists for 43 years, and that's not going to change."

Olmscheid had to hustle to pin down a date for the Royal Philharmonic, one of the world's greatest orchestras, as soon as he learned it was touring during the 2025-'26 season.

"We locked it in last fall, and it helped us shape the entire season," Olmscheid said.

He jumped at the chance to bring violinist Ray Chen, a charismatic superstar in the classical world, back to Wharton after Chen's sellout recital in March 2024.

Chen will play Tchaikovsky's violin concerto with the Royals, and the orchestra will follow up with Sibelius' epic Second Symphony.

(In a rare convergence, Chen will also play with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra on Nov. 7. For more about him, see the accompanying story on the LSO's season announcement.)

Another "tentpole" event is a rare Midwest appearance

by the Baroque group Les Arts Florissants (Nov. 14), with dynamic young French violinist Théotime Langlois de Swarte, in a program of Vivaldi music, including "The Four Seasons." Wharton's holiday season will kick off with another legendary ensemble, the Vienna Boys' Choir, bringing "Christmas in Vienna" on Nov. 30.

Olmscheid admitted to "a little healthy sparring" between Wharton and its University of Michigan counterpart, the University Musical Society, to host the nation's premier jazz band, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (Feb. 10), led by Wynton Marsalis.

"We both have long relationships with the group and with Wynton," Olmscheid said. But MSU has an extra special relationship. Not only are MSU jazz studies director Rodney Whitaker and several other faculty members alumni of the orchestra, but MSU's jazz program is practically a farm team for the Lincoln Center group.

The jazz series also features an all-star tribute to Miles Davis (March 26), assembled especially for the trumpeter's 100th birthday, with bandleader and arranger John Beasley, trumpeter Sean Jones, guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel, saxophonist Mark Turner, bassist (and MSU grad) Ben Williams and drummer Terreon Gully.

Two major productions anchor Wharton's global series next season. The Zimbabwean musical group Mokoomba will celebrate the 65th anniversary of MSU's African



The Zimbabwean musical group Mokoomba will celebrate the 65th anniversary of MSU's African a full week of classroom visits and community events in Oc

Lansing Symphony Orchestra: 'A couple of cherries on top'

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Mozart, Haydn and Bach will have to hang up their wigs and chill out. The only way to give a proper sendoff to the Lansing Symphony Orchestra's maestro of 20 years, Timothy Muffitt, is to kick things up to cosmic scale.

And that's just for openers. The orchestra's 2025-'26 season, Muffitt's final season as music director, is packed with meaty, major works — most of them from the 20th and 21st centuries — and high-profile soloists like superstar violinist Ray Chen, acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu and the LSO's own principal percussionist, Matthew Beck.

To drive home the message that this is not an ordinary year, the Oct. 4 season opener will dispense with the customary overture and launch straight into "The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci," a full-scale, 40-minute mélange of orchestral, choral and visual stimuli by Minnesota-based composer Jocelyn Hagen.

For a chaser, the orchestra will soar through "The Planets," Gustav Holst's celestial epic.

Muffitt jumped into the da Vinci work at the recommendation of Sandra Snow, choral conductor at MSU, who



Courtesy photo



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The Lansing Symphony will roll out "The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci," composer Jocelyn Hagen's multimedia project complete with a full chorus, orchestra and projected images, at its season opener on Oct. 4. The work has been performed in dozens of venues around the world since its premiere in 2019.

will add the university's massed choral forces to Hagen's immersive extravaganza.

"From the first moment, I was just taken with it," Muffitt said. "The text is all from da Vinci, and the projections are a beautifully collected collage of his work. It's on a huge scale, and it's a portal into a different way of thinking

about music."

"The Planets," unheard in Lansing for over a decade, was an obvious follow-up.

"With those spiritual and scientific threads connecting them, it just felt so right to put them together," Muffitt said. A women's chorus, drawn from the da Vinci work, will even be on hand

in the second half to wordlessly evoke the rings of Saturn.

Some of the "greatest hits" of Muffitt's tenure, including Béla Bartók's concerto for orchestra (Nov. 7), Brahms' First Symphony (Jan. 9) and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony (March 27),

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Studies Center with a full week of classroom visits and community events, including a performance at Wharton on Oct. 9.

Kurbasy, a Ukrainian folk music troupe with modern flourishes, will also dig in for a residency with local students and community groups before performing at Wharton on Oct. 23. Kurbasy emerged from the avant-garde theater Les Kurbas in Lviv, Ukraine. Three female vocalists with tambourines, cymbals, violin and double bass weave an immersive, transcendent tapestry of folklore, theater and music.

In recent years, Wharton has put a hold on producing straight-up drama, but that's about to change.

In February, the theater will present East Lansing playwright Sandra Seaton's "Sally: A Solo Play," about Sally Hemings and her relationship with Thomas Jefferson. The one-person show will run for three nights and feature actress Sabrina Sloan, who toured the U.S. as Angelica Schuyler in "Hamilton."

"This marks our return to producing theater," Olmscheid said. "I've been talking with Sandra for a couple of years, telling her we'd do it when the timing was right."

Seaton isn't just a local treasure. She was honored in 2012 with the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature's Mark Twain Award, joining the ranks of previous awardees like Toni Morrison, Ray Bradbury and Jim Harrison. Her collaboration with Pulitzer Prize-winning composer William Bolcom, "From the Diary of Sally Hemings," has been performed at Washington, D.C.'s



Courtesy photo

Broadway's original Aladdin, Adam Jacobs (right), will perform music from the songbook of the acclaimed composer Alan Menken (left) on April 23 at Club 750, an intimate venue in Wharton's glassy Jackson Lounge. The evening will include selections from Disney films such as "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Little Mermaid" as well as non-Disney stuff from shows like "Little Shop of Horrors."

Kennedy Center, New York City's Carnegie Hall and beyond.

Year by year, Olmscheid is expanding the purview of Club 750, the Wharton Center's intimate venue in the glassy Jackson Lounge with table seating and food service. Last season, events were confined to music. This season, comedy dates were added. Next season brings three Broadway-based nights, each night featuring a different singer-piano duo in a freewheeling, New York-style cabaret format.

"Sincerely, Sondheim" (Nov. 5) will feature Nicholas Rodriguez, a cast member of the recent Broadway revival of "Company," in a heartfelt tribute to the late Broadway giant. Rodriguez will read Sondheim's letters, tell personal stories and sing. Patti Murin, who originated the role of Anna in Disney's "Frozen" on Broadway, will reflect on her career on Feb. 5 in "Once Upon a Stage." Adam Jacobs, Broadway's original Aladdin, will perform from the songbook of Alan Menken on April 23, mixing Menken's Disney material with non-Disney stuff from shows like "Little Shop of Horrors."

In addition to the new Broadway series, Club 750 will continue to feature performers from multiple genres that bend or stretch musical tastes, along with comedy acts.

A unique duo of The Juilliard School graduates, ArcoStrum (April 22), starts with violin and guitar in a classical mode but stretches into traditional Chinese instruments and anything else that strikes its fancy.



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Former "Seinfeld" writer Pat Hazell's one-man show, "The Wonder Bread Years," brings a dose of boomer nostalgia to Wharton on May 14.

"It allows our more traditional audience to see something different," Olmscheid said. "One of my bigger concerns is that there's a waning interest in cultural curiosity — not a surefire 'I'm gonna love it' but 'I don't know what exactly I'm going to experience, but I'll buy a ticket and find out.'"

Highlights of Wharton's wide-ranging variety series in 2025-'26 include Montreal-based Cirque Kalabanté's "Afrique en Cirque" (Jan. 23), a colorful and musical circus show inspired by life in Guinea, and "The Choir of Man" (Feb. 24), a unique mix of music and theater set in a recreated British pub.

No less than three variety offerings are clearly aimed at the Boomer nostalgia market: a note-for-note recreation of Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" album (Sept. 27), a Simon & Garfunkel tribute (March 22) and former "Seinfeld" writer Pat Hazell's one-man show, "The Wonder Bread Years" (May 14).

But it's not a straight-up boomer fest. Olmscheid is balancing those offerings with "Avatar: The Last Airbender in Concert" on Oct. 7.

"What's great about 'Avatar' is that it brings in a totally different demographic," Olmscheid said.

"Avatar" will appeal more to Gen Z and millennial fans, but when it comes to nostalgia, musical lines blur a lot more than they used to. Sightings of teenage kids wearing Fleetwood Mac T-shirts are legion.

"It's multigenerational," Olmscheid said. "My nieces and nephews love things their grandparents love. I'll be interested in seeing who shows up for Fleetwood Mac."



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the 65th anniversary of MSU's African Studies Center with a performance at Wharton on Oct. 9.



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will get reprises next year, but Muffitt shrugged off the idea that he's encoring his past glories.

"I put a couple of cherries on top here and there," he said. "Mostly, it's just a continuation of what we've been doing for the past two decades. What have we done and what haven't we done in the past decade? What haven't we done at all?"

LSO composer-in-residence Jared Miller is also marking his final season. The Jan. 9 concert will feature Miller's gripping "Shattered Night" concerto, with one of the fiercest and most adventurous young pianists on the scene, Taiwanese-born Han Chen.

Miller wrote "Shattered Night" to mark the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the November 1938 pogroms carried out by Nazis against the German and Austrian Jewish populations. Members of Miller's family perished in Nazi camps.

"It's one of the most deeply felt pieces of music of our time I've ever heard," Muffitt said.

He recalls sitting in his study with earbuds on and being stunned by the music's visceral power.

"It left me breathless," he said. "There's a great deal of conflict, angst and drama in it, and it's very unsettling in the beginning, but he turns a corner toward the end, where there's a sense of peace. I'll leave it to the listener to figure out what it means, but it's one of the most beautiful endings of a piece of music."

In Muffitt's tenure as music director, a remarkable number of dynamic star soloists have worked with the orchestra, many of whom can write their own ticket in New York, Rome or Shanghai but are drawn in by the high reputation and exuberance of the LSO. That won't change next season, except, perhaps, for an increase in wattage. After cruising the cosmos in October, the orchestra will bring in one of classical music's hottest superstar soloists, violinist Ray Chen, to play Max Bruch's grand violin concerto on Nov. 7. (Chen will also appear at the Wharton Center on Jan. 26 to play with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.)

Chen has played with the foremost orchestras in the world, from Berlin to Paris to New York, wielding a 1714 Stradivarius formerly played by Jascha Heifetz. He's also a comfortable denizen of the 21st century: a lively blogger, educator, gaming fanatic and musical consultant for the video game developer Riot Games.

"He's a very special kind of musician, not only in his exquisite playing but in his connection with audiences,"



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Jared Miller will cap his term as the LSO's composer in residence with performances of two major works: his "Shattered Night" concerto for piano and orchestra on Jan. 9 and a world premiere on May 15.

Muffitt said. "It's like Lang Lang. Only a handful of people have that: a power they bring to live performance that transcends just normal great playing."

The Bruch concerto is dear to both men's hearts. Chen played it at the 2012 Nobel Prize ceremonies with the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic.

"Every moment of it reaches you in such a direct and beautiful way," Muffitt said. "I'm thrilled to have Ray here because it will really line up with his gifts."

Muffitt has also made a point of featuring top LSO players as soloists, often performing innovative and fresh music. A crackling marimba concerto by Kevin Puts will highlight the mallet work of LSO principal percussionist Matthew Beck on March 27.

Muffitt has long wanted to feature Beck front and center.

"Because there's so much nuance in percussion playing, such an infinite palette of possibilities, I've probably talked to Matt more than any principal player in the orchestra," Muffitt said. "I've always admired and appreciated his creativity and the seriousness he brings to his work. We've been so lucky to have him, and I'm really excited to bring him out front."

The May 15 season finale brings another major star, pianist Jon Nakamatsu, winner of the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, for a Lansing encore after a 2023 performance of Brahms' epic Second Piano Concerto. Nakamatsu will play Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini."

"Jon is one of my favorite people and one of the most beautiful pianists playing today," Muffitt said.

The evening will also feature a world premiere, and Lansing swan



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Lansing will get a double dose of classical superstar Ray Chen next season as he performs Max Bruch's violin concerto with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra on Nov. 7 and joins London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Wharton Center on Jan. 26.



Photo by Olivia Beebe

Pianist Jon Nakamatsu, winner of the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, scored big in Lansing with a 2023 performance of Brahms' epic Second Piano Concerto. He'll return May 15 to play Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsodies on a Theme of Paganini."

song, from Jared Miller.

The music hasn't even been written yet, and that's exciting for Muffitt.

"It will be written just for us," Muffitt said. "It will grow out of his experience with the orchestra as he's gotten to know the individual players and the community. We've left space for it to be a significant work."

To crown it all, Muffitt will lead the orchestra in Respighi's kaleidoscopic showpiece "Pines of Rome." The music ends with a crushing crescendo appropriate for a big occasion, but it makes no grand statements about civilization, humanity or Muffitt's last day on the job.

True to form, the maestro skipped the chance to give himself a self-aggrandizing apotheosis like Beethoven's

Ninth Symphony or Strauss' "Death and Transfiguration." He referred to "Pines of Rome" as "four postcards" that follow a thread of 20th-century romanticism shared by several other pieces on next season's slate.

"It's so evocative. It just takes you to a place, creates a landscape full of vivid details, color, drama and splendor," he said.

And don't let the Roman legions distract you from that sublime third-movement nocturne.

"Very few pieces of music have captured the peace and tranquility of nighttime the way this does," Muffitt said. It's nice of the maestro to tuck us in before turning out the light and leaving the room.

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MFA Exhibition explores homelands, identity and the natural environment

By **CHELSEA LAKE ROBERTS**

Morgan Hill, a native of Baltimore County, Maryland, was attracted to Michigan State University partially because of the interdisciplinary nature of its master of fine arts program. Originally a painter, over the course of her three years in the program, she's been able to explore everything from digital art to Chinese calligraphy.

"Many MFA programs have a primary focus, and it's not an individual-led focus. You have to say you're focused on painting, but I wanted to be able to do anything," she said.

Hill remembers the spark of possibility that led to her current body of work, on view at MSU's Broad Art Museum as part of the 2025 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition, along with work by Megan Weaver and Claire Heiney.

She was experimenting with synthetic YUPO paper and noticed the resistance of her thumbprint had become visible through the oil's interaction with the paper.

"It was a happy accident. It made me consider how I can represent the invisible parts of my identity, those things that seem insignificant but are the foundation and structure of our habits," she said.

This technical discovery eventually led to an artistic collaboration between Hill and All of the Above Hip Hop Academy in Lansing. Hill laid out enormous sheets of paper and encouraged breakdancers to move on them, making marks in the process.

"I said that I was hosting an event, but after the pieces were finished, I began to call them works of collaboration," Hill said. "Instead of me painting and thinking about people, I told the dancers, 'You guys are my brushes.'"

Hill is interested in language and how we write. Her large, abstract pieces form a "codex," she said. She described her techniques with YUPO



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From left: Exhibiting artists Claire Heiney, Morgan Hill and Megan Weaver at the opening of the 2025 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition at the MSU Broad Art Museum.

paper as "being and documenting an instantaneous moment."

Weaver's sculptures, utilizing everyday objects and a cast of her own body, also bring hidden notions of identity to the surface. Originally from Arkansas, Weaver said, "I'd never left home, so moving to Michigan was a big deal. It really changed my perspective and informed the concepts I was already working with, including the political landscape, personal experiences and this idea of feeling a deep sense of love for your home but also heavily critiquing ideologies that are there."

During the exhibition's reception, Weaver was awarded the annual Master of Fine Arts Prize by guest juror Jessica Hong, chief curator of the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, Missouri.

Weaver's sculpture of herself at a kitchen table faces a tower of pots and pans that reach to the ceiling. On the

table, pieces of a redacted memoir are legible to the viewer.

"The installation is a commentary on women's position in society," she said.

Over the three-year MFA program, she said her original artistic intentions have changed dramatically: "They're much more massive than I expected."

On the first floor of the museum space, between Hill's and Weaver's work, sits Heiney's environmentally based installation of an abstracted Midwestern prairie. For Heiney, who's originally from Grand Rapids, their experience in the MFA program was an opportunity to explore their deep connection to this region.

Heiney lived in Portland, Oregon, for about three years starting in 2019 but came home to Michigan to pursue their MFA. Speaking of the Pacific Northwest, they said, "I loved that experience and that place, but I'm actually very rooted to the Midwest and this place in general. Not just family, but I care deeply about this land. So often, people who aren't from here are so quick to write off the Midwest.



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Weaver's self-portrait, a sculpture cast from her own body.

But it's a very beautiful and rich environment. I love living here."

The MFA Exhibition is the result of a yearlong collaboration between the students and the Broad. The show, co-curated by Broad assistant curator Rachel Winter and former curatorial research assistant Laine Lord, provides the emerging artists with a professional development opportunity to exhibit in a museum and learn about museum processes and procedures.

"One of the things that was really inspiring to me was that when you're curating a group show, you want to help the work come together in a meaningful way," Winter said. "This show doesn't have a specific theme; rather, each artist has a specific question. But it came together beautifully, and the work relates to each other really well. I think part of those connections that can be drawn and how the pieces resonate with each other is because the members of this cohort are great friends and colleagues to each other."

Added Heiney, "It's been such a blessing that our cohort is so small. It's just the three of us, and we've gotten so close. Our work is very different, but we all care about a lot of the same stuff. We're all interested in touch and unspoken forms of communication that exist in everyday life. We examine what some people might call the mundane and the everyday."

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Curtis Chin to address the crowd at annual Night for Notables

By **BILL CASTANIER**

This weekend is the Library of Michigan's annual Night for Notables celebration, honoring the 20 Michigan Notable Books on this year's list and the authors behind them.

However, there's a dark cloud hanging over Saturday's (April 26) celebration due to recent federal cutbacks for library services and the arts and humanities, along with continued book banning. Despite that, the show will go on. The keynote speaker will be Curtis Chin, whose memoir, "Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant," was a Michigan Notable Book in 2024. (Full disclosure: I will be interviewing Chin at the event and have served on the Michigan Notable Books selection committee for years.)

Chin will talk about his family's restaurant, Chung's, which was not only a popular Chinese eatery but also a refuge during the tumultuous 1980s in Detroit, when crack cocaine, the AIDS crisis and the disassembling of the auto industry plagued the city. The restaurant was founded by Chin's great-grandfather in 1939 and moved from its original home in Detroit's Chinatown to the Cass Corridor in 1960 when the Chinatown area was paved over for an expressway.

Chin will take attendees inside the multigenerational family restaurant, which thrived for more than six decades, selling over 10,000 eggrolls before it

closed in 2000. Chin's restaurant days have inspired him to begin working on a docuseries about iconic Chinese restaurants across the United States. He's also working on a screenplay adaptation of his memoir, which will follow Chinese Americans living through the chaotic 1980s in Detroit.

Since winning a Michigan Notable Book award, Chin has been visiting schools and libraries across the country and will soon leave for a European tour. Ironically, his suburban Detroit high school wouldn't let him speak, an experience he'll discuss in detail at the Night for Notables.

He'll also talk about the murder of a family friend, Vincent Chin, who was killed by two Detroit auto workers who mistakenly thought he was Japanese at a time of high anti-Japanese sentiment. The death had a lasting impact on Curtis Chin, inspiring him to become

a writer for the documentary "Vincent Who?" in 2009.

Since then, Chin has written and directed documentaries on the late Los Angeles-based photographer and activist Corky Lee and standardized testing at a New York City middle school. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he's written for a variety of news outlets, including CNN, the Detroit Free Press, Bon Appétit and the Boston Globe. He's also a co-founder of New York City's nonprofit Asian American Writers' Workshop, which has launched numerous best-selling authors.

In addition to being about working and growing up in a Chinese restaurant, Chin's memoir is a complex coming-of-age and coming-out story. He calls himself a gay "ABC" (American-born

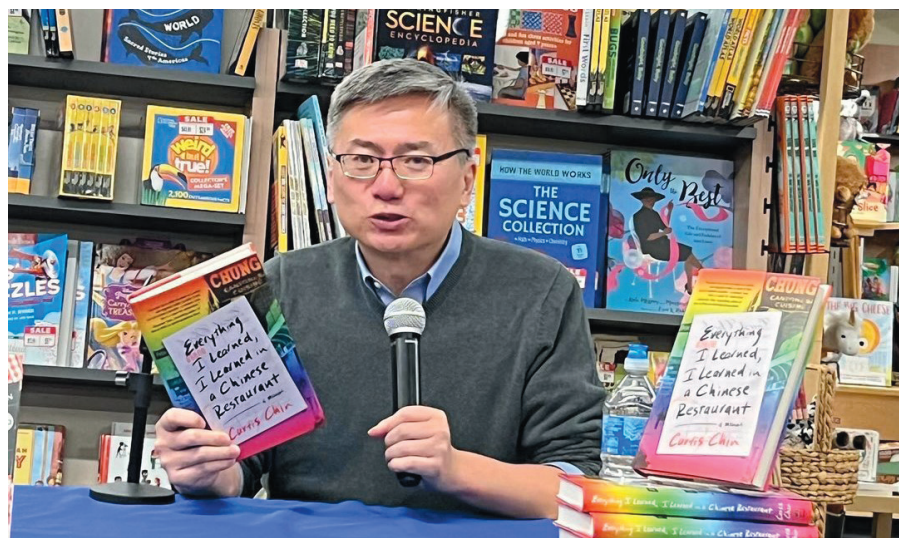


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Writer and director Curtis Chin, whose memoir, "Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant," was a Michigan Notable Book in 2024, will be the keynote speaker at the 2025 Night for Notables celebration Saturday evening (April 26).

Chinese).

Growing up, Chin would spend his after-school hours studying while working at the restaurant. At a recent event in East Lansing, he told of his experience with former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, who frequented Chung's and imparted an inspirational message about dealing with anger.

Chin also believes that his father's wisdom regarding customers has spilled over into his worldview.

"Most parents were telling their kids, 'Don't talk to strangers,'" Chin said. "My brothers and I were thrown into the restaurant environment, where talking to strangers was encouraged."

A limited number of Night for Notables tickets are still available on the Library of Michigan Foundation's website. Authors who will be in attendance to sign books include Erin Bartels, Bonnie Jo Campbell, Donald Lystra, Amos Paul Kennedy Jr. and Melba Joyce Boyd,

among others. Boyd, who is Michigan's poet laureate, will read one of her poems.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to view 20 stunning and disturbing photographs of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning photographer Taro Yamasaki, which will be accompanied by stunning poetic descriptions written by Anne-Marie Oomen, who has won several Michigan Notable Book awards and was the recipient of the Library of Michigan's 2023-'24 Michigan Author Award.

Yamasaki and Oomen, who met at a patio party during the pandemic, are working on a manuscript showcasing Yamasaki's photographs of children who have faced trauma in war-torn countries, coupled with Oomen's lyric-driven poetry.

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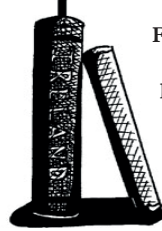

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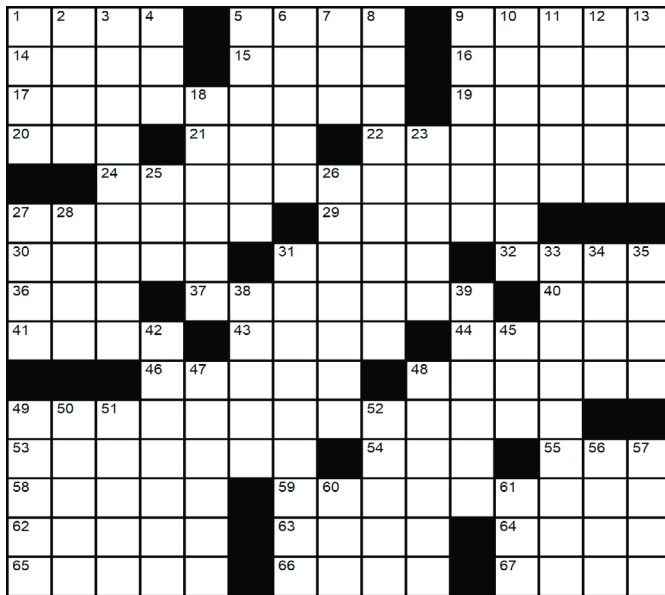
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"A Sporting Chance"
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1. Prepare potatoes
5. Con game
9. Brainy org.
14. Say it again
15. Ballet bend
16. Movie excerpts
17. Not-quite-Olympic sport that takes forever to go downhill?
19. Bean eaten as "nibs"
20. Former "Bake-Off" cohort Perkins who's somehow presenting "Chess Masters: The Endgame"
21. Hosp. workers
22. Absorbed the entirety of
24. Not-quite-Olympic sport to get telephone poles and trees airborne?
27. Visit
29. Jon of "Napoleon Dynamite"
30. What it could be
31. Mani-___ (salon offering)
32. Car rental name
36. Wilson of Heart
37. Not-quite-Olympic sport that still involves beams?
40. Campers
41. #1
43. Spirited energy
44. Vital part?
46. Portrayals
48. Knights' suits
49. Not-quite-Olympic



- sport with lines like "That's an oval" and "It's a hexagon"?
53. Secret group in "The Da Vinci Code"
54. "Packed house" initials
55. Wildebeest
58. Social division
59. Not-quite-Olympic sport where you can sample a bunch of events?
62. Uber alternative?
63. Oil bloc acronym
64. Root vegetable
65. Manuscript enclosures, for short
66. Evening, in ads
67. Scandinavian capital
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1. Disaster
 2. "Know your rights" org.
 3. Crams (in)
 4. "In what way?"

5. Like some cakes
 6. Don't go together
 7. Tank contents
 8. Got involved with, without being asked
 9. Source for a fast pick-me-up
 10. Hyundai model since the '90s
 11. "Anaconda" performer Minaj
 12. Where tapas originate
 13. "___ of Ice and Fire"
 18. Unethical payments
 23. 2006 Chamillionaire hit
 25. Pre-album releases, sometimes
 26. Item 100 of 100, e.g.
 27. Cotton-tipped cleaner
 28. Synthesizer output
 31. Overdoes the workload
 33. Gaming headset
 34. Lord ___
- Mountbatten (openly gay British royal on season 3 of "The Traitors")
35. Tax day IDs
38. Skirmish
39. Balzac's "Le Pere ___"
42. Board member, perhaps
45. '70s pres. monogram
47. Restaurant requests
48. Vanish without ___
49. Concentrate
50. Old toothpaste brand featured in "Grease"
51. Blasts of wind
52. At this point
56. Oasis lead guitarist Gallagher
57. "Do ___ others ..."
60. Tech sch. in Troy, NY
61. "The White Lotus" ailer

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

April 23-29, 2025

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries filmmaker Akira Kurosawa devoted meticulous attention to weather conditions. He would postpone shooting a particular scene for days, waiting for the exact right blend of wind, clouds or precipitation to create the ideal ambiance. I recommend you adopt his patient sense of timing in the coming weeks, Aries. While you typically prefer direct action, now is a favorable phase to coordinate your desire to get what you need with life's changing conditions. What advantages might you gain by waiting for the ripest moments to arrive?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can't see or hold the wind, though you can feel its force and observe its effects. It scatters some seeds far and wide, dispersing them to grow in unexpected places. When harnessed by turbines, wind is a renewable energy source. It can be utilized to pump water and fuel telecommunications equipment. Winds influence daily weather by transporting water and heat. I have summarized wind's qualities because I see this upcoming phase of your cycle as being wind-like, Taurus. You won't necessarily have to be obvious to spread your influence. You will be able to work behind the scenes in potent ways. Who knows where your seeds will land and germinate? There will be surprises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The Earth's first big ecological crisis happened 2.5 billion years ago. Ancient bacteria became a successful life form. They proliferated. The only problem was that they produced an abundance of oxygen, which was toxic to all the other existing life forms at that time. And yet, that bump in evolution was ultimately essential in the rise of complex organisms that thrive on oxygen, like us. We wouldn't be here today without bacteria's initially problematic intervention. Nothing as monumentally major or epic will occur for you in the coming weeks, Gemini. But I do suspect that what may initially seem disruptive could ultimately generate positive outcomes. I hope you prime yourself to transform challenging situations into opportunities for growth. For best results, set aside your fixed beliefs about what's necessary for maximum progress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): From the 17th through the 19th centuries, Paris was famous for its salons. There, artists, writers and big thinkers assembled to exchange ideas and inspire each other. The salons were often orchestrated by illustrious, educated women in their private homes. They were hotbeds of networking and cultural innovation. Listening and learning were key elements. Now would be an excellent time for you to organize, host or encourage similar gatherings, Cancerian. You have extra power to facilitate the stellar socializing that generates zesty connections and spreads invigorating influences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) was one of the bravest Americans who ever lived. After escaping enslavement, she heroically returned to other Southern plantations many times to help free enslaved people. To accomplish her miraculous rescues, she relied in part on her dreams and visions — what she called divine guidance — to navigate through challenging situations. I suspect you will soon have access to similar assets: extraordinary courage and help from unusual or even supernatural sources. Use these gifts wisely, Leo!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The nations of planet Earth launched 263 space flights in 2024 and are on track for over 300 in 2025. Most of the satellites and spacecraft are devoted to scientific research. A relatively small proportion is dedicated to communication, navigation and military uses. I would love for you to have an equally high level of exploratory and experimental energy in the coming weeks, Virgo. You will align yourself with cosmic rhythms if you spend more time than usual investigating the frontiers. It's time to expand and extend yourself!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What's the oldest living organism on Earth? It's a bristlecone pine tree nicknamed "Methuselah." Almost 4,800 years old, it resides somewhere in California's White Mountains, though its precise location is kept secret to protect it. In the spirit of shielding and nurturing valuable things, I urge you to consider maintaining similar safeguards in the coming weeks. Like Methuselah, your precious processes and creations might thrive best when allowed to grow free from undue attention. You may benefit from maintaining privacy and silence about certain matters as they develop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): I love to gaze out my office window at Gallinas Creek during high tide. At certain interludes, the water is perfectly still. It almost perfectly reflects the sky in every detail, with all its clouds, birds and hues of blue. My conscious mind knows the difference between the real sky and reflected sky, but my eyes can't discern. That's a helpful metaphor for all of us all the time — and especially for you in the coming weeks. It will be crucial for you to maintain an acute awareness of what's genuine and what's illusory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901-1978) revolutionized her field. She didn't study other cultures from a distance with a detached perspective. Instead, she learned their languages and immersed herself in their daily lives. So, she earned the intimate understanding to conclude, "What people say, what people do and what they say they do are entirely different things." This is a crucial principle for you right now. You must directly observe people's actions rather than simply believing what they say about themselves — or what others say about them. You must look beyond surface declarations to understand the deeper rhythms and patterns. For best results, be a devoted participant, not an uninvolved judge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Capricorn mystic Alan Watts wrote "The Book: On the Taboo Against Knowing Who You Are." He proposed that each of us is far more glorious than our separate, isolated egos. It's difficult to come to this understanding, however, since our culture conspires to hide it from us. That's the bad news. The good news, Capricorn, is that you will have an unprecedented chance to partly shatter this taboo in the coming weeks. I have high hopes that you will discover deep truths about yourself that have previously been unavailable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Beginning in 1946, Bedouins exploring caves near the Dead Sea discovered an immense trove of ancient documents written on parchment. These manuscripts provided many new revelations into early Christianity, biblical texts and the history and culture of Judaism. I suspect that in the coming weeks, you may experience a metaphorical equivalent of this breakthrough and unveiling. To prepare, meditate on these questions: 1. What mysterious parts of your life story would you like to have illuminated? 2. About which aspects of your past would you like to receive new truths? 3. Is there anything missing in your understanding of who you really are?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): White light enters a glass prism and is translated on the other side into a rainbow of colors. That's because each color rides its own wavelength, even while seamlessly blended in the white light, and then gets bent differently by the prism. The magic of the prism is that it reveals the hidden spectrum within, the latent diversity contained within the apparently monolithic beam of white light. In the coming weeks, Pisces, I predict that you will be like a prism, bringing out vibrancy in situations or relationships that may seem nondescript or mundane at first glance. Your ability to discern and appreciate multiple perspectives will enable you to create an intriguing kind of harmony. You will have the power to notice and reveal beauty that has been veiled or unnoticed.

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Wednesday, April 23

"A Course of Love" Zoom Discussion Group, with Lucille Olson and Bill Diedrich - Group reads a section of the book each week and discusses the insightful ideas. 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

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

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

Bingo - Every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo cafe 5 p.m. Early bird 6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/EatonRapidsSeniorCenter.

Bookend Gallery Display - Maureen Ryan is sharing some of her oils, acrylics and mixed-media pieces this month at the Haslett Library's Bookend Gallery. Noon-4 p.m. 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

CharLit Adult Book Club: "The Black Utopians: Searching for Paradise and the Promised Land in America," by Aaron Robertson - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Emotional Resiliency Workshop Day - A powerful day of workshops focused on mental health, emotional resilience and coping strategies that honor cultural diversity. 9 a.m.-noon. LCC Arts & Sciences Building, 419 N. Washington Square, Lansing. Register at lcc.edu.

"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at the Meridian Mall food court through April. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Goat Yoga - Let it all "goat" while making cherished memories! No yoga experience needed. 6 p.m. Hilltop Views Farm, 161 E. Frost Road, Williamston. lansingmichigan.goatyoga.net.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle, hosted by Starlight Entertainment - 7-11 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. Lansingshuffle.com.

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

p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne Tincaps - Game highlight: Every Wednesday home game, dogs are welcome at Jackson Field. 6:05 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Lansing Roller Derby Adult Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course focused on developing skaters to their full potential, regardless of prior skill or experience. 8-10 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Life Drawing at REACH Studio Art Center - You'll receive constructive feedback as each session moves from quick warm-up drawings to longer poses with our partially clothed model. No experience needed. 6 p.m. 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Mason Slusher Live at Dublin Square - 9 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. facebook.com/dublinsquare.

Meridian Historical Village Speaker Series - Nakia Parker, an assistant professor of history at MSU, presents on the contributions of African American women to U.S. history. 7 p.m. Village Chapel, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

Parkinson's Support Social Lunch - Join us for a relaxed social time. Order off the menu and pay your own bill. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Coral Gables, 2838 Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-449-1722. lap.org.

"Patterns in Nature" - A group exhibition of paintings, photography and other art depicting patterns that are found in nature. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

"Scrapscapes" - Artist Steph Joy Hogan offers mixed-media snapshots of imaginary worlds and the whimsical flora and fauna that inhabit them. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Nelson Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. thenelsongallery.com.

Tap II for Teens & Adults - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

"Trees & Water & Worms, Oh My!" Earth Week Open House - Kids can learn about Earth science through a series of fun, hands-on activities. 5:30-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Weaving the Web: Altars - 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. weaversoftheweb.org.

"Where the Light Gets In" - Public art installation on view daily from dusk to dawn at the northeast corner of Trowbridge and Harrison Roads in East Lansing, just west of Holden Hall. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

'Vanitas: Archive of Arrested Decay'

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 23-Saturday, April 26
MSU Broad Art Museum
547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing

A unique durational performance taking place at the Michigan State University Broad Art Museum today (April 23) through Saturday (April 26) aims to explore how food sustains and nourishes us not only physically but also culturally.

"Vanitas: Archive of Arrested Decay," created by Carmel Bar and Michal Evyatar of Mela, a multisensory art and design studio based in Israel, showcases preserved food items that will harden and shift over the course of the four-day run, "revealing not only their physical substance but a cultural imprint — an unspoken testament of agricultural landscapes, human touch and collective memory," the Broad website states. "Mummification becomes a futile attempt to arrest the inevitable, with each preserved specimen testifying to our human desire to resist impermanence."

Visitors are invited to add to the performance by bringing a food item to be preserved from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday (April 25). The items should be something "from the home you grew up in that has the flavors and smells of home."

For more information on "Vanitas," visit broadmuseum.msu.edu.



Your Money, Your Goals Mini Workshop - Free financial empowerment training for social workers, case managers and other frontline staff. Learn about the CFPB's Your Money, Your Goals toolkit. 11:30 a.m. MSU Extension, 551 Courthouse Drive, Ste. 1, Charlotte. canr.msu.edu/outreach.

Thursday, April 24

Absolute Music Chamber Series: "Dual Celli" - We'll start in the 1700s with music by Giardini, then move to the 1800s with work by von Weber and finish in the 1900s with Prokofiev and Shostakovich. 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Acting 101 for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Al-Anon Meeting - 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. cmialanon.org.

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

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

"Baba" - Audience favorite Sarab Kamoo portrays both characters in a tender and touching

father-daughter tale. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Blood Drive - Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Service) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Noon-5:45 p.m. Delta Township Administration Building, 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. facebook.com/deltatownship.

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College Night at Lansing Shuffle - Free shuffleboard with student ID, half off well drinks, \$5 pitchers. 7-11 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

Cooper Johnson Live at Dublin Square - 9 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. facebook.com/dublinsquare.

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. weaversoftheweb.org.

Creating a Sacred Space Workshop - Spring is the perfect time to create sacred space in your home. We'll cover the significance of sacred space, energy clearing techniques and practical tips/tools. 7 p.m. Brooke the Intuitive, 113 W. Main St., Suite 1, DeWitt. brooketheintuitive.com.

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Crystal Awards Reception - Celebrate the recipients of East Lansing City Council's 2025 Crystal Awards. 5 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/138/Crystal-Awards.

"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: Every Thursday home game, enjoy \$3 domestics (cans/drafts), \$5 seltzers and \$3 16-ounce soft drinks! 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Lego-Palooza! - Each child will get a tray of LEGO bricks and must build their most fantastic creation from just those bricks. Some Duplo bricks will be available for younger children. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Michigan Audubon Annual Meeting - This virtual gathering is your chance to connect with fellow members, hear from Michigan Audubon leadership and reflect on our collective impact in 2024. 7 p.m. Register at michiganaudubon.org for Zoom link.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

MSU Wind Symphony - Program features "BASH," "Lux Aeterna" and "Blue Shades," by Frank Ticheli; "Adventures on Earth" and "Star Wars Trilogy," by John Williams; and movement two of "Ursa," by Libby Larsen. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

"Patterns in Nature" - A group exhibition of paintings, photography and other art depicting patterns that are found in nature. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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"Scrapscapes" - Artist Steph Joy Hogan offers mixed-media snapshots of imaginary worlds and the whimsical flora and fauna that inhabit them. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Nelson Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. thenelsongallery.com.

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

Summerlands Brewing Co. Crossword Challenge - Each team is given a copy of the same crossword puzzle. The first team to complete the crossword correctly wins a \$10 certificate valid for a future visit. Start at 7 or 8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Take Your Child to Work Day - Learn more about the many creative careers in museums at this art-filled open house designed for families of MSU faculty and staff. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broad-museum.msu.edu.

Thursday Night Open Forge - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal master-

pieces! 6-9 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

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.

Weaving Leadership and Ethics Together: Ethics, Leadership, and the Common Good 2 - Continuing education course for LMSW intermediate and advanced skill levels. 9 a.m. 2436 Woodlake Circle, Suite 380, Okemos. eventbrite.com/o/msu-school-of-social-work-44929438833.

"Where the Light Gets In" - Public art installation on view daily from dusk to dawn at the northeast corner of Trowbridge and Harrison Roads in East Lansing, just west of Holden Hall. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Friday, April 25

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: "Holes" - 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusespress.org.

"Baba" - Audience favorite Sarab Kamoo portrays both characters in a tender and touching father-daughter tale. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Bare Bones Improv Debut Performance - A night of improv games where audience members suggest the topic of each scene for our improvisers to act out. Hilarity will ensue! 8 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/BareBonesLansing.

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

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Cheryl Wheeler and Kenny White - "75 Septembers," "Aces" and "Estate Sale" are just a few of Wheeler's popular folk songs. White adds accompaniment and several selections of his own. 7:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Country Night at Lansing Shuffle - Enjoy line dance instruction from 8-9 p.m., followed by modern country music playing until midnight! We'll have drink specials all night. No cover! 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

Craft Club - Make an egg carton animal portrait! Grades 4-12. Registration req. 4 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

"Beautiful Melting: The Dissolving of Beauty-Antibeauty States in the Quark-Gluon Plasma" - Presentation by Manuel Calderón de la Barca Sánchez, professor of physics at the University of California Davis. 6:30 p.m. Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, 640 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. frib.msu.edu/gateway.

"Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty" - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at the Meridian Mall food court through April. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Homeschool Fridays at Launch Trampoline Park - Join us from Noon-3 p.m. on Fridays. Just \$10 for two hours of play. Add on laser tag for \$5. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. launchfamilyentertainment.com/lansing.

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge - Teams will put together as much of a 500-piece puzzle as possible within 75 minutes. The two teams with the most completed will win gift certificates. 6:30 p.m. Delta Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. Register at deltami.gov/registration.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: celebration of the legacy and life of Jackie Robinson. 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

The Love Effect Live at Mash Bar - 9:30 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment

Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Ms. Tattoo City Experience Introduction - Contestants will be introduced on the main stage. Each contestant will have a moment to share a brief introduction and answer one question from the hosts. 6:30 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. tattoocityatcon.com.

"On the Exhale" - When an act of violence changes her life forever, a liberal college professor finds herself inexplicably drawn to the very weapon used to perpetrate the crime. 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

Parkinson's Exercise: Movement with Vitality - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Parkour for Littles at ALIVE - You and your little one will learn to safely maneuver obstacles using the whole body. Build strength, balance, focus and problem-solving skills after listening to related stories. Ages 3-6. 10 a.m. 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. myalive.com.

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Second Chance Wellness and Job Fair - Get connected to employers that are hiring in the Lansing area and social service agencies that can help you address barriers to obtaining and maintaining employment. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Consumers Credit Union, 6935 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 231-340-8418. trishaw@nationoutside.org.

Spring ShoCase Horse Show - Sho' off your skills in our challenge classes or enjoy some popcorn as you cheer on the riders competing in the team versatility challenge! 8 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. shomehorseshow.com/spring-shocase.

Tattoo City Tattoo Convention - There will be something for everyone all weekend, including shopping, tattooing, contests, entertainment, celebrities and more. 2-11 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. tattoocitytatcon.com.

TGIF Dance Party - Doors open at 7 p.m., line dance lesson at 7:15 p.m., dance runs 8 p.m. to midnight. Dinner buffet, coffee and water provided. Cash/credit bar available. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 1501 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

UrbanBeat Walter Blanding Series: Nothin' but the Blues - Award-winning saxophonist, educator and composer Walter Blanding performs blues music with an ensemble of guest musicians. 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

“Where the Light Gets In” Closing Reception and Workshop - A choose-your-own-adventure-style event where attendees will be given a number of ways to interact with the art. 8-10 p.m. Installation is located at the northeast corner of Trowbridge and Harrison Roads in East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Saturday, April 26

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: “Holes” - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

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Black Barn Band Live at the Irish Pub - 8 p.m. 1910 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. 517-253-8713. facebook.com/IrishPubLansing.

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The Debutants, with special guest Dangling Particles - Formed by Lynn Nicholson and Jon Swain, The Debutants have crafted a unique sound blending folk, bluegrass, Irish, rock and jam-band influences. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Dine-in or Carryout Sauerkraut Dinner and Dance - Dinner 5-6:30 p.m., live polka music and dancing to follow. \$15 adults, \$7 children 10 and under. Lansing Liederkrantz, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/lansingliederkrantzclub.

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

Drone Day - Enjoy a free, fun day of flying and learning about drones with industry experts and LCC drone program staff. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. lcc.edu/droneday.

“Farmland: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty” - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Frequency Sound Bath Workshop - Relax, rebalance, align and activate your energy field. 2 p.m. The Light House Chapel, 1501 Windsor St., Lansing. facebook.com/lansinglighthousechapel.

Fundraiser for Palestine/Movie Screening - See the award-winning film/documentary “Lyd.” There will be vendors selling food, art and more. Proceeds will be donated to the Al Mawasi Clinic and Dalhoun fundraisers to support those in need in Palestine. 2 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. lansingforpalestine.org.

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Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: Enjoy \$5 16-ounce White Claws and bring your pets! 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mastermind Prayer Circle on Zoom - Support each other in envisioning our heart's desires. Facilitator Lisa Schmidt. 8 a.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Meet Your Doula - Meet some of the best doulas Lansing has to offer! This event is held speed-dating style, so come anytime from 4-5:30 p.m. and spend some time with each of our doulas. Willow Tree Family Center, 1141 N. Pine St., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingDoula.

Ms. Tattoo City Experience Semi-Finals - Contestants will showcase beachwear outfits that highlight their tattoos. 8:15 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. tattoocitytatcon.com.

MSU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs, “Songs of Love and Destiny” - The Symphony Orchestra joins forces with the Choral Union, State Singers and University Chorale to paint a vivid portrait of human emotions. 8 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Murder on the Square - Can you solve the murder of the century? Join us for a fun, interactive event. Teams and individuals are welcome. Tickets include hors d'oeuvres from Whistle Pig. 7 p.m. Courthouse Square Museum, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. csamuseum.net.

“On the Exhale” - When an act of violence changes her life forever, a liberal college professor finds herself inexplicably drawn to the very weapon used to perpetrate the crime. 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

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Ready, Set, Zydeco, with Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience - When it comes to zydeco music, two-time Grammy-winning Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience is the act to see. 1:30 and 4 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Recycle Rama - The largest one-day recycling event in mid-Michigan. Celebrate Earth Day and dispose of hard-to-recycle items. Open to the



Science in the Gardens

Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26
MSU Horticulture Gardens
1066 Bogue St., East Lansing

The Michigan State University Science Festival will cap a month of STEAM-centric fun with a Science in the Gardens event noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the school's Horticulture Gardens, featuring hands-on activities and demonstrations allowing curious attendees of all ages to explore the natural world.

At the indoor portion of the 4-H Children's Garden, guests can explore the life cycle of butterflies, look at them up close under microscopes and watch them flutter around in the garden's flight house. At the bioretention research facility, attendees can learn about rain gardens and their use in preventing flooding through crafts, a scavenger hunt and other activities. From 1 to 3 p.m. at the conservatory, local poets will read some of their work in a program titled “Infinity in the Palm of Your Hand: How Writers See the Universe,” which is recommended for high-school-age patrons and above.

As with all Science Festival events, admission is free. For more information, visit sciencefestival.msu.edu.

public, no registration req. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. facebook.com/MidMichiganRecycling.

Red Cross Babysitting Workshop - Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, age-appropriate activities and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Ages 12-17. Registration req. 10 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Run For Giving 5K - Run, walk or roll! Proceeds will go toward CCIEC's basic needs programming at our Cristo Rey campus. 9 a.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. runsignup.com/cciecrunforgiving5k.

Salamander Survey - With the help of expert guides and local naturalists, we'll search for salamanders and other amphibians while gaining a deeper understanding of their behaviors, needs and conservation efforts. Ages 6-12. 6 p.m. Lincoln Brick Park, 13991 Tallman Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Science in the Gardens - Enjoy hands-on activities and demonstrations that explore the natural world. All ages. Noon-4 p.m. MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

“Scrapsapes” - Artist Steph Joy Hogan offers mixed-media snapshots of imaginary worlds and the whimsical flora and fauna that inhabit them. Noon-5 p.m. Nelson Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. thenelsongallery.com.

Spring Recycling Day - Capital-area residents can safely recycle unwanted items in the shared parking lot between Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos) and High Caliber Karting (1982 West Grand River Ave., Okemos). 9 a.m.-1 p.m. facebook.com/MeridianTownship.

Spring ShoCase Horse Show - Sho' off your skills in our challenge classes or enjoy some popcorn as you cheer on the riders competing in the team versatility challenge! 8 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. shomehorseshow.com/spring-shocase.

Study SMART - Finals are a drag, but we're here to help! With plenty of study space, relaxing art activities, and free coffee and snacks, you're sure to ace exam week. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Tattoo City Tattoo Convention - There will be something for everyone all weekend, including shopping, tattooing, contests, entertainment, celebrities and more. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. tattoocitytatcon.com.

Village Crafters Spring Cleaning Craft Supply Sale - Crafters will be selling new and gently used supplies. We'll be collecting items for the Ingham County Animal Shelter. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Masonic Lodge, 840 E. Columbia St., Mason. facebook.com/villagecraftersgroup.

“Where the Light Gets In” - Public art installation on view daily from dusk to dawn at the northeast corner of Trowbridge and Harrison Roads in East Lansing, just west of Holden Hall. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Sunday, April 27

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: “Holes” - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

Auditions: “A Midsummer Night's Dream” - Students, alumni and community members are encouraged to audition for this summer show. Please prepare a short Shakespeare monologue. 2-5 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LCCPerformingArts.

“Baba” - Audience favorite Sarab Kamoo portrays both characters in a tender and touching father-daughter tale. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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Copper Chimney Lounge Poetry Series: Joyce Benvenuto & Jan Shoemaker - The featured readings will be followed by a pie and coffee social break and an open mic. 4-6 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/LansingPoetryClub.

Drum Circle at Bath Community Center - Join the Greater Lansing Area Drummers for a fun and energetic afternoon of rhythm and drumming. All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

Euchre - 5:30-8 p.m. Sir Pizza, 201 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. 517-484-4825.

Family Brunch & Lunch at Lansing Shuffle - Featuring free shuffleboard for kids, video game tournaments, cornhole, giant Jenga and two-for-\$10 mimosas. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

Jugglers and Would-Be Jugglers - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. mikemahanka@gmail.com.

Kanin Wren's Taylor Swift Experience - This is a Swiftie party like no other. Immerse yourself in the world of Taylor Swift with live music, photo ops and more! 3 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps - Game highlight: Entertainment for kids throughout the game and an opportunity for kids to run the bases after the game. Plus, show your ticket stub at Capital City Market for 25% off your purchase and free ice cream! 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

Lansing Roller Derby Adult Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course focused on developing skaters to their full potential, regardless of prior skill or experience. 2-4 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Ms. Tattoo City Experience Finals - Contestants will make their last introduction on the main stage and answer one final question. The crowning of the winner will immediately follow the Q&A segment. 4 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. tattoocitytatcon.com.

MSU Symphony Band and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony - The Symphony Band and Youth Wind Symphony perform works by Gala Flagello, Frank Ticheli, Julie Giroux, David Maslanka, David Biedenbender and Omar Thomas. 3 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

"On the Exhale" - When an act of violence changes her life forever, a liberal college professor finds herself inexplicably drawn to the very weap-

on used to perpetrate the crime. 2 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

"Patterns in Nature" - A group exhibition of paintings, photography and other art depicting patterns that are found in nature. Noon-6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Quaker Meeting for Worship - Rich communal silence that invites thinking deeply, developing spiritually, loving fully, speaking our truths. 10:30 a.m. Red Cedar Friends Meeting House, 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org.

The Sandra Faye Band - Get ready for a night of '70s rock and blues with the Sandra Faye Band! 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urban-beatevents.com.

Self-Care Sunday Paint Party - Gita Mahabir, a licensed professional counselor and esthetician, will teach us about natural skincare and mindful mental health practices. We'll also paint a butterfly tote bag. 2 p.m. Mahabir Wellness, 1640 Haslett Road, Haslett. paintyourpoison.com.

Spring ShoCase Horse Show - Sho' off your skills in our challenge classes or enjoy some popcorn as you cheer on the riders competing in the team versatility challenge! 8 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. shomehorseshows.com/spring-shocase.

Spring Wildflower Walk - Join a Harris Nature Center naturalist for a look at the wildflowers in bloom along our trails. 1 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Summerlands Sunday Brunch - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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Monday, April 28

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. cmialanon.org.

Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 8-9:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlands-brewing.

Bookend Gallery Display - Maureen Ryan is sharing some of her oils, acrylics and mixed-media pieces this month at the Haslett Library's Bookend Gallery. Noon-4 p.m. 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Lansing Tattoo Convention

2-11 p.m. Friday, April 25
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, April 26
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, April 27
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing



Running Friday (April 25) through Sunday (April 27) at the Lansing Center, the Lansing Tattoo Convention will offer more than just an opportunity to get a new tattoo or piercing (or a few) — there will also be tattoo and piercing contests, a pin-up contest (4 p.m. Saturday), a beauty pageant, a showdown between tattoo apprentices, a beard and mustache competition (3:30 p.m. Saturday), seminars on different tattoo styles, live music and a chance to meet other local tattoo enthusiasts. The Comfort Zone Cigar Lounge & Bistro will also offer 10% off food, cocktails and cigars for ticket holders on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$25 per day or \$60 for the weekend. To purchase tickets, register for the competitions and view the full lineup of entertainment, visit tattoocitytatcon.com.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Citizen Science: Litter Journal - This Citizen Science initiative invites you to record, track and analyze litter in your local area. By sharing your data, you'll contribute to research aimed at reducing pollution. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 7 p.m. City Hall, 259 Kent St., Portland. 517-647-5027. portland-michigan.org.

Department of Public Works Meeting - 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. 517-651-5374. laingsburg.us.

Euchre - 1-3 p.m. Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St., Eaton Rapids. facebook.com/Eaton-RapidsSeniorCenter.

Fiber Circle - Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels welcome. Although formal instruction isn't provided, attendees assist each other with techniques and skills. 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at the Meridian Mall food court through April. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz/Ballet II for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Spring Art Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Parkinson's Exercise: Yoga - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsj.org.

"Patterns in Nature" - A group exhibition of paintings, photography and other art depicting patterns that are found in nature. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Stirred, Not Shaken - Join us for a night of bartending fun! This hands-on class will teach you everything you need to know to make a perfect old-fashioned and Manhattan at home. Ages 21+. 6 p.m. Zynda's, 150 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. zyndas.com/events.

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ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP, EATON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oneida Township Hall, 11041 Oneida Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The purpose of the hearing is to consider and hear public comment concerning an amendment to the Oneida Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate Exterior Lighting to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors of the Township.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is available for review at the office of the Zoning Administrator Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Anyone having questions or needing assistance during or prior to the hearing can contact the Zoning Administrator, Melissa Goschka, at 517-622-8078. Written comments will be accepted until Monday, May 5, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Oneida Charter Township Clerk's Office.

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

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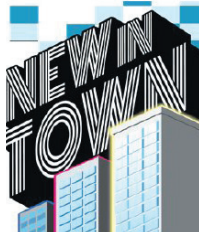
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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Sultan's hopes to hook westsiders with authentic Mediterranean cuisine

By LEO V. KAPLAN



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11 a.m.–9 p.m. Friday–Saturday
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Mahmoud said, “and the person who owns the building is his brother. They didn’t want the building or the business to become something else, so they called me.”

Mahmoud hadn’t been planning to open a second location, but since it was for family — and since the building was already a Mediterranean restaurant, re-

When west Lansing restaurant Zaytoon closed last summer, owner Samy Aburashed didn’t want the area to suffer a loss of quality Mediterranean food.

Luckily, his uncle Bassam Mahmoud, owner of Sultan’s Mediterranean Cuisine in East Lansing, was willing to take the wheel.

“Samy couldn’t work anymore,”

Mahmoud said, “and the person who owns the building is his brother. They didn’t want the building or the business to become something else, so they called me.”

Mahmoud hadn’t been planning to open a second location, but since it was for family — and since the building was already a Mediterranean restaurant, re-

ducing the cost of setting up shop — he accepted.

Two weeks after opening, he’s glad he took up the torch.

“It seems very promising so far,” he said.

Customers who frequent his East Lansing location have been coming out to support the westside restaurant, along with curious former Zaytoon regulars, he said, noting that fans of Zaytoon will find a similar experience at Sultan’s.

“Samy, the old owner of Zaytoon, worked with me for seven years in East Lansing before he opened it,” Mahmoud said. “So, he learned the food from me.”

Though the dishes are roughly the same, he said, Mahmoud is laser-focused on authenticity in the new location.

“Most of the Middle Eastern food in the area, people make it with an American twist. I make it the way it is originally, so that’s what makes me different from others,” he said.

In addition to serving new dine-in and carryout customers, Mahmoud said he foresees the westside location becoming “a hub for catering,” something that’s been successful at the original location.



Leo V. Kaplan for City Pulse

Sultan’s Mediterranean Cuisine owner Bassam Mahmoud awaits customers at his new second location in west Lansing.

“I have more than 30 years of experience with catering for parties, weddings, offices, conferences, all of it,” Mahmoud said. “So, I’m good at it, and I know how things go. And I have high-quality food for catering.”

He said opening the new restaurant has been an unexpected challenge: Teaching an all-new staff the intricacies of authentic Mediterranean and Middle East-

ern cuisine has led him to work “very long hours.” However, even with the new staff, Mahmoud is confident that Sultan’s is already providing the most authentic Mediterranean experience on the west side.

“I promise west Lansing to provide something unique and authentic, and I urge all of them to come by and just try me one time,” he said. “I’m sure when they come, they’ll be hooked.”

Say yes to marry-me-chicken pizza at Phillips Cider Bar

By LIZY FERGUSON

You may know the name Phillips in relation to the St. Johns cider mill, the charming counterpart to hectic Uncle John’s across the road, but I urge you to make a new connection and associate it henceforth with Phillips’ other operation: its cider bar, located in Frandor. Not only can you stock up on cider slushies and donuts, but you can also sample a vast collection of craft hard ciders while nibbling on top-quality bar snacks or enjoying a meal.



Marry-me-chicken pizza

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Noon-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

(517) 580-7581

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The main event menu-wise is the pizza, and I recently picked up the marry-me-chicken pie for the fourth or fifth time. Based on a viral late-aughts social media recipe, this pizza is topped with red sauce, garlic cream sauce, a four-cheese blend, grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes and fresh basil.

The star, though, is the crust. Golden brown and almost pretzel-like with its light and flaky exterior, it’s unlike any pizza crust I’ve had before and is by far my



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

Based on a viral late-aughts social media recipe, Phillips Cider Bar’s marry-me-chicken pizza is a proposal you can’t say no to.

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Women's AA Meeting - 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. lansingdistrict6.org.

Tuesday, April 29

"A Course in Miracles" Discussion Group, with Lisa Schmidt - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting 101 for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

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Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW Meeting - Meets in person and virtually. 5:30 p.m. St. Jude Catholic Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. For Zoom info, call 989-620-0448 or go to ceahow.org/en/find-a-meeting.

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Lansing Lugnuts vs. Lake County Captains - Game highlight: \$5 tacos (includes 2 tacos) and \$5 16-ounce tall boys. 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

"Let Freedom Sing" Film Screening - Event will feature the PBS documentary "Let Freedom Sing," followed by a panel discussion on how music can fuel social change, plus a performance by the LCC Jazz Band. 1:10 p.m. Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/mlkcc.

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

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The Poetry Room Open Mic - Whether you're a seasoned poet or stepping onto the stage for the first time, this is your platform to share your words with a supportive audience. Sign-ups begin at 7 p.m., show begins at 7:30. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/The517PoetryRoom.

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

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favorite. I would happily devour it on its own, but that isn't necessary thanks to the quality toppings that are sparing enough to let the crust have its moment. The garlic cream sauce blends with melted cheese to perfectly counter the sweet and tart sun-dried tomatoes and savory grilled chicken in a fashion reminiscent of the most delectable and decadent pasta dish. They even have excellent ranch dressing to dip it in.

To pair with the pizza, I recommend picking up a bottle of the black-tea-and-orange hard cider,

as well as one of Phillips' famous lavender sugar cookies. The only thing missing is a salad, which I love to have with my pizza, but if that were added to the menu, I fear I would be going to the cider bar a little too often.

I carried out on my last visit, but I recommend dining in at least once because Phillips has cultivated a truly cozy and chic dining room with a beautiful bar, pleasant lighting and friendly service. You get the impression that the owners really put a lot of thought and care into everything. Despite being tucked in a somewhat inconvenient corner on the outskirts of Frandor, Phillips Cider Bar is well worth any navigation, and the pizza is a proposal you can't say no to.

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