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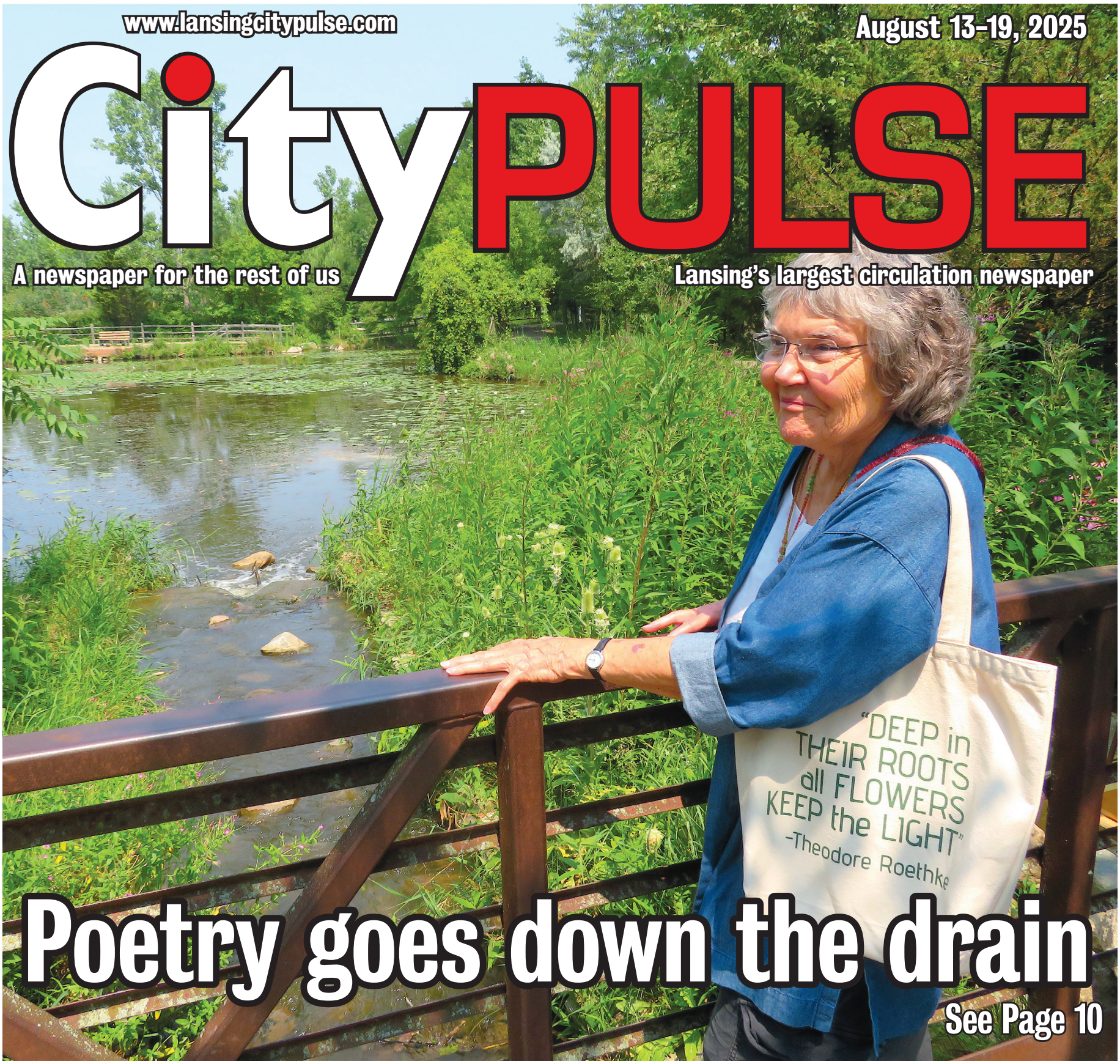

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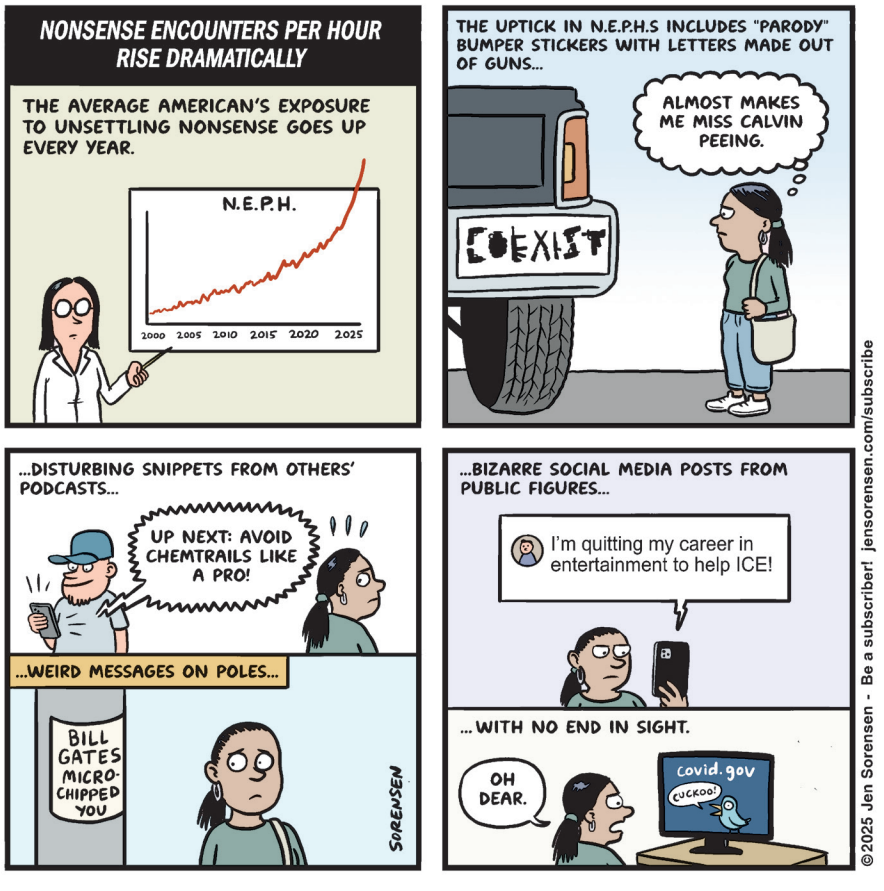

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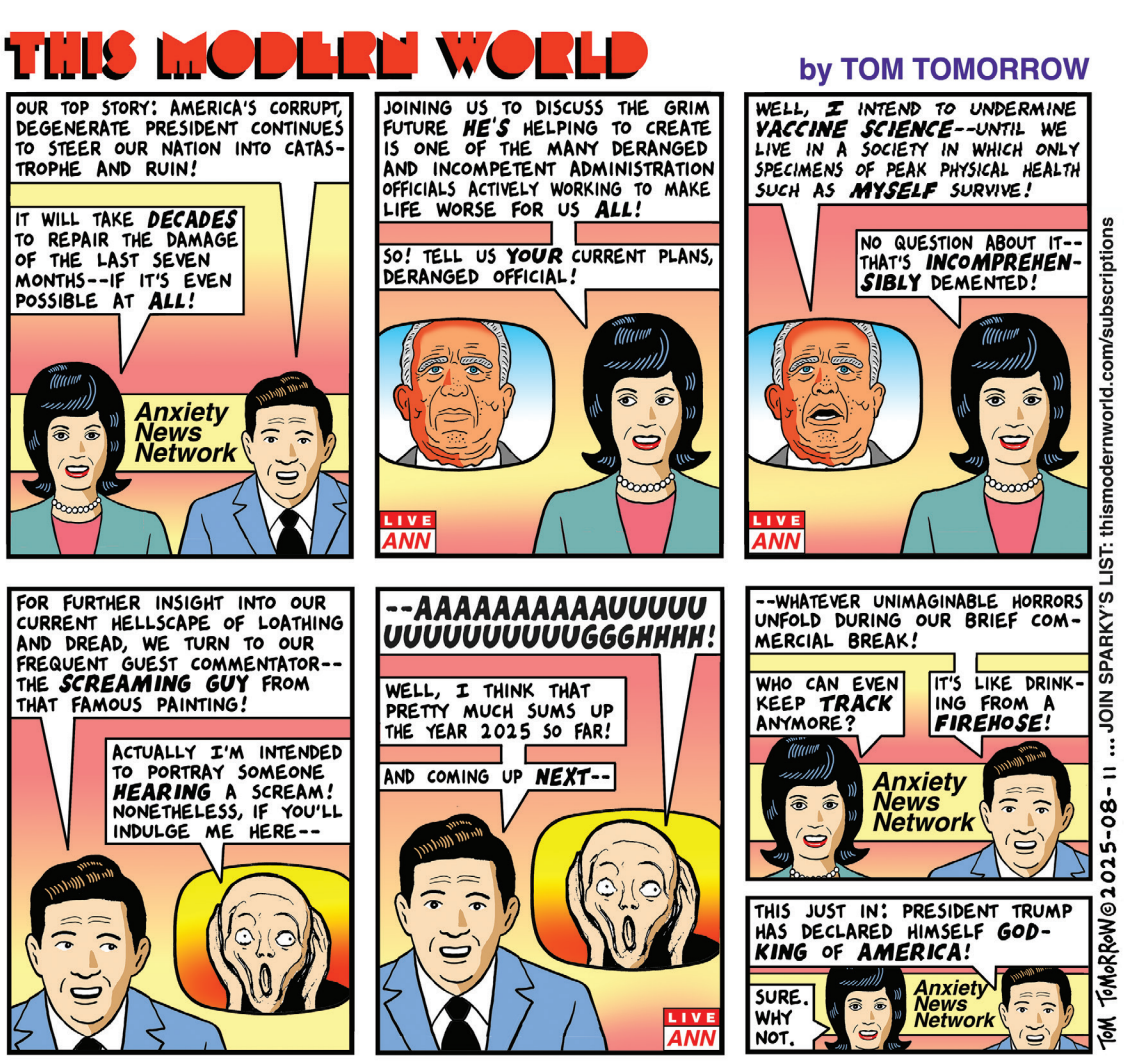

PULSE NEWS & OPINION

Money speaks loudest in Lansing primary election — with one *

Mayoral hopeful makes the cut despite raising under $1,000

What does a spot on the November ballot cost an at-large City Council candidate?

At least $14,000, based on this year's campaign finance reports.

Money spoke loudest in last week's primary election, with the top four vote-getters also having the biggest campaign chests. Current 2nd Ward Councilmember Jeremy Garza pulled in over $48,000 and received 20% of the vote. Clara Martinez and Julie Vandenboom, who each received around 17.5%, secured over $21,000 and around $14,500 respectively. Aurelius Christian, with 9.7%, also raised $14,500. In the 4th Ward, Peter Spadafore pulled in 57% of the vote with $18,000 raised.

But that correlation was interestingly absent in the mayoral election: Incumbent Mayor Andy Schor raised nearly $100,000 in 2025 and earned 63.4% of the vote, but runner-up Kelsea Hector secured 15.9% with under $1,000 raised or spent. She didn't even have to file a campaign finance report.

How did a grassroots candidate with under $1,000 get onto the November ballot while City Council candidates scrounged together tens of thousands just for the chance?

"We were really accessible, and we met people where they were at," Hector said in an interview. "We went into neighborhoods, we had everyone invite their neighbors, and we sat on people's porches and just had a few hours of conversation with people."

She also said her work as a nonprofit consultant gave her visibility and name recognition in the community, especially among younger voters.

Ingham County Commissioner and political consultant Mark Grebner put it more bluntly: He thinks Hector pulled through because Schor's victory in November is inevitable.

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(From left) Unsuccessful mayoral candidate David Ellis, successful at-large City Council candidate Julie Vandenboom and local housing advocates Ross Fisher and Kyle Richard react to the election results during Vandenboom's election watch party at The Avenue Café, on Michigan Avenue.

"A thing is either in play or it's not," he said. "If it's in play, the Chamber of Commerce, the would-be activists and the people who think their decisions are important, they'd be saying, 'I'm supporting Candidate B. I'm opposed to Candidate A. I'm going to stand up, and Candidate A may win, but by God, we're going to make him work for it.'"

"But if Candidate A is going to win with 63% of the vote in a split field, who the hell cares who B is?"

Without the mayoral seat "in play," Grebner said the real top-of-the-ticket race for donors was the at-large Council race. That makes sense in the context of 2021, where Schor's eventual competitor, Kathie Dunbar, reported around $29,000 raised ahead of the primary — more than 10 times any of Schor's competitors this year.

Another apparent determinant was an endorsement from the Lansing Regional Chamber-PAC, which endorsed Garza, Martinez and Christian in the at-large race and Spadafore in the 4th Ward.

But Matt Grossmann, a Michigan State University political scientist, said the Chamber would not support a candidate it did not already believe could win.

"If someone is donating to a candidate, it means they believe that candidate can win," said Grossman, director of MSU's Intitute for Public Policy and Social Research.

Steve Japinga, the Chamber's senior vice president, echoed this.

"Our endorsement matters, but at the end of the day, the candidate has to put in the work," he said. "We have pretty limited dollars, and we try to make sure that we're doing it strategically."

Grebner said the LRC-PAC also endorses candidates it knows will win to bolster its credibility.

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Incumbent Mayor Andy Schor and at-large City Council candidate Clara Martinez talk at Martinez' election watch party last Tuesday at Pablo's Mexican Restaurant on the east side. Schor and Martinez both raised considerably more money than most of their competitors. Both won.

"The Chamber has endorsed me," he said, laughing. "Isn't that weird? I'm never really in a contested race, and also, I don't really need the money. But the Chamber, every now and then, thinks I should be on the list of people they endorse because they like to have a long list of winners."

One unsuccessful at-large candidate in this election was Nick Pigeon, the Michigan Campaign Finance Network's former executive director. His slogan was, "Money can't buy leadership." Finishing in eighth place with around $5,000 raised, he learned the hard way that isn't always true.

Pigeon said in an interview that the role of money in this election was "pretty part and parcel."

As for the Chamber's role, Pigeon said it was common to see region-

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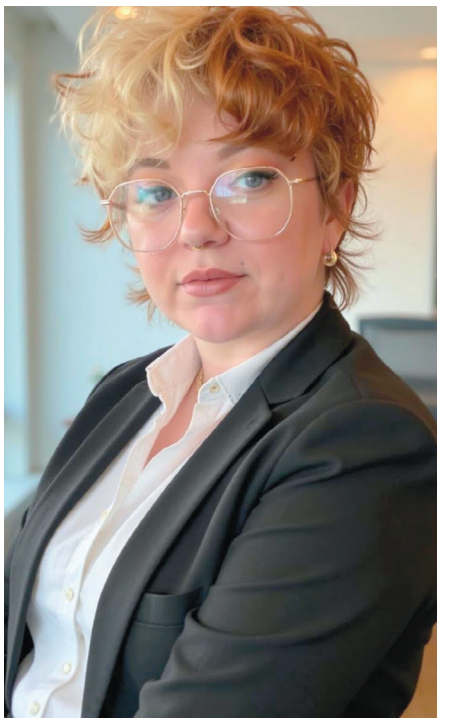
al chambers hold sway in elections, but that Lansing's is unique for being "the top power that people look towards." He attributed that to the influence of "some pretty large developers who hold a lot of power and get a lot of nods from the City Council."

Another factor that may have impacted this election is a notably high voter turnout. With 15,000 votes, it was the highest-turnout Lansing mayoral primary in the 21st century so far.

City Clerk Chris Swope attributed that turnout to Michigan's new permanent mail-in ballot list, which allows voters to sign up once to receive an absentee ballot in every election, as opposed to repeating the process each time. He said many signed up for the list in the 2024 presidential election, leading to "nearly 23,000 people that got a ballot mailed to them" in this election.

Grossmann said it made sense to attribute the 16% increase in voter turnout over 2021 to this system, because "it's easier to raise turnout from a low-turnout election."

Even while money had a very high correlation with victory among Council candidates, it wasn't everything. Julie Vandenboom, who didn't seek the Chamber's endorsement (nor receive it), secured second place over Clara Martinez by three votes despite raising around $7,000 less than Martinez. And in the 4th Ward, Peter Spadafore's competitor will be Heath Lowry, an attorney who earned 26.5% of the vote with $5,000. But Lowry has been endorsed by Zacharie Spurlock, who earned 16.5% in finishing last in a three-candidate race.



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Despite spending under $1,000, Kelsey Hector advanced to the Nov. 4 General Election to run against incumbent Lansing Mayor Andy Schor.

If everyone who voted for Spurlock votes for Lowry in November, Spadafore will have a tight race ahead despite his monetary advantage.

Hector said she will continue her current approach in her bid for the mayoral seat.

"This relationship-building model has been working for us, and we'll continue to do it," she said.

With a background in fund development, she said she was surprised to pull through. But she said increased awareness of campaign finance gave her hope that grassroots campaigns like hers might be gaining viability.

"The tide is changing," she said.

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Why won't City Hall tell us what properties are red-tagged?

By BERL SCHWARTZ

Opinion

City Pulse is in an arm-wrestling match with the city of Lansing over public information.

Back in April, I asked for a "current" list of red-tagged properties. The fodder well was running dry for our "Eyesore of the Week" feature, and properties the city has tagged as unsafe are often eyesores.

My Freedom of Information Act request was denied because there was no "current" list. Instead, I was offered the latest list, which was generated in January.

If the Schor administration has its way, it will be the last red-tagged properties' list ever produced.

Why?

I was given two reasons.

One was that the list maker had retired.

The implication here is that making a red-tag list is a lost art. However, it was not exactly being chiseled in stone. The information is all in a database. My guess is someone could figure it out.

The other reason the city gave me was that homeless people might move into red-tagged properties if the list were published.

Now, I'm not going to argue that would never happen. In fact, just two days ago, a reader called me to ask for an "Eyesore" on a hitherto vacant house that she thinks a squatter is occupying.

But I will argue that the public's right to know supersedes this concern.

The city doesn't agree. Last month, I resubmitted my FOIA, this time acknowledging no "current" list existed and asking the city to create one.

The city responded within five business days, as it is required to do. Its response was to inform me it was taking 10 more business days, as it is allowed to do. I'm confident it almost always gives that answer, no matter the question. After all, what's the rush? It's only citizens seeking public information.

The response said I would have an answer Aug. 5.

On Aug. 7, my answer arrived, but only after I posted an online story about how I hadn't received an answer.

The answer was … that my request was denied because no such list existed. Surprise.

Actually, I was surprised. I had told the Mayor's Office that if we could skip the FOIA rigamarole, I would give my word not to publish the list. I just wanted it as a source for "Eyesore."

I thought some common sense might prevail, but the Schor administration seems determined to deny the public its right to know, even when City Pulse offered a compromise.

Why this adamancy?

Let me hearken back to when Bob Johnson ran the Economic Development Department under Mayor Virg Bernero. Our "Eyesore" feature drove Johnson up the wall because he saw it as casting a bad light on the city. I look at "Eyesore" as trying to put pressure on property owners to fix up their properties. Maybe the Schor administration has a Bob Johnson complex.

Or maybe the Economic Development Department doesn't want attention called to how it handles red-tagged properties. Maybe the process needs a spotlight on it. Maybe the red-tagged list is getting longer.

Maybe the department is not as progressive and aggressive as it should be.

After all, the city just took three years to require landlords to pay for housing for residents who are dispossessed because of red-tagging. Three years! And, by the way, landlords are only on the hook for $2,250. Given that some properties have been red-tagged for years, landlords got off cheap in that deal.

Maybe City Hall is not pushing hard enough for tenant rights, starting at the top. Maybe, given the city's housing shortage, finding out what the administration is doing about red-tagged properties needs a closer look.

So does how the city deals with FOIA requests. Can the city really believe that the public's right to know is limited to what is already on a piece of paper, as opposed to what is easily accessible in its database — something it used to produce, no less? Hello 21st century.

My appeal is in the works. Stay tuned.

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

Lansing Councilmembers could soon face fines if they miss meetings

In her day job, missing three days of work with no excuse would likely get Trini Pehlivanoglu fired, she said. As a City Councilmember, she would face no consequences at all.

That's because, despite Lansing's City Charter's allowing City Council to regulate its own attendance, it never has. That has led to problems, such as when Councilmember Brian Jackson "forgot" to attend 11 out of 12 Ways and Means Committee meetings in 2020.

An ordinance proposed by Pehlivanoglu and Council President Ryan Kost would set definitions — and consequences — for missing Council and committee meetings.

They would include a written warning for a first unexcused absence and censure by Council after a second. Missing a third and subsequent Council meeting would cost 1/26 of salary per unexcused absence For committees, members would be fined $100 per meeting. Five subsequently missed Council meetings would get an unexcused member booted.

Pehlivanoglu said the ordinance's main purpose is setting limits for "excused" absences. Councilmembers would have to request an excused absence at least an hour before a meeting, excepting extraordinary circumstances.

"If I am calling in sick at work, there are parameters around that in my day job," she said. "It is common sense to have some of those parameters spelled out for council members."

Adam Hussain, who is the Council's longest-serving member at nearly 10 years, said "there has really been no protocol in place for request and approval of absences."

"Any time someone notified the chair of a committee that they weren't going to be there, they were given an automatic excused absence," he said.

Hussain agrees that defining parameters for excused absences is the most essential part of the ordinance. He estimated that 75% of excused absences in his tenure would have been unexcused under the proposed ordinance.

He said he hoped the ordinance would help would-be councilmembers know whether the job was right for them.

"Folks need to know what's on their plate, and that they have an absolute responsibility to attend," he said.

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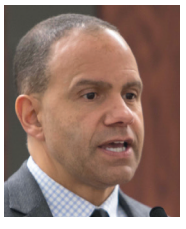
NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES

The Lansing City Council unanimously approved the purchase of 50 ModPod temporary shelter units from Kalamazoo to create a city-funded community for unhoused individuals. The units cost $640,000, including storage. The city of Kalamazoo is selling the units at about half the cost of new units, after abandoning a plan to use them. More than a dozen individuals advocated for the shelters at Monday's Council meeting as a first step for a more comprehensive plan for the city's homeless population. Some of the units are 8-foot cubes for individuals; others are twice as long and intended for two people or potentially families — include heating and cooling units and mattresses. The city is still finding a location for the units and said they do not have an estimated cost for the installation.

Bath Township police took a man into custody after a standoff on the 6000 block of Maple Lane on Monday. Police responded to a contempt of court complaint that the man was violating an undisclosed order. The man refused to open his door or allow the children to leave. Police said the man owned multiple guns and regularly carried a weapon. He surrendered to police after they obtained an arrest warrant and spoke to him with a negotiator "throw phone," which they had thrown through a window. The man was taken to Clinton County Jail on charges of unlawful imprisonment and resisting arrest.



Waverly Community Schools has named Glenn Mitcham as its next superintendent, replacing Kelly Blake, who retired this year. Mitcham has been the deputy superintendent for East Lansing Public Schools. On its Facebook page, the district said, "Mitcham's approachability, sincerity, experience working in highly successful districts and planned strategic focus on the district's mission to meet the needs of students became the deciding factor for many Board members." The Board chose Mitcham from about 30 candidates.

MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz introduced a revised version of his "MSU 2030: Excellence for Global Impact" strategic plan, initially created in 2021, in a press release Thursday. The plan maintains priorities of student success, staff and faculty success, discovery and innovation for impact, sustainable health, stewardship for a sustainable future, and access, opportunity and excellence — with corresponding objectives and supporting actions. But it also adds unifying themes, including growing talent for Michigan and beyond, driving health transformation, enrolling for the future, building community together and achieving next-generation operations and organization. It hopes to increase the six-year undergraduate graduation rate by 5% to reach 86% by 2030, achieve $1 billion in total research expenditures by 2030 and triple funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. MSU will be trying to achieve these goals despite having to lay off staff and reduce spending by 9% across the board due to federal cuts.

Haslett Public Schools Superintendent Patrick Malley sent a letter to district families to address allegations of the sexual assault of students at Murphy Elementary School, WKAR News reported. The letter discusses the district's response to reports made in May by four Murphy students who said another student inappropriately touched them during recess. An independent third-party law firm is conducting an ongoing Title IX investigation for the district. Malley said the district also launched an internal investigation, interviewed staff and all five students involved, contacted their parents and engaged local law enforcement to review the matter. The district increased supervision and monitoring in all areas of the school, as well as during field trips and school activities, he added, and "provided additional supportive measures to help foster a safe, nurturing learning environment for all students." Some parents and residents criticized the district, alleging it violated state law by not immediately reporting the incidents to Child Protective Services.

Potter Park Zoo announced that its rare black rhino, Doppsee, is recovering well after a medical procedure. She has been out of her enclosure for two weeks since staff noticed her diminished appetite and other signs that indicated declining health. Veterinarians performed an upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy and found that a gastric obstruction was causing her health issues. Doppsee is 18 and came to the zoo in 2011.

Claire's, an Illinois-based fashion accessories chain that has three Greater Lansing locations, has filed for bankruptcy for a second time in seven years and says more than 1,100 stores could close soon. Claire's has locations at the Meridian Mall in Okemos, at Lansing Mall and in Charlotte, inside the Walmart store. The company, which is trying to sell 800 of its remaining stores, did not indicate whether the Lansing-area stores would be closing and when.

Public Safety

Lansing police are investigating an incident in which a car crashed into a home on the 3800 block of Wilson Avenue. Police said no one inside the home was injured and that they located the suspected car near the scene, but the driver had vacated it.

SORE OF THE WEEK

Moores Park, Lansing

There's growing anticipation for the restoration of historic Moores Park Pool, expected to be completed in 2026. Meanwhile, however, the park sign on Moores River Drive and some equipment and infrastructure inside the city-owned property sorely need to be replaced or repaired. A member of the Politics in Lansing Facebook group recently posted 14 photos of various scenes of the park, illustrating this and inspiring more than 40 comments and debate.

There's good news. City spokesperson Scott Bean said that the pool work is on schedule, construction is ongoing in both the locker rooms and on the exterior, and that the $6.2 million state-funded project will include a new sign when the 102-year-old pool reopens next summer. He added that the city will use funds from the just-renewed Lansing Park millage to restore the former tennis/basketball courts, which are going out to bid for resurfacing. "Our goal is to have this be completed in early 2026," he said. "We also had issues with the condition of the vegetation around the restroom, pavilion, and the basketball court area that have been addressed."

In 2023, the state allocated $6.2 million to restore the pool. Maintenance issues forced its closure in 2019.

— 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.

Look at all the Republicans and Dems who donated to Duggan

Republicans and Democrats are starting to get nervous about Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's gubernatorial candidacy, and for good reason.

Republicans and Democrats alike are donating to him.

I wrote a couple of weeks ago about how he's outraising the field at this point, scoring donations from a lot of instate business professionals as opposed to relying on a national email list operated by a national contractor.

Now, maybe these same people — at some point — will write checks to the 2026 Democratic or Republican nominees. Perhaps these business leaders are hedging their bets, as executives often do.

We're still 15 months away from the general election, so anything is possible.

But at this point, Republicans are claiming Duggan is a Democrat disguised as an independent. Democrats claim Duggan is a Republican bankrolled by Trump loyalists.

However, the numbers don't show either. The money shows that there's bipartisan curiosity.

Former Michigan Republican Party Chair Ron Weiser and former Michigan Democratic Party Chair Melvin "Butch" Hollowell have given to Duggan. Five former Democratic lawmakers and two Republican lawmakers did so, too.

Former Sen. Buzz Thomas, former Sen. Marshall Bullock and former Reps. Brian Banks, Lisa Howze and Keith Stallworth all represented Detroit in the state Capitol. They all donated to Duggan. Former Republican Rep. Kurt Heise and former Republican Rep.-turned Democratic Wayne County Commissioner Gary Woronchak donated, too.

At least six key members of former Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's cabinet and inner circle gave to Duggan: former Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore, former MEDC head Steve Hilfinger, former key adviser Richard Baird, former Treasurer Nick Khouri, former Community Health Director Jim Haveman and former Michigan Agency for Energy Director Valerie Brader.

Former state Superintendent Mike Flanagan gave, too, but the Board of Education appointed him, and he served under both Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Snyder.

Former Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang and former Democratic-nominated Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. gave, too.

We had two current Democratic members of the University of Michigan Board of Regents — Mark Bernstein and Denise Ilitch — and two former Republican members of the U-M Board — Weiser and Andrea Newman — who gave to Duggan.

Democratic Michigan State University Trustee Rebecca Bahar-Cook gave to Duggan, along with former MSU Trustee Dem Colleen McNamara. They join former Republican MSU trustees Jeff Sakwa and Patrick O'Keefe and Snyder-appointed former MSU Trustee Nancy Schlichting, who didn't disclose her party affiliation. Wayne State University Governors Anil Kumar and Bryan Barnhill II, both nominated by the Democratic Party, gave to him.

In terms of reliably Republican donors giving to the mayor, there were Weiser, JC Huizenga, six members of the Nicholson family of PVS Chemical fame and Roger Penske.

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer gave $2,500 to the mayor, as did Patrick Devlin, the secretary and treasurer for the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council, and former Democratic Party Treasurer David Mittleman.

Here's my count: If you combine all of the known Republican Duggan contributors into one bucket and the known Democratic contributors into a second bucket, you'll get roughly $50,000 in each one. However, the numbers double on the Republican side if you factor in the traditional Republican contributors like the Karamaros family.

Likewise, the overall numbers don't show Duggan as necessarily attracting more Republicans than Democrats or vice versa. Even the polling we've seen up to this point from the Glengariff Group, in particular, shows Duggan is taking away support almost equally from Republicans and Democrats.

It's something that Glengariff pollster Richard Czuba said: "In my 43 years of polling ... I've never seen this before."

Czuba added that Duggan still has a long road to go. He's hardly known outside of Metro Detroit. He's still running Michigan's largest city.

That's hard on the partisans. The way they see it, whoever successfully paints Duggan as a tool for "the other guy" wins.

If neither can do that, maybe neither wins.

(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol news service MIRS. You can email him at melinnky@gmail.com.)

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Notice is hereby given that the Director of Community Development and Planning of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Room, located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, to hear all persons interested in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) minor amendment request from Gregoire & Rachel Michaud. The request is for a minor amendment to the Greens at Walnut Hills planned unit development (PUD #86014) to combine lots 40 and 41. The subject site is zoned RAA (Single Family-Low Density).

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (phone 517-853-4560), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to Keith Chapman, Associate Planner, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to chapman@meridian.mi.us.

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Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann said poetry will add "another dimension" to the public's enjoyment of the wildlife, flowers and ecological benefits of the Tollgate Wetlands. The work of the "We Are Water" poetry contest winners will be displayed on durable, creatively designed "weathering steel" signs similar to the informational signs at Tollgate and the Groesbeck Drain (pictured).

The poet and the drain commissioner

Two streams converge in 'We Are Water' poetry contest

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

No one likes to take a pop quiz after reading something, so let's get it over with now.

Which of the following two statements was made by Lansing's poet laureate, and which was made by the Ingham County drain commissioner?

A: "Poetry is a form of art, and it's also a form of communication."

B: "The water rushes over crushed limestone, which helps remove the acidity."

Of course, it's a trick question. Pat Lindemann, Ingham County's ecologically conscious drain commissioner, is also a poet (and a painter and a musician), so, of course, he said "A." Ruelaine Stokes, now in her second year as Lansing poet laureate, is not a drain commissioner, but she's starting to sound like one.

At the end of July, Stokes learned she was one of 23 poets laureate across the nation to receive a $50,000 fellowship from the Academy of American Poets to mount a community project. Hers will literally take local poetry down the drain.

"We Are Water" poetry contest

Friday, Aug. 15–Oct. 17

Contest guidelines:

Open to residents of Clinton, Ingham and Eaton counties, age 10 and older.

Participants can submit up to three poems, each with no more than 25 lines.

Five winners will receive a $150 cash award. The winning poems will be featured on signs along the walking paths in the Tollgate Wetlands, 1101 N. Fairview Ave., Lansing.

For specific prompts and helpful hints to get the juices flowing, see the contest website: ruelainestokes.com/wearewater

Poems must be submitted individually by Oct. 17 to PoetryPathway71@gmail.com. Participants should include their name in the subject line, along with the title of the poem.

Emails should include two copies of the poem (each in a Microsoft Word document): one with the participant's full name, age, address, phone number and email address, and one without any identifying information.

The tri-county "We Are Water" poetry contest will place five poems on durable plaques in the Tollgate Wetlands, Lindemann's eco-friendly stormwater management mini-paradise on the city's near east side.

With future support, Lindemann and Stokes hope to add poetry to two more of the region's stormwater management showpieces, the Groesbeck Drain on the north side of town and the newly completed Montgomery Drain next to the Frandor Shopping Center.

Enshrining verses contributed by the community amid the wildflowers, turtle beds and holding ponds of Lindemann's nature-mimicking drains is a pleasant enough prospect.

But this confluence of poetry and stormwater management says much more about its two principal movers, and about the quality of life in greater Lansing.

How did these streams get crossed?

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‘Who doesn’t like tardigrades?’

On a summer afternoon in 2024, Stokes paid a casual visit to the Tollgate Wetlands.

Goldfinches swarmed over thistles. Bullfrogs grunted from the shallows. Right away, she knew this was no ordinary piece of infrastructure.

Stokes has been a vigorous voice in the Lansing poetry scene for decades, organizing hundreds of events and taking part in many more. When she became Lansing’s poet laureate in 2024, she looked for more ways to bring poetry into people’s lives.

She first envisioned putting poetry in city parks or along the Lansing River Trail. A fellow poet told her about sturdy informational signs at Tollgate that might suit her purpose.

It was supposed to be a prosaic fact-finding visit, but the moment Stokes heard the trickling of water along the limestone cascade and beheld the foliage and wildlife in the southernmost treatment pond, her course was diverted.

“Tollgate is a piece of paradise right here in the city of Lansing,” she said. “It’s right next to Oakland Avenue, one of our major roadways, and there are busy streets on both sides. Yet as you come in, you hear the sound of rushing water, the music of leaves fluttering in the wind, and you come into a peaceful place of ponds, wildlife and beautiful vegetation. I just fell in love with it.”

Instead of inspecting the signs for design and durability, she found herself reading them.

She learned how stormwater is routed through a system of three holding ponds, oxygenated by a series of cascades and lined with natural filters (peat, clay and other materials) that clean the water.

By sending overflow into a similar set of ponds and filters at the nearby Groesbeck Golf Course, Tollgate can handle a 500-year flood without putting any water in the Red Cedar River, according to Lindemann.

“As I started to read the signs, I realized the wetland has this very important and serious purpose,” Stokes said. “I’d never really thought about stormwater management before. I didn’t think about why one place flooded and another didn’t, or how the bad water became good water, and this was a revelation to me.”

Stokes contacted Lindemann’s office to inquire about the signs, but Lindemann did more than refer her to a sign-making company. He invited her to another signature drain project, the Montgomery Drain, a massive undertaking 30 years in the making and only completed last fall.

The verdant, rolling hills of the drain area are tucked bizarrely next to the butt end of the Frandor Shopping Center and serve a square mile of densely packed strip malls, retail businesses and highways.

Stokes and Lindemann walked the paths and beheld the enormous grand cascade on the north end of the drain.

“He explained how the water circulates, how the different natural elements work to remove pollution, how it’s all connected,” Stokes said.

From the ponds behind the Red Cedar Development, the water is pumped to the north end of Ranney Park, where it travels over a spectacular, fizzy cascade that injects more oxygen into it.

The cascade is the drain’s showstopper. Lit dramatically at night, it’s a Cinerama spectacle, anchored by two huge curtains of corrugated limestone. The folds increase the surface area of the water exposed to the limestone.

In between, from the great cascade southward to Michigan Avenue, are a series of Tollgate-style holding ponds and natural filters.

“This watershed produces 50,000 to 75,000 pounds of pollutants each year,” Lindemann said. “In this facility, I can handle 100,000 pounds of pollutants in a year.”

Lindemann made use of the Michigan Avenue meridian to route the water into rain gardens and pump it over cascades that will later be topped with sculptures.

Lindemann told Stokes that there’s a lot of phosphorus in the Montgomery Drain stormwater, so phosphorus-eating algae, and the organisms that eat them, are VIP guests.

These include tardigrades, or water bears, microscopic organisms that eat all kinds of junk.

Tardigrades are a hot item these days. You can get plush tardigrades, tardigrade nightlights, tardigrade PJs. They mob the Montgomery Drain in the millions.

Lindemann said he “checks on them” now and then using his own microscope, but he didn’t go into detail. (Do they need reassurance?)

Odds are, the “We Are Water” poetry contest will produce at least one paean to tardigrades. The question is, dactylic pentameter or free verse?

“Who doesn’t like tardigrades?” Stokes said. “They eat pollution.”

Lindemann told Stokes of his plans

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Courtesy photo

One of 15 interpretive signs at the Groesbeck Drain.

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Lansing Poet Laureate Ruelaine Stokes was so moved by the natural wonders of the Tollgate Wetlands that she applied for — and won — a national grant to launch the “We Are Water” poetry contest.

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to make art a part of the Montgomery Drain project. Pedestals are already in place for dozens of sculptures to be installed throughout the drain, funded by a nonprofit organization, Art in the Wild, that was co-founded by Lindemann and his ex-wife, Melody Angel.

“Poetry is a form of art, and it’s also a form of communication,” Lindemann said. (But you know that already from the opening quiz.) “If I can preach clean water through art and poetry and have it paid for by somebody other than the taxpayer, then hah — bingo.”

He suggested that Stokes center the public poetry project on clean water.

Stokes said she was thinking the same thing but was waiting for him to bring up the idea.

“I thought it would be presumptuous of me to suggest that,” Stokes said. “But when he did, I thought, ‘Great.’ It was tremendously exciting that the drain commissioner understood how art and social spaces can work together, the way art can add dimension to people’s experience of our common space.”

Lindemann and Stokes hope that future grants will allow them to extend the poetry from Tollgate to the Montgomery and Groesbeck drains.

“Her poetry contest poems will go on signs just like this. One could go right here,” Lindemann said, pointing to an informational sign explaining the workings of the filtration pond. The steel stand, made of naturally oxidizing “weathering steel,” is etched with the silhouette of a bee. The stands are bolted to thick concrete pedestals, ready to weather any flood nature can throw at them.

“The base is permanent, but the sign can be removed and replaced,” he said.

“They’re beautiful and incredibly sturdy,” Stokes said. “The base should last about 100 years, and the plate should last about 20.”

At first, Stokes thought of displaying poems by famous poets that rhapsodize about the importance of water, but she decided against it.

“There’s so much to be gained by involving the community in writing,” she said.

Stokes loves to discover local gems and share her excitement with others. In 2023, she and one of her predecessors as poet laureate, Laura Apol, created a contest called “My Secret Lansing,” inviting local poets to write about a person or place they love. The contest gave birth to a published collection of 86 poems and 55 prose entries.

“Because of that, I had a model in my mind of how to create a contest, and that makes it easier to do it a second time,” Stokes said.

The finished poems will be the end result of a process Stokes hopes will change peoples’ lives.

“I suggest people spend time walking around Tollgate, notebook in hand, and just record what they experience,” she said.

To quicken the creative juices, the contest website offers several prompts and hints for aspiring poets, courtesy of Stokes and Toby Altman. Altman is an assistant professor in MSU’s Residential College for the Arts and Humanities and director of RCAH’s Center for Poetry, a supporter of the “We Are Water” project.

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Recreating natural methods of cleaning stormwater in a busy urban area calls for inventive solutions, like this rain garden tucked into the median of Grand River Avenue near Frandor, part of the Montgomery Drain.

“I grew up in the country as a little kid, running around outdoors in southern California, and I lived close to nature,” Stokes said. “But as I grew up and moved into the city, I became more of a bookish kid. I’m not a nature expert at all. This is giving me an opportunity to learn. Now I’m excited about tardigrades.”

Collateral repair

Water imagery, in the form of rain, rivers, dew and ice, saturates Stokes’ autobiographical verse. Often, she identifies intimately with the life-giving fluid. Her poem “Nowhere so safe” reads: “Endlessly, clear water/in the creek runs/over stones./Which are you, my dear?/Which am I?”

In her poem “Talking with the Angel,” a child is advised by a watchful angel to carve the ice from “a frozen fountain of regret” and warm it in her hands: “The ice will become water./Water will quench your thirst.”

Lindemann identifies with water in his own way.

Standing in the middle of the Montgomery Drain, he swept his arm in the direction of Frandor and Lansing’s east side.

“This is a hundred-year floodplain,” he said. “It’s going to flood. I can’t stop that, so I’m partnering with the water. I’m doing what the water wants to do naturally.”

“I think we’re kindred spirits,” Stokes said. “People talk about ‘left brain, right brain,’ but it’s more complex than that. We both have the part that’s fact-based and practical, as well as the part that makes big connections, that can see possibilities in situations not everyone can see.”

They also agree on the power of local action. Arts funding and support for environmentally conscious infrastructure may be in free fall at the national level, but both are alive and kicking in Greater Lansing, thanks to people like Stokes and Lindemann.

“There’s a Chinese proverb,” Stokes said. “‘The emperor may change, but the shape of the well remains the same.’ What we do on the local level is tremendously important. The fundamental ways we engage with one another, with the environment, are up to us.”

When Lindemann was a kid, he played in the wooded thickets of Bancroft Park on Lansing’s north side and skated on a frozen pond at the south end of the park.

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A hiker enjoys the trail that surrounds the meadow-like Groesbeck Drain and threads into the forest of the adjoining Bancroft Park.

Now, the park is part of the Groesbeck Drain, a three-stage system that filters polluted stormwater in an industrial area of north Lansing.

The hills of Bancroft Park are crowned by a towering second-growth forest that instantly takes the visitor away from their industrial surroundings. Viewpoints look out on the toy-like carts and fairways of Groesbeck Golf Course, which Lindemann has all but converted into a final treatment system for the drain.

“I’ve never met two watersheds that are the same,” Lindemann said.

While the Tollgate Drain is designed to control flooding and scour stormwater before it goes into the Red Cedar River, and the Montgomery Drain protects the river from an onslaught of tons of pollutants caused by urban overdevelopment, the Groesbeck Drain shields the groundwater below from decades of accumulated pollution.

Hidden stone and concrete dams, valves and pipes keep the stormwater from collecting in a sunken pond below the golf course, where it used to accumulate near a contaminated ash pit.

Before the drain was built, polluted stormwater and runoff from upstream soaked the groundwater area and made its way into the aquifer that supplies the city of Lansing with most of its drinking water.

The drain works in three stages, beginning with Tollgate-style filtering ponds and incorporating the city-owned Bancroft Park and adjoining Groesbeck Golf Course.

This area sits on the last remaining section of the Mason Esker, a remarkable underground layer of sand, gravel and stones deposited by glaciers.

Lindemann straightened his stance in his tracksuit and sandals, as if he were hunting mastodons in the Cenozoic Era.

“Right where we’re standing, there were two to two-and-a-half miles of ice, straight up,” he said.

Wherever the ice cracked, the meltwater deposited tons of gravel and sand scoured from the earth by the slow movement of the glacier, forming the esker.

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Gravity obligingly sorted the deposits into clay, sand, gravel, pebbles and stones, creating a one-stop shop for decades of industrial use.

“This is the only remaining portion of the esker, which is roughly 22 miles long and goes all the way to Mason,” Lindemann said.

Cement factories, highway engineers and the builders of the Eckert Power Station all used portions of the esker to build the Lansing of today, but there was a price.

Thanks to the Groesbeck Drain and surrounding infrastructure, stormwater no longer sinks 300 feet into the ground, where a two-mile-long plume of pollution still awaits cleanup. The pollution includes industrial products from as far back as World War I, including waste from the Motor Wheel plant and decades of accumulated fly ash from the Lansing Board of Water and Light’s coal-burning plants.

The holding ponds filter the water using natural methods, à la Tollgate, with a second stage of filtering ponds on the neighboring golf course. (The water also irrigates the golf course.)

When more than half an inch of rain falls, a 3-foot-wide pipe brings the excess clean water all the way to the Grand River in Old Town.

“This whole system is designed to stop pollution from entering the groundwater,” Lindemann said.

The ambitious project brought with it the opposite of collateral damage. Might as well call it collateral repair. The forested part of Bancroft Park, once a cluttered and forgotten city park, is now a place of refuge for strollers, hikers and office cubicle refugees.

Even the humble holding ponds of the Groesbeck Drain teem with birds, bees, butterflies and wildflowers. The ponds are ringed by 700 young trees, including poplars, locusts and Lindemann’s favorite, the majestic pin oak.

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On a tour of the Groesbeck Drain, Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann will tell you that long-rooted native plants scour stormwater, while poet Pat Lindemann will tell you that the tiny red flower in the middle of Queen Anne’s lace (not a native plant) represents the “bloody stump” of beheaded Anne Boleyn, who wore lace collars.

Lindemann estimates he’s planted 4,000 trees this year in 30 drains throughout the county, most of them provided at no cost by local nonprofit environmental groups.

The plants not only surround the ponds but also form a cleansing thatch attached to several artificial floating islands. The roots hang in the water and help to remove pollutants.

“They’re scouring pads, just like in your kitchen,” Lindemann said.

Aerial photos of the ponds show the water changing color, from a murky brown to green, as it moves past the islands.

Lindemann paused to look at a low area in the brush.

“Look, some deer lay down and took a nap here.”

In their prime

As Lindemann and Stokes sang their duet about the life-giving magic of water, one note was conspicuously missing: the last one.

Lindemann is 77, and Stokes is 81. Both of them have achieved the goals of a lifetime.

After decades of nurturing the spoken-word scene she helped to create, Stokes published her first collection in 2020, was named Lansing’s poet laureate last year and has now earned a nationally prestigious grant most poets can only dream of.

“It’s amazing. It’s my life’s dream,” she said. “The grant is for $50,000. $15,000 is to be used for the community poetry project, and the other $35,000 is to support my development as a writer, which, to me, is astounding. I just can’t believe it.”

Last year, Lindemann put the capstone on the Montgomery Drain, the latest in a series of signature drain projects, from Towar Gardens to the Groesbeck Drain and the Tollgate Wetlands.

They’re both entitled to legacy talk, yet neither of them mentioned the word.

Retirement didn’t come up, either.

Lindemann was re-elected as drain commissioner just last year and has four years left in his term. He’s got half a dozen major projects on his planning board, beginning with a plan to stabilize the flood-prone Urbandale neighborhood on Lansing’s east side.

After a scary 2020 bout of chronic lymphocytic leukemia, a form of blood cancer, he just had his latest six-month checkup and is still cancer-free.

“I’ll be drain commissioner when I’m 100,” he said with typically earnest hyperbole.

Stokes is more reticent about personal matters, but she’s just as indefatigable.

“It’s amazing how the doctors keep us going,” she said during a recent visit to Tollgate, but her dry smile clipped off that line of talk.

She had neither the time nor the inclination to waste a second gabbing about her health in the sun-dappled wetland, with ducks and hawks and butterflies and turtles and wildflowers and dragonflies to marvel at.

She did, however, have a bag of ideas on how to bring poetry into the community, beginning with the “We Are Water” project. And projects don’t even begin to define her approach to life. With each day, she looks at the world with ever-widening eyes.

As she marveled over the natural wonders of Tollgate, an inquisitive duck waddled out from the lily pads and approached her bench. The morning sun danced on his green and gray feathers, illuminating each precious drop of water as it rolled down his back.

Stokes leaned forward and pitched her voice to a resonant whisper for an audience of one.

“Hello, hello, hello.”

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Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

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The Wild Shoats open Ten Pound Fiddle's 51st season on Sept. 4 at The Robin Theatre.

Ten Pound Fiddle enters 51st year with 70 folk-filled events

By RICH TUPICA

After five decades, you might expect Ten Pound Fiddle to ease up. Instead, the long-running Lansing-area folk music series is more energized than ever, launching its 51st season this fall with a wide-ranging slate of 70 events, from Celtic and Cajun to blues, swing and Americana.

"This season," booking manager Sally Potter said, "we have booked 39 concerts, added eight 'Tune In' evenings at The Robin Theatre, included 19 dances, and we'll also feature four Fiddle Scout gatherings, for a total of 70 events between September and June."

Since its founding in 1975 on Michigan State University's campus, Ten Pound Fiddle has been a gathering place for folk enthusiasts, music lovers and curious newcomers alike. Its mission has remained consistent over the years: to bring exceptional live folk music to mid-Michigan in an accessible, community-driven setting.

Now more than ever, that community is growing — and getting louder.

The 2025-'26 season kicks off Sept. 4 with a concert by The Wild Shoats, an emerging old-time band stopping in East Lansing en route to the Wheatland Music Festival. From there, the schedule builds into a vibrant blend of styles and traditions. Highlights include four Celtic acts, three Quebecois groups, seven acclaimed singer-songwriters and a healthy mix of old-time, Cajun, swing, blues and Americana performers. The series also includes participatory community sings and family-friendly gatherings.

"Music lovers want a safe, comfortable, inexpensive opportunity to experience exceptional live music and dance," Potter said. "The Ten Pound Fiddle has offered this to mid-Michigan for 50 years. This 51st season is no different."

While a single genre doesn't define the Fiddle, it's unified by a spirit of connection. Whether it's an intimate show at a listening room or a packed auditorium performance, each event is about building community through song.

Potter expects big crowds this year for big-name acts like Solas, Beau-Soleil, The Mammals, Windborne, May Erlewine, Lucy Kaplansky and Dan Chouinard, who will appear at the Mid-Winter Singing and Folk Festival.

Still, she said, "The Fiddle books venues that will hold each concert's expected turnout. If there's a chance the show will sell out, a low ticket alert will be posted."

Ten Pound Fiddle is far from a one-stage operation. Concerts and events are held at multiple venues across Lansing and East Lansing, including The Robin Theatre, University United Methodist Church and other community spaces.

Many shows are co-produced with like-minded partners, including Elderly Instruments, the Women in the Arts Festival, the Peace Education Center's Alternative Holiday Sale and The Robin Theatre. These collaborations, Potter said, help bring "more people under the folk music umbrella and more music to the community."

Following last season's milestone 50th anniversary, Potter said the Fiddle is still riding a wave of energy and enthusiasm.

"We're riding high on the tremendous turnout and support from last season," she said.

That momentum is critical because, while the performances may look seamless from the audience's perspective, the Fiddle's inner workings rely entirely on volunteer labor. A 10-member volunteer board oversees the nonprofit, with each member responsible for different operational areas. Around 50 additional volunteers help with publicity, sound, setup, refreshments, ticketing and takedown. In return, they receive free admission to shows and the satisfaction of keeping the music alive.

"Over the years, hundreds of people have volunteered for the Fiddle," Potter said.

That grassroots foundation also helps keep tickets affordable. Most shows are $25 for the general public and $20 for Fiddle members. Students with a valid ID can attend for just $5.

"For many of us, Fiddle concerts are a refuge from the grind of working and going to school," Potter said. "Music students can view working musicians in their element. The $5 ticket makes it easier for all students to attend."

Affordable pricing, she added, remains a core part of the organization's mission.

"Over the years, the Fiddle has balanced high-level performances with lower ticket prices," she said. "This is accomplished by renting, not owning, venue spaces and running the entire organization with volunteers. And there's plenty of free parking at all venues."

Becoming a Fiddle member helps support those efforts. Season memberships, available online and at events, not only reduce ticket costs but also help sustain behind-the-scenes operations.

"Membership funds help support the 'outside' expenses of the Fiddle," Potter said, "including upgrading sound equipment, keeping up the website and sponsoring 'Folk with Matt Watroba' on WKAR radio."

Watroba's long-running folk program airs Saturday nights from 6 to 8 and Sunday nights from 6 to 9. It's been a crucial platform for the Fiddle, helping expose audiences to upcoming artists before they hit the stage locally.

"Matt's show has been a godsend for the Fiddle," Potter said. "Each Sunday, thousands of people listen to Matt's expertly curated sets of folk music, including songs by acts coming to the Fiddle. This is especially important for acts visiting the Fiddle for the first time. This fall, listeners can fall in love with the music of Cecilia, Aleksi Campagne and Paul McKenna and then plan to see them live at the Fiddle."

The upcoming season also continues the Fiddle's commitment to youth programming through its Fiddle Scouts series, designed for children ages 3 to 13. These events encourage music exploration and participation at a young age — another way the organization ensures the folk tradition stays vibrant and multigenerational.

In the end, the Fiddle's longevity isn't about nostalgia. It's about fostering something that still feels relevant: real people, playing real instruments, telling real stories.

"The schedule is filled with top-notch artists who have a knack for connecting with the audience," Potter said.

That connection is what has kept the Ten Pound Fiddle thriving for 51 years — and what promises to keep it going for many seasons to come.

Ten Pound Fiddle 2025-'26 season

For the full schedule and list of venues: tenpoundfiddle.org

FIRST SHOW: The Wild Shoats

8-10:30 p.m. Sept. 4
The Robin Theatre
1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

Courtesy photos

Local folk hero Jen Sygit, along with Mike Ward, follows The Wild Shoats up with another Robin Theatre show on Sept. 11.

What's in a door? A local photographer's new book shows you

By BILL CASTANIER

From the gothic, elegant Duke University Chapel entryway to the Coney Island Scream Zone gate, Mason author and photographer Jeffry S. Boerger shows us the door(s) in his new photographic book.

"The Perception of Doors" is a 150-page, four-color compendium of more than 140 doors, gates and passages that Boerger shot in his travels to 17 states and one Canadian province.

Some doors invite you in, like the open door of the brew pub in Ann Arbor. Others, like the condemned residence in Brooklyn with five locks and a security camera, send the message, "Don't even think about it."

Boerger also creatively juxtaposes doors on facing pages, such as the entry to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City and the much smaller Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He also pairs the gangway to the SS United States, on which he sailed at 17, with a man exiting a bus in Denver.

Many of the facing pages have pairings that are humorous, serious or adventurous in odd ways. The photographer stresses that although some are obvious pairings, others are left for the "viewer to interpret."

He wrote in his introduction that vacations became pilgrimages to photograph doors.

He found one door in our own backyard. The robot Z-53 graces the back door of the Katalyst Gallery on Turner Street in Old Town, which Bob Rose, a local artist and muralist, painted. Rose has an ongoing exhibit of 30 prints at MICA Gallery, two doors down from Katalyst.

In addition to his photography skills, Boerger was active in local theater as a set designer and an actor for more than 30 years. He also uses his creative skills in folk music and custom woodworking. He can trace his set design experience to an internship with BoarsHead Theater.

Boerger said he wanted his first photographic book be a journey for the viewer that helps them "dive into the personal well of memory."

Boerger's obsession with doors began innocently, photographing one here and there.

Everyone will have a favorite door from the book. Mine is the entry to the freak show at Coney Island.

The doors in Boerger's book are constructed of every imaginable material: stone, glass, wood, mirrors and steel bars. Regardless, most of them seem to call out, "C'mon in." The doors and their surrounds fall into every architectural category and era, making them seem almost timeless.

In an essay, Boerger explains why so many doors are painted blue, a tradition that in some cultures can be traced to warding off haunting souls. In others, blue doors portray tranquility. Sadly, there is no color that signals you are not home, warding off politicians and salespeople from leaving unwanted fliers.

One clever photograph, featuring an illustration of an elegant woman from the waist up, likely a server delivering a drink, is clearly a commercial kitchen door. Boerger caught a young woman peering out from an inset window, through which you can see approaching waitresses. Paired with it on the facing page is a loading dock at Gus & Grey, a Detroit producer of handcrafted jams, with a caricature of co-owner Tara Grey in a pose reminiscent of World War II's Rosie the Riveter. Visitors to Detroit's Eastern Market will recognize the brand.

After perusing Boerger's book, you will look at doors in our community in a different light, asking what they say about those who live or work there.

The back page of Boerger's book ends appropriately with a quote from Alexander Graham Bell: "When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us."

"The Perception of Doors," by Jeffry S. Boerger, is available at Schuler Books in Okemos, The Robin Books, Hooked, A Novel Concept, Katalyst Gallery, MICA Gallery and Bestsellers Books in Mason.

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Mason author and photographer Jeffry S. Boerger shows off the copies of his new book, "The Perception of Doors," at Schuler Books in Okemos.

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County, Notice to Creditors, Decedents Estate. File No. 25-000325-DE-P33. Estate of Jacqueline Lee Kinney. Date of birth: 11/19/1947. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jacqueline Lee Kinney, died 10/5/2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Angela Kinney, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-6300, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice, 08/13/2025. Personal Representative: Angela Kinney, 3835 Palmer St, Lansing, MI 48910.

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"A Little Outside"
-- four notable characters.
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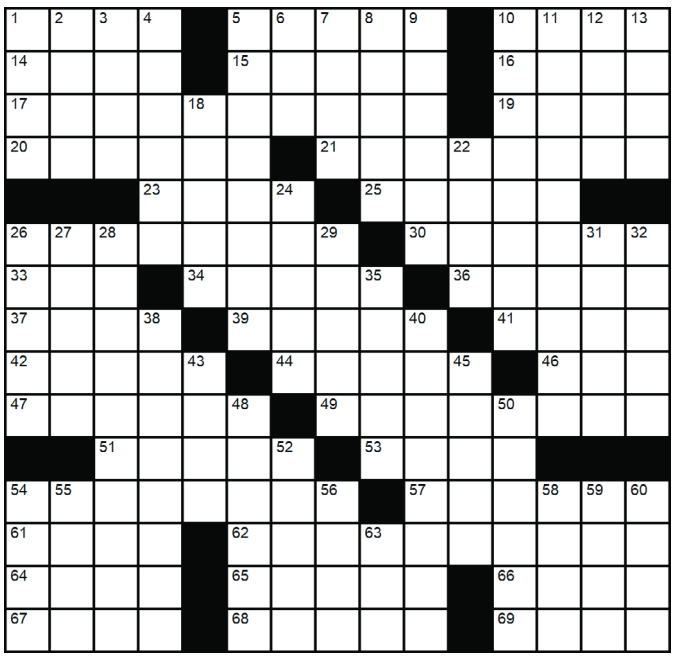

ACROSS
1. Johnny formerly of The Smiths
5. "Straight Outta Compton" costar ___ Jackson Jr.
10. Pop group with 40 years between albums "The Visitors" and "Voyage"
14. ___ d'amore (Baroque instrument)
15. "Matilda" author Dahl
16. It's a square number in German
17. Began eagerly
19. Knitting festival material
20. He played opposite Burton in "Becket"
21. Go head-to-head
23. "Dear" group
25. Night in Madrid
26. Like some relationships
30. New Orleans pro team
33. "___-Pah-Pah" ("Oliver!" tune)
34. ___ de Torquemada (Spanish Inquisition leader)
36. Feedback
37. Short cut
39. "Little" literary characters that can be found on the outside of the four longest answers
41. "Young Frankenstein" actress Teri
42. Kickoff
44. Middle East desert region
46. "We'll say later," on a schedule
47. Mudslide liqueur
49. Subject of an upcoming cancellation, with "The"
51. Capital of Guadeloupe, ___-Terre (literally, "low land")
53. Big ripoff
54. Walking loudly in armor, maybe
57. Sci-fi visitors
61. "The Avengers" costar Diana
62. Supplement that may assist cognition
64. Motivate
65. Electric toothbrush maker
66. Made shinier, perhaps
67. Delivery time, usually
68. Ballot box bundle
69. Smoked fish

DOWN
1. Supernatural charm
2. Share a boundary with
3. Former Cowboys quarterback Tony
4. Share again on social media
5. Infomercial's urgent request
6. "___ says to the guy ..."
7. Poker holding
8. "Candle in the Wind" name
9. Philippine meat dishes
10. Whatever
11. Familiar route
12. "A Holly Jolly Christmas" singer Ives
13. "Breathing Lessons" author Tyler
18. "Middlemarch" novelist George
22. Source of antioxidants
24. Four-color toy of the 1980s
26. "The Chosen" author Chaim
27. ___ Doone (Nabisco cookie)
28. Slow-moving vehicle in parts of Pennsylvania
29. Oasis animal
31. Prefix with prop or charger
32. Takeout bag item
35. Some consoles
38. Spice mixes
40. Measurement in some diets
43. Mammoth protrusion
45. Calflike
48. Prolific author Isaac
50. Little bit
52. Febrero preceder
54. Icky stuff
55. Italian money, once
56. Bus. school entrance exam
58. Detroit River's lake
59. Void's partner
60. RCMP ranks
63. Shout after a score

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SUDOKU

Intermediate

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsny

Aug. 13-19, 2025

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Rama is the star of the ancient Hindu epic "Ramayana." I love him! He's one of my favorite legends! His heroic journey isn't fueled by a greed for power or personal glory. Unlike 90% of modern action heroes, he's not pumped up with anger or a lust for vengeance. Instead, he's animated by a sense of sacred duty. Against all odds, and in the face of bad behavior by weird adversaries, he acts with exemplary integrity and calm clarity. During your upcoming exploits, Aries, I invite you to be inspired by his exalted and unwavering determination. As you proceed, ask yourself, "Is this in rigorous service to my beautiful ideals? Are my decisions and words in alignment with my deepest truths?" Be motivated by devotion as much as hunger. Aim not just for novelty and excitement, but for generosity of spirit.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): In the Mexican festival of La Noche de Rábanos — Night of the Radishes — giant radishes are carved into elaborate altars and scenes. Humble roots become fancy art. I think you're engaged in a metaphorically similar process, Taurus: sculpting with uncommon materials. Something you've regarded as modest — a small breakthrough or overlooked strength — is revealing unexpected value. Or perhaps a previously latent or indiscernible asset is showing you its neglected magic. Celebrate your subtle but very tangible luck. Take full advantage of half-disguised treasures.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): In Zen archery, the aim is not simply to hit the target. Instead, it's to align one's body, breath, mind and bow so fully that the arrow releases itself naturally and effortlessly. It shoots itself! I would love for you to adopt this breezy attitude in the weeks ahead, Gemini. See if you can allow an evolving project, relationship or vision to reach a new maturity, but not through pushy effort. Rather, trust life to bring you the precise guidance exactly when you need it.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): In ancient Rome, the priestesses known as the Vestal Virgins tended an eternal flame. They never let it be extinguished, not even for a moment. Their devoted focus on nurturing the fire was both a religious practice and a symbol regarded as essential for the well-being, prosperity and survival of the Roman state. I propose, Cancerian, that you engage in your own version of Vestal Virgin-like watchfulness. Assign yourself the role of being the keeper of a sacred promise or resource. What is it, exactly? Identify this repository of spiritual wealth and dedicate yourself to its sustenance.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): In medieval Europe, pilgrims traveling to the shrine of St. James in Spain often wore scallop shells. These were badges to signify that they were on a sacred path in quest of divinely inspired transformation. They also had practical uses. They were scoops for food and water, underscoring the humility and simplicity embraced by wayfarers on the road. I invite you to acquire and wear your own equivalent of this talisman, Leo. You have begun a new chapter in your self-perception, and life is asking you to proceed without pretense. You don't need definite answers. You don't have to rush to the end of the journey. The becoming is the point. I hope you seek out inspirational symbolism and generous companions to help nurture your brave transformations. (PS: Your best conversations may be with people who will lovingly witness your evolution.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): In ancient Greek drama, "peripeteia" was a term for the moment when everything turns. The pivot doesn't happen through force, but through the revelation of what was always true. I see the coming weeks as your peripeteia, Virgo. There may be no fireworks or grand announcements. Just a soft, spiraling crackle that signifies a realignment of the system, a cathartic shift of emphases. Confusion resolves. Mysteries solve themselves. You might say, "Oh, yes, now I see: That's what it all meant." Then you can glide into the future with a refined and more well-informed set of intentions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): In coastal Portugal, there's a lighthouse called Farol do Cabo da Roca. Built on a cliff where land ends and the Atlantic Ocean begins, it marks the westernmost edge of continental Europe. We might say it's a threshold between the known and unknown. I believe you will soon be poised at a metaphorically similar place, Libra. An ending is at hand. It's not catastrophic, but it is conclusive. And just beyond it are shimmers, questions and a horizon that's not fully visible. Your job is to finish your good work, even as you periodically gaze into the distance to see what's looming.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): I invite you to channel the spirit of Kali — not in her form as the destroyer, but as the fierce liberator. She has the power to burn away stagnation, neutralize the poison of old lies and slice through illusion with a sword of compassion — and so do you. I believe you are ready to sever a bond that has secretly (or maybe not so secretly) limited you. Don't be afraid of the emptiness that results. It may appear to be a void, but it will quickly evolve into a fresh sanctuary. Into this newly cleared room, you can pour your strongest longings and most rebellious love. What are the wildest versions of your truths?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): In some early maps of the cosmos, Sagittarius wasn't just an archer. Your sign was symbolized by a centaur with wings: part horse, part bird, part god. I bring this to your attention because I suspect your own hybrid nature is extra wild and strong these days. A part of you wants to roam, and a part wants to ruminate. A part wants to teach, and a part needs to learn. How should you respond to the glorious paradox? I say, don't force harmony. Let contradiction become choreography. Maybe liberating joy can arise through a dance between apparent opposites.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): In Sardinia, there are tombs carved into rock called Domus de Janas — "houses of the fairies." People once left offerings there to court the help of beings they couldn't see. They truly believed that fairies were real and could exert effects in this world. In modern times, fewer Capricorns actively consort with invisible presences than any other zodiac sign. But I hope you will take a short break from your usual stance. Mysterious and mythic influences are gathering in your vicinity. You're being nudged by forces that defy explanation. What do you have to lose? Why not have fun making room to be delighted and surprised by miracles and wonders?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Thou shalt embrace the confounding contradictions, Aquarius. That's the first commandment. Here's the second commandment: Thou shalt caress the tricky incongruities. Third: Thou shalt whisper endearments to the mysterious ambiguities and invite the mysterious ambiguities to whisper endearments to you. Fourth: Thou shalt rumble and cavort with the slippery paradoxes. Commandment number five: Thou shalt chant spicy prayers of gratitude to the incongruities, paradoxes, contradictions and ambiguities that are making you deeper and wiser and cuter.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): In early medieval gardens, there was sometimes a space called the "hortus conclusus." It was a walled sanctuary that protected plants and herbs from harsh weather and predation by animals. It comprised a microclimate and provided a private, peaceful space for contemplation, prayer and study. Sometime soon, Pisces, I would love for you to create your personal equivalent of a hortus conclusus — even if it's metaphorical. You will harvest maximum benefits from surrounding yourself with extra nurturing. The insights that would come your way as you tend to your inner garden would be gently and sweetly spectacular.

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, Aug. 13

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

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

Allen Farmers Market - Craft vendor: Slick Beauty Oils. Live music by Groove Doctors 3. 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. 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.

August Summer Social and Scholarship Fundraiser - Join NACW Lansing for an evening filled with good food, drinks and networking. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Reno's North, 16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. facebook.com/NACWLansing.

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 - The Bookend welcomes fiber and paint artist Cindy Mielock for the month of August. She's sharing a variety of recent works that are influenced by nature. 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.

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.

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

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

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons - Game highlight 1: Every Wednesday home game, dogs are welcome at Jackson Field. Game highlight 2: Impression 5 will offer interactive kids' activities on the concourse. 1:05 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Electric Flower Co. (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.

Parkinson's Support Group: Informal Discussions - Small discussion groups. People with Parkinson's meet in a separate room from caregivers for confidential conversations. 1 p.m. Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Portland High School Marching Band - Free. 6:30 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

Read Between the Wines Book Club - Join us as we sip delicious wine and chat about our latest read, "11/22/63," by Stephen King. 5-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park - By popular demand, Detroit Retro Society returns to crank up the heat with a variety of pop, funk, rock — you name it! 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.

Weaving the Web: Rituals - 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. 14

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.

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

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

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Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Universe Band (party band) - Free. 6:30 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.

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

Grand Concert Series: Atomic Boogaloo (jazz/folk/rock/polka) - Free. 6 p.m. Lansing Center riverfront plaza, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/GrandConcertSeries.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park: Starfarm ('80s), opener School of Rock - Free. 7 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com/music_in_the_park.php.

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

Laingsburg Music in the Park: JP & the Energy (pop) - Open mic at 6 p.m., band starts at 7 p.m. Free. McClintock Park, 299 McClintock St., Laingsburg. laingsburgbusiness.org/music-in-the-park-1.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons - Game highlight 1: Lansing Facts and the Rick Deez Band join the Lugnuts for a special Olive Burger Night. Game highlight 2: Every Thursday home game, enjoy $3 domestics (cans/drafts), $5 seltzers and $3 16-ounce soft drinks. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Let's Learn D&D, Part 3: Running a Game as a Dungeon Master - Learn about what goes into running an adventure and share tips with other aspiring DMs. Registration req. 4-7 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

Live Music Thursdays at Nelson Gallery: Summer of Sol (funk) - Free. 4:30 p.m. 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/NelsonGallery-Lansing.

Michigan 4-H State Horse Show - Four-day event that brings together 4-H members from across Michigan to compete in classes such as ranch, English, dressage, Western, trail, jumping and gymkhana. 8 a.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/index.

Michigan Cottage Food Law - Learn how to prepare and sell foods to the public under Michigan Cottage Food Law. Topics include preparing, packaging, labeling, storing and transporting cottage foods. 10 a.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/cottage_food_law/index.

'Upcycle Art in the Park'

Friday, Aug. 15-Aug. 30
Shiawassee Arts Center
206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso

The Shiawassee Arts Center's second annual "Upcycle Art in the Park" exhibit, on display along the Shiawassee River beginning Friday, will feature nearly two dozen upcycled sculptures made by both emerging and established Michigan artists, including Doug DeLind and Scott Poe of Mason, KW and Forrest Bell of Haslett, Chance Liscomb of Lansing and Birney Adams of East Lansing. The exhibition aims to draw attention to the environment and the importance of recycling, with sculptures made primarily of trash and other objects obtained from the river and recycling centers.

The gallery will hold an opening reception from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, featuring food from The Sideline Sports Bar, live music by party band Magic5, a silent auction of artwork and a raffle for a Denago e-bike. Awards totaling $3,500 will be given out to the artists, and attendees will have an opportunity to vote in the people's choice contest, which runs through Aug. 30. For more information about the exhibition or to purchase tickets to the grand opening, call (989) 723-8354 or visit shiawasseearts.org/upcycle-art-in-the-park.

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Ralph Votapek International Young Artist Competition

10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15
1-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17
Cook Recital Hall
333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

Named for longtime piano Professor and Van Cliburn competition gold medalist Ralph Votapek, Michigan State University's inaugural International Young Artist Competition aims to spotlight and support the next generation of top classical pianists. The competition culminates in a semifinal round Friday and a final round Sunday, both open to the public. Ten pianists, ages 14 to 18, will perform during each of the rounds, with more than $10,000 in prizes up for grabs.

"We are thrilled to welcome such a remarkable group of young musicians to Michigan State University," competition director Eric Zuber, an assistant professor of piano, said. "It's an incredible opportunity for audiences to hear the future of piano performance and celebrate the global talent converging right here in East Lansing."

The finalists are Olivia Ajero, 16, of Texas; Yiming Chang, 18, of Massachusetts; Olivia Larco, 15, and Celicia Thendean, 17, of California; Alexander Liu, 14, of New Jersey; TongTong Liu, 16, of Georgia; Samuel Lu, 17, of Utah; Yunen Gu, 14, and Dayou Kim, 16, of Ontario, Canada; and Zhongkai Zhang, 16, of Beijing, China. Detailed bios are available at music.msu.edu/votapek.

Attendees will have an opportunity to vote for an audience favorite award, presented during the final round. A panel of judges, comprising College of Music piano faculty, will award top honors.

To reserve free tickets, visit music.msu.edu/events or call (517) 353-5340. The concerts will also be livestreamed at music.msu.edu/online.

Events

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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.

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

Sips and Succulents - Plant adorable succulents into charming vintage teacups while enjoying a glass (or two) of wine, which will be $1 off. 6 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

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

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

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

Switch Gaming: Mario Kart - Join us for an evening of fun and friendly Switch gaming! Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns. All skill levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

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

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

Williamston Summer Concert Series: Oxymorons (classic pop/rock) - Free. 7 p.m. McCormick Park, 300 N. Putnam St., Williamston. facebook.com/williamstonconcerts.

Friday, Aug. 15

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

The Coffeehouse at All Saints - Monthly showcase of Michigan-based musical and spoken-word talent. Bring a snack/drink to share. Free. 7:30-9:30 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/TheCoffeehouseAtAllSaints.

Cruise to Holt - All types and years of cars, trucks and bikes welcome. No entry fee! Spectators encouraged. Food truck on the first and third Friday of the month. 5-8 p.m. Holt Farmers Market parking lot, 2150 Cedar St., Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov.

East Lansing Summer Concert Series: John Louis Good & the Rose City Troubadours (rockabilly/Americana) - Free. 6 p.m. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

End of Summer Celebration - Comedy magician Cameron Zvara will perform, and Raising Cane's will be here with games and swag! Don't miss your last chance to pick up summer reading prizes! 2-4 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.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.

Gimme Five Live at Summerlands Brewing Co. - 7:30-10:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Lake Lansing Bandshell Concert Series: Sea Cruisers ('50s-'70s) - 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. Dayton Dragons - Game highlight 1: "The Sandlot" night, featuring a pre-game meet & greet with actor Chauncey Leopardi and a vintage baseball match. Highlight 2: Michigan Baseball Hall of Fame induction. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mash Blues Night, with Big B and the Actual Proof - Hosted by Angry Talent Entertainment and the Capital Area Blues Society. 8:30 p.m.-midnight. Mash Bar, 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. facebook.com/CABSblues.

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.

Michigan 4-H State Horse Show - Four-day event that brings together 4-H members from across Michigan to compete in classes such as ranch, English, dressage, Western, trail, jumping and gymkhana. 8 a.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/index.

Neal McCoy - Legendary country musician Neal McCoy takes the stage at Grewal Hall, with support from Kathy Ford. 6:30 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

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

Parkinson's Exercise: Movement with Vitality - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. 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 AL!VE - 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.

Scott Woods Neighborhood Garage Sales - Shop for furniture, books, clothing, household items, toys and more at multiple participating homes. 2-7 p.m. 2608 Clifton Ave., Lansing. neighborsofscottwoods@gmail.com.

Sensory-Friendly Night at Harris Nature Center - Special after-hours evening for families with members who have sensory processing needs. Exhibits will have reduced sounds and lighting, and a quiet room and sensory kits will be available. 5:30-7:30 p.m. 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Saturday, Aug. 16

"A Joyful Line" Art Exhibition - Dorothy Hughes Engelman will display her zentangle-inspired art at the Brick Wall Gallery in the East Lansing Public Library throughout August. All pieces are for sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/ajoyfulline.

"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.

Art Feast - This beloved event brings together stunning art and delicious food in the heart of one of Lansing's most vibrant neighborhoods. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Turner Street, Old Town. facebook.com/OldTownLansing.

Bookend Gallery Display - The Bookend welcomes fiber and paint artist Cindy Mielock for the month of August. She's sharing a variety of recent works that are influenced by nature. Noon-2 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

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

Gunnisonville UMC Craft & Bake Sale - A variety of handmade items, including sewn & knitted accessories, jewelry, home decor, artwork and baked goods, will be available for purchase. There will also be a quilt show in the church sanctuary. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 2031 Clark Road, Bath. 517-482-7987.

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons - Join us as we pink out the ballpark for breast cancer awareness! We'll have a survivor walk, caregiver recognition, in-game trivia and more. The first 1,000 fans will receive a Mason Miller bobblehead. 7:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mason Aviation Day - Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and a barbecue lunch while viewing many types of homebuilt, antique, warbird and general-aviation aircraft, plus a variety of exhibits and displays. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Jewett Airport, 655 Aviation Drive, Mason. chapters.eaa.org/eaa55.

Mason Symphony Chamber Players Concert - Members of the Mason Symphony Orchestra perform chamber music by Haydn, Joplin, Mozart, Schubert, Tchaikovsky and others. 7 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 Harrison Road, East Lansing. masonorchestras.org.

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

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Michigan 4-H State Horse Show - Four-day event that brings together 4-H members from across Michigan to compete in classes such as ranch, English, dressage, Western, trail, jumping and gymkhana. 8 a.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/index.

Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame Concert - Join us for a special evening celebrating Michigan's country music pioneers! 7 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. charlotteperformingartscenter.com.

"Navigating the Historical & Genealogical Treasures Within Repositories: Libraries, Archives & More," with Genealogist Katherine R. Wilson - 11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Parents' Night Out: Martial Arts & Magick - Drop your child off at Keys to Manifestation for an immersive evening of martial arts training, mythic storytelling, magickal games and crafts. This high-energy night is designed for pagan kids ages 5 and up. 6-10 p.m. 809 Center St., Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

The Poetry Room Presents: "I Wish I Was More Black Men," featuring Steven Willis - A selection of local poets will open the show. Free. 3:30-5 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/The517PoetryRoom.

Salsa Party, with DJs Mingo and Adrian "Ace" Lopez - Get ready for an exciting night of music and dancing! 18+. 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.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. homebrewgamelounge.com.

Scott Woods Neighborhood Garage Sales - Shop for furniture, books, clothing, household items, toys and more at multiple participating homes. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 2608 Clifton Ave., Lansing. neighborsofscottwoods@gmail.com.

Sirens Country Music Festival (Street Party) - We're throwing a party, featuring live country music, a meet-and-greet with headliner Sadie Bass, DJs and food trucks. 1:30-6 p.m. Sirens Bar, 119 E. Walker St., St. Johns. eventbrite.com/o/sadie-bass-productions-67616182113.

Summer Sizzler - Join us for the annual Summer Sizzler 5/10/15K, a fun event perfect for the whole family. 7 a.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/SummerSizzlerLansing.

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.

The Ultimate Line Dance Experience, with Rock the Block Studio - Get ready for a high-energy evening as David and Tiffany Nordé, owners of Rock the Block Studio, bring their signature line dancing experience to UrbanBeat. 7 p.m. 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Sunday, Aug. 17

"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. 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. Noon-6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Capital Pro Wrestling - 3-6 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. 517-894-4589. americanluchalibre.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.

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

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

Lansing Lugnuts vs. Dayton Dragons - Game highlight 1: We're celebrating Big Lug's birthday with all of his local friends! Game highlight 2: Entertainment for kids throughout the game and an opportunity for kids to run the bases after the game. 1:05 p.m. Jackson Field, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. milb.com/lansing.

Mega Mall Outdoor Flea Market - There will be tons of vendors, antiques and unique finds, plus food vendors and a DJ. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 15487 Old U.S. 27, Lansing. 517-487-3275.

Michigan 4-H State Horse Show - Four-day event that brings together 4-H members from across Michigan to compete in classes such as ranch, English, dressage, Western, trail, jumping and gymkhana. 8 a.m. MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/index.

Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association Golf Fundraiser - Enjoy 18 holes with a cart, morning refreshments, lunch, dinner, cash prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. 8 a.m. Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, 1600 Linn Road, Williamston. mdhatoday.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.

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

VOAMI National Thrift Shop Day Celebration - Join us from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at our Lansing thrift locations (5900 W. Saginaw Hwy. and 5411 S. Cedar St.) for 25% off the entire store, double points for loyalty members, gift card giveaways, and free popcorn and candy. facebook.com/VOAMIThrift.

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. 18

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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.

Dog Days of Summer Festival

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16
McCormick Park
300 N. Putnam St., Williamston

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Co-hosted by Village Crafters, the Dog Days of Summer Festival will partly serve as a craft show for the group, with more than 30 members selling handmade items such as jewelry, bath and body products, home and garden decor, baked goods and much more. Many of the items will be dog-themed. An assortment of activities will keep guests busy when they're not shopping, including "adopt a puppy" stuffed animal giveaways, kids' crafts, a coloring contest and a performance by Great Lakes Brass. Dogs will also have opportunities to join in the fun with an agility course and contests such as longest tail and best trick. Attendees are encouraged to bring items to donate to Ingham County Animal Control. For more information, visit facebook.com/villagecraftersgroup.

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.

Arts Council Grant Chat - Stop by Good Truckin' Diner to discuss your grant questions and creative ideas with membership & program manager Taylor Haslett. She can provide information on local grant opportunities and assist you in planning your applications. 1-3 p.m. 1218 Turner St., Lansing. facebook.com/ArtsCouncilGL.

Bookend Gallery Display - The Bookend welcomes fiber and paint artist Cindy Mielock for the month of August. She's sharing a variety of recent works that are influenced by nature. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

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

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

Intermediate Sourdough Baking - Join us for a deeper dive into the art of sourdough baking. We'll discuss ways to maintain your healthy starter, how to write your own sourdough recipes and discard baking. 6-8 p.m. Bradly's HG, 319 E. César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing. bradlyshg.com.

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.

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.

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. 19

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

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

"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.-8 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

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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.

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.

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Haiti Baby Box & Soaring Unlimited Benefit Rummage & Bake Sale Holt United Methodist Church, 2321 N. Aurelius Road, Holt. Sept. 5, 9am-6pm; Sept. 6, 9am-1pm.

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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. lapsg.org.

Parkinson's Support Group Education Meeting - Thea Knowles, an assistant professor in MSU's Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, will present on upcoming research projects. 3 p.m. Burcham Hills, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. lapsg.org.

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

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. 20

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

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.

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

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.

Hoods Up Cruise-In - Show off what's under the hood of your ride! All makes, models and years welcome. Drivers and passengers receive free admission to the museum. 5-7:30 p.m. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing. reoldsmuseum.org.

Ingham County Democrats Community Meeting - All are welcome. We'll share details on the work of our committee meetings and upcoming volunteer needs. Members may vote on a resolution in response to current events in Gaza and Israel. 5:30-7 p.m. Fiesta Charra, 2706 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. inghamcountydemocraticparty.net.

Kindergarten Craft Club - Make a paper frog! Registration req. 4:15 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

Meridian Summer Concert Series: Life Support (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.

Portland Sounds of Summer Concert Series: Atomic Annie (party band) - Free. 6:30 p.m. Two Rivers Park, 201 Divine Hwy., Portland. facebook.com/MiPortlandDowntown.

Selling MI Honey & Maple Syrup - Learn how to safely handle, package and store honey and maple syrup and understand the exemption guidelines for selling these products in Michigan. 2 p.m. Virtual — register at canr.msu.edu/isabella/index.

St. Johns Concerts in the Park: Audrey Ray (country) - Free. 7 p.m. St. Johns City Park, 801 W. Park St., St. Johns. facebook.com/StJohnsCityPark-PerformanceShell.

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.

Tomato Festival at Allen Farmers Market - We'll have tomato-sauce cooking demos, entertainment by Lady Luck and craft vendor Ultra Mega. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/allen-farmers-market.

Weaving the Web: Protection - 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 Knot - Love knitting, crocheting, weaving or other forms of fiber art? Love wine? This is the event for you! Connect with others and work on projects while sipping wine! 5-7:30 p.m. Burgdorf's Winery, 4212 E. Holt Road, Webberville. facebook.com/wine.burgdorfs.

Workshop: Musical Theater Audition Prep - Led by Kelly Stuible-Clark. We'll address singing, acting and dancing, with opportunities to get up and try. 7-10 p.m. LCC Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

Thursday, Aug. 21

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

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

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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.

Auditions: "Collective Rage: A Play in Five Betties" - Cold readings from the script. The director will distribute specific monologues/scenes for actors to prepare for callbacks. Production dates are Oct. 10-12 and 17-18. 7-9 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

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

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

Charlotte Summer Concerts on the Square: Blind Ambition (classic rock/country) - Free. 6:30 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.

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

Friendship Force Picnic Potluck - Potluck followed by a brief business meeting, an opportunity to meet and interact with club members and learn about future journeys. 6-8 p.m. Lansing Sailing Club, 6039 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. friendshipforcelansing@gmail.com.

Good Morning, Mason! - A Chamber event with a quick-paced agenda of local news and community updates. Continental breakfast is provided with admission fee. 7:15-8:30 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. masonchamber.org.

Live Music Thursdays at Nelson Gallery - Bart Moore is a singer-songwriter known for his vivid storytelling, poetic lyrics and distinctive acoustic style. His music draws on folk, Americana and Celtic traditions. Free. 4:30 p.m. 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/NelsonGallery-Lansing.

Nation Outside Chapter Meeting - We're a statewide advocacy organization working to drive policy and practice innovation that builds systems of support for justice-impacted families and communities. 5 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. trishaw@nationoutside.org.

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

Parkinson's Exercise: Rock-Steady Boxing - Free exercise class for people with Parkinson's. 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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
LEGAL AD NOTICE: PUD #25012 (3560 HULETT)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Planned Unit Development #25012 (3560 Hulett)
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 to hear all persons interested in a planned unit development (PUD) request. Jim Giguere has proposed a planned unit development consisting of 6 lots. The approximate 5-acre parcel is zoned RA (Single Family, Medium Density) located at 3560 Hulett Road.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (phone 517-853-4560), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to Keith Chapman, Associate Planner, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to chapman@meridian.mi.us.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Crown Grill hopes diverse menu will cultivate regulars

By LEO V. KAPLAN

Most restaurants focus on one particular cuisine. Yousif Alhalmy doesn't see why.

Alhalmy worked in restaurants while studying business at Lansing Community College. Ultimately, he decided the restaurant industry was his passion. On July 17, he opened his own, Crown Grill, a fast-casual eatery on the east side of Old Town serving burgers, seafood and Middle Eastern dishes.

Crown Grill

902 E César E. Chávez Ave, Lansing
10 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Friday
11 a.m.–8 p.m. Saturday
Noon–6 p.m. Sunday
(517) 253-7624

He said the menu is "very wide." It includes salads, chicken wings and tenders, multiple types of fish, shrimp, falafel, burgers and fries, tacos, wraps and more. Labeled as "coming soon" for now, as the restaurant continues its "soft opening" phase, is a selection of bowls.

Leo V. Kaplan/City Pulse

Yousif Alhalmy awaits customers behind the counter of his new restaurant, Crown Grill, which opened July 17.

"Our menu is very unique," Alhalmy said. "Most restaurants have a specific kind of cuisine, but we pretty much have all the top, big food, from fried food to grilled to burgers and wraps."

Alhalmy, who lived in Old Town for 10 years, said he expects the diverse menu to help Crown Grill build and maintain a crowd of regulars. Unlike some of the larger business districts in the Lansing area, Old Town's smaller population requires restaurateurs to offer a varied menu in order to keep customers visiting consistently, he said.

"We're just trying to keep customers coming in," he said. "If they want burgers today, we have that. If they want a wrap, we have it. A bowl? We have it."

He said the resemblance to fast food is intentional, but there's a key difference: Everything at Crown Grill is made to order with fresh ingredients.

"We tried to take the ideas of fast food and make them fresh," he said. "Every order is cooked up at request. That's what makes us different here. You can expect items similar to fast food, but with the taste of fresh ingredients."

Because the food is made to order, menu items at Crown Grill take longer to prepare than their fast-food counterparts. Alhalmy said customers should expect a 15-to-20-minute wait, one he hopes will be well worth it. When the restaurant's website is complete, customers will be able to order ahead of time.

Also reminiscent of a fast-food joint is the restaurant's location, a former drive-thru that most recently housed vegan restaurant VEG-N. Alhalmy said setting up shop there was good for business and for Old Town.

"There were a couple businesses that came in here and then closed down a couple years later," he said. "But I was willing to take the risk to bring life to this building because I really love Old Town."

As he prepares for an eventual grand opening, Alhalmy is excited to bring his food to the area — and perhaps beyond. He already has hopes to expand to other parts of the state and thinks his formula of a varied menu, made-to-order food and affordable prices will get him there.

"That's our goal," Alhalmy said, "to give people affordable and good food. It's not hard to do."

Don't sleep on Sleepwalker's brunch

By LIZY FERGUSON

What differentiates breakfast from brunch? The time of day or day of week? The presence of cocktails? Sure, those are factors, but for me, the brunch mindset can only be attained when the menu ventures beyond the standard breakfast fare. Much like its delicious pizzas, which include options with refried black beans (the El Chupacabra) and spinach dip (the Artichoke Me Out) as a base, Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale's Sunday brunch offerings deviate from the norm in ways that make the meal feel like an occasion. The cozy, well-curated, wood-paneled atmosphere doesn't hurt, either.

Johnny cakes

$12
Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale
1101 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
3-9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday
3-10 p.m. Friday
Noon-10 p.m. Saturday
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
(517) 918-4046
drinksleepwalker.com

I started with a bloody Mary, but you can choose anything from Sleepwalker's beer and cocktail menu. The brunch menu includes items such as bread pudding French toast and a breakfast sandwich with fresh mozzarella and pesto. It appears to vary slightly over time, with new offerings occasionally making appearances. I chose the johnny cakes, which I knew I wanted the moment I saw them. The moment they hit the table, I knew I'd chosen correctly. This was one of the most nicely presented plates of food I've seen in a while.

A johnny cake is a cornmeal pancake that can be both sweet and savory. Sleepwalker layered its version with gooey Chihuahua cheese, sautéed peppers and chorizo. It was a mountain of food, with crispy bits of fried cheese circling the bottom layer and a perfectly cooked fried egg on top. The cakes were golden brown and fluffy, with the signature grit of cornmeal adding texture. They were especially delicious when soaked through with runny egg yolk. Served alongside were some of the best breakfast potatoes I've had, well-seasoned and crispy and plentiful.

Speaking of plentiful, I could only finish half of my plate because the portion was so generous. And all for only $12. When my friend and I got the bill, I couldn't remember one of our meal dates having such a small price tag. Alongside the more adventurous choices, the Sleepwalker brunch menu also includes classics like biscuits and gravy and the tried-and-true combo of eggs, bacon, potatoes and toast. Given the quality, quantity and price of my brunch, I'll definitely be going back for breakfast.

Lizy Ferguson for City Pulse

Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale's savory johnny cakes are a mountain of food, with crispy bits of fried cheese circling the bottom layer and a perfectly cooked fried egg on top.

Ratatouille season is upon us

By ARI LEVAUX

"If you are what you eat, I only want to eat the good stuff." – **Remy the rat**

If you squint, ratatouille is practically indistinguishable from summer itself. It's a dish you make when the tomatoes, eggplant and zucchini are accumulating faster than you can use them. Cooked together with olive oil and salt, these earthy treasures add up to something greater than the sum of their parts.

In the film "Ratatouille," Remy the rat made a similar point when attempting to give a lesson on food theory to his hapless brother: "Each flavor is totally unique. But combine one flavor with another, and something new is created."

So it is with the dish ratatouille, in which the diverse flavors of the mature garden do amazing things to each other as they meld together in a brine of tomato juice and olive oil. The mushy eggplant and zucchini surrender their forms as garlic and aromatic herbs permeate the whole business. Each ingredient is at its best, thanks to the presence of the others.

That film has an extra-special place in my heart because I have a son named Remy, who, like the film's star, happens to be a culinary genius. He's seen the movie enough times to recite many of its scenes from memory and more than enough times to be less than impressed by a recent batch of ratatouille I made, which did not glow like a rainbow as it did in the movie.

Remy's criticism was understandable — that batch was pretty chunky. But I had an excuse. It was destined to be a sauce, not built for looks. As soon as it cooled, I planned to liquify it into a pinkish-orange slurry that goes well on pasta, pizza and on its own as a salmorejo-like soup. Liquified ratatouille freezes particularly well and is arguably the most versatile and useful form of ratatouille. I assured Remy that when it came time to construct my masterpiece, a double-ratatouille lasagna, I would use the mandolin to make perfect slices.

I call it double-ratatouille lasagna because it requires making two batches of ratatouille: a sauce batch like I mentioned above, and a batch of thin-sliced ratatouille components to layer in with the noodles, sauce and cheeses.

Photo by Ari LeVaux

As its name suggests, double-ratatouille lasagna requires two batches of ratatouille: one to blend into a sauce and another to layer in with the noodles, sauce and cheeses.

To my relief, Remy was impressed with my ratatouille lasagna. He marveled at its hybrid nature, representing equal parts French and Italian cuisines. While double-ratatouille lasagna is a way to enjoy the fleeting moments of summer, having ratatouille sauce in the freezer will allow you to make a damn good lasagna all winter long. And if that doesn't capture the dual nature of summer — a time to enjoy the sunshine and squirrel some away for later — I don't know what does.

If you are what you eat, then this time of year, I'm ratatouille.

Ratatouille

Here's a recipe for the most ordinary, average form of ratatouille. Consider it a starting point. I've listed the principal ingredients in equal parts, but the reality is that you can use whatever you have, in whatever quantities you have. If you only have one eggplant, don't put off the recipe or go shopping. Just make it with whatever's available. That's the true spirit of ratatouille.

Ingredients

3 cups zucchini slices
3 cups eggplant slices
3 cups tomato, sliced or chopped
1 large onion, minced
1 large bulb of garlic, peeled and sliced
Fresh herbs like thyme, rosemary
1 cup olive oil
2 teaspoons of salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Layer the ingredients in a deep-dish pan, alternating so it's more of a mixture than stratifications. Add the salt and olive oil, cover with foil or a tight-fitting lid and bake for 90 minutes. You can leave it in the oven for hours to keep it warm until it's time to eat.

Liquid ratatouille

Make a batch of ratatouille, heavy on the tomatoes if possible. Let it cool, then liquify it in the blender.

If you want the smoothest sauce possible, peel the eggplant and zucchini prior to cooking.

Frozen in freezer bags, the sauce will last at least until the following summer.

To serve liquid ratatouille as a salmorejo-like soup, mix it with some heavy cream or serve with a dollop of crème fraîche. Garnish with chives, basil or parsley.

Double-ratatouille lasagna

In the winter, when fresh ratatouille ingredients aren't available, you can make a simpler version of this lasagna by skipping the raw vegetables and simply layering in sauce, noodles and cheese. It's still completely amazing.

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TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

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

TOP 5 NACHOS

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

1. Buddies Pub & Grill — all locations
Low-key sports bars serving burgers, sandwiches, nachos and other American classics
See buddiespubandgrill.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

2. El Azteco West
South-of-the-border restaurant with fresh ingredients, scratch cooking and patio seating
1016 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
(517) 485-4589
elaztecowest.com
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday

3. Fiesta Charra
Mexican eateries offering staples such as burritos, nachos, seafood and a variety of margaritas
Visit fiestacharraonline.com for locations, hours and phone numbers

4. Meat BBQ
Casual restaurant serving slow-smoked barbecue standards and inventive, handmade sides
1224 Turner St., Lansing
(517) 580-4400
meatbbq.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

5. Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Eastside
Mexican eatery dishing out traditional 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

Keep the barbecue fired up

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Backyard barbecues remain popular even when the summer begins to wind down. Though traditional favorites like hamburgers and hot dogs always have a place at the table, grilling aficionados may be on the lookout for new recipes to test their skills.

These buttermilk chicken kebabs from "Casablanca: My Moroccan Food," by Nargisse Benkabbou, do not disappoint. Even though buttermilk is not a traditional Moroccan ingredient, the author uses it to tenderize the chicken and make the kebabs even more mouthwatering with an added hint of tang. These smoky skewers can be added to salads, served on flatbread or enjoyed on their own.

Metro Creative Connection

Nargisse Benkabbou's buttermilk chicken kebabs can be added to salads, served on flatbread or enjoyed on their own.

Buttermilk chicken kebabs

Serves four as a starter

1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped
Three garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon clear honey
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt, more to taste
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound, 2 ounces boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into bite-sized chunks

Place all the ingredients, except the chicken, in a large bowl and stir to combine. Add the chicken and turn to coat with the marinade. Cover with the plastic wrap and leave to marinate in the fridge for two to 12 hours.

When ready to serve, thread the pieces of chicken onto skewers. Preheat a barbecue or heat a griddle or skillet over high heat. Place the skewers on your barbecue or skillet and cook for 5 minutes on each side, turning every now and then, until golden on all sides and cooked through. Serve immediately.

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Ingredients

Liquid ratatouille
Lasagna noodles
Ricotta cheese
Grated mozzarella cheese
Sliced ratatouille ingredients: zucchini, eggplant, tomato, onion, garlic, herbs

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Ladle enough sauce into a deep baking dish to cover the bottom. Add a layer of uncooked lasagna noodles, followed by another layer of sauce, a layer of ricotta, layers of ratatouille ingredients, a layer of mozzarella cheese and another layer of sauce. Repeat this as many times as your ingredient quantities and pan depth allow.

Cover and bake for 90 minutes. Remove the cover for the final 15 minutes to melt and slightly brown the cheese on top. Serve while still warm.

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