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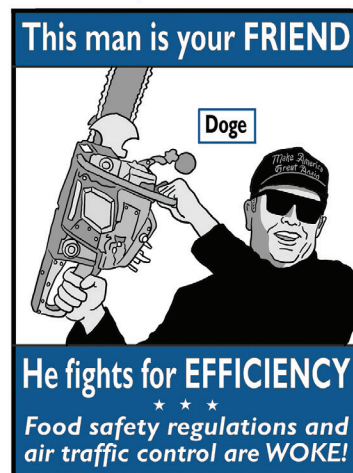
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NEWS & OPINION

'Catastrophic' AmeriCorps cuts hit local nonprofits

Two days after her wedding, Maya Crawford learned she would lose her job.

As a youth program coordinator at the Edgewood Village Network Center, the 21-year-old AmeriCorps member had already seen other initiatives cut by the Trump administration. But what happened was "one of the worst possible options" her team had discussed, Crawford said.

Many AmeriCorps members had their service abruptly terminated in late April after the federal government slashed funding for the volunteer program. Though funding for the fiscal year was secured through Congress, the White House canceled \$400 million in grants April 25, including over 1,000 programs and 32,000 members.

The program provides volunteers with a living allowance in exchange for serving local communities. Those who complete it also receive an education award for student loans or tuition.

Twenty-four states, including Michigan, filed a lawsuit arguing that President Donald Trump lacks authority to gut a program created and funded by Congress.

Crawford and one other AmeriCorps member were temporarily converted to contract employees at an East Lansing housing complex to finish out the summer. But after that, the future is uncertain.

"We don't know how day-to-day after-school things will be affected," said Crawford, who runs an afterschool program for 6th through 12th graders.

She also organizes college visits and field trips, provides food and handles administrative work.

"I was in charge of maintaining community partnerships, managing the social media, making all the graphic design," she said. "I shoot photography, I do all the email communicating, and I made our volunteer application digital so more people can access it."

Crawford said the impact would be severe for communities who relied on AmeriCorps.

"Hundreds of thousands of people are going to be affected by this," she said. "America is going to be hurting so bad, and it won't kick in until six months or a year from now. We're all going to be look-



Photo by Raymond Holt

AmeriCorps member Maya Crawford stands inside her workplace, the Edgewood Village Network Center. Crawford and many others were cut when the federal government slashed funding for the volunteer program.

ing back, saying, "Oh my God, I've paid so much more in childcare than I did last year, or I had to go out of my way because these free extracurriculars or this scholarship to camp is not offered anymore."

A spreadsheet of AmeriCorps cancellations in the lawsuit shows 19 grants in the greater Lansing area, though some funded organizations operate statewide. Since grant recipients often act as fiduciaries for local nonprofits, it is difficult to quantify local impact precisely. Nearly 300 members serving local grantees have been cut.

Casey Paskus and Margie Cole coordinate AmeriCorps programs for the Ingham County Health Department. They said all their AmeriCorps members were terminated but that different programs were hit differently.

Paskus coordinates AmeriCorps VISTA programs, including Crawford's. She said VISTA members were placed on administrative leave for 30 days and would continue to receive their stipend and healthcare for that time.

Cole, who coordinates public health programs, said she received a "stop work" order from the Michigan Community Service Commission, her program's grantee. Her members received no funding. Despite the pending lawsuit, Cole had to release her members.

"We don't have the funds to pay them if we don't have the grant," she said. "So

even if the grants might be reinstated, there is no way for the Health Department to pay members."

Paskus said that because AmeriCorps members are technically volunteers, they are ineligible for unemployment.

Both Paskus and Cole will also lose their jobs May 23.

Kelli Beavers is a former AmeriCorps member and the director of programs and personnel at the Michigan Coalition to End Homelessness. The Lansing-based, statewide nonprofit uses AmeriCorps members to build capacity for local housing agencies.

"They provide those services that agencies don't have the staffing or funding to provide," she said. "They may be sitting down and doing intake or triage, or going out with street outreach workers."

She said she had expected some cuts, but nothing so "catastrophic and immediate."

The Michigan College Access Network, another Lansing-based, statewide nonprofit, also had its members cut. Executive director Ryan Fewins-Bliss said he failed to see how the cuts fit into Trump's agenda.

"We knew DOGE had gone into the AmeriCorps headquarters," he said, referring to the so-called Department of Government Efficiency. "But I had hope, because the administration keeps talking

about putting America first, and this program is all about Americans serving Americans."

The Access Network is funding its terminated members, who work in high schools, community colleges and tribal campuses across Michigan, the remainder of the semester. The program's future is unclear.

Proponents of the cuts say they are necessary to reduce the national deficit. Charley Ballard, a retired Michigan State University economics professor, doubts that justification's legitimacy.

"I think the whole talk about cutting spending is not really serious about reducing deficits," he said. "It's serious about reducing the kinds of spending the administration doesn't like. If you're also going to have very large tax cuts, then that tells me you're not really serious about reducing deficits, and the talk about deficits is just a smokescreen to cover what's really going on."

He said that the program, like others cut by DOGE, had been cut "in a careless way that maximizes disruption."

"It's either careless, or there is a deliberate policy of trying to blow up as much stuff in as chaotic a way as possible," he said.

Ballard took pains to emphasize that he is retired and spoke to City Pulse on his own behalf, not MSU's. He cited a fear of retribution in the current political climate as necessitating the clarification.

Despite everything, this year's Russ Mawby Day of Service, in which Michigan AmeriCorps members gather for service projects, will still have a local leg. A Friday, May 16, cleanup at Fenner Nature Center hosted by the Ingham County Health Department will happen even without funding.

"That's kind of just how we are," Cole said.

Crawford said her program will be downsized by necessity, because "you can't expect one person to do the job of three."

"The government is going to say that nothing really changed, but things just got worse on the lower level for everyone else," she said.

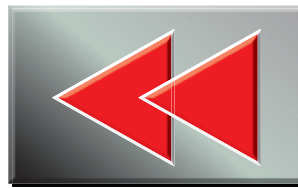
"It feels like a piece of my heart is gone because the government said so."

— LEO V. KAPLAN

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Terry Brunk, a Lansing native and professional wrestling star known as "Sabu," has died at 60. The announcement released by Elite Wrestling and World Wrestling Entertainment did not disclose the cause and time of his death. Brunk, a 1982 graduate of Sexton High School, was an Extreme Championship Wrestling triple crown champion who competed till last month. Sabu was the nephew of 2007 WWE Hall of Fame inductee Edward Farhat, known as The Original Sheik. Farhat, also a Lansing native who lived in Williamston, died at 78 in 2003.

Eaton County District Court has charged four individuals in the death of Gregory Brian Pennington, 42, of Nashville. Officials found Pennington's remains April 29 in Chester Township. The court charged Bradley Lance, 25, with one count each of second-degree murder, torture, felony firearm possession and removing a dead body without a medical examiner's permission. The court also charged Lucas Forquer, 47, Jenelle Mello, 46, and William Chaney, 40, with one count of torture. Officials have not elaborated on why they filed torture charges.

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MSU has lost nearly \$6.5 million in guaranteed federal funding for 18 research projects due to cuts by the Trump administration related to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Lansing State Journal reported. The university said most of the projects had something to do with a "protected class or characteristic" and fit new guidelines for termination. All of the projects followed previous guidelines about content and scope, and the National Science Foundation had previously approved them for funding and support.

MSU will form a Collaborative Advisory Board to review how it handles sexual assault and domestic violence on campus, with its members including Rachael Denholland-er, Trinea Gonczar and Sterling Riethman. They are among the hundreds of women and girls Larry Nassar abused during his time at the university. Rebecca Campbell, an MSU professor who specializes in how systems respond to sexual assault, and Andrea Munford, the lead detective on the Nassar case, will join them. The board will oversee an outside firm's independent review of university policies, practices and responses to relationship violence and sexual misconduct.



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The Lansing School District Board of Education is accepting applications to replace Keturah Bouyer, who resigned May 8. Applications can be submitted to board President Robin Moore by Google Form at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjJdRRwVWnsaylga0e9ZAepqkd3ozYR1Py928QOB-jCexvBKA/viewform> or by email to robin.more@lansingschools.net

The deadline is 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15. The board has 30 days to fill the vacancy. LSD communications manager Ryan Guilding said Bouyer is relocating after a family member took an out-of-state job



The Jefferson County Board of Education in Louisville, Kentucky, has selected Lansing School District Superintendent Ben Shuldiner as one of two finalists for its superintendent vacancy. Jefferson County Public Schools is the largest district in the state, with 97,000 students. It's the second time this year that Shuldiner has been a candidate for a superintendent job in a large, metropolitan school district. The other was Clark County (Las Vegas), after

he was identified by the same search firm, Hazard Young Attea & Associates. The board scheduled a final round of interviews and Q&A sessions with staff and community members for Tuesday, May 20.

Eaton County voters rejected a two-mill, countywide tax proposal May 6, 57% to 43%. The county intended to use it to fund Sheriff's Office road patrols and staff, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and facilities and services for Animal Control. The county previously had to cut public safety services and public hours at administrative offices, necessitating the proposal. Officials are preparing additional cuts to address \$1 million-plus budget shortfall, including eliminating police road patrols, the county's contract with Delta Township for police service and possibly layoffs beyond the Sheriff's Office.

Public safety
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In 1943, while their brothers and fathers were overseas fighting in WWII, students at the massive and elegant Sexton High School began their first day of classes in the brand-new building.

It had to be a glorious day. It wasn't just a school — it was an architectural gem glittering with art wall tiles and dramatic embellishments completed by a world-class sculptor.

The building, designed and constructed by the architectural firm of Warren S. Holmes, remains imposing with its eight-story art deco-style clock tower anchoring the north end of the high school built to accommodate over 2,000 students.

The main foyer was elegant, reminiscent of the country's Great Gatsby mansions with oak paneling and benches.

Decorative tiles line the hallways and on staircases where cartoonish sports characters, sea creatures, the lion and the mouse mix serendipitously with tiles representing Greek myths.

You can also find inlaid tiles of the State Seal of Michigan and others representing theater, chemistry and home economics.

The noted sculptor Corrado Parducci executed 60 thematic relief carvings on the exterior, including a dozen that flank the main entrance. The reliefs are semi abstract and cover the many curriculum offerings, such as typing, choral, physics and astronomy.

The school's north end, which houses the auditorium, features a Punch and Judy relief. Toward the back is a relief of a piano-player teacher backed by a choral group.

Parducci's sculptures grace scores of buildings across Michigan, including some relief carvings on the AT&T building on Capitol Avenue in downtown Lansing.

The Westside Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a rare walking tour of the interior and exterior of Sexton on Thursday, June 12, which includes the auditorium, the sports hall of fame, the historic rotunda and the library. The tour begins at 4 p.m. and costs \$10. To register, visit forms.gle/BpiPBKtzYBY3mDVF8.

BILL CASTANIER

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For sale: A newspaper for the rest of us

By **BERL SCHWARTZ**

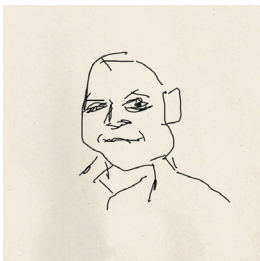
A while ago, I heard a rumor that Piazzano's, one of my favorite Lansing restaurants, was for sale. The next time I stopped by, I asked owner Jim Farhat if that was true. He said it was, but that he was in no rush.

Indeed, Farhat concluded the sale after courting the new buyers for 15 months. To him, it was worth the wait because he wanted buyers who would respect what he had built over three decades, not destroy it. The brothers who purchased it have promised just that.

As a result, an important local asset — in this case, a locally owned, independent, neighborhood restaurant with character and good food — will continue. It is not going to end up being gutted for a dispensary or whatever some health conglomerate might want to build in its place.

City Pulse is also independent and

locally owned. And, in the minds of our readers and many more online, a newspaper with character and good “food” in the form of content.



City Pulse's founding mission has not changed since we published our first issue Aug. 15, 2001: “To provide a journal of news and opinion on civic, social and political issues as well as arts and entertainment in Greater Lansing.”

Now, 1,231 issues later, it is time for me to look for a new owner to take over.

Why now? Not because I am done. Yes, I'm 78. Sure, long days are tougher now than they were when City Pulse started 24 years ago. However, I am still passionate about journalism and City Pulse. No regrets, except for not having started it sooner.

Rather, it is because City Pulse needs me to have an exit plan. My fear for a few years now has been what would happen to City Pulse if something happened to me, especially

unexpectedly. For good (and ill), City Pulse depends too much on too few people. Changing that needs to start at the top.

As some of you know, I have had City Pulse quietly on the market for a few years. A couple of offers fell through. Two others I rejected.

Those experiences have helped me realize what I would consider the best-case scenario in a sale.

I want City Pulse to remain editorially independent, which means ownership un beholden to any enterprise that would undermine City Pulse's journalistic credibility.

I want City Pulse not only to continue publishing news but also to find ways to expand coverage. The Lansing State Journal's sad decline as the paper of record and the demise of almost every weekly in the Greater Lansing area have broad implications for our community, particularly given the civic climate. As a recent fundraising slogan of ours said: “Now more than ever: City Pulse.”

I want new ownership that is more savvy (and more enthusiastic) about

business than I am. City Pulse can and should be both bigger and better. I am the first to admit I have taken it as far as I could. City Pulse has been profitable for nearly 20 years (except for losing \$576 in 2012 in a delayed reaction to the Great Recession). It's in an increasingly rarified space: a newspaper making a profit on advertising. I see other ways it can increase profitability without sacrificing its main mission. (Perhaps another regret: never having had a partner who could have led City Pulse's business side.)

In short, I want new ownership that will grow City Pulse for the purpose of carrying on its mission.

And, like Jim Farhat, I am willing to be patient to find the right person or people who can do that.

(Berl Schwartz is the editor, publisher and owner of City Pulse.)

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

GRAND MEADOWS BRANCH OF THE COOK AND THORBURN DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, May 29, 2025**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Grand Meadows Branch of the Cook and Thorburn Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, or at such time and place to which I may adjourn. At the Day of Review, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the special assessment district available to review. I will consider proofs and allegations and I will carefully reconsider and review the apportionment of benefits. I will define and equalize the apportionment as is just and equitable.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the Day of Review at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854 or drainoffice@ingham.org, or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

Additional information, including a map of the Grand Meadows Branch of the Cook and Thorburn Drain Special Assessment District and the Notice of Letting (containing the number and length of sections; the average width of each section; whether or not the drain will be closed; the amount and specifications of all tile or pipe required; the location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any; and conditions upon which the contract will be awarded) can be found at:

<http://dr.ingham.org>

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the Grand Meadows Branch of the Cook and Thorburn Drain Special Assessment District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to-date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

The area served by the Grand Meadows Branch of the Cook and Thorburn Drain consists of lands situated in Section 27 of Delhi Charter Township, T3N, R2W, in Ingham County, Michigan. The following is a description of the parcels of land constituting the "Grand Meadows Branch of the Cook and Thorburn Drain Special Assessment District":

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In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham and Delhi Charter Township will be specially assessed at-large for benefits in the construction, maintenance and improvement of the Drain.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you:

- Clerk of Ingham County;
- Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners;
- Managing Director of the Ingham County Road Department;
- Supervisor and Clerk of Delhi Charter Township;

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said Day of Review may be adjourned, the apportionment for benefits within the "Grand Meadows Branch of the Cook and Thorburn Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners, municipalities and persons interested in the aforesaid lands are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of the apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Patrick E. Lindemann, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: May 7, 2025

Patrick E. Lindemann
 Ingham County Drain Commissioner
 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854
 (517) 676-8395

Empty state office buildings don't leave Whitmer much space

I've got a luxurious view from my Ottawa Street office of that big parking lot between the Hall of Justice and the Ottawa Building.

Before COVID, that parking lot — probably 80% to 90% full — emptied out between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the one-way street toward Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Leaving my office around that time if you were in a rush wasn't advised.



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

Today, the scene is much different.

State office workers have found (surprise, surprise) that they actually like working from home. Their union leaders have gotten the memo.

So, when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer let her state department heads craft post-COVID, in-person/at-home/hybrid schedules, the Democratic administration was quite accommodating.

Supervisors, like their underlings, found working from home to be much more convenient for a lot of reasons.

No commute. Essentially live where you want (as long as you have a good Internet signal). Close to the frig. More schedule flexibility. State employees like that deal.

A recent report found only about 15% of state employees with office jobs show up to the office four or five days a week.

Anecdotally, in the few times I've been allowed to roam a state office building on the Capitol Mall, there's been next to nobody there. Literally.

That parking lot my desk overlooks? It's 20-25% full. Maybe.

When it comes right down to it, if employees are getting their work done on time and without issue, who cares?

Downtown Lansing business and eateries, of course, but making sure Kewpees has a lunch rush five days a week isn't exactly a state concern.

So, here's the question. If all these employees mostly work from home, why do we need all these state office buildings?

It's a question the governor and her administration don't like answering.

The Detroit News tried to get to the bottom of how many employees are actually in those buildings on a given day by asking for a report on the employees' recorded keycard swipes.

The report exists. The Department of Technology, Management and Budget simply doesn't want to share it.

The department director says there are security concerns with letting the information be public. Presumably, if someone wanted to blow up state office buildings and wanted to see where to cause the most damage, they could simply look it up.

Seems like a stretch to me.

What seems more likely is the administration doesn't want folks talking about how empty state office buildings are. It's a losing political issue for her, and she can't do much about it.

Here are the official numbers. They come from a draft report by CBRE, a global real estate service firm that state government hired to look into the space issue.

They found that about 65% of the office space set aside for state of Michigan employees is assigned to somebody. At the Capitol Mall, specifically, it was 63%. At the Ottawa Building, only a third of the office space is assigned to someone.

Republicans are onto this. They brought the Technology, Management and Budget director, Michelle Lange, into an uncomfortable committee meeting a couple of weeks ago. Their message: Until we get a handle on all of this empty office space, next year's budget isn't getting passed.

Whitmer could put a "For Sale" sign on buildings along the Capitol Mall, but the reality is who is going to buy all that space? There's empty office space all over the place.

Beyond that, what happens if the next governor requires all state employees return to work in-person? Both Republican Aric Nesbitt and independent Mike Duggan have signaled that they're going to do exactly that.

State government may need some of that space back.

Meanwhile, taking a more practical approach with the space issue ends up making her look like she's pro-state bureaucracy. That never sits well politically.

Whatever happens, I'll have a front-row seat from my office window — when I'm even there to see the empty parking lot.

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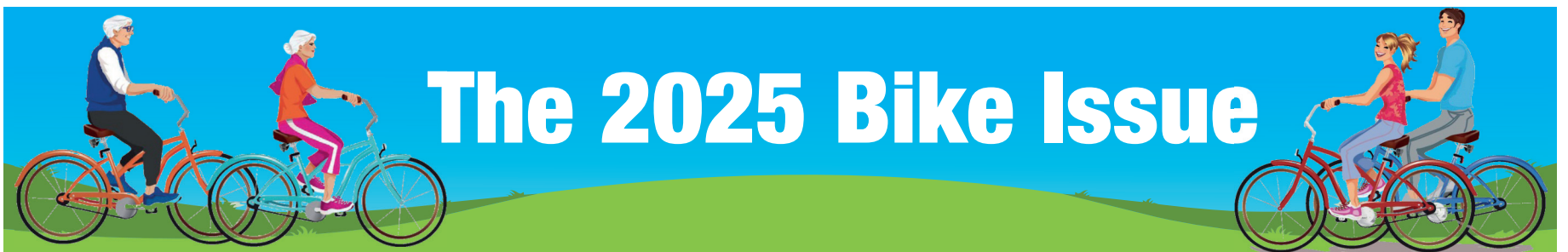


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MSU Bikes Service Center sustainable transportation manager Tim Potter rides the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, more than 20 years in the making.

Happy trails to you

New stretches fulfill old dreams for River Trail system

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

From the Lug-nutty clamor of the downtown riverfront to the owl hoots of Hawk Island Park, from Lake Lansing to Michigan State University, from Old Town to Valhalla — in any direction you choose, the reach and connectivity of Greater Lansing's River Trail system is at an all-time peak this year.

With the coming of spring, bikers (along with walkers, joggers, dog escorts and assorted e-bike and scooter jockeys) are discovering new stretches of trail and new routes to explore, with even bigger things to come.

MSU to Lake Lansing Phase II

Since the 1990s, a bike trail from MSU to Lake Lansing has been one of the most requested routes in the community — and among the most difficult to bring into being.

Starting from MSU, Phase I of the trail was the most expensive and hardest to piece together. When Phase I opened in 2023, the stage was set for Phase II. It finally opened last fall, and it's a beauty.

The River Trail system excels at threading its way through surprising pockets of nature in the midst of ur-

ban development (check out the Scott Woods section just north of Hawk Island Park), but the Phase II stretch of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail feels like a different world.

"This is the first time we've done a paved trail through a land preserve," Dan Opsommer, Meridian Township's director of public works and engineering, said.

From its southwestern terminus at Campus Hill Apartments off Grand River Avenue in Meridian Township, the path curves through more than a mile of natural area, using an old two-track road that services

township utilities. The paved trail, 10 feet wide and ADA accessible, is graced by gentle hills, thickly wooded areas, open meadows and hardly a sign of human activity, except for a railroad that runs nearby. Its northeastern terminus is Nancy Moore Park off Okemos Road, where there are several options for further travel.

Users can continue toward Lake Lansing on a widened, half-mile pathway along Okemos Road that joins up with the existing Inter-Urban Trail, which runs just over a mile to Marsh Road. From there, a brief stretch of

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trail, the Shaw Street Connector, takes the user to Lake Lansing Park South.

Users can also turn south from Nancy Moore Park and enjoy a spectacular boardwalk over frequently flooded wetlands that allows bikers to travel along this stretch of Okemos Road even when motorists can't.

Turning east from Nancy Moore Park, users have a third alternative: a paved pathway that leads past Central Park South, with its picturesque fishing pond and historic village, and continues all the way to the Meridian Mall. This section sees a lot of action when the nearby farmers market is open for business.

Phase III will pick up at the east end of the Inter-Urban Trail and continue to Haslett Road and Lake Lansing.

The MSU to Lake Lansing Trail is the culmination of more than 20 years of urban planning and thorny, three-dimensional real-estate chess.

"In the 2000s, the township and the county had to abandon the effort to create the trail because we couldn't acquire the land," Opsommer said.

Back then, the trail faced resistance from local landowners. Some of those landowners are gone from the scene, but Opsommer said that attitudes toward trails have also changed.

"This time around, property owners saw it as an amenity," he said. "We've heard from many of the property owners who have apartment units along Phase I, and they're floored by the response."

Students living in those units, along with other trail users, can now thumb



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Dan Opsommer, Meridian Township's director of public works and engineering, takes a stroll along the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail.

their nose at one of the most congested intersections in the tri-county area, Hagadorn and Grand River.

Starting from MSU, Phase I of the trail begins at the intersection of Shaw Lane and Hagadorn Road with a dramatic bridge over the Red Cedar and adjoining wetland behind the MSU Community Music School. It runs about a mile, threading along the river and ending at the parking lot of the former Foods for Living, near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Park Lake Road.

Bear Lake Pathway and Fenner extension

The newest Lansing River Trail extension, through Fenner Nature Center

and Evergreen Cemetery, is less than 2 miles in length, but it connects a lot of dots in the system and adds something new to Lansing's 25 miles of biking and pedestrian trails.

"It gives us a loop," Lansing parks director Brett Kaschinske said.

"Back in the '70s, when the trail started, we looked to go along the river to the edges of the city, and we've done a very good job of that," he added.

With the extension in place, users can choose multiple routes in all directions.

"You don't have to double back on the same pathway," Kaschinske said. "We're also excited about the connections the extension makes possible."

The Fenner extension will introduce many trail users to one of the River

Trail system's hidden gems: the Bear Lake Pathway, completed in 2021.

The Bear Lake Pathway is an ingeniously woven thread of easements and utility rights of way connecting the main River Trail with the McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital grounds and the north side of MSU's campus. The trail branches off at two points from the system's more heavily used route, which stretches from downtown Lansing through the Potter Park Zoo area and northward through Scott Woods and Hawk Island Park, all the way to Valhalla Park in Delhi Township.

From the south, bikers can join the Bear Lake Pathway at the Maguire Park lot near the intersection of Jolly and Aurelius roads, turn eastward past Biggie Munn Park and follow the trail north past the eponymous lake, some smaller lakes, a thickly wooded MSU Bear Lake Natural Area and the Beekman Center.

Until the Fenner extension was added in November, the Bear Lake Pathway ended at Forest Road. Now, a cyclist or walker can cross the road and continue through Evergreen Cemetery and a wooded stretch of Fenner Nature Center to hook back up with the main east-to-west and north-to-south branches of the River Trail.

The trail also brings the user within spitting distance of the short stretch of Fidelity Road leading to another hidden city gem, Crego Park.

Trails to come

There's much more to come in the River Trail system and its growing web of connections and extensions, including links to a trail that crosses the entire state and a proposed "superloop" encompassing the entire system.

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A dedicated bicycle trail on the MSU campus.



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A rollerblader utilizes the MSU River Trail along Kalamazoo Street.

Non-non-motorized Trail system absorbs e-bikes, scooters

E-bikes, scooters and similar forms of 21st-century transport weren't part of anyone's plan for "non-motorized trails" 20 years ago, but they're now a fact of life to which trail users have to adapt. (We're still waiting for hoverboards, but it probably won't be long now.)

Michigan law doesn't prohibit electric scooters on linear trails. The same is true for most e-bikes.

More cyclists than ever are relying on the power boost they get from e-bikes to keep them in the saddle in the face of age or disability. Users of electric skateboards and scooters are gliding off the hot, mean streets and onto the cool, not-so-mean trails, just for the fun of it.

State and local authorities' response to this unforeseen technological turn is that it's almost all good.

"Municipalities need to opt out of allowing them, and we have not," Lansing parks director Brett Kaschinske said.

The types of e-bikes permitted are Class 1, which can be motor-assisted up to 20 miles per hour when pedaling, and Class 2, which can also have a throttle to engage the motor without pedaling.



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An e-scooter on the MSU campus.

Class 3 e-bikes, which can be motor-assisted up to 28 miles per hour when pedaling, are prohibited from linear trails.

Does the term "non-motorized trail" mean anything anymore?

The state's vehicle code is clear on what it doesn't mean: "Motor vehicle

does not include an electric bicycle. Motor vehicle does not include an electric skateboard." Scooters are regulated under the code as "electric skateboards with handlebars."

Mike Smith, Transportation Alternatives Program manager for the Michigan Department of Transportation, put it this way in an email: "Under Michigan law, Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are considered 'non-motorized.' Class 3 is considered 'motorized.' The law requires that Class 1 must be allowed at all times, regardless of funding source (of a trail), statewide. Class 2 may be allowed if a local agency chooses to allow it. If they have accepted federal funds at any time in a trail's history, Class 2 may be required to be allowed."

Kaschinske welcomes new transport devices and the trail users they bring.

"I know people who wouldn't be on a bike if they didn't have an e-bike," Kaschinske said. "Our mission is to get people out into parks and recreation

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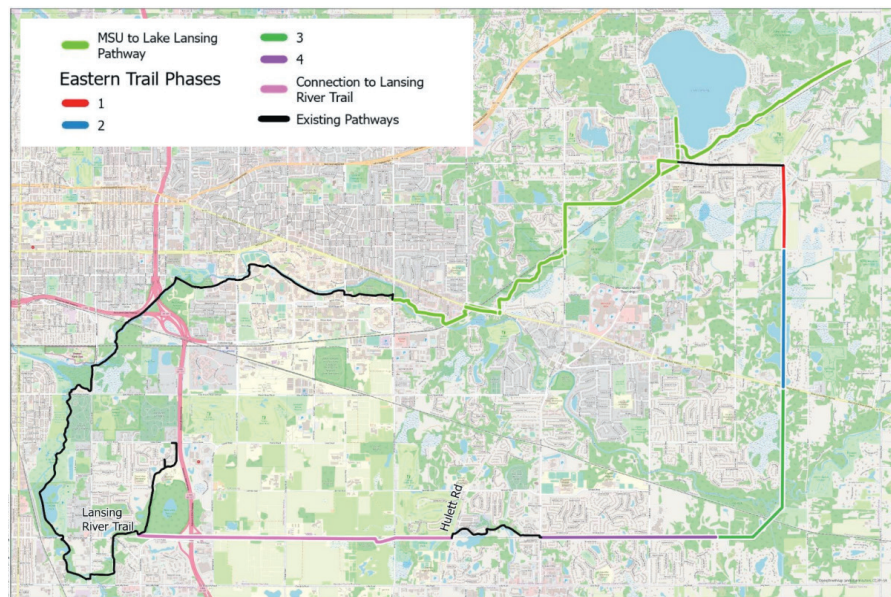
Along with the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, a connection from the River Trail system to Mason's Hayhoe Riverwalk is one of the most eagerly awaited projects in the region.

A newly completed stretch of the River Trail system already connects Esker Landing, a 16-acre park in Holt overlooking Cedar Lake, to College Road. According to Ingham County Parks millage coordinator Natalie Trotter, the county is working on a state Transportation Alternatives Program grant to connect College Road to the Hayhoe Riverwalk, bringing the River Trail system all the way to Mason.

The trail will follow Cedar Street, circle around the Dart Container campus and soar across U.S. 127 via a separate pedestrian bridge.

Trotter said construction is planned to begin in 2026 or early 2027, if the grant comes through.

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is soliciting public input on how to connect tri-county trails to the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail, a lin-



Courtesy Meridian Township

A proposed "superloop," currently in the planning stages, would connect the Lansing River Trail, MSU's River Trail, the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, and utility corridors to the southeast into one circular route.

ear route that runs 33 miles through woods, pastures and wetlands from Hamburg Township in Livingston County to Blackman Township in Jackson County.

The Levine trail is part of the larg-

er Great Lake-to-Lake Route 1, which runs 275 miles from Port Huron to South Haven.

At a stakeholder meeting in Vevay Township on April 28, a route was proposed from Vevay and Leslie through

Stockbridge, but public input is welcome since the project is still in the early planning stage.

Meanwhile, in Meridian Township, planners are working on a tantalizing project that will make the "loop" created by the Fenner extension look like a shriveled noodle by comparison.

The master plan is to enable riders to traverse the entire Lansing River Trail, the MSU River Trail and all three phases of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail and loop back around to where they started, filling the gap by using a Consumers Energy right of way that runs south from Haslett Road all the way to Dunkel and Jolly roads, near the southern limit of the Lansing River Trail.

"You could ride the whole system as a great big loop," Opsommer said.

If the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage passes in 2026, construction on the first phase, from Haslett Road to Tihart Road, can begin next year.

"We've already secured an easement for that trail," Opsommer said. "I don't know how many miles it would be, but it would be substantial."

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services, and one of the ways they do that is on e-bikes.”

Whether trail users are riding conventional bikes, e-bikes or scooters, the key is to recognize that not all segments of the trail are equal.

“When you’re along the Consumers Energy line and you have very good sight lines, anybody can open it up more,” he said. (The River Trail’s southside connector, running roughly parallel to Jolly Road along a utility corridor, is a good example.)

“In the downtown area, or around some of these curves and bends, you don’t have that,” Kaschinske cautioned. “You need to be aware of where you are and what your sight lines are.”

When angered trail users complain about being buzzed by e-bikes and scooters, e-bike users often respond that hardcore conventional bikers are just as liable to silently zoom by at up to 20 miles per hour.

A posted 15-mile-per-hour speed limit for any vehicle, powered or not, is favored by Tim Potter, the sustainable transportation manager at Michigan State University’s Bikes Service Center.

“Cyclists shouldn’t be using the River Trail as a training road, either,” Potter said. “If everybody uses common sense, we can keep the trail safe for the average user.”

Kaschinske said a speed limit “has been discussed,” but the question is still open.

“You need to enforce a rule once it’s been established,” Kaschinske said. “Is it something we’d have the Lansing Police Department on? I think communities, and police, would be going more toward education: ‘You’re moving too fast.’ That’s the main thing we want to get across, rather than a punitive situation.”

It’s a statewide issue, as Kaschinske knows from his work on the trails committee of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

“This comes up in everybody’s jurisdiction,” he said.

For now, reconciling the different styles of users comes down to a few simple rules and practices.

“Whether it’s an e-bike or a pedal bike, you need to be on the right side of the River Trail, you need to be in control of what you’re operating, you need to alert people when you’re passing, and you need to make sure you don’t have devices in your ears that are preventing you from hearing a call that they’re passing on the left,” Kaschinske said.



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Denny’s Central Park Bicycles in Okemos encourages test rides on e-bikes.



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Incomplete streets

Off the trails, advocates want Lansing to do more

Lansing is the hub of a unique web of bike and pedestrian trails that take users from the heart of downtown to gorgeous natural areas many miles away, with only a handful of at-grade crossings.

Back on the streets, however, efforts to make the city more bikeable and walkable have been fitful and spotty in recent years.

Although the city adopted a Complete Streets ordinance in 2009, with grand plans for multiple paths crisscrossing the city, only a part of the plan has come to fruition.

What's more, some of the road projects that have been completed or are in progress, including stretches of Aurelius Road and Michigan Avenue, are making things even worse for bicyclists.

Other long-term issues, like the gravelly, crumbling and dangerous bike lanes along heavily used Kalamazoo Street, still await resolution.

Nick Kwiatkowski is a founding member of Strong Towns Lansing, an advocacy group formed in 2024 that's active on a range of issues facing cities, from housing to transportation, with a strong emphasis on making streets safer



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A new bike route sign along East Michigan Avenue in Lansing.

for pedestrians and cyclists.

Strong Towns advocates were a key part of the coalition that successfully lobbied the Michigan Department of Transportation to adjust its work schedule on the rebuilding of U.S. 127 and keep the eastern stretch of the Lansing River Trail open this summer after it was closed for all of summer 2024.

Kwiatkowski called the River Trail a “gem,” but he added that off the trail, “the city has been lacking in providing safe cycling paths across the community.”

A case in point is the 2022 rebuilding of Aurelius Road from the Interstate 496 overpass to Mount Hope Avenue.

On this stretch, bicyclists enjoy new, smooth bike lanes that unaccountably shrink from 12 feet wide to 6 feet to nothing.

“It disappears,” Kwiatkowski said. “It’s about as bad a situation as you can get.”

The bike lanes on Kalamazoo Street, a corridor heavily used by bike commuters, are a war zone of potholes, loose gravel and debris with zero buffering between bikers and automobiles.

“Yet the city promotes this as one of the great paths across the city, and it just isn’t,” Kwiatkowski said.

The most high-profile point of contention between bike advocates and the city is the ongoing makeover of Michigan Avenue.

The final design shunts bikers onto an extra-wide sidewalk well off the roadway.

“We worked closely with the city of Lansing on the redesign of Michigan Avenue,” Kwiatkowski said. “Unfortunately, the design that ended up coming out of that at the last minute wasn’t really what we asked for.”

Numerous studies have found that riding on the sidewalk is more danger-

ous than riding on the road — up to five times more dangerous, depending on the study.

The Michigan Avenue path, like any urban sidewalk, crosses dozens of driveways and cross streets. Each crossing is a potential point of contact where motorists are pulling out of lots or garages, watching road traffic as they make turns, and often not expecting — or looking for — cross traffic coming from the sidewalk.

Tim Potter is the sustainable transportation manager at the Michigan State University Bikes Service Center. He said that after a series of open houses and other public meetings, the biking community settled on a design that included protected bike lanes.

“It was beautiful and would have been the first ones of its kind in mid-Michigan,” Potter said. “We went back and forth, spent hours on it, and then we got down to it, and they just basically did a sidewalk beautification. They said, ‘We don’t have the money.’ And that was it.”

Andy Kilpatrick, Lansing’s public service director, said the design was the result of input from bicyclists.

“Bicyclists didn’t want to be directly next to traffic or parked vehicles,” Kilpatrick said.

Adding bike lanes at street level, he explained, would have limited on-street parking.

“The benefit of this design is that it is separated from both traffic and parking,” he said. “It’s adjacent to the sidewalk, so there’s increased interaction between bikes and pedestrians. We need to make sure there’s a visual indication of the separation between the two facilities with both signs and striping.”

Ride of Silence: Strong, silent and determined



Courtesy photo

Cyclists gathered at the Capitol for the 2024 Greater Lansing Ride of Silence.

The 18th annual Ride of Silence is the year’s biggest and most emotional event for many members of the mid-Michigan cycling community, from occasional cruisers to regular commuters to avid touring cyclists.

Michigan bike riders can attest to the overall courtesy and acceptance of bicyclists on Michigan roads. However, all cyclists can also share stories of indifference, carelessness and outright hostility.

From 2020 to 2022, 103 bicyclists were killed in Michigan, an increase of 64% over the previous three-year period, according to the state Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The Ride of Silence commemorates

those who were lost and quietly reasserts the right of bicyclists to share the road.

Riders will depart at 6:30 p.m. for a 9-mile round trip from the MSU Bikes Service Center to the Capitol, with an escort of police and bike patrol officers. A brief memorial ceremony at the Capitol, with guest speakers, will follow. Riders

can then return to MSU or join the group at Ozone’s Brewhouse in Old Town “to celebrate the work of those in advocacy helping to make our roads safer for all cyclists.”

Helmets are required; lights and bright clothing are recommended for the ride home.

The ride will proceed if it rains, but if there’s severe weather, the alternate date is May 24 at the same starting point.

Greater Lansing Ride of Silence

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Public input wanted on tri-county trails, Lansing Non-Motorized Plan

We've covered a lot of ground. Let's stop for a minute, take a swig of water and regroup. Where to next? There are endless possibilities for connecting the Lansing River Trail and its tributaries to counterparts in neighboring communities and counties.

With the Lansing River Trail at the hub, the system is poised to connect to points across Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, and to the rapidly forming statewide trail network.

That's where the public can help. Dozens of pop-up signs have been sprinkled along the Lansing River Trail system by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, soliciting public input for its Regional Trail Connections project.

Planners want to close gaps and build connections between key regional trails, including the Lansing River Trail, Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail, Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail and Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park.

An interactive webpage allows residents to weigh in and help shape the



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The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is asking for public input on planning the area's expanding trail system.

future of trail connections across the region. Consultants are already looking at the feasibility, cost and safety of many proposed routes.

The project kicked off with a series of public meetings in April, but if you missed them, no problem.

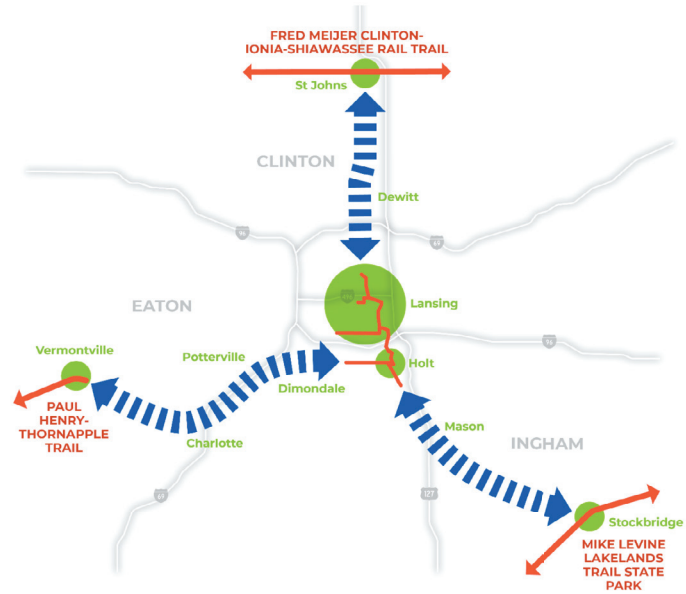
Meanwhile, the city of Lansing is in the process of updating its Non-Motorized Plan, first developed in 2011, to make the city more bike- and pedestrian-friendly. The public is invited to visit

Where to comment:

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Regional Trail Connections
project.walkbike.info/tricounty

City of Lansing Non-Motorized Plan
lansingmi.gov/631/Biking-Walking-Plan

To report River Trail problems (downed trees, flooding, etc.), use the Lansing Connect app



Courtesy image

Lansing's trail system is poised to connect with a growing statewide network.

the website listed above and scroll down to the resident feedback form. The city is looking for updated information on the routes residents currently use, the ones they'd like to use and "existing issues in the walking and biking network."

Finally, if trail users encounter downed trees, flooded areas or other issues, Lansing parks director Brett Kaschinske recommends they report

the problem by using the Lansing Connect app.

The app allows users to send a photo of the problem and automatically transmits a precise location via GPS.

"When you have 25 miles of trail, it gives us a picture, an exact location, and boom — we have the information we need to address the issue quickly," Kaschinske said.

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Kilpatrick said both the unused design with the on-street, buffered bike lanes and the adopted design take up 17 feet of width, but the unused design would have only left room for a 4-foot-wide sidewalk.

In an October 2024 interview with City Pulse, Kilpatrick left the door open to adding separated, fully buffered, street-adjacent bike lanes to Michigan Avenue in 2026 or later if traffic levels allow for reducing the roadway by a lane and finances permit.

If and when the discussion reopens on the design of Michigan Avenue, Kwiatkowski and Strong Towns Lansing will be in the mix.

In the meantime, Strong Towns is working with the city on making future road projects, including the rebuilding of parts of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.

Kwiatkowski said he's also working with the city as it develops connections from the River Trail to neighboring communities.

"The city has been doing a great job improving and maintaining the Lansing River Trail, not just as a recreational path, but to connect different parts of the city to allow people to use it to get



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Protected bike lanes have been temporarily installed along some MSU campus routes. The local biking community asked the city of Lansing to include protected bike lanes along the newly renovated Michigan Avenue, but they weren't included in the final design.

where they need to go," he said.

He said the recently completed Bear Lake Trail not only added some beautiful miles to the system but "picked up a large population area that was underserved in the city itself."

People who are interested in joining Strong Towns can check out its website or its primary virtual home, the Discord group.

"We have members from teenagers to retirees," Kwiatkowski said. "We even have folks who are running for some city offices as well, so we're hoping that gives us some political influence when we start making these larger asks of the city."

MSU Bikes: Cycling and recycling

Plug the persistent problem of thousands of abandoned bikes on a sprawling college campus into the demand for affordable bikes and you get a perfect match.

The Michigan State University Bikes Service Center, located in the heart of campus along the Red Cedar River, is a great spot to rent a bike, short or long term; buy a refurbished or new bike; and find quality equipment, repairs, advice and information.

As an arm of MSU Recycling, the center isn't advertised, but it's open to the general public, not just the MSU community, year-round.

Each semester, hundreds of bikes are abandoned or impounded on the sprawling MSU campus. Shop technicians fix them up, get them ready to ride and sell them for affordable prices.

The service center's bikes aren't only more affordable but often of a higher quality than many used bikes.

The center never buys used bikes, so buyers can be sure they aren't buying a stolen bike. The shop also



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The MSU Bikes Service Center is located in the heart of campus along the Red Cedar River.

MSU Bikes Service Center

434 Farm Lane (Bessey Hall), Room B10
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 (517)-432-3400
bikes.msu.edu

accepts private donations, collects bikes at community recycling events and gets bikes from off-campus apartments with abandoned bike issues.

This year, the center is expanding its rental options, short and long term, with premium rentals of gravel bikes, road bikes, touring bikes, fat bikes and other models.

The rentals not only serve visitors without a bike but also allow potential buyers to try various models before springing for an expensive model to take home.

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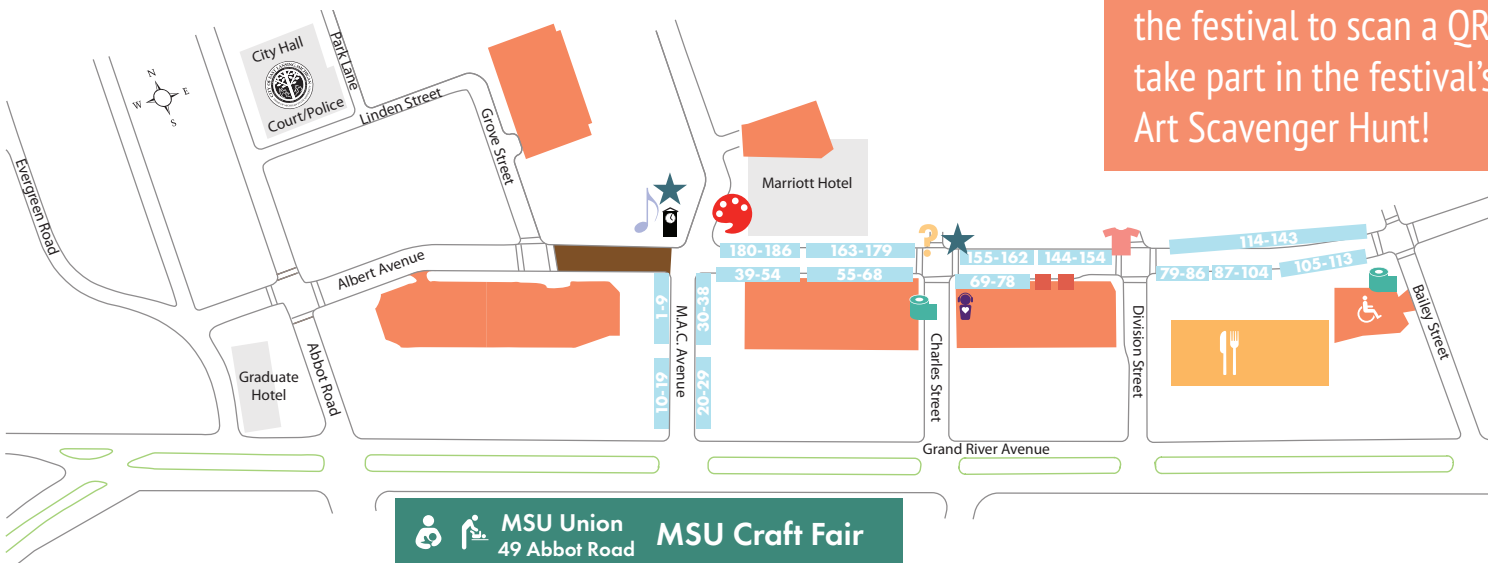
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2 p.m.	Sistrum	
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- Rebecca Butler
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- Carolyn Garay 31..... Carol Caron
- Scott Whitworth 59..... Marzena Weber
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- Lora Garcelon 78..... Susan Luks
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- Victoria Hankins 89..... Rowan Grey
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- Candra Boggs
- Tia Riva
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- Ashlee Christiansen
- Savanah Conrad
- Pinfeather Art Studio
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- Stan Baker
- Andrew Wender
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- Van Doan
- Emily Jenkins
- Stacey Hovanec
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- Corey Bechler
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- Amy Ferguson
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- Mason Kupina
- George Bochnig
- Kathy Woodruff
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- Ryan Oconnor
- Betsy Heerd
- Jenelle Lynch
- Irene Dimitry
- Charise Bundesen
- Patti West
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Lansing Bike Co-op: Community lubricant

If you've ever passed the inviting bay doors of the Lansing Bike Co-op on Kalamazoo Street and wondered what goes on inside, behold! The all-volunteer, nonprofit group, which marked its 10th anniversary last fall, is a safe haven where anyone in the community can inflate, tighten, lubricate, adjust and kibitz. It doesn't matter if you're trying to milk a few more miles out of an ancient beater, keep your favorite cruiser cruising or learn how to take care of a new high-end performance bike. The co-op offers classes in bike mechanics and has plenty of tools and expertise to help you get the velocipepe in spring trim. There's no snobbery or hierarchy, just mutual help

Lansing Bike Co-op

1715 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Friday
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday
lansingbike.coop



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The Lansing Bike Co-op marked its 10th anniversary in the fall.

and support. Director and co-founder Aaron Fields said the co-op has given away "at least 700" children's bicycles through its annual holiday bike drive, and its ever-changing crew of community enthusiasts has repaired thousands of bikes.



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Blake Abrego-Lerma works on his bike at the co-op.



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Co-op volunteers Steve Holden (left) and Sean Foley work out a problem with a bicycle wheel.



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Co-op President Trevor Benoit repairs a recently donated bicycle.

Lansing Bike Party: From protest to party

By now a community institution, the Lansing Bike Party has been exploring the Lansing area on wheels each Friday during the warm months for 15 years.

The group's sociable, slow rides to various destinations around town range from 10 to 20 miles, with a mid-ride stop for food and beverages.

The rides are full of camaraderie and laughter, but the origin of the event was as serious as they come.

The rides started in April 2009 in response to an op-ed by Zack Colman in the MSU student newspaper, The State News.

The column not only dripped with hostility toward bike riders but portrayed a basic ignorance of bicyclists' right to be on the road. Sample quotes include "I hope you're wearing a helmet, because I might run you over" and "I cannot drive my car on the sidewalk, so why must you ride your bicycle where I drive?"

The Friday after it appeared, about 100 bike riders protested the column at MSU's Beaumont Tower and briefly blocked the section of Grand River Avenue in front of The State News offices, demanding a retraction. They got no response, bike advocate Tim Potter said.

Potter is the sustainable transportation manager at the MSU Bikes Service Center.

"So, we said, 'OK, we're just going to keep riding every Friday to drive



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

The Lansing Bike Party gathers at the Lansing Bike Co-op for a Friday evening ride.

home the point that bikes are allowed on the road," Potter said.

The rides started from the MSU campus for the first few years, then moved to the Lansing Bike Co-op.

The concept of a bike party goes back to the 1990s, when Critical Mass rides in hundreds of cities across the United States (and around the world) adopted the tactic of "safety in numbers" to assert the right of cyclists to use the roads.

"Slowly but surely, they all started going from protest rides and started becoming bike parties, with people — a lot of people — just enjoying the ride, lighting up their bikes, ringing bells," Potter said.

Lansing Bike Party participants can go just for the ride or stay on for the social (food and drink) period.

Riders should be equipped with lights for the ride back, which is usually around dusk.

Lansing Bike Party

6:30 p.m. Fridays
Starts at Lansing Bike Co-op
1715 Kalamazoo St., Lansing
facebook.com/groups/lansingbikeparty

CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1331

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to repeal and replace the existing Zoning Ordinance and map, being Part 12, Title 6 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances in its entirety, except for Chapter 1300 – marijuana operations, with a Form Based Code and Zoning Map.

Effective date: June 4, 2025

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MIPMC
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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION. STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, NO. D-202-DM-202403012. Juliet Chepngeno, Petitioner vs. Justus K Koech, Respondent. To Justus K Koech, Greetings: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being: petition for dissolution of marriage (with children). This lawsuit is filed in the Second Judicial District Court located at 400 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, before Judge Jane C. Levy. This Notice of Lawsuit will be published for three consecutive weeks. Unless you enter your appearance in the said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date in this newspaper, judgment by default will be entered against you. Journal: May 14, 21, and 28, 2025.

CP#25-155

State of Michigan Probate Court, County of Eaton, Publication of Notice of Hearing. File No. 2025-60267-DE, Judge Hon. Amanda G. Pollard. Estate of LeOra Davenport, deceased – Date of Birth: Oct. 7, 1943. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LeOra Davenport, died Sept. 6, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Howard Davenport, Jr., personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI, 48813, 517-543-7500 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 05/14/2025. Attorney: Brandi S. Coleman, P85751, 10290 Davison Rd., Ste. 975, Davison, MI 48423, 734-819-1267. Petitioner: Howard Davenport, Jr., 1721 Rock Way, Lansing, MI 48910, 517-749-6639.

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ARTS & CULTURE

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World Goth Day Film FestEvil offers a darker kind of day out

By AJ GLAUB

This Saturday, while East Lansing hosts a sunlit arts festival and downtown Lansing comes alive with 517 Day events, REO Town draws a different crowd — dressed in black, sipping brunch cocktails with drag monsters, browsing arcane wares, dancing to goth DJ sets and settling in for a triple feature of moody cinema.

The third annual Film FestEvil will bring a full-day celebration of gothic film, fashion, drag, music and culture to the Robin Theatre, Sleepwalker Spirits & Ale and the REO Town Marketplace, transforming REO Town into a haven for the area's more alternative residents.

"The event is a great fit for REO Town because it's niche, creative and started by people who are passionate about their community's arts and culture," Robin Theatre co-owner Dylan Rogers said. "I especially love that it's an opportunity to get a variety of neighbors involved."

Timed to align with World Goth Day, observed May 22, the event connects mid-Michigan to a deeply rooted global subculture. Whether you're a goth elder or a baby bat, the FestEvil extends an open invitation. As Rocas Dorran, chair of World Goth Day Mid-Michigan, put it, "If they're members of the goth community, I really hope that they feel welcomed and seen."

Dorran also hopes those who aren't members of the goth community walk away from the event with "a better understanding of what goth is." He noted that many think of it as "something threatening."

"We're just people who maybe look a little different, maybe live a little differently, but we're quite peaceful and friendly," Dorran said.

Beginning in 2009 as a BBC Radio 6 Music segment highlighting goth music, World Goth Day expanded globally the following year. Today, events take place in the United States, Germany, Brazil, Australia, the United Kingdom and beyond. The official site describes it as "a day where the goth scene gets to celebrate its own being."

Lansing's event evolved from ceme-



Courtesy photo

Patrons gather outside the Historic Howell Theater for the inaugural World Goth Day Film FestEvil in 2023.

tery picnics to a full-on film and culture festival.

"We did that for about seven years running before COVID hit," Dorran said. "Once things calmed down with that, we decided to try something new and rebrand as a film festival."

So, what makes a film goth?

"There's gothic storytelling, which uses supernatural or uncanny elements and emphasizes dark atmosphere over realism," Dorran explained. But that's only part of it. "A film is 'goth' if it appeals to goths, either because it's a gothic story, like 'Dracula' or 'Jane Eyre,' or because it centers goth characters, like 'The Crow' or 'My Summer as a Goth.'"

This year's Film FestEvil programming includes screenings of "Little Sis-

ter," "Donnie Darko" and a remastered edition of "The Crow" at the Robin Theatre.

Meanwhile, Sleepwalker Spirits & Ale will loop black-and-white horror classics throughout the day and host a two-hour drag brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring four Monster Drag Events performers. Seating for the brunch is limited.

An outdoor market will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., offering gothic jewelry, clothing and handmade goods from returning vendors like Dark Candles of Bay City.

"I think it helps with the ambiance, and, if nothing else, it helps with a bit of foot traffic," World Goth Day Mid-Michigan board secretary Miranda Guthrie said. "You're likely to wander over and find out more about what's going on with our event."

New this year is a gothic poetry open mic at the Robin, curated by Guthrie.

"We've got some selections that I personally plan to read, and we want to open the mic to anybody who has their own poetry they'd like to share," she said.

Goth DJ sets from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the REO Town Marketplace will offer a chance to shake off the cobwebs between "Donnie Darko" and "The Crow" — or to rise from the grave after a post-drag brunch nap.

Monster Drag Events will also host the evening's separately ticketed Mx. Daemōn pageant, a preliminary for the National Monster Xtreme competition.

"Our preliminary is a little bit different," Monster Drag founder Michael Ryan Whitson said. "We have a social initiative aspect, so our winner is responsible for creating an initiative where they make an impact. They're gonna get a sponsorship of \$5,000 to bring awareness to something they're passionate about, whether it's a cause with human rights or something that's health-related, whatever it is."

The premise of the preliminary pageant is "bringing light to darkness," Whitson said.

"It's kind of like flipping things on the head of what's going on right now in our political climate and showing that we can all come together and create a community from nothing," he said. "It's been all grassroots from the beginning. We have a huge cast of people from all walks of life — everyone from straight, cisgender men to actual trans people to straight women."

The pageant's guest of honor is Auntie Heroine, a finalist on season six of "The Boulet Brothers' Dragula."

"This isn't your typical drag show," Whitson said. "This one's gonna be pretty wild. You never know what you'll see. But I think the biggest thing is that it's something different. It's a place to fit in."

Dorran said providing attendees with somewhere they can fit in is a major impetus for the festival at large.

"We were social outcasts of one kind or another," Dorran said. "And seeking community is a way of feeling better about that and garnering friendships. Having an event like this in the mid-Michigan area is a way of doing that."

World Goth Day Film FestEvil

11 a.m.–midnight Saturday, May 17
REO Town, Lansing
\$30–\$45
therobintheatre.com

Library of Michigan exhibit spotlights global stories of trauma

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Author Anne-Marie Oomen and Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Taro Yamasaki have resurrected the art of pairing poetry and images for the dramatic Library of Michigan exhibit “Innocents in Peril,” featuring 22 of Yamasaki’s photographs of children from around the world who experienced traumatic events such as war, famine and disease.

The partnership between poet and artist came to be by chance at a patio party during the pandemic, when the two, while keeping a safe distance, began discussing the idea of a joint exhibition. Oomen and Yamasaki live in Leelanau County, where creatives stand shoulder to shoulder at bars, coffee shops and bookstores.

The exhibit opens with a public reception at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in the Library of Michigan’s Lake Erie Room.

Although the exhibit stands on its own, both Yamasaki and Oomen are hoping it leads to a book contract that combines his stunning photographs with her touching poetry.



The Library of Michigan exhibit “Innocents in Peril” pairs poetry by author Anne-Marie Oomen with photographs by Taro Yamasaki, known for his haunting images of innocents ravaged by traumatic events such as war, disease and famine. Pictured above are images he shot of children at a Hutu refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

“Innocents in Peril”

May 22–end of July
10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday
Library of Michigan Lake Erie Room
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
(517) 335-1477
michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan

Oomen is an accomplished writer, having authored numerous novels and memoirs. Several of her works have won Michigan Notable Book awards, including “Love, Sex, and 4-H” and “The Lake Michigan Mermaid.” In 2023, she received the Michigan Author Award for lifetime achievement.

While powerful on their own, when



Photos by Taro Yamasaki

paired with poetry, Yamasaki’s photographs gain a totally new depth. The photographs are mostly in color and typically depict one child looking directly at the lens with soulful eyes, asking the viewer to consider, “How could this happen?”

To print the photographs, Yamasaki and the Library of Michigan turned to local printer Jamie Atkins, who has made a career of reproducing fine art. He clearly understands how proper light and framing can add to a photograph’s essence.

In a telephone interview from his home, Yamasaki reflected on his life as a documentary photographer.

“I didn’t start getting paid until I was 32,” he said. However, once he began clicking the shutter, he did so passionately.

Yamasaki’s career blossomed in 1977, when he went to work at the Detroit Free Press alongside the Pulitzer-winning photographers Tony Spina and David Turnley.

In 1980, Yamasaki talked his way into Jackson Prison, where he spent seven days photographing inmates. Numerous times, he was given free rein of the world’s largest walled prison, with no guards accompanying him. He was able to gain the trust of the inmates, and the

result was a feature in the Free Press that earned him a Pulitzer.

He became a highly sought-after freelance photographer for Time, People, Sports Illustrated, Fortune and other major magazines. His skills took him to hotspots, including Nicaragua, Romania, Bosnia, Rwanda, Israel and Palestine.

His focus became singular: recording mass trauma, especially how it impacted children.

“Having my own children affected the ways I photographed and reacted to children,” he said.

He said he never feared for his life while shooting in some of the most dangerous environments, though he probably should have. He noted that photography has always been a vehicle for truth and “letting the public know what is really happening.”

He pointed to some of the dramatic photographs taken during the Vietnam War that changed how the world thought about the war.

“Those photographs convinced me photography was a worthwhile profession,” he said.

The Library of Congress has acquired several photographs that Yamasaki shot of the late Ryan White, a teenage AIDS victim, in 1987 and 1988, which led to a 1990 federal law funding treatment and care for individuals with HIV and AIDS.

One of those photographs is shown in the Library of Michigan exhibit.

Oomen said the project was a true collaboration, and as the two of them zeroed in on the selection of photographs, it became an alliance between “the consciousness of the manuscript and the statement he could make in his photographs.”

“That patio moment turned into something meaningful,” she said.

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Orchestral alchemy

Benjamin Grosvenor pumps up the oxygen in Lansing Symphony Orchestra season closer

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Anyone expecting to be blown away by visiting U.K. piano star Benjamin Grosvenor at Friday's (May 9) Lansing Symphony Orchestra season finale concert was in for a surprise.

Yes, he blew everyone away, but he did it his way: by not blowing them away.

The screw-tightening, nerve-wracking emotional trappings of the big performance were blissfully absent. It

felt like you'd wandered into his studio and caught him playing just for fun.

The word "revelation" is thrown about too lightly, but that's just what Grosvenor delivered in a fresh, oxygenated performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor."

Not that Grosvenor cut corners. He simply had the mastery and confidence to ditch the razzle-dazzle and zoom in on what interested him, emotionally and intellectually. Rather than

projecting power and drama to the last row of the hall, he drew you into his own ongoing search for the music.

The orchestra caught on to Grosvenor's approach — alert, engaged, but at a walking pace and a human scale — and matched it right away. They played with a chamber-music focus and intensity instead of relying on numbers and firepower.

Grosvenor didn't go in for dramatic body language, head tossing, hand recoil and whatnot. He sat at the keyboard like a gem cutter, as if thinking, "OK, let's see what I can do with this."

Late in the first movement, he took hold of a march theme, played earlier by the full orchestra as a strutting, pompous, militaristic march, and transformed it into a glittering, airy dance of fireflies. He kept the languid scales of the slow movement aloft like



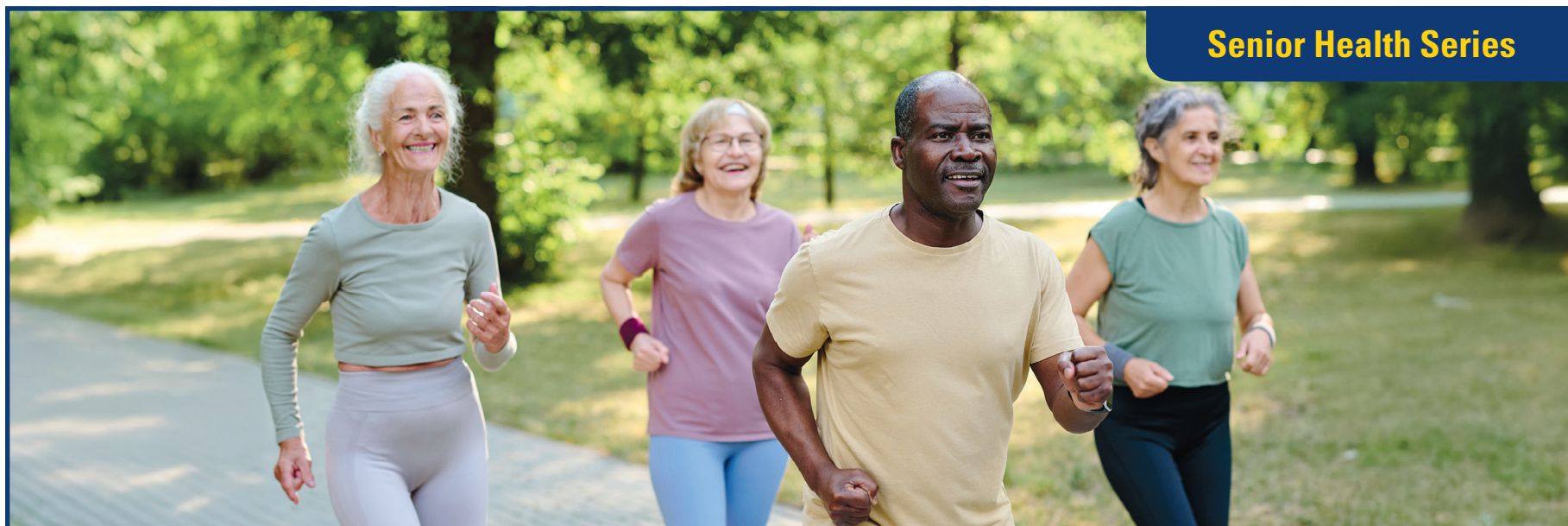
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Acclaimed U.K. pianist Benjamin Grosvenor (left), the guest soloist at Friday's (May 9) Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert, delivered a fresh, oxygenated performance of Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto.

Chinese lanterns drifting across a dark night.

Crazy as it may seem given the con-

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Harvard study: Pot safer than tobacco for respiratory health

By CHRIS SILVA

A recent study published in the journal *Current Problems in Diagnostic Radiology* provides further scientific backing to the long-held position of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML: Cannabis smoking poses fewer pulmonary risks than tobacco smoking and is unassociated with an increased risk of emphysema.

This research underscores NORML's advocacy for the reform of marijuana laws, particularly in states like Michigan where the debate surrounding cannabis regulation continues.

The Harvard Medical School study compared chest CT scans of 89 non-smokers, 97 tobacco smokers and 99 marijuana smokers. The findings revealed a significant divergence in the respiratory health of these groups.

Tobacco smokers exhibited considerably more damage to their lungs, including a higher incidence of emphysema. Strikingly, the study found no positive correlation between exclusive marijuana smoking and the development of emphysema or pulmonary hyperinflation.

"The findings of our study collectively highlight the distinct patterns of pulmonary and cardiovascular manifestations associated with smoking and marijuana use," the researchers concluded. This adds to the growing body of scientific evidence indicating that the



combustion byproducts of cannabis and tobacco have different impacts on the respiratory system.

NORML has long argued for a science-based approach to cannabis policy. "Most Americans agree that tobacco smoking poses far greater harms to health than the use of cannabis," NORML deputy director Paul Armentano reiterated. "They're right."

Armentano criticized the federal classification of cannabis as a Schedule I controlled substance, which implies a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use — while tobacco, linked to hundreds of thousands of preventable deaths annually, remains federally descheduled.

This incongruity is particularly relevant in Michigan, which has established a regulated cannabis market. While this framework allows for some level of quality control and consumer

information, NORML emphasizes that broader policy reforms are necessary to align with the scientific understanding of cannabis' relative risks.

The study also pointed to vaporization as a method of cannabis consumption that significantly reduces exposure to harmful combustion byproducts. By heating cannabis to a temperature below the point of burning, vaporization minimizes the intake of toxic gases and has been recognized as a "safe and effective" delivery method in clinical trials.

Michigan's current regulations permit the sale of vaporizable cannabis products, a step that aligns with the principles of harm reduction. NORML advocates for continued education and access to such alternatives to further mitigate any potential respiratory risks associated with cannabis use.

The findings of this study arrive at a critical juncture for Michigan, as the state continues to navigate its evolving cannabis landscape. Since legalizing adult-use cannabis, Michigan has been at the forefront of developing regulations for cultivation, processing and sale. However, ongoing discussions regarding public health, product safety and social equity remain paramount.

NORML believes that this latest research provides further support for policies in Michigan that:

- Prioritize public education regarding the differing health risks associated with cannabis and tobacco.
- Encourage and fund further re-



search into the long-term health effects of various cannabis consumption methods.

— Support and promote harm reduction strategies, including access to and information about vaporization technology.

— Advocate for federal cannabis rescheduling to enable comprehensive research and consistent national policies.

— Continuously refine state-level regulations based on the most current scientific understanding.

The evidence presented in this study reinforces NORML's long-standing argument that cannabis policy should be rooted in scientific fact, not outdated assumptions. Treating cannabis as equally or more dangerous than tobacco flies in the face of mounting scientific evidence and hinders the development of sensible and effective regulations.

As Michigan continues to shape its cannabis policies, the findings of the Harvard Medical School study offer crucial insights. NORML remains dedicated to advocating for evidence-based reforms in Michigan and across the nation, aiming for a future where cannabis laws reflect the reality of its risk profile compared to other substances.

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certo's hoary age and familiarity, there were many moments when it sounded as if Grosvenor and the orchestra were making up the whole thing as they went along via telepathic coordination.

After a standing ovation, Grosvenor stuck around to play a solo work that showed a completely different side of his artistry. Encores don't usually get much post-concert attention, but this was no perfunctory gesture. Having pumped the hall full of oxygenated Beethoven, Grosvenor turned his alchemy to the fluid ripples, surges and undertows of Maurice Ravel's "Jeux d'eau." The silence in the hall was absolute as he transformed a piano into a cube of water, a seamless, mesmerizing effusion of ringing melodies and

harmonies.

The Ravel encore proved to be the perfect bookend to the piece that came first on Friday's slate, "Under Sea, Above Sky," by LSO composer-in-residence Jared Miller.

This was a daring and arresting way to open a concert. Like Grosvenor's wattery Ravel, Miller's orchestral alchemy sublimated the 70-plus musicians and their instruments into a non-physical state.

A snake's nest of glassy, undulating, ultra-high tones gradually enveloped the hall, drifting nearly above the threshold of human hearing. A battery of percussionists scraped their bows along the metal rims of every object in sight: a vibraphone, hi-hat cymbals, even timpani.

It took a while for the music to coalesce into a panorama of more solid things. With a sonic palette and brushstrokes like those of Romantic painter J.M.W. Turner, Miller brought moun-

tains, forests, skyscrapers and teeming streets to the mind's eye. (The score is abstract enough to let the imagination run wild.)

Before the concert, Miller explained to the audience that he wanted to express the power and fragility of the Earth. In between the bigger moments, the musicians emitted audible sighs and deep breaths to evoke a living, breathing — and perhaps expiring — planet. The final moments weren't exactly comforting as the percussionists picked up their bows, and a glassy nothingness again enveloped the hall. Whether Miller was painting a picture of desolation, purity or both at once was left to the audience to ponder.

After two such strong pieces in the first half of the concert, the choice of Antonín Dvořák's Symphony No. 8 as a season closer was a bit puzzling. Maybe the idea was to take the evening full circle, back to the subject of the Miller opus, the Earth, but Dvořák's

tread on the planet is that of a leisurely, pipe-smoking stroller. Most of the symphony is burnished with bohemian-travel-poster picturesqueness and attenuated echoes of folk dancing that recall quaint stereoscopic views from the 19th century.

The orchestra played these musty melodies with polish and finesse, though, and things came alive in the last movement, when the music became more richly textured, abstract and Brahms-y.

With so much new, neglected and unexplored music out there, it's difficult not to come to the conclusion that it's time to give Dvořák a long, long rest. But orchestras are expensive beasts and have to eternally triangulate among diverse segments of their audiences. No doubt the Eighth pleased a lot of people, and it also offered a chance for retiring trombone great Ava Ordman and the rest of the brass section to sneak in a few last licks.

TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

POWERFACE REUNITES ON 517 DAY



Courtesy photo

After eight years off the stage, Holt rock outfit Powerface reunites Saturday for a show with Royal Scene, Chance We Take and Wizardbane. The 517 Day gig is at The Studio at 414 (formerly The Loft). (From left): Chris Doerr (drums), Jeremy Schopp (bass), Jerm Kienitz (vocals), Robb Underhill (guitar).

Metal vets return to the stage one more time

By RICH TUPICA

In the '90s and early 2000s, Powerface was one of Lansing's hardest-working bands — an unrelenting, riff-hurling force that packed clubs and sparked mosh pits across the state with its heavy, aggressive rock. While it flirted with national recognition, the Holt-based band disbanded in 2004 after more than a decade of loud, sweaty shows and studio releases.

Now, after eight years off the stage (the group played a reunion show in 2017), the core four members — vocalist Jerm Kienitz, guitarist Robb Underhill, bassist Jeremy Schopp and drummer Chris Doerr — are reuniting for one final show Saturday at The Studio at 414 (formerly The Loft). According to Doerr, 53, it's a chance to reconnect with longtime fans and play one last time for their growing families.

In 1990, when Powerface first started taking shape, Doerr and his brother Scott had already played together in a punk band. But their new project shifted into heavier, darker territories.

"Scott, a friend named Tom and I started jamming some riffs that Scott

wrote," Doerr said. "Scott and I wanted to do more Danzig-style, dark rock and metal this time."

Sonically, the group evolved quickly, fueled by the eclectic tastes of its rotating lineup.

"My brother and I mostly listened to punk and hardcore," Doerr said. "The new guitar player and bass player knew more thrash and metal. The keyboard player was into early Nine Inch Nails and other dark electronic music. When we brought Jerm in (on vocals), he was ready to do Alice in Chains and Faith No More, but heavy. He introduced us to Tool and had this ability to do heavy and tasty clean vocals."

Over time, Underhill's guitar became a foundational element, while new members brought unexpected influences — even touches of hip-hop.

"There was a point where my brother left the band, and we brought in Robb (on guitar). His sound and style were the anchor from that point forward on the guitar side," Doerr said. "We also switched bass players around that time and brought in Rick Wyble. The new guitar layer and Rick's more funk-oriented style took us in a new direction. Jerm had

better flow than most, so we dabbled in some rap-rock, along with our really aggressive rock in general."

Doerr also began adding layers to his drumming, incorporating a drum machine and sample pads to fill out the sound. Beyond that, the band's songwriting process was often an organic, collaborative effort.

"Most of the time, it was the typical story of jamming riffs until something came together," Doerr said. "I tended to be the one who said, 'Let's do it eight times, then go to riff two,' or whatever, but it was always collaborative. Schopp was early to adopt writing songs on his computer. Sometimes he would bring fairly finished frameworks, but they were based on MIDI sounds. We would translate it to our instruments and build from there."

Over the years, Powerface released a string of EPs and albums. The band's first recording came from a modest studio in Eaton Rapids, but it quickly found its footing.

"The very first was a demo we did at the factory building in Eaton Rapids at that first intersection you get to when you get into town," Doerr said. "The first album we put out was called 'Where From,' and it was recorded at the old Harvest Studio location on Cedar Street."

The group followed with "Four on the Floor" (1994), "The Method" (1997), a five-song EP in 2000 and its final full-length, "Steal Your Soul," in 2003.

"I honestly don't have a favorite," Doerr said. "There are a few songs I don't like as much as the rest, but I'm pretty happy with all of it. My favorite song to play has always been one called 'True Love.'"

In Greater Lansing, the band was a staple at legendary venues like The Rock House, Small Planet, Mac's Bar and the Silver Dollar Saloon, though it also paid its dues with plenty of house shows and road miles.

"We did lots of short trips to the close states, but also went to Pennsylvania and New York several times," Doerr said. "We had a tour route that we went on a few times that took us through Indianapolis, then Tennessee, then Florida, then up the coast and back home. We also took a couple of trips out West, as far as El Paso, Texas, and Los Angeles. I put over 100,000 band miles on the vans I had during that time."

Some of the group's highlights included performing at the early 92.1 The Edge Oktoberfest concerts in Old Town, playing Capital City Riverfest and signing a deal with 4/7 Media — a label started by Lupus Thunder, guitarist of the Bloodhound Gang.

"We got to play a giant outdoor festival in North Carolina that was walking distance from a Marine base and therefore had one of the biggest, craziest pits I've ever seen," Doerr said. "We also had the chance to open for a lot of cool bands."

Alongside Powerface during this era were plenty of like-minded local bands.

"There were so many great bands," Doerr said. "Lansing's Yikes! Records, which released our first two records, also put out a series of compilations called 'So This Is East Lansing!' We were included on a bunch of those."

Despite the group's relentless work ethic and plenty of high-energy shows at the now-defunct Temple Club, Powerface called it quits in 2004, shortly after its final album release.

"Our last album didn't get the distribution and support it was supposed to," Doerr said. "After putting in over a decade of work and jumping through all the industry hoops, it just didn't seem like we were really going to 'make it.' One of the guys decided they were done. We just didn't want to keep going."

Saturday's show marks the band's first live appearance since its 2017 reunion, but Doerr said he hasn't let any dust collect on his drum kit.

"I've been playing in other bands the whole time. I just kept going," Doerr said. "So, if Jerm or Robb mentions another Powerface show, I just say yes."

The show is as much about family as it is about fans.

"Part of the inspiration for the gig is so that we can do one last performance for our kids and grandkids," Doerr said.

While it's leaving the door open to nostalgia for one night, Doerr made it clear this show will be the group's final bow — a chance to reflect, reconnect and say goodbye.

"Lansing has always been our hometown," he said. "We want to sincerely thank our die-hard fans who have loved and supported our music over the years."

Powerface reunion show

6 p.m. Saturday, May 17
The Studio at 414
410 E. Michigan Ave.,
Lansing
\$15, all ages
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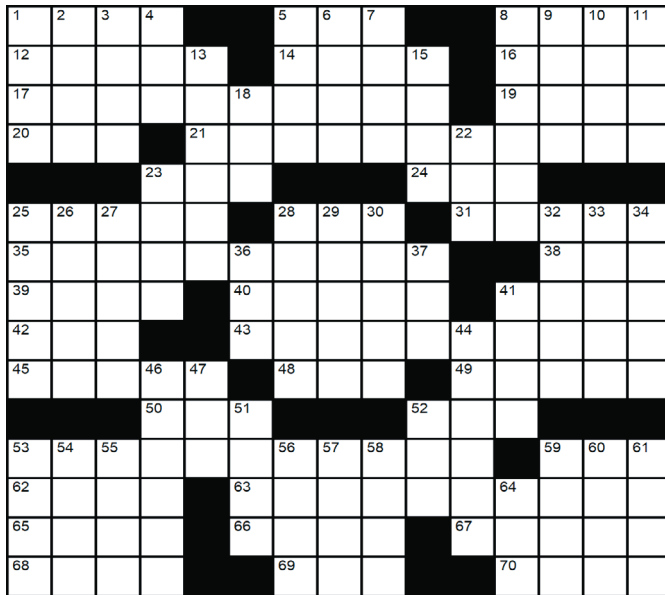
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“Achievement Unlocked” -- you need a certain three letters.

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ACROSS

- 1. Foldable food
- 5. Drops on the lawn
- 8. In this manner
- 12. Smartphone sound
- 14. On the Caribbean, for example
- 16. Banish
- 17. Longtime syndicated radio host and voice of Shaggy on “Scooby-Doo”
- 19. Elation
- 20. Meal prep box
- 21. Dairy product with a straining process
- 23. Request for help
- 24. “Blueberries for _____”
- 25. Body of beliefs
- 28. Texting protocol initials
- 31. Phobias
- 35. Just terrific
- 38. Flying mammal
- 39. Jonas who developed a polio vaccine
- 40. Creepy
- 41. Output of Kilauea
- 42. Sugar suffix
- 43. One who often knows what foods they like
- 45. Filmmaker Russ
- 48. “I know kung fu” role
- 49. Bohr who won a Nobel
- 50. Movie studio expense
- 52. Throw in



- 53. Couple's parting gesture
 - 59. ___-Locka, Fla.
 - 62. Pointless
 - 63. Some pivotal song moments, or what the other five theme answers literally contain
 - 65. Complete fiction
 - 66. Singer Fitzgerald
 - 67. Jalisco sandwich
 - 68. Push to the limit
 - 69. Rep.'s colleague
 - 70. Low, as a voice
- DOWN**
- 1. Poster fastener
 - 2. Jai ___ (fast-paced game)
 - 3. Play personnel
 - 4. Minecraft resource
 - 5. “The Phantom of the Opera” heroine Christine ___
 - 6. In ___ (intrinsically)
 - 7. Time period
 - 8. Switch back and forth
 - 9. “Letterkenny” streamer
 - 10. Manual reader
 - 11. “Cancel that deletion”
 - 13. “Holy cow!”
 - 15. Organic brand for soups and frozen entrees
 - 18. “I Got Next” rapper ___-One
 - 22. Awkward one
 - 23. Item that sticks to other laundry items
 - 25. Salt that's high in magnesium
 - 26. Make fun of
 - 27. “Roots” author Alex
 - 28. Coil of yarn
 - 29. Dance company founder Cunningham
 - 30. Japanese watch company
 - 32. Back off
 - 33. “Bolero” composer
 - 34. Constellation components
 - 36. “That’s right, pardner”
 - 37. Former Ohio congressman Bob
 - 41. Installed, as floor tile
 - 44. Concludes by, in a day planner
 - 46. Firstborn
 - 47. Steal from
 - 51. Little kid
 - 52. Incinerator stuff
 - 53. Coated with gold
 - 54. “Garfield” canine
 - 55. Futbol cheers
 - 56. Wiggly swimmers
 - 57. Actor MacLachlan
 - 58. “___ see clearly now ...”
 - 59. Folkloric fiend
 - 60. Staten Island Ferry co-purchaser Davidson
 - 61. “Hurry it up” letters
 - 64. Doze (off)

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

May 14-20, 2025

ARIES (March 21–April 19): What may appear to be slow or static is actually moving. The developing changes are imperceptible from day to day but are incrementally substantial. So, please maintain your faith in the diligent, determined approach. Give yourself pep talks that renew your deeply felt motivation. Ignore the judgments and criticism of people who have no inkling of how hard you have been working. In the long run, you will prove that gradual progress can be the most enduring.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): The most successful people aren't those who merely follow their passion, but those who follow their curiosity. Honoring the guidance of our passions motivates us, but it can also narrow our focus. Heeding the call of our curiosity emboldens our adaptability, exploration and maximum openness to new possibilities. In that spirit, Taurus, I invite you to celebrate your yearning to know and discover. Instead of aching for total clarity about your life's mission, investigate the subtle threads of what piques your curiosity. Experiment with being an intrigued adventurer.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Gemini author Huston Smith was a religious scholar who wrote 13 books. But he was dedicated to experiencing religions from the inside rather than simply studying them academically. Smith danced with whirling dervishes, practiced Zen meditation with a master and ingested peyote with Native Americans, embodying his view that real understanding requires participation, not just observation. In the spirit of his disciplined devotion, I invite you to seek out opportunities to learn through experience as much as theory. Leave your safety zone, if necessary, to engage with unfamiliar experiences that expand your soul. Be inspired by how Smith immersed himself in wisdom that couldn't come from books alone.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): More than 2,000 years ago, people living in what's now the Peruvian desert began etching huge designs of animals and plants in the earth. The makers moved a lot of dirt! Here's the mystery: Some of the gigantic images of birds, spiders and other creatures are still visible today, but they can only be deciphered from high above. And there were, of course, no airplanes in ancient times to aid in depicting the figures. Let's use this as a metaphor for one of your upcoming tasks, Cancerian. I invite you to initiate or intensify work on a labor of love that will motivate you to survey your life from the vantage point of a bird or plane or mountaintop.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): You now have extra power to detect previously veiled patterns and hidden agendas. That's why I urge you to be alert for zesty revelations that may seem to arrive out of nowhere. They could even arise from situations you have assumed were thoroughly explored and understood. These are blessings, in my opinion. You should expect and welcome the full emergence of truths that have been ripening below the surface of your awareness. Even if they are initially surprising or daunting, you will ultimately be glad they have finally appeared.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Renowned Virgo author Nassim Nicholas Taleb has called for the discontinuation of the Nobel Prize in Economics. He says it rewards economists who express bad ideas that cause great damage. He also delivers ringing critiques of other economists widely regarded as top luminaries. Taleb has a lot of credibility. His book “The Black Swan” was named one of the most influential books since World War II. I propose we make him your inspirational role model for now, Virgo. May he incite you to question authority to the max. May he rouse you to bypass so-called experts, alleged mavens and supposed wizards. Be your own masterful authority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): I predict that your usual mental agility will be even more robust than usual in the coming weeks. Although this could possibly lead you to overthink everything, I don't believe

that's what will happen. Instead, I suspect your extra cognitive flexibility will be highly practical and useful. It will enable you to approach problems from multiple angles simultaneously and come up with hybrid solutions that are quite ingenious. A possibility that initially seems improbable may become feasible when you reconfigure its elements. PS: Your natural curiosity will serve you best when directed toward making connections between seemingly unrelated people and fields.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): You're ready to go to the next evolutionary stage of a close alliance. Although you may not feel entirely prepared for the challenge, I believe you will be guided by your deeper wisdom to do what's necessary. One way I can help is to provide exhilarating words that boost your daring spirit. With that in mind, I offer you a passage from poet William Blake. Say them to your special friend if that feels right, or find other words appropriate to your style. Blake wrote, “You are the fierce angel that carves my soul into brightness, the eternal fire that burns away my dross. You are the golden thread spun by the hand of heaven, weaving me into the fabric of infinite delight. Your love is a furnace of stars, a vision that consumes my mortal sight, leaving me radiant and undone. In your embrace, I find the gates of paradise thrown wide.”

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): In ancient Egypt, mirrors were composed of polished copper. To remain properly reflective, they required continual maintenance. Let's take that as a metaphor for one of your key tasks in the coming weeks. It's high time to do creative upkeep on your relationships with influences that provide you with feedback on how you're doing. Are your intended effects pretty close to your actual effects? Does your self-image match the way you are perceived by others? Are you getting the right kind of input to help you stay on course?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Chances to initiate creative transformations will come from unexpected sources in the coming days. I guarantee it. But will you be sufficiently receptive to take maximum advantage? The purpose of this horoscope is to nudge you to shed your expectations so you will be tenderly, curiously open to surprising help and inspiration. What sweet interruptions and graceful detours will flow your way if you are willing to depart from your usual script? I predict that your leadership qualities will generate the greatest good for all concerned if you are willing to relinquish full control and be flexibly eager to entertain intuitive breakthroughs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): For many Indigenous people of California, acorns were part of every meal. Nuts from oak trees were used to create bread, soups, dumplings, pancakes, gravy and porridge. But making them edible required strenuous work. In their natural state, they taste bitter and require multiple soakings to leach out the astringent ingredient. Is there a metaphorical equivalent for you, Aquarius? An element that can be important but needs a lot of work, refinement and preparation? If so, now is a good time to develop new approaches to making it fully available.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): When Pisces-born Jane Hirshfield was a young poet, she mostly stopped writing poetry for eight years. During that time, she was a full-time student of Zen Buddhism and lived for three years at a monastery. When she resumed her craft, it was infused with what she had learned. Her meditative practice had honed her observational skills, her appreciation of the rich details of daily life and her understanding that silence could be a form of communication. In the spirit of the wealth she gathered from stillness, calm and discipline, I invite you to enjoy your own spiritual sabbatical, dear Pisces. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to relax into the most intriguing mysteries.

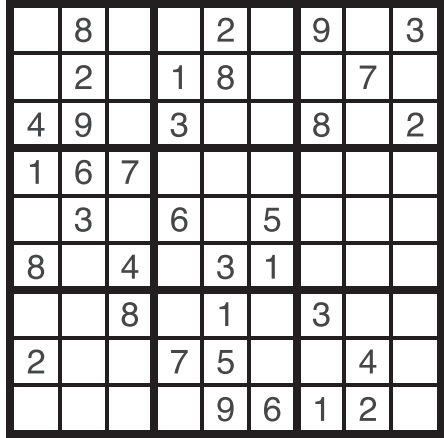
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SUDOKU

Beginner



Fun By The Numbers

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

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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 14

"A Course of Love" Zoom Discussion Group, with Lucille Olson and Bill Diederich - 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.

Adult Bingo - Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo, complete with light refreshments and prizes for the winners! 2:30-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

Allen Farmers Market - Join us for the first outdoor farmers market of the summer! Kicking off the music this year is Deacon Earl, and the Crooked Nook will be our first craft vendor. 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. alleneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.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.

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

DeWitt Community Concert Band 40th Anniversary Concert - The DCCB will celebrate 40 years of musical memories, featuring special guest Twilight Memories Big Band. Free. 7 p.m. DeWitt Middle School, 2957 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt. facebook.com/dewittconcertband.

"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.

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.

It's Elementary - Discover science in the world around you with experiments, crafts, activities and more. This month, we'll explore river formation and ecosystems. Grades 3-6. 2:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Lansing Collage Club - Join fellow collage enthusiasts for an evening of cutting, pasting and creating! Bring supplies to share or come as you are. Free. 6-9 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/HookedLansing.

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. urbanbeatvevents.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. South Bend Cubs - Game highlight: Every Wednesday home game, dogs are welcome at Jackson Field. 11:05 a.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

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

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

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.

Read Between the Wines Book Club - Join us as we sip delicious wine and chat about our latest read: "Wine People," by Michelle Wildgen. Glasses of wine \$1 off. 5 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery Tasting Room, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wineburgdorfs.

Reading Is Fundamental's 50th Anniversary Party - Featuring activities for all ages, including a touch-a-truck event, special guests, a history display and refreshments. Children can choose a RIF book of their own. 4-6 p.m. Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing. facebook.com/LansingRIF.

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.

Thursday, May 15

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



Best of Lansing Festival

5-9 p.m. Saturday, May 17

The Capitol

100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

Back for a third year, the free Best of Lansing Festival, co-hosted by Lansing 5:01 and Downtown Lansing Inc., invites area residents to celebrate 517 Day among the top artists, creatives, retail shops, restaurants, influencers and changemakers in the area code.

More than 100 vendors, including food trucks, artisans and familiar retailers, will line the Capitol lawn and its surrounding streets. Entertainment includes inflatable games and obstacle courses, roaming performances and educational demonstrations by flow arts troupe Flames 'N Dames and live music by pop/funk/R&B band Love Effect. Five local artists — Brian Whitfield, Melina Brann, Ryan Holmes, Pretty Fly Chey and PuraDivina Art — will each create a piece of art that celebrates their love of Lansing from 5 to 9 p.m. Once they're finished, guests can vote for their favorite work, with the top two artists receiving a cash prize. At 5:17 p.m. will be the inflatable 0.0517K dash, a ticketed event in which attendees donning inflatable costumes or otherwise wacky getups will coalesce for a short run in front of the Capitol. Tickets are available at runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/Inflatable0517K.

Lansing Shuffle will host its own 517 Day celebration from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, featuring local vendors, free shuffleboard lessons, refillable commemorative cups for those who purchase drinks at the bar and live music by JP Peters of pop band JP & the Energy, singer-songwriter Aaron Johnson and country musician Evan James.

For even more 517 Day fun, Saturday's Lugnuts game against the South Bend Cubs, beginning at 7:05 p.m. at Jackson Field, will offer \$7 tickets, a \$5 hot dog and chips combo, \$1 16-ounce sodas and fireworks after the game.

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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.

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: "The Laramie Project" - The story of a man lost to hate and the town where it all happened. 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusseexpress.org.

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

ther-daughter tale. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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

Chipmunk Story Time - Story time comes alive as children interact with puppets Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends. Stories are followed by nature activities and a guided walk. 10 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

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

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.

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

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

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

Journey Through the Groove: Bear Band Plays Santana & the Allman Brothers - Cousins Rick Alicia and Chris Guerra, joined by veterans Mike Skory, John Large and Steve Frarey, deliver a night of Santana and Allman Brothers favorites. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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. ladiessilverblades.org.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. South Bend Cubs - Game highlight: Every Thursday home game, enjoy \$3 domestics (cans/drafts), \$5 seltzers and \$3 16-ounce soft drinks! 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.



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

Modales Wine Dinner - We'll taste six wines from Fennville's Modales Wines over a five-course meal while learning about these local wines and the winery's sustainable practices. 6:30 p.m. Dusty's Wine Bar, 1839 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. Call 517-349-5150 to make a reservation.

MSU Baseball vs. University of Minnesota - 6 p.m. Jeff Ishbia Field at McLane Stadium, 223 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/baseball.

"The Odyssey of Homer" (Improv Comedy w/ Ants in the Hall) - Following the success of their hit show, The Iliad, theater troupe Homer struggles with the pressure to continue to succeed as they attempt to write their follow-up. Featuring an opening set from local troupe Bare Bones Improv. 8 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

Open Jam! | Third Thursday of Every Month - Whether you play guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro, bass or another instrument, you're invited to join in — even if you know only a few songs or chords. 5-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.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. lpsg.org.

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

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.

The Shuffle Jazz Band & Cocktail Class - 7-10 p.m. Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

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

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

Friday, May 16

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre Presents: "The Laramie Project" - The story of a man lost to hate and the town where it all happened. 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusespress.org.

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

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Car Cruise-In - Bring your wheels, stroll the lot and enjoy an evening of engines and community. Stop by Burgdorf's Tasting Room and enjoy a glass of wine while you're taking in the classics. 5-8 p.m. Choice Farm Market, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. choicefarmmarket.com.

The Coffeehouse at All Saints - Monthly showcase of Michigan-based musical and spoken-word talent.

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Williamstown Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hereby gives notice that they will convene on **Thursday May 29th at 6:30pm** at the Williamstown Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI, (517) 655-3193, to consider the following applications:

Parcel #: 33-03-03-26-300-015
Applicant: Michael Sedlak & Rhonda Sherwin - Owners
Address: 1555 Osprey Ave. Williamston, MI 48840
Request for a variance from Section 2.24, B5 and Section 1 Wetland Buffer of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow a house and driveway to encroach within the wetland setback for the PD district, which is a 40-foot setback requirement from a body of water.

Parcel #: 33-03-03-10-200-003
Applicant: George & Janet Eyster - Owners
Address: 1475 Epley Rd Williamston, MI 48840
Request for a variance from Section 18.03 of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow an addition to the home to encroach within the 50-foot front yard setback requirement.

Individuals needing special accommodation to fully participate in the meeting may contact the Township Office at 655-3193 at least 5 days in advance of the meeting to request the necessary assistance.

Written comments may be directed to: Williamstown Township ZBA, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI 48895, through 4:00pm, May 27, 2025.

Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC
Clerk, Williamstown Township

CP#25-151

Bring a snack/drink to share. Free. 7:30 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/TheCoffeehouseAtAllSaints.

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.

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Horse Show - 2 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. emaa.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.

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.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. South Bend Cubs - Game highlight: Grand Slam School Night. Impression 5 will be on the concourse with interactive activities, and Waverly Robotics will have demonstrations. And don't miss entertainment from the ZOOperstars! 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

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.

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

MSU Baseball vs. University of Minnesota - 6 p.m. Jeff Ishbia Field at McLane Stadium, 223 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/baseball.

Night Out in Nature for Kids - No need to book a sitter, send your kids to Harris Nature Center for a fun night out. We'll explore the trails, enjoy nature activities and meet live animals. Pizza included. Registration req. 5:30-7:30 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Open Irish Jam! | Third Friday of Every Month - Open jam session focusing on Irish traditional music. All skill levels welcome. Bring your instruments and we'll share some tunes. 5-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

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. lpsg.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.

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

UrbanBeat Walter Blanding Series - Acclaimed saxophonist Walter Blanding and special guest musicians perform bebop and beyond. Opener WHEE3TRIO. 5:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

The Venue Live: Monthly Music Series - Dance the night away! The Love Effect plays high-energy pop, funk and R&B, covering everything from '70s classics to today's biggest hits. 8 p.m. The Venue by Eleven 11 Events, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. venue1111.com/venuelive.

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Saturday, May 17

517 Day at Lansing Shuffle - We're throwing a party to celebrate all things Lansing! Featuring live music by JP & the Energy, Aaron Johnson and Evan James; local vendors; free shuffleboard lessons; beer and seasonal drinks served in a collectible, re-fillable cup; and more. Free. 1-7 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. lansingshuffle.com.

An Evening with Mary, the Beatles and Bob - Award-winning musician Mary McGuire performs selections by the Beatles and Bob Dylan. 7 p.m. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge. grandledgeucc.org.

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

Best of Lansing Festival - Experience the best of Lansing, from artists and creatives to retail shops and restaurants. Plus, enjoy inflatable games, public art and live music by the Love Effect. 5-9 p.m. The Capitol, 100 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/Lansing501.

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Brand New Spring Festival - Celebrate all things spring with craft and food vendors, kids' crafts, plant swaps, live entertainment and more! We'll collect donations for the Williamston Food Bank. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. facebook.com/villagecraftersgroup.

Cocaine Anonymous Meeting - "We are here and we are free." 10 a.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing.

Contra and Square Dance - Celebrate the end of this season's dances in Lansing with a fun, social evening. Potluck at 5:30 p.m. Contra dance lesson at 6:30 p.m. Dance runs 7-10 p.m. Caller: Gaye Fifer. Band: The Johns. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Comedy Show - An exciting night of comedy at Buddy's Pizza with Billy Ray Bauer, Melissa Hager and Adrienne Stratton! 7:30 p.m. 2010 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. eventbrite.com/o/the-come-dy-series-9201987147.

Darin Larner Jr. Live at Pins & Pints - 7 p.m. 2120 E. Saginaw Hwy., East Lansing. 517-337-7000. pinsandpints.net.

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

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Horse Show - 8 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. emaa.org.

East Lansing Art Festival - This year's event will feature nearly 200 artists lining Albert and M.A.C. avenues, plus two full days of performances, artist demonstrations and food trucks. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. downtown East Lansing. elartfest.com.

Educational Child Care Center's 40th Anniversary Celebration - Enjoy an exciting day packed with food trucks, games, music, STEM activities, face painting, hair tinsel styling, a silent auction and so much more! Free, open to the public. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 1715 W. Malcolm X St., Lansing. ec3kids.org.

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

"Figuratively Speaking: An Artistic Study of the Human Figure" Opening Reception - Featuring work by members of the Williamston Figure Study class. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Williamston Library, 3845 Vanneter Road, Williamston. facebook.com/ArtWilliamston.

Game Night - We'll provide a selection of games, but you're welcome to bring your own to share and teach. You can also bring snacks or drinks for yourself or to share. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Grafting Seminar - Learn the basics of grafting trees. Event includes a classroom session and a hands-on demonstration with our lead grafters. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nash Nurseries, 4975 W. Grand River Road, Owosso. eventbrite.com/o/nash-nurseries-17112851258.

Ignition Maker Fest - Free outdoor event that combines a mega science fair with a creative marketplace, encouraging innovative thinking for curious minds of all ages. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. ignitionmakerfest.com.

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.

Intro to Mountain Dulcimer Workshop, with Wanda Degen - Basics, including how to tune a dulcimer and strumming techniques, will be covered. Simple songs will be taught by ear and with easy-to-read tablature. 11 a.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. South Bend Cubs - Game highlight: Celebrate 517 Day with a \$5 hot dog and chips combo, \$1 sodas (16 oz) and \$7 game tickets, plus fireworks after the game! 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Lids for Kids Bike Helmet Giveaway & Bike Safety Event - Get your child a free, properly fitted helmet and enter them into a drawing for a brand-new bicycle while they learn about bike safety and play games. 10 a.m.-noon. Marshall Street Fire Station, 815 Marshall St., Lansing. lidsforkidsmi.org.

Meridian Garden Club Annual Plant Sale - Plants grown in Meridian climate and soil conditions, garden specialists to answer your questions. At 11 a.m., an expert on native Michigan plants will speak. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridiangardenclub.weebly.com.

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

Mountain Dulcimer Tunings and Techniques, with Wanda Degen - For the beyond beginner through the intermediate-level player. A sampling of styles from an Appalachian, Celtic and folk repertoire. 12:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com.

MSU Baseball vs. University of Minnesota - 1 p.m. Jeff Ishbia Field at McLane Stadium, 223 Kalamazoo St., East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/baseball.

MSU Horticulture Gardens Spring Plant Sale - Great deals on hanging baskets, perennials, annuals, grasses, vegetable seedlings and more! Arrive early for the best selection. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Plant and Soil Sciences Building, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. canr.msu.edu/hrt/our_gardens/index.

MSU UAB Spring Arts & Crafts Show - Find one-of-a-kind, handmade products from hundreds of local artists and small businesses. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. MSU Union, 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing. uabevents.com.

"Nashville Roots: Sounds of Americana" - Join Singers on the Grand as they celebrate the many genres of uniquely American music, performing songs by Johnny Cash, Gordon Lightfoot, Tina Turner, Jon Bon Jovi and many more. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. singersonthegrand.org.

"Once on This Island" - Based on the tale of the Little Mermaid, "Once on This Island" is a beautiful story about how a young girl changes an island, leaving it forever unified in love. 7 p.m. Ruhala

Lids for Kids

10 a.m.-noon Saturday,
May 17

Marshall Street Fire Station
815 Marshall St., Lansing



As the weather continues to warm up and summer break lingers on the horizon, it's prime time for kids to be outside riding bikes. To ensure all Michigan kids are safe on the roads, trails and sidewalks, Sinas Dramis Law Firm will hold its annual Lids for Kids bike helmet giveaway on Saturday. Trained professionals and volunteers will properly fit children with a free bike helmet and share bike safety tips. Each child will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a variety of prizes, including a new bike. There will also be opportunities to meet local law officials and firefighters, tour a fire truck, take photos with League of Enchantment characters, commission a balloon animal, play games and more. No registration is required. To learn more about Lids for Kids, which has distributed thousands of free helmets since the inaugural event in 2003, visit lidsforkidsmi.org.

Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Powerlight Band - Feel the soulful energy of Powerlight Band as they bring the best of Motown, funk and R&B to the stage! 6:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Salsa Party with DJ Mingo and DJ Adrian "Ace" Lopez - 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Spring Wildflower Walk - Join the Wild Ones Red Cedar chapter for a spring wildflower walk at Harris Nature Center. A naturalist will guide us along the trails. Free and open to the public. 10:30 a.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. wildoneslansing.weebly.com.

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

World Goth Day Film FestEvil - A celebration of goth arts and culture, featuring film screenings, a gothic poetry hour, Monster Drag, vendors and more. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

Sunday, May 18

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. Noon-6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

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

Conversations with the Runes: Spirits, Symbols, and Practice - This ongoing workshop series is designed to deepen your connection with the runes through history, storytelling, animism and hands-on practice. Each month, we'll explore a new set of runes. 3 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Copper Chimney Lounge Poetry Series - Featured readers are Jay Artemis Hull and Nan Jackson. Their readings will be followed by an open mic. 4-6 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/LansingPoetryClub.

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.

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East Lansing Art Festival - This year's event will feature nearly 200 artists lining Albert and M.A.C. avenues, plus two full days of performances, artist demonstrations and food trucks. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. downtown East Lansing. elartfest.com.

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.

Green Man Work Day - We'll get together and take care of some projects that need doing, either at the church building or on our property. We'll finish the day with a shared feast. Noon-5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

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

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

Marland Wines: Tasting and Winecraft Discussion - Join the Old Town General Store and James Lester, co-owner and winemaker of Marland Wines, for a private wine tasting and a discussion of his approach to winemaking. Ages 21+. Noon. 408 East César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. For tickets, call 517-487-6847.

Meridian Community Band Spring Concert - The 80-musician ensemble will perform works by Holst, Williams, Sousa, Mancini, Bizet, Daehn, Fillmore and more. Free. 4 p.m. MacDonald Middle School, 1601 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. meridiancommunityband.org.

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Oceano - Chicago deathcore titans Oceano bring their Death of Oceano tour to Grewal Hall, with support from I Declare War, Escuela Grind, Filth and Backbiter. 8 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Old Town General Store's 12th Anniversary Party - Join us for an afternoon of wonderful local music, delicious local foods and wine and beverage tastings! Free, all ages welcome. 1-5 p.m. 408 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/oldtowngeneralstore.

"Once on This Island" - Based on the tale of the Little Mermaid "Once on This Island" is a beautiful story about how a young girl changes an island, leaving it forever unified in love. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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.

Spring Into Self-Love - We'll begin with a gentle yoga session, followed by a guided meditation with hydrating face masks. After unwinding, enjoy a delicious brunch and a custom mimosa bar! 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Northfork Farms, 3637 Morrice Road, Webberville. eventbrite.com/o/moxie-studio-and-bonded-links-110503097671.

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

Sutton Foster Awards Showcase - The spotlight will shine on the brightest stars of high school musical theater from across the state. From captivating vocals to mesmerizing choreography, get ready for

an unforgettable celebration of hard work, dedication and passion. 6:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

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

Williamston Farm & Artisan Market - Shop for produce, baked goods, handmade artisan products and more while enjoying live music, craft activities for the kids and interactive art. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. williamstonfarmmarket.org.

Woldumar Folk & Bluegrass Jam - Join us for performances by 12th Street (Irish), Deacon Earl (blues) and Kari Anne & Lost Creek (folk/gospel), plus open jams. Bring a dish to share or a beverage for the potluck. 2-5 p.m. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. facebook.com/folkgrass.

Monday, May 19

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

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.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 - 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.

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. Although formal instruction isn't provided, attendees assist each other with techniques and skills. 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Melted Bead Suncatchers - Using pony beads and cookie cutters, participants will design dazzling suncatchers. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Michigan Cottage Food Law - Learn how to prepare and sell foods to the public under Michigan's Cottage Food Law. Topics include preparing, packaging, labeling, storing and transporting cottage foods. 2 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/cottage_food_law/index.

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

Mural Unveiling Ceremony - Get a first look Rathbun Insurance's new mural, created by local students under the guidance of Dustin Hunt. There will be refreshments and reflections from students and organizers. 5:30 p.m. 529 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. rathbuninsurance.com.

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.

Rest with Music: Ellis & M.E. - Take a break from your busy day and relax with a free concert under the "night sky" of the planetarium. Noon. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. abramsplanetarium.org/events/health.html.



Lansing Restaurant Week Through Saturday, May 17 Participating area restaurants

Just a few days remain to take advantage of the second annual Lansing Restaurant Week, a self-guided tour of 68 Greater Lansing eateries hosted by Lansing 5:01, Lansing Foodies and Choose Lansing. Each eatery is offering a special dish for \$7 — including smoked wings at Art's Pub, falafel at Bread Bites Mediterranean, loaded fries at Henry's Place, crab rangoon nachos at Kin Thai, marry-me-chicken pizza at Phillips Cider Bar, cupcakes in a jar at Sweet Encounter Bakery and much more — and a drink to pair it with for \$5. Many of the specials are the most popular items on the eateries' menus. Participants can visit as many or as few of the eateries as they'd like. When they order, they should mention that they'd like the Restaurant Week special. For a full list of the participating eateries and specials they're offering, visit 517restaurantweek.com.

Serving up Food Safety: What's New in Food Safety - Join MSU Extension food safety educators as they dive into food safety topics and answer your questions. Noon-12:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water/index.

Shape Note Singing - First and third Mondays, free, loan books available, beginners and the curious are welcome. 7 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. fasolamichigan.org.

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

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.

"The Artful Journey" - A special exhibit in honor of all the volunteers who help the Mid-Michigan Art Guild function. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. midmichiganartguild.org.

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

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

Guidance for the Management of Halal Food - Training for food handlers and educators with responsibilities related to food. Participants will gain knowledge and confidence in handling halal food safely for consumers. 1 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/index.

Hail the Sun - Post-hardcore outfit Hail the Sun hits Grewal Hall, with support from Night Spice, Son of Scylla and Metzfire. 7 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Lansing Economic Club - We'll host a panel discussion on the second State of the Region Benchmarking Report, which continues the effort to assess how the Lansing region compares to peer regions across the country. 11:30 a.m. Kellogg Hotel, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/LansingChamber.

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

My Big Fat Greek Drive-Thru - Swing by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for a mouth-watering gyro feast. Indulge in our savory gyro sandwiches, homemade spanakopita, Greek meze appetizer and baklava. \$18 per person. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 1701 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. holytrinity-lansing.org/gyro-drive-thru-2025.

Parkinson's Exercise: Balance, Conditioning and Strength - 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.

Parkinson's Support Group Education Meeting - Join us for an informative, educational and fun afternoon. The topic for May is dealing with Parkinson's-related stress and anxiety. 3 p.m. Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

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

Wednesday, May 21

"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.

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

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

MK Pho brings Hmong cuisine to south Lansing

By LEO V. KAPLAN

When Maikou Vang gave ownership of Ming Dynasty Asian Cuisine to her daughter and son-in-law in 2022, she did so with the intention of retiring.



MK Pho Asian Cuisine

1122 W. Holmes Road,
Lansing
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday
3-9 p.m. Saturday
(517) 388-5329

Retirement, as it turned out, was tremendously boring to her.

“I can’t stay home and do nothing,” Vang said. “I’m always expecting myself to do something.”

When she saw the southside eatery Perfect Chinese was closing, Vang reached out and made the owners an offer. On April 22, she jumped back into the restaurant business and opened MK Pho Asian Cuisine.

The restaurant offers freshly prepared Asian food from across cultures. Its specialty is the titular pho, a Vietnamese noodle soup. Vang, who is Hmong and



Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

Maikou Vang chats with customers at her new Asian restaurant, MK Pho, which opened April 22.

from Laos, gets visibly excited talking about her unique pho recipe, which takes inspiration from both Lao and Vietnamese pho.

For something closer to her home, Vang recommends the papaya salad. The dish mixes green papaya, which is less ripe than a standard papaya and is typically used as a vegetable rather than

a fruit in Southeast Asian cuisine, with tomatoes, tamarind, lime, fish sauce, palm sugar and hot peppers. A staple in Thai, Vietnamese and Lao cuisine, the Hmong style of papaya salad has a sweeter, darker sauce.

MK Pho also serves laab, a ground meat salad and staple dish in Hmong cuisine, as well as pad Thai and Asian

American classics like lo mein, crab rangoon and General Tso’s chicken.

Vang, who came to the Lansing area in 1995, had “always” wanted to run her own restaurant before opening Ming Dynasty. The Holt resident said cooking for her family made her want to open a business.

At MK Pho, she still cooks as she does for her family: Everything is made fresh. “I don’t know how else to do it,” she said.

Vang is excited to be back behind the counter at MK Pho doing what she loves. Before officially deciding where to reopen, she said she would walk around nearby restaurants to see if any storefronts were opening up soon. The business has been a hit online, with rave reviews in Facebook groups like Lansing Foodies.

Vang said that’s intentional. Rather than focus on advertising, her priority is to make good food and let the word spread.

“We just opened, so it’s still not that busy yet,” she said. “But we are just trying to make the best food we can.”

Maria’s is a master of mole

By LIZY FERGUSON

Mexican food is so popular, and there are so many different places to choose from, but one can’t help developing favorites. Last week, I ventured out of my comfort zone of Pablo’s and El Oasis and gave Maria’s in Old Town a try, and I’m so glad I did.

Situated in the spot formerly occupied by Old Town Diner, Maria’s offers what I’m used to seeing on the menu of an authentic Mexican restaurant, as well as some options that were new to me, like cecina, torta campechana and

panuchos. Very familiar to me, though, is mole. Literally meaning “sauce” in Spanish, mole is a traditional sauce and



Chicken in mole

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Maria’s Cuisine

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Lansing

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
(517) 883-4323

mariascuisinemexicanfoodmi.com

marinade. The word can represent a variety of versions, but the classic, mole poblano, is a dark reddish-brown and contains fruit, chili peppers, nuts and spices — including black pepper and cinnamon — as well as unsweetened chocolate. I usually go for mole enchiladas, but, hungry for extra protein, I chose the chicken in mole plate.

The mole at Maria’s was different

from others I’ve had, but it was still completely delicious. With the deep, smoky, almost bitter flavor of roasted poblano balanced by a sweetness reminiscent of tamarind and strong notes of cinnamon, the sauce covered two perfectly tender chicken drumsticks. I used the accompanying corn tortillas to pull the meat off the bones and dunk it in the generous pool of mole, also scooping the sauce into the takeout tray’s rice compartments. Before I knew it, I’d devoured everything, sometimes incorporating stolen scoops of the delicious guacamole my friend ordered, as well as some of her chips. You have to love a cuisine where everything tastes amazing with everything else.

The mole remained the meal’s standout by far, and if you haven’t had it before, I highly recommend you acquaint your-



Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

The mole sauce at Maria’s Cuisine in Old Town has a depth of flavor that’s hard to find elsewhere.

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Fragrant lily dumplings

BY ARI LEVAUX

Eating my first potsticker belongs on the list of life experiences that I'll never forget. It happened at the Oriental Garden Chinese restaurant in my hometown. They were labeled Peking ravioli, and I had a good feeling about them from the start, all plump and golden brown. I found them to be filled with an intoxicating mix of pork, ginger and green onion, and I was transformed. The restaurant's all-you-can-eat buffet offered a full range of classic Chinese delicacies. But after my first taste of Peking ravioli, those succulent dumplings were all I desired. I returned many times with friends, and my companions and I would feast on those exotic morsels like Greek warriors upon fat oxen.

Years later, as an old man surveying his springtime garden for signs of life, I noted a clump of chives growing densely by a fence post. Then, I spotted the green glint of Egyptian walking onions, partially buried by the remains of a dried tomato bush. Finally, I saw the red-hued green of my tall and rotund

garlic shoots. These were the only living bits of green in the garden. All are members of the allium family, also known as the lily family, which also includes shallots, onions, garlic and chives. Some people call it the onion family. Some people call the edible members of the allium family the "fragrant lilies."

I recalled that old expression, "He knows his onions," which means that someone has in-depth knowledge of a particular subject. In my case, the subject was onions themselves, and thus, I know my onions about onions. I felt it was time to write a column about the onions I know so much about, but I couldn't decide upon which facet of the onion-verse I would write about.

Hours later, my son Remy walked in the door, home from school, and announced that he wanted to make potstickers. And just like that, I had my onion topic. You can't have a potsticker without some kind of allium inside. I may not know potstickers as well as I know my onions, but I know that much.

Remy is the kind of cook who, if you



Photo by Ari LeVaux

You can't have a potsticker without some kind of allium inside, which is why dumplings are the perfect meal for incorporating the spring harvest of chives, green onions, garlic scapes and beyond.

say, "Let's make spaghetti," will dump some flour on the counter, make a well in the middle for some eggs and whip out a batch of fresh pasta dough to run through the pasta cutting machine. So, when he said he wanted to make potstickers, I knew he didn't mean from a bag in the freezer.

We took inventory of our ingredients,

noting that in addition to our many onions, we also had ginger, soy sauce, sesame oil, sugar and even powdered white pepper, which really helps when you want that Oriental flavor turned up to 11. For the meat, we decided to use ground elk mixed with pork fat, both of

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self with a depth of flavor that's hard to find elsewhere. The cuisines of the

world boast many exquisite sauces, and mole is up there with the best of them. Maria's also offers breakfast, and I'm wondering if I could get a cup of mole to dump on a breakfast burrito or omelet. Or to drink like hot chocolate.

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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 GREEK FOOD

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

1. Athena's Diner

Diner serving classic American breakfasts and lunches, plus Greek specialties
3109 S. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 394-0072
facebook.com/athenasdinerlansing
7 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday
7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

2. Bell's Greek Pizza

Cozy parlor offering pizzas, sandwiches, wings and other casual fare
1135 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 332-0858
thebellspizza.com

10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
10 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

3. Niko's Taverna

Relaxed restaurant serving familiar Greek dishes and American comfort food, plus beer, wine and cocktails
151 S. Putnam St., Williamston
(517) 550-6456
nikoswilliamston.com
4-9 p.m. Monday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

4. Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill

Casual bar and eatery known for its classic and creative cheesesteaks, plus Greek fare
3020 Kalamazoo St., Lansing
(517) 337-2210
steakhousephilly.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
Noon-6 p.m. Sunday

5. Woody's Oasis

Quick-serve restaurant offering traditional Mediterranean food, including many vegetarian options
1050 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing
(517) 351-2280
woodysoasis.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. daily

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which we had on hand.

Ultimately, only one ingredient was missing: wrappers in which to enclose the filling. I resigned myself to head to the supermarket for a pack of wonton wrappers, but Remy had no plans to wait for a trip to the store. Instead, he rolled up his sleeves, dumped some flour on the counter and began kneading some dough. In a few minutes, he had it rolled out. It was a bit on the thick side, but it made glorious, uniquely puffy potstickers.

For you normies who don't have an in-house dough maker on call, I recommend those store-bought wonton wrappers. And if you don't have a meat grinder, pre-ground burger works just fine.

As you search or shop for your green onions, whether in the backyard, farmers market or grocery store, keep your eyes peeled for garlic chives, the queen of the fragrant lilies. They're easily identified by their flat, garlic-like leaves, as opposed to the round and hollow leaves of onions and normal chives. Finding garlic chives can be a bit of an effort, but your dumplings — or at least your dumpling eaters — will thank you. But as long as there's a hint of allium green in your potstickers, they'll do what they're supposed to do in your mouth.

Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground meat, ideally pork, mixed with shrimp or beef
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger
- 1/4 cup minced shallot or onion
- Four minced green onions or a handful of chopped chives, garlic tops or garlic chives
- 1/2 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- Two minced napa cabbage leaves
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- A pinch of white pepper
- A package of wonton wrappers

Thoroughly mix all of the ingredients, save the wrappers, in a large bowl. Let the mixture sit for at least 30 minutes.

While it marinates, there's a little operation to do with the wrappers. They come out of the package square, but you want them round for potstickers. So, find a glass with a diameter close to the length to the length of the side of the wrapper. Press the glass down to cut a circle and peel away the corners on the outside of the glass.

Spoon a teaspoon of filling into the center of each wrapper. Dip your fingers in a glass of water and rub your wet fingers on the perimeter of the wrapper. Then fold it over the filling and press down on the edges. Pan fry or steam your dumplings how you like them.

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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.

Can't Cancel Comedy Open Mic - This will be one of four open mics leading to our ticketed feature showcase on June 29. This is a safe space for both new and established comedians or anyone who just needs a laugh. 8-10 p.m. Henry's Place, 4926 Marsh Road, Okemos. facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575507265092.

Dementia Caregiver Series - Three-session series that can reduce stress for those caring for a person with dementia by providing useful tools and information. 10:30 a.m. Dorothy Hull Library, 405 W. Jefferson St., Dimondale. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

Emergency Services - 6 p.m. LSW Emergency Services, 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

"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.

Greater Lansing Ride of Silence - A solemn, silent bicycling procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. The ride will start at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Bikes Service Center (434 Farm Lane, East Lansing) and end with a short memorial ceremony on the Capitol steps. biketcba.org/ros.

"Hamilton" - An epic saga that follows the rise of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton as he fights for honor, love and a legacy that would shape the course of a nation. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Informed Renter - This workshop will equip you with valuable information about the rental process that will help you navigate the technicalities and avoid costly mistakes. Noon. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mimoneyhealth/index.

Ingham County Democratic Party Public Meeting - Monthly meeting and social. Discuss today's issues with like-minded Democrats. Guest speaker County Clerk Barb Byrum. 5:30 p.m. Fiesta Charra, 2706 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. inghamcountymodemocraticparty.net.

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

Kindergarten Craft Club - Create a food-stamped tote bag! Registration req. 4:15 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Lansing 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.

CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1332

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Part 12, Title 6, Chapter 1250, to add 1250.04.08, allowing for accessory dwelling units on parcels in certain zoning districts with a principal use of single-family dwelling.

Effective date: June 4, 2025

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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CP#25-148

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 25-000409-DE-P33 - Estate of Dancie J. Jackson - Date of Birth: Oct. 2, 1934. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dancie J. Jackson, died Dec. 17, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cherry L. James, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 5/14/2025. Personal representative: Cherry L. James, 3605 Cambrey Drive, Lansing, Michigan, 48906, 517-886-4173.

CP#25-152

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 25-538-DE. Estate of Thomas Dale Griffin, deceased - Date of Birth: 07/03/1951. NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: Known & Unknown. The decedent, Thomas Dale Griffin, died 06/13/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon-Tomas Griffin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 05/14/2025. Attorney: Benjamin L. Cwayna, #P70266, 11973 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, 517-622-1900. Personal representative: Jon-Tomas Griffin, 3711 Lochmoor Drive, Lansing, MI 48911, 517-394-1717.

CP#25-153

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, INGHAM COUNTY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 25-561-DE. Estate of Kimm Jeannese Griffin, deceased - Date of Birth: 12/13/1952. NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: Known & Unknown. The decedent, Kimm Jeannese Griffin, died 03/20/2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon-Tomas Griffin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 05/14/2025. Attorney: Benjamin L. Cwayna, #P70266, 11973 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, 517-622-1900. Personal representative: Jon-Tomas Griffin, 3711 Lochmoor Drive, Lansing, MI 48911, 517-394-1717.

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



Capital Tower



Tower on Grand



Washington Square



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Transformational Projects



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