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A reporter recently asked Senator Rand Paul about the "One Big Beautiful Bill," and this was his response: "The problem is that it's asking conservatives, like myself, to raise the debt ceiling 5 trillion dollars. That's historic; no one has ever raised the debt ceiling that much. It will be a record for Congress to raise the debt 5 trillion dollars, but it also indicates that this year, the deficit will be over 2 trillion. It means they are anticipating close to 3 trillion for the next year. It's really a slap in the face at those of us who were excited about Elon Musk and DOGE and all the cuts. Where are all the cuts? If the cuts are real, why are we going to borrow 5 trillion?"

Let that sink in.

Moody's downgraded the United States rating due to the implications of the bill and the effect it would have. "Over the next decade, we expect larger deficits as entitlement spending rises while government revenue remains broadly flat. In turn, persistent, large fiscal deficits will drive the government's debt and interest burden higher."

Of course, Republicans downplay Moody's statement with denials. Regardless of their denial, the downgrade can and likely will impact markets and the interest rate the government can get to borrow money, no matter how delusional they are in any of their commentaries.

But the truth is that the 1,116-page bill will extend Trump's tax cuts for the wealthy while cutting \$625 billion from Medicaid, essentially kicking 8 million people off of their healthcare. It will also cut into the food stamp program for families with children, seniors, and veterans. They are rushing this bill through committee because they know there is no way anyone can research enough to debate the bill on its face, and it has moved from committee to full house vote, in a mere seven days after being presented. In other words, in the dark of night, they somehow convinced any opposition to vote "present" on the bill instead of "nay" to get the bill to a full vote.

None of this is surprising anymore, but it is alarming as it will have a lasting impact on the most vulnerable people among us, including their own voting base. It's also not surprising, and many of us have been saying this all along, that they do not care about you. They will watch you starve; they will watch you die.

If you think you never had a reason to question this administration before, you will. If you think you'll be better off once they have implemented their budget, you won't. The bottom 60% of this country, the majority of us, will suffer while they put gold leaf flakes on their fries at Mar-a-Lago. We, myself included, will always be closer to being homeless than we will be to being a billionaire, or even a millionaire.

If I could eliminate just one thing that would improve our society, it would be greed, but for some people, there will never be enough.

The Trump administration, his cabinet appointments, his press secretary, and all of his simps are now and forever likened to the "Wet Bandits." If everything weren't so seriously important, they would be hilariously incompetent; they can't seem to get anything right. The "Oopsidents" of the White House will be forever memorialized for their commitment to doing everything in the most confusing, chaotic, and counterproductive way possible.

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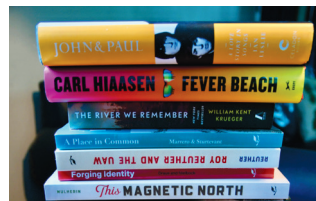
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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

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EVERYONE I KNOW WILL BE!

BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL STILL MAKE LIFE A LIVING HELL FOR IMMIGRANTS AND TRANS PEOPLE.

ALL RIGHT! NOW THAT'S WHAT I VOTED FOR!

ALSO, I'M USING THE LITERAL CONSTITUTION TO WIPE MY ASS.

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NEWS & OPINION

Sycamore Townhomes residents face eviction in a housing shortage

When a receiver was appointed to manage Sycamore Townhomes last year, residents were hopeful the apartments — nearly 150 of which were red-tagged and all rented without a license — would finally become livable.

But on April 29, around 70 remaining residents were given 30 days to get out. As of Monday, 50 were still without a plan, the apartment complex's federally appointed receiver said Tuesday.

Sycamore resident Jodi Kamae is a recipient of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, a federal housing assistance program commonly referred to as Section 8. She said finding new housing as a Section 8 recipient takes longer than 30 days.

"For people in Section 8, it's a process," she said. "We can't just move. We have to go there, recertify, let them know we have to evacuate, and they have to approve it. Then we have to go back, sit down and have a meeting with them to get the paperwork to move out. Then we have to go look for a place."

Sycamore is one example in what advocates call a housing crisis in Lansing. Last week, 16 members of Lansing's The Rent Is Too Damn High chapter spoke at the City Council, criticizing the evictions as well as the city's plan to clear homeless encampments.

Khadja Erickson, director of the newly formed Mid-Michigan Tenant Resource Center, said neglected maintenance and threats of eviction were major problems, "based on the folks seeking help." She also said homelessness skyrocketed during the COVID-19 lockdown and remains dire.

At Sycamore, the threat of imminent eviction carries the weight of potential homelessness. Residents in good standing are eligible to receive \$1,000 in relocation assistance. But another resident, DeEldra (who declined to give her last name), said previous management had destroyed records, leaving it unclear who was in good standing.

"In January, I got a letter saying I owed around 4,400" dollars, she said. "Then in March it was like 6,600. But when I contacted the city, the city said it was dismissed. I don't know if they even



Photo by Raymond Holt

Jodi Kamae (left) and DeEldra (who declined to give her last name) stand in front of Sycamore Townhomes. The residents are among around 70 who were given a 30-day notice to evacuate or face eviction to make way for \$15 million in repairs. Fifty still need homes.

have the records to demonstrate who's in good standing."

John Polderman, the federally appointed receiver, said the 30-day notice was legally required since all current tenants had expired leases and were thus considered holdover tenants. Some residents said they had signed leases and were unaware of the holdover status.

Polderman said evicting current residents was necessary for a \$15 million renovation, which will get around 350 units "back online." While he acknowledged the evictions were "disruptive," he said there would have been an inevitable "hard landing" if no receiver had been appointed.

While Polderman is federally appointed and is not beholden to the city of Lansing, Kamae blames the city for allowing the situation to deteriorate.

"It should never have gotten to this point," Kamae said. "Somebody failed to do their job. In Section 8, you get inspections every year, so I have that documentation. So somebody is either turning a blind eye or doesn't give a shit. Who is going to be held accountable?"

Ryan Kost, Lansing's City Council president, agrees.

"We messed up," he said. "It was years

of neglect, and we messed up."

Kost called the Sycamore residents' living conditions heartbreaking and "deplorable at best," adding that he and Council member Adam Hussain had been advocating for change at Sycamore for years.

"There were a lot of mistakes, and it's tough to point your finger at any one individual," he said.

"What we did get right is the city attorney got aggressive, and we took receivership," he said. "That is going to be the new gold standard moving forward."

Scott Bean, Mayor Schor's communications director, said in a statement that "the owners of this property did this, not the City of Lansing."

"They let their tenants live in deplorable conditions, and the City used everything in the limited toolbox we have to get them to correct it," he said. "That's why we eventually ended up in Federal Court and finally got movement to get someone in and make the complex safe for habitation."

Schor has made housing a focus of campaign advertisements.

But with President Trump's proposed budget cutting billions in rental assistance programs, some are concerned the problem will get worse, not better.

"I hope the cuts don't go through," said Rawley Van Fossen, Lansing's director of Economic Development and Planning, "because if they do, there are going to be some tough conversations on the local level."

"My department relies on nearly \$3 million through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to address a wide range of issues," he said. "If those cuts go through, if we're handed \$0 rather than \$3 million, of course it's going to have an immediate impact. The first impact is that it's going to lessen the amount of affordable housing the city can partner with."

Van Fossen declined to hypothesize further, expressing hope that "our friends and allies in the U.S. Senate and House" will prevent the bill being passed.

Multiple projects have been completed or are underway to increase the availability of housing in Lansing. The newly renovated Walter French school has 76 units, each of which has an income limit. The New Vision Lansing project under construction downtown will add hundreds of units, some of which will be under the Missing Middle program.

An ordinance increasing the legal options for shared-use housing passed the City Council this month.

Bean also said that the city's Human Relations and Community Services Department provides housing resources and that 54-A District Court has a grant-funded eviction diversion specialist.

But with funding under threat and city officials making up for lost time, Sycamore residents worried their troubles were only beginning.

"In the letter we got, it stated three other properties that we could move to," DeEldra said. "And one of the managers did come out, and I talked to him. He was a nice guy, but I asked, 'What makes your place any different? How do we know you're not getting red-tagged two months from now?'"

"It's like nobody is here for the tenants," she said. "They're not here for us. It's like they're against us."

— LEO V. KAPLAN

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting May 15, 2025 Synopsis**

The Williamstown Township Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2025 with Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Utilization of Michigan Class as an investment vehicle
- Lawnmower purchase from Hutson for \$16,702; rescinded the 4-30-25 lawnmower purchase approval

The next regular Board meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193.

Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC
Township Clerk

CP#25-163



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT #25009
3544 MERIDIAN CROSSING – ACE HARDWARE
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE**

**Special Use Permit #25009 – 3544 Meridian Crossing – Ace Hardware
Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 to hear all persons interested in a request from Ace Hardware to allow outdoor storage and retail sales at an existing hardware store at 3544 Meridian Crossing Drive. The approximate 2.7 acre site is zoned C-2 (Commercial).

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments may be sent prior to the public hearing by writing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, by phone at phone 517-853-4576, or by email at shorkey@meridian.mi.us. Comments may also be given in person at the public hearing.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: PUD #25012 (HULETT ROAD ESTATES)
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Planned Unit Development #25012 (Hulett Road Estates)
Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 to hear all persons interested in a planned unit development (PUD) request. Jim Giguere has proposed a planned unit development consisting of 6 lots. The approximate 5-acre parcel is zoned RA (Single-Family Residential) located at 3560 Hulett Road.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments may be sent prior to the public hearing by writing to the Planning Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, by phone at phone 517-853-4576, or by email at shorkey@meridian.mi.us. Comments may also be given in person at the public hearing.

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

The City Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, 27 May 2025, to consider and receive public input on the proposed Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2026. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The City intends to levy 10.4474 mills for Operations/Streets (unchanged) and 0.8032 mills for Recreation (unchanged). The proposed budget is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofgrandledge.com and at the City Clerk's office, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge, Michigan, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom for informational purposes only. The online stream can be accessed at <https://www.zoom.us> with the Meeting ID: 844 6460 7022, or by calling +1 309 205 3325 US, +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC), +1 305 224 1968 US, +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), +1 360 209 5623 US, +1 386 347 5053 US, +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose), +1 507 473 4847 US, +1 564 217 2000 US, +1 669 444 9171 US, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose), +1 689 278 1000 US, +1 719 359 4580 US, +1 253 205 0468 US, +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) with Meeting ID: 844 6460 7022.

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

Gregory Newman, City Clerk.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. A public hearing to receive comments on a request from Joe David for approval of a Special Use permit located at 101 E. Grand River Avenue (The Landshark). The applicant request is to expand the bar and dining area with alcohol service. The property is zoned B-3 City Center Commercial.
2. A public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance 1550, an amendment to Section 50-147 to allow increased fence height in the C Community Facilities zone district.

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Members of the public may participate electronically in all meetings. Please visit the City's public meeting portal for electronic meeting access information or contact staff for more information:

Landon Bartley, AICP, Principal Planner
410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823
517.319.6930 or lbartley@cityofeastlansing.com
<https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/>

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

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

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building and Development Office, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

Amy Gordon
Interim City Clerk

Dated: May 14, 2025
East Lansing, MI 48823

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Needed: Photographers



For the last several years, retired photographer Raymond Holt (pictured here) volunteered his services to City Pulse. His contributions made a huge difference in the quality of our print and online publications. Alas, Raymond recently stepped down to pursue other interests. Thank you, Raymond, for all you have done for City Pulse.

We are hoping others will step up. There are many ways to contribute to City Pulse. Helping fill the void Raymond is leaving is one of them. And a fun one to boot.

If you're gifted with a camera and want to be part of a community newspaper through volunteer photography, please call Steve Underwood at (517) 999-6704 or email him at steve@lansingcitypulse.com.

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



All 24,000 businesses and residences that lost power were expected to be back online by late Tuesday, a day earlier than initially thought, after strong storms, including a tornado, wreaked havoc on Greater Lansing overnight Thursday and Friday. BWL

general manager Dick Peffley said about 75 crews, including workers from outside Greater Lansing, worked on restoring service. Stretches of Wood Road and Grand River Avenue in the Groesbeck neighborhood featured some of the most dramatic damage, with power poles and power lines closing both into Tuesday. More than 260,000 electric customers statewide lost power, mostly Consumers Energy customers, with 8,000 in Greater Lansing. Peffley said that the area had not seen this much damage to its transmission and distribution system in nearly 25 years.

The National Weather Service has confirmed at least 12 tornadoes tore across Michigan, including one that severely damaged at least one house in Potterville as it ripped through Eaton and Ingham counties.



Jordyn and Chris Brazee told the Lansing State Journal that the EF-1 tornado (with winds of 86 mph to 110 mph) ripped off parts of their roof and home. They were able to move with their three children to the basement and escape injuries. Due to downed power lines and debris, emergency personnel came to help them evacuate their house after the storm.

Lansing residents can place up to 50 pounds of tree-related debris at curbside for pickup with maximum dimensions of 4 feet long and 8 inches in diameter. Branches should be kept intact, and residents should make sure the debris is on the curb and not blocking the road. The city said it will take several weeks to pick up all debris. It will be hosting a storm debris and yard waste drop-off for Lansing residents Saturday at Crego Park, 1600 Fidelity Road, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no cost for dropping off debris, but ID will be required for entry.

The Lansing City Council unanimously approved a \$173 million general fund budget Monday, a \$10 million increase, paid for by increased fees and property tax revenues. The Council also unanimously allocated \$250,000 in contingency funds for a Council analyst and two more firefighters. By a 6-2 vote, it approved \$130,000 for a sustainability assistant. Council President Ryan Kost said the budget include \$10 million for local roads and \$1 million for sidewalks.



MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz and other university officials wrote in a memo to department heads and deans that the school will reduce general fund spending by 9% over the next two years, due to its "modest recurring deficit over the past two years." The cuts are being made to get the MSU back

to financial stability, they added. While MSU's current operating budget is about \$3.6 billion, its general fund is \$1.7 billion, the university's functional budget report shows. A 9% cut amounts to about \$153 million.



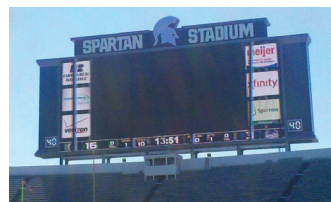
East Lansing city officials have named Jennifer Brown as permanent police chief, the first the city has had in a year.

Brown had served as interim chief since December, after the previous interim chief, Chad Pride, asked to return to deputy chief pending his January retirement. Pride had taken over after the previous chief, Kim Johnson, resigned last May amid an internal investigation. Brown joined the department as deputy chief in December 2023 after working more than 15 years in MSU's police department.

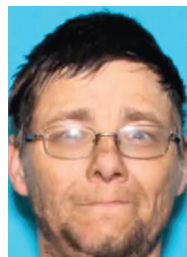
Delta Township announced it has canceled its July 3 fireworks show two weeks after voters rejected a 2-mill tax proposal to fund Eaton County Sheriff's Office patrols and staff, impacting public safety resources for the event. Delta's Board of Trustees voted to cancel a contract with Indiana-based Night Magic Displays that would have cost the township \$34,650. Since the cancellation fee from the company is \$13,860, the township will save just over \$20,000. The show attracts tens of thousands of people to Sharp Park and the surrounding area.

MSU has settled a lawsuit for \$30,000 brought by Netherlands-based Carsilus Media over using a quiz from its Youtube channel that included an image of Adolph Hitler.

The company had sought \$150,000. The image was displayed on a Spartan Stadium scoreboard before MSU's game against University of Michigan in 2023. The university apologized for the incident after it went viral and blamed the designers of the quiz. The August 2024 complaint claimed the university engaged in copyright infringement and invasion of privacy-false light for using the content without permission.



Detectives testified that Gregory Pennington (pictured) of Nashville, 42, was assaulted for five days and shot twice, the last shot in the head killing him, in rural Chester Township as revenge for allegedly assaulting one of the individuals torwho are accused of assaulting him. Bradley Lance, 25, who allegedly fired the fatal shot, was charged with second-degree murder, torture, felony firearm possession and removing a dead body without a medical examiner's permission. Three other suspects were each charged with one count of torture.



108-110 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing

City Pulse is pleased to update an Eyesore from Jan. 3, 2018. The 146-year-old house, the first built by famed Lansing architect Darius Moon (1851-1939), had been boarded up in 2015 and then was damaged by fire in 2017. But two years later, Alesia Flowers and her E.M. Cannon Designs LLC in Dimondale purchased it at auction (E L Investment Properties was the previous owner), and she launched a long-term restoration project. CHR Services, a Grand Ledge-based company owned by her cousin Terry Cannon, is working on a building permit issued March 5 by the city of Lansing, according to the city's BS&A online site. Flowers' plan for the two-story, 3,000-square-foot house is two two-bedroom units on the top floor and a common area on the first floor for offices or, perhaps, a bakery. The property was in tax foreclosure and went to auction before Flowers bought it with a bid price of \$8,500. She and Cannon are also from the west side, near the house, and had admired it growing up in the neighborhood. It sits across from the Michigan Hall of Justice. The house has been on the city's make-safe-or-demolish list since Flowers purchased it, and due to challenges from COVID-19 that resulted in labor issues and increased prices, the process has taken longer than intended. "Every time we meet with the city, we have to show them the progress we're making so they can keep giving us an extension," she said.

— STEVE UNDERWOOD

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

Byrum's secretary of state run has the ring of inevitability to it

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum launched her secretary of state bid this week in a move that probably doesn't surprise you because of the inevitability of it all.

I mean, we all expected it would come to this at some point, didn't we? Byrum isn't your behind-the-scenes bureaucrat signing marriage licenses and taking your \$100 filing fee for political office, after all.

Since she took over as county clerk in 2013, Byrum has been a forward-facing elections authority, more than willing to go to war over social media or in public with anyone deafly parroting election fraud rhetoric.

Seemingly as comfortable in large crowds as small groups, it feels as if Byrum has always viewed her territorial boundaries as being more than the 556 square miles of Ingham County. She's felt like a statewide candidate for years.

It explains why Byrum was mentioned as recently as 2024 for a possible congressional bid or as far back as the 2017 cycle for secretary of state until Jocelyn Benson made it clear she wanted to give it another go.

The other thing is votes. Byrum earns them. Consistently.

You may not believe this next line, so please feel from to triple-check it for me.

After Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth, Byrum earned more votes in Ingham County than anybody else on the ballot in November 2024. It was close, but Byrum's 94,829 votes was more than Kamala Harris' 94,542 or Elissa Slotkin's 94,679.

She draws some Republican support because beyond the clear partisan fire she doesn't mind showing from time to time, Byrum has also shown she's extremely competent.

When Jill Stein tried that silly recount stunt in 2016, a lot of other county clerks wrung their hands and bemoaned all of the work that lay in front of them. Not Byrum. She rallied her troops, opened up the ballot boxes and got to work. By the time the whole exercise was called off, Ingham County was one of the

few that could say it got the job done anyway.

Republicans may cringe when they see her condescending social media lectures, but they respect the fact that she does her job well.

I understand Byrum hasn't been a statewide candidate for only more than a few hours, but I don't feel like I'm going too far out on a limb in calling her the front runner for the nomination.

The Democrats have another candidate in Deputy Secretary of State Aghogho Edevbie, who clearly has the resume to pull off a credible run, but he simply hasn't won an election. He's tried, he but hasn't really come close.

Byrum won a competitive state House seat in 2007 and hasn't looked back. On top of that, her mother, former Michigan State University trustees' Chair Dianne Byrum, has been on the ballot statewide twice before.

We know the Byrum name in these parts from their rural Ace hardware stores and from elected politics. But the Byrum name has some juice outside of mid-Michigan, which gives her a lift.

In a sure sign that her path to a Democratic nomination is paved in gold, Sen. Jeremy Moss — who didn't make it a secret that he was eyeing secretary of state in 2026 with Benson termed limited — announced about a month ago that he was running for a Metro Detroit congressional seat that he doesn't live in.

Clearly, it's early. Candidates are getting in earlier and earlier to stake their ground and hope to Big Foot their way to victory by clearing the field of potential competitors.

In the case of Byrum, though, it might just work. The Democratic Party likely will have an early nominating convention less than a year from now to essentially pick its '26 nominee.

Byrum has been to more than a few of these conventions and has more than a few friends.

It all makes her candidacy not only make sense but also feel as if it's truly the best option Democrats have in 2026.

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POLITICS

Hitler, Mussolini and ...

Bob Parks' Sponsored Content in City Pulse (April 30) reaffirmed what I have been saying to friends for some time: What's happening here in America now is a scary duplication of Italy in the 1920s and Germany in the 1930s.

Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch = Trump's loss of the 2020 election

Hitler's "Mein Kampf" = Project 2025

Hitler's oligarchs = Musk/Zucherberg/Besos et. al. at the 2025 Inauguration

Now as to your all-too-accurate observations, one attributed to Edmund Burke comes to mind: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

So, what do we do now, boss?

Jim Secor
East Lansing

Letter to the editor

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Medicaid: Who Decides Who is Deserving

The United States has become a nation that no longer keeps its promises. Think of NATO, Canada, Mexico, Ukraine, federal workers, military veterans, immigrants, and more.

Before we became a government "of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich," Social Security was a promise. Medicare was a promise. Medicaid was a promise.

The Trump administration has unveiled the 2025 draft of its tax legislation. Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill." This proposed legislation is intended to make permanent the expiring 2017 Tax Reduction Act that gave the wealthiest people a massive tax break.

For decades, budget deficits only mattered to Republicans when a Democrat was president. But now, they decided their \$4 trillion dollar giveaway must be balanced with cuts to entitlement programs.

In the 2025 tax proposal, there is language to reduce, over the next decade, Medicaid expenses by \$600 billion dollars. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the legislation, if passed, would eliminate 8.6 million people from the Medicaid roles.

The Trump administration has identified people who, it says, should not receive Medicaid benefits without policy changes. These are "able-bodied" adults without children. For this group to remain eligible, they must meet certain requirements. At first blush, the requirements seem reasonable: recipients will be required to be working, in school, or in community service for 80 hours a month.

But what if those options don't exist for them?

In truth, the vast majority of those "able-bodied" adults on Medicaid face intellectual, emotional, and/or psychological challenges. For-profit companies need employees who bring job-ready skills and the ability to think independently. The "able-bodied" adults never make it through a job interview. After a few failed efforts, they give up. Many of them can't compete in school. The few adult supervised job programs that exist are more expensive to operate than the cost of keeping people on Medicaid.

The Trump administration knows this. Their goal is not to help. Their goal is to eliminate people from Medicaid and use the savings to offset the Trump tax cuts. Whatever happens to those vulnerable people is of no concern.

For those of you who are still reading this article, there is something you can do:

By the end of May, 2025, the full House of Representatives is expected to vote on the bill. Passage is uncertain. Contact your Representative and ask him/her to vote against the bill.

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ARTS & CULTURE

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'Hamilton' aims for accessibility with lottery ticket system

By KURT ANTHONY KRUG

Four-time Tony Award-winning producer Jeffrey Seller, an Oak Park native, revolutionized Broadway's business model in 1997 with the \$20 ticket lottery for "Rent," making theater more accessible and affordable for everyone.

Seller, 60, has applied that same lottery system to another musical he produced: "Hamilton," returning to East Lansing's Wharton Center for the third time since 2019. A limited number of \$10 tickets are available for each performance in the week-and-a-half-long run, which begins tonight.

Seller explained that as Broadway ticket prices became increasingly expensive, he and business partner Kevin McCollum initiated Broadway's first rush-ticket policy early on in the production of "Rent." A select number of front-row tickets would be sold for \$20 on a first-come, first-served basis. The idea was to keep the show accessible for people in their 20s and 30s.

"When I produced 'Rent,' I was 31 and could barely afford a ticket to a Broadway musical myself. At that moment in time, there had been some shows that had done student discounts. They were last-minute and in the nosebleed section. They were just for students," Seller explained. "My theory was that we needed to do something not just for students, because people were coming to New York at 22, 25, and they didn't have any money. And, of course, there were people who were 65, 75, and they didn't have any money. We needed to make sure it was accessible to everyone."

Rush tickets became so popular that people began to sleep on the streets outside the theater

overnight to get a spot at the front of the line. Out of concern for their safety, Seller and McCollum created Broadway's first lottery ticket policy, which offered \$20 tickets to the winners of a drawing two hours before showtime.

When "Hamilton" debuted in 2015,



Photo by Joan Marcus

The cast of the national tour of "Hamilton," which kicks off a week-and-a-half-long run at the Wharton Center tonight.

lottery tickets dropped from \$20 to \$10 since the titular character, Alexander Hamilton, is on the \$10 bill.

"We're selling the first two rows of 'Hamilton': 36 tickets for \$10," Seller said. "Tens of thousands of people have seen 'Hamilton' all over the country for \$10!"

Based on Ron Chernow's 2004 biography of the Founding Father, "Hamilton" was created by multiple-time Grammy, Tony and Emmy Award-winning songwriter, actor, singer, rapper and filmmaker Lin-Manuel Miranda.

The show has won 11 Tonys, seven Olivier Awards, the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, a Grammy and a special citation from the Kennedy Center Honors.

Seller first met Miranda in 2008 when he produced Miranda's first musical, "Into the Heights."

"I've been able to bear witness to his ingenuity, creativity and rise. I've watched him get better and better over our years together," Seller said. "It's very satisfying to be a producer who has a long-term relationship with an artist based on trust, dependability and nurturing."

Seller credited the enduring popu-

larity of "Hamilton" to the score, which blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B and Broadway music.

"People have loved the music for 10 years. People still love listening to it, still love singing to it," he said. "When there are that many people who love it, their children start loving it as well. You wind up regenerating more audiences as kids come around. You have kids who are maybe 16 or 17 who were little when it debuted and are now as excited about it as their parents."

"The other thing that makes people fall in love with the musicals is the characters. 'Hamilton' has incredibly compelling characters," Seller continued. "Hamilton" is this complete-



Courtesy Simon & Schuster

Following the success of his \$20 ticket lottery for the Broadway production of "Rent," Tony Award-winning producer Jeffrey Seller introduced a lottery for "Hamilton." A limited number of \$10 tickets are available for each performance.

ly fresh lens looking at the Revolutionary War and the founding of our country through the eyes of Alexander Hamilton as opposed to all of our other Founding Fathers."

Hamilton, "the ultimate American dreamer," has a story many can relate to, Seller said.

"He's an immigrant who wants to make it big in New York City," Seller said. "I've certainly witnessed people inspired by that over the last 10 years when young kids — particularly kids of color — who look on that stage see themselves and say, 'I'm part of the American story, too.' 'Hamilton' manages to embrace all of us."

How to enter the 'Hamilton' lottery

The #HAM4HAM lottery will close at noon on Thursday, May 22, for tickets to performances from Tuesday, May 27, through Sunday, June 1.

Participants should enter using the official "Hamilton" app, available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Only one entry is allowed per person.

Winner notifications will be sent between 1 and 3 p.m. Thursday, May

22, via email and mobile push notification. Winners will have two hours to claim and pay for their ticket(s). Each winning entrant may purchase up to two tickets. Tickets cannot be resold or transferred.

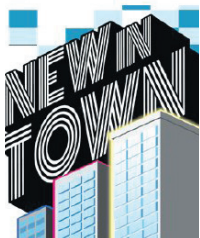
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Capital City Sweets' new home adds homemade ice cream



By LEO V. KAPLAN

On a trip to Manhattan during his senior year of high school, Patrick Kayser noticed a trend that had not yet made its way to Lansing: edible cookie dough shops.

Capital City Sweets

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“It was a new niche,” he said, “just selling cookie dough like you sell ice cream.”

The idea stuck with him, leading him to enter the first Lansing Built to Last pitch competition

in 2021, in which Capital City Sweets became a finalist. Shortly after, the dual ice-cream-and-cookie-dough business began selling in Middle Village downtown.

Now, Kayser and co-owner Daniel Mooney are opening their first standalone storefront Thursday, May 22. The Michigan Avenue location will sell hand-dipped ice cream and edible cookie dough and feature new rotating specials.

The ice cream at the shop will be homemade, with new flavors to choose from. While the business has been making its edible cookie dough in the Allen Neighborhood Center’s incubator kitchen, the ice cream sold at the market and

at events like Lansing Lugnuts games was purchased wholesale.

“Instead of buying from somewhere else, we can finally make it here,” Kayser said. “And we can make the really cool flavors people suggest to us, or that we have in the back of our heads.”

Capital City Sweets’ location on Michigan Avenue holds significance to Kayser. Besides being a prime spot in his eyes, it is in the same building where he met his fiancée, Andrea Rombach, who is heavily involved with the business. Kayser called her akin to a COO.

The building also contains Hooked, another 2021 Lansing Built to Last finalist.



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Capital City Sweets co-owner Patrick Kayser stands behind the counter of the soon-to-open standalone location on Michigan Avenue.

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Spring brings worthy new publishing entries, local and otherwise

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Being weighed down by books can be a good thing. This is a season when publishers start sending me review copies.

“Forging Identity: The Story of Carlos Nielbock’s Detroit,” by Paul J. Drais and Nielbock himself, takes us inside the life of the metal artist and craftsman who immigrated from Germany to Detroit in 1984 at 25 and began a career. Nielbock, whose studio is in the Eastern Market district, worked on restoring the Fox Theatre and has completed numerous massive windmills in Detroit.

In “Roy Reuther and the UAW: Fighting for Workers and Civil Rights,” Alan Reuther tells the story of his father, the younger brother of Walter Reuther, the UAW’s president from 1946 to 1970. Much has been written about Walter, but this new book fills in important gaps in the often-overlooked role of his younger brother. This is the story of a civil rights and union activist who literally put his life on the line to help create America’s middle class.

“A Place in Common: Rethinking the History of Early Detroit,” by editors Karen Marro and Andrew Sturtevant, is an important look at Detroit’s continuous reinvention. The MSU Press book covers this history in nine essays about important historical events and movements, beginning in the early 1700s. You will come away with a better understanding of how the city emerged into a Midwest powerhouse.

“This Magnetic North: Candid Conversations on a Changing Northern Michigan,” by Tim Mulherin, a freelance writer who discovered the Grand

Traverse area in the 1980s and now summers there, is both a bird’s-eye and a ground-level look at this paradise that has transformed itself over the last four decades. In this MSU Press essay collection, Mulherin poses thoughtful questions on tourism, climate change, migration and cuisine. It is definitely food for thought.

In her new book, “Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools,” Mary Annette



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Pember details the horrendous multi-generational trauma inflicted on Indigenous youth and their families. The state operated an Indian boarding school in Mount Pleasant, and the Catholic Church ran another in Harbor Springs through the mid-1960s, among others. The book jacket promises “a stark picture” inside. Since my grandmother and her three brothers were incarcerated in

Indian schools, I am almost scared to read it.

One book I may still be reading at the end of summer is “Mark Twain,” by biographer Ron Chernow, which weighs over three pounds and is 1,200 pages. Chernow follows the life of one of America’s most distinguished, funniest and most controversial writers. Think about this: Twain wrote 30 books, innumerable magazine articles and an estimated 12,000 letters. The man and his writing “never grow old,” a recent Wall Street Journal article said. And I wouldn’t dare to count the number of pastiches Twain has spawned, including “James,” by Percival Everett, winner of this year’s Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Local author Chris G. Thelen has written “Race for Redemption,” his second installment about a vast geopolitical conspiracy that is set primarily in Michigan. A sequel to “Islands of Deception,” it features a cast of unsavory characters. Without giving away too much of the plot, the book details efforts to stop an ingenious henchman seeking to control the world. Much of the plot seems to be drawn from our daily newspapers.

I also decided to revisit a 2023 book by one of the most prolific and clever Midwest mystery writers, William Kent Krueger, who in “The River We Remember” takes us back to 1958 and murder in a small Minnesota farming town still haunted by World War II. Its men exhibit PTSD and physical scarring from the conflict that are intertwined with the murder’s complexity. Krueger throws everything into the mix, including a Japanese war bride, a war hero, a murder coverup, a coming-of-age story and some surprising reveals as gossip threatens to consume the small town.

A cool beach read is Carl Hiaasen’s new thriller, “Fever Beach,” which delves into the crazed right-wing conspiracy movement and the graft that seems to permeate Florida’s political and business worlds. You can partially blame Hiaasen, a former newspaper writer, for creating the mystical universe of the “Florida man,” which became a common internet meme to describe the outlandish, often criminal behavior of male Floridians. As you will discover in “Fever Beach,” nothing is off the table for the “Florida man” and his “do-gooder” pursuer.

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“It’s really cool to see that Hooked is in the same building we are,” Kayser said. “It’s fun to see that pitch competition did lead to a lot of places for those businesses that were part of it.”

Kayser said Lansing is a great place to be a young entrepreneur. At only 26, he said he wouldn’t be where he is without community support. After studying urban planning and real estate at Michigan State University, he began working in real estate at MSU Federal Credit Union. The job has “really expanded the opportunities I have,” he said, “because I just talk to a bunch of people.”

“The Lansing community is almost secretly a very awesome community in terms of connections,” he said. “You can ask people for help, and they’ll just help. That’s really helped get us to where we’re at.”

But it’s not all business to Kayser. He said his attachment to ice cream comes from his childhood, when his family would go out for ice cream on a weekly basis. When they went on vacation or visited relatives, they would always pop into a local ice cream shop. Kayser hopes he can provide that experience for visitors to Lansing.

“The biggest thing I wanted to bring to Lansing is that, for anybody who is a tourist, here for a conference or visiting their kids at Michigan State, I want to be that spot,” he said. “I want to be a community-centric place where people can just hang out and get awesome desserts.”

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The 2025 Beer Issue



What's brewing in the Lansing-area beer landscape

By **NICOLE NOECHEL**

For many adults, there's no better accompaniment to a summer barbecue, beach trip, pool party or meal out than an ice-cold beer. Locally, we're lucky to have a bounty of craft breweries to pick up a six-pack from or enjoy a few pints at, keeping our dollars in the community while getting a taste of the fruits of passionate labor.

But how much do we really know about these breweries and the minds behind them? What sets them apart from the crowd? What are their goals? The issues they're tackling? Representatives from the Top 5 Best Breweries from City Pulse's 2024 Top of the Town contest, plus two of the Best Brewers from the inaugural Top of the Town People Contest, reveal this and more in the following pages. (The other Best Brewer,

Kenneth "KJ" Rowan, is featured in the BAD Brewing Co. story.)

As the brewers provide insights into industry trends, personal preferences and the unique draws of their businesses, our hope is that readers find a newfound appreciation for our local beer landscape and are able to formulate plans for where to spend their summer happy hours more easily.



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Ozone's brewmaster and general manager Kyle Malone.

Ozone's Brewhouse: Liquid art in Old Town's backyard

By **AJ GLAUB**

On summer nights in Old Town, Ozone's Brewhouse feels less like a bar and more like the neighborhood's backyard. The open-air seating, parked food truck and casual crowd make it a reliable spot for chill vibes. It's as much a launch point as a destination, offering

somewhere to grab a pint before wandering throughout Old Town's social district.

"Old Town has always been easygoing and relaxed," brewmaster and general manager Kyle Malone said. "That's our goal for our tasting room."

Inside, the space reflects the busi-

ness' DIY charm and neighborhood roots. The back bar was salvaged from Lansing's old Mustang Bar, and soccer scarves hang from the rafters. Ozone's is known as one of Lansing's most soccer-friendly bars, often opening early or staying open late for key matches. Weekly trivia and a monthly comedy

night round out a calendar of community-driven events.

Ozone's runs on a one-barrel pilot system that allows for experimenting with new beers and turning over taps quicker. Twelve taps rotate between four house staples and eight small-batch releases,

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while additional taps feature house-made cider, seltzer and wine. A current customer favorite is the Tyrannosaurus Razz, a raspberry saison Malone likes to blend with Forward Grind, an American stout, or Black Roses, a barrel-aged imperial stout.

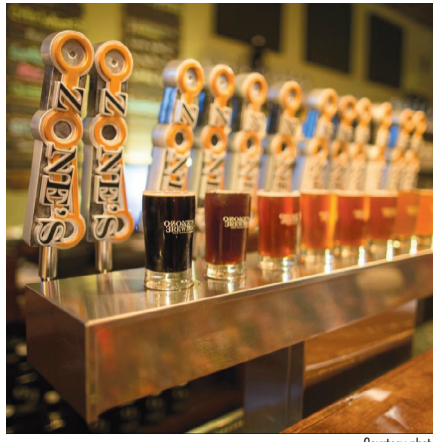
As for what makes a beer great, Malone keeps it simple: It should taste like what you meant to make.

"For a brewmaster, it's about the beer coming out exactly like you intended," he said. "For others, first it's gotta be enjoyable, and then, was it good for what it's supposed to be?"

The brewery's food truck, parked just out front, has become a draw of its own. The menu leans into hearty, beer-friendly comfort food such as wood-fired pizzas, loaded burgers and sides. Standouts include smoked prime rib poutine, buffalo cauliflower wings and the Fire Food burger, topped with ghost pepper cheese and fried jalapeños.

"Our food specials are fire as well," Malone said. "They're always changing. Watch our social media for what's new."

Ozone's is a family-run operation, founded by Malone and his father, Dan, who started home brewing in 1993. Malone followed in 2010, eventually studying at the Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago and gaining professional experience in Indianapolis before



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returning to Lansing to help open the business. His sister, Kate Bly, contributes artwork and branding.

"My father was my first brew teacher," Malone said. "We approach things quite similarly."

Malone noted drinkers have been leaning toward "reasonable ABV beers" in the 5 to 5.5% range — full-flavored but not too strong. Cider sales have quietly surged, and while nonalcoholic options aren't yet in high demand, he expects that to change.

He also said there's been a noticeable dip in the popularity of craft beer.

"I was at Craft Brewers Conference just two weeks ago, and the State of the Industry speech was a lot different than what it was 10 years ago," he said. "The bright spot is the small, local places. They're still finding growth."

Jeremy Sprague: Eliciting smiles with delicious brews

By NICOLE NOECHEL

Since opening Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale's brick-and-mortar REO Town location in October 2019, owner and brewmaster Jeremy Sprague has faced the COVID pandemic and a decline in the popularity of craft beer, as well as alcohol consumption in general. But, as his third-place finish for Best Brewer in the inaugural Top of the Town People Contest shows, he's more than capable of weathering a storm.

His success can be largely attributed to his pure passion for brewing.

"I was a musician for about 37 years. Making people happy by singing songs and performing was awesome, but brewing delicious beer, cider and wine is another way for me to make people happy," he said. "Some of us are born entertainers or pleasers, you know? I love talking about the whole art and craft of making beer. It's another way for me to put a smile on someone's face."

He also credits Sleepwalker's endurance to its size.

"We're very small in this industry. But because we're so small, we may be more adaptable than other breweries that are much larger and very well established," he said. "If you're 20 barrels or above in production, you may be having serious problems right now because craft beer is in a bit of a lull or in a dip, and alcohol is also in a dip."

He noted that 2024 was the first year in nearly two decades that more craft breweries closed than opened.

"That was kind of a big deal because there are a lot of signs that there's going to be a correction in the number of microbreweries, just like in cannabis," he



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said. "I don't follow cannabis too closely, but I know that when the market's flooded with too many companies, not everyone's going to win."

However, he believes coffee and beer are similar: they have their trends, but ultimately, they're not going anywhere.

"We're in a bit of a dip for sure, but I believe in my products, I believe in a lot of my friends' products and even some of the big, larger craft beer companies. There are a lot of people dedicated to making a lot of delicious stuff," he said. "The word 'explore' should go hand in hand with craft beer because that's a big part of it. I love some domestic beers — your pilsners, lagers, those are great. But if you really want to explore flavor and beer styles, it's always here with craft beer."

BAD Brewing Co.: The BAD

By AJ GLAUB

Mason's BAD Brewing Co. built its name on creativity, turning a small-town brewery into one of mid-Michigan's most respected destinations. It's the kind of place where both regulars and out-of-towners feel at home: a steady favorite on the Michigan beer trail and a neighborhood hangout with a loyal following.

Its 22 taps offer a mix of mainstays and rotating creations. While staples like the Hop Dancer IPA, chocolate-coffee brown ale and Sunhands golden ale anchor the menu, guests will also find hazy IPAs, pastry meads, gluten-free options, adult slushies and ciders. The variety of the tap list reflects the agility of the small-batch operation and the vision of its head brewer, Kenneth "KJ" Rowan, the runner-up for Best Brewer in the inaugural Top of the Town People Contest.

When Rowan started at BAD 10 years ago, he was bartending and scrubbing tanks. After working in the restaurant industry and enlisting in the National Guard at 18, he trained for a career in the medical field, but he reconsidered before committing.

"I just didn't have it in me," he said. "And the craft beer world was taking off at that point."

He landed at BAD and worked his way from cellar hand to assistant brewer. He's led the brewing operation since 2020, when owner Brian Rasdale stepped back from brewing and handed him the reins.

"He gave me enough space to make those mistakes and figure out what the hell I'm doing," Rowan said. "It was definitely imposter syndrome for a long time. It still is sometimes."

Rasdale said Rowan is "a better brewer than I could even think about being."

Rowan has seen trends shift, with young people drinking less, craft beer getting pricier and more customers



Bad Brewing Co. owner Brian Rasdale and brewer Kenneth "KJ" Rowan.

leaning toward lower-ABV and he's not worried.

"The nice thing here is, us b our tank size and the number

EagleMonk Pub: Cozy, clean



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EagleMonk owners Sonia (left) and Dan Buonodono.

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Dan Buonodono, co-owner and brewer at EagleMonk Pub and Brewery, watches industry trends, but he does so from a healthy distance.

He said he prefers to focus on the local market and brew what he knows his customers will like. Since opening in 2012, he said he's introduced only "five or six new ones" to his rotating selection of 24 beers.

That local focus is evident in the pub's ceiling, off which hangs more than 2,600 ceramic mugs, each belonging to a member of EagleMonk's \$75 mug club. Having carved out a niche selling English-style beer at their "neighborhood pub," Buono-

dono and his wife, Sonia, have a unique outlook on brewing.

Since Buonodono "would rather have people come here" than distribute his beer widely, he's more concerned with regulars' preferences than what might fly off the shelves at grocery stores. He knows, for instance, that "a heavy, smoked beer probably wouldn't go over too well" with his customers, but that "a nice, malty dark beer" would.

Buonodono said staying local has been an advantage.

"You get a lot better feedback," he said. "People are here. They sit up here and tell you what they want to drink."

As for the inspiration behind the English

Boys of Michigan brewing



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Rasdale (left) and head
and nonalcoholic options. But
being as nimble as we are with
of taps we have, we can usu-



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

ally keep up and make a change as quickly as possible,” he said.

When COVID hit, BAD didn't lay off a single employee. “We kept everybody somewhat busy,” Rasdale said. “Hours were cut, of course, but it was pretty nice not to have to take people's money away.”

Rowan's creative concoctions are often prompted by the brewery's calendar, with seasonal drops built around special events and holidays. Recent standouts include a strawberry-rhubarb tripel for Mother's Day, a tequila-barrel-aged gose for Cinco de Mayo and a 4/20 release paired with carne asada fries and toaster pastries from Strange Matter.

“If there's something to celebrate, we'll try to celebrate it,” Rowan said.

The brewery's annual summer block party is a highlight: BAD shuts down the street, brings in live music and offers more than 30 beers on tap. June 7 marks its 10th year.

“We just do what we love.” Rasdale said. “And people get it.”

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beers? They're simply his favorite to brew.

After 30 years of homebrewing, part of which was spent as president of the Red Ledge Brewers, Buonodono instantly knew what he would offer when he and Sonia opened EagleMonk.

“People ask me how I figured out what I wanted to brew,” he said. “Well, I did it for so many years that I just knew which beers were the ones to sell.”

One major takeaway from his time homebrewing was the importance of cleanliness, he said.

“Cleanliness is job one. It's important to have everything super clean to get a really nice beer,” he said.

Buonodono is “very aware that people want to drink less, rather than more, alcohol or beer.” As such, he's begun producing hop water, which he makes by steeping hops in hot water, straining it, adding lem-

on juice and carbonating it.

But being a neighborhood pub and brewery — Buonodono was careful to note that the “pub” is as important as the “brewery” — means things like the house-made pizza and beer garden matter just as much as the beer itself. Buonodono said they matter more.

“We had a band out here last night,” he said, gesturing around the beer garden. “Every table was taken. We were rocking. There were tons of kids out here. We've got kids' tables, we've got Jenga.”

Replicating such a business model may require finding a craft-brewery-free area, since Buonodono said EagleMonk and BAD Brewing Co. were the only two in the area for years. But with thousands of mugs on his ceiling, his focus now is on maintaining a cozy community space and brewing what he — and his customers — love.

Lansing Brewing Co.: Representing the 517 statewide



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Lansing Brewing Co. head brewer Jon Wagner.

By NICOLE NOECHEL

Since beginning his professional brewing career in 2012, Jon Wagner has found himself at operations large and small, from one-barrel systems to 200-barrel behemoths. He's found a happy medium at Lansing Brewing Co., where he's been head brewer for about three months.

“We have a 10-barrel brewhouse and 10 fermenters,” he said. “We're a little bit larger than a normal brewpub because we distribute kegs and cans across the state. We have two larger distribu-

tors, and then some other distributors throughout the state sell beer for us.”

Though the past few months have been a “whirlwind,” Wagner is already seeing his hard work pay off.

“I'm really starting to get some traction under me,” he said. “We just put in a new canning line and just rolled out a couple of brands: the blood orange blonde and a peanut butter beer that was inspired by Velvet Peanut Butter in Detroit. I stepped in and really hit the ground sprinting.”

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Peter Martin: Exploring the limits of hard cider

By NICOLE NOECHEL

When it comes to hard cider, brewer Peter Martin of Boss Cider in Leslie said there's a world of possibilities waiting to be explored.

“I enjoy the freedom of being able to try new things. Personally, I feel like cider is a very untapped market,” he said. “You can do all sorts of stuff with beer, but cider is very similar. We've everything from spicy ciders to herbal ciders to, of course, fruits. But we've also done hop ciders. We've done ciders that aren't just made with apples — we have a Concord grape cider, we have a Niagara grape cider, we have a cranberry cider. We've done all sorts of stuff that I think is very off the beaten path of what a usual cider is.”

Working on and off at Boss since it opened in 2019, Martin, the winner of Best Brewer in City Pulse's inaugural Top of the Town People contest, is fully self-taught in his craft. He works hard to ensure the flavor of Boss' cider is fresh and clear.

“I think a lot of the time when you try a cider, they call it raspberry, and it's like, is it raspberry? You have to kind of search for it. Whereas our ciders are like, ‘Yeah, that's the blueberry. That's the raspberry. That's exactly what they say it is,’” he said. “It's just a much bolder way of doing cider compared to things that I've found in the store or tried in the past.”

However, he noted that what he enjoys in a cider might not satisfy everyone.

“Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, right? We have 20 ciders on tap;



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five of them somebody will just hate, and the other 15 they'll love, or vice versa. So, I can't say specifically what makes a good cider because there's some people that like really dry stuff, and a lot of our stuff is semi-sweet or sweet. We do have the occasional dry one, but it's not as often as the others. It's all personal preference.”

He said the draw of Boss, above all else, is its small-town feel.

“We want people to love being here. I guess we're doing something well, because people tend to keep coming back, and we always appreciate that,” he said.



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Old Nation Brewing Co.: Finding success the old-fashioned way

By **LEO V. KAPLAN**

After Old Nation Brewing Co.'s M-43 IPA put the Williamston brewery on the map in 2017, one could hardly blame the business for chasing its success. But owner and brewer Travis Fritts said the company's practices haven't changed: It's focused on consistency, professionalism and making the best beer possible.

Though if a beer takes off, that's a welcome bonus.

"It may be possible that we're more capable of predicting trends because of our market experience," Fritts, who's been brewing in Michigan since 2003 and founded Old Nation in 2015, said. "But the conclusion we came to is that we need to just figure out who we are, find our tribe and stay consistent."

Fritts said trends in the brewing industry "always seem to be cyclical."

"The actors change, but the performance is the same every night," he said. Comparing Old Nation's flagship M-43, a New England IPA, to Bell's Brewery's iconic Two Hearted IPA, he said the most successful beers balance familiarity with novelty.

"When I started brewing in Michigan, West Coast IPAs like Two Hearted were a relatively new thing here," he said. "It wasn't completely novel, but that someone here in Michigan was doing it at such a high level was completely new to folks. Twelve years later, I watched something similar happen with my company."

"That's not something we can really presuppose," he added. A number of Old Nation beers that fit the bill failed to catch on, despite being "great beers."



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Old Nation owner and brewer Travis Fritts.

"With experience, you find that running around trying to chase what comes next is kind of a fool's errand," he said.

Rather than predicting what new beverage will overtake the scene, Fritts predicts "a return to philosophy-driven

brewing and consumption."

"We recognized a cycle in the late '90s. There was a bevy of options. Craft beer was almost brand-new in Michigan, and people would go spend their money and take a chance on a new craft brewery," he said. "Then it built up to a critical mass and they got burnt out, and then in the late aughts, it built up again."

"So, if you accept the theory that we're in a similar cycle as before, I think it's reasonable to say the trends in the short-to-medium term won't be based on a particular style of type of fermented beverage, but rather a return to folks going to breweries they trust," he continued.

He also isn't concerned about beer alternatives such as seltzer, which he said represent "a percentage of the market, maybe 10 to 15%, that just churns."

"In the aughts it was Mike's Hard, then toward the teens it became 'malternatives,' then over the pandemic, health concerns made seltzer seem like a healthy alternative," he said.

As for THC beverages? He doesn't expect them to infringe much on a business whose customer base already uses cannabis.

"The Venn diagram of people who use cannabis and people who drink craft beer is more or less a circle," he said. "Those people were already doing that."

At the end of the day, Fritts says there's "no silver bullet for the market." Decades of experience watching the market cycle have taught him that it's better to focus on making the best beer possible. The rest follows naturally.



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He noted that over his years in the industry, he's seen tastes shift away from exceedingly bitter and hoppy beers and toward low-calorie, lower-ABV options.

"When you look at the alcohol sector, people want to do things while drinking — you know, go camping, go hiking, bowl or whatever and have a beer with you," he said. "I call them 'lifestyle beers' because you can do these things while having a beer. I think that's pretty cool."

Fans of stronger styles of beer haven't disappeared, however.

"You see lagers on the rise, which is awesome, but then you also see these really high-ABV IPAs still cranking out," he said. "People are like, 'I want low alcohol or super high alcohol.' It's kind of a fun dichotomy that's going on, but it does make it challenging and keeps us

on our toes to keep bringing out products that appeal to the wider consumer base as well as our particular customer."

He believes the secret to a good beer is balance.

"I think that's depending on the type of beer you're drinking, that balance can be shifted," he said. "If you're drinking a Belgian-style beer, that balance might lean more toward yeast. If you're drinking a West Coast IPA, that balance is going to lean more toward hops. A German-style lager, which is one of my favorite styles, is going to be cleaner, crisper and more about the malt bill."

"It's dependent on the beer, but I think it's just balance and paying attention to details throughout the process. We're very tuned in to pH, we're very tuned in to the quality of our malt and hops, and it's all kind of a harmonious thing that goes into making a good beer recipe."

On the other hand, the secret to a successful brewpub, in his experience, isn't just the beer.



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"I think it's largely about building out a space that your customers, regardless of background or who they are, feel welcomed, and I think it's catering to the local community, doing things and

events that resonate with the local community," he said. "It's important that you have really great beer, but you also have a really great experience."

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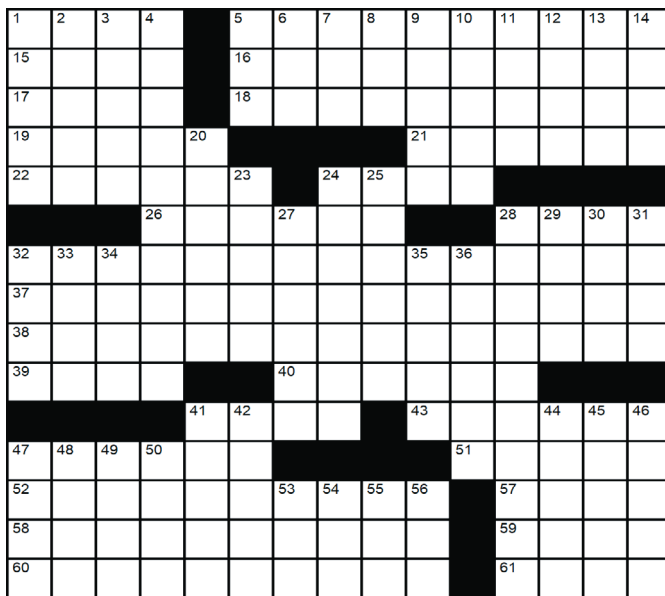
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By Matt Jones

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ACROSS

- 1. Fluffy rug type
- 5. Supervisory scuba pro
- 15. Jet speed unit
- 16. Question of finger-pointing
- 17. Prefix for farmers
- 18. Person seen in now-notable footage from the 2005 World Series
- 19. Opera singer Tetrazzini (of chicken and pasta fame)
- 21. Rhino relatives with long snouts
- 22. Some flat screens
- 24. Gift card blank
- 26. Movie that elicits certain emotions
- 28. ___ sci (college dept.)
- 32. “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” actor who’s on the current season (series) of “Taskmaster”
- 37. Running automatically, maybe
- 38. Sneakily got halfway?
- 39. Abbr. before a founding year
- 40. Dark German lager variety
- 41. “Sure, sure”
- 43. Shoe blemishes
- 47. Necessitate
- 51. Green hill
- 52. Does double duty?
- 57. Item you may wait with
- 58. Event where you win, lose, and draw?



- 59. Temptation
- 60. One who prefers NES to the Switch 2, perhaps
- 61. 1914 Belgian battle river

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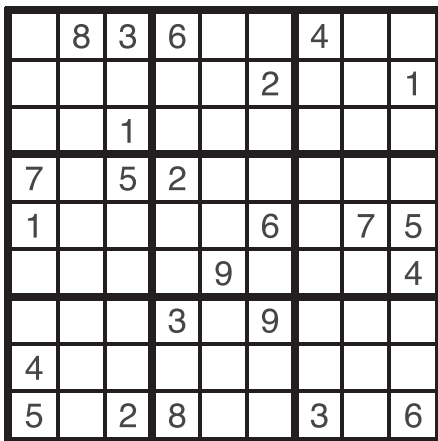
- 1. One end of a Goodwill rack
- 2. Court locale, with “The”
- 3. Stinging
- 4. 2001 comic book-based black comedy with the tagline “Accentuate the negative”
- 5. Fist-bump greeting
- 6. “As I see it,” in a text
- 7. Somebody
- 8. Les Jeux Olympiques d’ ___ de Paris
- 9. “___ bene!”
- 10. At right angles to a ship’s keel
- 11. Bad AI-generated

- “art”
- 12. Airport-to-hotel option
- 13. Kuwait VIP
- 14. Fires up the engine
- 20. Manhattan map line
- 23. Bracket tournament stage
- 24. Sliced thin
- 25. Narrative device that resolves plot holes
- 27. ___ conducción (driver’s license, in Durango)
- 28. In forthright terms
- 29. New Orleans veggie
- 30. Country where the Buddha’s breastbone is reportedly located
- 31. Shipwreck site
- 32. “Yes, Chef!” judge Andrés
- 33. They may get into cereal boxes
- 34. Either of the Proclaimers, by birth
- 35. Joke “prizes” on a certain game show
- 36. Waiting to hit
- 41. Northern abode
- 42. Former spirituality/philosophy radio show “On ___”
- 44. Half of a Daymond John-owned apparel brand
- 45. Warning signal
- 46. More sneaky
- 47. “Lupin” star Sy
- 48. Snoozefest
- 49. NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie
- 50. Price hike, briefly
- 53. Rockstar series, for short
- 54. Fashion line
- 55. Mao ___-tung
- 56. Bering or Magellan (abbr.)

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

May 21-27, 2025

ARIES (March 21-April 19): I think you're ready to establish new ways of nourishing and protecting what's valuable to you. Your natural assertiveness will be useful in setting boundaries and securing resources. Your flourishing intuition will guide you to implement adjustments that safeguard your interests while remaining flexible enough to permit legitimate access. Be extra alert, Aries, for when you need to balance security with accessibility. Your best defenses will come from clever design, not brute force. Do what you need to feel secure without feeling trapped.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In July 1971, 26-year-old Taurus poet Bernadette Mayer kept a scrupulous diary. Every day, she shot a roll of 35-millimeter film, wrote about the day's events and recorded herself reading her accounts. By Aug. 1, she had accumulated 1,100 photos and six hours of readings. One of her goals in doing the project was to learn more about how her memory worked. What was worth remembering, and what wasn't? She also hoped to gain an objective perspective on her routine rhythm. Years later, she acknowledged that though this was a narcissistic experiment, she had no shame about it. Inspired by Mayer, and in accordance with astrological omens, you might find it worthwhile to lovingly and thoroughly study the details of your daily life for a while. It's an excellent time to get to know yourself better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gemini writer Raymond Carver (1938-1988) established a reputation as a master of terse minimalism. One critic noted that he practiced the “theory of omission,” an approach to writing fiction that mandates the elimination of superfluous narrative elements. But it turns out that Carver’s editor Gordon Lish had a major role in all this. He deleted half of Carver’s original words and changed the endings of half his stories. Years after his death, Carver’s widow, Tess Gallagher, published the original versions with the omitted material reinstated. I believe the coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to make comparable restorations, Gemini. In every way you can imagine, tell the full story, provide the complete rendition and offer elements that have been missing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Even if you don't regard yourself as a psychic or prophet, I suspect you now have an uncanny knack for deciphering future trends. Your intuition is operating at peak levels, especially when you focus it on the big picture of your long-term destiny. As long as you're not overconfident about this temporary bloom of expansive vision, you can trust your ability to see the deep patterns running through your life story. To make the most of this gift, take a loving inventory of where you have been and where you are going. Then, devote relaxed meditations to adjusting your master plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): River deltas form where rivers meet seas, creating fertile and complex ecosystems that nourish abundant life. Some of my favorites are the Rhône River Delta in France, the Po River Delta in Italy and the Shinano River Delta in Japan. In the coming weeks, Leo, I will visualize you as the metaphorical equivalent of a river delta. I'll call you the Leo Delta, trusting you will be inspired to celebrate and cultivate the rich intersections that characterize your life — areas where an array of ideas, paths and relationships converge. Be open to synergizing different aspects of your world: integrating emotions and logic, connecting with diverse people, blending personal and professional goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your natural inclination is to solve problems through detailed planning and careful analysis. On occasion, that process dead-ends in overthinking, though it often works pretty well. In accordance with current astrological omens, however, I suggest an alternative approach for you in the coming weeks. Instead of trying to figure everything out, how about you simply create a relaxed spaciousness for new things to emerge? Experiment with the hypothesis that progress

will come not from doing more, but from allowing more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): As they climb, mountaineers carefully assess every handhold and foothold. Unfailing concentration is key. I recommend adopting their attitude in the coming weeks, Libra. You are entering a phase when ascension and expansion will be among your main assignments. The best approach to your adventures is to make steady progress with precision and thoughtfulness. Rushing rashly ahead or taking needless risks could be counterproductive, so be scrupulous about planning and preparation. Trust that the most efficient path to the summit will be via small, deliberate steps. Your winning combination will be ambition leavened with caution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): At age 42, Scorpio painter Georgia O'Keeffe left her busy New York art career and traveled to New Mexico for the first time. The landscape's beauty overwhelmed her. She wandered around the desert for three months, creating no art at all. A few critics accused her of wasting time. She rejected their ignorant misunderstanding of her process, replying, “To see takes time. I had to learn the country first before it would let me paint it.” Her most iconic paintings emerged after this phase of pure observation. I'm recommending a similar period for you, dear Scorpio. While your instincts may tempt you toward a flurry of activity, I believe now is a time to wait and see, to pause and ponder, to muse and meditate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): By the 20th century, the 483-mile-long Seine River in France was so polluted that most of its fish were gone. But clean-up efforts have been successful. Now, there are 32 fish species, including the Atlantic salmon. The Seine is also very close to being completely safe for humans to swim in. I would love it if you were inspired by this success story to undertake a comparable project in your own life, Sagittarius. What would you most like to see revived and restored? Now is a good time to begin the effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Until she reached her 70s, Capricorn visual artist Louise Bourgeois was a peripheral figure in the art world, modestly respected but not acclaimed. Then, New York's Museum of Modern Art presented her work in a major show. In response, The New York Times reviewed her work, saying it was “charged with tenderness and violence, acceptance and defiance, ambivalence and conviction.” I bring this to your attention, Capricorn, because I suspect the coming months will also bring you recognition for labors of love you've been devoted to for a while — maybe not in the form of fame, but through an elevated appreciation by those whose opinion matters to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The name of the old Talking Heads album is “Stop Making Sense.” One of its many implications is that we periodically derive benefit and relief from being free of the pressure to sound reasonable and be consistent. According to my detailed, logical, in-depth analysis of your astrological omens, now is a perfect time to honor this counsel. I hope you will give yourself a sabbatical from being sensible, serious and overly sane. Instead, please consider a sustained pursuit of pure pleasure, fun foolishness and amazing amusement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be on high alert for fleeting intuitions that flow through your awareness. Really good ideas may rise up only briefly and only once, and you should be ready to catch them in the ripe moment before they fade away. Do you hear my urgency? Pay special attention to passing thoughts or sudden insights. They may contain more value than initially apparent. I will even speculate that seemingly ephemeral inspirations could become foundational elements in your future success. Document your hunches, even if they seem premature.

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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.

"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.

Can't Cancel Comedy Open Mic - 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. 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 following 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. inghamcountydemocraticparty.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. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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

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

Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project: Market Mastery - Delve into the 5 Ps of marketing and explore innovative strategies to elevate your outreach. Ages 8-19. 6:30 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/index.

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.

One Plan, Two Plan, Red Plan, Blue Plan - The city of East Lansing will host a free open house to discuss with community members the various plans underway in the city. 5:30-7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

The Reading People: 40 Years of Literacy - You're invited to help us mark this milestone. Enjoy refreshments, meet our team, explore our work and view the unveiling of a mural painted by Julian Van Dyke. 4-6 p.m. 1028 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. thereadingpeople.org.

Season Kickoff Cruise-In - Open to all makes, models and years. We'll have hot dogs, chips and pop, plus door prizes. All drivers and passengers receive free admission to the museum. 5-7:30 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. reoldsmuseum.org.

Seed Festival at Allen Farmers Market - Get your seeds and plant starts from the Greater Lansing Garden Project and the Greater Lansing Seed Union. Musical guest Friends Quartet, craft vendor



Laingsburg Lions Club Springtime Festival

5-10 p.m. Thursday, May 22

2-11 p.m. Friday, May 23

11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24

8 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, May 26

McClintock Park

255 E. McClintock St., Laingsburg

The Laingsburg Lions Club's largest annual fundraiser, its Springtime Festival, will offer summery fun for all ages from Thursday through Monday. The event raises approximately \$10,000 each year for the club, which uses the funds to support local service projects and community organizations.

New events this year are a cornhole tournament at noon Saturday, with registration beginning at 11 a.m.; performances by juggler Clark Lewis at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday; and Kick-N-Style Line Dancing at 2 p.m. Sunday for beginners at 3 p.m. Sunday for intermediate dancers.

A carnival will offer rides, games of chance and food such as elephant ears and corn dogs. Ride bracelets are \$25 on Thursday and Monday and \$30 Friday through Sunday. Beer will be available for purchase on Saturday, courtesy of American Legion Post 248.

More than 40 local artisans will line North Woodhill Road and McClintock Park for the arts and crafts show, running Friday through Sunday. Wares will include candles, tumblers, stained glass, wreaths, lawn decor and more.

The annual parade will kick off at 11 a.m. Saturday on Woodbury Road near Laingsburg Cemetery and continue to the end of the carnival midway. The theme is "God Bless America." Participants are encouraged to register for the parade ahead of time by calling Bekah Allen at (517) 927-2193 or emailing her at bekahallen49@gmail.com. Children can decorate their bikes and compete in a contest for cash prizes. Judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the First Baptist Church parking lot. Bike contest participants will receive free ice cream after the parade.

In addition to running the beer tent, American Legion Post 248 will hold a community breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday and a Memorial Day Service at 11 a.m. Monday at the cemetery.

Admission to the festival is free. For more information, visit laingsburglions.org/hfestival2025.htm.

Tano Studio. 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

Selling MI Honey & Maple Syrup Safely - Learn how to safely handle, package and store honey and maple syrup and understand the exemption guidelines for selling these products in Michigan. 6 p.m. Virtual

— register at canr.msu.edu/isabella/index.

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

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Wine Knot - Love knitting, crocheting, weaving or other forms of fiber art? Love wine? This is the event for you! Connect with others and work on projects while sipping wine! 5 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

Thursday, May 22

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

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

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

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

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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. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

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

Everett High School Student Film Festival - Students will premiere original micro-docs, digital slams and other content they've produced throughout the school year. 6 p.m. Everett Auditorium, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing.

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

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Hungry for History Tours: Haslett Park - Celebrate Preservation Month with the Grassroots Historian as we explore the architectural and local history of Haslett Park and Nemoka. 10-11:30 a.m. Meet at Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd, Haslett. linkedin.com/company/the-grassroots-historian.

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

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

MET Webinar - Learn more about Michigan's 529 prepaid tuition savings program, the Michigan Education Trust. Noon. Virtual — register at michigan.gov/setwithmet.

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

Morgan Harris & Cameron DeWhitt - Harris (guitar, voice) and DeWhitt (banjo, voice) are two leading queer voices in the old-time music scene. Often seen playing together as two-thirds of Tall Poppy String Band, they each have projects of their own to share with us! 8 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

Music on the Deck - Billie Gene brings his country covers to the deck. Seating is limited. 6 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrewgamelounge.com.

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

Potter Park Zoo Nights #1 - Enjoy food and beverages from local eateries, breweries, wineries and more. Sip and sample as you stroll the grounds and view the zoo's many creatures after hours! Ages 21+. 5-8 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

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.

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.

Tad and the Fat Katz - Don't miss this top-tier blues and classic rock cover band! 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Thursday Night Live Concert Series: Mason High School Jazz Band - Free. 6:30-8 p.m. Ingham County Courthouse lawn, 315 S. Jefferson St., Mason. facebook.com/masonchamber.

Thursday Night Open Forge - Try your hand at blacksmithing and create your own metal masterpieces! 6-9 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

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

Williamston Concerts at the Shell: Williamston High School Jazz Band - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

Friday, May 23

Ann Bell Presents: Back to the 90's - Step into a night of '90s nostalgia with live music, poetry, guest performers, local art, themed cocktails and a costume contest with prizes from Old Town businesses. 6:30-8 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

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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.

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

Imposters In Effect - Get ready to fight for your right to party! Imposters in Effect are bringing the

ultimate Beastie Boys tribute to Lansing. Opener Back of the Class. 8 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Karaoke Kickback - Hosted by Genesis Terrell. Ages 21+. 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Krosby's Conspiracy Live at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Krosby's Conspiracy rocks the house with classic to modern rock tunes. 7:30-10:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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.

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Minecraft Club - Join other kids and play Minecraft on the library's private server. Laptops provided. Grades 3+. Registration req. 4 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Off the Ledge Live at Mash Bar - 9:30 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.


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. lapsq.org.

TGIF Pre-Memorial Day Ice Cream Social Dance Party - Doors open at 7 p.m., line dance lesson at 7:15 p.m., dance runs 8 p.m. to midnight. Dinner buffet, coffee and water provided. Cash/credit

Cristo Rey Fiesta

4-11 p.m. Friday, May 23
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, May 25

Cristo Rey Church
201 W. Miller Road, Lansing



The annual Cristo Rey Fiesta returns Friday through Sunday, offering an opportunity to learn about and celebrate mid-Michigan's Hispanic community while raising funds for Cristo Rey Church to continue providing basic services such as housing assistance, food distribution, senior meals, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, an annual health clinic and referrals to other services.

This year's event will offer traditional music and dance performances by groups such as Fantasia Ballet Folklorico, Ballet Maria Luz, folklorico dance ensemble El Grupo Fiesta, Tejano Sound Band, Tejano/conjunto band La Nueva Onda, Tejano band La Traizion and more. There will also be a dance contest at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and a fashion parade at 3 p.m. Sunday. Children can enjoy a carnival, presented by Mason Rail Time Adventures.

A marketplace will offer traditional costumes, art and crafts from the various Latin American countries represented in mid-Michigan. Food includes authentic Mexican options such as gorditas, tacos, nachos and fajitas, plus pizza for the pickier attendees. Soda and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Sunday will begin with a mass. A Memorial Day ceremony to honor military veterans, active-duty personnel and those serving in public safety will follow. Admission is largely free, but there will be a \$5 fee to enter after 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by an adult guardian. For more information, visit cristoreychurch.org/cristo-rey-fiesta-2022.

bar available. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. tgifdance.com.

Saturday, May 24

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

Birdathon Big Day - Our team of bird enthusiasts and volunteers is gearing up to count as many bird species as possible on May 24 to raise funds for Michigan Audubon's avian research at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. Donate or pledge today at michiganaudubon.org/birdathon.

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Sponsored by "The Fonz"
Lil E Tee

is a handsome brown tabby who came to us from another shelter after his owner could no longer care for him. He isn't quite sure what to make of all the changes, but we expect once he's had time to settle in, he'll be back to being a friendly tabby!



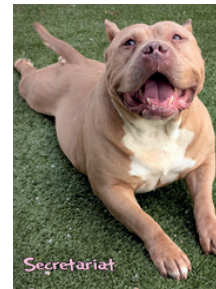
In memory of Rodica's Cats
Sunbonnet

is one of our adorable kittens waiting for new homes. They are spayed/neutered, up to date on shots, and microchipped. They would love to have you stop by!



In Memory of Walter
Nelly L

is a tiny girl who came to us as a neglected stray. She is the size of a three-month-old puppy, underweight, and urine stained. She appears to have stunted growth from poor nutrition so it's possible that she could grow a bit now that she's on better food, but it's not likely given her age. She is a bouncy, outgoing, little girl who holds no grudges and who is more than ready to find a family who will love her. If you love the pittie attitude but need a small dog, you can't go wrong with Nelly. All the love and enthusiasm of a 50-pound dog packed into a forever puppy sized 22-pound package



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

The Dinner Detective - We offer an amazing murder mystery experience paired with a fantastic dinner. Anyone in the room can end up being part of the show, including YOU! 6:30 p.m. AC Hotel, 3160 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. thedinnerdetective.com.

Divination Roundtable - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

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Fishing Lure Craft - Make fishing lures from bottle caps and used toothbrushes. Intended for adults. Registration req. 1 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

May Craft Show at Uncle John's Cider Mill - Join us for our opening weekend, featuring our first of three craft shows this year, plus food trucks and live music by Taylor Taylor. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 8614 U.S.

127, St. Johns. facebook.com/UJCiderMill.

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

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Saturday Night Social Club - If you'd like to meet some new folks and play a few games, stop on by. \$10. 7-11 p.m. Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge, 219 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrew-gamelounge.com.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day Ceremony - Memorial service for the soldiers, sailors, Marines and Revenue Cutter men who fought in the Civil War. 10-10:45 a.m. Mount Hope Cemetery, 1800 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-285-0424.

Sunny Bleau and the Moons - Enjoy a little sweet jazz and lots of hot blues. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Trim and Ride Your Bike in the Wacousta Memorial Day Parade - GLADL will provide patriotic trims for families to decorate kids' bikes, wagons, strollers and scooters. Decorating 10-10:45 a.m., parade begins at 11 a.m. Watertown Township Hall, 12803 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Sunday, May 25

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

Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - Join the Greater Lansing Area Drummers for a fun and energetic afternoon of rhythm and drumming. All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

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.

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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 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.

Leisure, Bimbo & Hardgrade - Soft-punk trio Leisure, art-rock duo Bimbo and alt-rock trio Hardgrade take the stage at Mac's Bar. 8 p.m. 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/leisurelansing.

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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.

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

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.

Monday, May 26

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

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

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Michigan State University Campus Plan

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Tuesday, May 27

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

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

“Hamilton” - An epic saga following 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.

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

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Opening weekend craft show

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 24-Sunday, May 25

Uncle John’s Cider Mill
8614 U.S. 127, St. Johns

In celebration of its 2025 opening weekend, Uncle John’s Cider Mill will partner with event planning company Keepsake Collection to host an arts and crafts show on Saturday and Sunday. All Keepsake shows offer more than 100 vendors, ensuring a wide range of attendees will find something of interest. In addition to the snacks and treats sold at Uncle John’s — including donuts, pies, breads and cookies — several food trucks will offer additional food options from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. In the taproom, which sells hard cider, wine and more, singer-songwriter Taylor Taylor will perform from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, and husband-and-wife cover duo Jake & Shelby will perform from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Additionally, wagon rides will be free, and the farm trail will be open to explore from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. For more information, visit ujcidermill.com/calendar.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, at East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

1. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Kristen Mapes located at 813 Oak Drive. The applicant request is to replace the existing garage door with a new garage door.
2. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Valerie Hendrickson-Carr located at 1039 Cresenwood Rd. The applicant request is to replace the metal front porch railing with a new wrought iron railing.
3. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Notice to Proceed from Bengt Jansson located at 407 Marshall. The applicant request is for installation of one (1) downspout as well as window and door trim.
4. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Chris Pace located at 242 N. Harrison Rd. The applicant request is to replace 46 aluminum windows with aluminum clad windows.
5. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Abby Bloomquist located at 501 Hillcrest Avenue. The applicant request is for replacement of two (2) wood windows with aluminum clad windows in Unit 2 and one (1) in Unit 4.
6. A public hearing to receive and discuss consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness from Abby Bloomquist located at 314-316 Oakhill Avenue. The applicant request is to install wood handrails.

Owners of structures containing more than four (4) dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons are requested to post this notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

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

For more information on the request please contact Alycia Reiten at (517) 319-6941 or areiten@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City’s website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhdc@cityofeastlansing.com.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the Planning, Building, and Development Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823,(517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at ldegarmo@cityofeastlansing.com.

Dated: May 16, 2025
East Lansing, MI 48823

Amy Gordon
Interim City Clerk

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ACTIVITIES:

- Theme Weeks
- Field Trips
- Arts & Crafts
- Games
- Fun!

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LANSING PARKS AND RECREATION

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June 16 - Aug 8 | 7:45 AM - 6:00 PM

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MORE INFORMATION parksonline.lansingmi.gov +517-483-4277

Events

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

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

Parkinson's Exercise: 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.

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

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

Trivia Night: "Harry Potter" - Test your "Harry Potter" knowledge with five rounds of trivia. Choose your favorite potter piece and create something unique while playing. Winning team members get their potter for free! 6 p.m. Playing Picasso, 300 N. Clippert St., Suite 15A, Lansing. Purchase tickets at playingpicasso.com.

Wednesday, May 28

"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.

Allen Farmers Market - Craft vendor: Candlez & Wax Meltz by Mick. Live music by Tom & Mary. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.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.

CharLit Adult Book Club: "The Book of Doors," by Gareth Brown - 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.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.

"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.

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

Lansing Live Open Stage Night - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Beloit Sky Carp - Game highlight: Every Wednesday home game, dogs are welcome at Jackson Field. 11:05 a.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. mlb.com/lansing.

Lansing Roller Derby Adult Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course focused on developing

skaters to their full potential, regardless of prior skill or experience. 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.

Matteo Mancuso - Mancuso is an Italian jazz and rock guitarist known for adapting a quasi-flamenco/classical right-hand technique to the electric guitar and improvised solos without the use of a pick.

THE PULSIFIEDS

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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.

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.

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

2025

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May 31, 2025

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Clinton County, Notice to Creditors, Decedent's Estate, Case No. 25-32529-DE, Judge Hon. Lisa Sullivan. Estate of Crista Ann Feldpausch, DOB: Aug. 17, 1968. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Christa Ann Feldpausch, died March 28, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joseph L. Feldpausch, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879, 989-224-5190, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, May 21, 2025. Attorney: Robert L. Refior II, P43374, 4215 S Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48910, 517-374-8890. Personal representative: Joseph L. Feldpausch, 8685 Kennedy Circle, Unit 3, Warren, MI 48093, 586-489-9848.

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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.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

For many years, I was a voracious reader of *Bon Appétit* magazine. Then I had two children and stopped having as much time to cook, and there were allegations of racism against *Bon Appétit*'s editor in chief. But before that, back in 2016, I read an article about a

restaurant called Hillstone. Hillstone is nationwide, although we don't have a location in the Lansing area. The article was more like an homage to Hillstone, and the next time we traveled to an area that had one, it was at the top of my list. It was everything I hoped it would be, and the Thai steak and noodle salad with a side of fries became my ultimate Hillstone meal. A hearty salad with a side of fries, like a slice of quiche with a green salad doused in vinaigrette, absolutely hits every time for me.

I've been searching for the "Hillstone high" ever since, and while I maintain a list of my favorite salads around town, I hadn't found anything that compares to the Thai steak and noodle. And then Cooper's Hawk entered the chat. I'll claim that my behavior is due to conducting research for this article, but for the past few months, whenever I need to have a lunch meeting or an elevated meal of any kind, I suggest Cooper's Hawk, and I order the Napa chicken salad (\$20.99). This salad is absolutely laden with chopped apple; sweet, creamy goat cheese; dried cherries; fresh corn; avocado; salty, umami-filled Marcona almonds; and roasted chicken, all topped with a honey-mustard vinaigrette. There are literally dozens of other items I want to sample on the menu, but I've returned to this salad time and again. It's fancy, it's filling, and it's being recreated chez Lawrence every chance I get.

I also had the chicken Caesar salad (\$18.99) when we were invited to the Cooper's Hawk ribbon cutting as a family. (Being the county commissioner who represents the district where the restaurant is located has some very specific and unanticipated benefits!) The pesto dressing was unique, fresh and delicious. My children made quick work of the kids' menu and chose their favorites — she had spaghetti (\$12.99), and he had the junior filet medallions (\$21.99). It's a pleasure to be able to take our rambunctious children to dinner and have lots of options for them, while Mr. She Ate and I still get to eat grown-up food.

On a subsequent visit, I tore myself away from the Napa chicken salad and tried the roasted vegetable enchiladas (\$22.99). Aside from needing a heavy pinch of salt, these were fabulous: hearty, warming and filling. But the star of the show was the corn-jicama salad served on the side. This slaw-like salad included blanched green beans, which I wasn't expecting at all and worked perfectly with the flavors. They brought a perfect balance of freshness to the enchiladas. I had taken my mother out for

Cooper's Hawk lives up to its lofty reputation

tail or a robust glass of vino. Diners likely have more choices today than at any point in the capital region's history. From urban-chic renovations with exposed brick and ductwork to brand-new

builds with white linens and gold-plated fixtures, the local landscape covers it all aesthetically. On the cuisine side, there are new-school steakhouses and New American and Italian options to tempt patrons into a night on the town or to help them celebrate the most special occasions.

As you can imagine, my co-reviewer and I have no shortage of restaurant recommendations from friends and family to check out or conversations that begin connected to our day jobs but eventually turn to our impressions on this or that new dining spot. I must say, in the three-plus years I've been writing the He Ate column, no place has had more positive feedback from my personal or social media networks than this month's focus, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant. The adoration has been intense, setting the bar high for my visits.

Cooper's Hawk opened in February on Lake Lansing Road near the Eastwood Towne Center, the latest location for the Illinois-based chain. The Napa-style tasting room allows wine connoisseurs and newbies alike to sample the company's own white, red, sparkling or dessert wines. The wine club offers many advantages for members and is a key driver of the experience at Cooper's Hawk. With a modern ambiance featuring classy touches of wood and metal, the space is sophisticated but not stuffy.

What's charming

I took my much better half to brunch on a Sunday afternoon to celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary. (Where does the time go?) After all of the high praise that had been heaped on Cooper's Hawk, I figured it would rise to an important occasion, and it didn't disappoint. I ordered a brunch sangria (\$5), which was vibrant and not too fruity, and my wife, being a mom of four active young ladies, opted for a boozy iced coffee (\$9.99), which was decadent and powerful. We were also presented with complimentary glasses of the house sparkling almond wine (\$10.25), which was delightful beyond our expectations.

For an appetizer, we shared the crispy Brussels sprouts (\$17.99), which were excellent. We marveled at the complexity of flavors between the charred sprouts, mint, sweet Thai chili and sriracha aioli. The portion was plenty to share as we reflected on our lives together and laughed at memories.

My bride enjoyed the jammy eggs and avocado toast (\$14.99). The toast was topped with arugula, red onion and a citrusy chili crunch that added brightness and a little kick. All of this paired well with the creaminess of the avocado and the perfectly cooked eggs. More of her side of candied bacon (\$5.99) may have ended up on my plate than



Beverly

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**



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Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

The chicken potstickers at Cooper's Hawk, accompanied by a "crunchy and vivid" Asian slaw, evoke "an entire galaxy of flavor," He Ate reviewer Bryan Beverly says.

She Ate

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a birthday lunch, and she gobbled up her gorgeous, vibrant chopped wedge salad and crab, shrimp and lobster bisque before we were presented with complimentary truffles for dessert, which were the perfect bite to end our meal.

In April, I traveled to both Paris and New York City. I usually come home lamenting the lack of neighborhood restaurants that are a little bit elevated and within walking distance. Don't get me wrong, there are hundreds of things I love about living in Lansing, but walkability doesn't top that list. Since we live in the far north corner of the Groesbeck neighborhood, my new favorite restaurant is scratching all of those itches. Not every meal there has been perfect, but they've been close enough that I'll keep coming back and telling everyone else to do the same.

He Ate

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hers.

I ordered the steak and eggs (\$29.99), two filet medallions topped with grilled shrimp and a chili hollandaise sauce. The steak was a perfect medium rare, and the accompanying breakfast potatoes were crispy and savory. The eggs left a little to be desired, but the seasonal dessert offering of blueberry-lemon butter cake (\$12.99) more than made up for it as we traded bites and toasted to ourselves.

What's very good

On a second visit, I dined solo at the bar, and while service (including a particularly slow kitchen) was uneven, the food was spot on. The crab, shrimp and lobster bisque (\$9.99/cup) was packed with flavor, even though I'd classify it more as a chowder. Chunky bits of crustacean were joined by too-large cuts of carrots, but the creaminess and essence of the sea overcame any shortcomings. The shrimp and scallop risotto (\$33.99) was also very tasty, even if it needed a couple pinches of salt. Sweet corn, asparagus, spinach and peas married with large shrimp and perfectly seared scallops.

Best bite

Hands down, my best bite goes to the chicken potstickers (\$16.99) and that amazing Asian slaw. The crunchy and vivid slaw was a star by itself, and when combined with the fried dumplings and ginger soy sauce, an entire galaxy of flavor came to mind. Order one serving for dine-in and another to go.



TOP 5 HIBACHI

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

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hibachigrilllansing.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
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2. Kaiyo Sushi

Relaxed restaurant offering Japanese fare such as sushi and grilled items, plus beer and wine
5100 Marsh Road, Okemos
(517) 708-8865
kaiyosushimi.kwickmenu.com
11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

3. Maru Sushi & Grill

Japanese fusion restaurant serving unique sushi rolls, stir-fries and hibachi dishes
1500 W. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing
(517) 337-1500
marusushi.com
11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

4. Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Lansing

Warmly decorated Japanese restaurant known for teppanyaki-style cooking and sushi
754 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing
(517) 853-8888
iloveukai.com
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-9 p.m. Monday-Friday
4-9 p.m. Saturday
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5. Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Woodlake

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Organic Turmeric Root (Curcuma longa) Extract	400 mg*
Turmeric Root Extract (95% Curcuminoids, 95 mg)	100 mg*
Turmeric Root CO2 Supercritical Extract (40% Turmerones, 20 mg)	50 mg*
Black Pepper Fruit Extract	5 mg*
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Proprietary Extract Blend	482 mg†
Organic Turmeric (Curcuma longa) root extract, Turmeric (Curcuma longa) root extract, Turmeric (Curcuma longa) root supercritical CO ₂ extract	
Curcuminoids	36 mg†
Black Pepper (Piper nigrum) fruit supercritical CO ₂ extract	7 mg†
† Daily Value not established.	
Other ingredients: Sunflower lecithin, vegetable glycerin, water and vegan capsule (hypromellose, chlorophyll).	
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