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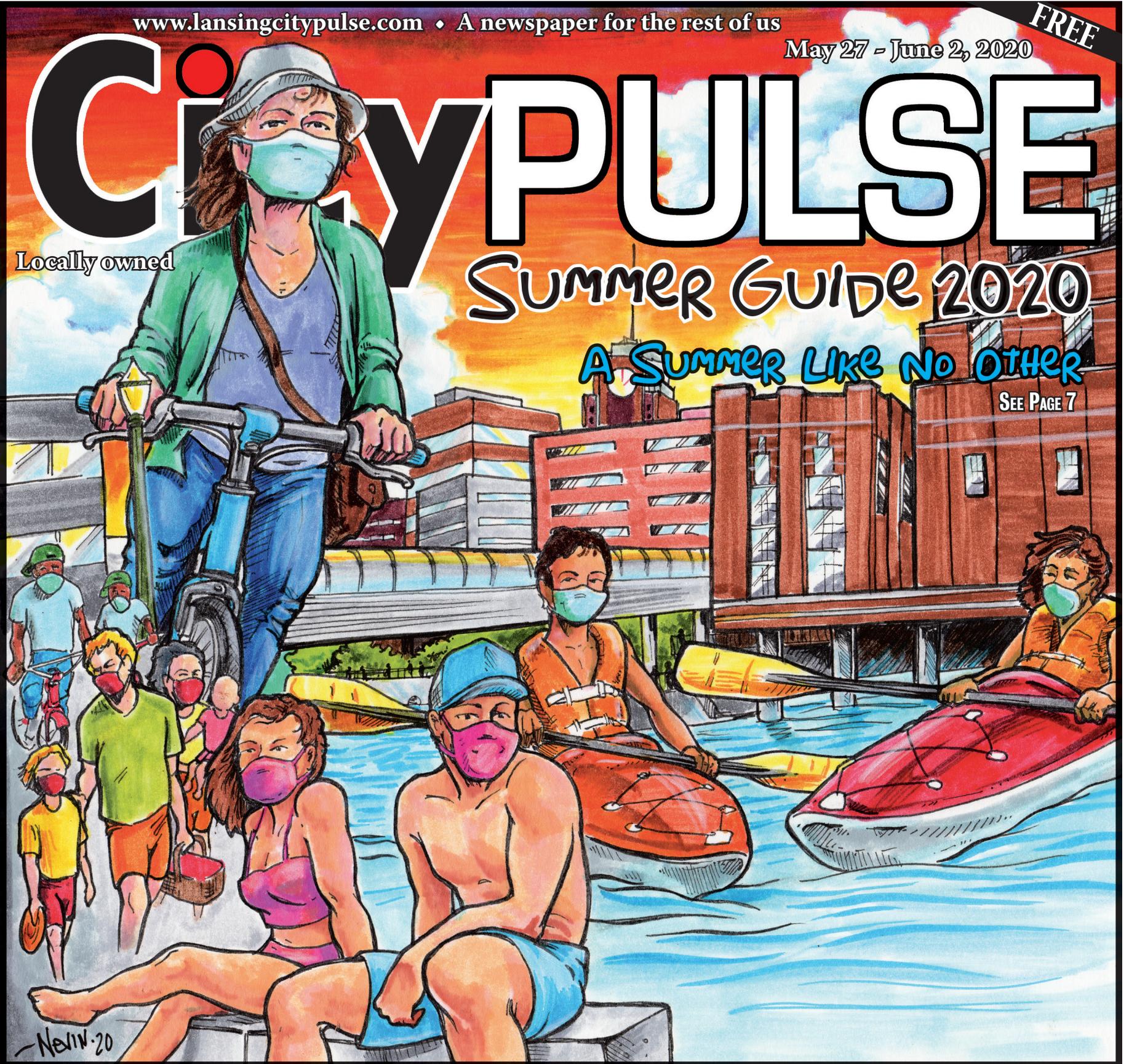
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by TOM TOMORROW

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Temperatures rising

In a typically sudden seasonal transition, the cool mornings of Michigan spring gave way to the burgeoning heat of summer over the long holiday weekend. For Michiganders, it marks the start of three months, more or less, of basking in the sun, joining a pontoon boat promenade around a shimmering lake, firing up backyard barbeques with all manner of charbroiled gastronomic delights, savoring Michigan-made craft beers around a flickering campfire, or wetting a fishing line in hopes of landing a whopper. Our passion for outdoor recreation is so intense in part because the opportunity is so fleeting: We have to make the most of it before the gloom of winter closes in on us once again.

As summer splashes across the Great Lakes State, the heat is rising in more ways than one. Simmering resentment over Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's lockdown orders may soon boil over into even more widespread defiance as people yearn to be free from the shackles of mask wearing and social distancing. For some, the threat of catching COVID-19 is no match for the allure of a Michigan summer, and that could spell trouble this fall. A second wave of coronavirus infections could force yet another round of restrictions aimed at dampening the pandemic's pace, inflicting even more damage on Michigan's economy. Areas of the state that so far have escaped the worst of the scourge may be the epicenter of a COVID resurgence, thanks to swarms of contagious downstaters exercising their freedoms in Michigan's favorite Up North playgrounds.

Rising summer temperatures have long been part of the recipe for rising tempers. We have no doubt that Michigan's summer swelter will push the anger and frustration thermometer even higher, further deepening the schism between those who support Whitmer's actions and those who don't.

One Michigan believes Whitmer is destroying the state's economy and imprisoning its people because she is on a power trip, or because she is burnishing her credentials as a potential candidate for vice president of the United States. COVID doubters and deniers bandy about all manner of conspiracy theories, misinterpreted data and bald-faced lies to support their trivialization of the COVID threat, using the social media echo chamber to reinforce their cognitive dissonance. Apparently, tens of thousands of deaths and overloaded hospital intensive care units are merely a figment of our collective imagination, thus we should be able to get on with our lives



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and let the chips fall where they may.

The other Michigan believes Whitmer is doing the right thing to combat the spread of the virus, relying on data and professional medical advice to keep a lid on the outbreak and ease the strain on our health care systems. To this point, public opinion polling in Michigan heavily favors Whitmer's approach, leaving little room for Republicans to devise a messaging counterpoint that resonates beyond their base and doesn't sound like the hapless yammering of foolish partisans on a desperate — and dangerous — quest for relevance. Backed by President Trump's desperate quest to reopen the economy, hoping to salvage a second term from the smoldering ashes of his disastrous tenure over the past three-and-a-half years, Michigan Republicans have made a conscious decision to follow him down the path of division and acrimony, pinning their own reelection prospects on the hope that stoking even more anger toward Whitmer will translate into Republican votes this fall.

Whitmer's extension of her Safer at Home order

to at least June 12 is sure to push the mercury even higher. Will the COVID rebellion become an insurrection? With increasing numbers of people brazenly ignoring the emergency mandates, will Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel crack down even harder on violators? The Declaration of Independence notes that our democratic form of government derives its just power from the consent of the governed. If the fabric of that consent slowly unravels this summer, one wonders if Whitmer will recalculate the political consequences, speed up the state's reopening and let COVID speak for itself.

There is an argument to be made that no matter what we do, no matter how draconian the restrictions, a certain number of people are destined to get sick and that thousands more will lose their lives before this is all over. The coronavirus hasn't gone anywhere. While we have successfully flattened the curve, COVID is simply waiting for us to let down our guard. Proponents of this view believe the ongoing damage to our economy is far worse than COVID's human toll and that short of an effective

vaccine the only solution is herd immunity, which can only be accomplished by allowing the coronavirus to run its natural course. While there may be threads of truth in this argument, no sensible politician wants to be the one who stands on the sidelines while a vicious virus takes an even heavier toll. Thus we continue to give Whitmer the benefit of the doubt that she is doing the right thing.

Come what may from the political squabbles, let's do our best to have a safe summer. Nearly all of our favorite summer activities are outdoors, which eases the need to wear a mask, and many can still be enjoyed while six feet apart from one another. Peruse this summer edition of the City Pulse for some terrific ideas on how you can safely make the most of the season in and around Lansing.

Editor's note

Dear readers:

This week City Pulse departs from its usual format to bring you a special Summer Guide issue — our most extensive ever, despite the dramatic drop in summer events and activities. You will not see our usual news and arts sections this week. But they will return next week.

Send letters to the editor on this editorial or any other topic to letters@lansingcitypulse.com. Please limit them to 250 words.

How the City Pulse journalism fund makes a difference

By **BERL SCHWARTZ**

Last week, a lawyer named Doug Austin called me to verify that the City Pulse for Community Journalism is a 501(c)3. He was representing the estate of Jim Noble,



a Realtor who passed away last fall. I assured him it was, and he told me he was going to send a check.

And he sure did: \$20,000.

With one check, the fund nearly doubled its balance. A sincere thank you to the estate and to attorney Austin, who chose City Pulse as the recipient of this generous gift.

And an equally big thanks to the 320 readers who have together contributed almost as much since we launched the fund in January.

That donation has given us the courage to spend some of the fund's money. Next week, look for our first two projects by freelance contributors.

The main purpose of the fund — gifts are tax deductible — is to expand local coverage, and the two projects

we will publish next week are excellent examples: They simply could not have been done within the budget of City Pulse — especially now, when our revenues from advertising are down sharply because of the pandemic. This new source of support will help keep City Pulse afloat while it navigates the uncharted waters of the pandemic economy. (I think I've exhausted that metaphor.)

We were also pleased to receive a \$7,000 grant from the Google News Initiative Journalism Emergency Fund, which, fortunately, is unrestricted, so it will go for operating expenses (which the fund cannot.) In our case, it will be used to pay for printing, our biggest expense after personnel.

Printing is far less an expense than it was before the pandemic hit. With 60% of our usual distribution sites closed, our circulation fell from 16,000 to 6,000 in the course of a week. Thankfully, we are seeing a resurgence. This week, we are up to 7,000.

But readership has not declined. Our digital numbers are through the roof. In all likelihood, City Pulse has far more readers now than ever.

My vision is that our print numbers

will continue to rise, especially when manufacturing resumes and the racks arrive that have long been on order. Right now, we are on the bottom of Quality Dairy's existing newspaper racks. Once our tall, red racks arrive, we should see considerably more pickups at QD.

I expect our print numbers will not return to pre-pandemic levels. Some readers who switched to our digital version (www.lansingcitypulse.com) will most likely stay there. Others will be print-only readers. But I think many will be both. They will pick up print for longer stories and to satisfy the traditional need for a newspaper in their hands over morning coffee. But they will also use our digital version for convenience.

As longtime digital readers can attest, we have added considerable content online in the last couple of months. I see that continuing to grow. Like print, digital depends on readership to build revenue from advertisers. Just look at all the national ads our website has attracted. Those ads, coming to us through Google, are a direct result of increasing "pageviews" and "new users," two of the most widely used measures of readership. The bigger those numbers, the more ads Google sends our way. (They just show up, so I'm as surprised as you to see Trump ads.)

The trick is how to attract more

local advertisers to our website. Our sales staff is transitioning from a print-only mentality to one in which digital is just as important. Thus, we are increasingly offering packages of print and digital advertising because local enterprises should market themselves both ways to reach all of our audience.

Moreover, local businesses need to become more digitally savvy. Many either do not have websites or have ineffective ones. To remedy that, we are now offering web design and maintenance through a partnership with a local company, ABN Circle. Let me know if you are interested by email (publisher@lansingcitypulse.com) or phone (517 999-5061).

Finally, you'll see on P. 3 today the announcement of our COVID Heroes recognition program. We are inviting everyone to nominate people they think deserve special recognition. After nominations close, we will ask readers to vote on those nominees — a kind of Top of the Town for folks who are making a difference in our community during the pandemic. To nominate, please go to lansingcitypulse.com/covidhero. A special thanks to Gilbert's Hardware, in Dewitt, the contest's primary sponsor.

Stay safe.

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

It's a nice thought, but Whitmer for VP is unlikely

We've had 48 vice presidents. Only Gerald Ford was from Michigan, and he wasn't elected. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer could be the first person in Michigan history to be voted into the office.

It could happen. It just isn't likely to happen through this presidential cycle.

At MIRS we have a dozen or so contributors and consultants who come together on Monday morning to pontificate on political goings-on. All of us were asked to pick whom we thought Joe Biden would pick as his running mate.

None of us predicted Whitmer.

Some. Like me, are subtly rooting for her because they like her or want history to happen.

Four months ago, I might have



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picked Whitmer as my wild card pick. Today, too much has changed.

Here's a few things she has going against her:

1. She doesn't fill Biden's greatest weakness. At 77 years old, Biden isn't at his sharpest. That's being overly kind.

Everybody sees it and it's uncomfortable. Listening to him stumble through even his own podcast is painful. Biden needs a running mate to help him craft his agenda, not to mention help him run the government immediately.

At a minimum, Biden needs someone whom Republicans or Trump can't accuse of not being ready to run the country, just in case. Elizabeth Warren has more than seven years of federal experience. Amy Klobuchar has nearly 14. Even Kamala Harris has two.

Four years ago, Whitmer was the Ingham County prosecutor, and that was just temporary.

2. Whitmer's record is too fresh. The governor's go-it-slow approach to reopening life in the pandemic could turn out to be the absolutely best approach to saving lives and snuffing out this disease. It also could absolutely decimate our economy to a point where it takes years to recover. We honestly don't know.

In the meantime, all of her decisions are being flyspecked through a partisan lens. Unlike a U.S. senator serving in the minority, Whitmer is running an entire state through a global pandemic. Anything she does is getting blown up into a big deal.

3. Biden is already winning Michigan. Adding Whitmer to the ticket doesn't move the needle.

Last month, a Fox News poll showed Biden beating President Trump 49% to 41% in Michigan. When the same respondents were given Biden-Whitmer or Trump-Pence as the options, the margin barely moved to 49% for Team Biden and 43% for Team Trump.

The main point of having Whitmer on the ticket is to shore up the Midwest. If she isn't shoring up

Michigan, how is she helping Dems in Wisconsin or Pennsylvania?

4. Whitmer could outshine Biden on the stump.

This may be a lesser concern, but you never want your No. 2 looking better than your No. 1. If everyone is being honest here, Whitmer is fantastic on camera. She's better than Harris, Klobuchar or Warren. She's clearly better than Biden. The other three probably are, too, but with Whitmer it's more noticeable.

She stays on message. She's sharp-witted. She's unflappable when thrown a curve. She's not a nerdy policy wonk, but she still knows her stuff.

Maybe if Biden were 10 years younger, or if Whitmer hadn't been thrust into having to make unpopular decisions in the face of a global pandemic, things would be different.

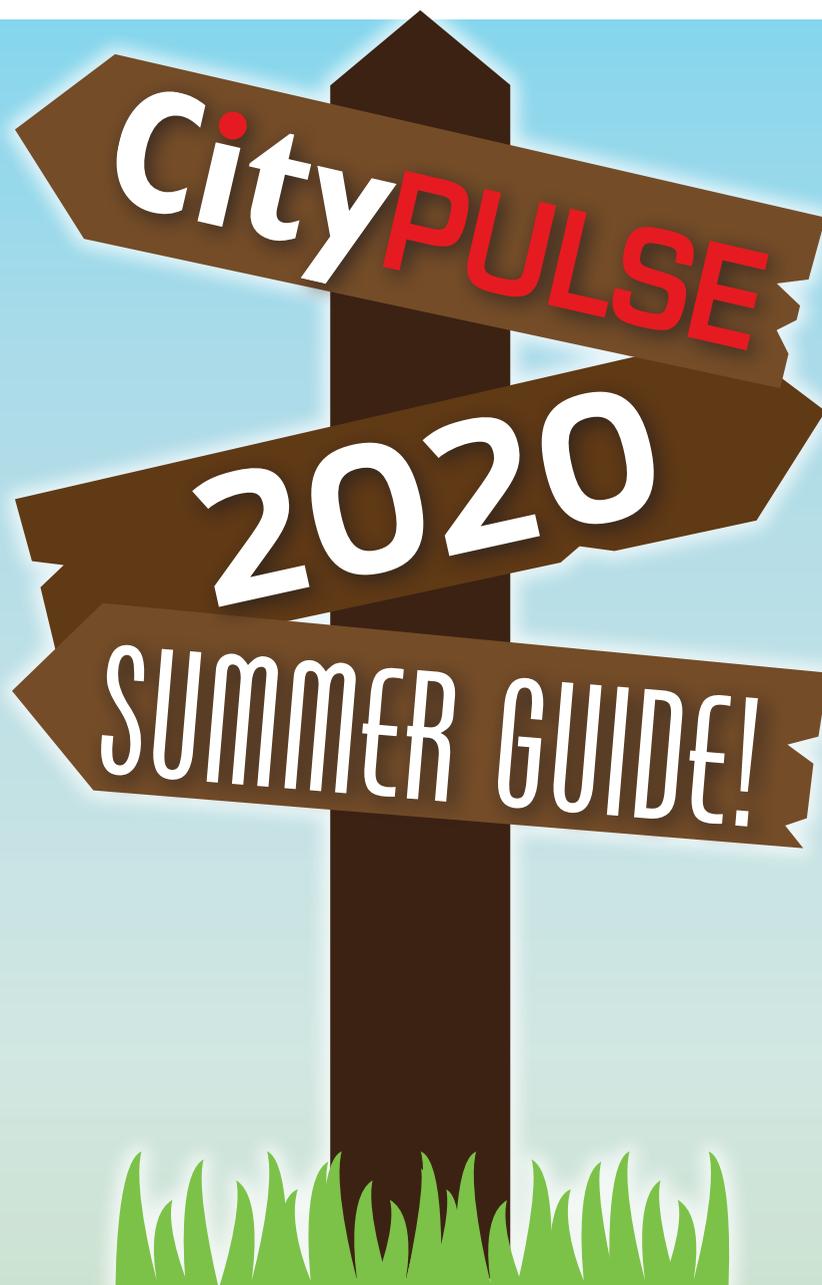
It's not unrealistic to think of Whitmer as a presidential possibility in 2024 or 2028 or 2032. She is only 48 years old. But for 2020, the timing likely isn't going to work out.

(Kyle Melinn, of the Capitol news service MIRS, is at melinnky@gmail.com.)



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In March 2020, U.S. bike sales doubled from the same period in 2019 and brought a cohort of new cyclists to the Lansing River Trail for the first time.



It's canceled, so you might as well get on a bike

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

Spring 2020 was a frozen season. The enforcer was a deadly virus, of course, but snow and cold lingered almost to Memorial Day, encouraging a state of deep hibernation.

Suddenly, all at once, it's over 80 degrees and the grass is up to your kneecaps.

Now what do you do?

All we know is that we don't know. Summer life is looking pretty quiet this year. If there's going to be an olive loaf-eating contest, a World Series of Jell-o polo, a microtonal Czech opera festival, a golf cart demolition derby or a Cajun grasshopper cook-off, it will have to happen in your garage, on a limited scale.

That's why this year's summer kick-

off issue of City Pulse concentrates on domestic, self-directed open-air activities such as biking and gardening instead of the usual comforting calendar of festivals, concerts and activities.

From the Memorial Day side, summer is looking like a prison yard version of spring's lockdown — more isolation, more screen time, only this time you can bask and web surf in your backyard. Who knows what things will look like by Labor Day?

This uncertainty has led to the cancellation, or online sheltering, of many familiar local summer rites, from the Lugnuts baseball to the East Lansing Art Festival, the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, Margarita Fest, Common Ground and beyond.

As of late May, bars and restau-

rants are still closed and gatherings are limited by law to 10 people or fewer, as long as social distancing is observed and masks are worn.

Summer activities, from dance classes to swimming pools to pop-up concerts, have been sharply curtailed or canceled. Summer camps are struggling with the choice of staying on schedule, with restrictive safety measures, or just waiting until 2021. More detailed dissections of Lansing's culture of closures and cancellations can be found in the following pages.

For now, outdoor music is limited to itinerant guitarists, saxophone players, impromptu rappers, dancers and other lone artists, expressing themselves under bridges and on empty street corners.

One bright spot is the Lansing Art Gallery's ArtPath, an outdoor exhibit of painting and sculpture that will place dozens of juried works along the River Trail, beginning in June.

The really good news is that when people are left to their own devices, they gravitate to old-school, open-air diversions like bicycling and gardening, both of which get more detailed treatment in the pages ahead. Our summer section also includes a look at food trailers and a glimpse into the city's indestructible skateboard culture.

We offer this oddball banquet of summer delights in hopes that the season's limitations be offset by unexpected nourishment of your mind, heart and soul. Here's to dancing in the streets in summer 2021.



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Age of exploration

Lansing area trails surge with cyclists; bike shops hustle to keep up

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

In mid-April, a few weeks into the quarantine era, a large man on a skinny bike wobbled along a downtown stretch of the Lansing River Trail with impressive dignity. He gracefully made the curve north of the Saginaw Street underpass, leaving room for a speedier biker heading south, and turned to me with a smile.

“First time on a bike in 40 years,” he said.

Nothing in this world combines exercise, diversion, travel, philosophy and safely fleeing human contact better than biking. It’s no wonder that this spring, a lot of people are rediscovering the bicycle as a glorious way to shake off the stink of quarantine.

Tuesday morning, a stone’s throw from the Lansing River Trail, knots of masked, socially distancing customers hovered around Spin Bicycle Shop in North Lansing, waiting on the sidewalk and in the street for service.

Co-owner Nicole Cottom said it’s like this at the shop all day.

“We have seen the most amazing increase in recreational cycling,” Cottom said. “Not necessarily people who want

to go out and ride 50 miles at a time. They want to enjoy the River Trail, see things they haven’t seen before, ride along with their friends, just slow down and find a new joy. It’s really sad that we can’t sell them any bikes.”

Nationwide sales of bicycles, equipment and repair services nearly doubled compared to March of last year, according to a May 18 story in *The New York Times*.

The *Times* reported a “severe bicycle shortage” because of the surge in demand and disruptions to the global supply chain because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“All of the bicycles under \$1,000 are sold out across the country,” Cottom said. “We’re having a very, very difficult time getting any bikes at all, and so are all the other shops in Lansing.”

As she talked, employees shuttled in and out the door, bringing out repaired bikes, poring over the proper fit or presenting parts for inspection.

“And the phones are constantly ringing because people are looking for bikes,” Cottom said. “They want to be safe, but it’s very difficult to sell a bike properly over the phone.”

The shop is almost on top of the River Trail, giving Cottom a front-row seat to the surge.

“The River Trail’s been a really important resource that’s been underutilized,”



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Staffers were busy helping a constant stream of socially distancing customers outside Spin Bicycle Shop in Old Town Tuesday.

Cottom said. “Finally, it’s just wonderful to see it being used as it should have been used all along.”

New users are discovering the trail every day. On a Memorial Day weekend ride, an excited family zoomed over the boardwalk suspended over the Grand River next to the towering Ottawa Power Station.

“Daddy, this is exactly like Chicago!” one of the kids yelled — so loudly I could hear him from across the river, in Rotary Park.

But Lansing is even better than Chicago for bikers, especially if you’re a bit rusty. In an unhurried 45-minute ride, you can absorb an amazing variety of scenes and terrain, from downtown fireworks to owls hooting in the woods, but the vibe is laid back and the pace is relaxed.

Take the spine of the River Trail system, beginning at the Turner-Dodge mansion at the north end, curling south and east toward the campus of MSU. In less than an hour, the path thread through the vintage shops and rooftop gargoyles of Old Town into the heart of downtown, next to landmarks like the old power station, the ballpark and convention center and the city’s newest pride and joy, Rotary Park.

A bit further southeast, the river bends into the oldest section of trail, purchased by civic visionaries in the

1970s and 1980s who bought up riverfront easements in hopes the day would come when the Grand would be more than a backyard industrial dump. Judging by the modern-day traffic in bikes, walkers and kayakers along the Grand, that day has come.

Another bonus to biking in 2020 is that most of these older sections were repaved last year, thanks to a county trails and parks millage that passed in 2013 and again in 2019.

Pieced together over decades, the east-west heart of the River Trail system is a kind of miracle. Despite its central location and proximity to the river, there isn’t a single at-grade crossing from the Turner Dodge House all to Potter Park Zoo and the wooded area east of Aurelius Road, populated by herons, turtles and sycamores, and further east to the MSU campus.

A southern extension to Ingham County’s Hawk Island Park, about a half hour from the State Capitol, puts you in the company of owls, eagles, deer, mink, pileated woodpeckers and untold wildflowers. Right now, in late May, purple and lavender dames’ rocket flowers are shooting up everywhere, honeying the air.

Further south, the Hawk Island trail hooks up with Delhi Township’s



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The Brenke Fish Ladder is a popular stop for bicyclists on the Lansing River Trail.

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Lansing curtails summer programming amid pandemic

Most parks and recreation activities canceled or postponed

By KYLE KAMINSKI

This summer is going to look different across Greater Lansing.

Statewide restrictions on public and private gatherings, while recently relaxed, are still expected to lead to canceling or postponing city programs over the next few months. Accordingly, many facilities will be closed in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties.

As announced last week, social gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed as long as people keep a six-foot distance and wear face coverings while inside enclosed spaces.

That was welcomed news ahead of the summer months. But many restrictions remain. And they'll have a major impact on summer in Greater Lansing.

Lansing

Lansing's traditional Memorial Day ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery was canceled this year after a statewide executive order had banned groups of any size. City officials said no plans were rescheduled after the order was relaxed to allow groups of 10 people or less. Here is information on other events and activities.

- Walking Wednesdays postponed.
- The Concerts in the Park series is being re-evaluated based on the executive lockdown, which expires June 12 but could be extended. A

So what can Michiganders do this summer?

Michiganders for weeks have been allowed to go golfing — albeit without golf carts — after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer loosened restrictions on outdoor recreational activity last month. Feel free to hit the golf course this summer. Just keep a distance from others and stay out of the closed clubhouse bar.

Personal landscaping has always been allowed in Michigan. Go ahead: Clean up the yard and mow your lawn. After some additional regulations on essential businesses were released last month, landscaping companies are also open across the state. They could use the business.

Canoes, kayaks and motorboats can also feel free to hit the water this summer. All are allowable under executive order. Just be careful not to overcrowd the sandbar with your friends; Gatherings of ten or more are still not allowed, even in the middle of a wide open lake.

Trails, beaches and state parks remain open across most of Michigan. Some state parks have implemented restrictions to limit the number of people crowding any particular space, but otherwise guests should feel free to

visit — as long as they keep a distance from other patrons.

Just don't go to a campground. Whitmer's orders do not ease up any restrictions on public or private campgrounds. All of them are required to remain closed until at least Thursday, though nothing in the order prohibits socially distant camping on private property with some friends.

Additionally, Whitmer has reopened some long-shuttered sections of the state's economy. Retail operations were able to resume statewide this week, but customers can only shop by appointment. Newly reopened stores will also be limited to 10 shoppers inside at any given time.

Nonessential medical, dental and veterinary procedures, including pet grooming, can resume on Friday. Businesses must adopt social distancing precautions for staff and customers. Other "places of public accommodation" — like bars, theaters, restaurant dining rooms, salons, massage shops and sports stadiums — are still not able to open their doors across Michigan.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

- concert is still scheduled for June 10, but that could change.
- Mayor Andy Schor's Family Riverwalk and Run, which was scheduled for June 13, will take place entirely online. Runners can sign up online to run or walk the virtual 5K anywhere at runsignup.com/MI/Lansing/MayorsRiverwalkRun.
- The Fairy Tale Festival scheduled for June 20 and 21 at the Turner Dodge House — and all other programming there — has been canceled.
- The 4th of July Parade, evening concert and fireworks at Riverfront Park are canceled.

- Schor's annual **Senior Activities Fair** scheduled for August is postponed.
- Both **Hunter and Moores Park pools** will be closed. It's possible that the pool at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center will open for lap swimming, officials said, but all swim lessons are on hold.
- City parks remain open, but all pavilion reservations are canceled until at least July 6.
- The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is looking at the feasibility of offering one **summer camp** with a number of restrictions based on required safety and health protocols, but those plans have not yet been put in place.
- In-person summer tennis programs are on hold. Instead, virtual tennis and leadership programs, tutoring and life groups will be held. Details are posted at tmyl.org/summer-tennis.
- Community centers will offer limited virtual classes and programming but will otherwise remain closed. Specific details about each facility and their summer offerings will be available at lansingmi.gov/parks.
- Trails around **Fenner Nature Center** are open to the public, but all programming and indoor activities are on hold. The building was still closed this week.
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Sycamore Creek Trail and takes you all the way to Holt's wooded Valhalla Park, with only a few (regulated) at-grade crossings. Another, more workmanlike stretch of the Lansing River Trail zips along the city's southern edge, follows a utility corridor parallel to Jolly Road, all the way to Davis Park on the southwest

side of town.

On each ride this summer, the question will be, where to picnic next? Connecting the city's parks and attractions is the prime directive of the trail system. Another key River Trail extension spikes due south along the Grand from downtown, through REO Town and the industrial heart of Lansing to stately Moores Park and the Eckert Station, with its hydroelectric dam, a favorite fishing hole. Off the trail, you can bike along shady Moores River Drive further west to Francis Park and

the best sunset viewing in town.

Beyond Lansing, there are more gems to discover in the regional trail system, from the path that follows the old Interurban Railroad in Meridian Township to the splendidly resurfaced North Tier trails in East Lansing to the Hayhoe Trail in Mason. Thanks to the parks and trails millage, plans are underway for most of these trails to hook up with the Lansing River Trail, and with each other, and send more tendrils out to Lake Lansing and all the way to the state-girdling Lake Huron

to Lake Michigan Trail via a hub in Stockbridge.

Another bonus of the coronavirus era is the reduced traffic on many area roads. Opportunities for long roadside rides, like the scenic trek north along Turner Street's bike lane to DeWitt and beyond to St. Johns, await more intrepid bikers.

By the time the pandemic dies down and the bike supply replenishes, it's likely that a lot of people will be incurably hooked.



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Programming

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Department, in lieu of in-person programming, has been hosting a variety of virtual activities live on its Facebook page — like a live Fortnite video gaming session for the public or a tutorial on how to repurpose old bandanas for your pets.

- All 18 holes at **Groesbeck Golf Course** are open. The course — which charges daily fees — recommends that guests schedule tee times in advance. Call (517) 483-4333 for more details.
- The Potter Park Zoo remains closed to guests for now.

East Lansing

East Lansing has moved its **Summer Solstice Jazz Festival** entirely online to a virtual festival on June 19 and 20, featuring live streaming video of past performances. Details are forthcoming.

- The **East Lansing Farmers Market** will be open June 7 through Oct. 25 on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court. Social distancing precautions will be in place.
- A #StayFitEL “Go the Social Distance” fitness challenge will feature daily fitness challenges to encourage residents to stay active this summer. Check out cityofeastlansing.com for details.
- **East Lansing’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Arts** is still busy planning for other virtual and continued offerings this summer, including an online menu of continued programming, outdoor group fitness classes in July and virtual children’s theater offerings in June and July.
- The **East Lansing Hannah Community Center and Prime Time**

Seniors’ program will remain closed to the public through at least July 12. Activities will eventually resume in phases.

- **Kids Camp** — East Lansing’s summer camp program — is tentatively scheduled to begin July 13 with limited registration. Social distancing precautions will be in full effect.
- Adult use of the community center’s fitness center and swimming pool is scheduled to resume July 13 on a reservation basis, with attendance restrictions and social distancing precautions in place. City officials have still not yet decided when to reopen the pool for children.
- All summer **Learn to Swim classes** are canceled through at least Aug. 3. All other classes and programmatic offerings at the community center — including those focused on fine arts and theater — are expected to resume by Aug. 3 on a registration-only basis with restrictions.
- All outdoor playgrounds, sports courts, pavilions, picnic shelters and park restrooms in East Lansing will remain closed until at least July 13. Organized and drop-in activities at the city’s sports complexes and Northern Tail Dog Park are suspended until at least Aug. 3. All city-sponsored or club-sponsored athletic leagues for the summer are also canceled.
- East Lansing’s summer community events programs — such as the **Summer Concert Series, Moonlight Film Festival and Play in the Park** — are scheduled to resume in July. The events are still being evaluated to determine if social distancing precautions can be put into place.
- The **East Lansing Family Aquatic Center** will be closed this summer.

Meridian Township

All Meridian Township events though June have been canceled or postponed.

- Township playgrounds, bathrooms, shelters, drinking fountains and pavilions remain closed. The exercise equipment at Wonch Park is also closed. Staff will continue to evaluate the use of those amenities as social distancing guidelines and state recommendations continue to shift.
- Adult sports and youth sports are postponed until further notice. Youth soccer has been canceled. Refunds or credits will be issued to registrants.
- Athletic fields and basketball courts remain closed. Individuals or members of the same household, however, may continue to use them for recreational activity, as allowed under law. Tennis and pickleball courts are open. Play can resume with social distancing precautions.
- Summer camps and programs at the **Harris Nature Center** have been canceled or postponed through June. The **Meridian Senior Center** also remains closed until state orders are lifted.
- The **Meridian Township Farmers Market** is open Meridian Mall parking lot, though social distancing precautions are in place to reduce contact between vendors and customers.
- The township’s **Small Dog Park** has also reopened, provided people keep their distance.

Delhi Township

- The **Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Department** canceled this summer’s volleyball season and all other summer sports. Registrants will receive a refund.
- A “soft opening” period is expected to last through Thursday as new safety protocols are introduced across the township. While township offices remain closed, all parks and trails will stay open. Playground equipment are off limits and public restrooms are closed.

Ingham County

- Ingham County Parks, trails, and the Burchfield Park disc golf courses are open, subject to social distancing. The mountain biking trails at Burchfield Park and Bunker Road Lansing — only because of the recent rainfall — are temporarily closed. The Soldan Dog Park is also flooded but is open.
- On June 12, park canoe and kayak rentals will reopen at **Burchfield Park** by reservation on weekends and holidays. Disc golf, hiking, mountain biking trails, bathrooms and limited concession sales will also be available at the park with new safety precautions.
- **Hawk Island Park** will also resume canoe and kayak rentals on June 12.
- Walking and running trails and bathrooms will reopen at **Soldan Dog Park** on June 12.
- The boat launch gate and bathrooms will open with limited staffing at **Lake Lansing Parks** on June 12. Park playgrounds and shelters will be closed through at least June 30.
- A variety of programs and amenities will not be offered this summer at all. Those include: Burchfield Park Summer Day Camp, Lake Lansing Band Shell Friday Night Concerts, Lake Lansing inflatable rentals, Lake Lansing Trikes at the Trike Track, Hawk Island Splash Pad, and all swimming beaches. Call (517) 676-2233 with questions or more information.

Eaton County

- All nature trails in Eaton County’s park system are open as long as CDC guidelines for social distancing are followed by guests. Park playgrounds, however, remain closed to the public.
- Additional closures include the basketball courts, fish ladder and Ledges Trail at Fitzgerald Park, the beach and swim areas at Fox Park and the pond at Lincoln Brick Park.

Notice of Public Hearing

Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy will hold a public hearing June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm at 730 W. Maple Street, Lansing, MI 48906, (517) 485-5379, to review the proposed 2020-2021 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.

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Feeling rootless? Start a garden

Home gardens across Lansing flourish during COVID-19 outbreak

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Plants breathe, they feel pain, they lean towards the sunlight. For gardeners, they offer a sense of control and compassion. Once you purchase a plant or put seeds in the dirt, you suddenly become responsible for a life. In the same way a pet might, house plants compel you to become more conscious of the living things around you.

Gardeners across Lansing have grown closer to their gardens during the COVID-19 outbreak. It is one of the many hobbies that people across the country picked up during lockdown. They have extra time on their hands, so why not?

Ronny Ford, 24, grew up on a blueberry farm that his grandparents owned. They also had a garden with corn, green beans, lettuce and other basic garden vegetables. So, gardening has been a constant in his life from a young age.



Ford

Ever since shipping off to Michigan State University, Ford's collection of house plants has steadily increased. He has amassed over 70 plants now. It's gotten to the point where he's been giving some away to friends. Lockdown only made his plant-buying habit worse.

"I don't think I have room for anymore, but despite that, I'm picking up another one today," said Ford. He said that he was picking it up from someone in a Facebook group where Lansing residents exchange plants. After that, though, he's said he's done buying more. Maybe. Except for a prickly pear cactus coming in the mail that he purchased online. That one doesn't count.

In a spare room in Ford's apartment, he set up a plant paradise. He put a grow light in his ceiling fixture, so the whole room is full of artificial sunshine.

To help his more tropical plants flourish, he started to turn the heat way up and placed humidifiers around the room. He said that he uses the room both for his plants and for meditation.

"I seriously don't know what else I'd be doing if I wasn't taking care of these plants every day. The ritual of it helps me feel grounded in reality," said Ford. "When I wake up, I have this dread. And then I remember that I have plants to take care of."

From the dirt, Ford grew an indoor ecosystem that has kept them sane during quarantine.

Some home gardeners in Lansing have been planting in the small, grassy spaces outside their urban residences. Greg Frens, 48, started planting on his porch and in his front yard several months ago. He has peas, corn, tomato, peppers and beans growing so far.

Frens started planting outside about five years ago with the hope that homeless people would come by and pick vegetables whenever they need something to eat. He said that he prefers to share the fruits of his labor with the community. Now, even neighbors know that they can freely ask for fresh veggies.

"People knock on my door and ask if they can take a tomato or pepper," said Frens. "I grew up on a farm, and this is like my urban farm."

With so many people passing by and noticing his flourishing vegetables and herbs, Frens has even inspired some fellow Lansing residents to start their own front-yard gardens.

Madison Barritt, 21, an MSU student, started a garden using pallets after she was inspired by a post on the popular DIY website Pinterest. She has been growing tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini and watermelon.

"I have no idea what to do with watermelons though," Barritt laughed. "They need a lot of room."

With a wooden pallet taken from her mother's backyard, Barritt constructed a tiny garden. She lined the pallet with landscaping fabric using a staple gun. According to her, this method allows for better control than planting in the ground.

Barritt said that she also keeps



Courtesy photo

John Krohn, manager of the Land Bank Garden Program in Ingham County, proudly poses with flowers he grew on his "No-Mow" lawn.

houseplants around her room for decoration. For her, they're harder to keep alive than vegetables.

Keeping her plants alive has helped Barritt survive the statewide lockdown. She has even noticed other people on social media picking up gardening. Right now, she said that she's helping her coworker start a garden.

"As far as vegetables go, tomatoes are a good place to start," she said. "Everything is a process of trial and error."

For beginner gardeners, Barritt said that basil, zucchini and spinach are the easiest things to grow.

If you would like to start a garden somewhere in Lansing, John Krohn, manager of the Land Bank Garden program in Ingham County, is the perfect man to talk to. As long as you have the money, renting a plot of land is as easy as placing a phone call to Krohn.

"My chief job is to make sure that anyone in Lansing who wants access to land can get it. I can get them the tools they need to be successful," said Krohn. "We have around 160 gardens all over Lansing."

Krohn said that most of the gardens are contracted through individuals. The nature of the garden is entirely

up to the renter. Since the COVID-19 outbreak started, Krohn said that they have had more demand than ever.

"People have more time on their hands, and people are suddenly aware of what can go wrong with the food supply chain," explained Krohn. "People want to feel more secure."

Gardening can be a helpful coping mechanism during lockdown, too, said Krohn. The day-to-day commitment of keeping a garden alive can provide peace to those who are stuck inside the house. Krohn himself said that he doesn't have time for a garden. They know every farmer in town, he said, so they get free vegetables whenever they want.

Instead, Krohn has been focusing on his lawn. He and his wife have been using their spare time in lockdown to transform it into a "no-mow yard." They have deviated from your typical, sprawling American lawn and decided to focus on growing native plants in their yard instead. Keeping up this project has kept them going through lockdown.

"It can totally reset your mentality. Getting outside, doing some honest work in the dirt," Krohn said. "I think it's grounding a lot of people."



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Greater Lansing food trucks good to go for summer. Here are some

By **DAWN PARKER**

What could be more summery at mealtime than some good old street food? Whether it's tacos, pizza or barbecue, Greater Lansing has its fair share of food trucks. Truck hours and locations can change rapidly, so it's always best to call ahead, check a Facebook page or a website. If we forgot your favorite, please bring us up to speed with an email to dawn_parker@comcast.net.

El Oasis Food Truck

Haslett
1620 Haslett Road, Haslett
(517) 230-4385

Lansing – East Side
2501 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 648-7693

Lansing – South Side
6100 S. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 882-2100
el oasisfood.com

East Lansing
2778 E. Grand River Ave.

Reputation Beverage Co.

DeWitt
116 N. Bridge St., DeWitt
(517) 624-2130

Lansing
800 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 657-3913
reputationbev.com

The Purple Carrot

Location varies across Lansing
(517) 679-6309

Got Smoke BBQ Events and Catering Inc.

Location Varies across Lansing
Call (517) 402-9868

Chuckie D's

North of Saint Johns, just off Exit 99.
Call (989) 292-1250.

Grand Grillin'

Location varies across Lansing
(517) 881-7842
grandgrillin.com

Good Bites

440 S. Jefferson, Mason
(517) 993-8081
goodbitestruck.com

Maria's Cuisine

536 E. Grand River, Lansing
(517) 614-3306

NoLo's Soul

Martin Luther King and W. Holmes,
Lansing
(517) 574-6783

Taquero Mucho

2408 S. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 303-7882

Pancho's Taqueria

902 E. Saginaw, Grand Ledge
(517) 749-4867

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of East Lansing Wetland Use Permit Application

The City of East Lansing has received an application for a Wetland Use Permit under authority of Chapter 49, Wetland Protection, of the East Lansing City Code from applicant, Mr. John Gentilozzi, 3400 West Rd. LLC, East Lansing, MI 48823, for construction of the new Lansing District Headquarters for Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) at 3401 Coolidge Road (Property).

The site contains one wetland regulated by both the State of Michigan and the City of East Lansing. The current site plan proposes to impact 0.24 acre of wetland for an access drive with sidewalk and for construction of a building with a stormwater discharge into the existing wetland. The project proposes to restore approximately 0.008 acre of wetland that was previously filled for a wetland crossing. A Wetland Use Permit will be considered by the City for the proposed activities contingent to the agreement of a mitigation ratio of 1:1. The applicant proposes the following wetland uses:

1. Construct an access road from Coolidge Road through wetland to service the new building. This will entail two (2) wetland crossings, filling 0.16 acre of wetland with 942 cubic yards of fill.
2. Construct a building, parking area, and underground stormwater detention system. Grading for the building and parking lot and placement of the stormwater outfall for the subsurface detention basin will fill 0.08 acre of wetland with 370 cubic yards of fill.

The proposed project is also regulated under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The applicant has also submitted a wetland permit application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the same proposed activities.

All persons wishing to make comments shall furnish their written comments to Catherine DeShambo, Environmental Services Administrator, City of East Lansing, Department of Public Works, 410 Abbot Rd. East Lansing, MI, 48823, cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com within 8 days after the date of this notice. Copies of the application materials, the staff review may be obtained here: <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/wetlandapplication>. The City will approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application within 90 days after receipt.

CP#20-124

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING WAS HELD VIA A ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING UNDER THE GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-48 AND 2020-42 ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Hayes, Clerk Aten, Treasurer Rodgers
Trustees: Broughton, Harris, McKenzie, Bankson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gresens, Attorney

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:
Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hayes.
Approved minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2020.
Agenda approved.
Approved Gould Park Equipment bid.
Approved emergency sidewalk quote.
Approved Claims.
Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

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CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE #1262

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 260.05 to allow for the Lansing Housing Commission to own and transact real property in its own name, and remove certain approvals by the City as to selection and compensation of officers and employees of the Commission; and amend Section 260.07 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to clarify insurance requirements, and remove certain approvals by the City related to the Commission's annual audit.

Effective date: Upon publication

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

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/CMMC
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From the skate park to parking lots

Lansing-area skaters find comfort on four wheels

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Skateboarding has a certain reputation. Both violent and undeniably cool, the sport has attracted daredevil teens since its inception. A whole generation of kids grew up playing Tony Hawk's Pro Skater video games and watching awe-inspiring reruns of the X-Games on ESPN.

Since coronavirus swept across the state, Lansing area skaters have found solace in pushing themselves to the limit on their boards. Because skating is easy to do on your own or in small groups, skaters can easily socially distance and practice proper hygiene protocols.

Madeline Smith, 23, has been skating for about a year now. She said that it makes her feel brave. And that it's the only type of exercise that she can bring herself to do. During the COVID-19 outbreak, it has brought her a sense of peace that nothing else can.

"I skateboarded earlier today because I was super stressed about finding a house to move into. I have to leave my house in two weeks when my lease ends. My landlords have been really pushing," Smith said. As she drove around looking for places to live, Smith took skateboarding breaks the same way a beleaguered worker takes a cigarette break.

Lansing doesn't have many spots built for skaters, so Smith has had to find her own makeshift spaces. "My back parking lot recently got new pavement. It's nice to have a space to skate where we won't be judged. I also enjoy Ranney Park, but I use my back lot the most," explained Smith. Ranney Park is a 20,000-foot skate park located directly west of Super Frandor on Michigan Avenue.

Smith explained that she hesitates to go to Ranney sometimes because the park is dominated by skating crews composed entirely of cis men. For Smith, the dream is to skate with a crew of AFAB skaters. AFAB stands for assigned female at birth.

"I have one AFAB, BFF skateboard-



Cole Tunningley/City Pulse

Above: Kai Kepski, 25, pulls off an ollie at Ranney Skate Park in Lansing.

Below: Madeline Smith, 23, does a kickflip over a sidewalk on Michigan Avenue.

ing companion. We push each other to skate as much as possible. I have support from cis men as well, and I value those relationships too. But my main partner in crime is another AFAB person," said Smith.

Kai Kepski, 25, who uses they/them pronouns, is the AFAB skating companion that Smith referred to. They've been skating on and off since they started college. Before moving to Lansing, Kepski learned street skating on the sidewalks of Los Angeles. Finding Smith helped them feel like they belonged to a legitimate skating crew.

"It's hard as an AFAB person to find other AFAB people to skate with, and dudes are really intimidating," Kepski explained. "I skateboard more seriously than I ever have in my life because I have Maddy encouraging me now."

Kepski agreed that the atmosphere at Ranney is patriarchal to a fault. But they seemed to like the park more than Smith, if only because it's all that Lansing has to offer.

According to Kepski and Smith, they only have each other. They have both searched fruitlessly for more AFAB

skating partners. When I asked Kepski if there was a wider Lansing skating community that they felt connected to, all they said was, "No!"

"I still go to Ranney, but like, everyone is always staring at you. Some people are nice, and they try to help you out. Some people try to help you out in a condescending way," said Kepski. "It's like, I'm wearing headphones! Don't talk to me!"

Kepski said that they prefer street skating, which involves more tricks than transition style. Because of this, they said they spend most of their time skating on sidewalks and in parking lots. Since the pandemic started, Kepski has noticed that strangers seem angrier and angrier.

"People come up to

me and try to talk to me and I'm like, Yo, I'm not wearing a mask. People get angry at me for saying that," said Kepski. They were yelled at for five minutes last week by someone who got mad at them for asking for space.

While they were skating in a parking lot, someone even approached Kepski to rant about Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "They say, I don't know why you believe the governor. I just tell them that I don't wanna live my life like they do," Kepski said.

Still, Kepski emphasized that lockdown would have been much more difficult if they didn't have access to a skateboard. They have been skating long distances around town and even taking their board to work once or twice a week. Even though the sidewalks around Lansing are bumpy and treacherous, Kepski claimed to know the location of every single crack that could possibly murder them.

Skating has also helped Kepski in the same way that meditation might help someone. When they're on their board, the world seems to melt away.

"When you're skating, it's the only thing you're thinking about," said Kepski. "You're so focused that you forget about everything else."



Photo courtesy Travis Anderson



2020 Summer Guide

Four sunny season sativas to smoke down this summer

Local pot shop recommends dank bud for an energetic high

By KYLE KAMINSKI

When someone pitched an idea for a summer cocktail guide at our last staff meeting, I knew we couldn't forget about pot. We owed it to our readers to also recommend some top-notch, locally sourced bud that pairs just right with some extra free time and a warm, summer afternoon.

And for one of City Pulse' first recreational-focused marijuana reviews, it only made sense to consult Lansing's first licensed recreational dispensary. The fine folks at Homegrown Cannabis Co., 5025 S. Pennsylvania Ave., were quick to whip up a list of recommendations.

Now, I've smoked just about daily for a decade, so tread (or puff) lightly on some of these powerful strains. Each of them are 18-22% THC, and the pre-rolled cones sold over at Homegrown have been known to knock less experienced smokers directly onto their asses.

These are all sativa-dominant strains, which usually equates to a boost of energy rather than a dose of couchlock (like their indica cousins), a perfect pairing for Michigan's unofficial start of summer last weekend. The budtenders at Homegrown set the menu. I buckled in for the ride.

The daunting task of sorting through the best summertime strains available in Lansing began on early Friday evening. I stopped by Homegrown and darted north, finding myself outside of a tent in the middle of the woods, somewhere near Ludington, at the start of Memorial Day weekend.

Skunk Chem

Pre-rolled cone (0.7 gram)

Price — \$15

THC content — 19.38%

Sweet Tarts. Although the label on this pre-rolled cone said it was harvested back in February, months in a jar did nothing to inhibit the incred-



Lansterdam in Review: Homegrown Cannabis Co.

5025 S. Pennsylvania Ave,
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ibly pungent aroma of this summertime sativa. It smelled like someone doused a candy-filled joint with Red Bull. And it kind of tasted like it too.

Billed as a sativa-dominant cross between Super Skunk and Chemdawg, this Skunk Chem first fills the mouth with a rich, earthy, dirty-but-in-a-good-way, sort of flavor, with a hint of citrus. And even though the sun was on its way down, this bud hit with all the punch of my morning coffee.

A nearly immediate tingle vibrated across my head, leaving me with an almost anxious sort of energy that really wasn't meant to be enjoyed while sitting down. Naturally, I became the chief architect of the campfire, fixated on arranging the logs for a perfect burn while verbally unpacking an entire work week — surely a thrilling monologue for my fiancée to endure.

Perhaps I should've saved this one for the morning. About 90 minutes later, I found myself cracking into a pack of hot dogs that was meant for the next day. I didn't get to sleep until 2 a.m.

Citrix

Pre-rolled cone (0.7 gram)

Price — \$15

THC content — 19.28%

I've always been a big fan of wake and bakes. This sativa hybrid cross between Grapefruit and LA Confidential smells and tastes like a tall glass of orange juice, making it the perfect stoner breakfast — especially before hitting the woods for a morning hike with a dog dying for a walk.

While this joint was actually paired



with coffee, I'm not sure it was a necessary combination. I found myself fixated on the sheer beauty and the unadulterated silence of the nature around me. A clear-headed spaciness had me wrapped up in deep thought — but about the present.

This strain would probably be terrible for a car ride. It's the type of bud that would make me either 1.) clean my entire apartment in one sitting or 2.) toss the laundry in a pile and take a two-hour stroll down the river trail. Either way, I'm blasting my headphones the whole time.

Pineapple Express

Self-rolled joint (1 gram)

Price — \$12

THC content — 21.6%

This strain has serious name recognition. I mean, they titled a Seth Rogen movie after it. I was excited that Homegrown tossed this one into my weekend variety pack, and it didn't disappoint.

Pineapple Express is a sativa cross between Trainwreck and Hawaiian, and this particular batch smelled and tasted like fruit punch. It's a good thing I saved those tropical vibes for the lake, because it's the perfect strain for an afternoon float that won't leave you asleep at the beach.

A long-lasting energetic buzz lasted into late in the afternoon, leaving me perfectly content to dial in some classic jams on the radio, chat with my fiancée and watch the sun flicker over the water for hours. But don't forget to bring some drinks. The cottonmouth can be unavoidable.

Mixing booze and pot can be disastrous, but energetic strains like Pineapple Express — in careful moderation — can be a decent pairing compared to other sleepy buds on the market. The thought of eating an entire bag of chips was the only thing able to bring me back to camp.

Tropicana Cookies

Self-rolled joint (1 gram)

Price — \$18

THC content — 18.2%

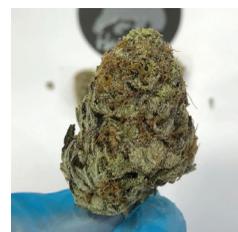
The folks at Homegrown must have connections on the moon, because this purple strain is from another planet. The tiny nuggets that rolled out of the package might've been the densest bud I've ever handled. And none of it was green, just dark purple moon rocks with orange hairs.

This bud (the most expensive on the list) is a cross between Tangie and Girl Scout Cookies, which tasted immediately of lemons and alerted the mind like a splash of ice water. For early Sunday morning, this bud kicked me into overdrive, a great pick for another stroll with my dog.

It wasn't a good choice, however, for packing up the campsite at the end of the weekend. The cerebral buzz from the Tropicana Cookies gave me a rush of energy, but none of it could be aimed toward something productive. It was almost like being distracted by absolutely nothing.

Instead of rolling up the tent, I had a particularly good time watching my dog chase around squirrels while chatting about wishful summer plans with my fiancée. After the slap-happiness of the early afternoon eventually ended, I found myself asleep in the car on the way back home.

(Lansterdam in Review is a new column written by Kyle Kaminski, a City Pulse staff writer and cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. With recommendations directly from staff at local dispensaries, Kaminski buys and samples some of the best recreational bud in Greater Lansing, gets real high and then writes about it.)



2020 Summer Guide



Time of the season: Cocktails that are perfect for the heat

By **DAWN PARKER**

As the calendar turns from spring to summer, most people's wardrobes turn from drab and dark to bright and fun.

Much the same transformation takes place for connoisseurs of summer cocktails, many of which are beginning to appear on Lansing-area drink menus.

Think of it this way: Darker-hued liquors like bourbons and scotches popular in fall and winter — when everything is dark — yield to lighter flavors like gin and tequila, some of which are about as invisible as that string bikini.

Mixmasters at Greater Lansing restaurants shared some of their new creations, but also reported throwbacks to old favorites — Tom Collins or an old-fashioned, anyone?

Langston Whitaker, tasting room manager/sales manager at Red Cedar Spirits in East Lansing, said there are a few summery cocktails on the distill-

ery's menu. They come with fun names, too: The Ultimate Punch, The Basil, Ginger Gimlet and Cucumber Cooler.

The Ginger Gimlet and the Cucumber Cooler are vodka-based drinks, but the menu suggests trying the house-made raspberry gin instead. The Basil starts with gin and includes grapefruit and lime.

"All of them are light and refreshing and embody the essence of summer," Whitaker said. "They enjoy lighter blends and mixes because they're sometimes just a little sweet — but not too sweet — and refreshing without the flavors being too bold."

Pressed for a seasonal favorite, Whitaker would choose between The Ultimate Punch and The Basil. "Both are gin cocktails," he said. "They're vastly different, but both are equally amazing."

James Hodge, bar manager at The

People's Kitchen, said the pandemic has taken its toll on planning for a summer cocktail menu. However, some things are evergreen when it comes to warm-weather tipples.

"In winter, you see a lot more spice, clove and coriander employed," Hodge said. "In the summer, you start to see more fruits and berries; a lot more green and bright drinks."

And from the "everything old is new again" department comes a new Hodge favorite: the revival of what generations past called a "hi-ball".

"I think it's a really interesting sign of the times that we're seeing a large push for lower alcohol content drinks," he said. "Drinks that have more of an emphasis on flavor and complexity than they do on alcohol content alone."

That means new life for Tom Collins (gin, lemon juice, simple syrup and club soda), a late 19th century creation, or



Courtesy James Hodge

A tequila-based cocktail made with agave, aloe and tamarind.

the venerable scotch and soda.

Naturally, there's a twist.

"It's not simply just scotch and soda. It's scotch and soda with a bit of this crazy Italian amaro, an herbal liqueur, in it," he said.

A further illustration: Hodge recently submitted a light-spirited cocktail recipe for a contest that wound up getting postponed because of COVID-19. The drink's main ingredients: A "nice aged" rum paired with hand-carbonated coconut water.

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Great summertime reads, with or without the beach

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Memorial Day is the traditional time book publishers release their “beach reads” — lighter thrillers and romances that readers can take to the beach or read while curled up in a chair at a cottage.

This summer is different. Beaches in some areas closed or limited to “keep moving” activities, such as running and walking — with no sun bathing allowed.

When COVID-19 struck and quarantine became a way of life, a popular belief was people would turn to reading more than ever before. However, shelter-in-place and all its family demands contributed to a sales decline of 33 percent in March for brick-and-mortar bookstores, which were mostly closed. According to Publishers Weekly, digital downloads of books are weathering the storm and have reported jumps as high as 15 percent in March through May. With kids at home, audio for children grew astronomically at 50 percent. At the same time, K-12 instructional materials dropped more than 50 percent. Downloadable audio is up 12.9 percent and e-books are up 22 percent.

Book events and author readings have moved online, and that may be the future for bookstores, which lose out on immediate sales from author events. Locally, Schuler Books has curbside book delivery service and has been streaming online book events.

One obvious loss is not being able to roam a bookstore and find interesting reads through total serendipity.

I’ve compiled a somewhat serendipitous summer reading list for those who are looking for something different.

I’ve come across two literary thrillers where bookstores play an important plot element. John Grisham has written his second bookstore mystery, “Camino Winds,” featuring a ragtag group of mystery authors who attempt to solve a murder. Another book-centered mystery is Peter Swanson’s “Eight Perfect Murders”

where a blog post leads to a series of murders based on classic mysteries where the killer is following the plot lines of books like “The A.B.C. Murders,” by Agatha Christie, and “Strangers on a Train,” by Patricia Highsmith.

For those of us who are going through estate sale withdrawal, the book, “The Golden Flea,” which is about the historic New York City Chelsea Flea Market, will get your blood flowing. Written by an inveterate collector and hoarder, Michael Rips, the book takes you inside the unruly marketplace which was one of most successful in the world until it was overrun by development.

I can’t let Lawrence Wright’s “The End of October” about a worldwide pandemic slide by without a mention. At any other time, this book may have been too technical regarding viruses, but the last three months have made many of us armchair experts in the science of pandemics and virus.

You might not be able to read this book about one of Michigan’s premier beaches on the beach, but East Lansing’s Charles Cutter, also known as Charlie McLavy, has written the legal thriller “Bear Bones: Murder at Sleeping Bear Dunes,” which revolves around the ’70s effort to secure property for the National Seashore. His novel involves a murder, eminent domain and deceptive relatives. Cutter gives author Erle Stanley Gardner a run for his money with his own talented crime solving lawyer who is reminiscent of television’s “Perry Mason.”

Bookstore owner and author

Louise Erdrich’s new book “The Night Watchman,” takes the reader into the inner world of ’50s reservation life. The author reflects authenticity as she uses the real family story of her grandfather who, in the ’50s, took on the federal government, which wanted to end the reservation system and tribal sovereignty. Readers who have followed Erdrich since her book “Love Medicine” won the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1984 won’t be disappointed by her heartfelt tale, and — for those who haven’t read any of Erdrich books — you will soon want to track them down.

For the lovers of “A Confederacy of Dunces” the new fictionalized version of the life of its author John Kennedy Toole, “I, John Kennedy Toole,” will leave you hankering for a Lucky Dog, beignets and a big dose of New Orleans hospitality. Authors Kent Carroll and Jodee Blanco have masterfully recreated this tragic and inspirational author’s life.

In August, watch for thriller writer Karen Dionne’s new book, “The Wicked Sister,” which will have you wondering which of two sisters is the wicked one. Dionne’s last book, “The Marsh King’s Daughter” became a worldwide sensation. And Dionne is once again using Michigan’s Upper Peninsula as a setting for this psychological thriller.

Finally, Richard Ford has presented his dedicated readers with “Sorry for Your Trouble,” a collection of short stories that plumb the depths of who we are. Ford, who won the Pulitzer Prize for “Independence Day,” has assembled an intriguing collection of stories that entertain, puzzle and disturb. He uses his beloved New Orleans as a backdrop for several of the stories. If you’ve ever been in New Orleans’ Hotel Monteleone on Royal Street, you’ll recognize the hotel lobby and its unique carousel bar.

In the mid-1800s Michigan had a self-anointed king, James Jesse Strang, who sequestered himself on Beaver Island. In reality he was a con man who was running a sect involved in piracy, counterfeiting, and polygamy. His strong authoritarian conduct, which ended in his assassination, is the topic of the new book, “The King of Confidence,” by journalist Miles Harvey.

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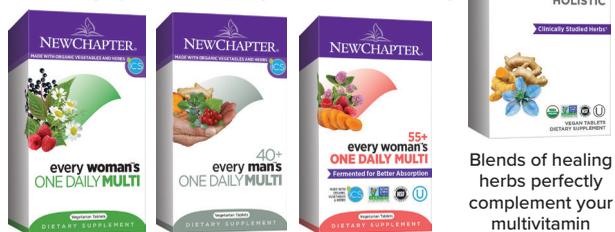
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Favorite Things

Rhea Van Atta and her family of plants

Rhea Van Atta, owner of the Old Town General Store, is in her element when Michigan's summer sun starts to shine bright and colors start cropping up across the state. Here's what the entrepreneurial green thumb had to say about her favorite "thing."

My favorite things are plants. Indoor plants, outdoor plants, plants from all growing zones and conditions. They symbolize life on this planet: no plants, no life.

They give me hope, happiness, food, beauty, air and an escape. They help occupy my hands while my mind wanders off to contemplate other concerns. Anyone who knows me knows how important it is for me to be surrounded by my leafy friends. Literally every window in my house is covered with them.

It all started with my Lola (grandmother in Tagalog). She traveled from the Philippines in the summer of 1979 to visit our family when we lived on West Thomas Street, off Turner Road. She took one look at our home and thought it was boring and stark and asked me to take her to a plant store. I had just learned to drive but managed to safely take her to Frank's Nursery and we chose some plants to bring home. Of course, we could only afford the smaller plants but they did the trick — they grow!

My love for plants started that summer. I suppose it was a way to keep my beloved Lola in my midst even after she returned to the Philippines. I wouldn't see her again until 1990. To this day, it is my tribute to her. Gardening and maintaining my houseplants have become my therapy.

Fast forward; I studied plants on my own and landed a job taking care of houseplants in office buildings. It was social and physical, plus I got to make plants pretty and keep them healthy. It was perfect. The clients called me the "Plant Doctor" because I brought home the sick ones and made it my goal to nurse them back to a healthy existence. I was pretty good at it. A few of the plants didn't make it, but they didn't die in vain. I learned from these failures.

Few more years later, I ended up working at a garden center and that opened my eyes to even more



plant possibilities. Bonsai, orchids, perennials, annuals and exotic tropical plants — there was so much to take in. I collected, planted and even took plants out of the dumpster or compost pile just to give them a second chance at life. It was much like taking in a stray.

Over the years, my collection has grown. I propagate them and love to share them with my friends. I love that most of my plants, indoors and out, have a story. Recently, a friend of mine lost his mother. He wondered if I still had the begonia, the one he gave me when she went into a nursing home. Of course, I did, and he will get a split from it soon.

I can walk around the yard and tell you where a particular plant came from or which of my or my friend's pet is buried under it. The placenta from the birth of my friend's child is underneath a beautiful serviceberry tree and my parents' ashes are underneath the redbud. I could go on.

Plants help keep many of my memories alive through their life and vigor. To me, plants have a language. They communicate but you have to learn their language and listen.

(This interview was edited and condensed by Rich Tupica.)

2020 Summer Guide



FARMERS MARKET GUIDE

Allen Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, S, B, DU, WIC, MF
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(989) 224-7674, andyts.com

Bath Farmers Market

P, PF, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, S, B, DU, WIC, MF
3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 29 James Couzens Memorial Park,
13753 Main St., Bath Twp.
(517) 281-7402, shopbfm.org or farmersmarket@bathtownship.us.

Battle Creek Farmers Market

P, O, M, PF, C, DG, BG, F, LM, S, B, DU, WIC
9 a.m.– 2 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-7 p.m. Fridays and Saturday, June 5 – Oct. 31
25 S. McCamly St., Battle Creek
(269) 720-2279,
battlecreekfarmersmarket.com

Charlotte Artisans and Farmers Market

P, O, PF, C, DG, BG, LM
2 – 6 p.m. Thursdays, June – October
Eaton County Courthouse Square,
100 W. Lawrence Ave. Charlotte
(517) 543-8853,
facebook.com/charlotteartisansandfarmersmarket

Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market

P, D, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, A, S, B, DU, WIC
4-7 p.m. Tuesdays, June 2 – Oct. 13
McGuire Park,
1001 W. Main St., DeWitt
(517) 624-0286,
dewittdda.org/farmers-market

Downtown Owosso Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, S, MF, B, WIC
8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays, June-October
Exchange Street, Owosso
(989) 413-3728,
downtownowossofarmersmarket.com

Dimondale Farmers Market

P, M, PF, DG, BG, F, B, DU, WIC, MF, Senior MF
3-7 p.m. Thursdays, June 4 – September
3-6 p.m. Thursdays in October
136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale
(517) 646-0230,
Dimondale Farmers Market on Facebook

East Lansing Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, S, B, DU
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cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket

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easterninghamfarmersmarket.org
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P, O, C, DG, BG, F, LM, S, B, DU, WIC, MF
3- 6 p.m., Wednesdays, June 5 – Oct. 2
1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids
(517) 663-9453,
eatonrapidsmedicalcenter.org

Eaton Rapids Community Market

P, O, C, DG, F, LM
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June 15 – September.
114 East Hamlin Street, Eaton Rapids
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Farmers Markets at the Capitol

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grandledgefarmersmarket.com

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Rural King, 10400 Highland Road, Hartland
(810) 599-7603 or
hartlandmarket2004@gmail.com

Holt Farmers Market

P, D, M, PF, BG, C, IG, F, LM, S, B, DU, WIC, MF
9 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturdays, May 30-Oct. 31
2150 Cedar St., Holt
(517) 268-0024, Holtfarmersmarket.org

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State and Clinton streets, Howell
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Howell.org/howells-sunday-farmers-market

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MasonFarmersMarket.net

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- 14 Kabuki relative
- 15 Fair share, between two
- 16 Baltimore player
- 17 Start of a best-selling 2003 Mark Haddon title
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- 29 Sargasso, for one
- 30 Scandinavian native properly called S-mi
- 33 Start of a time-traveling Mark Twain title
- 38 Like the Beatles
- 39 Some time ____
- 40 Colin, to Tom Hanks
- 41 Wildebeest
- 42 Start of a Fannie Flagg title (the movie title being shorter than the book)
- 46 New Age vocalist from County Donegal
- 47 Chicago trains
- 48 Closed facilities (work out at home!)
- 49 Run off to get married (wait, how would that work these days?)
- 51 "On the Road" narrator Paradise
- 53 See 12-Down
- 56 Aries symbol
- 57 December garnish
- 61 Start of a classic 1972 Judith Viorst kids' book title
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- 1 Where "I'm not a doctor" spokespeople usually "play one"
- 2 Hostess snack cake
- 3 "Falling Up" poet Silverstein
- 4 Part of a "hang loose" sign
- 5 Long-eared hoppers
- 6 Sports Illustrated's

- Sportsman of the Century (1999)
- 7 Befuddled comment
- 8 ____ nova
- 9 "Entourage" agent Gold
- 10 Shares a secret with, maybe
- 11 Focal points
- 12 53-Across students
- 13 Tasting party options
- 18 Like the mojito's origin
- 19 Lifts
- 25 Actress Emily
- 26 "____-A-Lympics" (1970s Hanna-Barbera cartoon)
- 27 Words of support
- 28 One of the Bee Gees
- 29 Paper packaged with a board game, perhaps
- 31 Variety of owl, hippo, or seahorse
- 32 Airline that went bankrupt in 1991
- 34 Winner of the most French Open singles titles
- 35 Pad see ew ingredient
- 36 Opposing argument
- 37 "May contain ____"
- 43 Procedure where you may be asked to select numbers
- 44 Terbium or erbium, e.g.
- 45 Looked the wrong way?
- 50 "Ready ____..."
- 51 Band of murder hornets, e.g.
- 52 The Governor, familiarly
- 53 Candidate who dropped out in February 2020
- 54 Fruit spray banned by the EPA
- 55 Blocks that inspired an animated Batman movie
- 58 Chemistry 101 model
- 59 Drive-____ window
- 60 Pay attention to
- 62 "Fuel" singer DiFranco
- 63 Kanga's kid

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TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and outlined 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once. No guessing is required. The solution is unique.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

May 27-June 2, 2020

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "The best of my nature reveals itself in play, and play is sacred," wrote the feisty Aries author Karen Blixen, who sometimes used the pen name Isak Dinesen. The attitude described in that statement helps illuminate the meaning of another one of her famous quotations: "I do not think that I could ever really love a woman who had not, at one time or another, been up on a broomstick." In my interpretation of this humorous remark, Blixen referred to the fact that she had a strong preference for witchy women with rascally magical ways. I bring this to your attention, Aries, because I'm inviting you to cultivate a Blixen-like streak of sacred play and sly magic in the coming days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taurus music legend Willie Nelson has played the same guitar since 1969. He calls it "my horse," and named it after Trigger, a famous horse in Hollywood films. Although Nelson still loves the tones that come from his instrument, it's neither sleek nor elegant. It's bruised with multiple stains and has a jagged gash near its sound hole. Some Tauruses want their useful things to be fine and beautiful, but not Willie. Having said that, I wonder if maybe he will finally change guitars sometime soon. For you Bulls, the coming months will be time to consider trading in an old horse for a new one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I've got a message for you, courtesy of poet Lisel Mueller. I think her wisdom can help you thrive in the coming weeks. She writes, "The past pushed away, the future left unimagined, for the sake of the glorious, difficult, passionate present." Of course, it's always helpful for us to liberate ourselves from the oppressive thoughts of what once was in the past and what might be in the future. But it'll be especially valuable for you to claim that superpower in the coming weeks. To the degree that you do, the present will be more glorious and passionate and not so difficult.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When Lewis Carroll's fictional heroine Alice visits the exotic underground realm known as Wonderland, she encounters two odd men named Tweedledee and Tweedledum. The latter tells her, "You know very well you're not real." He's implying that Alice is merely a character in the dream of a man who's sleeping nearby. This upsets her. "I am real!" she protests, and breaks into tears. Tweedledum presses on, insisting she's just a phantom. Alice summons her courageous wisdom and thinks to herself, "I know they're talking nonsense, and it's foolish to cry about it." I suspect you Cancerians may have to deal with people and influences that give you messages akin to those of Tweedledum. If that happens, be like Alice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "The less you fear, the more power you will have," says the rapper known as 50 Cent. I agree with him. If you can dissolve even, say, 25 percent of your fear, your ability to do what you want will rise significantly, as will your influence and clout. But here's the major riddle: How exactly can you dissolve your fear? My answers to that question would require far more room than I have in this horoscope. But here's the really good news, Leo: In the coming weeks, you will naturally have an abundance of good insights about to dissolve your own fear. Trust what your intuition tells you. And be receptive to clues that serendipity brings you.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): For his film *Parasite*, Virgo filmmaker Bong Joon-ho received Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay. In his natal horoscope, Joon-ho has Pluto conjunct his sun in Virgo, and during the time *Parasite* began to score major success, Saturn and Pluto were making a favorable transit to that powerful point in his chart. I'm expecting the next six months to be a time when you can make significant progress toward your own version of a Joon-ho style achievement. In what part of your life is that most likely to happen? Focus on it. Feed it. Love it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): According to my analysis of the astrological omens, the coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to seek out, seduce, and attract luck. To inspire you in this holy task, I'll provide a prayer written by Hoodoo conjurer Stephanie Rose Bird: "O sweet luck, I call your name. Luck with force and power to make change, walk with me and talk through me. With your help, all that can and should be will be!" If there are further invocations you'd like to add to hers, Libra, please do. The best way to ensure that good fortune will stream into your life is to have fun as you draw it to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio comedian John Cleese does solo work, but many of his successful films, albums, stage shows, and TV programs have arisen from joining forces with other comedians. "When you collaborate with someone else on something creative," he testifies, "you get to places that you would never get to on your own." I propose you make this your temporary motto, Scorpio. Whatever line of work or play you're in, the coming weeks will offer opportunities to start getting involved in sterling synergies and symbioses. To overcome the potential limitations of social distancing, make creative use of Zoom and other online video conferencing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Wherever I am, let me never forget to distinguish want from need," vows author Barbara Kingsolver. "Let me be a good animal," she adds. That would be a stirring prayer to keep simmering at the forefront of your awareness in the next six weeks. According to my understanding of the astrological omens, you'll be getting clear signals about the differences between your wants and needs. You will also discover effective strategies about how to satisfy them both in the post-pandemic world, and fine intuitions about which one to prioritize at any particular time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Writing some Chinese characters can be quite demanding. To make "biàng," for example, which is used in the name for a certain kind of noodle, you must draw 58 separate strokes. This is a good metaphor for exactly what you should avoid in the coming weeks: spending too much time and devoting too much thought and getting wrapped up in too much complexity about trivial matters. Your focus should instead be on simple, bold approaches that encourage you to be crisp and decisive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Singer-songwriter Jill Scott is strongly committed to her creative process. She tells us, "I was once making a burger for myself at my boyfriend's house and a lyric started pouring out and I had to catch it, so I ran to another room to write it down, but then the kitchen caught fire. His cabinets were charred, and he was furious. But it was worth it for a song." My perspective: Scott's level of devotion to the muse is too intense for my tastes. Personally, I would have taken the burger off the stove before fleeing the scene to record my good idea. What about you, Aquarius? According to my analysis, you're in a phase when creative ideas should flow even better than usual. Pay close attention. Be prepared to capture as much of that potentially life-altering stuff as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): To protect ourselves and others from the pandemic, most of us have been spending more time than usual at home—often engaged in what amounts to enforced relaxation. For some of us, that has been a problem. But I'm going to propose that it will be the opposite of a problem for you in the next three weeks. In my astrological opinion, your words to live by will be this counsel from author and philosopher Mike Dooley: "What if it was your downtime, your lounging-in-bed-too-long time, that made possible your greatest achievements? Would they still make you feel guilty? Or would you allow yourself to enjoy them?"

TURN IT DOWN! LOCALS PICK LOCALS: VOL. 9

— SUMMER MIX EDITION

BY RICH TUPICA

THE NINTH EDITION OF LANSING-MADE NUGGETS EXHUMES OLD LANSING SONGS PERFECT FOR SUNNY DAYS

This summer is going to be a weird one. Nobody knows what will be open for business just yet and we're all worried about finances and health. Spending time at home with good music remains a safe bet. So while its strange times like we've never seen before, this week "Locals Pick Locals" Vol. 9 digs back and unearths some optimistic, summery tunes that'll hopefully brighten your day.

John Olson aka Inzane Johnny (Musician, Wolf Eyes, "Izane Michigan" co-host)
Pick: Danny Hernandez & The Ones "As Long As I've Got You" — 1970

Danny Hernandez and The Ones "As Long As I've Got You" w/ "One Little Teardrop" documents The Ones' move from Motown Records to the label's Rare Earth subsidiary. This was two years before the band's amazing lone LP, "Back Home," released on local staple Spirit Records. Can't ask for much more from a big dreamin' single. The arrangements are tight and punchy, the tune is catchy and soulful. It's the works. Hernandez's vocal delivery never sounded more in line for major success — everything was in place. I can only imagine how scorching this unit was live right at the dawn of 1970, shaking the beer-soaked



walls of The Brewery. This group has a flawless discography and this among its best. It doesn't hurt that it was sonically polished by locally-based producer Bob Baldori, who's still known for his excellent and inspired production skills. This belongs in every capital home. Pressed on red wax, it's a permanent Lansing-made staple. No matter how dark it metaphorically gets this summer, spin it in the backyard under the bright Michigan sun.

Cathy Illman (Singer/songwriter, Veloura Caywood)

Pick: Earthen Vessel "Let Jesus Bring You Back" — 1971

I'm not a religious person, but "Let Jesus Bring You Back" (from the "Everlasting Life LP) by Earthen Vessel has enough power in it to make me wish I was. Recorded in 1971, and released on a small Nashville label, this track from Lansing's psychedelic Jesus-rock band blasts your mind, body and soul into the heavenly sky of loud sound, dissonant chords and passionate, soul-stirring vocals. That first exploding guitar and organ riff sounds like an angelic choir of distorted car horns combined with the pounding and mesmerizing bassline that strings you along like a sacrificial lamb is



beyond inspiring.

And, best of all, the vocals are a man and woman, with dizzying vibrato, urging you to accept Jesus—right in your ear, like it is your only option. Singer Sharon Keel takes the mood into a serious direction in the last two minutes of the song, possibly the most passionate two minutes ever. She pleads with you, with all her breath and her strength, to "let Jesus in!" A stunning masterpiece of Christian psychedelic rock from Lansing. A timeless summer time song for the ages.

Rich Tupica (Turn it Down! writer, "Inzane Michigan" co-host)

Pick: Plain Brown Wrapper "Real Person" — 1968

From the ashes of two bands — The Plagues (Lansing) and The Potentates (Flint) — Plain Brown Wrapper rose to the top of Lansing's rock scene alongside fellow local bands Universal Family (aka Universe) and Ormandy.

From the band's 1966 debut on the "This Is Music" vanity label, "You'll Pay" by Plain Brown Wrapper is the earliest blueprint of the band's budding progressive rock sound—a sound ultimately laced with proto-jam band improvs. Word is, the Wrapper's live shows strayed even further into the auditory void and twisted the studio recordings into new psychedelic journeys.

By 1968, the band hit its stride with the track "Real Person." Released via Monster Records, this 45 is a funky and faultless summer time



CITY PULSE'S MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ

1. This "Rock Around the Clock" singer was born July 6, 1925 in Highland Park, Michigan.
2. In 1960, "Shop Around" was released by this Motown group.
3. The Amboy Dukes' lead guitarist was this "Motor City Madman."
4. Built in 1955, demolished in 1999, this large arena hosted some of Lansing's biggest concerts to date.
5. In 1979, this notorious Lansing-made punk zine and influential record label was formed by Tesco Vee.

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jam out. Soulful and tight. No bumper trip here.

For seven years, Plain Brown Wrapper toured Michigan in its 48-passenger bus, sometimes gigging as far west as Colorado. All top-notch musicians, the Wrapper was not only known for its mind-melting jazz jams, but also its soaring vocal harmonies and Tijuana Brass-style horns. During its lifespan, the group shared stages with now iconic acts like Ted Nugent, Bob Seger and Alice Cooper. From the Lake Lansing Bandshell to the legendary Grande Ballroom in Detroit, these cats kept busy spreading its experimental sounds across the mitten. Supreme long-gone Lansing sounds that are worth unearthing this summer.

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links to MSU Museum resources and great things that other museums are offering right now.

Science Investigations: Round 2! (Facebook Live Series) - 1 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. Go to our facebook page for link.

Virtual Code Club - chat and share what projects you are working on. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St, Grand Ledge. Find us on FB for link.

Wednesday Workdays at Capital City Bird Sanctuary - 9 a.m. Capital City Bird Sanctuary, 6001 Delta River Dr., Lansing.

Thursday, May 28

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. [facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing](https://www.facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing)

Friday, May 29

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 7:30-8:30 p.m. [facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing](https://www.facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing)

Representative Angela Witwer Virtual Coffee Hour - 2 p.m. You will find the event on my facebook page.

Saturday, May 30

Meridian Township Farmers' Market - 8 a.m. Meridian Township Farmers' Market, 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 10:30-11:30 a.m. [facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing](https://www.facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing)

Monday, June 1

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. [facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing](https://www.facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing)

Tuesday, June 2

Fairy Tale Storytime Virtual fairy tales and adventures via Zoom! Grand Ledge Area District Library facebook page for link.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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ANSWERS TO CITY PULSE'S MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ

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2. Smokey Robinson & The Miracles
3. Ted Nugent
4. The Lansing Civic Center, aka Lansing Civic Arena
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