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It Can't Happen Here: Revisited

Three months ago, the Lansing *City Pulse* published an article that I wrote, titled: "It Can't Happen Here". The article compared the rise of Hitler and Fascism in Germany in the 1930's with the threats to democracy in America today.

What has happened in America since Trump became president on January 20, 2025?

It is undeniable that Trump and his subordinates are intent on ending democracy as we know it. Attacks on all guardrails that limit the power of the presidency occur daily. The Constitution is being ignored and undermined when it interferes with Trump's attempts to take control of government, the media, and the military. Congress and the Supreme Court, which the Constitution intended to check and restrain the presidency, have abdicated their responsibilities.

As happened in Russia and Hungary, the richest 1% in America are amassing enormous political and economic power as the middle and lower classes become poorer. Trump's 2025 budget bill gave the oligarchs even more wealth while cutting Medicaid and food stamps for the poorest among us.

What else?

- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):** Trump's 2025 budget bill adds more than \$75 billion to massively expand ICE. The number of agents will triple to 30,000, giving Trump a police force, loyal only to him. The number of detention facilities will increase dramatically. ICE is gathering enormous amounts of data on people after being allowed by the Supreme Court to access this information from the IRS and Medicaid databases. ICE agents are kidnapping immigrants off the streets and putting them in undisclosed detention centers, many without due process.

- **Congress:** Michael Schiffer, writing in *Just Security*, said it best: "Congress has revealed itself less as a coequal branch of government and more as an accomplice in the marginalization of its own constitutional role in foreign and national security."

Congress is abdicating its exclusive constitutional authority to control government spending by allowing Trump to rescind previously approved budget items and letting him block congressionally approved funds from being distributed.

- **Supreme Court:** The six conservative members of the Supreme Court seem to have given up on making decisions based on the Constitution. They gave Trump almost total immunity from criminal prosecution. They handed him unprecedented power. Many of the Supreme Court decisions are released to the public without written justification. Lower federal courts have courageously challenged Trump's illegal and unconstitutional orders, only to have the Supreme Court void those court orders. In 15 cases where the Trump administration has filed an emergency application to overturn a lower court order, the Supreme Court (in 6-3 decisions) has sided with Trump 100% of the time.

- **Media:** Major media companies are capitulating to Trump. They are paying ransom when Trump files lawsuits against them. Trump brags about forcing media companies to provide free publicity for him and/or give him millions of dollars toward his future presidential library. Trump is dismantling the Voice of America which has served as a beacon for truth in third world countries for decades. China and Russia are delighted. Trump ended federal funding for National Public Radio and Public Broadcasting because, he says, they have a "left-wing bias". Newspapers and media outlets are self-censoring because of the fear of retaliation.

- **Universities:** Trump is withholding millions of dollars in federal grants from universities until they accede to his demands. Columbia University agreed to pay a \$200 million fine and to deny access to Columbia for students who protested the Israeli campaign in Gaza.

- **Military:** Trump appointees, who have no military experience, are leading the Department of Defense. Their loyalty is to Trump, not to the military or the Constitution. 20% of the generals in the Pentagon have been forced out of the military. Trump sent military units into Los Angeles over the objections of state and local officials.

- **Voter Suppression:** Judith Levine reported in *The Guardian*: "The Justice Department is pressuring state officials to turn over their voting rolls and give it illegal access to voting machines. The Republican National Committee is training volunteers to 'ensure election integrity' AKA harassing voters and poll workers. It is trying to banish opposition press. ..." Trump is pressuring Texas officials to gerrymander voting districts in Texas to add five Republican Representatives in Congress.

- **Corruption:** Trump has flaunted the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution. This clause restricts gifts and benefits from foreign governments to presidents without the consent of Congress. Trump is using threats of tariffs against countries to negotiate contracts which benefit Trump and his family. Qatar gave Trump a \$400 million jumbo jet. Vietnam approved a \$1.5 billion golf resort for the Trump family.

Offices within executive departments that provide oversight and investigation were gutted. The Supreme Court allowed Trump to fire the three Democratic members of the Consumer Products Safety Commission. Criminal investigations that began during the Biden administration were stopped. Trump pardoned several of his supporters who were in prison. Trump pardoned all January 6th convicted insurrectionists.

- **The Weaponization of Executive Departments:** Trump is using departments of the executive branch of government to achieve personal dominance. Under Trump, the director of National Intelligence and the departments of Security, Defense, and Justice are investigating Trump's perceived enemies. The Department of Justice has effectively become Trump's personal law firm. Investigations have now started against former Obama officials who investigated the Russian meddling in the 2016 election. The Department of Justice said it was going to investigate former President Obama to consider charges of treason against him. Attorneys within the DOJ who investigated the Trump administration during his term were fired. Former FBI director James Comey's daughter, who successfully prosecuted people involved in the Epstein scandal, was fired without cause.

- **A Climate of Fear:** Fear, cruelty, and threats are embedded in all of Trump's actions. Any Republican member of Congress who challenges Trump will face a barrage of threats; not only to themselves but also to family members. Judges who rule against Trump's Executive Orders are immediate targets of threats and abuse. ICE kidnappings, illegal deportations, and targeted raids on places where immigrants congregate are intentionally cruel. Trump does nothing to dissuade these threats.

Is there still time to stop this?

I don't know. Make no mistake, Trump can win. As all tyrants do, Trump wants us to believe that resistance is futile.

If you believe that Trump's threat to democracy is real, you need to get off the sidelines. Get involved. Show up. Robert Reich said, "Courage is contagious."

As David Pressman, the former ambassador to Hungary, said: "**We cannot claim to care about democracy only when it costs nothing.**"

Fortunately, there is good news.

The institutions that provide checks and balances against tyrants are bending but have not broken. None of the attacks have as yet caused permanent damage to those institutions.

Courageous media organizations — vox.com, slate.com, salon.com, Alternet, The Guardian, Just Security, ProPublica, The New York Times — and many more — are sounding the alarm every day.

City Pulse deserves credit for including anti-Trump articles by Larry Kirchoff and me in his newspaper.

Legal organizations, including the ACLU and Public Citizen, are tirelessly filing lawsuits against the illegal, corrupt, and unconstitutional actions of the Trump administration. Principled lower court judges continue to block Trump's efforts despite the Supreme Court efforts to sabotage those court rulings.

Courageous politicians, writers, and columnists — too many to mention — are fearlessly reporting on the illegality and corruption within the Trump administration.

Ian Millhiser, Mark Joseph Stern, Dahlia Lithwick and others are unflinching in their honest reporting of the Supreme Court.

Ironically, Trump may his own worst enemy. Narcissists like Trump believe they know everything. Time and time again, Trump has proven to be arrogant and impulsive. He lies frequently. He seems incapable of strategic thinking. His relationships are transactional, based only on whether the relationship gives him or denies him what he wants. He builds no trust with people.

Trump, despite his constant boasting, has failed many times. Trump's chaotic tariffs are ruining families and businesses that support him. Mass deportations are causing farms and the hospitality industry to have critical labor shortages. His recently passed budget bill, with cuts to Medicaid and food stamps, will be devastating to rural communities and Republican-voting states when those cuts take full effect after the 2026 midterm elections.

Whether Trump supporters will realize what is happening and turn away from him remains to be seen.

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LOOK, MY LETTER TO THE EDITOR SUPPORTING SENATOR BILGE WAS PUBLISHED!

SQUIRRELGATE: BILGE SINKS IN POLLS

HAW HAW! HE PORKED A SQUIRREL!

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from the case files of...

DONALD J. TRUMP
Detective-in-Chief

IT'S THE BIGGEST MYSTERY OF MY CAREER AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST PRESIDENT-DETECTIVE--WHY WON'T MY OPPONENTS SHUT UP ABOUT JEFFREY EPSTEIN?

IT'S MOST PERPLEXING! AND UNFORTUNATELY--

--OUR SUPPORTERS ARE ALSO OBSESSED WITH THE EPSTEIN FILES! POSSIBLY BECAUSE YOU SPENT YEARS PROMISING TO RELEASE THEM?

PEOPLE ALWAYS CLAPPED WHEN I SAID THAT! TRUMP LOVES APPLAUSE!

OF COURSE, SIR.

BUT THE SOLUTION IS ELEMEN-TARY, MY DEAR SMILING GUY! WHAT THESE WEAKLINGS AND LOSERS FAIL TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT THERE ARE NO EPSTEIN FILES!

YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN, SIR! I'LL ALERT THE PODCASTERS!

ALSO--THE FILES WERE ACTUALLY CREATED BY OBAMA AND CROOKED HILLARY!

BUT YOU JUST SAID-- I MEAN--OKAY, SURE. WHY NOT, SIR.

BUT--AFTER A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, I HAVE CONCLUSIVELY DETERMINED THAT I BARELY EVEN KNEW THIS EPSTEIN GUY! CASE CLOSED! MYSTERY SOLVED!

YOUR CAPACITY FOR DEDUCTIVE REASONING NEVER FAILS TO AMAZE, SIR.

I HAVE A MIND LIKE A STEEL... THING THAT CATCHES ANIMALS!

WHEN YOU HAVE ELIMINATED THE FACTS TRUMP DOESN'T LIKE-- WHATEVER REMAINS, HOWEVER IMPROBABLE, MUST BE TRUE!

INDUBITABLY! SIR.

NOW, I WANT JOHNSON TO SHUT DOWN THE HOUSE RATHER THAN RISK A VOTE ON THIS MESS.

THAT SHOULD ALLAY ANY LINGERING DOUBTS!

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**CITY OF EAST LANSING SUMMARY
OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1543**

On July 15, 2025 the East Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, minor amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the City's Code of Ordinances) and Sign Code (Chapter 32) which are meant to be corrections and clarifications, and not policy changes.

Effective date: Pursuant to Charter Section 6.3, Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan

Amy Gordon
East Lansing City Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF ELECTION
DATE: Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

**Meridian Charter Township
Notice of Special Election August 5, 2025**

To the qualified electors of Meridian Township, please take notice that a Special Election will be held in Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

- Community and Senior Center Operating Millage
- Community and Senior Center Project Bond

Polls at said election will be open at 7:00 am and will remain open until 8:00 pm.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

Under Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS:

Pct. 1	St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 12	Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 2	St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 13	Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 3	Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 14	Ingham County Rehab Facility, 3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 4	Central Fire Station #91, 5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 15	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 5	Haslett Community Church 1427 Haslett Rd., Haslett, MI. 48840	Pct. 16	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 6	Red Cedar Church, 550 W. Grand River, Okemos, MI. 38864	Pct. 17	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 7	Faith Lutheran, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 18	StoryPoint East Lansing, 5968 Park Lake Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823
Pct. 8	Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 19	StoryPoint East Lansing, 5968 Park Lake Rd East Lansing, MI 48823
Pct. 9	Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 20	Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864

Pct. 10	Meridian Municipal Building 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 21	Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 11	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 22	Ingham County Rehab Facility, 3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864

All polling places are accessible and have voting instructions that are available in alternative formats of audio and braille.

Beginning Tuesday, July 22nd, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Meridian Township Clerk
Municipal Building
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Regular Business Hours:
Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm

In addition to regular business hours, the Meridian Township Clerk's Office will be open the following weekend hours:

- o Saturday August 2, 2025, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.
- o Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or view your sample ballot check the Secretary of State Voter Information website at www.mi.gov/vote

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required. The Meridian Township Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at www.mi.gov/vote or at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

Monday, August 4, 2025, 4:00 pm is the deadline to apply for an absentee voter ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, August 4, 2025, must be requested in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office. Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 5, 2025, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

EARLY VOTING CENTER

All qualified electors in Meridian Township are able to vote early beginning Friday, August 1, 2025, ending Sunday, August 3, 2025. The Early Voting Center will be open from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and is located at:

**Meridian Township Town Hall Room Municipal Building
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864**

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

CP#25-246



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NEWS & OPINION

Old Town set to lose another piece of history

“Such a shame to see it go,” said Rick Preuss, gazing up at the dilapidated building that bears his family name. “Such a shame.”

Constructed in 1875, the building, at 308 E. César Chavez Ave. in the heart of Old Town, was extensively remodeled in 1924 by German immigrant Frank Preuss, Rick’s great-grandfather. For years, it housed the Star Market, a meat and sausage market founded by Frank.

“Those front windows, back in the day, were originally used for the display of meats, and the bottom surface was glazed tile that they would put ice on,” said Rodney Preuss, 79, Frank’s grandson.

Now, one of those windows has been painted over, and the other only partially boarded. Below the stained-glass star that once characterized the market are notices declaring the property unsafe and ordering its owners to either fix or demolish it. Like many historic buildings in Lansing, such as the Glaiser House at 402 South Walnut St., years of neglect have left the property derelict.

The building appears in the Ingham County Land Bank’s August auction. The land bank acquired it in a tax foreclosure against Cesar Place LLC, whose records list Adam Brewer as the resident agent. Brewer could not be reached for comment.

New owners would have to “immediately” submit construction documents and quickly begin working to make it safe to avoid demolition, mayoral adviser Scott Bean said Tuesday. Otherwise, they have to demolish it quickly, or the city will do so and bill them the costs.

Rick Preuss never owned the building, but he did make a last-ditch effort to save it at the Feb. 24 City Council meeting, where he called it one of the few remaining properties left in Old Town “that looks the way Old Town looks.”

“I mean, we’re the old town. That’s our poster child,” he said in an interview last week. “We are the old town of Lansing, and that’s one more building that we could salvage with financial



Courtesy Rick Preuss

Frank Preuss Sr. (left) and his son, Frank Preuss Jr., stand outside the Preuss Building, 308 E. César Chavez Ave., which then a meat market, in this photo circa 1924. The street name then was Franklin and later Grand River Avenue.



Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

Rick Preuss, co-owner of Preuss Pets, stands outside the Preuss Building in 2025, 101 years after his great-grandfather remodeled it. The building is likely to be demolished after decades of neglect.

help.”

The building’s most recent owner, Adam Brewer, did not respond to requests for comment.

Just across the street from the Pre-

uss Building is the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, where former director Nancy Finegood worked for 17 years. She said she has been concerned about the building’s fate for a

long time.

“It’s a beautiful building, and its place on the block is critical,” she said.

The block was singled out in the National Register of Historic Places nomination form that led Old Town to be designated a historic district in 1976. It is described as “characteristic of the non-descript American commercial style which prevailed during the building boom that followed World War I.”

But since Old Town is not locally designated as a historic district, she said, its properties are not protected from demolition. That motivated her to ask the preservation network’s board to help save the building, though the board declined to do so.

“Since Old Town is not a local historic district, anyone could build anything there. So, they could have built a house, or something modern or ugly,” she said.

Designating a district or property a local historic district, such as the Cherry Hill neighborhood has been designated, is a difficult process involving the Historic District Commission and the City Council. Most recently, the commission requested in 2024 that the City Council approve a study committee on the former Eastern High School building, according to Mayor Andy Schor. The Council never acted on the request, and the building was demolished.

In 2017, Absolute Gallery owner Kathy Holcomb also tried to save the building.

“I started calling the city in 2017, trying to get them to do something,” she said. “The upstairs windows, in all my time in Old Town, had never been boarded up, so they’d just been open. It was just sitting there, and I never saw anyone in it.”

She mentioned the building’s inclusion in the historic district application, saying “we’re going to lose our past” if the building is demolished. But notably, she cited its demolition as characteristic of Lansing’s treatment of historic buildings.

“Historically, Lansing tears anything

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this cool down,” she said. “You go to big cities all over the world, even small cities, and they preserve the past and work within the architecture of buildings from the past. But you come to Lansing, and you don’t see any cool old buildings.”

While Lansing has had a number of successful historic rehabilitations — including the complete interior remodel of 1221 Turner St. by the late John Sears, which Rick Preuss called “an impeccable, fantastic job” that “proved the point” that historic remodels were possible — it has also lost many historic buildings to the “Make Safe or Demolish” process, by which the owner of a dilapidated and unsafe property is ordered to either bring it up to code or see it destroyed.

In a statement, Mayor Andy Schor said the Preuss Building entered the process after “complaints from nearby property owners, residents, the Old Town Commercial Association, and members of the City Council.” He said the property has “significant structural decay” and has accumu-

lated drug paraphernalia and trash as well.

“Property owners have a duty to keep their buildings in a safe condition,” he said.

Schor said the city’s preference in the Make Safe or Demolish process is “ALWAYS for property owners to make buildings safe, but we need the property owner to want to make it safe.”

But a property owner’s desires aren’t everything. Rehabilitating historic structures can be expensive, especially after years of neglect, and more properties are headed for the same fate. Are there any plans to encourage upkeep — or discourage neglectful ownership?

Apparently not. Schor’s “hope” is that “the historic preservation community create a fund to purchase or restore or maintain historic buildings that are no longer used.”

“The community needs to make sure that the buildings that are no longer used do not fall into disrepair,” he said. “Otherwise we end up waiting many years, the building falls into disrepair because the owner doesn’t maintain it, and we are forced to hope that someone comes in with dollars to rehab and reuse



Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

The Ingham County Land Bank’s August auction includes the building, which is just west of Arctic Corner ice cream in Old Town.

the building so it isn’t torn down.”

“The city can only do so much using tax dollars,” he said.

Schor said funding was the main roadblock toward policy that better protects historic structures. While the city can assist owners in obtaining federal and state historic designations, which can help owners get tax credits, even those credits have

diminished, he said. Both Schor and Finegood mentioned a 25% former state historic tax credit as having been a strong incentive for preservation. The credit was phased out by former Gov. Rick Snyder. It was reinstated in 2020 in a very limited capacity, with a \$5 million cap.

Schor said the return of the former credit “would make it much easier to secure investments and rehabilitate historic buildings.”

Rick Preuss said tax credits incentivized him to build his own business, Preuss Pets, in Old Town. The building it inhabits required drastic renovations, for which he received tax credits. The building is just a block away from his great-grandfather’s former market.

“I always find it interesting that my relatives were in the same neighborhood,” he said. “When I walk over Busby Bridge, I always think about how they walked over the same bridge, and it brings back this weird *deja vu*.”

He said he knew saving it would be expensive, but that he wished the community could rally behind saving one of the oldest remaining buildings in a district that values its history.

“How do we collectively look at it and say, ‘Hey, this is Old Town’s precious resource, and how do we keep it from being demolished?’” he asked.

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Eagle Township, Clinton County Board Meeting Synopsis

July 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm - Present: Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Currie, Trustee M. Hoppes and 9 citizens.

Board Actions:

- 1) Approved notice to Zoning Administrator to follow Interim Zoning Ordinance as written.
- 2) Approved clarification of enforcement process from McKenna and Foster Swift.
- 3) Approved additional funds for 2025 summer newsletter.
- 4) Approved treasurer to consult with attorney regarding delinquent personal property taxes.
- 5) Approved supervisor to consult with attorney regarding clarification of ag exemption for zoning.
- 6) Approved payment of July 2025 bills.
- 7) Approved Agreement for Recreation Services with the City of Portland.
- 8) Approved increasing grant funding for township hall work.
- 9) Approved basement cleanup.
- 10) Approved funds for mailing a postcard for Niles Cemetery Open House.
- 11) Approved letter to be written in response to request for comments regarding the 2nd ITC transmission line.
- 12) Approved reappointment of planning commission members for 3 year terms.
- 13) Approved reappointment of cemetery board member.
- 14) Approved L-4029 be signed and submitted to Clinton County.
- 15) Approved Ordinance 04-2025 adopting a code of ordinances.
- 16) Approved budget amendments for FY 25-26.

A complete copy of the minutes is available by contacting Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk. Next regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board is August 21, 2025, at 6 pm at Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St, Eagle, MI. See www.eagletownshipmi.gov for latest updates.

Prepared by: Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk
Approved by: Troy Stroud, Eagle Township Supervisor

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Lansing residents may vote early or drop off a completed absentee ballot for the Aug. 5 primary election at the REO Elections Office 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. today (July 30) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 2-3). The City Clerk's Office reported that 15,000 voters have not yet returned absentee ballots and said they can use any of 13 drop boxes listed at lansingvotes.gov until 8 p.m. Election Day. For more information, voters can visit www.LansingVotes.gov or call (517) 483-4131.

LansingVotes.gov or call (517) 483-4131.

The tri-county region's three transit agencies – CATA, EATRAN and Clinton Transit – are offering systemwide free rides to polling sites primary day, Aug. 5. No ID is required for a free ride. Free transportation is also available to Ingham County residents who wish to vote early and to those in the tri-county area who need access to ballot boxes or to register to vote in person through Aug. 5. Voters can visit www.cata.org/vote, www.eatran.com or www.mybluebus.com for additional information regarding free rides.



East Lansing residents who were Lansing Board of Water & Light customers from April 2, 2019, through April 30, 2025, have until Sept. 2 to file their claim for their share of the \$7.8 million that the city agreed to pay to settle a class-action lawsuit over a utility fee that was deemed an illegal tax. Distribution of the funds is pending a final settlement that Ingham County Circuit Judge Wanda Stokes could approve during an Oct. 10 hearing. Eligible residents can go to www.eastlansingelectricsettlement.com to submit claims with their contact information and street address, and get more information. Kickham Hanley, the Royal Oak-based law firm hired to administer the claims process, will also mail claim information to people who may have paid the fee, as well as release it on social media, according to the settlement agreement.

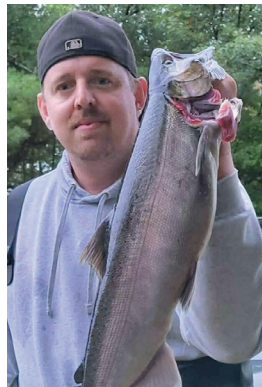
MSU Extension will lose \$10.5 million and an unknown number of jobs due to tighter rules for who can access federal SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – benefits. Changes result from new legislation that President Trump wanted. MSU's Extension director, Quentin Tyler, did not say how many staff members will lose their jobs due to the cuts, calling it a "complex situation." MSU Extension partners with the state Health and Human Services Department to provide SNAP-Ed to educate low-income families about healthy lifestyles.



The Women's Center of Greater Lansing and Punks with Lunch Lansing jointly denounced Trump's executive order titled "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets."



They called it an egregious misuse of federal power, rooted in political fearmongering, not evidence, public safety, or care for our communities. "This executive order is not a solution. It is a thinly veiled attempt to consolidate authority, militarize policing, and punish cities that prioritize dignity, equity, and proven, community-led interventions. We reject its framing of marginalized communities as threats and its cynical exploitation of safety as a political tool." Their press release showed U.S. Justice Department of Justice regarding decreases in violent crime nationally and expanded on the theme that real safety comes from community, not crackdowns.



Leslie "Les" Lewis Brown, 44, a former Perry, Michigan, resident and a graduate of Perry High School, has been reported missing after a fishing trip in northern Michigan, Oscoda Township authorities said. He was last seen on or around July 12 while fishing with a companion near his home along Van Ettan Creek in Oscoda Township, the release stated. Brown's longtime girlfriend reported him missing July 19 after she returned from downstate and found he had not returned from

his trip. Anyone with information can contact the Oscoda Township Police Department at (989) 739-9112 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587). The full story is at www.lansingcitypulse.com

Sarah Morlok Cotton of Belleville, the last surviving sister of the Morlok quadruplets of Lansing, died July 7 at 95. The sisters – Edna A., Wilma B., Sarah C. and Helen D. – were Lansing's first quadruplets, born in 1930, at Sparrow Hospital to Sadie and Carl Morlok. They were the subject of a book called "Girls and Their Monsters: The Genain Quadruplets and the Making of Madness in America," by Audrey Clair Farley.



Issac Rene Gonzales of Lansing, 24, faces charges of assault with intent to murder and four weapons counts in connection with a shooting Saturday in the 3100 block of Turner Road. Lansing police said a 34-year-old man suffered a nonfatal gunshot wound and was in stable condition the following day. Police arrested Gonzales, a fourth-time habitual offender, at the scene.



801 W Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing
When walking north on Rundle Avenue to Mount Hope Avenue on the west side of the street, one must venture out onto Rundle or cross it to get to one's destination. That's because the trees and shrubs are so overgrown for more than 50 feet on the east side



of the corner property at 801 W. Mount Hope that the sidewalk is almost impassable. The vacant home, owned by John Curry of Lansing, was one of three eyesores mentioned in a long thread on the

Politics in Lansing Facebook page. A post by Stan Shuck, who lives on nearby Cooper Avenue, got the ball rolling. "This is a hazard; you can't walk here," said Shuck, who is retired after working as a seasonal custodian for the city for 30 years and was previously vice chair for UAW Local 2256.

"There are houses like this all over town," he added, citing two others within two blocks. Shuck is concerned about the job vacancies the city has, resulting in a shortage of employees to respond to complaints.

The Lansing BS&A site indicates that the city sent two enforcement letters to Curry about grass and weed issues in May and July, with \$215 fees that he has not yet paid. Efforts to reach Curry were not successful. He bought the 1068-square-foot, single-family home, built in 1950, from HUD in 2013.

– STEVE UNDERWOOD

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

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By **DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BAKER**

It's so disappointing when you put in the work and it all comes to naught.

It's more galling when the failure is not your fault but lies with the president of the United States and his incessant talk about punishing tariffs, aka taxes.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer says that kind of dog just won't hunt.

Blabber-mouth politicians should keep a low profile when it comes to business. Call me old school, but government support of the education and training of people who need to work has been a winning, if not exciting, success strategy for African Americans, whose unemployment rate and drop-out rates are too high.

Big Gretch was bracing to haul in Sandisk Corp. as a manufacturer in Michigan of semiconductors for its flash drive and advanced memory technology. Sandisk is an international business headquartered in California, with 23 offices in Asia, including six in China.

Sandisk was considering a megasite of 1,000 acres in Mundy Township near Flint for a massive semiconductor plant. This new factory was to create 10,000 jobs.

Ten thousand jobs. In Flint. Which needs that kind of help.

The deal fell through, Whitmer told Trump, because of "threats of even higher tariffs." The New York Times reported July 14 that he has targeted semiconductors for higher tariffs. Still, Whitmer told the Detroit

Free Press, Trump promised on July 15 to bring Michigan a "better deal."



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We'll see. But the lure of technology industry jobs may charm young people to go and stay in class. What is not getting jobs is GM's announcement in June to invest \$4 billion in its U.S. manufacturing plants. The Lake Orion plant is one. It's going to make full-size SUVs and light duty pickup trucks powered by gas — but it will yield no new jobs.

Government should play its best hand, and that's the people, not playing at business.

It started with tax abatement. That's where local governments forgive a business its taxes if the business locates in their area and create jobs.

Other arrangements can put local governments in legal business partnerships that result in not-very-good consequences for taxpayers.

One was here in Lansing Township. The township was on the hook for \$250 million in financial liabilities over The Heights at Eastwood, a residential and commercial development built using public bonds. That fiasco was settled last year, City Pulse reported.

It's simple. Business and government play different roles and do different things. Businesspeople keep mum about what they are doing. Their proprietary interests come first. For instance, when asked why it backed out of the plant in Michigan, Sandisk declined to comment.

Whitmer had to say something

about the \$10 million spent to show Sandisk what the state had to offer. Government must talk about what it's doing. Taxpayers have a right to know.

But Donald Trump talks too much, too loudly about the wrong things. He uses his words as threats, bluff or fluff. At her debate with Trump in 2024, Kamala Harris told Americans as much: "He talks about everything but you."

Business believes in profit. Socialists say profit is wrong, but profit pays taxes. Taxes educate and train people so they can work a decent job to house, feed, clothe and provide health care for their families. Those business deals are what government does best.

But the business mind in the White House is set to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education. And "the big, beautiful bill" promises to amputate health care. All this within seven months of taking over.

Business doesn't move that fast. Nor does it take such huge risks with the future, as the Sandisk situation shows. Government should not either.

Michigan needs to be ambitious, yes. Ambitious about computer science. Michigan House Bill 5649, sponsored by the Carol Glanville (D-Walker) calls for each and every public school to offer students at least one computer science course. The bill does not require students to take the course, but aims to elevate students to more than computer consumers.

This modest change will put Michigan on the same footing as the majority of the country, sponsors reason. And offering at least one course will

help understanding of computers and teach and sharpen critical thinking skills.

Michigan waits with the rest of the nation to see if Trump's threats and intimidation will work. In the meantime, the state treads its available paths to the future. This summer it announced three promising moves:

- A funding commitment of over \$107 million to build Michigan's infrastructure workforce. It will train people to be electricians, plumbers, etc. That effort will create an estimated 5,000 jobs by 2030. On average, that's 1,000 jobs a year.

- Ionetix Corp.'s \$25.75 million commitment to Greater Lansing will create 53 new jobs. Ionetix is a cyclotron and technology company providing health diagnostics and therapies.

- The Michigan Strategic Fund's outlay of \$18 million to support two companies, Torc Robotics in Ann Arbor in a project also backed by Daimler Truck, and skilled trades consultants Pro Services in Portage, will create 750 new jobs.

As ranked by CNBC, Michigan is in the top 10 best states for doing business, despite a weak showing in technology and innovation. Michigan's continued presence on the list attracting business attention can be assured by continued investment in education and training.

(Dedria Humphries Barker is the author of "Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow." Her column appears monthly.)

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Four things we learned after candidates opened up their books

If you can't raise close to \$1 million, you're not even in the conversation about being Michigan's next governor or U.S. senator.

It's a reality that crashes down on candidates on days like July 25, when everybody was legally required to show their cards. How much money did they raise? How much did they spend? How much do they have in the bank?

It's a year before anyone is voting, but if you can't show you have the organization to scratch together enough money to boost your name recognition on TV and internet ads, then no message, no resumé, no position on issues will be good enough to get you more than 3% of the vote on Election Day.

So, what did we learn from July's reports? Here are four of my biggest takeaways.

1. Mike Duggan is the real deal. Anyone who tells you that an independent gubernatorial candidate can't win next year isn't paying attention. Duggan garnered more donated dollars than any other candidate running for governor or the U.S. Senate in Michigan, and he did it without the ActBlue fundraising platform, a party apparatus, or out-of-state partisan campaign consultants.

Duggan didn't become the mayor of Detroit because he charmed a majority of donors and voters with a silver tongue. He makes things happen, and successful business executives like that.

While 70% of Jocelyn Benson and John James' donations came from unemployed or retired people who dabble in politics to keep themselves occupied, more than 70% of Duggan's money came from people who have a job. These are Michigan-based CEOs, doctors, lawyers and executives. Duggan turned Detroit around. They figure he can do the same for Michigan.

While more than 50% of Benson and James' donations came from out of state, 93% of Duggan's contributors were from Michigan. Let that sink in.

2. Our former congressman, Mike Rogers, has the 2026 Republican U.S. Senate nomination wrapped up. President Donald Trump told Rogers' only real threat, U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, not to bother challenging the Republican establishment's preferred candidate.

Huizenga said OK. Trump publicly endorsed Rogers. The Senate Republicans in D.C. are helping Rogers raise money through a joint account.

A few other people you've never heard of claim to be running. They're wasting

their time.

3. Maybe John James won't be the Republican nominee for governor after all. The two-time U.S. Senate nominee ignored the president's preference that he run for reelection in the competitive 10th Congressional District. That doesn't come without consequences.

If Trump ends up endorsing James for governor, it's not coming until James chases away his primary threats. He didn't do that on July 25.

Michigan Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt raised marginally more money than James from June 1 until July 20. And he did it the old-fashioned way: Michigan fundraisers, Michigan-based political action committees and hustling dollars from a few high

rollers within the party.

James has Dan and Pamela DeVos committing \$5 million through an independent PAC, but Dick, Betsy and the rest of the DeVos family haven't jumped on board, yet anyway. This is leaving James to pay a contractor to blast out a gazillion emails to loyal Republican voters across the country.

His D.C. connections aren't giving away their money for his gubernatorial run, so James is counting on retirees from Arizona and South Carolina who saw his interview on Newsmax to give him \$10 every month.

Maybe that's all he needs. Maybe not.

4. Without ActBlue, how would statewide Democrats raise money? James is using the playbook mastered

by the Dems through this one-stop-shop fundraising platform, which generated \$16 billion for Democrats across the country by peppering suspected donors over and over with fundraising calls, texts and emails.

Benson, Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II and Chris Swanson have all used it in their gubernatorial campaigns with varying success. It's not free, but candidates lean on it to cut down on their "Dialing for Dollars" hours.

It's money in the door to pay for your staff, but it's not necessarily votes you can count on for later.

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Nick Leydorf spreads the love — and the laughs

By NICOLE NOECHEL

Nick Leydorf didn't set out to be a comedian. In fact, he almost gave up his funnyman persona altogether when he became a lawyer.

"I always liked making people laugh, mostly to get attention as an only child. In school, I would make people laugh a lot, usually by doing dumb things like quoting movies or just acting like an idiot with my friends," Leydorf, 45, said. "And then I felt like if I was going to be a lawyer, I couldn't do that anymore. So I kind of shut that down, which was not good."

His decision to pursue law was somewhat spur of the moment. A native of the small town of Banner, after earning his bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State University, he found himself questioning what he wanted to do with the rest of his life.

"I wanted to help people, and I didn't want to go to med school," he said. "And someone said that I couldn't do it, like, 'There's no way you're gonna be a lawyer, you grew up in a trailer.' Spite, I think, was a really big motivator, which isn't a great way of choosing your profession."

It also didn't bode well for the rest of his career.

"I don't like being a lawyer that much, if I'm being honest," he said. "I mean, I like helping people, but I wish I would have done something different because it's pretty stressful."

Even after changing his focus from criminal defense to estate planning, something more "boring," he said the field has "destroyed" his soul. However, there's a silver lining: His disdain for his job has led him to pursue more creative endeavors that keep him fulfilled.

"Both my parents are creative people. My mom was a graphic designer, and my dad was an art teacher," he said. "I chose a profession that was unlike theirs, which is strange, but I think if I had to do it all over again, I'd probably do something more creative, like writing or performing."

He got into comedy at an admittedly "not great" time, a couple of months after his son was born. One of his friends signed him up for an



Raymond Holt for City Pulse

Local lawyer and stand-up comedian Nick Leydorf at the Robin Theatre in REO Town, where he recorded his live album, "Free Consultation."

open mic competition at Sir Pizza in Old Town, and he ended up moving on to the final round.

"I didn't tell a lot of people that I did it because I didn't want to embarrass myself in front of all my friends. So I just had my wife there, and I ended up moving on, and I was hooked from there," he said. "I was like, 'Oh, I can make a whole group of people laugh. That's super cool.'"

Being a first timer, he said he "didn't have a lot of well-thought-out material" and lost to someone that lip synced to a Talking Heads song.

"That was my first introduction to

what comedy is," he said. "It's like a punch in the face, but it's enjoyable."

After that, he began working on material and trying it out at open mics to see what worked. At first, he suffered from some stage fright, but as he traveled around the state to perform and made friends in the scene, he became more comfortable.

Since then, he's performed around the Midwest and released a live comedy album, "Free Consultation," which debuted at No. 1 on the iTunes comedy chart. He said his material has gone through phases, something he's noticed is common among come-

dians.

"It's kind of weird. When you start out, you talk about things you think up that maybe aren't true, but they're funny. And then as you get better at it, you start talking about things that are in your real life. And then as you mature past that, you talk about the things that you observe in the world that people may relate with," he said. "I'm kind of in that phase now, where I've talked about all the stuff that's going on in my life, and I'm just observing things that are interesting to me."

His goals for the future of his comedy career are to "continue to write stuff that makes me laugh, that I think is interesting, and maybe not be so focused on doing something finite, like 'I have to get on this show.'"

"That's kind of what led me to being a lawyer," he said. "Professionally, I choose the clients that I want to work with. I don't dress like a lawyer. I'm not stuffy. I talk about death a lot with my job in estate planning, so I try and make it more palatable than the sad thing that no one wants to talk about. And I think people appreciate that."

He was even asked to put a joke into one of his clients' trusts.

"That was fun," he said. "They thought it was great, and they kept it in there. It was cool."

Though he said it's "kind of a grind" to find success in stand-up comedy — a grueling gauntlet of open mics where you don't get paid and perform to miniscule crowds — he finds it to be a worthwhile and rewarding challenge.

"I like writing stuff and performing it. Sometimes it works, and sometimes it's a huge failure," he said. "It's like, how do you try and up your batting average? When you start out, maybe one joke out of 10 will land. And then as you work on stuff, maybe it'll be four out of 10. And then it's like, 'OK, that's cool.' Maybe it doesn't work, but maybe you'll get something from it."



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JazzFest Michigan: Acoustic, electric and eclectic

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

At an ox roast in rural Alcona County many years ago, the lady standing next to me asked, “Excuse me, do you serve anything besides ox?”

Purists once bristled when a jazz festival programmed anything less than 100% ox — er, jazz — and begrudged even icons like Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin their rightful turns on the stage.

Maybe they still bristle, but who’s listening? While the East Lansing Sum-

mer Solstice Jazz Festival takes tender care of the hardcore, Michigan State University-adjacent jazz crowd, Old Town’s JazzFest Michigan (formerly Lansing JazzFest) tosses out a proudly eclectic menu this weekend, with flavors of blues, R&B, folk-adjacent, pop-ish, hip-hop-ish and hard-to-pin-down performers in addition to the straight-ahead stalwarts jazz aficionados love, such as MSU jazz studies saxophone giant Walter Blanding.

That jazz-plus-everything feeling doesn’t only apply to the festival as a

whole. Each of the three performers singled out in the following stories for closer attention exemplifies this eclectic spirit on their own.

Sinewy, grooving jazz machine 496 West brings currents of smooth jazz, R&B and gospel music alongside a mighty blast of “energy jazz” in the spirit of John Coltrane and Pharoah Sanders. New York-based trio Pickle Mafia hides its formidable jazz chops under a bracing, multi-spray showerhead of classical piano, electronic dance music, hip-hop, straight-up pop, movie

tunes and even theatrical touches such as flying pineapples. (Probably a one-shot, but who knows?) Traverse City-based pianist and composer Jeff Haas folds classical artistry and the Jewish flavor of his youth in Detroit into an all-star group that’s been enriching the state’s jazz scene for decades.

That’s just three out of dozens of musicians set to light up the streets of Old Town and the epicenter of the festival, the UrbanBeat venue on Turner Street, where many of this weekend’s performers are frequent visitors.



Marvin Hall/Studio M

Rafael Leafar, a Detroit-born master of multiple instruments, tears up the Everett High School auditorium with his searing tenor sax during a 496 West gig on Friday, July 25.

496 West: ‘I’m feeling it!’

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

Like its namesake highway, high-energy Lansing jazz ensemble 496 West is built to move people.

At a joyful, upbeat concert last Friday, July 25, a week ahead of their Saturday gig at JazzFest Michigan, 496 West filled the cavernous Everett High School auditorium with wall-to-wall sound. Rafael Leafar, a Detroit-born master of multiple instruments, tore the auditorium up with his searing tenor sax, in-

496 West
4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 2
North Stage

spiring a woman in the audience to shout, “I’m feeling it!”

The founder and guiding spirit of the band, guitarist Charlie Wilson, maintained his workmanlike demeanor in the rhythm section, but he proudly took note of the joyful response.

“Yeah, I heard that,” he said with a laugh during a phone call the morning after the show.

496 West often surprises listeners who expect a local variant of the standard smooth jazz sound. At the

Everett show, Leafar spun out a passionate arc of saxophone seduction and sermonizing, punctuated by raw honks and tremulous outcries, like a congregant of the church of John Coltrane speaking in tongues.

“He’s a monster on that sax. He’s powerful,” Wilson said. “He can play like that all night. And he’s not even 30 years old.”

Later in the evening, multi-reedman Daryl Beebe, a longtime member of the group, pulled out a silvery elec-

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The Pickle Mafia: Still not legitimate

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

A couple of years ago, New York-based “power trio” Pickle Mafia recorded a tune called “Flying Pineapple.” About a week later, they played a gig at a sunny venue where pineapples happened to be arranged on the stage as part of the decor.

Of course, they instantly started throwing pineapples at each other.

“We threw them into the audience, and they threw them back,” pianist Charlie Lindner recalled. “There were pineapples flying everywhere.”

These guys will play (or do) anything to distract you from the fact that you’re listening to legitimate jazz. They even rebranded “Mr. P.C.,”

a John Coltrane classic, as “Mr. Pickle Charlie.”

“It’s fusion jazz,” Lindner said. “It gives us the opportunity to explore. We play Ariana Grande, Nirvana, all this stuff. We play ‘Free Bird.’”

Before you scoff, take a breath, roll your eyes back around and check out the trio’s unabashedly sincere take on Lynyrd Skynyrd’s overplayed chestnut.

In the band’s early days, grinding out tours in rural venues in the Adirondacks, Lindner found that the tune had a weird way of winning people over.

“People would be singing along,” he said. “That element of the band is really cool.”

Pickle Mafia’s anything-goes spirit

is fun, but it’s never snarky or ironic. “Rock Lee,” a tune inspired by the underpowered but loveable ninja from the worlds of anime and manga, is full of yearning piano passages and soaring Moog synthesizer soliloquies.

At a recent California gig, the trio was grooving away at “Yesterday Princess,” a drum-heavy track first recorded by jazz bassist Stanley Clarke, when Lindner found the perfect spot to slip in the “Willy Wonka” song “Pure Imagination.”

During an epic performance at the 2022 JazzFest Michigan, Lindner unfurled aurora-like sheets of piano arpeggios that coalesced into Hans Zimmer’s theme music for the film “Interstellar.”

It sounds like potential chaos, but somehow, the trio always brings the

listener around to accept their twisted logic.

“It’s the culmination of all our influences,” Lindner said.

The cukes were already in the brine when Lindner was in high school, playing in a prog-rock-oriented band called Derelict Brew, named after a song by Beck (“Derelict”) and Miles Davis’ seminal jazz fusion album “Bitches Brew.”

In the early 2020s, Lindner juggled four keyboards and a battery of groovy gadgets as half of the Manhattan Project, an electronic dance music outfit that toured the nation and earned critical and popular acclaim.

Composing and arranging dance music taught Lindner how to build a

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tronic wind instrument and waded into the happy crowd, leaving grins, shouts and craned necks in his wake.

Beebe is also featured on “Maputo,” a track from the band’s latest album, “Rules of Engagement,” named for the capital of Mozambique. His solo and the band’s rich, multi-layered arrangement evoke a bustling port city, center of creativity and convergence of multiple cultures in East Africa.

Potent artillery like Leafar and Beebe enable 496 West to combine the mentholated buzz of smooth jazz with the vivid sound painting of “Maputo” and the raw power of “energy jazz” monsters like Coltrane and Pharoah Sanders.

Wilson isn’t too interested in labels like “smooth jazz” anyway.

“It’s really not elevator music, like people think it is,” he said. “It’s a combination of things. It’s upbeat, instrumental R&B with a mix of some traditional jazz in there. Really, music doesn’t need any labels, but people like to label it.”

Wilson, a native of Long Island, New York, has kept the band going through many ups, downs and changes in personnel. The group pushed itself to the utmost on Friday despite mourning the loss of longtime drummer Kenneth Robertson, who died the weekend before.

Wilson’s faith helps him forge ahead. He grew up with music in the local church, where his father was a pastor.

“He didn’t have any musicians, so he brought a bunch of instruments into the house, and my brother and I just started playing,” Wilson said. “So, I started playing in church.”

His father promoted gospel concerts and even sang in an R&B group in his younger years, so there was always music playing in the house.

“We grew up with a variety of music, and the contemporary jazz really grew on me,” Wilson said. Among his musical heroes are George Benson (“my favorite guitarist”), pianist George Duke and saxophonist Kirk Whalum. (Wilson was thrilled when Whalum joined 496 West for a concert at Everett High School two years ago.)

The idea for 496 West first came to Wilson in the mid-2000s. After playing in other bands for many years, he wanted



From left: guitarist Charlie Wilson, drummer Clarence “Boonie” Dottery, bassist TJ Firth and multi-reedman Daryl Beebe fill the cavernous Everett auditorium with wall-to-wall sound.



Wilson, the founder and guiding spirit of 496 West, has kept the band going through many ups, downs and changes in personnel.

ed to lead his own group. He assembled a talented roster of musicians, some of them longtime collaborators, who shared his vision. To get the big sound he wanted, he had to cast a wide net.

Saturday’s group will feature Wilson, Leafar, saxophonist Houston Patton, drummer Mark Smith and trumpeter Jeff Gregory, who hails from Plainwell and has been with the band for over five years. Gregory stepped up for a lyrical, swinging flugelhorn solo Friday night, as if paying tribute to the recently deceased Chuck Mangione, who brought the flugelhorn into every living room in the nation in 1978 with his instrumental

hit “Feels So Good.”

“Jeff gives us a real big sound, which is great, especially for festivals and outdoor events,” Wilson said.

Percussionist Andres DeJesus, a 15-year veteran of the band who wields a formidable battery of tools, will also be on hand.

The group has gone through many personnel changes, including the death of its music director, Al McKenzie, in 2023. (McKenzie was also the longtime music director for the Temptations.)

Appropriately for a group named after a highway, the band does a lot of traveling to festivals and other events in the

Midwest.

“There’s really not a whole lot of venues for our type of music in Lansing,” Wilson said. “We’re not a bar band, so we don’t play bars or clubs or things like that.”

Nevertheless, they’ve been busier than ever the past two months, playing festivals nearly every weekend. One of the biggest, the sprawling Jazz and Rib Fest in Columbus, Ohio, boasts 200,000 attendees swarming three stages.

In addition to leading 496 West, Wilson writes music and produced the group’s four CDs.

“Rules of Engagement,” released in 2022, bottles the band’s surging power and joyful spirit in a wide-ranging set of covers and originals. “Inner City Blues” infuses the Marvin Gaye classic with a huge sound and wall-to-wall energy. The danceable, light-hearted romp “Soul Catcher” features Gregory’s muted trumpet and pixie-light synths. In “Dilla JW,” a fat beat with a skin-on-skin feel is sandwiched between piercing, high-end synths and tumbling keyboards. (“Dilla JW” is not named for the famous hip-hop artist J Dilla, but for Wilson’s grandson, who is named after Dilla.)

On recordings or at live shows, the band transcends labels.

“Boo’d Up,” a standout track on “Rules of Engagement,” manages to brood, celebrate, dance and cry at the same time, ending in affirmative reconciliation with life, courtesy of Leafar’s eloquent sax.

“Music is meant to elevate people’s moods, relax them and bring them some excitement,” Wilson said, thinking of Friday’s show. “Like the crowd last night.”

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WED JUL 30 • KICK OFF CONCERT

ANN BELL

6:00pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Ann Bell is a multi-talented musician and activist from Detroit who is regularly featured at UrbanBeat.



RED HOT PEPPERS with special guest TWYLA BIRDSONG

7:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Featuring the gypsy jazz of guitarist/vocalist Ray Kamalay, bassist Reuben Stump, and the delicate sounds of pianist Max Gage, joined by incomparable singer Twyla Birdsong.



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TOM DUFFIELD

6:00pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Tom Duffield's piano work has been a staple of Michigan's jazz and blues scene for decades. His repertoire includes unique interpretations of the standards as well as some fun surprises.



AWD JAZZ BAND

7:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

This smooth jazz/R&B band delivers music that calms your soul and soothes your senses. AWD Jazz Band's influences include gospel, R&B, rock and smooth jazz. They have played with Ben Tankard, Horn and Holland, Yancy, and Montrel Darrett. Their tightly woven grooves and melodic tones will leave you enchanted.

FRI AUG 1



SCHOOL OF ROCK › Adult Band

5:30pm | **South Stage**

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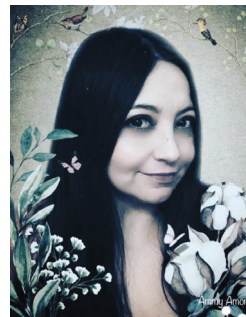
6:00pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner

Dan Templin and Kelly Sandula-Gruner perform classic jazz ballads of 1920s-'50s, plus a mix of pop and contemporary music arranged in a unique style with tight harmonies.

AMMY AMORETTE

6:30pm | **North Stage**

Ammy Amorette is a Chilean singer, composer and painter. She has released two albums, *Primogenita* and *Plan:D*. Her music is heavily rooted in Latin American folkloric traditions, as well as bossa nova, boleros, and jazz.



JEFF HAAS QUINTET

7:30pm | **South Stage**

The Jeff Haas Quintet is a vibrant and diverse ensemble that transcends traditional jazz boundaries with Haas' deeply personal original music that combines his passion for jazz, funk, Judaic, and classical music. Composed of Michigan's finest, Jeff Haas, Marion Hayden, Tariq Gardner, Anthony Stanco, and Laurae Seis, each member brings their own influence and voice to Jeff's music, delivering electrifying and soulful performances that engage audiences of all ages and musical backgrounds.

TOM DUFFIELD

7:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner



WALTER KITTLE with AWD

8:30pm | **North Stage**

Walter's journey into international smooth jazz began with his catchy debut, *Ain't No Sushi When She's Gone*, produced by Grammy-nominated Nate Harasim. This track, featuring guitar legend Nils and saxophonist Phil Denny, quickly gained traction on SmoothJazz.com and landed on the Smooth Jazz Network's top chart. In 2023, Walter's follow-up, *Surrounded by Love*, showcased the talents of smooth jazz saxophonist Marion Meadows and stayed on the Smooth Jazz top 100 for over 15 weeks.

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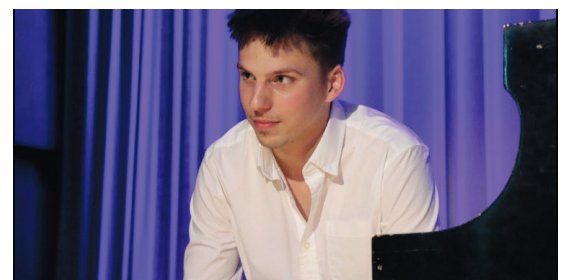
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THE PICKLE MAFIA

9:30pm | **South Stage**

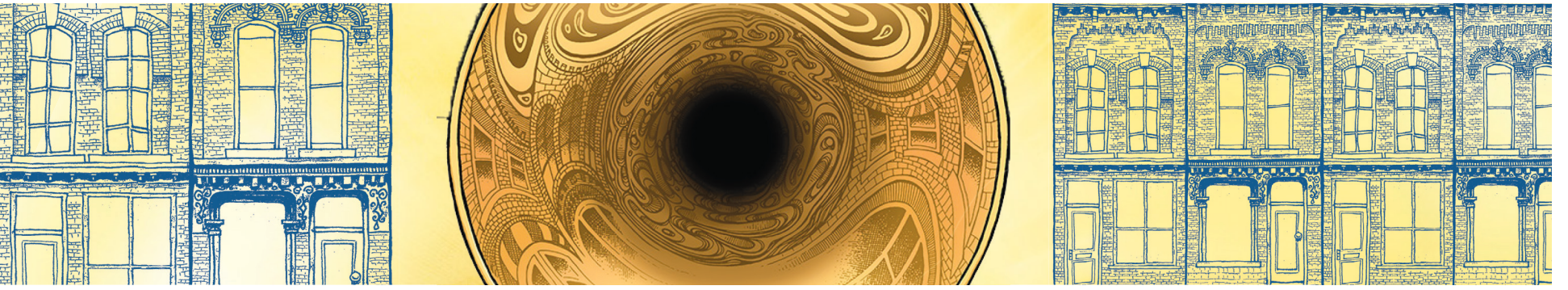
The Pickle Mafia is a dynamic trio from New York, garnering nationwide attention through their groundbreaking, unique brand of arena jazz fusion. The visual appeal the band brings to audiences adds to their musical artistry. This act has racked up 10,000+ viewing hours on YouTube and has developed an extremely loyal fan base that continues to grow with each performance. The Pickle Mafia has a fresh approach, seamlessly blending elements of jazz with hip-hop, latin and pop sensibilities.



AFTERGLOW • MAX GAGE'S BACKSTAGE TRIO

10:30pm | **UrbanBeat**, 1213 Turner › *Limited seating*

The Backstage Trio of Max Gage on piano, Alonso Umama Chan on drums, and Dylan Sherman on bass will perform timeless music by the jazz greats, followed by a band-led jam session with other festival musicians until 1:00 am.



SAT AUG 2

KIDZBEAT > North Stage

1:30pm | Instrument Petting Zoo

Sponsored by Elderly Instruments, children and adventurers of all ages can try their hand at stringed instruments, keyboard, and percussion in this playful experience led by encouraging musicians.

2:00pm | Children's Ballet Theatre & Powers Dance

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2:30pm | Greater Lansing Ballet Company & Academy of Dance

Under the direction of Jim McEwan, Greater Lansing Ballet Company and Greater Lansing Academy of Dance perform classical and contemporary choreography that's fun for the whole family. This performance includes an opportunity for children to join in one of the dances.



JAMM SCHOLARSHIP BAND

3:00pm | South Stage

The Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan (JAMM) awards a music scholarship annually to a young jazz musician. This JAMM Band comprises past and present scholarship winners, led by Doug Fritch on guitar.



SCHOOL OF ROCK > Kids Band

3:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner

BEFORE MOTOWN

A History of Jazz in Detroit
Presentation by Lars Bjorn

4:30pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner

Detroit's prolific jazz heritage has been thoroughly researched and documented in Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert's *Before Motown*. The book focuses on the musicians and socioeconomic conditions in Detroit in the era before Berry Gordy's sound overtook the city's music scene.



496 WEST

4:30pm | North Stage

Formed by guitarist Charlie Wilson, 496 West offers soulful vocals, a horn section, killer keys, strings, and percussions grounded in the soul, smooth jazz, and R&B genres, with elements of the blues and gospel jazz that will get you energized.

TOM DUFFIELD

6:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner



LANSING CONCERT BAND-BIG BAND

6:00pm | South Stage

A local favorite, the Lansing Concert Band's Big Band plays the great jazz standards. Jim Kasprzak, lead trumpet, directs this dynamic 18-piece group composed of traditional jazz-era instrumentation, including full sections of saxophones, trombones, and trumpets, plus a swingin' rhythm section. The ensemble also features vocalists Dan Templin and Kelly Sandula-Gruner.



ADAM BRONSTEIN AND THE ABTRIO

7:30pm | North Stage

Adam Bronstein is known for his clever songwriting and playful improvisation. Focusing on guitar, his music is instrumental, with influences ranging from jazz to hip-hop, R&B & psychedelia and features Isaiah Getters on drums and James Bendors on bass.

CLIQUE VOCALS

9:00pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner



WALTER BLANDING

9:00pm | South Stage

Walter Blanding is steeped in jazz tradition, fluent in diverse styles, and a passionate educator. From his beginnings in New York City, Blanding's story is a testament to dedication, versatility, and pushing the boundaries of his instrument. This professor of jazz in MSU's world-renowned jazz studies program continues to perform with many legendary jazz musicians. Featuring Walter Blanding - sax; Dwight Adams - trumpet; Reuben Stump - bass; Brian Allan - drums; Zachary Sommerfield - guitar, providing a magical performance.



AFTERGLOW • HIDDEN NOMINATION

10:30pm | UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner - Limited seating

Hidden Nomination's sound is a thrilling fusion of jazz, funk, R&B, gospel, and neo-soul, creating a sonic tapestry that is as soulful as it is dynamic. With high-energy performances and delicate, melodic interplay, Hidden Nomination will captivate you and take you on a journey that is transcendent. Their performance is followed by a band-led jam session with other festival musicians until 1:00 am.



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- 3:00 UB **School of Rock /Kids**
- 4:30 UB **PRESENTATION • Lars Bjorn**
- 4:30 North **496 West**
- 6:00 UB **Tom Duffield**
- 6:00 South **Lansing Concert Band Big Band**
- 7:30 UB
- 7:30 North **Adam Bronstein and the AB Trio**
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- 9:00 South **Walter Blanding**
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relentless groove, an irresistible vibe and a wraparound wall of sound — a different set of skills from jazz. He welcomed the chance to mix that experience with his own virtuoso piano abilities and improvisational skills.

Bassist Ben Chilbert had a similar musical arc as a member of Haewa, a dreamy New York jam band, and a live EDM band called RootsCollider.

Mercurial, inventive and proudly Italian drummer Marco Cirigliano was an early bloomer. He went on tour at age 19 with the rapper Nelly, playing arenas up and down the West Coast and in the United Kingdom.

“He had a lot of awesome experiences in what we call ‘Olympic-style drumming’ right out of the gate,” Lindner said.

It’s getting harder for the trio to pin Cirigliano down as his star rises in the music world. This summer, he toured Europe with the phenomenal Indian bassist, vocalist and composer Mohini Dey.

“He’s putting himself on the map,

and that helps Pickle Mafia, too,” Lindner said. “It’s a wonderful thing that we have all these different backgrounds, and we can come together and make it even better.”

The three came together in 2019, when Lindner was burning out from running multiple projects and wanted to concentrate on his own group, the Charlie Lindner Trio.

But rather than play second and third bananas to Lindner, Cirigliano and Chilbert persuaded him to forge a three-pronged, original sound, rolling out brand new compositions and fresh takes on jazz, R&B, pop and even classical standards.

“I told them, ‘Go do whatever the hell you want,’” Lindner said. “That was a free ticket for Marco. We’ll play the same song five different times, and the drumbeat might be completely different every time. At first, it really threw me off, but then I got used to it.”

A top-shelf videographer filmed 28 videos that showcased the trio’s musicianship, humor and obvious mutual rapport, achieving tens of thousands of views in a few short weeks.

The group’s name was inspired by Lindner’s side gig — making pickles

— and Cirigliano’s Italian heritage.

During the pandemic, pickle making helped keep Lindner afloat.

“We made all these flavors — garlic dill, habanero mango,” Linder said. “We ended up selling thousands of dollars’ worth of pickles, very underground. I almost got in trouble for it.”

The trio gelled during a grueling grind of gigs in upstate New York.

“We did so many tours in the Adirondacks, we did weddings, small bars where they didn’t even appreciate what we were doing,” he said. That’s where the Ariana Grande covers, “Free Bird” sing-alongs, “Star Wars” interludes and other surprise sprinkles started to appear.

“I stopped selling us as a jazz band,” Lindner said.

One night, the trio did an entire set of electronic dance music, with vocal samples. It took Lindner right back to his Manhattan Project days.

“I thought, ‘I have a band that can literally do everything,’” he marveled.

Lindner escaped a tangle with the New York Health Department in 2022 when he reconnected with his first love and high school sweetheart, Sue George.

She persuaded him to move to Cal-

ifornia, where she lives, and seek his fortune there.

The move was felicitous for Lindner and the trio for more than one reason.

“When the Health Department called, I said, ‘No, no, I got married and moved to California. I don’t sell pickles anymore,’” Lindner said.

Meanwhile, the Pickle Mafia quickly became established in the Santa Cruz area, conquering Ventura, San Diego and Los Angeles and scoring big with a superb double-disc live album, “Live at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center.”

Lindner began to make even bolder and more unexpected musical choices, like relaxing into “Clair de Lune” in the middle of a frenetic jazz tune.

“I started playing a lot of senior living centers out here in California as kind of a therapy for me and to help people out,” he said. “I started learning a lot more material from across different genres. It’s fun for me to kind of sneak it in.”

In 2022, Pickle Mafia made a mafia-style move, muscling its way out of its New York and Pennsylvania turf by sending videos to several promising venues in the Midwest and beyond,

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New York-based trio Pickle Mafia (keyboardist Charlie Lindner, bassist Ben Chilbert and drummer Marco Cirigliano) mounts with glee every musical hobbyhorse in the stable, from John Coltrane to Hans Zimmer to Claude Debussy.

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Jeff Haas: The age of confluence

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

There's no shortcut to the mountain-top where Traverse City-based pianist and composer Jeff Haas finds himself these days.

At 76, Haas is seeing his life's work and fondest dreams come to fruition in a grand confluence he always hoped for but never dared to expect.

Haas has always believed that music can make a difference in the world. Each member of the top-flight quintet he'll bring to JazzFest on Friday shares that vision.

"They're musicians and social workers, people who lead with their hearts and use the music to send a message of love and understanding," Haas said.

Make no mistake. You don't need to cut a millimeter of musical slack for legendary Detroit bassist Marion Hayden, coruscating Michigan State University trumpeter Anthony Stanco, veteran drummer Sean Dobbins and longtime Haas bandmate Laurie Sears, a saxophonist and flutist, just because they're Haas-y humanitarians. They're among the best of the best.

But you can hear the love in Haas' music, a unique blend of jazz, classical and Jewish influences that reflect his background growing up in Detroit as the son of longtime radio host Karl Haas.

"I grew up with that shit," Haas said with a laugh. "I grew up with my father saying music can heal the world."

After more than 50 years of making music, often struggling with self-doubt and the long shadow of his famous, jazz-averse father, Haas is finding his life busier and more meaningful than ever.

The quintet is at its peak, still pulling magic out of their bottomless bags in response to Haas' incisive, often tricky-to-play compositions.

When he's not touring with the quintet, Haas books the classical, jazz and world music performers for a world-class, 180-seat jazz venue, The Alluvion, that he helped to build. Haas is one of three partners running the venue, which has become a community hub in Traverse City and draws a diverse array of local artists as well as big stars like Kurt Elling and Danilo Pérez (coming to The Alluvion Sept. 13).

"I'm full of gratitude every day," Haas



Courtesy photo

Traverse City-based pianist and composer Jeff Haas brings a stellar quintet to JazzFest on Friday. From left: saxophonist Laurie Sears, Haas, bassist Marion Hayden, drummer Tariq Gardner and trumpeter Anthony Stanco. At JazzFest, Detroit-based drummer Sean Dobbins will fill in for Gardner.

said. "It's been an inspiring, satisfying and fruitful period in my life. There's so much going on musically, and I'm working harder than I've ever worked in my life."

Most importantly, the project dearest to his heart, Building Bridges with Music, is finally on a firm financial footing.

Under the 30-year-old program's auspices, Haas and the members of his quintet have visited hundreds of elementary, middle and high schools across Michigan, using the unique give and take of jazz and their personal stories of dealing with bullying, self-doubt and prejudice to show the value of tolerance, love and simply listening to each other.

Now, with the firm support of committed donors, Haas has a staff of "one and a half people." The workshops are developed in tandem with an expert in early childhood development and a music therapist.

The program's hand-to-mouth days are over. To Haas' delight, a legacy committee is in place and is even planning future growth, including an animated video version of the program featuring cute cartoon versions of Haas, Hayden, Stanco and the rest.

"I was flying solo for the first 25 years," Haas said. "It's such a godsend to have the support and inspiration of people who believe in this program."

After a hiatus during the pandemic, the program is moving back into school districts around the state, including Ingham County.

"It doesn't cost the schools anything," Haas said. "It's totally self-funded."

Haas places the Building Bridges with Music program at the center of his personal and musical philosophy.

"It's the idea that music can open people's hearts and minds to a discussion about open-mindedness and respect," he said.

As a composer, Haas is more comfort-

able and confident than ever.

"I won't kid you. When I first started writing in my mid-20s and 30s, I struggled finding my voice," he admitted.

Haas credits the late, great Detroit jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, a mentor and member of his quintet through the 1990s, with helping him find that voice.

"Whether it's a Judaic influence, a fusion influence, a funk influence or whatever, it just feels organic," he said. "My dad always told me to surround myself with great musicians, and I've done that all my life. To have great musicians embrace my tunes and make them their own is beyond anything I could imagine."

No one is more surprised at this grand confluence than Haas himself.

"I didn't expect to be here at 76, let alone thriving," he said. "I'm like many people of my generation. I went to Woodstock. I took bad acid. I made some bad decisions along the way, and here I am to talk about them. I'm beyond grateful, man."

Pickle Mafia

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including Lansing's UrbanBeat.

The trio slipped neatly into the venue's eclectic roster of regulars as if they'd been playing there for years.

"They gave us a chance on a Thursday night, and we started to grow a nice fan base in Lansing," Lindner said.

In August 2022, the trio played JazzFest for the first time.

"It's been awesome," Lindner said. "We keep coming back, and the people have been wonderful and very supportive."

Despite the trio's obvious musical talents, some jazz venues still turn them away, perhaps fearing damage from flying pineapples, but the academic jazz world is taking notice.

"Francis Marion University in South Carolina flew us down to teach masterclasses and perform, and I thought it was really cool that they were embrac-

ing a new aspect of jazz," Lindner said.

People still ask him about pickles, though.

"We don't do that anymore," he said. "Although we did bring pickles to Lansing once and passed the jar around. Maybe I'll get the pickle business legitimized, but I'm way too busy right now."

New books provide a double whammy of stunning photography

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Two new Michigan-centric books are the kind you will pull off the shelf just to look at. You will turn to a page and go, “Wow.” Then you will want to show what you found to someone else.

Both are composed of photographs, but one looks at the natural beauty of the Great Lakes, while the other focuses on the built environment.

“The Third Coast,” published by Northwestern University Press, with a foreword by Michigan writer Jerry Dennis, showcases the beauty of the Great Lakes across two countries, numerous states and four seasons. The photos are by David Zurick, who grew up in a small town on Lake Huron.

The book takes an unusual look at the lakes, designating specific seasons to each one: winter photographs are from Superior, spring photographs are from Michigan, summer photographs are from Erie and Ontario, and autumn photographs are from Huron.

Dennis takes a philosophical approach to his foreword, recounting his life enjoying the lakes, worrying about their future and being elated over their rebirth, as well as noting the challenges they face in the modern world.

He briefly describes using a telescope to watch freighters from foreign countries ply the Great Lakes and, with candor, tells us why we should worry about their future. He believes the greatest threat to the Great Lakes is “anything that causes us to turn our backs, become cynical, lose hope.”

He finishes, “What David Zurick clearly knows: There’s a soul to this place, and it touches our souls.” Readers will be struck by beautiful photographs of waterfront locations like the snow-covered cottages of Chippewa County and the desolate lighthouse at Whitefish Point.

The photos of spring on Lake Michigan take you to the Holland tulip festival and the sand dunes of Benzie County. Some of the photographs will make you belly laugh, like the statue of JoLean the Uniroyal Gal in Northport

or the odd pirates at a miniature golf course in Emmet County. Some photographs will warm your heart, like a Labrador swimming in the glass-like water in Frankfort.

Fall finds Lake Huron in transition, and the photographs are enchanting. If you grew up anywhere near Huron like I did, you will immediately be pulled into the beauty of the Thumb. Memories will flood back. The photo of giant piles of sugar beets waiting to be processed in Sebawaing, for instance, will remind you of grabbing one to take to school for show and tell, a rite of passage repeated every year.

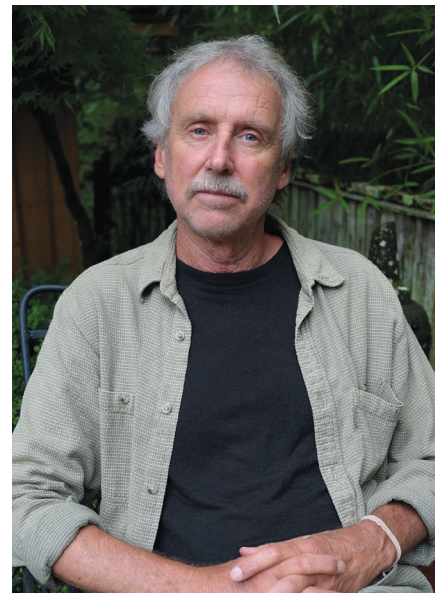
In his afterword, Zurick writes, “The lake has never left me. In significant ways, I became the person I am because of it. Whenever I visit my hometown, I head to the water.” Millions of Michiganders know that feeling, myself included.

“Contemporary Michigan: Iconic Houses at the Epicenter of Modernism,” by Peter Forguson, grabs and holds you in a similar way. When some people think of modernism, they think of big cities or the West Coast, but this new book and its astounding photography will change your mind about that trope.

Forguson takes you into 70 homes in Michigan that were designed by leading modernist architects, including Frank Lloyd Wright, Eliel Saarinen, Alden B. Dow, Gunnar Birkerts, Richard Meier, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and many others. You will be surprised to find that some of these homes are in our own backyard. For example, the Charles and Grace Bachman House in East Lansing was designed by Dow. The Larry & Faylene Owen House, also in East Lansing, was designed by Irving Tobocman. The Goetsch-Winckler House in Okemos was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Each home is represented by a three-to-four-page spread highlighting the interiors and exterior. The furnishings and art are almost as spectacular as the houses themselves. Forguson’s skills as a photographer are on full display, especially since the interiors of homes are challenging to photograph.

This is Forguson’s second book on modernist architecture. The other, “De-



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Photographer David Zurick takes an unusual look at the natural beauty of the Great Lakes in his new book, “The Third Coast,” designating specific seasons to each one.

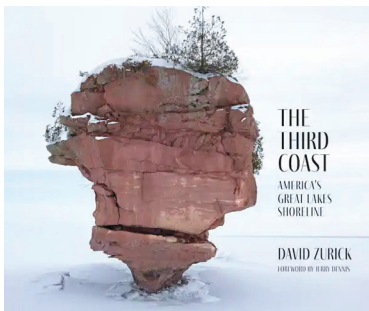
troit Modern: 1935-1985,” is more than worth your time. I’d also recommend the excellent books “Alexander Girard, Ar-



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Landscape designer Peter Forguson poses for a photo during an interview with WXYZ-TV Detroit about his two books on modernist architecture, “Detroit Modern: 1935-1985” and “Contemporary Michigan.”

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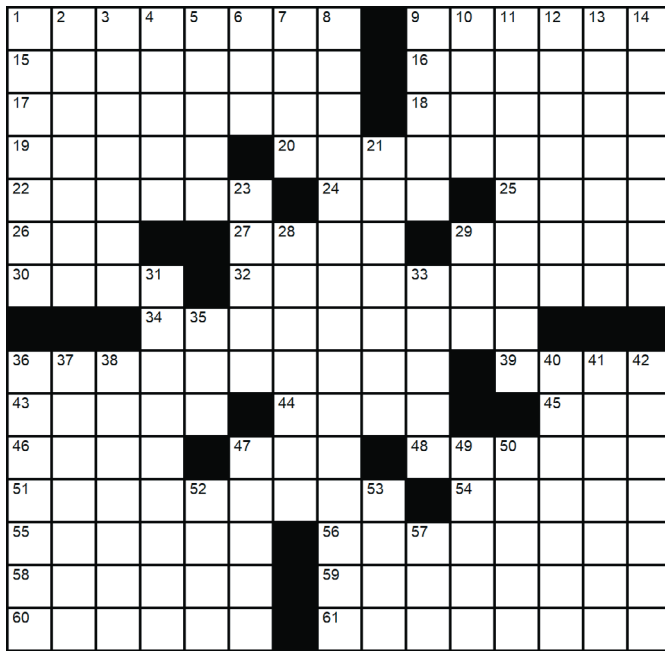
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- 18. Cold sore treatment brand
- 19. “The Westing Game” author Raskin
- 20. Tucked in before bed?
- 22. Battle of Hastings region
- 24. Brown, e.g.
- 25. Pit
- 26. Ltd., across the Chunnel
- 27. Order
- 29. Guinea pig lookalikes
- 30. ___ Octavius (“Spider-Man” villain)
- 32. Navel scraping?
- 34. Bridge component
- 36. Title seventeen-year-old on Broadway
- 39. Low-quality images?
- 43. Tricked
- 44. Macron’s head
- 45. Night sch. course, maybe
- 46. It comes before a fall
- 47. Prefix meaning 10 to the 18th power
- 48. Match single socks again
- 51. Singer-songwriter,



- e.g.
- 54. Aleppo’s country
- 55. Invader of the Roman Empire
- 56. Abstainer’s mantra
- 58. Group of infected computers
- 59. Like many half-courses
- 60. Most distant point
- 61. Like some livestock

DOWN

- 1. “Wrecking Crew” guitarist Tommy (whose surname means “German” in Italian)
- 2. Capital of the territory featured in Netflix’s “North of North” (2025)
- 3. { }, mathematically
- 4. Certain locks
- 5. “So Wrong” singer Patsy

- 6. Rush, quaintly
- 7. Caldecott Medal winner ___ Jack Keats
- 8. First-come, first-served arrangement, maybe
- 9. Like suspicious eyes
- 10. Prefix with valent
- 11. Diversion where the walls may have ears?
- 12. Easy area to pass to, in hockey
- 13. Devotional periods
- 14. Lean to the extreme
- 21. 50-50 shot
- 23. Nelson Mandela’s native tongue
- 28. 1990s tennis star ___ Sánchez Vicario
- 29. Montblanc product
- 31. “Lecture ___” (John Cage text first delivered in 1950)
- 33. Irretrievable item
- 35. Actor Philip of “Kung Fu”
- 36. “Wicked: For Good” character
- 37. Elite
- 38. Get comfortable with
- 40. Discover
- 41. Small opening where spores are released
- 42. Like some skirts or slacks
- 47. On the maternal side
- 49. Twisty curves
- 50. They’re hard to believe
- 52. Former Ozzy Osbourne guitarist Jake ___
- 53. Bahrain ruler
- 57. “De ___ Vez” (Selena Gomez single)

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

July 30-Aug. 5, 2025

ARIES (March 21-April 19): For many bamboo species, nothing visible happens for years after the seeds are sown. Beneath the surface, though, the plants are developing an extensive underground root system. This is referred to as the “sleep” or “creep” phase. Once the preparatory work is finished, the above-ground growth explodes, adding as much as three feet of stalk per day. Dear Aries, I sense you have been following a similar pattern. Soon, you will launch a phase of vigorous evolution and expansion. It might feel unsettling at first, but I predict you will come to adore it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are very close to uncovering interesting information about yourself — some new, some forgotten. But you will have to be brave and strategic to actually find it. If you manage to pull off this demanding but not impossible trick, a series of breakthroughs may stream your way. Like what? Here are the possibilities. 1. A distorted self-image will fade. 2. An adversary’s hex will dissolve. 3. An inhibition will subside, freeing you to unite with a fun asset. 4. You will knock down a barrier that has been so insidious that you didn’t know how strong it was.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In medieval music, “organum” refers to passages that feature two voices. One sings long, sustained notes, and the other performs intricate, faster-moving melodic lines above them. This is an apt metaphor for the roles I invite you to take on in the coming weeks, Gemini: both the drone and the melody. One way to do it is to hold steady in one realm as you improvise in another. Another is to offer your allies doses of stability and inspirational dreams. Welcome the duality! You are capable of both deep-rooted rhythm and visionary risk, both fortifying truth and playful fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cancerian author Ernest Hemingway had a reputation for bravado, but he was adept at wielding the protective, self-nourishing skills your sign is renowned for. He was sensitive about his works in progress, refusing to discuss unfinished stories. He understood that raw creative energy needed to be sheltered from kibitzing until it could stand on its own. “The first draft of anything is shit,” he said, but he also knew that defending the right to write that mediocre first draft was essential for him to thrive. Hemingway’s ability to channel his emotional vulnerability into moving prose came from establishing firm boundaries around his generative process. I recommend you do all that good stuff in the coming weeks, dear Cancerian.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In ancient China and Greece, the lion was not the king of beasts but the guardian of gates. The threshold keeper. The one who asked, “Are you ready?” Now is a good time to bring this aspect of leonine symbolism to your attention. You may soon feel a surge of leadership radiance, but not necessarily the stage-commanding kind. It will be more like priest and priestess energy. Gatekeeper presence. People and situations in your orbit are on the verge of transformation, and you can be a midwife to their transitions — not by fixing or moralizing but by witnessing. So, I invite you to hold space. Ask potent questions. Be the steady presence ready to serve as a catalyst.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The love fakers and promise breakers and delusion makers are no fun, but I think you will ultimately be grateful they helped you clarify your goals. The reverse healers and idea stealers and greedy feelers are perilous to your peace of mind in the short run, but they will eventually motivate you to create more rigorous protections for your heart, health and stability. In conclusion, Virgo, it’s one of those odd times when people with less than pure intentions and high integrity can be valuable teachers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The Svalbard Global Seed Vault is built into a Norwegian mountain near the Arctic. It’s humanity’s backup garden. It stores

over a million seed varieties from all over the world, serving as a safeguard for biodiversity. In accordance with astrological omens, Libra, I invite you to imagine yourself as resembling a seed vault. What valuable capacities are you saving up for the future? Are there treasures you contain that will ensure your long-term stability and security? Which of your potentials need to get extra nurturing? Bonus: Now is a good time to consider whether you should activate any of these promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There’s a myth in Gnostic traditions that Sophia, the goddess of divine wisdom, split herself apart and dispersed into the material world. She became embedded in every stone, plant and drop of blood. And she’s still here, murmuring truth from within every part of the material world. In Sophia’s spirit, Scorpio, here is your message: Wisdom isn’t elsewhere. It’s embedded in your body, in your grief, in the wood grain of your table and the ache behind your eyes. More than ever, you have a mandate to celebrate this gift. So, for now, refrain from thinking that spirituality is about transcendence and ascendance. Instead, greet the sacred in the dust and mud. Listen for Sophia in the ordinary. She speaks in sighs and sparks, not sermons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): When I do tours to promote the books I write, the range of encounters can be wide. On one trip, over 300 people came to see me at a bookstore in New York City. They listened raptly, posed interesting questions and bought 71 books. In Atlanta, three days later, I was greeted by nine semi-interested people at a small store in a strip mall. They purchased three books. But I gave equal amounts of energy at both gigs. The crowd in Atlanta got my best, as did the audience in New York. I invite you to regard me as a role model, Sagittarius. Proceed as if every experience deserves your brightest offerings. Express yourself with panache, no matter what the surroundings are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In ancient Egyptian cosmology, “ka” is the vital essence and the double of a person that lives on after death. But it also walks beside you while you live. It drinks, eats and dreams. It is both you and more than you. Dear Capricorn, I invite you to tune in to your ka in the coming days, as well as any other spiritual presences that serve you and nourish you. Be alert for visitations from past selves, forgotten longings and future visions that feel eerily familiar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): “Dear Rob Breznsy: I wonder what you are like in person. Sometimes I get a Gen X vibe, like you wear vintage T-shirts from obscure bands, are skeptical but not cynical and remember life before the internet but are tech savvy. Other times, you seem like a weird time traveler visiting us from 2088. It’s confusing! Are you trying to be a mystery? When’s your next public appearance? I want to meet you. — Aquarian Explorer.” Dear Aquarian: I’m glad I’m a riddle to you. As long as I avoid being enmeshed in people’s expectations and projections, I maintain my freedom to be my authentic self, even as I continually reinvent my authentic self. By the way, I recommend you adopt my attitude in the coming weeks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In Norse mythology, the god Odin plucked out one of his eyes and hung himself upside down from the World Tree for nine days. Why would he do such a thing? The ancient stories tell us this act of self-sacrifice earned him the right to learn the secret of the runes, which held the key to magic, fate and wisdom. You don’t need to make a sacrifice anywhere near that dramatic, Pisces. But I do suspect you are primed for a comparable process. What discomfort are you willing to endure for the sake of revelation? What illusions must you give up to see more clearly? I dare you to engage in an inner realignment that brings metamorphosis but not martyrdom.

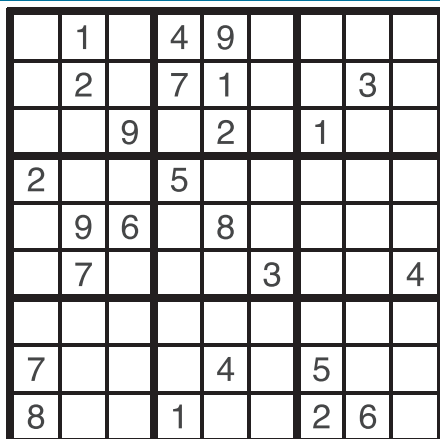
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SUDOKU

Advanced



Fun By The Numbers

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

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, July 30

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

Allen Farmers Market - Craft vendor: C.A. Risk Art. Live music by Marina T Music. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

"Alluring Nature" - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Art Among Friends Exhibition - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Ballet for Teens & Adults - 10-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.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 - Lezlee Worthington is sharing several of her fiber arts works with an outdoor theme through the end of the month. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Create Like a Famous Artist - Make art inspired by the work of French painter Georges Seurat and Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama! We'll learn a bit about the artists before we start creating. 3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.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.

JazzFest Michigan Kickoff Concert - Featuring performances by Tom Duffield and Eli Howell. Free. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org/jazzfest-about.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Grupo Dezero (Tejano) - Free. 7 p.m. Wilson Park, 3801 Wilson Ave., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

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. Cedar Rapids Kernels - Game highlight 1: Nuts Day Off — In true Ferris Bueller fashion, we're giving away Lugnuts hockey jerseys to the first 1,000 fans. Game highlight 2: Every Wednesday home game, dogs are welcome at Jackson Field. 1:05 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Last One Out (variety) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

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

Mission Backpack - Now through Aug. 7, Catholic Charities IEC is collecting backpacks and school supplies to support local families through Mission Backpack. For a list of needed items and drop-off locations, visit catholiccharitiesiec.org/mission-backpack.

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series - Rowan Shih, a rising senior at the University of Chicago, crafts a four-part journey of inspiration and imagination, featuring works by Piazzolla, Hisaishi and beloved music from "The Wizard of Oz." Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Tax Impacts for Individuals - Join Maner Costerisan experts Jen Danko and Nate Johnson as they break down the most important OBBBA updates and what they mean for you. 10 a.m. Virtual — register at manercca.com/events.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Friday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Clique Vocals (jazz) - Free. 7 p.m. Red Mill Pavilion, 450 N. Water St., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

Rummage and Bake Sale - Sale will feature a large variety of items, as well as baked goods. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingLiederkrantzClub.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park - Wilson Thicket has the soul of an Appalachian string band, but there's much more to this Thicket than a patch of bluegrass! Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

Summer Strings Rehearsal - MSU Community Music School's summer adult orchestra. Open to all adults. You should know the basics of your instrument and be able to read some music. 7 p.m. 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. cmsaemusic.weebly.com.

Wheel of the Year: Lammas and Sacrifice - 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.

Wine Down Wednesday - Enjoy \$1 off glasses of wine all day! Come wine down with us! Noon-7 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

Thursday, July 31

Aaron Johnson Live at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6:30-9:30 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Acting Scene Study Class - 10-week class, meets bi-weekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Ingham County Fair Noon-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 30-Saturday, Aug. 2 Ingham County Fairgrounds 700 E. Ash St., Mason

Attendees of all ages will find something to enjoy at the Ingham County Fair, from carnival rides and games to classic fair food, animal exhibits, livestock sales and beloved grandstand events.

Saturday brings the annual Multicultural Day, featuring a diversity-focused vendor market and musical and dance performances by groups such as the Habibi Dancers, Greater Lansing Area Ballet Folklorico, El Ballet Folklórico Estudiantil, Children's Ballet Theatre and Global Village.

Grandstand events include wrestling tonight, a rodeo on Thursday, an ATV show on Friday and motocross on Saturday.

Admission is free for infants, \$7 for children ages 2 to 12 and seniors 62 and older, and \$10 for teens and adults. Grandstand tickets range from \$8 to \$20 and include admission to the fair. Ride tickets are \$1.50 each or 50 for \$60, with the option to purchase an unlimited-ride wristband for \$30 today through Friday and \$35 Saturday.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit fair.ingham.org.



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.

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Art Among Friends Exhibition - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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

Bookend Gallery Display - Lezlee Worthington is sharing several of her fiber arts works with an outdoor theme through the end of the month. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Community Game Night - Join us for a laid-back game night at Middle Village, featuring board and card games, food, refreshments, music and 20% off all purchases. 5-7 p.m. 215 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/TheShopsAtMiddleVillage.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Charlotte Acoustic Fest - We have several bands playing, so come out and enjoy this extra evening of fun! Free. 5 p.m. Courthouse Square, 100 W.

Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce.

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

DeWitt Concerts in the Park: Darin Larner Band (variety) - Free. 7 p.m. Riverside Park, 315 S. Bridge St., DeWitt. dewittareacc.org.

Dimondale Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. facebook.com/dimondalefarmersmarket.

East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band Summer Pops Concert - Enjoy the sounds of summer with this free performance. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. Kids are welcome! 7 p.m. Hawk Nest Park, 526 Buteo Drive, East Lansing. k03414.site.kiwanis.org.

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

Grand Concert Series: Tony Thompson & Friends (funk/Motown) - Free. 6 p.m. Lansing Center riverfront plaza, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/GrandConcertSeries.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Root Doctor (blues), opener Taylor Taylor - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

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Holt Music in the Garden: Itchycoo Park ('60s-'70s rock) - Free. 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhala-center.com.

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

JazzFest Michigan KidzBeat Fundraiser - Featuring performances by Ann Bell and the AWD jazz band. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. micharts.org/jazzfest-about.

Laingsburg Music in the Park: Madison Olivia (country) - Open mic at 6 p.m., main act starts at 7 p.m. Free. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburgbusiness.org/music-in-the-park-1.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels - Game highlight: learn about and celebrate the legacy and impact of Motown with specialty jerseys, themed promotions and more. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Live & Eclectic, with Craig Hendershott - Enjoy acoustic renditions of classic rock hits, deep cuts and originals on the REO Town Pub patio! 7-9 p.m. 1145 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. craighendershott.com.

Live Music Thursdays at Nelson Gallery - The Dangling Particles is a Lansing-based band with a diverse song set, ranging from indie-folk and Americana to jazz and pop. Free. 4:30 p.m. 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/NelsonGalleryLansing.

Lunch and Learn - Rachel Richards of the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative will discuss ways to protect yourself from elder abuse, fraud and common scams. Registration req. 11 a.m. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. 517-706-5045. meridianseniorcenter@gmail.com.

Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Friday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Rummage and Bake Sale - Sale will feature a large variety of items, as well as baked goods. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingLiederkrantzClub.

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

South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Feeders Pet Supply parking lot, 5016 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. facebook.com/SouthLansing-FarmersMarket.

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

Summerlands Brewing Co. Crossword Challenge - Each team is given a copy of the same crossword puzzle. The first team to complete the crossword

correctly wins a \$10 certificate valid for a future visit. Start at 7 or 8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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 Summer Concert Series: Lansing Concert Band Big Band (jazz) - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

Friday, Aug. 1

Aaron Johnson Live at Dublin Square - 9-11 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. facebook.com/dublinsquare.

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Brown-Bag Books - A surprise in a bag! What will you find? Mystery, comedy, adventure and the chance to win prizes are all waiting for you at GLAD! Aug. 1-31, prizes must be claimed by Sept. 15. 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Chris Milbourne Live at the Peanut Barrel - 8-10 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

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

Craft Club Jr. - Create paper-plate butterflies! Grades 1-3. Registration req. 4:15 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Cruise to Holt - All types and years of cars, trucks and bikes welcome. Food truck on the first and third Friday of the month. DJ on the first Friday of the month. 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers Market parking lot, 2150 Cedar St., Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov.

East Lansing Summer Concert Series: Geech (party band) - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. cityofeast-lansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

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

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

Frog & the Beestones Live at Summerlands Brewing Co. - 7:30-10:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. 517-709-3647. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

The Future of Comedy Show at Bengal Wildlife Center - Featuring nationally touring headliner Mike Ball and FOCS favorites Dave Welfare, Chuck Bates and Kate Brindle. Doors 8 p.m., show 9 p.m. 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath. facebook.com/thefutureofcomedyshow.

How Much Home Can You Afford? - Looking to buy a home? Learn how to calculate how much home you can afford based on your current income during this one-hour class. 10 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mimoneyhealth/index.

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Emerging Playwrights showcase

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2
Riverwalk Theatre
228 Museum Drive, Lansing

The winners of Riverwalk Theatre's third annual Emerging Playwrights contest will have an opportunity to showcase their scripts Saturday evening on the theater's black box stage. The contest, sponsored by author and retired businessman Gordon Masters, invites high school students from Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties to submit original one-act plays, with a panel of judges choosing the top five to be produced at Riverwalk. Winning playwrights also receive \$1,000.

This year's featured plays are "Duncan's Dragontail," by Mason High School sophomore Gailee Maynard; "Like Lightning from Heaven," by Mason senior Riley Ngubeni; "The Chicanerous Murder of a Sunscreen Saleswoman," by Holt High School junior Malia Reitz; "A Lone Woman's Voice," by Charlotte High School senior Natalie Rowan; and "Melanie," by Ovid-Elsie High School senior Abigail Triantaflos, who was also a winner of last year's competition. Two of the scripts will be presented as full productions, while the other three will be presented as staged readings.

Following the performances will be a reception to further celebrate the playwrights. The event is free to attend, though donations to the theater are welcome. For more information, visit riverwalktheatre.com/emerging-playwrights.html.



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love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

JazzFest Michigan - Experience four days of soulful music in historic Old Town, from local legends to national talent. 5:30 p.m.-midnight. micharts.org/jazzfest-about.

Lake Lansing Bandshell Concert Series: Roadside Attraction (party band), opener Ron St. Germain - Kids can enjoy big-wheel tricycles at the tricycle track, a bounce house and a giant inflatable slide! Free. 6 p.m. 1621 Pike St., Haslett. facebook.com/Lakelansingbandshell.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels - Game highlights: Lawrence Butler bobblehead giveaway and LAFUCU fireworks. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Messy Play Day - Kids can play with chalk, bubbles, goop, squirt bottles, big trucks, mud and more. Different activities each week throughout August. 2-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Moonlight Movies: "The Princess Bride" - Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy a family movie under the stars! Popcorn will be available for donation. 9 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 N. Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov/402/Community-Events.

Open Old-Time Jam | First Friday of Every Month - Join the legendary Mike Ross for an old-time-centric jam. Even if you don't play, feel free to listen along! 5-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. elderly.com/collections/events.

Parkinson's Exercise: Movement with Vitality - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space permits. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Parkour for Littles at ALIVE - You and your little one will learn to safely maneuver obstacles using the whole body. Build strength, balance, focus and problem-solving skills after listening to related stories. Ages 2-6. 10 a.m. 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Wednesday-Friday from 5-7 p.m. for live music, dinner and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No

cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Receive Conference: Laura Lynn Ministries - Conference will include a time of worship, teaching on how to receive, a special guest speaker, powerful prayer time and much more. All are welcome. 7-9:30 p.m. House of Prayer, 9974 Old M-78, Haslett. lauralynnministries.com.

River Walk Trash Cleanup - Join us in caring for the Earth and her waterways by picking up trash along the Lansing River Trail and the areas around our building! 11 a.m.-noon. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Rummage and Bake Sale - Sale will feature a large variety of items, as well as baked goods. 9 a.m.-noon. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingLiederkrantzClub.

Saturday, Aug. 2

"Alluring Nature" - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Art Among Friends Exhibition - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Ben Awrey Live at Dublin Square - 9-11 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. facebook.com/dublinsquare.

Billy Joe Hunt Live on the Patio at Summerlands Brewing Co. - 5-8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

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

DIY Sensory Lab at Charlotte Community Library - Dig your hands into some do-it-yourself sensory projects. We'll make edible paint, bouncy balls, cloud dough and glitter sensory bottles. Registration req. Grades 3-12. Noon-2 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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EL Fresco Fitness: Outdoor Boxcercise, Hosted by Flex and Nala Fitness - Free. Noon. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Family Day: UNDO - Let's make art in reverse! This month, we'll play with the ways materials and ideas can come apart to make something new, inspired by the exhibition "unbecoming." 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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

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

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

JazzFest Michigan - Experience four days of soulful music in historic Old Town, from local legends to national talent. 1:30 p.m.-midnight. micharts.org/jazzfest-about.

The King & Queen of Rock 'n' Roll Tribute Show - Join us for a night of nostalgia as Steve Hunt and Dorothy Martin honor the legendary king and queen of rock 'n' roll. 7-9 p.m. VFW Post 4113, 2497 Old U.S. 27, St. Johns. eventbrite.com/o/vfw-post-4113-108939830871.

Lammas Ritual - Join us in person or on Zoom as we celebrate the first harvest with our Lammas ritual. Bring bug spray, chairs, snacks, drinks and anything else you need to enjoy an evening in the woods. 4-9 p.m. Fenner Nature Center Scout campground, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave, Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels - Game highlight: "Harry Potter" night, with themed jerseys, a Hogwarts house hat giveaway and LAFCU fireworks. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mason Slusher Live at Pins & Pints - 7-9 p.m. 2120 E. Saginaw Hwy., East Lansing. 517-337-7000. pinsandpints.net.

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

Patio Party at UrbanBeat - Join us every Saturday from noon-7 p.m. for live music, food and drinks on our patio in the heart of Old Town. No cover! 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Receive Conference: Laura Lynn Ministries - Conference will include a time of worship, teaching on how to receive, a special guest speaker, powerful prayer time and much more. All are welcome. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. House of Prayer, 9974 Old M-78, Haslett. lauralynnministries.com.

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 1/2 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. homebrew-gamelounge.com.

StarZone Saturday - From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the following departments at the Downtown Campus will be open: StarZone, Center for Student Access (by appointment), Adult Resource Center, admissions, advising (by appointment), testing. Gannon Building, 600 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/lccstars.

Taylor Taylor Live at Cleats Bar & Grille - 6:30-9:30 p.m. 5801 N. Aurelius Road, Lansing. 517-574-4008. cleatsbarandgrille.com.

Tiger and Dragon Kenpo Martial Arts Training - Based on a variety of martial arts systems, tiger and dragon kenpo is designed to develop

self-confidence in the warrior. 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Vandalay EP Release Show - Celebrate rock duo Vandalay's EP release, as well as hard-rock band Mr. Denton on Doomsday's vinyl record release. Small Parks and Ritual Suns open the show! 8 p.m. Grewal Hall, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Youth Learn to Fish Day - Michigan Wildlife Conservancy's director of wildlife programs will cover casting, tackle crafting, regulations and ethics. Ages 5-17. 9 a.m.-noon. Meet at the BS & A Software parking lot, 14965 Abbey Lane, Bath. To register, call 517-641-7677, Ext. 2, or email DrewM@MiWildlife.org.

Sunday, Aug. 3

"Alluring Nature" - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. Noon-4 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Art Among Friends Exhibition - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Ditttrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. Noon-6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Beginners' Acrylic Pouring Workshop - Join Jennifer of Spectrum Splash Studio for an afternoon of color, flow and self-expression as you learn the mesmerizing techniques of acrylic pouring. 4-6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

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.

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

EL Fresco Fitness: Yoga on Albert, Hosted by Yoga State - Free. 10 a.m. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

First Start Sunday - Monthly blacksmithing workshop for beginners. Learn the fundamentals of the craft, including tool use, safety and how to complete a simple project yourself. 6 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. artfiremichigan.com.

"Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help" - This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt and, ultimately, the power of family. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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

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

Northern Nut Growers Association and Chestnut Growers of America Joint Conference - Conference is open to everyone with an interest in trees and shrubs managed for their nuts or native woody fruits. 1-8 p.m. Nash Nurseries, 4975 W. Grand River Road, Owosso. nutgrowing.org.

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



Art Fair at the Ledges

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2

Fitzgerald Park

133 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge

Formerly the Island Art Fair, Grand Ledge's 52nd annual Art Fair at the Ledges will offer more than 150 fine-art and craft vendors, with wares ranging from candles and bird feeders to jewelry, wreaths, paintings, photographs and much more. Attendees can snack on freeze-dried candy, roasted nuts, kettle corn, lemonade and beyond from dozens of food vendors or find more substantial options at four food trucks. Seating will be available at 10 picnic tables. Additional entertainment includes live music, henna tattoos, caricatures, face painting, a playground and a scenic hiking trail. Admission is free, and all are welcome, including pets. For more information, visit facebook.com/IslandArtFair.

Lansing's Concerts in the Park 7-9pm

6.11 Root Doctor MOORES PARK	Sea Cruisers TURNER-DODGE HOUSE 7.16
6.18 Black Rock 201 WAINWRIGHT PARK	Frog & the Beeftones FULTON PARK 7.23
6.25 Kathy Ford Band REUTTER PARK	Grupo Dezeo WILSON PARK 7.30
7.09 Cooper Johnson FENNER NATURE CENTER	Lansing Symphony Orchestra FRANCES PARK 8.06

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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, Aug. 4

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

"Alluring Nature" - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. Noon-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Art Among Friends Exhibition - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Broadway Musical Theater Performance Camp - Students will learn basic vocal technique and Broadway songs. Choreography and staging will then be added to create a musical theater medley. Ages 5-18. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Broadway Summer Performance Class - Designed for teens and adults, this 10-week class will develop skills and techniques for singing and acting on stage. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Color-Changing Slime - Have fun creating a gooey batch of slime that changes color right before your eyes! 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Crafty Story Time - Preschool-aged children and their caregivers can enjoy fun activities, stories and a craft. 11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 South Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Fiber Circle - Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels welcome. Although formal instruction isn't provided, attendees assist each other with techniques and skills. 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Northern Nut Growers Association and Chestnut Growers of America Joint Conference - Conference is open to everyone with an interest in trees and shrubs managed for their nuts or native woody fruits. 8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. DoubleTree by Hilton, 111 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. nutgrowing.org.

Parkinson's Exercise: Yoga - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space allows. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsg.org.

Reiki for Kids & Teens - Fun, engaging, hands-on activities will teach students about reiki energy and its history. 10-week class. 5 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 30TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM**

CITY OF LANSING, a Michigan municipal corporation, Case No. 25-2686-CZ

Plaintiff,

v.

113 W MICHIGAN LLC,
JAJ PROPERTY LLC.

Defendants.

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ORDER ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of said Court,
held in the 30th Circuit Court for the
County of Ingham, State of Michigan
this 11th day of July, 2025.

JUDGE ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA

PRESENT: HONORABLE _____

This Honorable Court having considered Defendants' Motion for Alternative Service and brief in support, and this Court being fully advised in the premises thereof:

THIS COURT HEREBY FINDS:

- Service against Defendant JAJ Property, LLC cannot reasonably be made pursuant to MCR 2.105;
- The below ordered methods of service are reasonably calculated to give Defendant JAJ Property, LLC actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Plaintiff's may effectuate service pursuant to MCR 2.105(J) by doing all the following:
 - Posting a copy of the Verified Complaint, Summons, Motion for Preliminary Injunction and brief in support thereof, and Notice of Hearing, and this order at the Ingham County Courthouse, the subject property at 1611 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI, and the listed address of the Registered Agent, 5682 Silver Pond, West Bloomfield, MI.
 - Mailing a copy of all the above listed documents to P.O. Box 251443, West Bloomfield, MI, the listed mailing address for JAJ Property, LLC via LARA.
 - Publishing a copy of this order in a newspaper as defined in MCR 2.106(F) in Ingham County and Oakland County.

This is not a final order and does not close the case.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Rosemarie E. Aquilina 37670
Circuit Court Judge
JUDGE ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA P37670

CP#25-238

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

The qualified electors of Precinct 17 in the Bath School District in the City of East Lansing, please take notice that a Special Bath Community Schools Election will be held in Clinton County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

To vote on the following proposals:

Bath Community Schools Bond Proposal

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office, 410 Abbot Road, Room 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Polls at said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:
Under Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

POLLING LOCATION:

Precinct 17 voters in the Bath School District will vote at the following location:

Bath Middle School Auditorium, 13675 Webster Rd., Bath

All polling places are accessible and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille.

In addition to regular business hours, the East Lansing City Clerk's office will be open on August 2 from 8 am – 4 pm to register voters, issue and accept absentee ballots for qualified electors.

To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or view your sample ballot check the Secretary of State Voter Information website at www.mi.gov/vote

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:
Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

August 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 5, 2025, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Amy Gordon
East Lansing City Clerk

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The Weekly Crunch - Laugh your ass off with the best local comedians every Monday night. 8 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. crunchyseastlansing.com.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Acting Scene Study Class - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

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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.

EL Fresco Fitness: Outdoor Mat Pilates, Hosted by Recharged Pilates - Free. 6 p.m. Albert EL Fresco, downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Family Happy Hour - Join us every Tuesday for a free, all-ages playgroup in our safe and welcoming space. 4-7 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Finance Committee - 6 p.m. City Hall, 114 Woodhull St., Laingsburg. laingsburg.us/park-committee.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce August Member Mixer - Get a behind-the-scenes look at local broadcasting while connecting with fellow professionals! 4:30-6:30 p.m. WLNS-TV, 2820 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. facebook.com/LansingChamber.

Northern Nut Growers Association and Chestnut Growers of America Joint Conference - Conference is open to everyone with an interest in trees and shrubs managed for their nuts or native woody fruits. 9 a.m.-5:20 p.m. DoubleTree by Hilton, 111 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. nutgrowing.org.

Parkinson's Exercise: Balance, Conditioning and Strength - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Caregivers are welcome to participate if space allows. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800. lapsq.org.

Summer in the Park: Parkour Color Course - Join us for stories about the colorful Hindu festival of Holi, followed by a parkour obstacle course with a blast of color. 11 a.m. Oak Park, corner of Clinton and Seminary streets, Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Walk with Ease - Walking exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. Group will meet Tuesdays at Schmidt Community Center through Aug. 19. 1-2 p.m. 5825 Wise Road,

Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

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

Allen Farmers Market - Craft vendor: Yart by Laura. Live music by Forest Road Ukulele Club. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

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Ballet for Teens & Adults - 10-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.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.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 10-week class, meets biweekly. 7:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

Diabetes PATH - Six-week workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. 1:30-4 p.m. UM Health-Sparrow Lansing Health Center, 2909 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.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.

Informed Renter - This workshop from MSU Extension will equip you with valuable information about the rental process that will help you navigate technicalities and avoid costly mistakes. 10-11 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/mimoney-health/index.

Lansing Concerts in the Park: Lansing Symphony Orchestra - Free. 7 p.m. Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing. lansingmi.gov/994/Concerts-in-the-Park.

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.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Rear View Mirror (party band) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

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

MSU Summer Carillon Concert Series - A laureate of the 2024 Queen Fabiola Competition, Anne Lu's colorful recital will move from Disney and floral-themed works to reflective pieces by Mendelssohn, D'hollander and Leonard Cohen. Free. 6 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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Play 4 JA Family Field Day - Activities include a backpack giveaway, a basketball competition, field day games, face painting, inflatables, food trucks, music and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Best Furniture Outlet, 5700 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. midmichigan.ja.org.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Kick Back (classic rock/country) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park - On the Lash offers a thrilling blend of Irish heart and classical precision that will put a spark in your soul and a jig in your step! Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityParkPerformanceShell.

SRP Colorful Finale Carnival - Enjoy bounce houses, carnival games and treats! Each reading log you complete earns you more carnival tickets to spend. There will be many non-ticketed activities as well. 5-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Stories in the Garden - Explore the MSU 4-H Children's Garden while listening to stories read by teen volunteers and ELPL staff. 10-11:30 a.m. 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. elpl.org.

Summer Strings Rehearsal - MSU Community Music School's summer adult orchestra. Open to all adults. You should know the basics of your instrument and be able to read some music. 7 p.m. 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. cmsaemusic.weebly.com.

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

Thursday, Aug. 7

Acting Scene Study Class - 10-week class, meets biweekly. Ages 12-adult. 6:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. ruhalacenter.com.

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

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

"Alluring Nature" - An exhibition by the En Plein Air Mid-Michigan group, which visits parks and gardens to render the alluring beauty of the natural world. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. framersedge.net.

Art Among Friends Exhibition - Group exhibition by artists Pat Singer, Francie Dittrich, Eldon Case, Rebecca Case and Juanita Baldwin. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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

Capital Area Modelers Society Meeting - Learn about building scale models, display what you're working on and get to know others interested in the hobby. 6:30-8 p.m. Judson Baptist Church, 531 Glendale Ave., Lansing. capitalareamodelers-society.wordpress.com.

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Detroit Social Club (blues) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. facebook.com/charlottechamberofcommerce.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

A taste of Albania at Angela's Cafe

By COURTNEY BOWERMAN

With all the places you can eat at in East Lansing, it would be easy to overlook Angela's Café. The restaurant opened in March, hidden behind the bustling Grand River Avenue traffic on Albert Street. But, thanks to word of mouth from Lansing Foodies, it caught my attention.

When I first walked in, the small and cozy interior led me to think that it was a coffee shop that only served breakfast. However, even though the menu includes breakfast sandwiches, coffee and a variety of scrambles, it's not limited to one meal of the day. It also offers soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and even a selection of baked goods.

Being a family-owned business, the atmosphere is very inti-

mate. While the staff was rather small that day, they were all warm and wel-

coming, eager to share their dishes with a fresh face. The specialty item they plugged the most was the byrek, a Mediterranean pastry filled with spinach, beef, potatoes or cheese. There are many versions of byrek among different countries, but the Albanian recipe that Angela's relies on has been in the family for generations. Since I'd never had Albanian food before, the description intrigued me enough to order the potato byrek

soup.

The byrek was fresh and flaky, the baked dough rolled around in knots like a cinnamon roll. The side of yogurt helped temper the dry spice blended in with the potatoes. I didn't have to cut it with a fork and knife; it was soft enough that I could just pick it up and eat it. The soup, which came with two slices of toasted, homemade bread, was hot and zesty, the extra bit of lemon liv-

ening up a classic flavor. The byrek was brought out by one of the cooks. Before you ask, her name is Eva, not Angela. It turns out that Angela's Café is named after her teenage daughter, who also came out to greet us at the end of the meal. The family is clearly proud of what it's accomplished



Potato byrek
\$7

Chicken-lemon-rice soup

\$3.25/cup

Angela's Cafe

350 Albert St., East Lansing

9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

(517) 253-7146

angelas.cafe

and a cup of the chicken-lemon-rice



Courtney Bowerman for City Pulse

The homestyle Albanian dishes at Angela's Cafe pair perfectly with the staff's warm family welcome.

in East Lansing so far and is ready to welcome more customers in the months to come. So, anyone looking for something new in East Lansing should definitely give Angela's a try. The Albanian byrek is a nice, homestyle dish that pairs perfectly with the staff's warm family welcome.

Vegetarian café takes root in Delta Township

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Delta Township's newest café is a lot of things: a health-conscious coffee joint, a vegetarian date spot, a from-scratch bakery and a retailer of the homemade products owner Nancy Hansen already sells locally.

But more than that, it's a relaxed gathering place for families and friends, with a game basket for kids and an invitation to take a while.

"When you go out to eat and you're finished eating, you feel like you've got to go because you don't want to hold up a table," Hansen said. "We wanted a place where people can come and just

hang out."

The Willow Where Our Roots Began opened its doors July 2, selling vegetarian and health-conscious food, coffee and baked goods to the Delta Township community. The storefront was the latest step for Hansen, who began selling spices and hummus at Horrocks last year. She has sold Khillah Magic, an all-purpose Mediterranean spice blend invented by her grandmother and named after her maiden name, for 13 years.

The transition from home kitchen side hustle to commercial family business began last year, when Freshies Bakery opened in DeWitt. Freshies' owners, who are friends of Hansen, wanted to use Khillah Magic. But Hansen had been making her eponymous blend under Michigan's Cottage Food Law, which allows goods to be made and sold from an uninspected kitchen under certain circumstances — not including use in a commercial kitchen.

So, Hansen started making the

blend in the Freshies kitchen, alongside hummus and other products. She sold her creations at farmers markets last year and, eventually, Horrocks.

But it wasn't long until Hansen began eyeing her commercial kitchen. After her husband, Clinton, became involved with the business last fall, they decided to move.

"Our friends were very kind to let us use their commercial kitchen, but it's in DeWitt, and we live in Delta Township," she said. "That became a little cumbersome, so we had the desire to have our own.

"And we figured that if we were going to be paying rent for our own commercial kitchen anyway, why wouldn't we also open up a retail space?" she continued. "It just made logical sense."

It wasn't hard to decide what to do with that retail space because Hansen has "always" loved hosting people for meals.

"We would always invite friends from church and stuff for meals, and I love hosting," she said. "So, it felt natu-



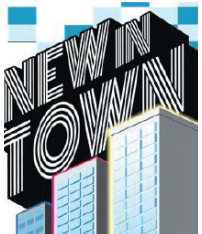
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The Willow Where Our Roots Began owner Nancy Hansen (right) and her husband, Clinton, greet customers at their new Delta Township café, which opened July 2.

ral to feed people."

The resulting café bears the name of Hansen's spice brand, a reference to Willow Highway, where the family lives. Just about everything inside is homemade, including the syrups for espresso and matcha lattes, the bread and scones, the sandwiches and even the dairy-free cashew milk. Hansen uses organic ingredients whenever

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**The Willow
Where Our Roots
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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 NON-CHAIN MEXICAN RESTAURANTS

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1. El Azteco West

South-of-the-border restaurant with fresh ingredients, scratch cooking and patio seating
1016 W. Saginaw St., Lansing (517) 485-4589
elaztecwest.com
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Noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday

2. El Oasis — all locations

Food trucks serving hefty portions of Mexican street food staples like tacos and sopes
See eloasisfood.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

3. Pablo's Mexican Resturant Old Town

Informal restaurant offering classic taqueria fare and outdoor seating options
311 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing (517) 372-0887
pablosrestaurants.com
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

4. Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Eastside

Casual restaurant dishing up traditional Mexican fare in a festive space
2010 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing (517) 580-8315
pablosrestaurants.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

5. Pancho's Taqueria

Food truck turned brick-and-mortar eatery offering classics and less common Mexican items
936 Elmwood Road, Lansing (517) 708-8743
facebook.com/Panchoslansing
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday

The Willow

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possible, including flour and sugar. "Even if you're not into the health-conscious movement, it's still really good," she said. But the most important part of the shop is the environment, Hansen said. Two recent customer experiences epitomize her vision for the shop: a mother who came in and spent hours playing games from the game basket on the floor with her four children, and a couple who came in to try the vegetarian charcuterie boards, then spent hours just hanging out. "It felt like a culmination," she said. "It was exactly what I wanted."

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