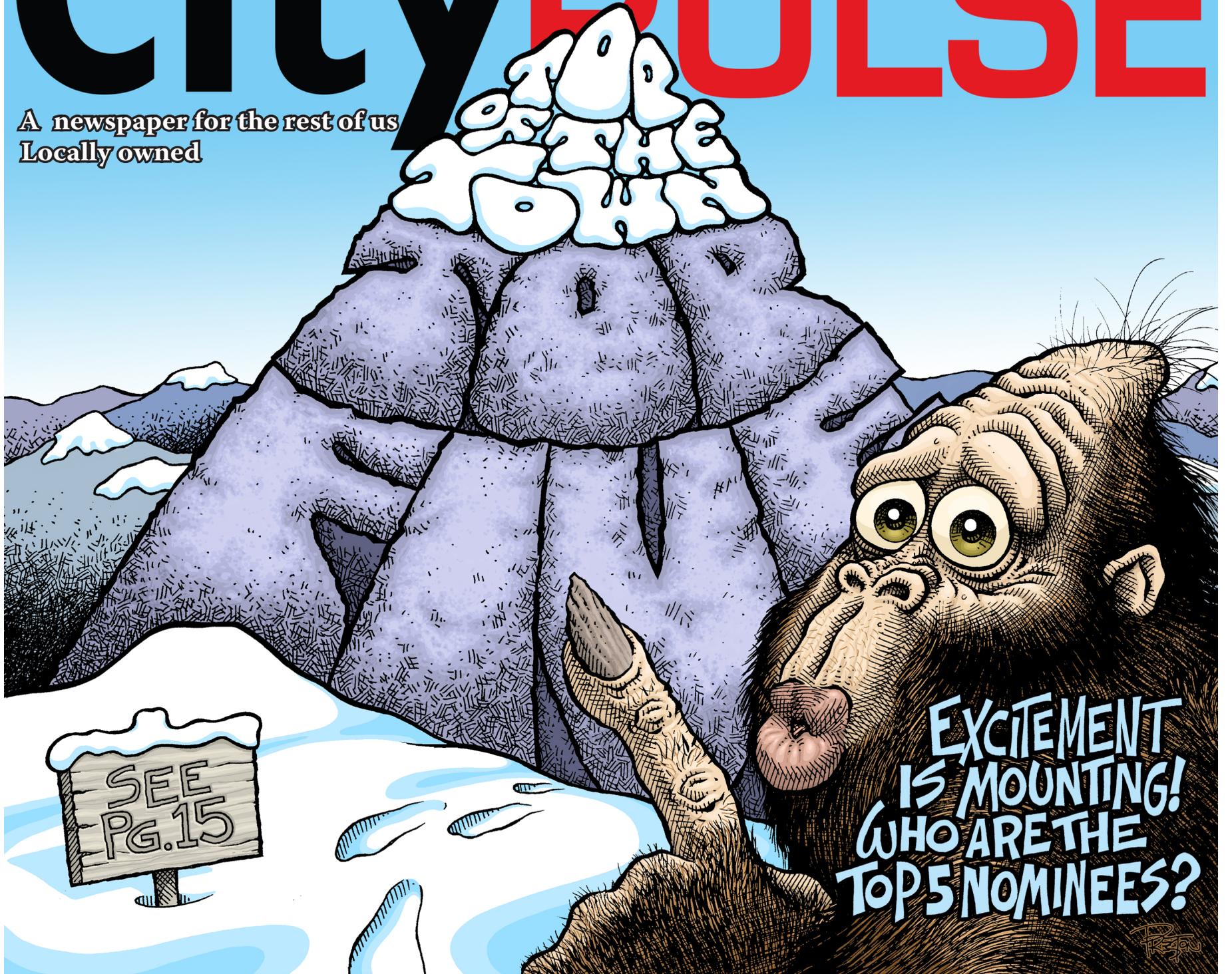


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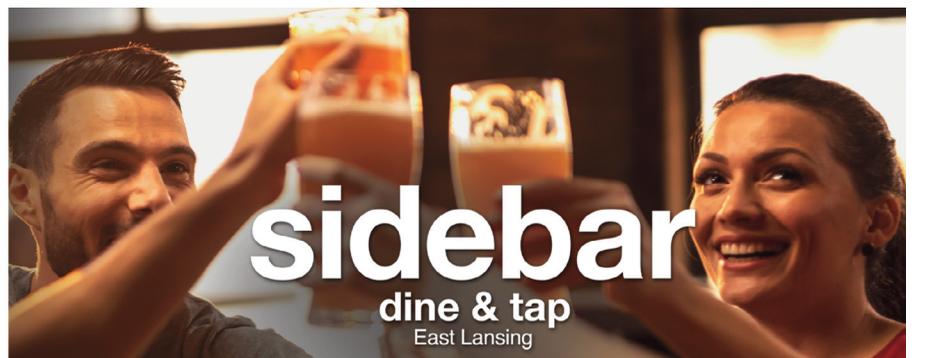
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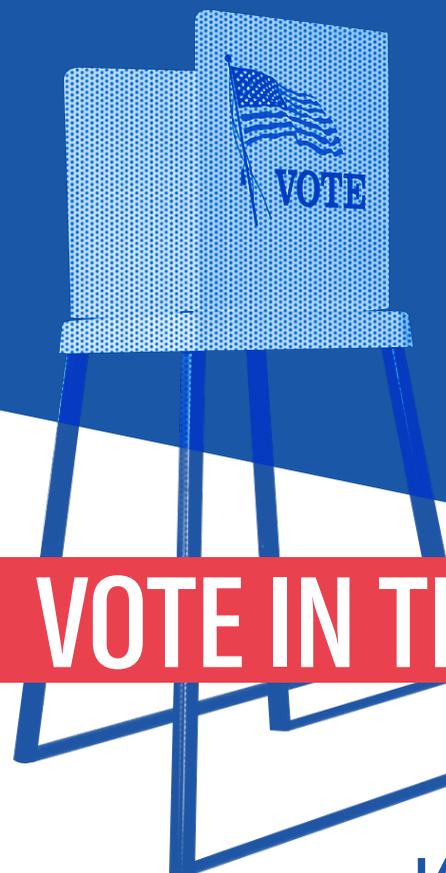
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# PULSE NEWS & OPINION

## Rural Maple Valley Schools caught in national debate on LGBTQ youth

It was high school homecoming in Vermontville. An autumn chill settled into downtown as a parade of fire trucks, pickups and tractors rumbled down the eight-block parade route. Children and adults lined the sides of the road, showered in candy tossed by people on the various entries.

There was the homecoming court, the king and queen, the princes and princesses.

At the very end of the parade was a hay wagon festooned in rainbow flags and a banner identifying the parade entry as coming from the nonprofit I'll Be Your Rock.

Board President Christine Terpening and Vice President Kallie Strouse sat at the head of the wagon. Terpening was holding a rainbow flag with the seal of the State of Michigan on it. Strouse was tossing mini-bags of Skittles. Everyone on the float was on high alert.

"I originally said no one was going to ride the float," said Terpening. "We had credible threats of violence against us, and I was not going to put anyone in harm's way."

But some of the adults would not accept that idea.

"We needed to be here," said Strouse. "People need to know we support them."

The parade came at the culmination of a tumultuous week in the Maple Valley School District. On Oct. 10, a presentation at a board committee meeting on creating a Gay Straight Alliance in the school set off a battle of opinions at a full board meeting right after the committee met.

Leading the charge against the formation of a GSA were Jeff Hodge, pastor of Nashville Church of the Nazarene, and school board candi-



Courtesy photo: Kallie Strouse.

Christine Terpening (left), president of I'll Be Your Rock, and Vice President Kallie Strouse, pose with the rest of the adults who rode on the organization's float in the Maple Valley School District's homecoming parade Friday (Oct. 14).

dates Scott Leslie II and Rick McCloy. Leslie declined an interview when reached by phone. McCloy did not respond to an email or phone messages left for him. Hodge did not respond to a Facebook message and the number for his church had no voicemail set up.

In addition to his pastoral duties with the church, Hodge also serves as the chaplain for the Barry County Sheriff's Department, according to his Linked-In profile. Sheriff Dar Leaf has been a central figure in election denial circles and identifies himself as a "con-

stitutional" sheriff, meaning he believes he is the ultimate law enforcement agent in the county. Leaf came under scrutiny when pictures surfaced of him on stage at an anti-COVID measures protest in Grand Rapids with some of the men accused of plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

The seven-member Maple Valley school board was expected to consider and vote on approving the formation of the extracurricular GSA after one more committee meeting. A review of the board's bylaws and policies put an end to that plan, Katherine Bertolini, the superintendent of the Maple Valley School District.

"I think that was everyone's understanding at the time. But as I have dug into our administrative guidelines, it doesn't really require a board vote to authorize a club, at all," she said. The principal will now make that decision, but it's unclear if the group will be approved.

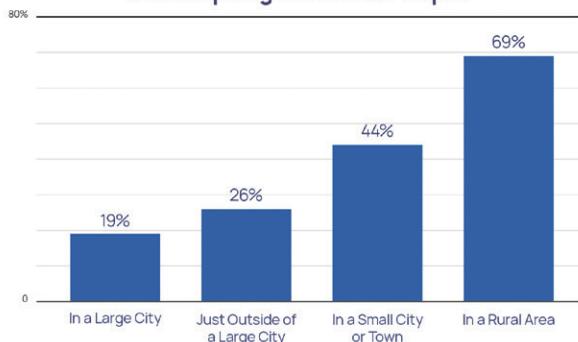
Bertolini said that there were "outbursts" from people on both sides of the Gay Straight Alliance discussion "that need to be redirected on both sides."

Terpening said that opponents who spoke during public comment referred to GSA advocates as "MAPs."

"I didn't even know what that meant," she said. "I had to ask one of the youth from our group."

MAP — "Minor Attracted People" — is a new name for pedophiles. The acronym has been found in blogs since the early 2000s and recently migrated to formal studies, such as the 2020 "The Internalization of Social Stigma Among Minor Attracted Persons: Implications for Treatment," published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior. Pedophilia  
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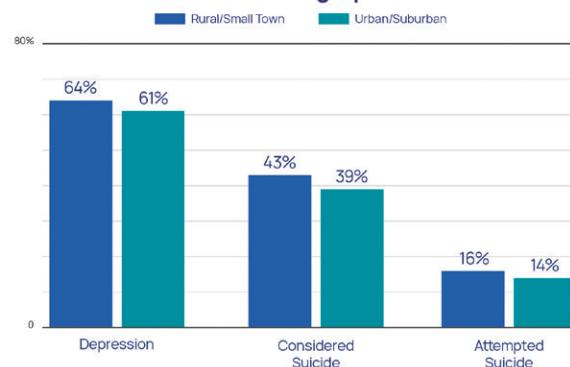
Proportion of Youth who Described the Area Where They Live as Somewhat or Very Unaccepting of LGBTQ People



The Trevor Project

Results of study by The Trevor Project on LGBTQ Youth and safety in rural and urban areas.

Mental Health and Suicide Risk Across Geographies



The Trevor Project

Suicide risk: Comparative risk of suicide among LGBTQ youth in rural and urban communities from the Trevor Project study.

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and LGBTQ sexual orientation have long been tied together by anti-LGBT activists, including Anita Bryant and her crusade in 1977 to roll back a local law protecting the LGBTQ community from discrimination. Bryant would go on to create the group “Save Our Children.”

Just as Bertolini and school officials were getting their arms around the GSA controversy, a parent posted on Facebook an image of the graphic novel “Heartstopper,” claiming it was required reading in a seventh-grade classroom.

Bertolini informed the school community on the district’s website that the book was available from the classroom library but not required reading.

“The book in question in the post is a free read book,” Bertolini wrote. “I hope parents regularly engage in conversations with their children about what they are reading, thinking and doing in their growth as youngsters and young adults.”

Controversies over books have also become part of a larger national movement, often targeting LGBTQ-specific books as well as books related to race. Opponents of such books argue they want more parental choice in what books their children have access to and whether a child can read specific books. Dearborn Public Schools had a contentious board meeting over access to LGBTQ content last week. Fox 2 News reported that Republican leaders, such as Attorney General GOP nominee Matthew DePerno, were present for the debate.

“We’re seeing this across the country,” National Gay and Lesbian Task Force spokesperson Cathy Renna said. “And not just in red states.”

Renna said the connection to pedophilia when discussing youth and LGBTQ issues is one used to stoke fear

in parents.

“It’s not like reading about gay people is going to turn anyone gay,” Renna noted.

In fact, reading about LGBTQ people by heterosexual youth might turn them off.

A 2016 study published in The International Journal of Communication found that the response of heterosexual, cisgender youth exposed to a story of two 13-year-old gay characters was negative.

“For LGBTQ youth, the story evoked hope and fostered positive attitudes; however, it tended to produce a boomerang effect among heterosexual/cisgender youth, eliciting the emotion of disgust and leading to significantly more negative attitudes toward LGBTQ people and issues,” the study of 469 youth concluded.

Jay Kaplan, staff attorney for the ACLU of Michigan LGBTQ+ Project, said controversies over books and student organizations are “spreading like wildfire” across the nation and the state.

“It is both disheartening and disconcerting seeing school boards and school districts under attack for being inclusive and supportive of all students, including LGBTQ students,” Kaplan said. “The groups who are engaging in these attacks do not represent the views of a majority of the community that want their kids to learn about our country’s history and the diversity of its people. These attacks represent censorship and marginalization of community members, as well as raise serious constitutional issues.”

GOP gubernatorial nominee Tudor Dixon accused Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, of wanting to put biological boys in little girls’ locker rooms and pushing a “sex and gender agenda.” She’s called for legislation to ban transgender youth from participating in sports based on their gender identity and expression. She wants legislation similar to a law signed by Florida Gov.



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Landree Kaminski is an 11-year-old gay youth living in rural Eaton County. He may be attending Maple Valley Schools when he enters the seventh grade.

Rick DeSantis that has been dubbed the “Don’t Say Gay” law. That law prohibits educators from discussing sexuality in grades K-3, and then only as age appropriate after that. Teachers in Florida who break that law could face the loss of their licenses.

Dixon called for the resignation of Michael Rice, the state’s superintendent of public instruction, over allegations that the Michigan Department of Education was instructing teachers to not disclose a child’s sexual orientation or gender identity to the child’s parents — even if the child is suicidal. It’s a deliberate manipulation of the video obtained by a conservative news outlet. The instructors in the video explicitly tell teachers they are required by law to report suicidal issues to parents and beyond. The training tells educators that the concerns about suicidality can be raised without “outing” or

disclosing the youth’s sexuality or gender identity.

Strouse, the vice president of the nonprofit rural support group I’ll Be Your Rock, didn’t allow her 11-year-old son to ride on the float Friday out of concern for his safety.

“He was disappointed,” she said. “Very disappointed.”

The reason? Her son, Landree Kaminski, has declared himself gay, disclosing to adults and some youth in the community.

He said when he came out at 10, he felt “free.”

“For me, I just know,” he said of his sexuality.

“I just felt like I understood myself more,” he said in an interview at his mother’s workplace Saturday afternoon. He was dressed in a light pink patterned dress shirt, white windbreaker with rainbows, and bright pink pants and shoes. Strouse’s boyfriend, Ethan Oslund, sat next to Kaminski throughout the interview. “I also felt like I was more myself.”

He attends a one-room charter school in Oneida Township, but he and his family will face a decision next year as he finishes sixth grade and prepares for entry to a school district for seventh grade. Maple Valley is an option, Strouse said.

Despite not attending the school district yet, he’s watching the political attacks closely. Those attacks, he said, do make him scared “a little.”

And he has an opinion about the kerfluffle on LGBTQ youth and books.

“I think it’s just kind of outrageous because, like, just let people be who they want to be,” he said. “Just leave them alone. There’s nothing you can do about it.”

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 1300 of the City of Lansing codified ordinances, Sections 1300.02, 1300.04, 1300.09, and 1300.11 to update the Ordinance to reflect changes in laws and rules by the Cannabis Regulatory Agency, formerly known as the Marijuana Regulatory Agency, and adding Section 1300.17 to codify the process for temporary marijuana events.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearings or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2022 at the City Clerk’s Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov).

Chris Swope, City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

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# A flurry over furies in Grand Ledge school board race

The three conservative candidates for the Grand Ledge school board have earned themselves a nickname: the Kitty Litter Caucus.

That's because two of them are pushing a discredited claim that the schools are providing litter boxes in school bathrooms for self-identifying "furries" to use.

Furries are a subculture of people who roleplay as anthropomorphized animal characters.

Conservative candidate Kim LaForet, a local real estate agent, has claimed in at least three board meetings that the schools were providing litter boxes for furry-identifying students. The district has denied the allegation.

"These were not rumors," Laforet said during public comment at a Sept. 26 board meeting. "A Grand Ledge teacher informed us of the kitty litter incident but asked that we not use their name out of fear of retaliation."

District spokesperson John Ellsworth denied the allegations by LaForet and fellow conservative candidate Jason Devenbaugh.

"I taught at the high school for 20 years," he said. "Never, not once, was a litter box reported by students or faculty that I was aware of. In my five years at central office, I have only heard about the litter boxes, I believe, at public comment. We do not put litter boxes in the bathroom. And have not. Nor would we."

LaForet first began accusing the district of putting kitty litter boxes in bathrooms on Feb. 14 during a school board meeting when she announced she was seeking a seat in the Nov. 8 election.

Three seats are up for election. The conservative slate of Devenbaugh and Ashley Oneil are seeking full six-year terms, and Kim Laforet is seeking a partial four-year term. They are running against incumbent Denise Dufort

and Ashley Kuykendoll for the six-year slots and Toni Hughes Glascoe, who is seeking the four-year term.

LaForet made her first claim in the middle of February.

"I have heard about so many more things, including litter boxes in the bathrooms that were taken out afterwards for kids who identify as furries," she said.

Board member Sara Clark-Pierson took a jab at LaForet at the end of the Feb. 14 meeting.

"I want to say, Kim LaForet, you are running for school board, and I congratulate you on that. But, my God, you just got completely pranked. That is absurd you were pranked by a bunch of internet silliness."

LaForet attempted to defend herself and rushed the podium during Clark-Pierson's comments, causing the chair to gavel her out of order.

But LaForet returned to the school board meeting Feb. 28 to double down on the claims. Devenbaugh, as well as his wife, stated during the meeting their daughter had been "barked" at by furries.

In the Sept. 26 meeting, LaForet called

for a censure of Pierson-Clarke for continuing to point out LaForet was spreading false information about the schools by discussing the kitty litter box allegations. The board took no action on that call.

Pols in the Lansing community have taken to calling the conservative trio the Kitty Litter Caucus, said Adrian Hemond, CEO of Grassroots Midwest, a political consulting firm that is uninformed in the Grand Ledge school race.

— TODD HEYWOOD



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Furries, like those above, roleplay as animal characters. Two conservative candidates for the Grand Ledge school board are claiming the schools are providing litter boxes for furries. The schools deny it.



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Notice is hereby given that the The Meridian Township Board will hold a Professional Development Retreat on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Meridian Township Central Fire Station #91, 5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864. The public is welcome to attend.

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### Old Union Depot, 637 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Locals will recognize this week's Eye Candy as Clara's, a popular restaurant on Michigan Avenue for nearly 40 years before closing in 2016. The building has recently secured new tenants: Starbucks and Michigan-based restaurant Bobcat Bonnie's. Starbucks is now open, and Bobcat Bonnie's is expected to open its doors this coming spring to serve brunch and more.

The old Union Depot received a facelift by owner the Gillespie Group in preparation for its re-opening. Notable changes include a new slate-colored roof, upgraded sidewalks and landscaping, and a fresh paint job on the sleeper rail car parked nearby. Its Tudor-inspired design still shines through; limestone arches pop against the red brick and grey roof and new windows breathe life back into the wonderfully asymmetrical structure. Globe lights are a nice finishing touch for the exterior. Inside, its famous quarter-sawed red oak finish has been retained.

Union Depot has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1995. It operated as a railroad passenger station beginning in 1902, serving as the Lansing station for the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette railroads. After World War II, automobile use increased and the development of the interstate highway system significantly reduced demand for passenger rails. Transportation service ceased at Union Station in 1971. Fortunately, its contribution to Lansing as a beautiful building with rich history continues.

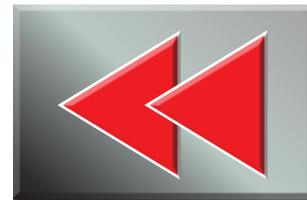
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# REWIND

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

BY DAWN PARKER



**Heading into the final three weeks of the campaign, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin's war chest has quite a bit more in it than Republican state Sen. Tom Barrett's.** As reported by the Detroit Free Press and according to recently filed campaign finance reports in the 7th Congressional district race, Slotkin had close to \$4 million on hand on Sept. 30, compared to around \$120,000 for Barrett. During the quarter, she raised \$1.9 million, for nearly \$9 million total this election cycle. Barrett, meanwhile, reported raising \$670,195 for the three-month period and about \$2 million for the cycle through his main campaign committee and a separate fund.

**An Eaton County judge who supervises the county's sobriety treatment court appears to have a personal relationship with a convicted felon whose record includes three intoxicated driving convictions.** As reported by the Lansing State Journal, Timothy Pitcher III, 32, was found on June 26 in a vehicle parked in the driveway of District Judge Julie O'Neill's Charlotte-area home with an open alcohol container. Michigan State Police troopers were investigating threats he was accused of making against an ex-wife in Lansing earlier that day, according to a police report. Pitcher's ex-wife told police Pitcher was staying with his girlfriend, O'Neill, in Charlotte. Police located O'Neill's address before finding Pitcher in the driveway of the home, according to a police report.



**Prolific audiobook narrator Dick Hill, who narrated more than 1,000 audiobooks during a lengthy career, has died.** Hill, 74, died Oct. 4, months after choosing to forgo an aggressive form of chemotherapy, a decision he shared publicly. Hill's rich baritone was the voice behind more than 1,000 books, including Jack Reacher and Harry Bosch novels, and gave life to works from authors such as Dave Barry, Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Dean Koontz, Pat Conroy and Nora Roberts. He was also a fixture on the Greater Lansing theater scene.

**Well-known conservative commentator Candace Owens attacked the "trans agenda," "climate alarmism" and higher education during a recent speech at Michigan State University that drew hundreds of spec-**



**tators and student protesters.** As reported by the Lansing State Journal, Owens spoke as part of Turning Point USA's Live Free tour, a series of events that brings conservative figures to university campuses. Hundreds of spectators lined up hours before the event started, and some were turned away when the hall ran out of space. While Owens had supporters, including some students, protests from MSU community members began in tandem with the event. About 20 protesters inside the lecture hall interrupted Owens minutes into her appearance, but attendees quickly drowned them out. The protesters were removed by police after about two minutes of chanting.



**Lansing police recently released video footage from an incident where Lansing officers fatally shot a 31-year-old man outside of a residence near Interstate 496.** Terrence Robinson died from gunshot wounds Oct. 4 after an encounter with police outside a home in the 2000 block of West Malcolm X Street. "What we are showing you today is meant to provide a level of transparency that both allows the community to better understand the deadly encounter faced by the officers, the witnesses and the citizens on Oct. 4, while at the same time not impeding the Michigan State police investigation," Police Chief Ellery Sosebee said in a video voiceover. Sosebee identified the two officers who fired their weapons as Dan Salinaz and Nicholas Zuber, who have two and eight years of experience, respectively. In accordance with LPD's policy, the officers were placed on paid leave pending an investigation into the shooting.



**A former Capital Area Transit Authority bus driver recently convicted on sexual assault charges in Lansing went on to work for the Ann Arbor public transit system despite the charges, the man's attorney alleged.** The 59-year-old public bus driver, Magdi Mustafa Yousif, will spend 16 to 24 months in a Michigan prison for a 2014 sexual assault against a then-20-year-old female passenger. Yousif worked for TheRIDE, Ann Arbor's public transit authority, from 2015 until Oct. 5, when he



was sentenced. At sentencing, County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina called him a predator and his crimes "heinous." A spokesman for TheRIDE disputed the attorney's claim that CATA and TheRIDE officials had discussed the charges before he was hired in Ann Arbor. "TheRide hired Mr. Yousif prior to criminal charges being filed," TheRIDE spokesperson wrote by email. "All new hires undergo a criminal background check. No criminal charges or convictions were attributable to Mr. Yousif at the time of hire." All routes for TheRIDE go through the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus.

**CITY OF LANSING  
SUMMARY OF  
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1306**

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new Section 888.32 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for sixty-six (66) low-income elderly dwelling units in a project known as Stadium North Senior Lofts, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, (being Public Act 346 of 1966 as amended [MCL 125.1401, et seq.]) (The "Act").

Effective date: November 9, 2022

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.

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**CITY OF LANSING  
SUMMARY OF  
ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1305**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL  
PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF EAST LANSING'S FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET**

The East Lansing City Council of the City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan will hold a meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:00PM. This meeting and public hearing will be held at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following proposed substantial amendments to the City of East Lansing's Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Budget:

Allocating \$61,338.84 from Capital Area Housing Partnership's Homeownership Opportunity Assistance Program (HOAP) and \$58,661.16 in unprogrammed CDBG funds, a total of \$120,000, to the following projects:  
- \$40,000 to partially match the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) grant  
- \$80,000 to increase lighting through downtown East Lansing  
The public may attend and participate at all meetings in

person. Additionally, members of the public may participate electronically in all meetings. Please contact the City Clerk or visit the City's public meeting portal for electronic access information:

Jennifer Shuster – City Clerk 410 Abbot Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823 jshuster@cityofeastlansing.com  
https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/

The public may view and provide comment on the above substantial amendments during the following period: 8:00AM on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 - 5:00PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Comments to the proposed amendments can be addressed to Matt Apostle via email (mapostle@cityofeastlansing.com) or mailed to 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 C/O Matt Apostle.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing

impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6920 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at nmostel@cityofeastlansing.com.

**This notice is posted in compliance with P.A. 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and published in compliance with the City of East Lansing's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.**

Jennifer Shuster City Clerk

Dated: October 19, 2022  
East Lansing, MI 48823

CP#22-228

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: October 19, 2022 City of Lansing, Michigan  
316 North Capital  
Lansing, MI 48933  
517-483-4063

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lansing, Michigan

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about November 7, 2022, the City of Lansing, acting as lead agency for the Lansing Housing Commission, will submit two (2) requests to the HUD administering agency for 16 Project Based Vouchers for Stadium North Lofts and 18 Project Based Vouchers for Stadium North Senior Lofts. Stadium North Lofts will involve the new construction of 66 affordable housing units in a single building, and Stadium North Senior Lofts will involve the new construction of 66 affordable senior housing units on sites located at 514 Erie Street and 500 North Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan. The Project Based Vouchers will be used to leverage additional private funding for an approximate \$16,747,817 project (Stadium North Lofts) and approximately \$18,613,546 project will provide housing opportunities for low to moderate income families and seniors.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Lansing, Michigan has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under

the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and can be viewed online at www.lansingmi.gov/development or on file at the following location and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00AM to 5:00PM:  
City of Lansing  
Department of Economic Development & Planning 316 North Capital  
Lansing, MI 48933

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lansing, Department of Economic Development & Planning, Ms. Doris Witherspoon, 316 North Capital, Lansing, Michigan 48933, doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov. All comments received by November 4, 2022 will be considered by the City of Lansing prior to the request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Lansing, Michigan certifies to HUD that Andy Schor, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows City of Lansing, Michigan to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lansing, Michigan's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the name of the City of Lansing, Michigan; (b) the City of Lansing, Michigan has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed and emailed to HUD administration office at CPD\_COVID-19OEE-DET@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Andy Schor  
Mayor, City of Lansing, Michigan

CP#22-230

Looking at the first two state proposals on the General Election ballot, the phrase “don’t let the perfect become the enemy of the good” comes to mind.

Neither Proposal 1 nor Proposal 2 is perfect. We’d prefer to see a different term limits scheme and more collaborative approach to a better election system, but both are improvements to the status quo, so we’re urging a “yes” vote on both. We’ve previously endorsed Proposal 3 on reproductive rights.

Proposal 1 re-jiggers legislative term limits and creates, for the first time, some level of personal financial disclosure for state public officials.

First of all, this is a proposal crafted and promoted by Lansing insiders. There is no way around that. Special interest groups across the political aisle want this to pass because the Michigan state House is not functioning well.

Proposal 1’s crafters work in state government. They know state government. You can call it the “swamp” if you want, but they know what’s going on. If you want to fix anything, you rely on experts in the field to assist. You don’t call a plumber to do your taxes. You don’t call an accountant to pump water out of your basement.

Yes, organized labor and the business community have a vested interest in seeing people stay longer in the Legislature, but that doesn’t mean it’s not a good idea.

The truth is limiting a person to six years in the state House of Representatives, as our current state constitution reads, means average House member spends their first two-year term figuring out what they’re doing. The second term is figuring out what they’re doing it. The third term is figuring out what’s next in life.

The churn is constant. The ideas don’t change. New people pick up the baton of those who preceded, but they need time to get up to speed. Spending a night in a Holiday Inn Express doesn’t prepare you for the job of a state representative.

Not every community is fortunate enough to have a Sarah Anthony, for example, someone who was a legislative staffer, served in county government and hit the ground running upon taking office.

Allowing state representatives to serve six two-year terms in the House makes much more sense. Allowing state senators to serve three four-year

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terms in the Senate makes much more sense.

What makes more sense is financial disclosure. Michigan is one of only two states without it. Today, we need to trust the word of legislators that they don’t have a conflict of interest when voting on an issue. We need more than faith.

We wish the proposal would require more exact numbers on assets. We are concerned the Legislature — in doing the required follow-up legislation — will require such wide reporting bands that the eventual public information won’t be as meaningful. But, again, something is better than nothing.

On Proposal 2. We’re supportive of initiatives that make it easier for people to participate in the voting process. Allowing a signed affidavit in lieu of an ID is good. Nine days of early voting is good. More ballot drop boxes are good. Election audits are good. Giving our overseas military a little leeway in voting is good.

A yes on Proposal 2 is needed.

However, cluttering up the Constitution with this level of nuts and bolts is not good. These are specific policies that deserve to be in front of voters through a citizens initiative that would become part of state law. From there a super-majority of the Legislature could fine-tune them when needed.

The marijuana legalization proposal is a good example. A bipartisan coalition of legislators have tinkered with the that law to make it better.

On the other hand, voters chiseled the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission into the Constitution. While the commission was a net positive for the process, it’s much more difficult to make changes. At this moment, these commissioners are making \$55,755 a year to do close to nothing, and there’s nothing anybody can do about it.

Also, Proposal 2 was crafted and bankrolled behind the scenes with shady dark money from the enigmatic Sixteen Thirty Fund. Clerks were not consulted in its crafting. If they were, allowing for early processing and tabulation of absentee ballots with proper security and oversight would have been part of the

of the proposal.

Instead, it looks like we’re getting final election results some time Wednesday morning, again, which feeds public skepticism and opens the door to unfounded claims of fraud and other assorted nonsense.

Again, Proposal 2 is better than nothing.

However, if Promote the Vote is do another initiative, something more collaborative that aims to install more trust in our election process would be more welcome.

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### Opinion



Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages?

Now you have two ways to sound off:

1 Write a letter to the editor.

- E-mail: [letters@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:letters@lansingcitypulse.com)
- Snail mail: City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
- Fax: (517) 371-5800
- At [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com)

2 Write a guest column.

Contact Berl Schwartz for more information: [publisher@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:publisher@lansingcitypulse.com) or (517) 999-5061. (Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)

Congratulations to the micromanaging Michigan State University Board of Trustees for making the job of president so undesirable that the office's current occupant is quitting a year and a half early and leaving at least \$1.5 million in salary on the table.

Nearly a year ago today the MSU board members felt so highly of Dr. Samuel Stanley that they gave him a 20% raise.

Last week, Stanley gave MSU his 90-day notice, weeks after the board's junior members worked to show him the door, despite the public objections of Chair Dianne Byrum and their most experienced trustee, Melanie Foster.

Stanley's offenses? Not keeping some board members up to speed on some Title IX reporting requirements while supporting the demotion of Business School Dean Sanjay Gupta, who didn't strictly adhere to the school's sexual harassment protocols.

So, which is it? Is Stanley too lax when it comes to reporting or too strict? Or is it that Stanley didn't check in with some board members before making his executive decisions?

The word "micro-managing" came out of Stanley's lips during his farewell video, and we'll go with that since he's the only one who's talking.

The board kicked out a sanitized public statement that told us nothing. All eight members have hit the bunker, hoping the storm will blow over.

We'd wait for the next public hearing, but we know from past experience that the board's longstanding practice of conducting all of their important discussions behind closed doors isn't changing. Far be it for this board to run anything better than a tightly scripted performance as its "public" meeting.

Something needs to change here, and we're not talking about the president's position.

This insular MSU Board of Trustees is out of control. They are running this public, taxpayer-funded university through another ring of Larry Nassar hell without publicly explaining themselves.

If a Harvard-trained physician with prior university leadership experience and broad support from MSU faculty and students isn't whom this board is looking for, who is?

And how did the board go from giving Stanley a \$160,000-a-year raise to wanting him gone in 10 months? How can this board pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into independent investigations that relitigate a decision from the provost?

How can publicly elected public officials be so reckless with taxpayer money?

What is the quality of the individual who will want to become MSU's next president under these toxic dynamics? Who wants to be a puppet for an arro-

gant board that is accountable to nobody but party hacks, that is listening to nobody, that doesn't seem to care what anybody else thinks and that clearly has no idea what it's doing.

We stand with the Michigan State Faculty Senate and give our vote of no confidence to this board.

We see no evidence that Tebay, Scott, Rema Vassar, Pat O'Keefe or Dan Kelley are cut out for the position they are holding. We hoped the addition of Vassar and O'Keefe in 2021 would help turn the page to positive reforms that put the heinous acts of Nassar far in the rearview mirror.

Instead, they are the forward-facing members who appear to be instigating this coup.

We'd like to support Democratic Trustee Renee Knake Jefferson as she runs for a full term on Nov. 8, but we can't justify it. She'll go as the lone Democrat we're declining to support in this 2022 election.

The canned statement she issued through the Democratic Party after Stanley's departure announcement left a lot to be desired. Like most of the rest of this cloistered group of eight, she serves as more of an example of why big reforms are needed for the board than a reason she deserves to continue on it.

We do support Democrat Dennis Denno, whose grasp on reality and his knowledge of the Legislature, where he worked for 17 years, will benefit the board.

It is clearer than ever that a constitutional amendment making the trustees an appointed position, as opposed to an elected position, is sorely needed.

The state Constitution requires the governing boards of MSU, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University be elected among candidates nominated by political parties. For Democrats, the process typically yields former athletes, boosters, union officials or folks who would diversify the ticket. For Republicans, it's political ideologues or people lucky enough to have with solid Irish surnames.

For years, we felt that if a few certain members were knocked off the board, the drama would stop. Alas, it has not. Whether it's running over former President Marilyn Dean Baker in the 1990s, the odd selection of M. Peter McPherson of 1993, going into full CYA after the Nassar scandal blew up or the misguided decision to drag John Engler out of the basement, this board can't stay out of the headlines.

The elected Wayne State University Board of Governors was a textbook example of dysfunction a few years ago.

When do we hear of problems with the appointed boards at the directional schools or Saginaw Valley or Ferris State? How are they able to stay out of the headlines?

Possibly because the governor picks trustees based on a professional skillset that adds value to the board, whether it's accounting, business acumen, finance, land development, personnel management, education or legal experience.

These new board members are bringing nothing but bush league politics, division and drama to a university that been through enough, already.

# Stanley is right: No confidence

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### Opinion



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# Gubernatorial polling seems to be all over the place — but it's not

In the past months, at least seven different polls have shown Gov. Gretchen Whitmer being up anywhere between 18 percentage points and a half of a percentage point.

If you want to read alarmist commentary about how polling is broken, go to Facebook or social media. There's no shortage of frustrated political types who want something better than a foggy crystal ball.

What I am telling you is that these polls aren't all that dissimilar from each other, despite the margin.

All of these polls say that roughly half of Michigan voters want the governor reelected. Republicans are slowly coming around to Tudor Dixon, and few voters are undecided.

The polls also show that Michigan is almost evenly divided. Things haven't changed all that much from 2016 or 2020. Republicans and Democrats are still motivated to vote.

You want to know the final result of the election? Everybody does.

But nobody is going to nail it exactly three weeks before Election Day except by luck. Nobody can read the future with 100% certainty.

By the weekend before Election Day, history shows at least one pollster nailed the exact result, but nearly everyone is within the margin of error. In 2020, the last five polls averaged Joe Biden receiving 50% in Michigan to Donald Trump's 45.8%.

The final result? Biden 50.6% to Trump's 47.8.

All that polling from a professional firm is going to give you, at this stage, is a rough idea of where voters stand at that moment within a margin of error. That's what all of these polls are doing.

The Glengariff Group has the governor beating Dixon with 50% of the vote within a +/- 4 percent margin of error. That puts her real percentage at this moment somewhere between 54% and 46%.

The Trafalgar Group has Whitmer at 50.9% with a +/- 2.9% margin of error. That puts her percentage at between 53.8% and 48%. It's basically the same as Glengariff.

Even the right-wing "American Greatness" organization, an unknown conservative outlet that should immediately invite suspicion, polled 550 likely voters on Oct. 12 and found Whitmer up with 44.4% of the vote. With the margin of error, that's 48.2% to 40.2%.

Again, the governor is around 50% of the vote at this point in time.

The polls also show Republicans are starting to warm to Dixon. The Oct. 10-12 survey from Cygnal for the Michigan Association of Broadcasters had 7% of voters without an opinion of Tudor Dixon. Last month, 32% of voters didn't have an opinion of Dixon, according to an EPIC-MRA survey for the Detroit Free Press.

From August until now, Dixon's favorability number has gotten higher as the number of those without an opinion of her has gone down.

As for undecided numbers. The CBS/You.gov survey had 0.4% undecided, which is hard to believe, but with a +/- 3.6% margin of error, the poll allows for the real number to be as high as 4%.

The Oct. 12-14 Emerson College poll has a 4% margin of error +/- 3%, which means the undecided is between 7% and 1%.

You get the idea. In the grand scheme of the population, there aren't many undecided voters.

Estimation is a tough business. Fiscal forecasts during the height of the COVID pandemic were all over the place. Bids for contracts are routinely revised because something comes up. Construction contractors try to set realistic deadlines, but sometimes it doesn't happen.

Nobody is perfect, including pollsters, who certainly are not in business to put out inaccurate numbers. They're trying the best they can with a Republican voter base that has been thrilled about answering surveys for a while.

Pollsters are changing how they collect data with the rise of smart phones. Landlines have become a museum exhibit.

So, where are we with this gubernatorial race? The governor is up a little bit. It's going to be close.

Exactly what these polls are saying. (Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol newsletter MIRS at melinnky@gmail.com.)



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## CITY OF EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 1515

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1515 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its regular meeting held on October 4, 2022, and will become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after the publication of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1515

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING USE DISTRICT MAP OF CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

The Zoning Use District Map is hereby amended to rezone the following described area from B-5 (Community Retail Sales Business District) to M-1 (Manufacturing District).

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NE FRL 1/4 OF SEC 2 T4N R2W DESC AS: COM AT THE NE COR OF SD SEC - S00D 24' 07"W ALNG THE E LN OF SD SEC 637 FT - N89D 53' 42"W 990.33 FT TO POB - N89D 53' 42"W 381.25 FT TO E ROW LN OF WEST RD - N00D 07' 33"E ALNG SD ROW 330 FT - S89D 53' 42"E 318.13 FT - S00D 06' 18"W 330 FT TO POB 2.41 A

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1515 can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (517.319.6914) during normal business hours.

Jennifer Shuster  
City Clerk

Dated: October 13, 2022  
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LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION  
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD  
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

**NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of Meridian Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk, the office of the County Clerk, or the Secretary of State Michigan Voter Information Center (MVIC) website at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/register/voter>. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration on the MVIC website.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 24, 2022.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.498) at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Saturday, November 5th and Sunday November 6th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Election Day, Tuesday November 8th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Meridian Township residents will be voting on the following:  
**SUPERVISOR - PARTIAL TERM ENDING 11/20/2024**  
**TRUSTEE - PARTIAL TERM ENDING 11/20/2024**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Haslett School District will be voting on the Following:  
**BOARD MEMBER - HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Okemos School District will be voting on the following:  
**BOARD MEMBER - OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Williamston School District will be voting on the following:  
**BOARD MEMBER - WILLIAMSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the East Lansing School District will be voting on the following:  
**BOARD MEMBER - EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI. 48864, 517.853.4300. A sample ballot may be viewed at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote).

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300

Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk  
CP#22-231



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY  
LEGAL AD NOTICE: MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**2022 Master Plan (Planning Commission)**  
**Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos (phone 517-853-4560), to hear all persons interested or involved in the initiation of the 2022 Master Plan public input process.

Information may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to Brian Shorkey, Senior Planner, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to [shorkey@meridian.mi.us](mailto:shorkey@meridian.mi.us).

Deborah Guthrie  
Meridian Township Clerk

CP#22-232



## How to vote

OK, put down that absentee ballot. Turn your attention to the really important election: Top of the Town. You nominated in September. Now it is time to decide among the top nominees for who and what are the best that Lansing has to offer.

If you know the drill, just head to [www.lansingcitypulse.com/TOTT2022](http://www.lansingcitypulse.com/TOTT2022). There you will find the nominees listed below. Up to five per category, except in the case of ties – of which there were quite a few this year.

After you cast your first vote, enter your email address, name and ZIP code. Once you've done

that, you will be able to continue voting.

Please note that all votes are submitted automatically. Once you've cast it — you're done. Don't worry about a second submission screen.

If you need to stop and come back to your ballot or your internet browser was closed, you can return to the site and continue voting exactly where you left off. Remember that you can always log out by clicking on your email address on the top left. When you are ready to resume voting, you can log back in and get back to the contest.

You can vote in as many categories as you wish.

Just remember to finish your ballot **by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1**. That should give you plenty of time to make even the most hair-splitting of decisions. You can also send us your list of votes via snail mail to City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48912.

Winners will be announced in the Nov. 16 issue of City Pulse, both in print and digitally — if you get our newsletter (so sign up for it when you vote in the contest). Otherwise, you'll need to wait till Nov. 17 online.

If you decide to move to Canada because of the outcome of that other election, let us know who has the best poutine.

## BAR

### Cocktails

- American Fifth Spirits
- Stober's Bar
- The Avenue Café
- The People's Kitchen
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern



### Dance Bar

- Duke's Saloon
- Rick's American Cafe
- Stober's Bar
- The Avenue Café
- The Green Door Bar & Grill

### Dive Bar

- Art's Pub
- B & I Bar
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Stober's Bar
- The Avenue

### Food

- Art's Pub
- BAD Brewing Company
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Meat BBQ
- One North Kitchen & Bar

### Happy Hour

- Art's Pub
- Crunchy's
- Front 43 Neighborhood Pub
- Moriarty's Pub
- Side Bar East Lansing
- Stober's Bar

### Jam Night

- Moriarty's Pub
- Stober's Bar
- The Exchange
- The Green Door Bar & Grill

### Karaoke

- Classic Pub & Grill
- Crunchy's
- Karaoke Kickback - Urban Beat
- LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill

- The Avenue Café
- The Green Door Bar & Grill
- Lansing-Area Brewery**
- BAD Brewing Company
- BrickHaven Brewing Company
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Lansing Brewing Company
- Sleepwalker
- Lansing-Area Distillery**
- American Fifth Spirits
- Michigrain Distillery
- Red Cedar Spirits
- Sanctuary Spirits
- LGBTQ-Friendly Bar**
- Esquire Bar
- Reo Town Pub
- Stober's Bar
- The Avenue Café
- The People's Kitchen
- Margarita**
- Acapulco
- Barrio East Lansing
- El Azteco
- Fiesta Charra
- The People's Kitchen
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Neighborhood bar**
- BAD Brewing Company
- Harry's Place
- Reo Town Pub
- Stober's Bar
- The Avenue Café
- Open Mic Night**
- Crunchy's
- Dimes Brewhouse
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Moriarty's Pub
- The Green Door Bar & Grill
- UrbanBeat
- Pub/tavern**
- Art's Pub
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Reo Town Pub
- Stober's Bar

- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Spartan sports hangout**
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill
- The Peanut Barrel
- Sports Bar**
- Art's Pub
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
- Nut House
- Reno's East
- Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill Cannabis

## CANNABIS



### Budtender

- Cameron Houston - Pure Options Frandor
- Cyrus Pierce - Skymint
- Jeremiah Rose - Local Roots
- Juan Moody - Dispo
- Spencer Donley - Pincanna

### Cannabis Flower - Hybrid (company/brand)

- Fruit & Fuel
- Grumpz - Pincanna
- Josey Whales - Homegrown
- Moonbow 112- Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- Wonka Bars #13 - Skymint

### Cannabis Flower - Indica (company/brand)

- Cake Mix - Skymint Reserve
- Don Mega- Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- Egg Roll - Pincanna
- HYMAN Cannabis
- Rainbow Belts - Pro Gro/Pure Options

### Cannabis Flower - Sativa (company/brand)

- HYMAN Cannabis
- Lunar Lemon-Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- Premier Meds
- Skymint Flo
- Sunshine #4 - Pincanna

### Cannabis growing brand

- Dispo
- Fruit & Fuel
- HomeGrown Cannabis Co.
- Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- Skymint

### Cannabis - Concentrate (company/brand)

- DabHouse Records
- Element Extracts
- Full Spectrum Extracts
- Gentrified Cannabis
- North Coast Extracts
- Petro
- Skymint Reserve

### Cannabis - Edible (company/brand)

- Covert Cups
- Funky Extracts
- Jolly Edibles
- Michigan Organic Rub
- Pot Dots

### CBD Store/Boutique

- Dispo Lansing
- Jars
- Pincanna
- Pure Options
- Sweetheart Essentials CBD

### Indoor Grow Shop

- Grow Generations
- Horizon hydroponics
- Pro Gro

### Marijuana Provisioning Center

- Dispo - Lansing
- Homegrown
- Local Roots Cannabis
- Pincanna
- Pure Options
- Marijuana Provisioning Center - East Lansing
- Bazonzoes
- Pincanna
- Pleasantrees
- Skymint



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## DINING



### Bagels

- Big Apple Bagels
- Bruegger's Bagels
- Flour Child Bakery
- GoodFellas Bagel Deli
- Social Sloth | Cafe & Bakery

### Bakery

- Bake N Cakes
- Blumchen Bakery
- Flour Child Bakery
- Mitten Raised
- Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe

### Baklava

- Aladdin's
- Bell's Pizza
- Jerusalem Bakery
- Social Sloth | Cafe & Bakery
- Zaytoon

### BBQ

- Capital City BBQ
- Gravity Smokehouse & BBQ
- Meat Southern BBQ
- Saddleback BBQ REO Town
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ

### Breakfast

- Fidler's on the Grand Restaurant
- Golden Harvest Restaurant
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Jalapeños Mexican Restaurant
- Soup Spoon Café

### Brunch

- BAD Brewing Company
- Fidler's on the Grand Restaurant
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Soup Spoon Café
- The People's Kitchen

### Burger

- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Olympic Broil
- The Peanut Barrel

### Chicken Strips/Tenders

- A&W Restaurant
- Chick-fil-A
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Olympic Broil
- One North Kitchen & Bar

### Chinese

- Asian Gourmet
- Charlie Kang's Restaurant
- Chen's Restaurant
- House of Hsu
- P.F. Chang's

### Cider

- BAD Brewing Company
- Barkham creek farms
- Phillips Orchards & Cider Mill - Gatehouse Market
- Quality Dairy
- Uncle John's Cider Mill

### Coney Dog

- A&W Restaurant
- Dan's Coney Island
- Olympic Broil
- Sparty's Coney Island
- Zeus' Coney Island

### Deli

- GoodFellas Bagel Deli
- McAlister's Deli
- New Daily Bagel

- Sidestreets Deli & Bakery
- State Side Deli & Restaurant

### Dessert

- Babe's Corner
- Everything is Cheesecake
- Flour Child Bakery
- Lick-ity Split
- MSU Dairy Store

### Diner

- Athena's Diner
- Fleetwood Diner
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Mason Depot Diner
- Zeus' Coney Island

### Donuts

- Flour Child Bakery
- Groovy Donuts
- Mitten Raised
- Quality Dairy Store
- Strange Matter Coffee

### Drive-up location

- Arby's
- Munchies
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil
- VEG-N

### Family Friendly Restaurant

- Buddies Pub & Grill
- Coral Gables
- Cugino's
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Texas Roadhouse

### Fast Food

- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Chick-fil-A
- Culver's
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil

### Fish Fry

- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Fresh Fish & Fry - Crack Chicken
- Harry's Place
- Log Jam
- One North Kitchen & Bar

### Food Truck

- El Oasis
- Hard Knocks Food Truck
- Ozone's Fire Food Truck
- Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ

### French Fries

- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- HopCat
- Meat BBQ
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- The Cosmos

### Greek

- Lou and Harry's Bar/Grill
- Olga's Kitchen
- Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill
- Zaytoon
- Zeus' Coney Island

### Hibachi

- Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse Jackson
- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Ohana Sushi and Bar
- Sushi Moto
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar

### Ice Cream

- Arctic Corner
- Babe's Corner
- Corner Cone
- Dairy Dan
- Lick-ity Split
- MSU Dairy Store

### Indian

- Paradise Biryani Pointe
- Persis Indian Grill
- Sindhu Indian Cuisine
- Sree Saffron
- Swagath

### Irish

- Dublin Square
- Kelly's Downtown
- Moriarty's Pub
- Olympic Broil
- The Claddagh Irish Pub

### Italian

- Bravo! Italian Kitchen
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Cugino's
- Falsetta's Casa Nova
- Olivera's Restaurant

### Kids Eat Free

- Buddie's Holt
- Fazoli's
- Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill
- The Cosmos
- VEG-N

### Late Night Food

- Art's Pub
- Conrad's Grill
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Ruckus Ramen
- Sidecar Slider Bar - Lansing

### Mediterranean

- ChouPli Wood-Fired Kabob
- Jerusalem Bakery
- Sultan's Restaurant
- Woody's Oasis
- Zaytoon Mediterranean

### Mexican - chain

- Barrio East Lansing
- Cancun Mexican Grill
- Fiesta Charra
- Los Tres Amigos Hacienda
- Los Tres Amigos Holt

### Mexican - non-chain

- Acapulco
- El Azteco
- Pablo's Old Town
- Pancho's Taqueria
- Taqueria El Chaparrito

### Nachos

- Art's Pub
- Buddies Grill
- El Azteco
- Meat BBQ
- The Cosmos
- New Restaurant
- Babe's Corner
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
- Joe's On Jolly
- King Phó
- Slice by Saddleback - South Lansing

### Olive Burger

- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harry's Place
- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Olympic Broil
- One North Kitchen & Bar

### Pancakes

- Golden Harvest Restaurant
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Sophia's House of Pancakes
- Sparty's Coney Island
- The People's Kitchen

### Pho

- Asia's Finest
- Capital City BBQ
- Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
- King Phó
- Nola Bistro

### Pizza

- Art's Pub
- Cosmos
- Fabiano's Grocery & Deli
- Horrocks Pizzeria
- Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Slice by Saddleback - West Lansing

### Prime Rib

- Airport Tavern
- Capital Prime
- Corey's Lounge
- Lucky's Steakhouse
- Piazzano's

### Ramen

- Bento Kitchen Cravings
- Ruckus Ramen
- Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar
- YumYum Bento
- Zhen Ramen & Grill

### Ranch dressing

- BAD Brewing Company

- Cugino's
- Jet's Pizza
- Mancino's Pizza & Grinders
- Moriarty's Pub
- The Cosmos

### Restaurant beer list

- BAD Brewing Company
- Crunchy's
- Lansing Brewing Company
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

### Restaurant for seniors

- Amy's Downtown Diner
- Coral Gables
- Delhi Cafe
- Flap Jack Shack
- Soup Spoon Café

### Restaurant wine list

- Beggar's Banquet
- Bridge Street Social
- Dusty's Cellar
- EnVie
- The People's Kitchen

### Reuben

- Leo's Lodge
- Meat BBQ
- Mr. Corned Beef
- StateSide Deli & Restaurant
- Vault Delicatessen

### Salad/salad bar

- Better Health Market & Cafe
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Leaf Salad Bar
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Cosmos
- Wagon Wheel American Grill

### Seafood

- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Red Lobster
- The People's Kitchen
- The Tangy Crab

### Signature dish

- BAD Brewing Company
- Fleetwood Diner
- Meat BBQ
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- The Cosmos

### Sliders

- Art's Pub
- Sidecar Slider Bar - Lansing

### Soup

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Leo's Lodge
- Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
- Soup Spoon
- Zoup!

### Steak

- Airport Tavern
- Bowdies Chophouse
- Capital Prime
- LongHorn Steakhouse
- Texas Roadhouse

### Sub sandwich

- Babe's Corner
- Jersey Giant Submarine Sandwiches
- Jersey Mike's Subs
- King Subs
- Mancino's Pizzas and Grinders

### Sushi

- Maru
- Ohana Sushi and Bar
- Sansu Sushi and Cocktails
- Sushi Moto
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Woodlake

### Tacos

- Barrio East Lansing
- El Azteco
- El Oasis
- Pablo's Old Town
- Pancho's Taqueria

### Thai

- Bangkok House
- Eato Chef at Horrocks

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- Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Taste of Thai
- Thai Princess
- Upscale dining**
- Bowdies Chophouse
- Capital Prime

- English Inn
- EnVie
- The People's Kitchen
- Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free restaurant**
- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- Anna's House - Okemos
- Picnic: A Food Truck
- The Cosmos
- VEG-N
- Wings**
- Art's Pub
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Detroit Wing Company
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Meat BBQ

## HANGOUTS

### Biggby

- Biggby at the Point (Trophy Point)
- Lake Lansing East Lansing
- Okemos
- West Grand River East Lansing

### Bowling Alley

- City Limits - Mason
- Royal Scot Golf & Bowl
- Spare Time Entertainment Center

### Cafe

- Chapelure
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Social Sloth | Cafe & Bakery
- TOASTE

### Coffee Shop (non-Biggby)

- Blue Owl Coffee

- Blue Owl Coffee Old Town
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Hooked
- Strange Matter Coffee

### Comedy Night

- BAD Brewing Company
- Crunchy's
- Ellison Brewery and Spirits
- Quality Scary

### Corn Maze

- Bestmaze Corn Maze
- Fortitude Farms & Events
- Shawhaven Farm

### Dog Park

- East Lansing dog park
- Joey's Pet Outfitters Dog Park
- Northern Tail Dog Park

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# VOTE FOR US!

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2022 TOP OF THE TOWN CONTEST

# CARNIVORES LOVE MEAT!

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**SOUTHERN B.B.Q. & CARNIVORE CUISINE**



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- Soldan Dog Park (membership required)
- Sycamore Park
- Escape Room Venue**
- Breakout Escape Rooms Lansing
- Challenges East Lansing Adventure Escape Rooms
- Escapology Escape Rooms Lansing
- The Pod Escape Room
- Golf Course**
- Country Club of Lansing
- Eagle Eye Golf Club
- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Indian Hills Golf Course
- Royal Scot Golf & Bowl
- Hangout for Seniors**
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Hooked
- SPUDS Restaurant and Greek Pastry Shop
- Hangout for Students**
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Crunchy's
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
- Hooked
- The Avenue
- Hangout Solo**
- BAD Brewing Company
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Crunchy's
- Hooked
- MSU
- Haunted Attraction**
- Awaken Haunted Attraction
- Demented Mitten Tours
- Noble Road
- Terror on 27
- Library**
- CADL - Downtown Lansing
- CADL - Holt-Delhi Library
- Delta Township District Library

- East Lansing Library
- Grand Ledge Area District Library
- Local Attraction for Kids**
- Art Unlimited
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Dimondale Canoe and Kayak
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
- Impression 5 Science Center
- Potter Park Zoo
- Movie Theater**
- Celebration Cinema Lansing & IMAX
- Eaton Theatre
- NCG Cinema - Lansing
- Regal Lansing Mall
- Studio C Meridian Mall
- Music Venue**
- Fledge
- Robin Theatre
- The Avenue
- The Peanut Barrel
- UrbanBeat
- Nature Center**
- Fenner Nature Center
- Michigan 4-H Children's Garden
- Woldumar Nature Center
- Non-Bar or Restaurant Date**
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Date Night at Wheel House Studio
- High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
- Pinball Pete's
- Patio**
- BAD Brewing Company
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Sleepwalker
- The Peanut Barrel
- Place of Worship**
- Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ
- Resurrection Religious Center
- St. Mary Cathedral
- Trinity Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing
- Place to Play Pinball**
- Pinball Pete's
- The Avenue
- The Grid Arcade & Bar
- Place to Play Video Games**
- Grid Arcade & Bar
- Pinball Pete's
- The Avenue

- Place to Shoot Pool**
- Buddies Grill
- Eaton Pub & Grille & Charlotte Brewing Co.
- Hong's Cafe
- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- Reno's North Sports Bar
- The Avenue
- The Green Door Bar & Grill
- Place to Sled**
- Fitzgerald Park
- Granger Meadows Park
- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Hawk Island Park
- Public Park**
- Crego Park
- Delta Mills Park
- Fitzgerald Park Drive
- Frances Park
- Hawk Island Park
- Smoke Shop/Hookah Lounge**
- Downtown Smoking Club
- Wild Bill's Tobacco
- Wild Side Smoke Shop
- Tabletop Gaming**
- AFK Games
- The Gaming Cantina
- Trivia Night**
- BAD Brewing Company
- Buddies Pub & Grill
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Harry's Place
- Lansing Brewing Company
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Ozone's Brewhouse

- Sistrum
- Steiner Chorale
- Classical Musician**
- ConTempus Quartet
- Linda Abar
- Michael Goodman
- Rodney Page
- Sarah Wallace
- Suren Bagratuni
- Club DJ**
- Capital City DJ's
- DJ Booters
- DJ Elemnt
- DJ Space
- Mary X
- Country Artist/Band**
- Brenda Loomis Band
- Double Wide Ride
- Kathy Ford Band
- Mama Tryd
- Rachel Curtis
- Rollin Brummette
- Louie Longoria Band
- Cover Band**
- Atomic Annie
- JP & The Energy
- Starfarm
- Swift Brothers
- The Black Barn Band
- Experimental Musical Act**
- Cavalcade
- Darin Larner Band
- From Big Sur
- Otho Roi
- Super Secret Cult Band
- The Further Adventures of Fat Boy and Jive Turkey
- Folk Artist/Band**
- Abbey Hoffman
- Jen Sygit
- Swift Brothers
- The Dangling Particles
- The Rusty Snails
- Hip-Hop Artist/Group**
- Kobe Dear
- Mikey Austin
- Ozay Moore
- Sway Boi
- Jazz Musician/Group**
- MSU Jazz Band
- The Rodney Whitaker Quartet

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## LOCAL ARTS



- Artist**
- Alex Leonard
- Creepy Kawaii - Stefanie Black
- Dennis Preston
- Marissa Tawney Thaler
- Steph Joy Hogan
- Choral Group**
- Holt UMC Choir
- John Felsing
- Lange Choral Ensemble

# Vote in the Top 5

## Dagwood's for:

- **BEST** Neighborhood Bar
- **BEST** Sliders
- **BEST** Dive Bar
- **BEST** French Fries
- **BEST** Spartan Sports Hangout
- **BEST** Burger
- **BEST** Diner
- **BEST** Cocktails
- **BEST** Olive Burger
- **BEST** Food

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2022 TOP OF THE TOWN CONTEST

## No tricks here!

East Lansing Public Library has treats in store for all ages.

### Upcoming Programs:

- Teen Robotics Club: Every Tuesday!
- Read to a Dog: Every Wednesday!
- Painting Pumpkins: 10/22
- Glowing Potions Craft: 10/26
- Project Lit Teen Book Club: 10/26
- Adult Social Hour: 11/1
- Books on Tap: 11/8
- Play Date - A Theatre Book Club: 11/9
- Intro to Dungeons & Dragons: 11/10
- Dinovember - Dino Day 2: 11/12
- Diary of a Michigan Kid: 11/14

**Vote ELPL for Best Library in Top of the Town!**

**For more info, visit [elpl.org](http://elpl.org).**

**East Lansing Public Library**



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- Phil Denny
  - Planet Express
  - Walter White
- Local Theater Organization**
- Ixion Theatre Ensemble
  - Lebowsky Center for the Performing Arts

- MSU Circle Theater
  - Over the Ledge
  - Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
  - Riverwalk Theatre
- Pottery Studio**
- Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
  - REACH Art Studio
  - Sunset Clay Studio
  - Wheel House Studio
- Public Art/Sculpture**
- "River Critters" mural
  - ArtPath
  - Shiawassee bridge mosaic mural
  - Shiawassee Street Mosaic Project
  - Sparty statue
  - The Dreamer - Gear Head by Impression 5/Bowdie's

- Punk/Metal Group**
- Farewell Come April
  - Heartsick
  - Let it rot
  - Rodeo Boys
  - The New Models
- Rock Artist/Band**
- Farewell Come April
  - Frog and the Beeftones.
  - Heartsick
  - Of Virtue
  - Rodeo Boys

- Jerry Norris
  - Joanie Kilchermann
  - Julia Miller
  - Mike Karl
- Attorney (not law firms)**
- Katrina Hofstetter
  - Kent Wood
  - Sherri Smith
  - Susan Chalgian
  - Takura Nyamfukudza
- Auto Salesperson**
- Blake Garner - LaFontaine
  - Devan Reed - Kia of Lansing
  - Kent Booth Feldman Chevrolet
  - Makayla Wyskowski - Spartan Toyota
  - Richard Adado - Shaheen
  - Shane Fulkerhouse - Shaheen

## PEOPLE

- Advocate/Activist**
- Farhan Sheikh-Omar



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# Vote for us for Lansing's best funeral home



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 109 North Church Street, PO Box 503,  
 Leslie, MI 49251  
**Darin R. Vickers**, Owner/Manager

**Vickers Springport Funeral Home**  
 Phone: (517) 857-4848  
 121 Pearl Street, PO Box 235,  
 Springport, MI 49284  
**John Montgomery**, Manager/Director  
**Darin R. Vickers**, Owner/Director



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**Bartender (full name and bar)**

- Alac McCann - The People's Kitchen
- Dusty Salyer - BAD Brewing Company
- Kate Bearup - American Fifth Spirits
- Kay Lyn - Ozone brewhouse
- Phil "PJ" Marin - The Peanut Barrel

**Best Local Politician**

- Brian Daniels
- Curtis Hertel Jr.
- Elissa Slotkin
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Sarah Anthony

**Best State/National Politician**

- Bernie Sanders
- Donald Trump
- Elissa Slotkin
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Sarah Anthony

**Brewer**

- Candy R - Preston's Bar
- Chris Ward - Lansing Brewing Company
- Ed Brickhaven Grand Ledge
- Jeremy Sprague - Sleepwalker
- KJ Rowen - BAD Brewing Company

**GATA Bus Driver (full name)**

- Dan Howard
- Jessica Montry
- Paul Ingraham
- Ron DeLeon
- Ruth Ann Griffin

**Chef**

- Chef Dan Konopkonicki - The People's Kitchen
- Colin Davidoski- One North Kitchen & Bar

- Jake Thompson - The Creole Old Town
- Patrick Rinehart - One North Lansing
- Steve Swart - Ruckus Ramen

**College Instructor**

- Jon Whiting - Michigan State University
- Karen Holt - Michigan State University
- Roger Martin - Michigan State University
- Ryan Maccombs - MSU Math Department
- Tiffany Wahl - Michigan State University

**Comedian**

- Chris Young
- Dave Welfare
- Nicole Melnyk
- Pat Sievert

**Cosmetic Surgeon**

- Andrew Zwyghuizen, MD
- Richard Smith, MD

**Dance Instructor (full name and studio)**

- Clara Martinez - Everett Dance
- Hayley Kosloski Studio H Dance Company
- Kailen Berry
- Sarah Harris - Dance City West
- Sierra Erskine The Hive

**Developer**

- Capital Area Housing Partnership
- Dymaxion Development
- Gillespie Group
- Kimmy Wasson
- Michigan Community Capital
- TA Forsberg

**Esthetician/Cosmetologist**

- Bea - Gemini Wax
- Holly Roth- Pure Skincare and Acne Spa
- Cassandra - Kass Beauty
- Nekeyta Brunson - UnCovered Beauty Studio
- Rikki Avens - The Standard Spa

**Food Delivery Person**

- Austin Laura - Holiday Lansing
- Jayden Oliver - Door Dash/Instacart
- Jennifer Wilson - DoorDash
- Jeremy Hurt - Red Bike Delivery
- Khailea Pond - Shopping with Khai
- Quill Blankenship - Door Dash

**Hairstylist (full name and salon)**

- Hannah Forgey Chandler - Salon Vivesta
- Jenna Lu - Capellini Salon
- Jennifer King - Hair & Co. On Ash
- Katie Gestring - Bridge St. Hair Co.
- Kaylei Gutierrez - Lockworx

**Handyman**

- Chance Liscomb
- James Fauson
- Jeremy Eagle
- Jody Hope
- Justin Lewis
- Tim Paul
- Troy Kuchar

**High School Coach**

- Ben Billings - Everett
- Chris Cross - Sexton High School Baseball/JV football
- Robb Zimmerman - Dewitt High Schpool football
- George Maier - Holt Hockey
- Lauren Bruce - Waverly Track and Field and Cross Country

**High School Teacher**

- Ben Billings - Everett High School
- David Larzelere - East Lansing High School
- Eder DeLaCruz-Dewitt High School
- Marilyn Steerstra - Eastern High School
- Patty Rienstra - Waverly high school

**Insurance Agent**

- Ben Rathbun - The Rathbun Agency
- Katie Krick - Cedar River Insurance

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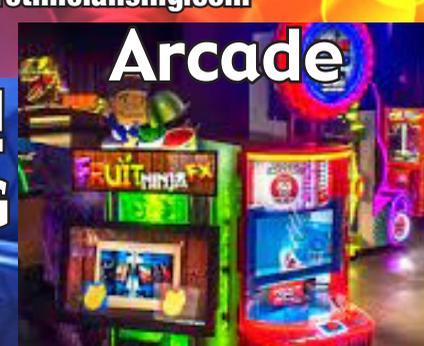
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- Ryan Harmon - Harmon Insurance
- Stacy Lewis - State Farm
- Trinesha Goebel - State Farm
- Local TV News Personality (full name and station)**
- Chivon Kloefer - WLNS
- Kiyerra Lake - WLNS

- Larry Wallace - Fox 47 News
- Sheri Jones - WLNS
- Tianna Jenkins - Fox 47

- Massage Therapist**
- Amanda Tollstam - Holistic Health and Massage
  - Amelia Wheaton - Zoe Life Spa
  - Irene Savoyat - Creative Wellness
  - Kameron Woodend - Woodend Wellness
  - Parker Hoggard - Zoe Life Spa and Salon

- Personal Trainer**
- Brian Daniels
  - Dale Williams - Williamston Fitness Center
  - Kristi Stephens - Function Mobility and Health
  - Ronica Rodriguez - Redemption Fitness

- Waleed El-Chaer - Peak Performance Physical Therapy

- Piercer**
- Aaron "Malibu" Wood - Reo Town Tattoo Co
  - Alexis "Alix" Mercer - Ink Therapy
  - Andy Knag - Splash of Color
  - Danny Aybar - Be-You-tiful Body Piercing & Fine Jewelry
  - Stuart Tite - Splash of Color

- Police Officer**
- Adrian Ojerio - East Lansing
  - Brendan Cissel - Eaton County Sheriff's Office
  - Dillon Reust - Lansing Police Department
  - Glen Briggs - Lansing
  - Richard Vandusson

- Radio DJ**
- Jamie Paisley - WKAR
  - Metro Melik - Stacks 92.1
  - Mojo 94.9 WMMQ & 100.7 WITL
  - Span - Q106
  - Terry Stevens - Q106
- Realtor/Agent**
- Dani Fairman - Community Realty
  - Elizabeth Fleckenstein - BHHS Tomie Raines REALTORS
  - Liz Horford - RE/MAX
  - Maggie Gerich - RE/MAX
  - Rachelle Page - RE/MAX Real Estate Professionals
- Restaurant Waitstaff**
- Alisa "Cheese" Kowalski - Mitchell's Fish Market

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- Jake Bonotto - Sleepwalker
- Josh Burwick- The People's Kitchen
- Mandy - Good Truckin Diner

**Tattoo Artist**

- Boris - Reo Town Tattoo
- Cali - True Blue Tattoo
- Dan Wade - Van Gogh
- Drew Dutton- Reo Town Tattoo
- Perry Stratton - Splash of Color

**Worst Local Politician**

- Tom Barrett
- Tudor Dixon
- Mike Shirkey
- Andy Schor
- Gretchen Whitmer

**Worst State/National Politician**

- Ron DeSantis
- Tudor Dixon
- Mike Shirkey
- Donald Trump
- Gretchen Whitmer

**Yoga Instructor**

- Belinda Thurston- Just B Yoga
- Jen Davis-Alive Wellness Center
- Jen Hayes - Yoga State
- Misty Belous - Peoples Yoga
- Quincy Kittle, Peoples Yoga

- Hub On Campus East Lansing
- Motor Wheel Lofts
- Newman Lofts
- Quarry Apartments
- **Appliance Repair**
- Ace Appliance Service
- Dick's appliance service
- Lane's Appliance Sales and Service
- Shaw's Appliance Service
- **Audiologist/Hearing Firm**
- Advanced Audiology DeWitt
- Katy Thompson - Complete Hearing Center
- Mary Rose Hecksel Aud. LLC
- Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose, & Throat, PC - Allergy and Sinus Center
- **Auto Body Repair Shop**
- Doc's Automotive Inc.
- Driven Collision, LLC
- Liskeys Auto Truck Service
- Osband Body Shop Inc
- Two Sons Automotive LLC
- **Auto Repair Shop**
- A & M Supreme Auto Repair
- Doc's Automotive Inc.
- Jerry's Automotive
- Keusch Tire and Auto
- Mike's Auto Care
- Randall Automotive
- Ryan's Auto Care
- Waldrop's Service Inc
- Westside Car Care
- **Bank**
- Capitol National Bank
- Commercial Bank
- Dart Bank
- Eaton Community Bank
- Independent Bank
- **Barber Shop**
- Aftershave Barbershop
- East Side Barbershop LLC
- Frandor Barber Shop
- Loyalty Barbershop
- Manscape Hair Co.
- The Good Life Shaving Company
- **Bicycle Shop**
- Denny's Central Park Bicycles
- Eric's Cycling & Fitness
- Lansing Bike Co-op
- Scooter's Pro Cycle
- SPIN Bicycle Shop

**Building Development**

- Brookside Interiors & Drywall LLC
- Custom Built Design & Remodeling
- Do-Well Remodel
- Lavish Builders
- Stroke of Color Painting, LLC
- T A Forsberg Inc
- The Christman Company

**Car Wash/Detailing Service**

- Finish Line Detailing and Coatings
- KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
- Lansing Car Wash
- Lansing Mobile Detail
- Showroom Shine
- Spot-Les

**Caterer/catering service**

- El Oasis
- Gravity Smokehouse & BBQ
- Meat BBQ
- Morton's Fine Catering
- The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

**Cemetery**

- Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
- Evergreen Cemetery
- Mt Hope Cemetery
- Oakwood Cemetery
- St. Joseph Cemetery

**Chiropractic Office**

- Craft Chiropractic Creating Wellness Centers in East Lansing
- Creative Wellness
- Dr. Jeffrey H. Limonoff, DC
- Providence Family Chiropractic
- Williamston Sport and Spine

**Cleaning Service**

- 5s Cleaning
- Alex's Cleaning Service
- Chelsea craft
- Domestic Divas Cleaning Services
- My Neighbors Cleaning Services
- Peckham, Inc.
- St. Pete's Maids
- Sweet Solutions Cleaning Service
- Tiffany's tidying

**COVID - Best Place to get COVID Shot**

- Ingham County Health Department
- Meijer
- Rite Aid
- Sparrow Hospital
- Walgreens

**Credit Union**

- Astera Credit Union - Jolly Rd
- CASE Credit Union
- LAFCU
- Lake Trust Credit Union
- MSUFCU

**Curbside Pickup**

- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- LongHorn Steakhouse
- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
- Saddleback BBQ REO Town

**Dance Studio**

- Dance City West
- Greater Lansing Academy of Dance
- Happendance
- Studio H Dance Company
- The Hive Dance Studio

**Day Spa**

- Creative Wellness
- Douglas J Salon
- Onyx Moon Esthetic Studio
- Skin Studio 211 West Lansing
- Zoe Life Spa and Salon

**Dentist Office**

- Cavanaugh Dental
- Dr. Michael T. Nykamp, DDS, Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
- Dyras Dental
- McNeil Family Dentistry, PC
- Portnoy and Tu, DDS, PC Family Dentistry
- Schaefer Dental Group

**Dry Cleaners**

- Baryames Cleaners
- Danford Cleaners

**Electrical Repair**

- Capitol City Electric Co
- Consolidated electric
- Consolidated Electrical Contractors
- Custom Electric Holt MI
- Sparky's Electric LLC
- Thee Electric Company
- Wire Works Inc

**Financial Planner/Company**

- CG Financial Services
- Dan Malcolm- Malcolm Financial Services
- Financial Strategies Group, Inc.
- Greene Wealth Management
- Oppenheimer & Co Inc
- Shotwell Rutter Baer

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**SERVICES**

**Accountant/CPA**

- Kim Midgeley- Okemos Tax
- Lesley - Berquist
- Nashef - Simplified Tax
- Nikali Luke Simplified Bookkeeping
- Mark Pricco - X-Tax 1-DAY Tax Service



**Apartments**

- Canal Club Apartments
- Coolidge Place

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**Funeral Home**

- Estes-Leadley Funeral Home
- Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes
- Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
- Skinner Funeral Homes
- Vickers Leslie Funeral Home

**Gutter Cleaning**

- Gutter Flow System

**Gym/Fitness Studio**

- Empower Lansing
- F45 Training - East Lansing
- FitStop24 - Lansing
- Redemption Fitness
- The Barre Code - East Lansing

**Heating/Cooling/Plumbing**

- A-1 Mechanical
- All Star Mechanical
- Applegate Home Comfort
- Cousin's Heating & Cooling
- Hager Fox Heating & Air Conditioning

**Holistic Healing**

- Beyond A Dream, LLC
- Cherry Blossom Natural

**Wellness**

- Creative Wellness
- Functional Mobility and Health
- Gentle Earth Sound Therapy & Holistic Wellness, LLC

**Home Healthcare Company**

- Aiding Hearts
- By Dawn's Early Light Home Care Service
- Cypress Home Care
- FirstLight Home Care of Brighton
- Stoneleigh Residence & Hospice of Lansing

**Insurance Agency**

- Cedar River Insurance
- Harmon Insurance Group
- Holt Dimondale Agency

- Michael Church - State Farm Insurance Agent
- Rathbun Agency
- Tom DeVries - State Farm Insurance Agent

**Landscape Company**

- Grande Vista Landscaping
- Guy with a Mullet Landscaping
- James Clark Tree Service
- KLS - Kanazeh Lawn Service
- R & D Landscape
- Turf Jockeys LLC

**Laser Hair Removal**

- Milan Laser Hair Removal
- Mirkin Electrology
- MSU Aesthetics & Laser Treatment Center

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**Law Firm**

- Coontz Law
- Cornerstone Legal PLLC
- Family And Elder Law of Mid-Michigan, P.C.
- Foster Swift Collins & Smith
- Lansing Legal Group, PLLC
- Sinas Dramis Law Firm

**Massage Studio**

- Amanda Tollstam
- Bee Queener Massage Therapy
- Creative Wellness
- Functional Mobility and Health, LLC massage & bodywork
- Zoe Life Spa and Salon

**Most Trustworthy Business**

- Capellini Salon
- Capitol Macintosh
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Junk in the Trunk
- Odd Nodd Art Supply
- Schuler Books

**Music Lessons**

- Diaz School of Piano
- Howling Dogs Music Studio-Lina Abar
- Okemos Music Academy
- School of Rock
- Sigh Studio of Music

**Nail Salon**

- A Perfect Ten Nails & Spa
- Ivy Nails & Spa
- King Nails and Spa
- Lynny Nails
- Polished Nail Salon

**News Source**

- City Pulse
- Michigan Radio/WUOM
- WILX
- WLNS
- WSYM-TV Fox 47

**Non-Profit Organization (local)**

- Ele's Place - Capital Region
- Greater Lansing Food Bank
- Saved by Zade
- St. Vincent DePaul
- The Fledge

**Oil Change Shop**

- Belle Tire
- Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change
- Outshiner Oil Change and self-serve Car Wash
- Performance Plus Quick Oil Change & Car Wash
- Valvoline Instant Oil Change
- Westside Car Care

**Online Ordering (local business)**

- Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Odd Nodd Art Supply
- Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
- Sleepwalker

**Optometrist**

- David Bosak
- Dr. Roxanne Rottiers
- Grand Ledge Optometry
- Jones Vision Center
- L.O. Eye Care. Coolidge Road, East Lansing
- Rule Eye Care Associates

**Pest Control Company**

- Bullseye Pest Defense
- Orkin
- Rose Pest Solutions Lansing Mi
- Stewart Pest Solutions
- The Bug Man Inc.

**Pet Grooming**

- Amanda's Grooming
- Country Critters Pet Grooming
- Kelly's Pet Boutique East
- Old Town Tails LLC

• Wag 'N Tails Pet Resort

**Pharmacy**

- Central Pharmacy - East Lansing
- Central Pharmacy Westside
- MSU Health Care Pharmacy
- Rite Aid - South Cedar Street
- Ware's Pharmacy

**Photography**

- Erica Jo Photography, LLC
- Jamie Godwin Photography
- Le'Mae Photography
- Lost Girl Vision
- Rikki Shepherd Photography

**Post Office**

- Merrill Street Station
- United States Postal Service
- US Post Office

**Property Management Company**

- Community Realty Property Management

**Public Relations Firm**

- Martin Waymire

**Radio Station**

- Q106 WJXQ
- Stacks 92.1
- The Impact 88.9 WDBM
- WFMK
- WITL
- WKAR Public Media

**Residential Remodeling Company**

- Custom Built Design & Remodeling
- Lavish Builders
- Odd Fellows Contracting, Inc.
- Precision Roofing Services
- Stroke of Color Painting

**Salon**

- Bridge Street Hair Co
- Capellini Salon
- Hair and Company
- Salon 219
- Salon 83, LLC

**Senior Living Community**

- Independence Village Grand Ledge
- Mason Country Care
- Red Cedar Lodge
- Safe Haven Assisted Living of Mason
- Stratford Place Apartments

**Tailor/Seamstress Company**

- Cocos Off the Rack
- Fantastic Alterations
- Nikki Faith
- Nu The Tailor
- Silver Thread Tailor Shoppe

**Tanning**

- Custom Tans
- J2 Tanning
- Salon 219
- Tanzmania Tanning Salon
- VIP Tanning

**Tattoo Parlor**

- Fish Ladder Tattoo Company
- Ink Therapy Lansing
- Splash of Color Tattoo & Piercing Studio

• True Blue Tattoo Company

• Vivid Ink

**Therapy/Therapist Service**

- Orthopedic Rehab Specialists Physical Therapy
- Red Cedar Counseling
- Rooted Counseling
- Spring Forest Counseling & Wellness
- Wild Ferns Wellness

**Towing Company**

- Northside Service Inc.
- Okemos Marathon
- P.J.'s Towing

**Veterinary Service**

- Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic
- East Lansing Veterinary Clinic
- Evergreen Veterinary Clinic
- Lake Lansing Road Animal Clinic & Pet Resort
- Miller Animal Clinic
- Patterson Veterinary Hospital - Mason
- Waverly Animal Hospital, Boarding, Grooming, & Wellness Center

**Wedding Services**

- Capitol City DJs
- Hive Hair Studio
- Hotbeats Entertainment
- Salon 219
- The Northfork Estate

**WiFi/Internet Service Provider**

- Wow!
- Xfinity Store by Comcast Branded Partner

**Yoga Studio**

- 3-legged dog yoga + strength studio
- Just B Yoga
- Peoples Yoga Studio Lansing
- Salt Yoga
- Yoga State of Mind, Body & Soul, LLC

**SHOPPING**

**Antique Shop**

- April's Antiques & Home Furnishings
- Little Red Schoolhouse
- Maple Street Mall
- The Mega Mall
- Thrift Witch
- Voodoo's World of Oddtiques



**Art Gallery**

- Katalyst Art Gallery
- Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center

**Asian Market**

- Fresh International Market
- LLB Asian Market
- Lotte Market
- Westlund's Apple Market

**Auto Dealership**

- LaFontaine
- LaFontaine Buick GMC, INC.

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- Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing
- Spartan Toyota
- Williams Subaru
- Beer Selection in Retail Store**
- Capital City Market
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Mega-Bev

- On The Rocks Wine & Spirits
- Vine & Brew
- Bookstore (locally owned)**
- Barnes & Noble
- Bestsellers Books and Coffee Co.
- Curious Book Shop
- Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books
- Hooked
- Schuler Books

- Butcher**
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Merindorf Meats & More - Mason
- Mert's Specialty Meats
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Westlund's Apple Market

- Candy Store**
- Fabiano's Candies

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Kean's
- Rocket Fizz
- The Screamatorium
- Cheese Department**
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Kroger
- Whole Foods Market
- Clothing Store (locally owned)**
- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
- Kositchek's Menswear
- Lansing Clothing Company
- Metro Retro
- Polka Dots Boutique
- Comic Shop**
- Evolution Games
- Summit Comics & Games

- Consignment Shop**
- Carousel Consignments
- Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
- Metro Retro
- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Thrift Witch
- Farmers Market**
- Allen Farmers Market
- East Lansing Farmers Market
- Horrocks Farm Market
- LFA Farmers Market
- Meridian Township Farmers' Market
- South Lansing Farmers Market
- Florist**
- B/A Florist
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Hyacinth House
- Jon Anthony Florist

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- Where the Wild Things Bloom
- Furniture Store**
- Becker Furniture
- Bob's Discount Furniture and Mattress Store
- DBI Office Outlet
- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Pilgrim House Furniture
- Gardening Center**
- Christians Greenhouse
- Gee Farms
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Howe's Greenhouse & Flower Shoppe, LLC
- Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- Gas Station**
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Costco Wholesale
- Sam's Club Fuel Center
- Speedway - South Waverly
- Tailgaters
- Gift Shop**
- Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- Kean's
- Metro Melik 517
- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Quark!
- The Screamatorium
- Grocery Store (locally owned)**
- Campbell's Market Basket
- Darrell's Market and Hardware
- Foods For Living
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Westlund's Apple Market

- Hardware Store**
- Ace Hardware
- Great Lakes Ace Hardware
- Haslett True Value Hardware
- Leonards Hardware
- Menards
- Vet's Ace Hardware
- Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store**
- Lifestyles Hot Tubs
- Jewelry Store**
- Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
- Jean Vintage, LLC
- Sundance Jewelers
- Sweet Custom Jewelry
- Wheat Jewelers
- Liquor Store**
- Oades Big Ten Party Store West
- ABC Liquor
- Mega-Bev
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
- Vine & Brew
- Metaphysical Store**
- Beyond A Dream, LLC
- Coyote Wisdom Bookstore
- Keys To Manifestation
- Oracle's Apothecary
- Triple Goddess Bookstore
- Musical Instrument Store**
- Elderly Instruments
- Marshall Music Co.
- Music Instrument Swap
- Music Manor
- New Business**
- Grave Danger
- Hooked
- Lansing Clothing Company
- Metro Melik 517
- Music Instrument Swap
- Odd Mama's Plants
- Voyages Wine Shop
- Organic/Natural Market**
- Clean Refillery
- Foods For Living
- Fresh Thyme Market
- Horrocks Farm Market

- Whole Foods Market
- Outdoor/Camping Store**
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Moosejaw
- Sportsman's Warehouse
- Vet's Ace Hardware
- Pet Store**
- Pet Supplies Plus Okemos
- Preuss Pets
- Soldan's Pet Supplies
- Place to buy Mums**
- Costco Wholesale
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Hyacinth House
- River City Farms
- Valley View Greenhouses
- Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- Quality Dairy**
- Cavanaugh and Penn
- East Lake Lansing
- East Michigan Avenue
- Holt Quality Dairy
- Michigan and Foster
- Record/CD Store**
- Flat Black & Circular
- The Record Lounge
- Secondhand Shop**
- DBI Office Outlet
- Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
- Thrift Witch
- Vintage Junkies
- Volunteers of America
- Sex Shop**
- Cirilla's
- Lion's Den
- Thrift Store**
- Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
- Metro Retro
- St Vincent DePaul
- Thrift Witch
- Volunteers of America Thrift Store
- Tire Store**
- Adado Sales - Trailer Sales - Tires & Service
- Belle Tire
- Discount Tire
- Tasmanian Tire Co
- Vision Tire & Auto
- Used Car Dealership**
- Ralph McCain Auto Sales
- Vape Shop**
- Level Up Smoke Shop- LANSING, MI
- Wild Bill's Tobacco

- Video Game Store**
- Disc Traders Lansing
- The Swap Meet
- Wine Shop**
- Dusty's Wine Bar
- Hooked
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Vine & Brew
- Voyages Wine Shop

## WHATEVER

- Business with a Pet**
- Clean Refillery - Winnie the Dog
- Deadtime Stories - Morrison & Hendrix (cats)
- Other Books - Morrison and Hendrix (cats)
- Neva lee's
- Polka Dots Boutique, Sola the shop dog
- SPIN Bicycle Shop, Inc. - Zeke the Cat
- Casino**
- Bay Mills Resort & Casino
- FireKeepers Casino Hotel
- Gun Lake Casino
- MGM Grand Detroit
- Saint Ignace Casino
- Category We Didn't Think of**
- Art gallery
- Best Parking Lot
- Best Retail Therapy
- Local Author
- Nonalcoholic beverage
- Pet Rescue
- Cleanest Public Restroom**
- BAD Brewing Company
- Flour Child Bakery
- Lansing Brewing Company
- Meat BBQ
- Piazano's
- Day Trip**
- Grand Rapids
- Hawk Island Park
- Lake Michigan
- Old Town
- REO Town
- Eye Candy Building**
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- Broad Art Museum
- Knapp's Centre

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## Of Virtue comes home

Emerging Lansing band prepares for overdue homecoming gig

By SARAH SPOHN

“Growth is not linear.” That’s music business advice you’ll receive from Of Virtue, a seasoned and road-tested metal band. Over the past three years, the group has fought through many challenges but has also made some inspiring and remarkable leaps forward.

Pre-pandemic, the band was performing to a swelling international fanbase. Of Virtue became ardent road warriors, touring over 30 countries on three continents. Not surprisingly, that all came to a halt. After a January 2020 gig at The Loft, things went quiet. The shutdown devastated them and touring bands across the map — it even led to The Loft permanently closing.

But the band fought through it and is back on its skyward track. Of Virtue, which comprises Tyler Ennis (vocals), Damon Tate (guitar, vocals), Michael Valadez (guitar) and Ryan Trin (drums), signed to A Rising Empire in Spring 2022. It’s a welcomed bit of news for the cautiously optimistic outfit.

“Success, or however you perceive it, can come in a lot of different forms,” Tate said. “Nobody wishes COVID, a worldwide panic or an economic crisis on anybody. If you do have to take something away from it, for us, it was taking a few steps backward in order to take that step forward.”

In August, the label released the “Sinner” EP and a video for the title track. Their arsenal of new tunes has been spun on Sirius XM Octane and 31 FM stations, including Lansing’s Q-106. Globally, streams exceed 10 million. YouTube views are over 1.75 million.

For band members, these astounding numbers reflect the hard work they and their label have put in. They’ve come a long way since their debut, 2009’s “To Breathe Again” EP.

“There are going to be ups and downs,” Ennis said. “Just because you take some steps back

doesn’t mean things are over. That’s how the pandemic was for us. We had an upswing and kind of went under for a little bit. I’m very proud of us, what we’ve created and where we’re at now. It’s exciting to keep building on this momentum now.”

Along with this worldwide momentum, the emerging local outfit finally returns to the greater Lansing area for an overdue homecoming gig for the first time in over 1,000 days. The Oct. 28 show at Double Clutch Lounge, a 250-cap room at High Caliber Karting and Entertainment inside the Meridian Mall, is expected to sell out.

Local fans can expect to hear new songs with fresh vibes, and that was intentional. For “Sinner,” the band worked with four different producers, a significant change from their last record, 2019’s “What Defines You,” re-



Photo by Lindsey Rhoades

Of Virtue, a Lansing-based band and Top of the Town finalist, is preparing for an Oct. 28 hometown Halloween show at Double Clutch Lounge in Okemos.

leased via Sharptone Records.

“Damon and I have always bounced ideas back and forth, and whenever Mike was available, he would do that also,” Ennis said. This whole process for the EP, and moving forward, is a lot different. This was different because it wasn’t just ideas we wrote at home and brought to the studio; it was just that most of the songs we wrote and recorded over the last 2.5 years have been a collective writing session.”

Tate said that with this collaborative go-around, prepping the new music felt like a return to Of Virtue’s early days.

Back then, “you’d just show up at people’s houses, sit there, hanging out, enjoying their company, and something might or might not get done,” Tate recalled. “We needed the breath of fresh air in some aspects. It was a cool process — everybody contributing from the ground floor and spitball ideas.”

When it came to the new music’s themes, the band also saw some of their personal growth seep into the tracks.

“There were some things all of us needed to unpack,” Tate said. “In the case of ‘Sinner,’ where it’s talking more about the addictive side of myself personally, we don’t normally go into this realm of these topics. But in this case, we had to get comfortable with that un-comfortability.

“You try to dress up as a musician, and you need metaphors, but sometimes you can just be as direct as possible so that when people hear it, they understand and connect to it,” he added.

While the music is catchy and melodic, the lyrics get dark and visceral, according to Tate. Keeping that honesty and transparency concerning mental health is an integral part of the band and keeps them going.

“It’s what we set out to do,” Ennis said. “I think the best thing for our band, and one of the things that sets us apart, is the fact that we try to have a message sent through our lyrics and music.”

Before COVID, when the band could tour, many of their favorite moments on the road took place while meeting fans. But when face-to-face interaction with strangers became frowned upon, and concerts became super-spreaders, the band was forced to interact with their fans in other ways. Enter social media, where the band shared different aspects of their lives, including personal anecdotes.

“We always want to promote that kind of stuff,” Ennis said. “That it’s OK not to be OK. I know it’s cliché to say that, but I have felt a lot better from talking with people. We’ve had people message us personally and say, ‘Hey, I was going through a really rough time, and this song helped me out.’ It’s very humbling, and it’s a very good feeling.”

Another humbling moment came from a career highlight, playing WRIF’s Riff Fest at Pine Knob in Clarkston last month, opening up for Disturbed and In This Moment. Growing up, the band attended many outdoor rock shows at the legendary amphitheater. Now, the band’s upcoming local show at Double Clutch is on their minds.

“It feels a little foreign almost because we haven’t played here in so long, but people have kept up to date with us, which is awesome,” Tate said. “Everybody that’s coming to play the show is excited.”

Of course, Tate is also excited to showcase the band’s all-around growth evolution on their home turf in front of friends, family and longtime fans.

“There’s no way you can come out of the past couple of years and be the same person,” he said. “It’s just impossible. The music is different. The tone is different. The image is different. We have to change for our live show to change. I think everything has only gone up since then. We’ll see what happens from here.”

### Of Virtue

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Since forming in 2009, Of Virtue has performed in more than 30 countries.

# Seven incredible edibles



### From pretzels to 'Pot Rocks,' Michigan levels up

By LUCAS HENKEL

Michigan's edible market has always been top-shelf. If you can dream it, some Michigander has probably found a way to infuse it with cannabis. (Thank you, by the way.)

In August, Michigan's Cannabis Regulatory Agency gave the green light to allow edible cannabis products to contain up to 200 mg of THC per package for adults 21 and older. Since then, a flood of edibles has entered the market. From pretzels to candy, brands have been pushing the envelope to create new goodies or more potent versions of fan favorites.

So, what do I recommend? In no particular order, here's a quick cheat sheet of seven incredible edibles:

#### Lions Labs Potdots: Chocolate Candies

Starting "low and slow" is the best advice you can give to any stoner. Lion Labs, located here in Lansing, has taken that concept a step farther with its new product, Potdots. These little sugar-shelled milk chocolate candies are the perfect way to find the proper dosage for you. Each Potdot contains 1 mg of THC, making it microdosable and customizable to each individual. No more worrying about if the edible will get you too lit in front of your parents.



#### Banned Cookie Creampies: Baked Good

If I only had a dollar for every trip to Quality Dairy for a snack after a smoke sesh, I could probably pay my rent.

The folks at Banned must also have that same issue — hence why they created their infused Cookie Creampies. Featuring flavors like oatmeal, chocolate chip and birthday cake, these delicacies taste as sweet as a Little Debbie. Banned offers these in both 100 mg and 200 mg options.

#### Detroit Edibles THC Fudge: Chocolate Baked Good

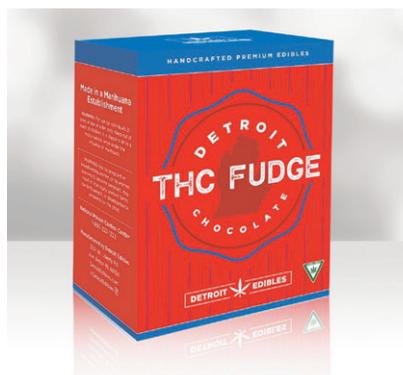
Michigan is a state known for its incredible homemade fudge, and the Detroit THC Fudge from Detroit Edibles

owns this legacy. Their decadent chocolate square is probably the best fudge I've ever had. It melts in your mouth and provides one of the most euphoric body highs I've ever had after an edible. My wife and I were laughing over nothing after splitting the 100 mg fudge, so you know I'm also going to stock up on their new 200 mg option.

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plete without a bag of pretzels, and MotorCity Cannabites is taking tailgating to the next level with its new line of infused pretzel sticks. Each stick is about 2 inches and contains 2.5 mg of THC. Overall, each bag contains 100 mg. These things taste so good that I almost ate the whole bag myself. (The MSU vs OSU game is a little hazy, but probably for the best.) I enjoyed the garlic parmesan pretzels, but I plan to explore some other flavors soon, such as Honey Mustard and Hot Sauce.

### MKX Xnuts: Savory Snack

While on the topic of savory snacks, let's talk mixed nuts. It's an edible I would've never thought could be infused. Thankfully, the brains at MKX got toasted and came out with their new line of Xnuts, cinnamon-toasted almonds, cashews and peanuts. Each nut contains 5 mg of THC, with 20 nuts per package, making it another excellent microdose option.

### Errlking Pot Rocks: Candy

Adding to the list of "Things I Never Thought You Could Put Weed In" is Pot Rocks. Inspired by the popping candy of yesteryear, Pot Rocks makes you feel nostalgic and high. What's cool about

this is that by sucking on the candy, consumers absorb the THC through the soft tissue in the mouth. When absorbed sublingually like this, the THC hits your bloodstream faster than eating and digesting a typical edible. Pot Rocks are available in blueberry, cherry and green apple flavors and come in two dosages: 25 mg packs and 100 mg packs.

### Chill Medicated Syrup: Beverage

Infused syrups have become another fun alternative in the edible category. Chill Medicated has created an impressive line of medicated syrups. Folks can either use the measuring cap and ingest the syrup by itself or combine it with water, soda or another beverage. Flavor options are strawberry, grape and cherry, and they come in 100 mg and 200 mg bottles.

These are only a handful of options of what's available in Lansing dispensaries right now. With Halloween just around the corner, now is the perfect time to grab some infused treats and enjoy another beautiful fall in Michigan.

**Note:** *The local dispensary menus I scoured for this list include: Skymint, Herbana, JARS, Pure Options, Pincanna, Pure Roots, Pure Canna, Cannaisseur and Gage. All products mentioned in this article are available recreationally for adults 21 and over.*

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# 'Raising Bean' raises consciousness about Indigenous people

By **BILL CASTANIER**

W.S. Penn's new book, "Raising Bean," is a written testament to Native American storytelling. Penn wrote the collection of essays for his granddaughter Bean (Clare) in the form of conversations as a guide to Native perspectives on life.

Penn dubbed his granddaughter "Bean," who is 7, while she was still in the womb. "Using the nickname Bean became a habit when my daughter was pregnant, and the little thing was growing inside her," he said.



Photo courtesy of Peter Valenti

William S. Penn

In the book's first essay, "In the Nick of Names," Penn explores not only the history of nicknames but their importance in culture, family life and friendships.

He writes: "Names have power. They describe for the rest of the world either a relationship to family or an expectation. Accidental or not, kids — often-with uncanny, innate and unarticulated purpose — grow up to inhabit their names to become the meaning their names have given them for all sorts of their available lives."

In his essays, Penn draws heavily on the oral tradition of his Nez Perce tribal customs, where stories were passed down from his grandfather, who ran away at age 13 from an Oklahoma In-

dian boarding school that later became Haskell Indian School. Official school records say he deserted. Penn was raised in the 1950s in a housing project near the LaBrea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, a far cry from how Native Americans were portrayed with traditional headdresses. "I chose the book's subtitle, 'Essays on Laughing and Living,' because I didn't want to sound like a lecture. I wanted Clara Bean to find something she could laugh about."

"Life has a lot of humor. I wasn't supposed to live at birth, but I'm still here, and that's pretty funny to me," he said.

Penn's road to Michigan State University, where he taught in the English Department until he retired, was circuitous. He was living in New York when he attended the famous Yaddo writers and artists program there and met a man who was teaching at MSU. Penn joined the faculty there in 1987 on a tenure track. "I had a wonderful experience at MSU," he said.

The oral tradition of Native Americans is important to Penn. He points to his grandfather as helping carry on that tradition "where facts don't matter as much as how facts are told."

"Our family liked to say my grandfather deserted from the Indian School, and we never knew what day he was born, so we created one: Thanksgiving," Penn said. Penn's granddaughter Bean has even anointed him with a nickname: "Bumpa," after he bumped his head on some furniture.

"I like to think I have a strong background in the oral tradition of storytelling," he said. It's clear that is the case,

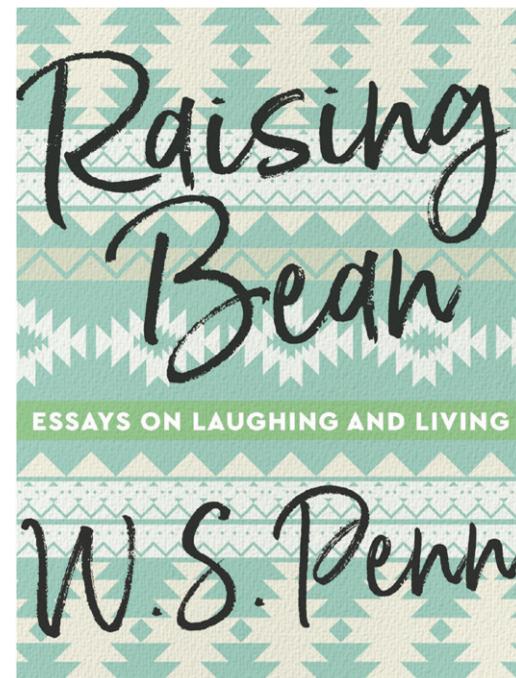
and in his essay, "Gratitude," he retells the traditional story of the Coyote and Prairie Dogs to Bean. The coyote-dog story, in essence, is about commercialism, jealousy and how it backfires on the prairie dogs.

In "Gratitude," Penn helps define storytelling and how it is refined and changed over time. He writes how Bean asks him to tell a story over and over: "She wants to hear how the story will change details and events because the stories aren't memorized and told only one way ... and stories told over and over become legends until they are so ingrained in a community's soul that they become myths that tells us how a community is."

In his life and career, Penn says, he was cautious not to become what he calls "a professional Indian," and he retells that story in the essay "A Harvest Moon," which details an Indian's visit to his granddaughter's classroom. In that essay, he informs his granddaughter about the subtle and not-so-subtle ways in how Native American, Indian and Indigenous are used interchangeably and decisions are made about how they should be used.

As he walks in for the school show, Penn brings a beaded handbag, a Kachina, a Hopi pot and a Navaho marriage pot to illustrate his talk and, as is the case, the stories a phantasmagoric. As he ends, a student says, "That's a stupid story, and that's not true." In a fictional recasting of the event, he replies to the student, "It won't ever be for you."

Even though Penn says that "I'm too old to write another book," he's start-



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"Raising Bean: Essays on Laughing and Living Book" by William S. Penn is out now via Wayne State University Press.

ed on a young adult novel. "It's hard keeping the language aimed at 10 to 14-year-olds," he said.

In his career at Michigan State University, Penn won the distinguished Faculty Award and authored several books, including "All My Sins are Relatives" and "Feathering Custer."

All of Penn's books are witty, acerbic and filled with modern-day absurdities told by an author who stands in two worlds. Bean, who has not read the books yet, will soon be old enough to begin, and that's when the fun will begin.

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# Turning the page

## Indie bookstore restarts in a new downtown location

By SARAH SPOHN

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a brick-and-mortar location near the shop's humble beginnings inside the market. The store's expansion is a part of Lansing's literary boom that saw seven indie bookshops open amid the pandemic. But Jajuga said her interest in books and literature goes back well before the shutdown.

"I have a bunch of memories about

interacting with books at a young age," Jajuga said, "including hiding books in my room in case I got grounded since my parents figured out the most effective punishment was to remove them."

While living in Chicago, Jajuga frequented many niche bookstores with varied vibes.

"I realized there were a lot of cool concepts that bookstores employed that might be novel in the mid-Michigan area," she said. The idea got filed away for some time as Jajuga got busy managing an independent journal, Open Palm Print.

After starting a hiking group in the winter of 2020, Jajuga was chatting with Peffer Bennet, who casually suggested starting a bookshop. For Peffer Bennet, a doctoral candidate in English at Michigan State University, becoming a writer and bookseller was a dream come true.

"After reading 'Lord of the Rings' and realizing I couldn't be an elf, I thought being a writer and bookseller would be the next best thing," she said.

The duo began scouting downtown

Lansing, window-shopping for potential sites. After a tip from a friend about an MSU Surplus online auction of several pallets of books, they placed a winning bid for 1,000 titles.

"We started doing pop-ups," Jajuga recalled. "As we like to say serendipitously, it just so happens our very first pop-up was in the building we now occupy when it was still Soul Nutrition."

After carting books around all summer at festivals and special events, the

duo joined the initial cohort of small business incubators inside the Middle Village Micro Market in the fall of 2021. After a retail space opened up a few blocks down the street, the duo jumped at the chance to write the next chapter of their book business.

The 2,000-square-foot space carries carefully curated new and used book selections and literary events with a mission to support the wide-ranging storytelling community. Featured titles at A Novel Concept spotlight underrepresented voices and perspectives from women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, Indigenous people, international authors and local writers.

"We plan to work toward expanding these offerings, especially those produced by local vendors," Jajuga said. "We are also excited about collaborating with the fantastic artist Sara Pulver, who will open her retail studio space inside our shop for November and December."

Beyond the thriving local book community, the duo hopes to do their part in the strong revitalization efforts in the capital area.

"We want to help make Lansing a city that folks don't just bypass on their way to Grand Rapids or Detroit or up north," Jajuga said.



Courtesy photo

A Novel Concept's Christine Peffer Bennett (left) and Elise Jajuga at their new store, at 222 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

# 'Corktown': An earnest but sloppy exploration of gentrification

By MARY CUSACK

On paper, the plot and themes of playwright Jeff Augustin's work "Corktown, Or Through the Valley of Dry Bones" is an intriguing play for Michigan residents.

### Review



The story happens in Detroit between 2007 and 2034, takes viewers on a tour of the Corktown neighborhood as it goes through the gentrification process that displaces minority residents.

This theme plays out in urban settings across the nation, and a story that exposes the downside of urban revitalization should be an important piece. Unfortunately, "Corktown" is not that piece.

Guided by Jackee (Rashad Bates), a 14-year-old resident of Corktown whose side hustle is giving tours to urban decay fanatics, the audience is

guided through the neighborhood's gentrification and the changing lives of its residents.

The script is earnest but sloppy. Augustin chose to model the play after Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," which could be an effective model if done well. It seems like Augustin wants to objectively present multiple sides of the gentrification struggle through a range of characters who react differently to the change.

The well-intentioned Clarke (Ben Barber) intends to open a gallery in Corktown to help spark a renaissance, but his actions eventually and improbably spark a fire. Disaffected tagger Atlas (Bashar Byrouthy) embraces the change, horrifying his girlfriend Phylia (Nakayla Morgan) when she returns home from university to find too much change for her taste.

The conflict over the gentrification of Corktown culminates in some acts of violence that lack gravitas. In the final act, the script jumps to the future, and the scene is split between the

ghosts of residents talking in a graveyard while two of the newly gentrified residents drink coffee in a chichi café. This scene is highly discombobulating, as the characters in both scenarios talk over each other, and key plot points are lost depending on which group the viewer tries to focus on.

Perhaps some of the script issues would have been less frustrating if the overall production was better.

From the opening lines, it was clear that some of the cast was not prepared to project their voices to overcome the cavernous nature of the Pasant Theatre. The pacing was often an issue, as characters delivered lines too fast to be understood or trailed off as they departed the stage.

The play is not without some bright spots. Jewell Redman is terrific as Cor-

ner Prophet or "Proph." A combination of town crier, local historian and news source for Corktown, Proph is the heart and soul of the neighborhood, and her eventual departure is a truly moving scene. Michale Coffey is very

comfortable in the role of Jackee's older brother Sherman and gives the most naturalistic performance of the cast.

Kasee Arnett's scenic design is eye-popping, further enhanced by Nicklas Casella's fantastic lighting design. The use of music by the MSU Gospel Choir is a nice touch.

Director Chamara Jewel Kwakye's program notes indicate this is an important story to tell, and that is true. Unfortunately, "Corktown" is not strong enough to make us worry about similar things happening in our town.

### "Corktown, Or Through the Valley of Dry Bones"

The Pasant Theatre  
Wharton Center  
Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Thursday, Oct. 20: 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 21 - Saturday, Oct. 22: 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 23: 2 p.m.  
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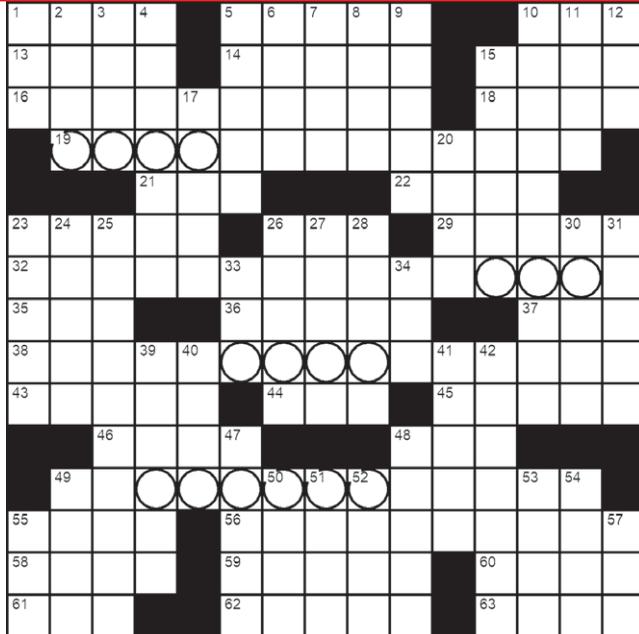
# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

**"Packet and Go"—it may ring a bell.**  
by Matt Jones  
2022 Matt Jones

**Across**

- 1. "\_\_\_ Good Men" (1992 film)
- 5. "Schitt's Creek" Emmy winner Catherine
- 10. "Way more than necessary"
- 13. "Major" sky attraction
- 14. Mail-in ballot submitter
- 15. Author Lebowitz
- 16. Protection from flying pucks
- 18. Mystical presence
- 19. Historic Joan Crawford title role
- 21. "\_\_\_ for Alibi" (Grafton novel)
- 22. British informant
- 23. "Uh-oh, better get \_\_\_" company
- 26. Used to be
- 29. Gets on one's hind legs, with "up"
- 32. Actor's hard-copy headshot, typically
- 35. Beavers' sch.
- 36. Comedian Borg of "Pitch Perfect 2"
- 37. "Weird Al" Yankovic cult movie
- 38. Risk taker's worry about a big decision, maybe
- 43. 2000 U.S. Open champion Marat
- 44. Funny twosome?
- 45. Boardroom bigwigs
- 46. No longer working (abbr.)
- 48. Marcel Marceau character
- 49. They may write independently about the press
- 55. Optimistic



- 56. Everywhere (or what Grover tried to teach by running a lot)
- 58. A single time
- 59. "The Crucible" setting
- 60. Having nothing to do
- 61. Feathery garb
- 62. Clear the DVR
- 63. Poses questions
- 10. Long hauler's itinerary
- 11. Mayor \_\_\_ ("My Little Pony" character, fittingly)
- 12. TV chef Garten
- 15. Co-star of Kate and Jaclyn
- 17. "American \_\_\_" (Green Day album)
- 20. Big name in the Old West
- 23. "Let me in" sounds, perhaps
- 24. Tyler of "Archer"
- 25. Fruit drink at a taqueria
- 26. Chef Dufresne behind influential restaurant WD-50
- 27. Take \_\_\_ for the better
- 28. 1990-92 French Open winner
- 30. Body of morals
- 31. Slang for futures commodities like sugar and grains
- 33. #1 bud
- 34. Pester
- 39. T-shirt design Ben & Jerry's sold in the 1990s
- 40. \_\_\_ Raymi (Inca-inspired festival in South America)
- 41. It started on September 8th, 2022 for King Charles III
- 42. Travel company that owns Vrbo
- 47. "\_\_\_ Macabre" (Stephen King book)
- 48. Good-but-not-great sporting effort
- 49. Part of MSG
- 50. With "The," Hulu series set in a Chicago restaurant
- 51. "\_\_\_ Land" (Emma Stone movie)
- 52. Alloy sources
- 53. Farm country mailing addresses, for short
- 54. Bacteriologist Jonas
- 55. Take inventory?
- 57. Notes to follow do

**Down**

- 1. Mo. with no major holidays
- 2. "Who's it \_\_\_?"
- 3. "Ozark" actor Morales
- 4. Actor Eli of "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"
- 5. Do-\_\_\_ (second chances)
- 6. Third follower, at times
- 7. Barely at all
- 8. Breathing, to an M.D.
- 9. "Argo" actor Alan

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## Beginner

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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 Breznsy

October 19-25, 2022

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Of all the rich philanthropists in the world, Aries author Mackenzie Scott is the most generous. During a recent 12-month period, she gave away \$8.5 billion. Her focus is on crucial issues: racial equality, LGBTQ+ rights, pandemic relief, upholding and promoting democracy, and addressing the climate emergency. She disburses her donations quickly and without strings attached, and prefers to avoid hoopla and ego aggrandizement. I suggest we make her your inspirational role model in the coming weeks. May she motivate you to gleefully share your unique gifts and blessings. I think you will reap selfish benefits by exploring the perks of generosity. Halloween costume suggestion: philanthropist, Santa Claus, compassion freak.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** What animal best represents your soul? Which species do you love the most? Now would be a good time to try this imaginative exercise. You're in a phase when you'll thrive by nurturing your inner wild thing. You will give yourself blessings by stoking your creature intelligence. All of us are part-beast, and this is your special time to foster the beauty of your beast. Halloween costume suggestion: your favorite animal or the animal that symbolizes your soul.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** During the tyrannical reign of Spain's fascist government in the 1930s, Gemini poet Federico Garcia Lorca creatively resisted and revolted with great courage. One critic said Lorca "was all freedom inside, abandon and wildness. A tulip, growing at the foot of a concrete bulwark." I invite you to be inspired by Lorca's untamed, heartfelt beauty in the coming weeks, Gemini. It's a favorable time to rebel with exuberance against the thing that bothers you most, whether that's bigotry, injustice, misogyny, creeping authoritarianism, or anything else. Halloween costume suggestion: a high-spirited protestor.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** If the trickster god Mercury gave you permission to do one mischievous thing today and a naughty thing tomorrow and a rascally thing two days from now, what would you choose? Now is the perfect time for you Cancerians to engage in roguish, playful, puckish actions. You are especially likely to get away with them, karma-free—and probably even benefit from them—especially if they are motivated by love. Are you interested in taking advantage of this weird grace period? Halloween costume suggestion: prankster, joker, fairy, elf.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Everyone's mind constantly chatters with agitated fervor—what I call the ever-flickering flux. We might as well accept this as a fundamental element of being human. It's a main feature, not a bug. Yet there are ways to tone down the inner commotion. Meditation can help. Communing with nature often works. Doing housework sometimes quiets the clamor for me. The good news for you, Leo, is that you're in a phase when it should be easier than usual to cultivate mental calm. Halloween costume suggestion: meditation champion; tranquility superstar; gold medalist in the relaxation tournament.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** "Education is an admirable thing," said author Oscar Wilde. "But it is well to remember that nothing worth knowing can be taught." What?! That's an exasperating theory. I don't like it. In fact, I protest it. I reject it. I am especially opposed to it right now as I contemplate your enhanced power to learn amazing lessons and useful knowledge and life-changing wisdom. So here's my message for you, Virgo: What Oscar Wilde said DOES NOT APPLY to you these days. Now get out there and soak up all the inspiring teachings that are available to you. Halloween costume suggestion: top student.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** To celebrate Halloween, I suggest you costume yourself as a character you were in a past life. A jeweler in

first-century Rome? A midwife in 11th-century China? A salt trader in 14th-century Timbuktu? If you don't have any intuitions about your past lives, be playful and invent one. Who knows? You might make an accurate guess. Why am I inviting you to try this fun exercise? Because now is an excellent time to re-access resources and powers and potentials you possessed long ago—even as far back as your previous incarnations.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** I guess it would be difficult to create a practical snake costume for Halloween. How would you move around? You'd have to slither across the floor and the ground everywhere you go. So maybe instead you could be a snake priest or snake priestess—a magic conjurer wearing snake-themed jewelry and clothes and crown. Maybe your wand could be a caduceus. I'm nudging you in this direction because I think you will benefit from embodying the mythic attributes of a snake. As you know, the creature sheds its old skin to let new skin emerge. That's a perfect symbol for rebirth, fertility, transformation, and healing. I'd love those themes to be your specialties in the coming weeks.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** "I need my sleep," proclaimed Sagittarian comedian Bill Hicks. "I need about eight hours a day and about ten at night." I don't think you will need as much slumber as Hicks in the coming nights, Sagittarius. On the other hand, I hope you won't scrimp on your travels in the land of dreams. Your decisions in the waking world will improve as you give yourself maximum rest. The teachings you will be given while dreaming will make you extra smart and responsive to the transformations unfolding in your waking life. Halloween costume suggestion: dancing sleepwalker; snoozing genius; angel banishing a nightmare; fantastic dream creature.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Recently, my mom told me my dad only spoke the Slovakian language, never English, until he started first grade in a school near Detroit, Michigan. Both of his parents had grown up in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, but immigrated to the United States in their youth. When I related this story to my Slovakian cousin Robert Brezny, he assured me it's not true. He met my dad's mother several times, and he says she could not speak Slovakian. He thinks she was Hungarian, in fact. So it's unlikely my dad spoke Slovakian as a child. I guess all families have odd secrets and mysteries and illusions, and this is one of mine. How about you, Capricorn? I'm happy to say that the coming months will be a favorable time to dig down to the roots of your family's secrets and mysteries and illusions. Get started! Halloween costume suggestion: your most fascinating ancestor.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** My Aquarian friend Allie told me, "If a demon turned me into a monster who had to devour human beings to get my necessary protein, I would only eat evil billionaires like Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg." What about you, Aquarius? If you woke up one morning and found you had transformed into a giant wolf-dragon that ate people, who would you put on your menu? I think it's a good time to meditate on this hypothetical question. You're primed to activate more ferocity as you decide how you want to fight the world's evil in the months and years to come. Halloween costume suggestion: a giant wolf-dragon that eats bad people.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Do you value the feeling of wildness? Is that an experience you seek and cultivate? If so, what conditions rouse it? How does it feel? When it visits you, does it have a healthy impact? Are you motivated by your pleasurable brushes with wildness to reconfigure the unsatisfying and unwild parts of your life? These are questions I hope you will contemplate in the coming weeks. The astrological omens suggest you have more power than usual to access wildness. Halloween costume suggestion: whatever makes you feel wild.

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

# OUT on the TOWN

## Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Hannah at (517) 999-6704.

### Oct. 19

**50 over Fitness** - The Meridian 50 Plus Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Township Central Park Pavilion at 9 a.m. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. 517-853-4600. [meridian50plus.com](http://meridian50plus.com).

**“Anything Goes” Art Show from the Shiawassee Artist Guild** - Displaying through Oct. 28. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers’ Edge, 1856 West Grand River Avenue, Okemos. 517-347-7400. [framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**Autumn With Jane** - See mixed media collages in The Bookend that celebrate autumn. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-327-0938. [retreadart.com](http://retreadart.com).

**Diabetes Support Group** - Diabetes Support Group, third Wednesday of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm at Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Dr., Lansing. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Dr., Lansing. 517-321-4014.

**Emergency Services** - 6-8 p.m. Fire Hall, Laingsburg. [laingsburg.us](http://laingsburg.us).

**Essays on Invisibility by Paloma Nunez-Regueiro** - A collection of linoleum prints, monoprints and monotypes that “express my interest in making the invisible visible.” 11 a.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Interchange Michigan** - Eagle Eye Golf Club, 15500 Chandler Rd., Bath. [cannabisbusinessexecutive.com](http://cannabisbusinessexecutive.com).

**Jasper String Quartet** - 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, # 210, East Lansing. [bandsintown.com](http://bandsintown.com).

**Legislative Committee Meeting** - 9:30-11 a.m. Okemos. [mcac.memberclicks.net](http://mcac.memberclicks.net).

**Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition** - All are welcome to join this weekly practice. 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr Blvd., Lansing. [lamc.info](http://lamc.info).

**New Art Exhibit Showcases Powerful Array of Artistic Techniques and Images** - “Dreaming Between the Lines,” a new exhibit by Bobbi Kilty. The Peoples Church of East Lansing. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. [thepeopleschurch.com](http://thepeopleschurch.com).

**Spooky StoryWalk** - What better way to get in the Halloween spirit than a walk through the woods? 5:30-6:30 p.m. Oak Ridge Park, 360 Dexter Road, Eaton Rapids. [eradl.org](http://eradl.org).

**Weaving the Web: Reverence** - Online or in-person every Wednesday

evening for discussions, rituals, meditations, and more. 6-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, ATC, 809 Center St., Suite 7A, Lansing. 517-657-5800. [weaversoftheweb.org](http://weaversoftheweb.org).

**Zaha Hadid Design: Untold** - Zaha Hadid Design: Untold. Through Feb. 12, 2023. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., East Lansing. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

### Oct. 20

**“A Course in Miracles,” a Group Discussion with Carol and Dan Maynard** - Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. [unitylansing.org](http://unitylansing.org).

**Autumn With Jane** - See mixed media collages in The Bookend that celebrate autumn. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-327-0938. [retreadart.com](http://retreadart.com).

**Birding vs. Birdwatching** - Greg Boker joins us to share the joys of birding and birdwatching. 6:30-7:30 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Rd., DeWitt. 517-669-3156. [dewittlibrary.org](http://dewittlibrary.org).

**Book of Spells Witch House** - Registration Required. Make a witch house playset out of a closeable “spell book.” 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [eventkeeper.com](http://eventkeeper.com).

**Dimondale Farmers’ Market** - We invite you to join us for the 15th season of the Dimondale Farmers’ Market. 3-7 p.m. Downtown Dimondale, 136 N Bridge St., Dimondale. 517-230-0520.

**Empty Faces: The Woods – Supernatural Investigation** - When a young woman falls under the influence of a mysterious evil, only you can help her loved ones find its source. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Fabulation** - 7-9 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. 517-482-5700. [riverwalktheatre.com](http://riverwalktheatre.com).

**Good Morning, Mason.** - A Chamber event with a quick-paced agenda of local news and community updates. 8:30 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. [business.masonchamber.org](http://business.masonchamber.org).

**Library Board** - This is a meeting of the Laingsburg Library Board 7-8 p.m. Library, Laingsburg. [laingsburg.us](http://laingsburg.us).

**LLEAD MI Statewide Conference 2022** - LLEAD Michigan returns to the Lansing area with updated and new topics of

### Tiempo Libre at Wharton Center

**Cobb Great Hall**  
750 E. Shaw Ln., East Lansing  
Friday, Oct. 21  
Tickets from \$23  
MSU students \$19  
8 p.m.  
[whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com)



Known for its seductive Latin rhythms, Tiempo Libre is one of the hottest Latin bands today.

The three-time Grammy-nominated Afro-Caribbean music group has performed its tropical music pallet everywhere from concert halls and jazz clubs to festival stages and dance venues. This Friday, the group performs at the Wharton Center’s Cobb Great Hall.

Since the group’s formation in Miami in 2001, the members have shared their Afro-Caribbean heritage across the globe while also reinterpreting and reinvigorating music born from the fusion of their musical origins and new-American experience.

interest to the Latino community. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Comfort Inn - Okemos, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos. [LLEAD.org](http://LLEAD.org).

**MAC- Group Dance Classes: Beginning West Coast Swing** - 7-7:50 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. [sparrow.org](http://sparrow.org).

**The Magnolia Ballet Part 1** - The Magnolia Ballet Part 1 by Terry Guest is a Southern Gothic fable that melds high drama, dance, poetry and spectacle to explore masculinity. 8-9:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

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**Paper Roll Pumpkin Craft Night** - Celebrate fall by making a beautiful paper roll pumpkin at the Library. No Library Card is needed. Space is limited. Registration required. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 South Main St., Eaton Rapids. [eradl.org](http://eradl.org).

**South Lansing Farmers Market** - South Lansing’s weekly farmers market is drawing to a close. 3-6:30 p.m. Soldan’s Pet Supplies, 5016 S. MLK Jr. Blvd, Lansing. 517-374-5700. [southlansing.org](http://southlansing.org).

**Stitch ‘n Bitch** - Come hang out with some fellow stitching witches. Open all

evening, free of charge; just come in for a spell. 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

**Trivia** - 9-11 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing. [avenuecafelansing.com](http://avenuecafelansing.com).

**William Elliott Whitmore** - 7 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave, Lansing. [bandsintown.com](http://bandsintown.com).

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**500 Block Fridays** - Live Music Series - Downtown East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com).

**ART Williamston Gallery Grand Opening** - A new ART experience is coming into the world, and it belongs to Williamston. 5-8 p.m. Williamston Middle School, 3845 Vannetter Rd., Williamston. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

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**Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show. 21 vendors. Rocks, fossils, minerals, beads, fluorescent minerals, stones, and amethyst cathedrals.** 1-7 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash, Mason. [michrocks.org](http://michrocks.org).

**Darin Larner Jr. Music** - 8 p.m. The Peanut Barrel, 521 E. Grand River Rd, East Lansing. [bandsintown.com](http://bandsintown.com).

**Fabulation** - 8-10 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. 517-482-5700. [riverwalktheatre.com](http://riverwalktheatre.com).

**GTG Fest** - 8 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [bandsintown.com](http://bandsintown.com).

**Kevin Brewster Quartet** - 7-9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St. Old Town, Lansing. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

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**Massage for Relaxation** - Massage is an easy, low-cost way to manage stress long-term. In this four-week class, you'll learn massage techniques and safety precautions. 5-9 p.m. Lansing Community College, 515 Washington Sq, # 108, Massage Program, Lansing. 517-483-1410. [lcc.edu](http://lcc.edu).

**Michigan State Spartans Hockey vs. LIU Sharks Men's Ice Hockey** - 7 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, East Lansing.

**Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction** - Lansing Symphony Orchestra's annual Reverse Raffle event helps raise funds to support the orchestra's mission. 6 p.m. The Cadillac Room, Lansing. [lansingsymphony.org](http://lansingsymphony.org).

**Shawhaven Haunted Farm** - through Oct. 29. We are open every Friday and Saturday in October. 7:30 p.m. Lansing. [lansing.org](http://lansing.org).

**Stella. and The Lesser Halves** - Stella. Jo Serrapere founded it to showcase country-roots songwriting and three-part harmonies. 7:30-10 p.m. University United

Methodist Church. 1120 S. Harrison, East Lansing. [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org).

**TGIF dinner & dance** - every Friday night. - TGIF Dinner & Dance Party - every Friday night. Hawk Hollow. Everyone welcome. Single, couples, partners, young and old. 7 p.m.-11:59 p.m. Hawk Hollow, 15101 Chandler Road. Bath. 734-604-5095. [tgifdance.com](http://tgifdance.com).

## Oct. 22

**10th Annual Run for Giving 5K** - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Brenke Fish Ladder, 216 E. Grand River Rd., Lansing. [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

**Adult & Pediatric CPR w/ AED Training Workshop, Registration Req.** - For adults and high-school-age youth age 15+. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. [eventkeeper.com](http://eventkeeper.com).

**"Anything Goes" Art Show from the Shiawassee Artist Guild** - Join us for the "Anything Goes" Art Show. I am displaying in-store through Oct. 28. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. [framersedge.net](http://framersedge.net).

**ART Williamston Gallery Grand Opening** - A new ART experience is coming into the world, and it belongs to Williamston. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Williamston Middle School, 3845 Vannetter Rd., Williamston. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

**Autumn With Jane** - See mixed media collages in The Bookend that celebrate autumn. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-327-0938. [retreadart.com](http://retreadart.com).

**Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show. 21 vendors. Rocks, fossils, minerals, beads, fluorescent minerals, stones, and amethyst cathedrals.** 1-7 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash, Mason. [michrocks.org](http://michrocks.org).

**Drum Circle** - Bring your drums, rattles, instruments, or dancing feet for rhythmic fun. Open to all styles and traditions, free to the public. 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. [manifestlansing.com](http://manifestlansing.com).

**Essays on Invisibility by Paloma Nunez-Regueiro** - "Essays on Invisibility is a collection of linoleum prints, monoprints,

and monotypes that express my interest in making the invisible visible. 11 a.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

**Fabulation** - 8-10 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. [riverwalktheatre.com](http://riverwalktheatre.com).

**Fall Zootacular** - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. 517-483-4222. [potterparkzoo.org](http://potterparkzoo.org).

**From Fiber to Fashion Festival** - October 22, 2022, 10:00 AM - 06:00 PM East Lansing, MI 48823 10 a.m.-6 p.m. East Lansing. [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com).

**Halloween for Autism Awareness** - Xavier Degroat Autism hosts Halloween Toy House. See Buzz Lightyear, Woody, and more characters. 4-9 p.m. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Rd., Okemos.

**How-To Halloween** - How-To Halloween is a family-friendly festival celebrating

creativity, imagination, and the innovative spirit by showcasing an exhibit hall packed 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-483-7400. [how-tohalloween.com](http://how-tohalloween.com).

**Kids' Halloween Party** - Celebrate the Halloween season with a "kid-tastic" event. No charge, but pre-registration is encouraged. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 South Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](http://charlottelibrary.org).

**Ladyship Warsip** - 7 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E MICHIGAN AVE, Lansing. [bandsintown.com](http://bandsintown.com).

**The Magnolia Ballet Part 1** - The Magnolia Ballet Part 1 by Terry Guest is a Southern Gothic fable that melds high drama, dance, poetry and spectacle to explore masculinity, 8-9:30 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S Putnam St., Williamston. 517-655-7469. [williamstontheatre.org](http://williamstontheatre.org).

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**Michigan State Spartans Hockey vs. LIU Sharks Men's Ice Hockey** - 6 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, East Lansing.

**Nature Storytime** - Storytimes are great. Storytimes, in nature, are even better. 10-11 a.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E Mount Hope Ave, Lansing. mynaturecenter.org.

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**One North - DLJ** - 6:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing. bandsintown.com.

**Saturn V Cover Band** - 80's, 90's and 2000's Dance Hits - The universal travelers of Saturn V will guide you through an evening of ecstatic grove-based bio-motion through audio euphoria. 8-11 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St. Old Town, Lansing. fb.me.

**Used Book Sale** - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 5509 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing.

**What Kind of King** - Be inspired and uplifted. You're invited to What Kind of King, live at Ruhala. 7 p.m. Ruhala Holistic Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Rd, East Lansing. 517-337-0464.

**Witches on the Town 2022** - Double, Double Toil and Trouble Fire burn and cauldron bubble Calling all witches.. 1-6 p.m. Mason Downtown Square, 148 E. Ash St, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

**Zaha Hadid Design: Untold** - Zaha Hadid Design: Untold September 10, 2022 - February 12, 2023

**"I think there should be no end to experimentation."** —Zaha Hadid (1950–2016) 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr., East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

**Dillman's Dungeon** - Michigan's premiere AirDnD combines a comfortable space to stay and play as well as professionally run games of Dungeons & Dragons. Learn more at our open house from 1-5 p.m.

### Oct. 23

**"Anything Goes" Art Show from the Shiawassee Artist Guild** - Join us for the "Anything Goes" Art Show. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 West Grand River Avenue, Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

**ArachnoBROADia** - Join us for a spooky afternoon of eight-legged fun for all ages inspired by artwork from the MSU Broad Art Museum collection. 1-4 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. 50807. blackbaudhosting.com.

**The Art of Universal Language, with Darla Hughes** - Sundays at 9:30 am, Unity offers Sunday Adult Learning Time or what we call SALT. 9:30-10:15 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

**Downtown Lansing Zombie Walk** - Lock your doors and board up the windows. 3-6 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-483-7400. downtownlansingzombiewalk.com.

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

**Fabulation** - 2-3:30 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

**Fall Zootacular**. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

**Great Pumpkin Walk** - October 23, 2022, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM East Lansing, MI 48823 1-4 p.m. East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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**Knee High Hikers** - Discover the outdoors with Fenner's Naturalists in a program geared towards explorers with little legs and BIG imaginations. 1-3 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E Mount Hope Ave, Lansing. mynaturecenter.org.

**Larzelere Memorial Lecture with John Pavlovitz** - John Pavlovitz, noted author, pastor and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina, will speak on "Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion." 1-2 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

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how-tohalloween.com

downtownlansingzombiewalk.com

For those counting down the days to Halloween, this festival, marketed toward "ghouls and goblins of all ages," might be the ticket.

How-To Halloween, which supports local nonprofits, is a family-friendly festival celebrating "creativity, imagination and the innovative spirit" by showcasing an exhibit hall packed with theatrical displays, interactive games, unique vendors and live entertainment from The Shake Ups, dressed as cartoon characters. As always, there is trick-or-treating for the kids and costume contests with prizes.

Now in its eighth year, the annual event also hosts the 12th annual Downtown Lansing Zombie Walk, which invites all to dress as the undead and walk from the Lansing Center to the Capitol for a "frightfully fantastic photo op." The walk happens Sunday, Oct. 23. Registration starts at 3 p.m. inside the Lansing Center by Exhibit Hall C.



# TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

GTG FEST RETURNS  
TO THE AVENUE CAFÉ



Photo by Cassie Heuton

The Hunky Newcomers performing at last year's GTG Fest at The Avenue Café.



Courtesy photo

She/Her/Hers has a new LP via Don Giovanni Records and is among the long list of performers.

## The annual music festival features She/Her/Hers, Jackpine Snag and more

Back in 2005, GTG Records pressed up its first release, The Plurals' "A Very Good Thing" CD. Since then, the label, operated by The Plurals, has issued a tall stack of records, most recently the "Let The Revels Begin" 7-inch from Lansing's A Rueful Noise. Running alongside the indie releases has been the label's GTG Fest, a diverse annual showcase spotlighting the label artists and more. GTG co-founder Tommy McCord chatted with City Pulse about this year's two-day festival happening this weekend at The Avenue Café.

### How did GTG Fest first get started?

The label and fest have always been about celebrating DIY music and culture, so everything has always been a variation of that. The first few years, 2008-2010, were literal all-day parties out at my parent's old property in Ionia. There have been many DIY venues along the way, and the main festival home has been The Avenue since 2013.

### What bands are you looking forward to seeing this year?

She/Her/Hers released their new album on Don Giovanni Records the week before the fest, so I'm excited to see them for what's a sort of unofficial record release. Ladyship Warship is a band everyone's been talking about, and I still haven't caught them live, so that's another one I anticipate. Little Things, fronted by Tammy from Scary Women and Half Looking, is playing their first show ever at the fest. Beyond that, The Jackpine Snag will be playing their first show in nearly three years, which is very exciting. The opening set of the fest will be an extended Wild Honey Collective revue featuring guest spots by Matt Carlson from Harborcoat and Michael Boyes from Drinking Mercury.

### Any changes for this year's GTG Fest?

We're back to doing two stages inside The Avenue, which we haven't done since 2019 due to COVID restrictions. With this circumstance in mind, we focused on ensuring that we had two solid nights of music to spotlight DIY and independent musicians from the local and regional scenes.

### Have any new GTG releases to report?

In the past 12 months, we've released new music by A Rueful Noise, Jeremy Porter and The Tucos, The Wild Honey Collective and Harborcoat. Soon, we'll have the vinyl release of the second Wild Honey album. We also have music from Narc Out The Reds and the long-delayed Plurals EP collection,

"BEES."

### Who is still involved in running GTG these days?

The core of GTG remains The Plurals (McCord, Nich Richard and Hattie Dandy), Loren Pudvay, Timmy Rodriguez and Michael Boyes. Everyone has different levels of involvement from year to year, depending on life, but we're all still there. The label has always been somewhat cooperative, so Jeremy Porter has done quite a bit in recent years. We also have a great symbiotic thing going with (Lansing-based record labels) Phonophore Records, Silver Maple Kill Records and Bermuda Mohawk Productions. It's one big label family.

**GTG Fest sampler:**  
gtgrecords.bandcamp.com

**GTG Fest lineup:**  
gtgrecords.net/gtgfest



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**The Price Is Right Live - Stage Show** - 6 p.m. Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

**Zaha Hadid Design: Untold** - Zaha Hadid Design: Untold September 10, 2022 - February 12, 2023

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### Oct. 24

**50 over Fitness** - The Meridian 50 Plus Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Township Central Park Pavilion (Old Farmers Market) at 9:00 a.m. every 9-10 a.m. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. 517-853-4600. meridian50plus.com.

**"A Course in Abundance," 9-Week Workshop with Maureen Muldoon** - Based on the Prosperity Principles of "A Course in Miracles." 7:30-9 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. speakeasy.breezechms.com.

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**Karaoke** - 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E MICHIGAN AVE, Lansing. avenuecafelansing.com.

**Meaningful Mondays** - Each Monday at 8 ET, we gather to nourish our spiritual selves as we send out love and prayers to the world. 8-9 p.m. Self Realization Centre, Michigan, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath.

**"Mirari, the Way of the Marys," with Lucille Olson** - Group, discusses the book's ideas. 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

**Pumpkin Decorating Party** - Two sessions, 6-6:30 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. We provide pumpkins, tools, paint, markers, glue, glitter and more. For families & kids. 6-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. eventkeeper.com.

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**Board Game Meet Up** - Board Game Meet Up for ages 18 & up. Everyone welcome. Every Tuesday at Spare Time Bowling Alley, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Spare Time Bowling Alley, 3101 E Grand River, Lansing.

**Free Tutoring for Youth 12-18 - Ever After Opportunities is a local on-Profit Organization that is hosted in the Lansing Mall.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ever After Opportunities, located in the Lansing Mall, 5330 W. Saginaw, Lansing. 517-885-5646. everafteropportunities.org.

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**One More Chapter Book Club** - A book club for families with students in grades 2 through 4. 6-7 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 South Bostwick St, Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

**Parent Happy Hour** - Storytime for kids and wine flight specials for parents. 5-7 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-721-1330.

**Preschool Family Storytime** - Preschool Story Time for 1-6-year-olds with their parents or caregivers. 11-11:30 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. viethconsulting.com.

**Story Hour at Charlotte Community Library** - A preschool-aged story time for kids ready to practice independence. 10-11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St, Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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### The New Rule

Sat., Oct 22, 9:30 p.m.



## The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan, Lansing

### Planet Express

Fri., Oct 21, 8:30 p.m.

### Miranda & The M-80's

Sat., Oct 22, 8:30 p.m.



## Lansing Brewing Co.

518 E. Shiawassee, Lansing

### Darin Lerner Band

Fri., Oct. 14, 7-10 p.m.

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### The Marsupials

Sat., Oct. 22, 7-10 p.m.



## Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington, Lansing

### William Elliot Whitmore

Thurs., Oct. 20, 8 p.m.



## The Avenue

2021 E Michigan Ave, Lansing

### GTG Fest 2022 – Various Artists

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 21 & 22 8 p.m.



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## By GABRIELLE LAWRENCE

When I was a student at Sexton High School, we had an hour-long lunch and an open campus. My friends and I frequented the usual suspects on West Saginaw, including a now-defunct Blimpie location that today, in a totally different way, is once again the site of one of my favorite lunch spots since it now houses Choupli Wood-Fired Kabob.



Lawrence

In a way, Choupli is like Subway for Middle Eastern food. Your food is prepared in front of you, and fried items are made to order. On a recent visit, I chose a halloumi and mushroom plate (\$10.29). The meatless entrée includes chunks of one of my favorite cheeses, halloumi. This cheese can withstand high heat and becomes irresistibly gooey and decadent when grilled or seared. The plate comes with three

sides — I chose rice, fries and house salad. The rice is the traditional Middle Eastern rice pilaf, which includes small pieces of vermicelli noodles and is buttery perfection. The house salad has chunks of fresh, crunchy cucumber, romaine and tomato and comes with a tangy vinaigrette.

Mr. She Ate, the chicken shawarma fan club president, had a shawarma wrap (\$6.99). He hailed it as “one of the most affordable lunches in town and also one of the most delicious.” A drive from downtown Lansing, where we both work, to Choupli is quick enough for a lunch hour and allows us to have gossipy conversations about downtown characters without fear of being overheard. Not that we’d ever do that.

On a return visit, Mr. She Ate leveled up and ordered the lamb kofta plate (\$12.29.) As one of the most expensive items on the menu, it comes with three sides and is still entirely reasonably priced. For those unfamiliar with kofta, imagine a cylindrical-shaped burger pattie spiced with allspice, coriander, cinnamon and cumin. It’s melt-in-your-mouth delicious, but here’s the thing about kofta: if it’s dry, it’s awful.

But, no worries. The kofta at Choupli is fantastic. It’s moist, juicy and well-spiced. He ordered it like an absolute pro, with sides of fries, house salad and rice. One of the world’s best condiments is garlic sauce, and a bite that includes both kofta and a French fry with a dip in garlic sauce cannot be beaten. The crispiness of the fries, the meatiness of the kofta and the tang of the garlic is a tantalizing combination.

I chose the veggie kabob plate (\$10.29) and loaded it with more salad, hummus and rice. I’ve been trying to be much more mindful about incorporating meatless meals into my diet, and I find that when I pair my vegetables with a starch-like rice and a healthy fat like hummus, I don’t miss the animal protein. This checked all the boxes. I dipped each bite of grilled bell pepper, tomato and onion in the smooth, rich hummus. I requested extra banana pepper rings and pickled turnips on my salad because I love the added pickled flavor.

What to expect if you haven’t been to Choupli? A quick meal. It is fast and casual. You place your order and pick it up at the counter before sitting down. Fried items take a few extra minutes to prepare, but everything else is ready, and the line moves quickly. For under \$20, you can have lunch for two if you’re thrifty with the wrap options. But if you’re hungrier than that, which I always am, two plates will still only set you back around \$25.

One of the things I love best about the Greater Lansing area is our absolute infatuation with Middle Eastern cuisine. I’m happy to have solid, delicious options from one side of town to the other.

# Melt-in-your-mouth delicious: Choupli is both quick and quality

my share of fish and chips ... and one less-than-stellar traditional English breakfast.

However, I found the kabob shops a far more preferred option. In Europe’s big cities, Mediterranean-inspired fare is found on roughly every other corner. Meat piled high on spires or spits and shaved into pita bread offer sustenance for hungry bespoke suits during the day or sweaty, starving ques outside the club after long nights out (or so I’ve heard, wink-wink).

Here in the Lansing area, there are several quality restaurants, some local franchises, others strong independent operations that serve robust flavors rooted in the Mediterranean basin. These flavors are influenced by a wide reach of nations from Algeria and Spain in the western Mediterranean Sea to Turkey, Syria, Iran and Iraq toward the East.

Choupli Wood-Fired Kabobs in Delta Township is a no-frills kabob shop with a handful of tables but lots of takeout traffic. Meals are ordered as either wraps (\$8.99-\$9.39) or plates with a choice of three sides (\$13.99-\$16.39). The staff is eager to please with spoon-heaping portions of side dishes onto your plate or to-go box. Choupli isn’t as fancy as some of the other more well-known local Mediterranean restaurants, but for a quick pop-in and pick-up, it’s on par with other kabob shops across the pond.

## What’s not on my plate

My better half enjoyed the soslu patlican, a tomato-based eggplant dish served cold. She said the sauce is faintly sweet and liberally smothers generous cubes of eggplant, chunky tomato and red pepper. She is spice-averse and had no complaint with the hint of spice in this dish, nor was there any comment about the often-overbearing oiliness that other soslu patlican’s have.

I have continuously documented my wholehearted disdain for the devil’s fruit (more commonly known as tomato), and this offering was no exception. The baba ganoush — a hummus lookalike that includes pureed eggplant instead of chickpeas — was a delight for my favorite dining partner. She said the olive oil and lemon juice played in the background allowing the roasted eggplant and tahini flavors to shine through.

## What’s good

The best Chicken shawarma in our area can be as debatable as the best pizza. Lots of people have strong opinions. Choupli makes a convincing argument to at least be in the conversation. Tender and succulent, it has a deep flavor profile that includes garlic, turmeric, cinnamon and cardamom. The meat rotates on a spit until crispy on the outside and is then shaved into a dish to continue simmering in its juices.

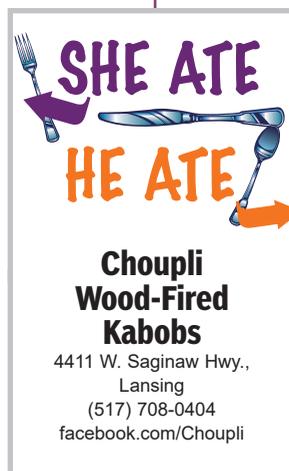
Choupli’s shawarma is best enjoyed with the house-made garlic sauce. On the first visit, we loved it over the rice, and the second time with the bulgur wheat (a whole grain that’s like a pilaf) was just as good.

The beef kabob was juicy, tender and smartly seasoned to let the quality of the meat speak for itself. The kabobs are grilled as you wait over coals on a skinny rectangular grill and paired to perfection, either as a wrap or over rice, with the pickles and banana peppers made for an awesome sour and savory contrast.

Side note: The soft pita bread is individually wrapped and ever-fresh. It is simply delicious every time. That consistency alone deserves acknowledgment.

## Best bite

The Lamb Kafta was very flavorful, with garlic and notes of cumin and other herbs. This ground lamb dish is shaped into a skewered oblong meatball. The garlic sauce was better on the shawarma (garlic overkill?), but when the lamb was combined with the pita dipped in olive oil drizzled hummus with a dusting of paprika, “yum” is all you can say.



Courtesy photo

According to Bryan Beverly, “Choupli’s shawarma is best enjoyed with the house-made garlic sauce.”

## By BRYAN BEVERLY

I spend a fair amount of time in the United Kingdom, where, depending on whom you ask, either fish and chips or bangers and mash are typically considered their national delicacy.

While studying abroad in London, I had



Beverly

# Burning love

By **ARI LEVAUX**

At the 12th annual Butte Bouldering Bash a few weeks back, rock climbers gathered to scramble up the crystal-flecked boulders that sprout from the earth along the Pipestone section of Montana's continental divide. Climbing requires much nourishment. Carbohydrates to keep you going, and protein to rebuild those tired muscles. And, just as important, we need the morale boost that good food can impart to keep us happy and excited to be in the game. Even climbers need flavor to keep us eating and stories to keep us engaged because food is more than mere fuel for the tank.

And that is why a private chef named Meg Koenig showed up at Boulder Bash headquarters, having driven from Bozeman with a rig full of warm food and intoxicating smells. Her taut, climber arms laid out a taco buffet with fillings of black bean mole and a blend of slow-cooked lamb, beef and pork alongside steaming stacks of tortillas with all the fixings. The crown jewels of the spread were jars of fresh, flame-roasted salsa. There were visible flecks of charred goodness floating in the salsa, giving it a soulful, smoky look that you could almost taste through the glass. She agreed to share her salsa recipe but warned that it's a feeling as much as a formula.

She explained that the exact proportions are flexible and market-dependent, but certain elements, such as

tomatoes and/or tomatillos, must be there. There must be onion, garlic, and chile peppers of varying types. Whatever you use must be charred.

I'm not typically a fan of blackened foods. Too often, it's overdone to the point where the food is burnt beyond recognition and burnt is the only flavor you can taste. But if we think of that burnt flavor as a seasoning, not the goal of the dish, it can work beautifully, in the same way that the right amount of salt can season a dish without making it taste salty.

Koenig's "Salsa Tatemada," which translates to "charred salsa," is bright and spicy with layers of sweetness, pungency, wafting herbal aromas and a chunky consistency that's punctuated by a bitter, burnt speck. These interlocking flavors practically beg for fat and protein for the salsa to enhance, but if you can handle the heat you add, the salsa works as a stand-alone dish. And if you close your eyes, the thick chunks of pepper have the mouthfeel of seafood.

Here is Koenig's recipe, followed by some notes of my own.

## Montaña Salsa Tatemada

You can use tomatoes or tomatillos for this recipe – or both – and can be flexible with which type of chiles you use and the amount you add according to your heat tolerance. Mince, mash, press, or plane the garlic separately to ensure you don't have big chunks.



and wrinkled. The onion should be darkened and softened. Keep the green pepper raw. Sometimes I use raw onion for a little more spice as well.

Place all the ingredients in a food processor and pulse until roughly chopped. Alternatively, chop it all finely by hand. Place everything in a bowl, and add salt and lime juice. Mash and mix with a fork. Do not be afraid to add a little extra salt!

Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for up to five days. The salsa can be eaten cold, though it is best consumed at room temp or hot. If desired, you can reheat it in a small saucepan. This salsa will also freeze well for up to three months.

## Notes:

While there are many ways to char the ingredients, I prefer under the broiler. This allows me to contain the juices that inevitably leak from the tomatoes and tomatillos by charring them on a tray, which catches the luscious liquids so I can add them to the salsa. I will even push on them with a plate to further extract the juices.

Getting onions right is tricky because charring them for too long renders the onions too soft and sweet for salsa. I cheat by using raw onions while separately charring some onion peel, which I add to the salsa.

When juicing limes, I always roll them hard against the counter, either with my hands or a cutting board, before juicing them. This increases the amount of juice that comes out.

## Ingredients: Makes about a quart of salsa

- 2 pounds tomatillos, tomatoes, or a mix
- 1 fresh Serrano chile
- 1 fresh Hatch or Anaheim chile
- 1 fresh large poblano
- 1 fresh bell pepper
- 1 peeled large white onion (about 8 ounces)
- 4 cloves of garlic, peeled and chopped
- Juice from 3 juicy limes
- 1/4 tsp smoked chipotle from Burlap & Barrel
- 1 large handful of fresh basil or cilantro
- 2 teaspoons salt

Start the grill or pre-heat the broiler. When hot, place the whole tomatillos, chiles and onion on the grill or under the broiler, and let the ingredients char for about 12 to 15 minutes, flipping about every three minutes. Pull them off the grill once cooked.

The tomatillos should be completely mushy as their skins start to break and their juices start to come out. The chiles should be wilted, charred black

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**  
**FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2022 General Election for registered voters in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., in Conference Room A located at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner that meets the requirements of the law.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Jennifer Shuster  
East Lansing City Clerk  
**CP#22-229**

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