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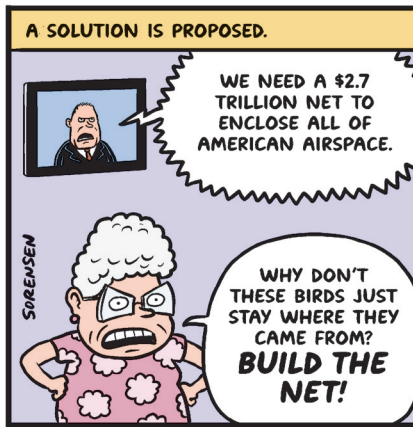
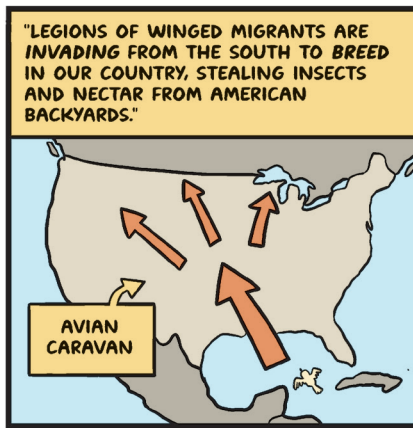
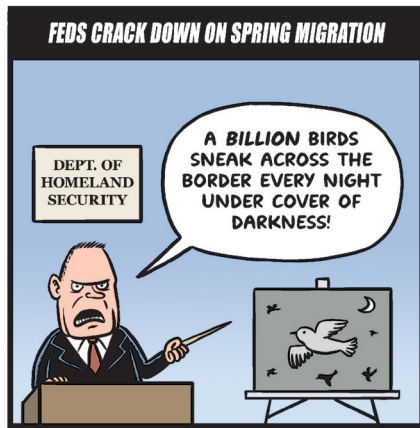
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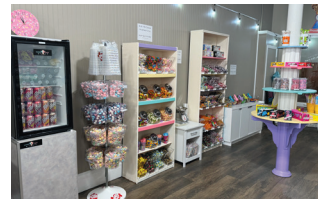


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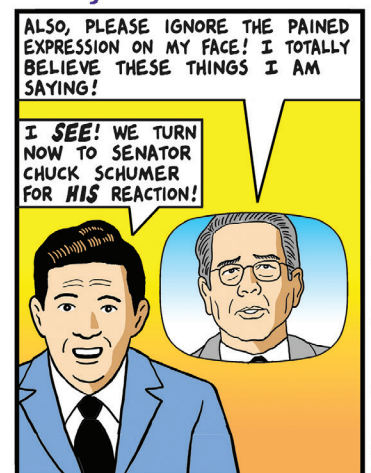
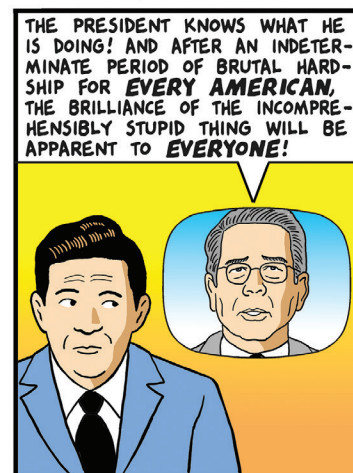
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Tom Barrett may dodge town halls ... but not City Pulse



City Pulse reporter Leo V. Kaplan meets Rep. Barrett in a one-on-one interview at Bigby in Charlotte on April 25.
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NEWS & OPINION

Lansing's Latino community fearful as ICE tactics escalates

“Not even a school or a hospital is safe at this point,” Dora Moran told a room of Lansing-area Latino advocates fearful about the Trump administration’s immigration policies.

Moran, of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, pointed to tactical changes by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers:

Formerly protected areas are “open ground.” Cracking open the front door is being construed as “authorization” to enter. And the “really big trick” is presenting administrative warrants in place of legally binding judicial warrants.

The presentation came as the administration has dialed up its immigration enforcement and cracked down on so-called “sanctuary cities,” local jurisdictions which limit cooperation with ICE. On April 28, Trump ordered that a list be made of “jurisdictions that obstruct the enforcement of Federal immigration laws,” which would have “appropriate federal funds” endangered.

Despite having some such policies, Lansing officials said they are unworried about retaliation against the city government from the Trump administration.

“Lansing is not a sanctuary city and does not consider itself one,” Mayor Andy Schor told City Pulse Friday in a written statement. “We have no reason to believe we will lose any federal funding because we have no rules, policies or ordinances that require, encourage, or support subverting federal immigration enforcement in any way.”

The City Council did declare Lansing a “sanctuary city” briefly in 2017 during the first Trump administration, when he threatened to stop federal funds to such communities. Pressure from the public caused the Council to reverse itself in a move that garnered national media attention.

The resolution and its undoing followed a executive order by then Mayor Virg Bernero that, among other things, ordered police not to inquire about people’s immigration status unless legally required to.

The order remains in effect, and Schor has stood by it.

It is unclear, though, where Lansing



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

“ICE is picking people up regardless,” Juan Marinez said at a meeting today of area Latino leaders at Cristo Rey Church in southwest Lansing. “They look Mexican, so they get picked up even though they’re here legally.”

stands on cooperating with ICE, given its current tactics. Asked what security would be instructed to do if ICE agents attempted an arrest at City Hall, Schor said Monday they would be allowed in “with a signed warrant” to arrest someone who “is detained and in our jail.”

But under the Trump administration, ICE has detained more than incarcerated criminals with judicial warrants for their arrest.

City Pulse asked Schor Tuesday whether ICE would be allowed in City Hall to arrest an undocumented immigrant with no criminal record, or if ICE would be allowed in with an administrative warrant.

His spokesperson, John Bean, said he would try to get an answer from the mayor — but he added, “I may also need further guidance from the City Attorney’s Office on this.” There has been no further response.

The law is not the issue anymore, said local Latino activist Lorenzo Lopez.

“What can be done technically, under the law — that no longer exists in this country,” Lopez said. “There is no due process, there is no rule of law. We’re living in a new era.”

“There is great fear, and not only among undocumented people,” he add-

ed. “It’s going into our own communities.”

Lopez was among those who attended the monthly meeting of mid-Michigan’s chapter of LLEAD — Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development — at Cristo Rey Church in southwest Lansing.

LLEAD board member Juan Marinez said ICE had detained people who were in the U.S. on legal work contracts.

“ICE is picking people up regardless,” he said. “They look Mexican, so they get picked up even though they’re here legally.”

In 2023, East Lansing formally declared itself a “sanctuary city” in a 3-1 vote. Despite this, City Council member Mark Meadows said he is “really not too worried” about federal retaliation.

“Our resolution says that we would cooperate according to law,” he said. “The federal statute regarding this specifically indicates that local government is not required to assist. I don’t know where Trump is getting his advice, but he’s dead wrong on what he can do here.”

Bernero said his 2017 order was not intended to make Lansing a sanctuary city, but to “strike a balance” between cooperation with ICE and preserving city resources.

“We’re not an extension of ICE,” he

said. He said the city’s unwillingness to hold undocumented non-felons for ICE was because “we can’t afford to do that, we don’t have the jail space.”

East Lansing’s current mayor, George Brookover, the sole dissenter on the sanctuary city vote, declined to comment for this article.

A bill that would ban sanctuary cities passed the Michigan House of Representatives last week, but state Rep. Emily Dievendorf, D-Lansing, said in a statement it was unlikely to become law.

Dievendorf also does not believe Lansing would run afoul of the bill. The 2017 order “doesn’t interfere with federal immigration enforcement, it simply ensures officers stay focused on keeping our community safe,” Dievendorf said.

Lansing City Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu said the executive order “does toe the line” but prohibits obstructing federal agents.

“It’s close to what would be considered a sanctuary city,” she said. “But we’re not obstructing the work of another agency. Everyone recognizes that federal agents have authority over all those ranked below them. We’re not going to go alone and do this work, but we are not going to interfere, obstruct or hide when those agents are in the community.”

But with the federal administration eschewing precedent, will technicalities save Lansing and East Lansing? Some Lansing City Council candidates said that uncertainty did not impact their commitment to the 2017 order.

At-large candidate Olivia Vaden called the Trump administration’s order “a shakedown” and said altering current practices “does not protect us from the Trump administration’s next threat.”

“Next will be cities with offices of sustainability and Pride flags flying at City Hall in June,” she said.

Meanwhile, 4th Ward candidate Heath Lowry said uncertainty in federal funding has been a constant since Trump took office and should not be used to justify premature compliance.

“The volatility will go on regardless, so it’s hard to see that as a great deterrent,” he said.

LEO V. KAPLAN

Working out our differences one block at a time

Neighborhoods vital to social change and trust

JOAN NELSON

I've been thinking lately about the role that organized neighborhood groups might play in countering the tendency these days to isolate ourselves in like-minded communities while resisting engagement with those outside our bubbles.

In Lansing's heterogenous neighborhoods, organized groups have frequently functioned to bring people of very different backgrounds and opinions together to focus on not-too-controversial shared concerns. Typical issues are potholes, sidewalk conditions, beautification projects, noise issues and safety concerns. Perhaps even more important, these gatherings allow folks to get to know their neighbors, building a sense of connection, whatever their political stripes.

Organized neighborhoods have been a huge asset to Lansing for over half a century, contributing to its friendly-city reputation. Historically, neighborhood groups have benefited from a backbone institution that provides practical and often financial support for neighborhood improvement activities. In the late 1960s and early '70s, city government created 15 Model Neighborhoods as part of Lansing Model Cities. A creation of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, Model Cities brought millions of dollars into urban communities, including Lansing. Amazingly, decisions about dispersal of these funds fell to the Model Cities Policy Board, composed mostly of residents of the low-to-moderate-income Model Neighborhoods, the inner ring of near downtown neighborhoods that we today call Old Town, northwest Lansing, the east side and the near south side.

Lansing's Model Cities program had a huge impact, resulting in amenities we enjoy today, such as Lansing's solid waste pick-up, more robust bus services, a dispersed network of public health clinics, the Eastside Neighborhood Organization and the Westside Neighborhood Association. Model Cities helped establish an enduring social infrastructure whose leaders applied the organizing and planning skills developed while involved with Model

Cities to a wide range of community building efforts. They've been at it now for a half-century.

The backbone organization supporting neighborhood capacity-building changed with the times. In the 1980s, it became the Lansing Police Department when MSU criminal justice Profes-



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sor Robert Trojanovicz partnered with LPD to do research on community policing. Officer Don Christy, the city's first community police officer, eagerly took to eastside streets as a neighborhood problem solver and social worker. Paralleling com-

munity policing, LPD committed to building neighborhood watch groups, which number 45 active groups today. While initially these groups focused on crime prevention, most eventually embraced a broader agenda that included park improvements, beautification and social events like Neighbors Night Out.

In the 1990s, under the visionary leadership of Bruce Bragg, the Ingham County Health Department became that decade's institutional backbone for neighborhood change. Inspired by the World Health Organization, the ICHD funded and helped facilitate geographically based "healthy community" summits on the east, west and south sides, each addressing social determinants of health: housing, education, access to health, etc. These summits, held at Eastern, Sexton and Eastern high schools, each drew about 300 people who came together to identify key areas of concern and strategies for improvement. The Health Department followed with "cultural summits," including an African-American Health Summit and the Mestizo-Anishinabek Health Summit. All five summits produced a comprehensive action plan and an organization to implement it.

For instance, the Eastside Summit morphed into Allen Neighborhood Center, where "Growing in Community: A Plan for Lansing's Eastside" became ANC's strategic plan for its first five years. At the same time, Northwest Summit became the westside-based Northwest Initiative, and the plans coming out of the Southside Summit were taken up by South Lansing Community Development Association, Baker Donora Center and the Southside Community Center. Though the Baker Donora and Southside Community centers no longer exist, SWAG (Southwest Action

Marketing for last year's neighborhood summit sponsored by the city of Lansing's Neighborhood, Arts and Civic Engagement Department.

Group) and the Southside Community Coalition now serve south Lansing.

From its start, ANC built upon the already existing infrastructure of the east side with its 25 active neighborhood groups even while it worked to strengthen that infrastructure by offering capacity-building leadership workshops, fiduciary services, meeting space and, importantly, free copying services. (Distributing flyers in neighborhoods preceded social media as the essential communication tool for neighborhood groups.) Other centers routinely engaged with faith-based groups, businesses and neighborhood associations. And so, these nonprofits became the institutional backbones for their quadrants.

Over-arching citywide support

Concurrently, over this same 50 years, the Lansing Neighborhood Council emerged to provide technical support to the many small groups forming throughout Lansing. LNC began in the mid-late 80s, led by Susan Christian, who, along with other activists, were fresh from their work with the MI Housing Coalition, where they had opposed redlining and advocated for affordable housing. LNC's earliest work was in public housing, which Christian saw as "neighborhoods to be organized, places to build leadership and get people talking with another to make life better in those developments."

While supported financially by city government, LNC answered to an independent board made up of

representatives from neighborhood groups it served. REO Town pioneer Priscilla Holmes followed Christian and oversaw the Paint Blitz, which became a popular annual event in which neighbors painted dozens of houses around the city. Jennie Grau led LNC from 1993 to 1997, noting that "LNC leveraged relationships between neighborhood groups all across the city. It also supported the establishment of smaller geographic communities to better 'neighbor' across smaller distances."

This support helped to increase the number of neighborhood organizations served from 10 to 25, including Old Everett, Fabulous Acres, Eastfield, Oak Park Neighbors, Prospect Place. After Grau, Cheryl Risner led LNC until it ended in 2014. At that time, Mayor Virg Bernero launched the Office of Neighborhood Engagement, which Mayor Andy Schor later elevated to the Department of Neighborhoods, Arts and Civic Engagement. For the first time, there would be someone in the mayor's Monday morning cabinet meetings to bring a neighborhood lens to consideration of the full range of city issues. Of course, while this brought recognition of the importance of neighborhoods, the independent voice for small neighborhood groups faded.

Right now, the neighborhood space is filled with nonprofit entities and the city's neighborhoods department. All of these focus on hosting community dialogues, delivering capacity-building

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programs, linking groups to resources and building the social infrastructure.

While all of this is important work, it may be the little volunteer-led neighborhood groups that offer the most impactful opportunities for countering the divisiveness that is pervasive in our current culture. In their smaller meetings, clean-up days, block parties, flower-plantings, intersection-paintings and holiday gatherings, perhaps the small groups can provide real opportunities for people to share their history, concerns and experiences with neighbors who lean a different way politically. And maybe it's also at this level that the conversations about emerging neighborhood issues should start, such as inclusive zoning to allow more diverse housing, reconsidering parking requirements,

historic preservation and more.

In my own small neighborhood, Prospect Place, the more mundane activities still count for a lot: watching out for one another's kids and pets, swapping perennials, collecting mail and packages for out-of-towners, checking in on one another during weather emergencies, explaining the reasoning behind our particular yard signs and gathering for ice cream cones on a neighbor's porch in the high heat of summer. These are the ways in which trust is built in neighborhoods — the next largest social unit past family. This kind of trust, built over time, just might be key to helping us broach the ideological differences that are playing out everywhere — at least for the block on which we live.

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



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
MEETING NOTICE: PENSION BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Pension Board Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Pension Board of the Charter Township of Meridian is conducting a regular organizational meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864.

Information may be examined at the Department of Accounting and Budgeting, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the meeting to the Pension Board, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to blonde@meridian.mi.us, or at the meeting.

Angela Demas
 Township Clerk

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WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting April 30, 2025
Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 with Supervisor Poth, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Purchase of mower for the Township park from Deer Creek Sales for \$12,407.00
- Update of Financial Policy-Section 7
- Acceptance of \$7,000 donation from Prime Housing to be used for parks

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193.

Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC
 Township Clerk

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Comprehensive Plan
Update

Feedback requested until **June 11, 2025**

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May 21
5:30-7 p.m.

at the East Lansing
Hannah Community Center

CITY OF GRAND LEDGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

The City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, 12 May 2025, to consider and receive public input on the proposed Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2026. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The City intends to levy 10.4474 mills for Operations/Streets (unchanged) and 0.8032 mills for Recreation (unchanged). The proposed budget is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofgrandledge.com and at the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The online stream can be accessed at <https://www.zoom.us> with the Meeting ID: 864 3487 2961, or by calling +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 305 224 1968 US, +1 309 205 3325 US, +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 719 359 4580 US, +1 253 205 0468 US, +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma), +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), +1 360 209 5623 US, +1 386 347 5053 US, +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose), +1 507 473 4847 US, +1 564 217 2000 US, +1 669 444 9171 US, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose), +1 689 278 1000 US with Meeting ID: 864 3487 2961.

The City Council invites anyone interested to attend in person and offer comments at the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed or delivered to Elected or Appointed Officials at 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, placed in the drop box in front of City Hall, or emailed to cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com. All written comments will be considered if received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing. Please call (517) 627-2149 or email cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com for further information or to request accommodations for disabilities.

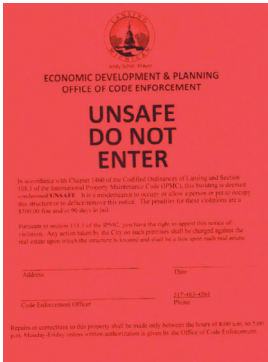
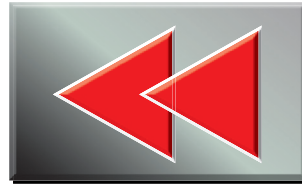
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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Lansing City Council President Ryan Kost has proposed two amendments to ensure the city doesn't get saddled with large bills if it red-tags an apartment complex and needs to put people into hotels, the Lansing State Journal reported. The first would require \$2,500 in relocation coverage as part of the landlord insurance policies required for a city-issued certificate of compliance, while the other would allow the city to collect

up to \$85 a day for up to 30 days to cover relocation costs if the landlord didn't get the coverage. The council referred the amendments to the city's Committee on Public Safety, which plans to meet on May 27.

Michigan State University athletic director Alan Haller is leaving Sunday (May 11) after more than three years. Several media sources say he was fired, but the school did not specify if he was dismissed or resigned. Haller, 54, is an alum and Lansing native. In announcing his departure, President Kevin M. Guskiewicz stressed that "innovation, effective communications and community engagement are more important than ever." Basketball coach Tom Izzo and deputy AD Jennifer Smith will be co-interim athletic directors during the search for Haller's successor.



President Guskiewicz emailed faculty and students that federal changes are compounding the university's existing financial challenges and that it has "reached the difficult conclusion that we must adjust our financial path. The next few months of financial planning will be demanding and difficult for some in our community, and we will need to make hard decisions that will impact people we care about." Guskiewicz did not state where cuts might come but wrote that Lisa Frace, the senior vice president and chief financial officer, and her staff will communicate changes to department heads in the days ahead. He said MSU is looking at immediate cuts ahead of the new budget year that begins July 1 and "larger, longer-term savings."

David Gaines Jr., 24, will be tried on an involuntary manslaughter charge based on video evidence in Caleb Shermoe's death after Gaines allegedly punched him in East Lansing in January. Shermoe fell and hit his head on the pavement after being struck outside Raising Cane's on East Grand River Avenue. He died several days later from blunt force trauma. Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane argued at an evidentiary hearing that Gaines was the aggressor and assaulted Shermoe twice, first by shoving him and then by punching him about 30 seconds later. A video shot by a bystander showed Gaines lunging toward Shermoe and punching him in the face. Gaines was bound over to Circuit Court.



The Lansing Board of Education hired East Lansing-based Thru Law Firm to investigate one of its members for violating board policies regarding speaking with district staff and other ethics concerns, the Lansing State Journal reported. Board President Robin Moore said the board decided to investigate due to concerns from district staff members. The firm found that the unnamed board member broke board policies concerning how and under what circumstances elected officials for the district can speak to staff, as well as ethics rules. The board did not discipline the member but voted 6-1 to clarify its expectations and add more professional development for board members.

Johnny Jones, who coached both the Lansing Everett High School boys and girls' basketball teams to a combined three state titles, died at 75. His Vikings girls' squads claimed championships in 2000 and 2001, while his boys triumphed in 2004. He coached the boys from 1980 to 2012, succeeding the late George Fox, who won a state title in 1977 with Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and the girls from 1995 to 2008. A public memorial ceremony will be noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Everett gymnasium.



Former Lansing Police Department Lt. Ryan Wilcox, 45, was sentenced to 10 months of probation and ordered to pay \$18,500 in restitution to the city after he pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of embezzlement by an agent or trustee between \$200 and \$1,000. He had previously been charged with a felony count of false pretenses with intent to defraud, over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000. An investigator testified Wilcox spent time mowing lawns for money and working for another company while on the clock for the city, used his city vehicle and city-paid fuel to make personal trips to Chicago and used law enforcement databases for personal reasons.



Public Safety
MSU police are seeking the community's help in identifying a person of interest (pictured) connected to an assault that occurred during a commencement ceremony at the Breslin Center Sunday, May 4. Those with questions or information should contact Detective Martha Brushaber at BrushaberM@police.msu.edu or 517-884-9414. ... Lansing police are investigating what they called an "intentional" hit-and-run crash on the 2400 block of East Jolly Road that injured a 27-year-old Lansing resident. Police said the man had non-life-threatening injuries and that both parties "are known to each other." They did not identify the driver and have not yet made any arrests.



**910 Cleveland St.
Owner: Christian Nwobu
Lansing**

A resident or traveler on Cleveland Street on the north side of Lansing is greeted with two boarded-up houses next to each other in the 900 block, both rentals owned by Christian Nwobu of East Lansing. The city has accused Nwobu of illegally renting his red-tagged homes. Eight complaints it filed in 54A District Court included 910 Cleveland; these complaints ask a judge to order Nwobu to make immediate repairs to bring the house into compliance with city rental rules. The court has scheduled a show-cause hearing for Nwobu Monday, May 12. He could face \$500 per day per violation for each home under city ordinances. "He did pay off the delinquent 6-8 years at the last minute and kept it out of foreclosure, which is what he's been doing each year," emailed Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox. Nwobu still owes \$18,921.01 in 2023-'24 taxes for this house, he added. The 950-square-foot home, which was built in 1898 and purchased by Nwobu in 2015, has an assessed value of \$40,500. "The city is finally looking for some way to get him off the dime on this. I imagine they'll have to do the same for his other properties." City Pulse reported last December that Nwobu owns 23 rental properties with delinquent property tax balances.

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), the Williamstown Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan 48895.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on a special land use application submitted by Brian Wamhoff, who proposes to present Halloween and Christmas seasonal displays within a building located at Wamhoff Farms. Wamhoff Farms is located at 3518 Burkley Road, on the east side of Burkley Road, at the Township's south boundary. The site plan and application have been submitted pursuant to Section 8.02(OO) of the Zoning Ordinance, which allows agricultural tourism type uses in the AG-SF, Agricultural-Small Farms District, subject to special land use approval.

The site plan and application for Wamhoff Farms seasonal display may be examined at the Township Hall during regular business hours, Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing or submit written comments to the Planning Commission at the address noted above.

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Gerald Eidt, Chair

Individuals needing special services to fully participate in the meeting may contact the Township Office at (517) 655-3193 at least 5 days prior to the meeting to request necessary assistance.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: WETLAND USE PERMIT #25-01
MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE**

**Wetland Use Permit #25-01 – Meridian Township Public Works
Public Comment**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Community Planning and Development for the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 3:00PM p.m. in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos to hear all persons interested in a wetland use permit request. The Meridian Township Public Works Department has requested a wetland use permit to fill in a 274 cubic yards regulated wetland to construct a paved pedestrian-bicycle trail project. The trail is proposed to connect the Sanctuary and Okemos Preserve subdivisions, running between Robin's Way and Elderberry Drive.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to Director of Community Planning and Development Timothy Schmitt, AICP, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to schmitt@meridian.mi.us.

**Angela Demas
Township Clerk**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY**

**PROPOSED PHA ANNUAL PLAN
FOR July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

Public notice is hereby given that the Public Housing Authority Annual Plan (covering the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026) for the Lansing Housing Commission is now available for public inspection, review, and comment. The Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual Plan is a planning document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The public is invited to review and provide written comments on the proposed PHA Annual Plan. The comment period commences on May 2, 2025 and will expire at 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2025. A copy of the proposed PHA Annual Plan a public inspection and review at the office of the Lansing Housing Commission, 419 Cherry Street, Lansing, MI 48933 during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on the Lansing Housing Commission website www.lanshc.org.

A question-and-answer session will also be held June 18, 2025 @ 1:00 PM at the Lansing Housing Commission located at 419 Cherry Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

Public notice is also hereby given that the Lansing Housing Commission will hold a public hearing at its meeting to be held on June 25, 2025. at the Lansing Housing Commission office located at 419 Cherry, Lansing, MI 48933 to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the proposed Annual Plan.

All written comments regarding the proposed Annual Plan that are received prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2025, will be considered and reviewed for possible inclusion in the final document that will be submitted to HUD.

For information regarding the proposed PHA Annual Plan, please contact:

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Lansing, MI 48933
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This notice is officially dated May 2, 2025.

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**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 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**, at Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

- 1. A request from Matt Levitt on behalf of Meijer, Inc. for approval of a Special Use Permit located at 100 W. Lake Lansing Road. The applicant request is to construct a 5,751 square-foot gas station with six gas pump islands and 12 pumps. The property is zoned B-2 Retail Sales Business District.

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.

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Amy Gordon
Interim City Clerk

Dated: May 1, 2025
East Lansing, MI 48823

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Barrett, other politicians staying far away from town halls in '25

Here's an idea. Let's have a town hall! Sounds good, doesn't it? Unless you're the invited featured attraction.

Democrats and their progressive allies have tried to generate excitement early in 2025 by hosting town hall meetings in the districts of politically venerable Republicans.

In Southeast Michigan, it's U.S. Rep. John James. In West Michigan, it's U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga.

Here in Lansing, it's U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett. The 7th Congressional District Democrats, the NAACP, unions, environmental groups, voting groups, and basically everyone who makes up the Democratic Party cooked up a town hall last month for Barrett at the UA Local 333 Plumbers & Pipefitters facility.

Folks wanted to ask him if he's going to side with GOP leadership in cutting parts of Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security to preserve the 2017 Trump-era tax cuts.

Barrett, of course, didn't come. He didn't attend one held in March, either. Most members of Congress (or people, in general) don't offer themselves up to get publicly pummeled by opposing political operatives.

But wait, isn't this just a town hall meeting to talk about the issues of the day? What's so bad about that, you might ask.

Well, if you're the politician in this case, a lot.

First, there's zero chance that anyone's mind is changing. There's only a slim chance Barrett will have a fair opportunity to argue his point or share his opinion before he's shouted down. There's a better-than-even chance that he'll be berated or screamed at by folks looking to score points.

At worst (for him), someone or something will pressure him into saying something or doing something under duress that he'll later regret. Someone will capture that moment on video, turn it into a meme, make it go viral, and/or use it for a campaign commercial later.

From his point of view, nothing good will come out of this.

Back in the day, U.S. Reps. Fred Upton, Tim Walberg and David Trott embraced this ideologist vision that if given an opportunity to talk to the people, they would earn respect for sharing their opinions. By being the statesmen, they believed a thoughtful discussion

would ensure.

Today, we all know how pollyannaish that is.

Few are interested in thoughtfully talking about anything with an open mind. We've got our minds made up, damn it. We're right. We're going to tell you about it. You're an idiot if you don't listen.

U.S. Sen. Elissa Slotkin masterfully survived a raucous town hall at Oakland University in 2019 when she defended her first Trump impeachment vote.

The event was her own, however. She set it up. Even then, Slotkin talked over a chant from the back of the room during much of her comments.

Also, the hard-core political types who would bother attending something like this have become much more sophisticated and bold in their level of confrontation.

At least a handful of gatherings in front of Barrett's downtown Lansing constituent offices have come complete with a megaphone, chants and practically a program of activities. Barrett himself? Nowhere to be found.

It's not just Barrett.

Politicians, in general, and members of Congress, in particular, have gotten much more careful in their public appearances. They even tightly control their press conferences out of concern over hecklers overtaking the event (See James Craig's gubernatorial announcement on Belle Isle).

They especially want to avoid a confrontation with someone whose sole goal is to humiliate or, at best, make them feel really uncomfortable.

Constituents on both sides hire trackers to chase down elected officials with a video camera or cell phone in tow. The "gotcha" question is asked clearly within hearing distance, and the game begins.

If the politician ignores them, they repeat the question repeatedly until the politician ducks into a car or building. If the politician engages, the opposition quickly twists or edits their answer to be as unflattering as humanly possible.

It's counterintuitive. It doesn't feel right.

However, advisers will always strongly recommend that politicians avoid public appearances like uncontrolled town hall meetings every time.

Given today's political climate, who can blame them?

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



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

Protest library funding cuts

Public libraries are the heart of our community, offering free resources, literacy programs and lifelong learning for people of all ages and backgrounds. But now, their future is at risk because the Trump administration has effectively dismantled the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a critical source of federal funding for libraries.

Libraries rely on IMLS grants to serve children, parents, job seekers and seniors — especially in already underserved areas. Funding cuts don't "save" taxpayer money; they steal opportunity from families who depend on libraries for books, internet access and educational support.

As a result, Michigan libraries have already announced they must shut down beloved programs. Additionally, the future of Michigan's inter-library loan system, MeLCat, is now unclear. What is clear, however, is that losing MeLCat would cripple library users' access to books and other resources from libraries across the state.

If we believe in equity, literacy and strong communities, we must demand that Congress fully restore the IMLS, including the reinstatement of all laid-off employees. Our libraries — and the people they serve — can't afford silence.

Rowan La Barbera
East Lansing

Letter to the editor

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I AM PROUD TO BE A DEMOCRAT

Let me ask you a question: Can you name one piece of legislation in the last forty years – that improved the lives of families – that was championed by a Republican legislature and signed into law by a Republican president?

People with better memories than I have may be able identify something/anything that Republicans have done to help the middle and lower classes. The only thing I remember was when President Richard Nixon created the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970.

How do Republicans feel about the EPA now?

When you look back ninety years, almost all legislation that benefitted all of us was passed into law by Democrats; often with Republicans kicking and screaming all the way.

Let's review:

Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Aid to Dependent Children, Obamacare, minimum wage, the eight-hour day, child labor laws, collective bargaining, work safety standards, Tennessee Valley Authority (electricity to Appalachia), voting rights, civil rights, environmental protections, non-discrimination in housing, truth in lending, Head Start, food stamps, school lunch programs, protections for immigrants, LGBTQ protections, WIC (Women, Infants and Children), and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Look at the list again. How many of those still needed supports are now under attack by Republicans?

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Big-time Beethoven

U.K. star Benjamin Grosvenor joins Lansing Symphony season finale

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra has hosted its share of world-class soloists in recent years, but London-based pianist Benjamin Grosvenor is in a class by himself.

Grosvenor, one of the biggest international stars ever to appear with the LSO, fit a Lansing date between gigs in Paris, Tokyo, Shanghai, Berlin, Dallas, Boston and London to play Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto at Friday's season closer.

"Music is music," Grosvenor shrugged. "It's great to come and visit and experience new faces. I'm really looking forward to meeting the musicians."

Not only has the quality of regional orchestras like Lansing's sharply risen in recent decades, but musicians in smaller cities often play with a verve and gusto that eclipses the jaded pros of Vienna, New York City and other such places.

"In a part-time orchestra, people are doing it because it's something they're passionate about," Grosvenor said. "That leads to really great and passionate music making."

Last week, Grosvenor, 32, was in Canada, playing Maurice Ravel's gorgeous Concerto in G with the Montreal Symphony. In 2004, at the age of 11, he won the keyboard section of the BBC's Young Musician of the Year competition for playing the same piece.

In old clips on the internet, Grosvenor's emotional and technical mastery of Ravel's sophisticated music is almost shocking.

"When you learn something that young, there's a level of comfort that remains with you, but I don't play it the way I did when I was a child," he said. "There are many things I do differently. I'm not the same person I was then, and I won't be the same



Courtesy photo

International piano star Benjamin Grosvenor will play Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto at the Lansing Symphony Orchestra's season finale Friday.

person in 10 years."

His way of relating to orchestras has also evolved.

"As you go on and have experiences performing, you get a sense of what works, knowing where to have your eye on the conductor and help the ensemble — tricks you learn as time goes by," he said.

As a youngster growing up in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, Grosvenor was enthralled by piano recitals by visiting greats Stephen Hough and Evgeny Kissin.

"There was something about the atmosphere, the focus of it, that enchanted me," he said.

But listening wasn't enough.

"I think what drew me to it was when I actually started to perform myself," he said. "I knew I loved the music, but sharing it with people gave it a purpose."

Grosvenor became the youngest soloist in history to perform at the opening night of the famous BBC Proms concerts in 2011. He played Franz Liszt's knuckle-busting Piano Concerto No. 2. His repertoire was limited more by the size of his growing hands than his technical abilities.



An animated Grosvenor is torn between finishing a sandwich and playing George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" in a promotional video for a 2013 Decca recording.

"It has a lot of grandeur but also a lot of intimacy," he said. "The slow movement is so incredibly beautiful, so simple. It's basically a scale — not a great melody as such, but a suspension, a great moment in music, so luminous."

Unlike many predictable back-and-forth tennis matches of the classical era, the interplay between soloist and orchestra is fluid and sensitive.

"It's a give and take, and it requires healthy collaboration with the conductor," Grosvenor said.

There's drama and struggle — this is big-time Beethoven, after all — but the concerto's celebratory feeling befits a season closer.

"It's a very sunny piece, really," Grosvenor said. "There aren't that many moments where the music is so troubled. You leave the room with an incredible sense of joy."

Friday's concert will open with LSO composer-in-residence Jared Miller's expansive work "Under Sea, Above Sky," a large-scale ode to the power and fragility of the planet, written in 2019 for an extra-large National Youth Orchestra of Canada. The evening's closer, Antonín Dvořák's tuneful Symphony No. 8, takes it back to the Earth with a ravishing set of tableaux evoking the pastoral Czech countryside.

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Benjamin Grosvenor, piano
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
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Raymond Holt for City Pulse

WLNS-TV anchor Sheri Jones relaxes following a recent newscast. A mainstay of the station for decades, she retires Friday (May 9).

'It's time for a reset'

Sheri Jones calls it a career after 37 years at WLNS-TV

By **KURT ANTHONY KRUG**

A familiar face on the 11 p.m. weeknight newscast for decades, WLNS-TV anchor Sheri Jones hasn't had a Friday night off, with the exception of some vacation days, since 1989.

That will change this Friday (May 9), when she signs off for the final time.

"My family — my dad, my husband, my kids, their significant others — will be here Thursday and Friday," she said. "On Friday, for my final show, my news director, Jam Sardar, has some special things planned for me. It's possible he'll have something to say about our time together."

Jones will go live at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. but won't anchor the 11 p.m. newscast, getting a jump start on retirement.

"I'll be pretty emotional, so I'll leave it to my co-anchor, Chivon Kloepfer," she said.

Jones has been a mainstay at WLNS since 1988, when she began as an intern.

"Someone asked, '37 years? Don't you want to go 40?'" Jones said. "This has never been about a number for me. I didn't chase the mighty dollar. I've

gone to school with people in this community. I fell in love with mid-Michigan, and mid-Michigan fell in love with me."

Mara MacDonald, who worked at WLNS from 1995 to 1998 and at WDIV-TV in Detroit from 2004 to 2024, said, "Sheri never just read the news. She was the heart of that newsroom and has helped jump-start the careers of hundreds of people, including mine."

Throughout her time at WLNS, Jones, an inductee of both the Michigan Broadcasting Hall of Fame and the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, has covered many of the region's biggest stories, including the East Lansing beer riots, the Larry Nassar scandal and the 2023 mass shooting at Michigan State University.

"I remember the riots at MSU," she said. "My photographer was standing on top of the live van, and I was reporting in the area. A canister of tear gas was thrown underneath our van. I told him to get down, and I drove the van. I couldn't see anything from the effects of the tear gas. I got to the nearest road, pulled over, and we all fell onto the

ground. It was scary."

Jones also covered 9/11 and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We never had a day off. We worked harder during the pandemic," she said. "It was surreal. I would leave here after the 11 p.m. newscast and drive down Saginaw or I-496. There were no other cars on the road, and I thought, 'This is so weird.'"

During 9/11, Jones was the only one reporting. Anchor Jane Aldrich was stranded in Alaska. Sports director Dave Akerly had to rent a car to get back to Lansing from Seattle since planes were grounded. Anchor Terry Stanton's contract wasn't renewed.

"It was overwhelmingly exhausting. You didn't know what was going to happen from one moment to the next," Jones recalled. "I remember doing the cut-ins. I was on TV all the time, doing hour-on-the-hour updates and then the normal news. We did a telethon for the Red Cross, then another cut-in, then the 11 p.m. news, then I got home and just cried."

"Emotionally, I had to be objective the whole time for everyone. You're done, you're emotionally bat-

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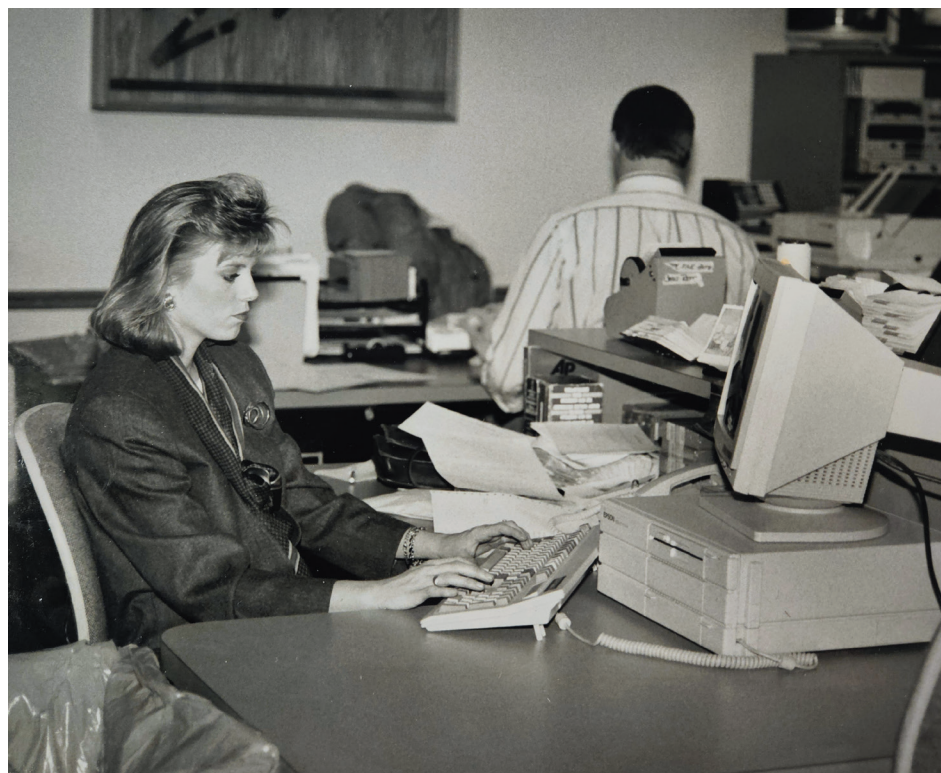
tered, and you realize you have to do this again tomorrow."

The most gut-wrenching story Jones covered was the mass shooting at MSU on Feb. 13, 2023, when Anthony Dwayne McRae killed three students and injured five others. Several hours later, he killed himself when confronted by police off campus.

"It was so difficult to get through. I went to school at MSU, and my heart is there," Jones said. "I went live at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. when they had the ceremony at the MSU Auditorium. Everything was so quiet. I knew I had to start talking. Everyone was standing, holding candles, being somber and reflective.

"I started to talk, and the people around me sat down, then more sat down. There was a wave of people just sitting down. My cameraman followed this whole sea of people sitting down and then going to the Rock, and I was talking very softly, trying to embody the heartache and hurt in that moment for those students, myself and the community."

This was one story where Jones couldn't remain objective. As she spoke about it, she choked up and wiped away tears.



Jones works on the 11 p.m. newscast in the WLNS-TV newsroom circa 1992.

"As you can see right now, it's still with me," she said. "Before I did that broadcast, I called my college roommate Kristin Remondini Flanagan, who came. We took flowers to the Rock. We visited the Sparty statue, the Red Cedar, our dorm, and we just cried. I got a lot of it out of my physical being

— all that emotion — before I had to do my job and be there for the community. She really helped me through that."

Since 1994, Jones has been the spokesperson for WLNS' Crime Stoppers program, producing segments that have assisted in capturing many of the area's most wanted fugitives.

"I've been the crime beat reporter since 1990," Jones said. "I started this special called 'The Missing Link.' I wanted to take a deep dive into unsolved homicide cases the Lansing Police Department had. I worked with Detective Michael Debnar, who's still one of my dearest friends to this day. We looked at all the unsolved cases and really made an impact with our storytelling."

In 2018, Crime Stoppers had an 80% success rate of getting fugitives off the street. With tips that came in through Crime Stoppers, hundreds have been apprehended, including Antonio Evans, who was on the U.S. Marshals Service's 15 Most Wanted Fugitives list.

"This is a partnership where law enforcement and the media can really work together," Jones said. "Once I had done a story, and the next day, my



Jones reports on the street in 1993.

phone rang: 'Sheri, I had that guy in my barbershop and shaved his head.' 'So, he has no hair?' 'Yeah!' 'Okay, I'll call the police and tell them he's bald.' I put that person on hold and called the LPD, so I was on two phones at once."

The late U.S. Sen. Carl Levin named Jones "Michigan's crime-fighting mom."

"What an awesome title that was, right?" she said. "I have a phenomenal working relationship with law enforcement in this community: State Police, sheriffs, local police, township police. Crime Stoppers helped cement me in that very symbiotic relationship between law enforcement and the media. Sen. Levin appreciated that."

Jones wrote and narrated the Emmy-winning documentary "We Can Do It! A Celebration of Michigan Women," which chronicles the first 24 years of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. The Zonta Club of Lansing, of which Jones is an honorary member, purchased 800 copies of the documentary and sent them to every public school in Michigan.

"I've seen Sheri offer so much to the Greater Lansing area off the air through

appearances and acts of generosity. She's a very giving person, and we've all benefited from her multiple talents," MSU Professor Emeritus Sue Carter, who produced and hosted "Heart of the City" at WLNS in the mid-1990s, said.

Kloepfer, who's worked at WLNS for 13 years, agreed. Since 2023, she's co-anchored the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts with Jones.

"Sheri has touched so many lives through the countless stories she's told, the initiatives she's championed, the partnerships she's created, the journalists she's mentored and the many, many hours she's volunteered in her community," Kloepfer said. "She's used her TV platform for so much more than journalism and is an inspiration to so many people, including me. I have the utmost respect for Sheri and the legacy she leaves behind at WLNS. She will be greatly missed."

Before joining WDIV-TV, anchor Jason Colthorp worked for 15 years at WILX-TV, WLNS' rival.

"I think Sheri's secret to a long and successful career is her relatability," Colthorp said. "We co-hosted many events together and, in addition to



Jones fills in for Jane Aldrich as anchor of "Lansing Live" in 1994.

wishing we could host the same newscast someday, I quickly realized she's the same charming, witty person off air as she is on. Viewers can always spot a phony, and Sheri's always been the real deal."

Asked why she's retiring, Jones laughed.

"The station was like, 'You can change your mind.' That's really amazing and heartfelt and makes me feel wonderful. It's just time for a reset and a refresh. A lot has changed in the industry," she said. "I still have such a passion for storytelling and care about my community. My dad is 87. I want to have more flexibility to be there for him if he needs me since my mom died in 2021, and my sister's in Florida. I want to make sure I'm flexible."

Jones intends to travel. She also plans to do voiceover work, media training and would like to write, particularly an updated edition of "Covering Violence: A Guide to Ethical Reporting about Victims and Trauma," co-written by

the late MSU journalism Professor Bill Coté, one of her mentors.

"I've had some job offers, but I'm not saying yes to anything right now. I'm just going to take a pause and really enjoy a Michigan summer, which I love so much," Jones said. "I'll miss my friendships. Journalists write the first version of history. I'll miss breaking news. I still have all the passion for storytelling. I'll miss the performance aspect of a newscast. I still feel I have the energy and the ability to draw people in, only it'll happen in a different way."

Jones offered some advice to future journalists.

"Stick to your ethics," she said. "My

philosophy has always been that I want to be right and not first because if you're first and wrong, that destroys your credibility. We need factual, ethical, unbiased reporting.

"Good journalists are needed now more than ever," she continued. "If you want to be a journalist, don't give up on your dream. The world needs you. It's the most incredible career you can have. This career has been beyond my dreams, beyond anything I could've ever imagined."

WHO IS SHERI JONES?

The eldest of two daughters, Sheri Jones was born in Grand Rapids and raised in Ravenna. An alumna of Ravenna High School, she graduated with honors from Michigan State University, earning her undergraduate degree in communications.

She's been married to Rocco Rucinski, a wealth management adviser, since 1989. They live in Delta Township.

"Rocco's family is from the Detroit area, mine's from Grand Rapids," Jones said. "Mid-Michigan's a beautiful place to raise a family. The schools are phenomenal. The athletic and academic programs are excellent. The opportunities are multicultural. You have MSU at your fingertips, the Wharton Center. You're an hour from Lake Michigan, where I grew up, and an hour from Detroit, where he grew up."

She and her husband have three children: Brock, 30; Connor, 28; and Brianna, 24.

"I'm happy everyone's thriving," Jones said. "As a mom, you just want your kids to be happy, healthy, independent and good human beings. They're good human beings."



Jones and WLNS-TV news producer Andy Fitzpatrick review last-minute details before a recent newscast.



WLNS-TV newscast director Ralph Irish in the studio control room during a recent newscast.



Jones with Jerry Jodloski (left), the founder of Lansing-based JAMMIN' DJs, and Dave Henderson, the late co-owner of JAMMIN' DJs, at an event at East Lansing's Harrison Roadhouse in the mid-'90s.

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'The SpongeBob Musical' promises more than just nautical nonsense

By **COURTNEY BOWERMAN**

For Marcus Fields, Riverwalk Theatre's production of "The SpongeBob Musical" at the end of the month will be a fitting directorial debut. Both he and his twin brother, Randy, are die-hard fans of the Nickelodeon show.

"I have a SpongeBob tattoo, and I quote SpongeBob all the time," Fields said.

He was pleased to find that the musical director, Alan Sloan, is also a fan.

"The first thing that he said to me when we were looking at things together was that he was disappointed that 'Sweet Victory' isn't in the show," Fields said. (The song appeared in the fan-favorite episode "Band Geeks.")

"The SpongeBob Musical" opened on Broadway in late 2017 and closed in September 2018. Although the national tour was cut short by the COVID pandemic, a "pro-shot," or professional video recording, of the Broadway show aired on Nickelodeon in 2019.

As with many big-budget Broadway shows, the original production had a lot of elaborate set pieces, costumes and props. Compared to that, Fields knows that Riverwalk's version will have a lot to live up to.

"If you've watched the pro-shot online, it's a big show," he said. "It's more complex than many shows might be in the Lansing area because we're all volunteers. We pay the music directors and the musicians for the shows, but everyone else is a volunteer, so we do have to simplify things."

Nevertheless, he said Riverwalk's production borrows inspiration from the Broadway version for many of the songs. He praised the original choreographers and set designers for their innovative ways of putting together a great show in a short time.

"One cool thing about this production is that 54% of my cast is new to the Riverwalk stage," he said. "They've performed at other places — many of them are LCC (Lansing Community College) performers — but it's really exciting to have so many new faces on our stage. It's a really fresh group, and I'm really excited to see what they do with the show."

Fields grew up in Leslie and attended Michigan State University. While this is



Photo by Ariniko Artistry

TJ Kelly as Patrick Star, Michael Palmer as SpongeBob SquarePants and Ny'kieria Blocker as Sandy Cheeks in Riverwalk Theatre's production of "The SpongeBob Musical," running May 29 to June 1 and June 5 through 8.

his first official outing as director, he's no stranger to the stage. He's been involved in community theater in Lansing since 2014, when he worked with Riverwalk as an assistant director to Amy Rickett for the Catholic school drama "Child's Play." Since then, he's mostly served as a stage manager for River-

walk, Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. and the former Curtainless Theatre. Last season, he worked on several Riverwalk productions, including "Moonglow," "Angels in America" and "Amadeus." Most of his professional experience consists of managing serious and straightforward plays. So, when the previously selected director had to step down shortly after "The SpongeBob Musical" was selected for the season, Fields threw his hat into the ring, eager to work on his first musical comedy since high school.

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However, although it's based on a cartoon, Fields pointed out that the plot isn't simply a happy-go-lucky romp for kids. In fact, despite the nautical nonsense that the TV show is cherished for, there's quite a bit at stake for SpongeBob (played by Michael Palmer) and his friends.

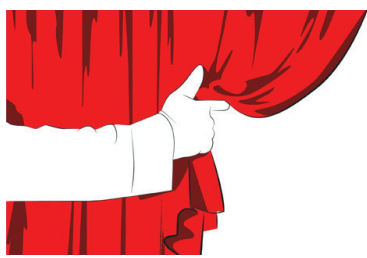
"The citizens of Bikini Bottom are facing a sort of doomsday event, and the show follows the upturning of their society and how folks react to that," he explained. "Mr. Krabs (Christopher Pangracz) leads an exploitative get-rich-quick scheme. Some members of the community blame the disaster on land mammals entering the community, so Sandy Cheeks (Ny'kieria Blocker) is made into a scapegoat. A cult springs up around Patrick Star (TJ Kelly). Plankton and Karen (Janus Hoang and Kayla Henry) develop a plan to control the population through mind control.

"A lot of those things mirror what we see in society today," he added.

With such a funny and relevant script, along with its beloved characters and catchy songs written by a multitude of famous artists, including David Bowie, Cyndi Lauper, the Plain White T's, John Legend, Steven Tyler, They Might Be Giants and many more, Fields is confident the musical will be a hit in Lansing.

"It's a really fun show," he said. "I think there's a lot to get out of it even if you aren't a fan of 'SpongeBob.' I really hope folks of all ages come out and connect with it."

BEHIND THE CURTAIN



May and early June theater productions:

"Baba"
Through May 25
2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday-Sunday
7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
williamstontheatre.org

"Over the River and Through the Woods"
Starlight Dinner Theatre
May 9-10 and 17-18
7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Waverly East Intermediate School
3131 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing
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Young Playwrights Festival
2 p.m. Saturday, May 10
Wharton Center Pasant Theatre
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

"Lanstronauts, We Have a Problem"
8 p.m. May 15-17
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

"The Laramie Project"
All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre
7 p.m. May 16
3 p.m. May 17
Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing
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"The Apiary" (staged reading)
7:30 p.m. May 19
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St., Williamston
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"Hamilton"
May 21-June 1
7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
1:30 p.m. Saturday; May 22
1 and 7 p.m. Sunday
Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall
750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
whartoncenter.com

"The SpongeBob Musical"
May 29-June 1 and June 5-8
7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Riverwalk Theatre

228 Museum Drive, Lansing
riverwalktheatre.com

"Into the Woods"
Midway Theatre Co.
May 30-31 and June 6-7
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday
Everett High School
3900 Stabler St., Lansing
midwaytheatercompany.org

"The Gospel According to Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens & Count Leo Tolstoy: Discord"
7 p.m. Saturday, May 10
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"Once on This Island"
7 p.m. May 17
4 p.m. May 18
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'Baba' invites audiences to step into an immigrant's shoes at a dire time

By MARY CUSACK

In the program notes for Williamston Theatre's production of "Baba," co-founder and executive director Emily Sutton-Smith addresses the power of storytelling in building human connections, an idea strongly supported by the beautifully executed Michigan premiere of Denmo Ibrahim's play.

"Baba" is a tender story of father-daughter love, loss and reconnection. The play employs a cast of one: Sarab Kamoo plays Mohammed, or Baba, in act one and his daughter, Layla, in act two. Act one is set in the 1980s at the office of U.S. Passport & Immigration in New York City. Baba, an Egyptian immigrant, is trying to get a passport for his U.S.-born daughter so that he can take her back to Egypt. What ensues is a series of visits that highlight the inefficiency and near-cruelty of a typical government agency that almost succeeds in unraveling the jovi-

ally optimistic Baba.

Baba is a sweet and attentive father, beaming with pride over his daughter while managing to keep her occupied through hours of wait time. Eventually, he opens up about his strained relationship with his wife, yet he maintains his optimism through the heartache, singularly focused on the goal of getting that passport and taking Layla home.

Act two takes place 30 years later. Layla enters the airport, headed to Cairo for the first time. She wrestles with reconciling the vision she's had of her father with the truths that have been revealed in the wake of her mother's death.

Director Tony Caselli's staging is clever and engaging. Kamoo is both cast and crew, never leaving the stage even as she transitions between characters. Baba disappears into a nondescript woman who resets the stage for act two, who then morphs into Layla. The transformation becomes part of the story itself as Layla emerges

from being an invisible child to a fully formed woman setting out on a journey of discovery.

Kamoo is simply outstanding. Her Baba is jovial and charming, joking with the others waiting in immigration office purgatory and supplicating himself to the faceless bureaucrats in increasing desperation. Her Layla is chock-full of complex feelings, nervous and doubtful, but also hopeful. One of Kamoo's greatest talents is her ability to cry on command because this story requires plenty of tears, both sad and happy.

Whether Williamston Theatre's creative team foretold the value of "Baba" as it planned the 18th season more than a year ago or not, the show ended up being an excellent choice. "Baba" is the kind of story that most Americans could benefit from experiencing right now, as the Trump administration's assault on immigrants — even actual citizens who might look like "the other" — continues. Although we hear media soundbites about the trauma caused by these actions, a story like "Baba" reminds us that behind each of these cases are real human beings, parents and children who have identities, goals and dreams,

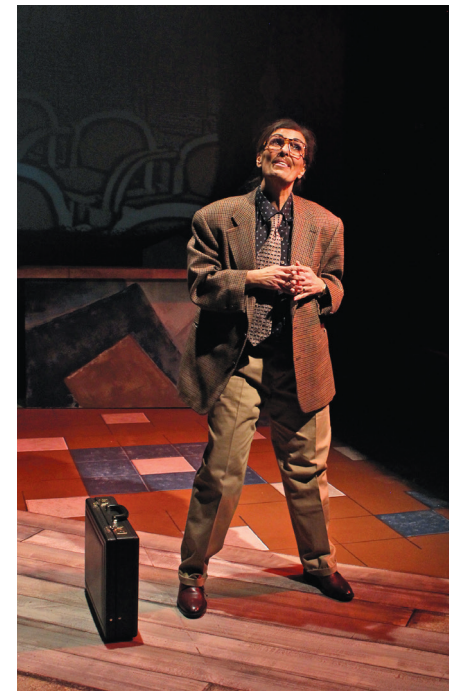


Photo by Chris Purchis

Sarab Kamoo as Mohammed in Williamston Theatre's production of "Baba," by Denmo Ibrahim.

who love each other and are forever changed by the damage done by separations and deportations.



Review

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New novel shows just how ‘moral’ 19th-century psychiatry was

By **BILL CASTANIER**

“Moral Treatment,” by Stephanie Carpenter, an assistant professor of creative writing at Michigan Technological University, is a mystifying historical novel set at the former Northern Michigan Asylum in Traverse City during the latter part of the 19th century.

The book was published by Central Michigan University Press and was the first work chosen for its Summit Series Prize, which will be awarded annually. It revolves around the lives of two teenage patients, Amy and Letitia, who form an unusual friendship.

Letitia often steals the show, much like Randle McMurphy, the famous protagonist in Ken Kesey’s “One Flew Over the

Cuckoo’s Nest.” Like McMurphy, Letitia often pays the piper for her unruliness.

“Letitia has physical scars and experiences post-traumatic stress,” Carpenter said.

The book’s title is derived from the moral treatment model, an international movement that emerged in the late 18th century, emphasizing a more humane treatment model for the mentally ill that moved away from shackles and disturbing treatment regimens.

The Northern Michigan Asylum followed the Kirkbride Plan, named after Thomas Kirkbride, a psychiatrist who designed mental hospitals. The hospitals, built to his specifications, featured separate wings for men and women, private

rooms and wards with plenty of sunlight and ventilation.

Kirkbride hospitals were also noted for providing opportunities for on-site work and beautiful grounds. They were somewhat self-sufficient, with gardens, dairy barns and animal husbandry. The idea was that mental illness could be remediated through humane care and that patients would get better in the proper physical environment. In her book, Carpenter describes daily walks outdoors and the building’s picturesque location, which was within a quarter mile of Grand Traverse Bay.

However, electric shock therapy and lobotomies were still performed on patients.

This is the situation 17-year-old Amy and Letitia find themselves thrown into when they’re institutionalized for their antisocial activities and erratic behavior.

Carpenter said she used contemporary medical books and documents of the era to describe treatments and processes, which adds to the novel’s historical accuracy.

Although the treatment protocol may have been more humane, the residents were kept under lock and key. The intentions of the doctor and assistant medical personnel are shown in the book to be well-meaning within the context of late-19th- and 20th-century treatment procedures for mental illness. Despite that, the book can be horrifying at times for modern readers.

Carpenter, who grew up in Traverse City, went to middle school across the street from the Northern Michigan Asylum. It opened in 1885 and was decommissioned in 1989 when treatment focus

became more community-based and psychiatric drugs became common.

If you’d like to learn more about the asylum’s history, nonfiction books on the subject include Dr. William A. Decker’s “Northern Michigan Asylum: A History of the Traverse City State Hospital,” the most comprehensive book on the asylum, and Heidi Johnson’s “Angels in the Architecture,” which the author calls “a photographic elegy to an American asylum.” I also recommend Nancy Tomes’ “The Art of Asylum Keeping: Thomas Story Kirkbride and the Origins of American Psychiatry.”

Today, the asylum has been developed into condominiums, restaurants, shops and businesses. Visitors can take tours of the sprawling campus to see where patients lived, worked and interacted. For

the adventurous, overnight accommodations are available in restored cottages.

While writing “Moral Treatment,” Carpenter was given a private tour of the asylum by one of the developers.

“It was kind of a quiet place, but there are still obvious marks of the residents and how the spaces were used, like the movie projector booth and the artwork patients left behind,” she said.

It’s uncanny how accurately Carpenter’s imaginative writing captures what it was like to be held in an asylum, especially when there are so few personal accounts of patients’ daily life. The book pulls you into the tedious daily life of the patients, from treatment to dining and entertainment.

“Since I had very little access to any treatment records, I had to think about the physical surroundings and how it would affect them,” she said.



Courtesy photo

Michigan Technological University educator Stephanie Carpenter went to middle school across the street from the former Northern Michigan Asylum in Traverse City. The experience inspired the setting of her new novel, “Moral Treatment,” about two teenage patients who form an unusual friendship during the latter part of the 19th century.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

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2. A public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance 1548, a request from Saginaw Investment Group to rezone the vacant parcel at the northwest corner of W. Grand River Avenue and Touraine Avenue from R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential District to B-2 Retail Sales Business District. The parcel is adjacent to, and intended to be combined with, 1427 W. Saginaw Rd.

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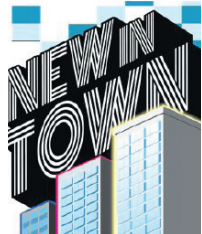


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Candy is dandy at Williamston's new sweet shop

By LEO V. KAPLAN

When Williamston City Council member Steve Jenkins learned that a storefront would be opening up in downtown Williamston, he saw an opportunity to bring a long-time idea to fruition: a modern-day penny candy shop.



The Candy Café & Ice Cream Shoppe

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His son Todd, who frequented similar shops in the 1980s, jumped on board. Also a Williamston resident with four children in the area, Todd wanted to give them

“a place where they can come and hang out with their friends and have a good time.”

The Candy Café & Ice Cream Shoppe opened Sunday (May 4). Todd hopes the shop, which offers hand-scooped ice cream, homemade cotton candy and candy by the ounce, will serve as a gathering spot for the town's youth.

“We came in together, looked at it and thought this would be a great location,” Todd said. “It's right downtown where families come to hang out and walk the streets, so it's perfect.”

The choice to offer both ice cream and candy originated in part from Todd's youth, when he frequented Keller's Ice Cream and Restaurant and Fabiano's

candy shop in Williamston.

The ice cream comes from Hershey Creamery Co., a brand Todd said some people drive extra distances to find. Unrelated to the chocolate company, Hershey ice cream comes in 16 flavors, served at the Candy Café in cake, sugar and waffle cones.

A wall of candies sold for 50 cents an ounce contains classics like jawbreakers and peach rings. Todd said he spent “a couple hundred hours” doing market research, “dealing with different companies and trying to get some nostalgia candy from different decades” to ensure there's something for everyone.

For those more tuned into internet culture, a “pricier section” of pre-bagged

candy features products “that a lot of influencers do videos and taste tests with,” including Bubs, a Swedish candy brand that gained popularity through viral TikTok videos. A sort of hybrid between marshmallows and gummies, the candy is imported directly from Sweden.

“We try to bring the old in with the new,” Todd said. “Bubs are a big item for the younger kids. I have a 17-year-old daughter who was buying a pound of it on Amazon.”

Despite a tedious process getting it through customs, Todd said he plans to keep restocking the brand after selling “quite a few bags” at Sunday's grand opening.

While penny candy doesn't cost a



Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

Downtown Williamston's new Candy Café offers a wall of nostalgic sweets that can be bagged and purchased at 50 cents an ounce.

penny anymore, the Candy Café is “the same idea,” according to Todd.

“It'll bring families together,” he said.



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Candy Café co-owner Todd Jenkins greets customers behind the shop's ice cream cooler, which features 16 flavors from Hershey Creamery Co.

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By Matt Jones

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- 1. House broadcaster
- 6. Letter after pi
- 9. Origami bird
- 14. Area well beyond the coast
- 16. Pointer's beam
- 17. Eyeglass prescription effect times 4?
- 19. Curved paths
- 20. He wrote "The Raven"
- 21. Piece of sound equipment
- 22. Partake of
- 23. Barry Bonds and Willie Stargell, for short
- 24. Baby leopard
- 25. Soup with sprouts and slices of beef
- 28. 2002 NBA Rookie of the Year ___ Gasol
- 29. Late actor Kilmer
- 30. Percolate slowly
- 31. Saying that has about 8 different meanings, some of them dirty?
- 36. English university town
- 37. Salonga of Broadway
- 38. Cut down
- 39. Con game run 16 different ways?
- 42. Maker of Regenerist skin care products
- 43. You may pay less to get more of them
- 44. Biden, familiarly
- 45. The "N" of NDA
- 46. "George of the Jungle" creature
- 47. "Top Gun" flier

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- 48. Proper
 - 51. Knight's title
 - 52. Chest muscle, for short
 - 53. Pageant garment
 - 54. Hybrid letter with 32 peaks that just looks like a long zigzag?
 - 59. Photographer Leibovitz
 - 60. Gadget used after hard-boiling, perhaps
 - 61. Piece of lumber
 - 62. Airport presence
 - 63. British formal jackets
- DOWN**
- 1. ___ vin (chicken dish)
 - 2. San Antonio team
 - 3. Nobel Prize category
 - 4. Partners of "ifs" or "buts"
 - 5. It goes with "neither"
 - 6. Auto takebacks
 - 7. Revolutionary War spy Nathan
 - 8. Number under the ! on a keyboard
 - 9. Go higher
 - 10. Speak with a gravelly voice
 - 11. "Bad ___ Wanna Be" (Dennis Rodman book)
 - 12. Prefix for classicist
 - 13. Ending for north, west, or northwest
 - 15. Dry ingredient recipe measurement
 - 18. Bank's storage room
 - 23. Expire, like a subscription
 - 24. Panama divider
 - 25. "The Last of Us" star Pascal
 - 26. "___ Johnny!"
 - 27. Columnists' pieces
 - 28. "Seinfeld" character played by Patrick Warburton
 - 29. Gore and Mondale, for two
 - 30. Marching band drum
 - 31. Actress Kaitlin of ABC's "High Potential"
 - 32. "Forget You" singer
 - 33. From Amarillo, say
 - 34. Evade capture by
 - 35. Theme park at Disney World
 - 40. ___ pants (calf-length trousers)
 - 41. Takes a DVD out
 - 46. Put on television
 - 47. Block-removing game
 - 48. "Rock Me Amadeus" musician
 - 49. "Where have ___ this before?"
 - 50. Thanksgiving day: Abbr.
 - 51. Mix, as cocoa
 - 52. Barnyard animals
 - 53. BBQ rod
 - 54. Little bit of gel
 - 55. Four-color card game
 - 56. "Snakes ___ Plane"
 - 57. Receive
 - 58. Suffix for glob or nod

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Answers on page 21

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

May 7-13, 2025

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Just for now, you might benefit from moderating your intensity. I am pleased to see how much good stuff you have generated lately, but it may be time to scale back a bit. At least consider the possibility of pursuing modest, sustainable production rather than daring to indulge in spectacular bursts of energy. In conclusion, dear Aries, the coming days will be a favorable time for finding the sweet spot between driving ambition and practical self-care. Your natural radiance won't have to burn at maximum brightness to be effective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Classical ballet dancers often seek to convey the illusion of weightlessness through highly stylized movements. Innovative Taurus choreographer Martha Graham had a different aim, emphasizing groundedness. Emotional depth and rooted physicality were crucial to her art of movement. "The body never lies" is a motto attributed to her, along with "don't be nice, be real." I recommend you make those themes your guides for now, Taurus. Ask your body to reveal truths unavailable to your rational mind. Value raw honesty and unembellished authenticity over mere decorum.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gemini photographer Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971) was a trailblazer. She was the first American woman war photojournalist, the first professional photographer permitted into the Soviet Union and among the first to photograph a Nazi concentration camp. She was consistently at the right place at the right time to record key historical moments. She's your role model in the coming months. You, too, will have a knack for being in the right place and time to experience weighty turning points. Be vigilant for such opportunities. Be alert and ready to gracefully pounce.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "Each negative word in a news headline increases click-through rates," writes Joan Westenberg. "Negative political posts on social media get twice the engagement. The system rewards pessimism." She wants to be clear: "Doomsayers aren't necessarily wrong. Many concerns are valid. But they've built an attention economy that profits from perpetual panic. It's a challenge to distinguish between actionable information and algorithmic amplification, genuine concern and manufactured outrage." Westenberg's excellent points are true for all of us. But it's especially important that you Cancerians take measures to protect yourself now. For the sake of your mental and physical health, you need extra high doses of optimism, hope and compassion. Seek out tales of triumph, liberation, pleasure and ingenuity far more than tales of affliction, mayhem and corruption.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bees are smart. The robust and lightweight honeycombs they create for their homes are designed with high efficiency, maximizing storage space while using the least amount of resources possible. Let's make bees' genius your inspirational role model for the coming weeks, Leo. It will be a favorable time to optimize your own routines and systems. Where can you reduce unnecessary effort and create more efficiency? Whether it's refining your schedule, streamlining a project or organizing your workspace, small adjustments will yield pleasing rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In 1971, Virgo poet Kay Ryan began teaching English at a small community college. Though she wrote steadily, working hard to improve her craft and publish books, she never promoted herself. For years, she was virtually unknown. Finally, in 2008, she flamed into prominence. In quick succession, she served as the U.S. poet laureate, won a Pulitzer Prize and received a \$500,000 "genius grant" as a MacArthur Fellow. Why am I telling you about her long toil before getting her rightful honors? Because I believe that if you are ever going to receive the acclaim, recognition, appreciation and full respect you deserve, it will happen in the coming months.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Libran author Diane Ackerman combines an elegant poetic sensibility and a deft skill at scientific observation. She is lyrical and precise, imaginative and logical, inventive and factual. I would love for you to be inspired by her example in the coming weeks. Your greatest success and pleasure will arise as you blend creativity with pragmatism. You will make good decisions as you focus on both the big picture and the intimate details. PS: If you immerse yourself in the natural world and seek out sensory-rich experiences, I bet you will inspire a smart solution to an achy dilemma.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio-born Sabina Spielrein (1885-1942) was one of the earliest woman psychoanalysts. In the 21st century, she is increasingly recognized as a great thinker who got marginalized because of her feminist approach to psychology. Several of her big contributions were Scorpionic to the core: She observed how breakdown can lead to breakthrough, how most transformations require the death of an old form, and how dissolution often serves creation. These will be useful themes for you to ruminate about in the coming weeks. For best results, be your deep, true, Scorpio self.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In the middle of his art career, Sagittarian painter Paul Klee (1879-1940) was drafted into the German army as a soldier in World War I. Rather than fighting on the front lines, he managed to get a job painting camouflage on military airplanes. This enabled him to conduct artistic explorations and experiments. The metal hulls became his canvases. I am predicting a comparable opportunity disguised as an obstacle for you, Sagittarius. Just as the apparent constraint on Klee actually advanced his artistic development, you will discover luck in unexpected places.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else," wrote poet Emily Dickinson. I often feel that truth. As much as I would love to devote 70-plus hours a week to creative writing and making music, I am continually diverted by the endless surprises of the daily rhythm. One of these weeks, maybe I'll be brave enough to simply give myself unconditionally to ordinary life's startling flow and forget about trying to accomplish anything great. If you have ever felt a similar pull, Capricorn, the coming days will be prime time to indulge. There will be no karmic cost incurred.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): David Bowie was a brilliant musical composer and performer. His artistry extended to how he crafted his persona. He was constantly revising and reshaping his identity, his appearance and his style. The Ziggy Stardust character he portrayed on stage, for example, had little in common with his later phase as the Thin White Duke. "I've always collected personalities," he quipped. If you have ever felt an inclination to experiment with your image and identity, Aquarius, the coming weeks will be an excellent time. Shape-shifting could be fun and productive. Transforming your outer style may generate interesting inner growth. What would be interesting ways to play with your self-expression?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The Voynich manuscript is a famous text written in an unfamiliar script filled with bizarre illustrations. Carbon-dated to the early 15th century, it has resisted all attempts at deciphering its content. Even Artificial Intelligence has not penetrated its meaning. I propose we make this enigmatic document an iconic metaphor for your life in the coming weeks. It will symbolize the power you can generate by celebrating and honoring mystery. It will affirm the fact that you don't necessarily require logical explanations but can instead appreciate the beauty of the unknown. Your natural comfort with ambiguity will be a potent asset, enabling you to work effectively with situations others find too uncertain.

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, May 7

35 Hours of Giving - From 7 a.m. May 7 to 6 p.m. May 8, help participating local nonprofits grow their endowment funds, ensuring they can continue their vital work for years to come. Visit 35hours.ourcommunity.org for list of participants and ways to give.

"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 - The Bookend presents work by Hedda Doyle through the end of May. Doyle uses acrylics and gel printing plates in her collage works, with music as a common theme. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 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.

Domestic Violence Support Group - Signing of a confidentiality form will be required to attend. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. For questions, call 517-543-0748, ext. 23, or email ccavazos@sireneatonshelter.org.

"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 Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Free Community Meal - Join us for fellowship, food and an opportunity to connect with the community. Menu includes wet burritos, rice, tortilla chips and sides, and dessert. 5:30-7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-3256.

Holt Education Foundation's 30th Annual Community Recognition Awards - Help us celebrate this year's cohort of outstanding school employees, alumni and community members. 6 p.m. The Hidden Gem, 4230 Charlar Drive, Holt. facebook.com/HoltEducationFoundation.

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 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.

Making It in Michigan Trade Show - The public is encouraged to walk around and enjoy many free samples from food businesses located around Michigan. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. canr.msu.edu/miim/index.

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

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. lamcsangha.wordpress.com.

Spring Salad Luncheon - Luncheon features brats, a variety of salads, coffee, tea and desserts. The bar will serve nonalcoholic beverages. \$15 per person, cash only. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/lansingliederkrantzclub

Swifts Nights Out - This free event series is your chance to witness hundreds of chimney swifts swirling in a tornado-like formation before swooping into their evening roost. 8-9:30 p.m. Smith Floral & Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

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

Virtual Mental Health First Aid Certification Course - Two-day course for adults who hope to learn how to assist other adults experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mental-health-first-aid/index.

Weaving the Web: Strength - 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.

Thursday, May 8

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.



Mighty Uke Day Festival

Noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9

9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10

1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11

University United Methodist Church
1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing

The 15th annual Mighty Uke Day Festival, taking place at University United Methodist Church and a few other East Lansing locales, will offer musicians and music enthusiasts an opportunity to immerse themselves in ukulele culture in a variety of ways, from workshops, group strums and open mics to concerts featuring masters of the instrument.

The festival kicks off with a flash mob at noon Friday at Trowbridge Plaza, followed by an afternoon of workshops on subjects such as navigating the ukulele fretboard, ear training and the basics of the bass ukulele. A dinner break will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m., after which a pre-evening concert group strum will begin. The evening concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will feature Dani Joy & Perry Stauffer, Ukulenny, and Anara Pearl.

Saturday's events will begin with a wake-up concert with Abby Lyons at 9 a.m. at Trowbridge Plaza, followed by more workshops from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on subjects such as looping, navigating the baritone ukulele fretboard and "getting spicy with embellishments." At the same time, guests can enjoy performances and group strums on the Dave's Ukes Community Stage and other jams and open mics around the church. After another dinner break and pre-concert strum, Bryan Tolentino, Ray Cygrymus and Abby Lyons will take the stage beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Additionally, both Friday and Saturday will offer after-hours group strums beginning at 10:30 p.m. at East Lansing's SpringHill Suites hotel.

The festival wraps up Sunday with an acoustic afterglow concert at 1 p.m. at the MSU Community Music School on Hagadorn Road. Teaching artists from the festival will unite to send attendees off with one final performance.

Tickets for the entire festival are \$199 per person or \$119 for students 25 and under. Tickets are also available a la carte for the Friday and Saturday evening concerts (\$25) and Sunday afterglow concert (\$20). Net proceeds from ticket sales benefit Music Is the Foundation, a nonprofit established to fund music programs in local schools. For more information on the festival and to purchase tickets, visit mightyukeday.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.

Anderson Midways Carnival - Enjoy thrilling carnival rides, play classic midway games for prizes and indulge in your favorite fair foods! 4-10 p.m. Meridian

Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian-mall.com/events#.

"Baba" - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Bookend Gallery Display - The Bookend presents work by Hedda Doyle through the end of May. Doyle uses acrylics and gel printing plates in her collage works, with music as a common theme. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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Charcuterie Class - Learn how to create the perfect graduation charcuterie board. Glasses of wine will be \$1 off. 6 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery Tasting Room, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. Facebook. com/wine.burgdorfs.

Charlotte Community Library Birthday Book Club: "The Bourne Identity," by Robert Ludlum - 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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.

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.

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

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

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament - Games start at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gliac.org/tournaments/?pid=27.

John Depew Trio - Depew, the 2022 Kansas Mandolin Champion, brings his masterful picking and heartfelt melodies to the stage. Experience the magic of bluegrass, folk and beyond! 8 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

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.

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

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

The Oxymorons - Longtime friends and musical partners join forces to perform an eclectic mix of classic songs from the '60s and '70s, while also drawing from the pop hits of the decades that followed. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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.

Preserving MI Harvest: Preserving for Outdoor Adventures - Whether you travel, camp or hike, we have tips to keep your food safe. Learn how to dehydrate foods and get some recipe ideas! 1 or 6 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/food_preservation/index.

Rory Nevins Live at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

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.

The Savvy Caregiver - This six-week workshop provides information and skills to support those caring for relatives/friends with dementia. Free. 1 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

SmARTS Workshop - Free workshop delving into the ins and outs of volunteer management and engagement, plus a light lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Allen

Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Register at facebook.com/ArtsCouncilGL.

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

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.

Swifts Nights Out - This free event series is your chance to witness hundreds of chimney swifts swirling in a tornado-like formation before swooping into their evening roost. 8-9:30 p.m. Smith Floral & Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

Thursday Night Open Forge - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal masterpieces! 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.

Virtual Mental Health First Aid Certification Course - Two-day course for adults who hope to learn how to assist other adults experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mental-health-first-aid/index.

Friday, May 9

1930s Puttin' on the Ritz: Hats & Headpieces - Swing the night away! Don your favorite hat or headpiece for a chance to win a prize. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., swing dance lessons 7-8 p.m., open dancing 8-10 p.m. Food and drinks provided. Greater Lansing Academy of Dance, 15643 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. greaterlansingballet.com.

Anderson Midways Carnival - Enjoy thrilling carnival rides, play classic midway games for prizes and indulge in your favorite fair foods! 4-10 p.m. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridianmall.com/events#.

"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.

Bookend Gallery Display - The Bookend presents work by Hedda Doyle through the end of May. Doyle uses acrylics and gel printing plates in her collage works, with music as a common theme. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Bubble Science Day, with Bubbles R Fun - Join us for a Bubble-tastic event filled with bubbly fun for all ages. Free. Shows at 10:30 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. bubblesrfun.com.

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.

Dusty's Wine Club Tasting - Sample 10 wines chosen from May's 6 for \$66 Wine Club selections, served with light appetizers. Wine tastings aren't exclusive to members! 6 p.m. Dusty's Cellar, 1839 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. dustyscellar.com.

"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 Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

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

The Future of Comedy Show - Featuring performances by nationally touring headliner Mike Ball and FOGS regulars Dave Wellfare, Richard Mathis and Donte Lillard. 7 p.m. Bengel Wildlife Center, 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath. facebook.com/thefutureofcomedyshow.

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

Generator - High-energy seven-piece band blending blues, funk, rock and soul with their own unique flair. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament - Games start at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gliac.org/tournaments/?pid=27.

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.

LSO Masterworks 05 - Program includes Jared Miller's "Under Sea, Above Sky," Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. Featured artist Benjamin Grosvenor, piano. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

Manifesting Mindfulness, with LeAnn Crouch - This three-week series, specifically tailored for entrepreneurs, offers a deep dive into the magical intersection of intention, mindset, intuition and manifestation. 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Michigan Paint Horse Club Spring Breakout Horse Show - 4 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. goshowmichigan.com/event/mphc-spring-breakout.

Michigan Spring Horse Show - Full set of ranch and IBHA classes offered with buckskin bred and adult walk-trot. Plenty of open classes as well as speed. Noon. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. goshowmichigan.com/event/michigan-spring-show.

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: 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.

Rock Lansing Kickoff Show - Featuring performances by Of Virtue, Let It Rot, Black Note Graffiti, Accuser of the Brethren and Mesa Mantra. 7 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Scott Seth Live at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Scott Seth rocks the house with tunes from the '70s, '80s and '90s! 7:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Sistrum Spring Concert: "Our Mother, Our Home" - Join Lansing women's chorus Sistrum for a concert dedicated to Mother Earth! Through song, we'll honor the planet we call home and reflect on the need to protect it for future generations. 7 p.m. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. givebutter.com/HtWVTr.

Stoopfest - Nonprofit, DIY music, comedy and arts festival taking place across Lansing's east side. 5:30 p.m.-midnight. For lineup and venue information, visit stoopfest.org.

Swifts Nights Out - This free event series is your chance to witness hundreds of chimney swifts swirling in a tornado-like formation before swooping into their evening roost. 8-9:30 p.m. Smith Floral

& Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

TGIF Celebrate Mother's Day 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, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

Saturday, May 10

Adopt a River - Businesses, unions, schools and civic groups are invited to adopt sections of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers and keep their banks and nearby areas clean. 8:30-11 a.m. Impression 5, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. Register at impression5.org/special-events.

Anderson Midways Carnival - Enjoy thrilling carnival rides, play classic midway games for prizes and indulge in your favorite fair foods! Noon-10 p.m. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridianmall.com/events#.

Annual Mid-Michigan Shape Note Singing - The Mid-Michigan Shape Note Singers will host an all-day sing, featuring selections from the Sacred Harp, a book of songs from colonial times to the present. Listeners and singers of all levels welcome. Potluck lunch. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Road, Okemos. fasolamichigan.org.

Atomic Annie - This female-fronted party band ignites audiences all over mid-Michigan with a setlist spanning decades of hit music, from MTV classics to alternative rock anthems to today's chart toppers. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

Blind Alley Comics Live - Join us for a lively presentation, featuring dramatic readings and a groovy slideshow of works past, present and future, as we reveal amazing truths from our 15 years in the industry. 2 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/blindalleycomics.

Bookend Gallery Display - The Bookend presents work by Hedda Doyle through the end of May. Doyle uses acrylics and gel printing plates in her collage works, with music as a common theme. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Cat Crochet Class - Learn how to crochet a cozy cat bed with new friends and rescue kitties! 2 p.m. The Cat Connection, 621 S. Grand Ave., Fowlerville. eventbrite.com/o/the-cat-connection-65515147103.

Community Soccer Open House - Meet the people behind Real Lansing Football Club and learn more about its mission to support the athletic and academic journeys of Lansing students. There will also be a match between Real Lansing FC's U11A team and Bath Soccer Club. 1-4 p.m. Gardner International Magnet School, 333 Dahlia Drive, Lansing. reallansingfc.org.

Craig Hendershott Live on the Patio - 8-11 p.m. REO Town Pub, 1145 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/craig.hendershott.music.

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.

Downtown Lansing Spring Clean Up - Give back to the city by helping clean up public spaces, including streets, parks and alleyways. 9-11 a.m. Register at sign-up.com/go/MAOvoeF to receive a location.

Edible Wild Plants Walk - Join Peter Carrington, curator of MSU's Beal Botanical Garden, for a walking tour of Harris Nature Center. We'll identify edible plants common throughout the Midwest and poisonous look-alikes. 1 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

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

“The Gospel According to ...” - Find out what happens when Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens and Leo Tolstoy find each other locked in a room following their deaths. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament - Games start at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gliac.org/tournaments/?id=27.

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

May Flowers Psychic Fair - Join the Keys to Manifestation team for a night of witchcraft, clarity, growth and insight. Walk-ins welcome! We usually have a variety of tarot, oracle cards, bone readings, astrology, runes, reiki and more. 3-8 p.m. 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

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

Michigan Spring Horse Show - Full set of ranch and IBHA classes offered with buckskin bred and adult walk-trot. Plenty of open classes as well as speed. 7:30 a.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. goshowmichigan.com/event/michigan-spring-show.

Mother's Day Gift Making for Kids and Bubble Party - Workshop itinerary includes a Mother's Day card craft, a bubble bracelet/keychain craft and 30 minutes of playing with bubbles outside. 3 p.m. The Craft Bar, 513 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. thecraftbar.shop.

Michigan Paint Horse Club Spring Breakout Horse Show - 8 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. goshowmichigan.com/event/mpch-spring-breakout.

Museum Tour: Deep-Rooted with Beal Botanical Garden - Join Beal education director Maeve Bassett for a tour unearthing the historical, social and political narratives growing within works of art from the Broad's CORE collection. 1 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 517 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Native Michigan Plant Sale - The Wild Ones Red Cedar Chapter will offer a selection of native Michigan wildflowers and grasses at the Meridian Township Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. wildoneslansing.weebly.com.

Rock Lansing 5K - Outdoor run kicking off at 9 a.m. at Adado Riverfront Park (201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing). To register, visit rocklansing.com/5k.html.

Rock Lansing Music Festival - Outdoor rock music festival featuring national and regional bands on multiple stages, plus food trucks and other vendors. Noon-11 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. For lineup and tickets, visit rocklansing.com.

SafeTALK Training - Half-day training in suicide alertness skills. Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 1100 E. Clinton Trail, Charlotte. united-steps.org.

Scorpion Medicine - At this Scorpio full moon, we seek to divine some of this wrathful, instinctual, evolutionary wisdom of this watery archetype for our own in an effort to deepen our intuitive aptability. 7:30 p.m. Lovelight Collective, 107 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. lovelight-collective.com.

Scout Day - Visit Impression 5 with your Scout group! Receive group admission, enjoy an environmental fair, explore hands-on science exhibits and view a special science demonstration. 11 a.m. 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. Reserve your group by calling 517-485-8116, ext. 132.

Second Saturday Divorce Workshop - Learn to navigate the rollercoaster of emotions, legalities and life after divorce at our in-person divorce workshop. 9 a.m. 2139 Commons Pkwy., Suite B, Okemos. eventbrite.com/o/kylee-mohammed-chfc-cdfa-77498789483.

Sistrum Spring Concert: “Our Mother, Our Home” - Join Lansing women's chorus Sistrum for a concert dedicated to Mother Earth! Through song, we'll honor the planet we call home and reflect on the need to protect it for future generations. 3 p.m. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. givebutter.com/HtWvTr.

Stoopfest - Nonprofit, DIY music, comedy and arts festival taking place across Lansing's east side. 11:30 a.m.-midnight. For lineup and venue information, visit stoopfest.org.

Swifts Nights Out - This free event series is your chance to witness hundreds of chimney swifts swirling in a tornado-like formation before swooping into their evening roost. 8-9:30 p.m. Smith Floral & Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

Taylor Taylor Live at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Tidy Up REO Town - Help pick up trash around the neighborhood and the surrounding River Trail. 10 a.m.-noon. REO Town, Lansing. Register at forms.gle/RU3Y9VTDJstj3e6P6.

Woodburning Workshop - Create new designs while learning the basics of wood burning. Test out your new skills on different kinds of wood and a piece of leather! Ages 10-13. 10 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. impression5.org/make-it-workshops.

World Bellydance Day Event - In honor of World Belly Dance Day, join Gemhara and Karma Bellydance for “Shimmy & Shine,” a dazzling evening celebrating the art, beauty and power of belly dance. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.



Sistrum spring concerts: ‘Our Mother, Our Home’

7 p.m. Friday, May 9
3 p.m. Saturday, May 10
Presbyterian Church of Okemos
2258 Bennett Road, Okemos

Lansing women's chorus Sistrum's spring concerts promise a “moving musical exploration of climate change, environmental justice and our deep connection to Mother Earth.” Music will highlight the Flint water crisis, climate change and the beauty of planet Earth, with special collaborations from local musicians.

“The music we are singing definitely inspires me and helps me to keep marching during these turbulent times! Please come enjoy and get inspired!” Sistrum Board President Mary Turner said.

There will be a silent auction during the intermission of each performance, with opportunities to bid on items from local businesses. Proceeds will benefit the chorus.

Concert tickets range from \$5 to \$40 and are available at givebutter.com/HtWvTr. For more information on Sistrum, visit sistrum.org.

Young Playwrights Festival - A showcase of six original works written by high school students and produced by MSU Department of Theatre undergraduate and graduate students. Free and open to the public. 2 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Sunday, May 11

Anderson Midways Carnival - Enjoy thrilling carnival rides, play classic midway games for prizes and indulge in your favorite fair foods! Noon-5 p.m. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridianmall.com/events#.

“Baba” - 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - 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. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. 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.

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament - Game starts at 11 a.m., with an additional game at 3 p.m. if necessary. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gliac.org/tournaments/?id=27.

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

Lansing Roller Derby Adult Boot Camp - 2-4 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

League of Women Voters Book Days - Support the LWV of Lansing Area by shopping at Schuler Books from May 11-17. Schuler will donate 20% of your purchase when you mention “LWV Lansing” at checkout. You can also use the code for an online order. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. facebook.com/LWVLA.MI.

Michigan Spring Horse Show - 7:30 a.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. goshowmichigan.com/event/michigan-spring-show.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 FRENCH FRIES

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2024 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

1. BAD Brewing Co.

Brewery and eatery serving traditional pub fare
440 S. Jefferson St., Mason
(517) 676-7664
badbrewing.com
3-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday
Noon-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday
Noon-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Noon-8 p.m. Sunday

(Kitchen closes two hours before bar)

2. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

Sports bar offering handcrafted burgers, sandwiches and fresh-cut fries
2803 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
(517) 374-0390
dagwoodstavern.com
11 a.m.-11 p.m. daily

3. HopCat

Craft beer bar serving elevated pub fare, including beer-battered fries
300 Grove St., East Lansing
(517) 816-4300
hopcat.com
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-midnight Friday
10 a.m.-midnight Saturday
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday

4. Meat BBQ

Slow-smoked barbecue joint with a variety of loaded fry options
1224 Turner St., Lansing
(517) 580-4400
meatbbq.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

5. The Peanut Barrel

Bar and grill offering burgers, sandwiches and an outdoor patio
521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 351-0608
peanutbarrel.com
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday
11 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday

Bangos has perfected an American classic

By NICOLE NOECHEL

It's always a surprise to me when I find out someone hasn't heard of Bangos. Tucked inside Strange Matter Coffee in downtown Lansing, it's become one of my favorite places to eat in the area. Like its sister restaurant, Babe's Corner, there are almost as many vegan menu items as there are meat-and dairy-based ones, which is perfect for my boyfriend. The prices are agreeable, the vibes are casual, and the location is prime for an afternoon out on the town when you're finished.

The majority of its offerings are breakfast items, but since I tried its Deluxe burger, I haven't given a thought to ordering any of the bagel sandwiches. In fact, I haven't purchased a burger anywhere else in town since that pivotal discovery. If I'm going to have a burger, a notoriously calorie-dense food, why not have it be the best?

Two aptly toasted brioche buns encase two smashed beef patties, two slices of American cheese, lettuce, tomato, red

onion, pickles and mayo. I add bacon, which is worth the \$2 up-charge — Bangos is primarily a breakfast joint, after all, and it's nailed the delicate art of bacon cookery. These are all very standard burger toppings, but they somehow feel elevated in this sandwich. The warm, melty

cheese becomes somewhat of a second sauce alongside the creamy, tangy mayo. The tomato is almost as juicy as the tender, flavorful patties, ensuring no bite is too dry. The lettuce, onion and pickles add notes of freshness and acidity, cutting the richness of the animal-based ingredients.

This is perfection on a plate. (Or, in this case, a foil wrapper.)

Lizy Ferguson mentioned Bangos' fried potatoes in her 2023 review of the Maple Boy sandwich, but I would be remiss not to reiterate that they're exquisite. After all, who eats a burger without some kind of potato accompaniment? While there are more "loaded" versions, I prefer the regular potatoes, seasoned with salt, pepper and paprika. Pleasingly crispy but still



The Deluxe

\$10

Fried potatoes

\$5

Bangos

331 S. Washington Square,
Lansing

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-
Sunday

bangosbangosbangos.com



Courtesy photo

The Deluxe burger at Bangos is perfection on a plate, from the juicy, flavorful patties to the pillowy brioche buns they're served between. Even the standard toppings somehow feel elevated.

full of that starchy flavor that's often lacking in processed potato products, I would love to know how these are prepared so I can amplify my at-home potato game.

Even if you think you've found your favorite burger in the area, I urge you to get yourself a Deluxe. Take a bite, wait for the shock to die down, then take a few more to let the deliciousness settle in. Though my attempt to nominate it for Best Burger in the 2024 Top of the Town contest was thwarted by more popular, time-honored establishments, if enough people see the light, it may finally get the recognition it deserves this year.

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Events

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Mom-osa Brunch and Flower Bar - Event will feature a brunch spread from Cork & Ladle, with a variety of mimosa flavors to choose from. In addition, there will be a flower bar where you can create a beautiful bouquet for Mom or yourself. 10:30 a.m. The Windsor Room, 139 Bridge St., Dimondale. eventbrite.com/o/the-windsor-room-59077406173.

Mother's Day Celebration at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Moms drink for 1/2 price all day. In addition to our regular brunch menu (available noon-4 p.m.), we'll have shrimp cocktail, paella, and surf & turf! Noon-10 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Michigan Paint Horse Club Spring Breakout Horse Show - 8 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. goshowmichigan.com/event/mphc-spring-breakout.

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.

Swifts Nights Out - 8-9:30 p.m. Smith Floral & Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

Wine Glass Painting for Mother's Day - In this guided workshop, you'll learn the techniques of wine glass painting in about an hour. Both stemmed and stemless wine glasses will be available. 1:30 or 4:30 p.m. The Craft Bar, 513 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. thecraftbar.shop.

Monday, May 12

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

Advancing Women in Energy Golf Outing - Join current and prospective AWE members for a nine-hole scramble at Lake O' the Hills Golf Course. Food and networking at a local restaurant will follow the outing. 3 p.m. 2101 Lac Du Mont Drive, Haslett. advancingwomeninenergy.org.

Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 7-8:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Bookend Gallery Display - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 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.

Dragon Eggs - Using air-dry clay, jewels and an assortment of other craft supplies, participants will design and create their own magical dragon eggs. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

Fiber Circle - Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels welcome. 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 Central Park Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, 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. lapsg.org.

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

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

Your Money, Your Goals Mini Workshop - Learn about the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Your Money, Your Goals toolkit. 11:30 a.m. Capital Area Community Services, 1301 Rensen St., Lansing. canr.msu.edu/outreach.

Tuesday, May 13

"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.

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 - 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.

Bookend Gallery Display - Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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.

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

Jay Fry Live at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6 p.m. 5801

N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. South Bend Cubs - 6:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

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.

Michigan Education Trust and Michigan Education Savings Program Webinar - 7 p.m. Register at michigan.gov/setwithmet.

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

Minecraft Mania! - We'll have our Minecraft server set up and laptops ready to go. No experience needed — all levels of players/builders welcome. Ages 8-12. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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