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Policy is front and center when it comes to change, or the lack thereof. Policy is what directly affects our daily lives. We can sit and moan, day and night, but when it comes to progress, our hands are tied if we don't have the proper plans in place to see the desired outcome for a more beneficial life. Everyone wants to talk about the 1st and 2nd Amendments, which are certainly impactful, but on a micro level there are conversations that need to be had about how the government is failing us, and why.

We are, by and large, scientifically illiterate and are quite naturally drawn to pseudoscience, because it doesn't require the empirical method for acquiring knowledge that has characterized the development of science since the 17th century, but instead only relies on statements, beliefs, and practices that only claim to be factual and scientific. It's why there are people who believe the earth is flat, and on a level closer to most of us, it is why people believe in the fake news conspiracy.

Frankly, we are moving further and further away from a civilization that demands our leaders to understand science. I believe that in 1995 when Republicans gained control of the Senate and the House, they defunded the Office of Technology Assessment because they deemed it as wasteful and worked against GOP interests. That was the one office of administration that would examine issues involving new technologies, assess their impacts, analyze alternative policies to avert crisis, and call on scientific expertise to advise the executive branch.

Now, with no one reporting to Congress the potential ways to assure we are teaching our kids to be skeptical, we are raising the next generation to have to filter all of the information they are getting on a daily basis. What we have is a recipe for disaster, and we are already watching it unfold. We have abandoned all of the criteria that has gotten us many of the advances when science mattered.

Obviously, there are still those who are working in private sectors who follow the scientific method, but what happens 10 to 15 years from now, when they

are fewer and farther in between? Scientists are not born; they are nurtured through careful and purposeful means of education. We have to bring the scientist out of the individual and we are falling behind because our senses are being dulled with all of the screens in front of us with information overload. It is not hard to believe almost anything you see; especially with AI, CGI, and social media, people are influenced easily and often.

Critical thinking becomes paramount for the future and there must be involvement from the scientific community to advise Congress and the executive branch of our government to come up with ways to educate our children and get them interested in what science is and how it is different from pseudoscience.

There is fake news; it just isn't what conservatives are saying it is. They ARE the fake news, and they are responsible for its stranglehold on our youngest citizens.

The destruction of intellect is completely on the laps of our populace that elected them. The Republican right has played the long game and they have damaged our image beyond repair. To look in a mirror at our 2023 collective selves compared to our 1980 selves is to see two completely different images. From our intent to our impact, we are miles apart, and the only semblance is empathy. That's the difference between the left and the right. It is what drives me more than anything.

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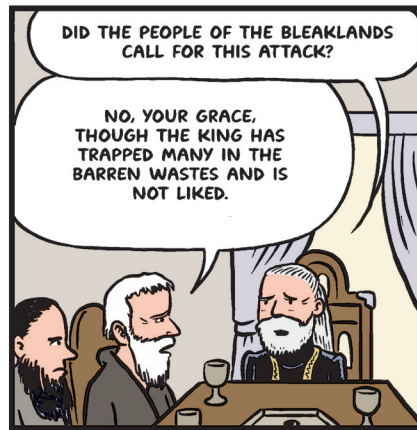


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Dixie Longate of "Dixie's Tupperware Party" tells all

Due to an editing error, last week's article about Small Talk's exhibition at the Lansing Art Gallery incorrectly stated that all the participants in the show are survivors of sexual assault. In fact, the artists responded to an open call for work on themes of violence, including sexual assault and healing from traumatic events.

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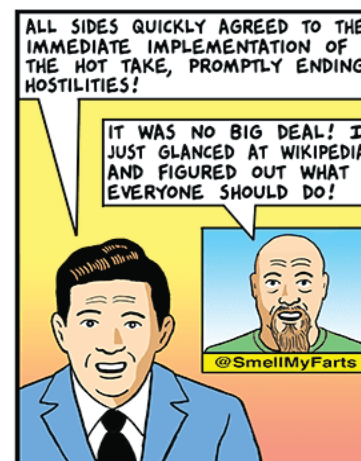
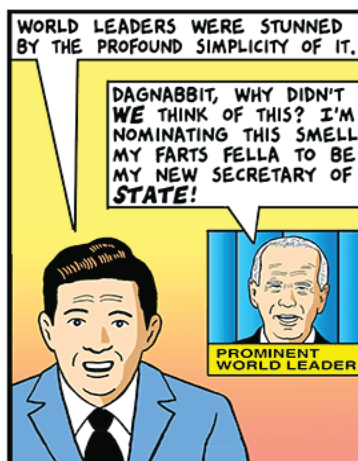
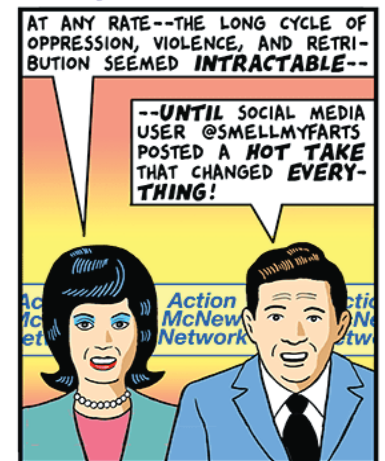
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NEWS & OPINION

Where did the gun that killed Ted Lawson come from?

Maybe it was yours: Gun compartment thefts by youths on upswing

Right now, somewhere in the Ingham County Jail, three minors are being held on violent firearm offenses.

They are being charged as adults, including Lamar Patrick Kemp, the 15-year-old boy who allegedly shot and killed political activist Theodore “Ted” Lawson with a .22-caliber handgun on Oct. 8.

It was part of a national trend of youths’ carrying weapons that law enforcement officials say is growing.

“Unfortunately, this year we have experienced a number of youthful offenders illegally carrying guns and engaging in both fatal and non-fatal gun violence throughout Ingham County,” Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane said.

Lansing Police Chief Ellery Sosebee supported DeWane’s decision to charge Kemp as an adult with the hope that it could deter possible youth offenders. “Too often, these acts of violence are by youthful offenders with no value of consequence or accountability,” he said.

But where are these kids getting these guns in the first place?

“What we find is that young kids can get their hands on guns in a million different ways, and that’s usually not buying one off the street,” Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth said.

Instead, minors are increasingly breaking into cars and stealing unlocked handguns from gloveboxes, in addition to many more who somehow get a parent, friend or relative’s weapon.

Lansing Police reported 168 guns as stolen in 2020, followed by 176 in 2021, 139 in 2022, and 122 so far this year. FBI data show that in the last five years nearly \$17 billion dollars’ worth of firearms was reported stolen nationwide, with the value of recovered weapons totaling just over \$2 billion, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, a national gun control organization.

“The majority of illegally possessed firearms are stolen, and the majority of stolen firearms are actually stolen from



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The house on North Jenison Avenue in front of which Theodore “Ted” Lawson was fatally shot, allegedly by a 15-year-old youth.

cars,” said Ryan Bates, executive director of End Gun Violence Michigan, a nonprofit coalition established in 2022.

Gun theft from vehicles is now the largest source of stolen firearms in the United States, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, based on data provided by the FBI. On average, one gun is now stolen from a parked car every 15 minutes.

“If you’re driving around with a gun in your car, it should be locked up, because that’s how so many of these guns are ending up on the streets and in the hands of kids,” Bates said, adding that a secure car safe can be purchased from Walmart for under \$20.

The problem is partially bolstered by nationwide gun sales that reached record highs in 2020, and Michigan is no exception. Statewide gun sales doubled from 492,171 to 1,068,511 between 2019 and 2020. In 2021, that number dipped to 970,990 before heading back to pre-pandemic numbers at 570,352 sold last year. On a related note, 2020 was also the year when gun violence replaced motor vehicle accidents as the number one killer of children.

“A lot of this correlates directly with gun ownership rates. The more guns that are in our society, the more gun violence there is — and gun ownership soared during the pandemic,” Bates said.

Secure storage laws are one way in

which he said the trend could begin to be reversed.

“The research shows that when you have a strong, secure storage law that’s enforced, you can reduce youth firearm deaths and injuries by 50%,” Bates said.

“I always say that being a responsible gun owner means you’ve got to be responsible for all of your guns, every second of every day,” Wrigglesworth said. “When I come home from work, I put my gun in the gun safe or I put it in my locker at the Sheriff’s Office and then it stays there until the next time I’m going to carry it — whether that be for five minutes, five hours, five days or five months.”

Cultural changes in young people’s perception of what it means to carry are another factor in the rise of youth firearm possession and violence.

“It used to be maybe being a member of an athletic team, or the kind of car you drove made you cool. Now, especially on social media, we’re seeing that kids love to show other kids that they’re in possession of a gun,” Wrigglesworth said.

This is sometimes accelerated by fear. “Maybe there’s some kids beefing with each other and one of the kids thinks, ‘Well, I know he’s got a gun, so that means I have to get a gun of my own,’” Wrigglesworth said.

Bates believes marketing has exacerbated the phenomenon.

“There’s been a big push by the gun

industry to market guns to younger and younger people. Everything is being marketed as tactical, guns are being marketed to make young men feel powerful,” Bates said. “There is a very real and concerted effort by extremist elements in our society to tell young men who might feel adrift in our culture that the way to be a man is to have guns and have power over people through violence.”

Local organizations dedicated to at-risk youth outreach are a pivotal component of the effort to curb this new era of youth gun culture. In Lansing, these groups include The Village, whose founder, Michael Lynn Jr., declined an interview request, and Advance Peace, a charitable organization chapter established in Lansing last October that has already seen progress, program director Paul Elam said.

“We engaged 15 individuals who are at the center of gun violence last summer and enrolled them into an 18-month fellowship. In 12 months, we’ve seen 12 of these 15 individuals cease and desist from gun-related activity,” Elam said. “We’ve also seen gun related fatalities go down by 60%.”

With that said, “We can look at the data and see that children as young as age 13 have been involved in new shootings since we’ve been tracking the numbers,” Elam added.

For youths who slip through the cracks and are caught with a gun in their possession, “it’s already too late,” Wrigglesworth said.

“They’re going to get charged, probably as an adult,” Wrigglesworth added. “What we need to do is build this notion that it’s not cool to carry a gun. The only thing that’s likely going to happen is either you’re going to get criminally charged or find yourself in a gunfight and possibly end up dead.”

Instead, the goal is to recognize at-risk youth and intervene before negative influences can take hold of them.

“Our gun culture has changed,” Bates said. To fight back, “We need to set a much stronger positive example for young men about what their identity could be.”

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

Lansing voters to decide whether to open up City Charter

The Lansing City Charter revision proposal on the Nov. 7 election ballot is either a waste of money or an exercise in democracy, depending on whom you ask.

Mayor Andy Schor is in the first camp. City Council member Ryan Kost is in the second.

The charter, created in 1978, is essentially the city's constitution. One of its requirements is that every 12 years, voters have to be asked to authorize what amounts to a constitutional convention.

If a majority of voters approve the proposal, the process that will kick off is no small undertaking. It requires voters' choosing nine Lansing citizens to serve on a Charter Revision Commission in a special election early next year. Commissioners would put the charter under a microscope and recommend a new charter, which would be submitted to voters. If it's rejected, the commission can disband. But it can also try again up to three more times. It must complete its

work in three years.

And that could be expensive. The Schor administration says that if voters approve the ballot referendum, the special election would cost close to \$150,000 — and that's just the beginning.

If it's approved, the administration said it will be asking the City Council for a special appropriation of \$500,000 for the "initial costs" — record-taking and -keeping services, consultants, commissioner salaries, drafting expenses and so on. The city said it estimates the cost, adjusted for inflation, from what it cost in 1978 to create the current charter. And, the city says, it could cost more.

That cost is the first reason Schor gave for urging voters to vote no.

"Lots of things could happen in a charter commission," Schor said, "and then it could go before the voters and fail, and then you spent the money for nothing, and so I don't support it."

Among the "lots of things," Schor said, is interest in moving Lansing to a city manager system instead of a "strong mayor," as the charter mandates. Schor said some Council "regulars" — citizens who often speak during public comment — are the only ones he's aware of who are clamoring for such a change. Schor referred to a city manager as a "bureaucrat who's not responsible to the people" but instead reports to the City Council.

"If a charter commission passed," Schor said, "you'd see a ton of things that could be introduced into that charter. You'll have conservatives that want conservative things there. I'm sure they could play around with things with guns. You'll have liberals that want things in there. You can have just tons of things that have come up over the years that could be messed around with. You could have removal of marijuana. You name it that you can think of, and it could get into that charter."

Kost calls that democracy.

"Under a democracy, sometimes it does cost money to do things like this," he said.

Moreover, he said he's heard lower numbers. Regardless, "We're willing to spend \$40 million on a city hall that the Boji Group bought two years ago for \$1.75 million," he said, referring to the administration proposal to purchase and renovate the old Masonic temple on Capitol Avenue as a new home for city government. "I mean,

we're talking \$500,000 here."

Kost said he had been closer to a "no" vote personally, but constituents in the First Ward, where he is seeking reelection next month, convinced him otherwise. He described them as being from across the political spectrum.

"They don't necessarily like this form of government," he said of one of their chief concerns, although he stopped short of advocating a switch to a city manager system. He said he sees advantages of both.

Constituents have also told him they want the city attorney to be equally accountable to the Council and the mayor — a change Kost supports.

The charter says the city attorney is responsible to both the mayor and the Council, but "when you try to hold accountability, there's only accountability under the Mayor's Office," Kost said.

Under the charter, the Council has the authority to approve or reject the mayor's choice for city attorney, but only the mayor can fire the city attorney. Kost said the way to make the city attorney equally accountable to the Council is to give the Council authority to fire as well. He was quick to say he is not suggesting that the current office holder, James Smiertka, needs to go.

"I like Jim," he said.

What will voters do? If the results from the last time the issue was on the ballot are any guide, it will be resoundingly defeated. In 2011, 65% said no.

BERL SCHWARTZ

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Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. An application from George F Eyde Family, LLC and Leo Brown Group, LLC to rezone a 2.29-acre vacant parcel, immediately north of and to be combined with 3512 Coolidge Road, from A* (Dewitt Township Agricultural) to B1 (General Office Business District).
2. An application from Stoddard Avenue Apartments, LLC to remove four mature trees from the front yard of the property at 134 Stoddard Avenue.

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For more information on any agenda items listed above, please contact:

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State of Michigan Probate Court, Ingham County 313 W Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48933
Petition for Appointment of Guardianship of Incapacitated Individual. Case No. 23-1224-GL. In the matter of Levi Daniel Green. Petitioner's name, address, and telephone no. Hannah Green, 1223 Georgeson Loop, Sitka AK 99835. 907-738-4547. Race: Hisp/Caus, Sex: Male, Address of alleged incapacitated individual where now found: homeless, Ingham County, being held at Cedar Creek Hospital, 101 Townsend Rd. St. Johns, MI 48879. I, Hannah Green am interested in this matter and make this petition as his mother. The adult is a resident of Ingham County, MI, in various homeless shelters. The adult lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate informed decisions because of mental illness, chronic intoxication, and chronic drug use. Specific facts about the adult's recent condition or conduct that lead me to believe the adult needs a guardian are, He has been admitted to the ER at hospitals which keep him for a 72-hour hold, then he is sent to an inpatient facility which are only able to keep him for a short amount of time. Typically one week. Then he is released with medication refills. 100% of the time he takes all the meds within a couple of days, sleeps on the street, and ends up in the ER somewhere else. Whether someone calls 911 when finding him or he walks in. This has been on-going for the last couple of years. This has occurred in, Omaha, NE, Dallas, TX, Tucson AZ, Phoenix, AZ, Lansing, MI, Santa Theresa, NM, Oklahoma City, OK, Denver, CO, Boise, IA, and more. I suspect he recently may have had a stroke. His regular use of meth, cough syrup, weed, and any other pills he can access does not help his mental health. I have been told by more than two doctors he is schizotypal and refuses to take meds for it. The name, address, and telephone number of the person/agency (if any) who currently has care and custody of the adult are, Cedar Creek Hospital, 101 Townsend Rd, St. Johns, MI 48879, 989-403-6022. The adult is not entitled to receive Veterans Administration Benefits. The alleged incapacitated individual has living parents whose names and addresses are listed below. Jared Green, Father, 1223 Georgeson Loop, Sitka, AK 99835, 517-410-6294. Hannah Green, 1223 Georgeson Loop, Sitka, AK 99835, 907-738-4547. Nominated Guardian, Hannah Green, 1223 Georgeson Loop, Sitka, AK 99835, 907-738-4547. I request that the court determine the adult is an incapacitated individual and appoint Hannah Green 1223 Georgeson Loop, Sitka, AK 99835, 907-738-4547, who has priority as parent, limited guardian with the following powers: Medical Determination – Health Care. No other person appears to have authority to act in the circumstances. I request that a temporary guardian be appointed pending a hearing on this petition because of the following emergency: He needs intensive and long-term mental health treatment with drug rehab. I declare under the penalties of perjury that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
10/9/2023 Hannah Green

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

BY TYLER SCHNEIDER



The Clinton County Sheriff's Office found the body of 2-year-old Jermaine Jones Oct. 10 in the Looking Glass River. Hundreds of volunteers plus Ingham, Van Buren and Oakland counties law enforcement agencies searched for him starting Oct. 9, when he went missing. No foul play is suspected. Authorities said the toddler, who suffered from autism and hence was nonverbal, left his home while a babysitter was showering.



A former DeWitt Police officer was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 12 months of probation for harassing a newspaper deliveryman in 2021. Chad Vorce, 45, was accused of illegally chasing and stopping a Lansing State Journal delivery worker on Jan. 14, 2021, and pointing his gun at him

twice while he was off duty. Vorce allegedly threatened to shoot the delivery driver but was apprehended by Michigan State Police troopers. He pleaded no contest to neglect of duty and aggravated assault month. As part of his sentence, Vorce must enroll in an anger management course and do 40 hours of community service. He is barred from contacting the victim and can no longer possess a weapon or badge or identify himself as law enforcement.



Audrey Dahlgren was fired by WLNS on Friday after now-deleted posts on her Twitter/X account claimed that Brenda Tracy had lied to investigators in the Mel Tucker Title IX case. The tweets, which were posted Oct. 5, included information

sourced from nearly 100 pages of text messages released by Tucker's legal team that Dahlgren said showed Tracy had "lied." Tracy claims those texts were obtained illegally. On Monday, a Michigan judge granted Tracy a temporary restraining order, preventing Tucker or his lawyers from releasing any additional texts until a hearing scheduled for Tuesday. Dahlgren, an MSU graduate and former Spartan cheerleader, had worked for WLNS' sports department since October 2018, serving as its sports director from 2019 until her firing. She is still employed as a sideline reporter with the Big Ten Network.

A White Lake man pleaded guilty Friday to threatening Ingham County Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk. Christopher Shenberger, 43, faces one count of attempted false report or threat of terrorism as a habitual fourth offender after he sent a life-threatening letter to Draganchuk in December 2021. Shenberger said he was

retaliating for a 2016 case in which Draganchuk sentenced him to 75 to 180 months for two counts of 3rd-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of 4th-degree criminal sexual conduct. Shenberger was set to go to trial on Oct. 30. Visiting Jackson County Circuit Judge John McBain presided over the matter. Shenberger will be formally sentenced on Dec. 13.



A Lansing man was sentenced to 37 months in prison for threatening a federal judge on Oct. 10. Kevin Cassaday, 42, threatened U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney after Maloney had dismissed one of many lawsuits that Cassaday had filed against state and federal governments in 2021. On



July 13, Cassaday was convicted on three counts. U.S. District Judge Laurie Michelson handed Cassaday his sentence after a jury found him guilty of threatening to assault or murder a federal official and two counts of interstate communications with a threat to kidnap or injure. Defense attorney Haralambos Mihos said the trial showed that his client, who was arrested nearly two years ago, suffers from mental illness.

Public safety:



A hit and run on the 2700 block of West Jolly Road claimed the life of 28-year-old Jose Guzman at around 4:40 a.m. Saturday. Lansing police believe Guzman was waiting for a tow truck at around 4:40 a.m. when he was hit by a dark-colored sedan driven by a suspect whom police have yet to locate. ... Jack Swamba, a 19-year-old freshman at MSU, died in an East Lansing motorcycle crash while riding southbound on Abbot Road at the intersection of Lake Lansing Road at around 9 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 11). ... A stretch of Iosco Road in a rural area of eastern Ingham County was closed between South Searls and Brogan roads after the body of an undisclosed female was discovered in a nearby wooded area at around 10:30 a.m. Monday. ... An arrest was made in connection with a 5-year-old boy who was found safe Monday after going missing sometime late Sunday night. Camden David-James Johnson was found safe at 7:45 a.m. Monday.



619 W. Hope Ave., Lansing

This 840-square-foot studio, one-bathroom home between Beal and Osband avenues was built in 1919. Today, it stands in shambles, with all but the front porch window either boarded up or completely smashed in. The front porch and much of the surrounding area is littered with debris, and a portion of the siding on the house's east side appears to have minor fire damage. In the back, a large pile of used tires and pieces of lumber sit in a bed of unmowed grass next to a 352-square-foot garage with multiple boards nailed in it to prevent entry. The house was sold on Aug. 4, 2016, by Amerihome Co. to Daniel and Evelyn D'Haene for \$19,900. The Assessor's Office lists the house at a value of \$41,800, with a taxable value of \$32,947. On April 27, the Lansing Demolition Board issued an order that the owners must "Make Safe or Demolish" the property by Aug. 27. No action has yet been taken, prompting the city to schedule a show cause hearing for 7 p.m. Oct. 30. Efforts to reach the owners were unsuccessful.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

"Eyesore of the Week" is our weekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eye Candy of the Week and Eye for Design. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call to (517) 999-5063.

It's time once again for Lansing and East Lansing voters to choose representatives to serve on their respective city councils. Sadly, less than 20% of eligible voters are expected to participate in the off-year, local election. On the theory that in a democracy we get the kind of government we deserve, perhaps you'll find the motivation to fill out your absentee ballot or head to the voting booth on Nov. 7. If so, City Pulse offers our thoughts on whom you should pick to keep our local governments on an even keel.

Lansing City Council At-Large (Vote for 2)

We generally favor experienced leadership. But we do make exceptions, one of which is Jody Washington, the former First Ward Council member who is touting her past Council experience in her bid to win one of the vacant citywide positions. We certainly admire Washington's community work, especially her in-the-trenches advocacy for Lansing's homeless population, but we're decidedly opposed to her comeback attempt. In her last Council stint, Washington's on-again, off-again relationship with civility led her to frequently lash out at anyone who disagreed with her. And her palpable conservative lean left us — and plenty of others — wondering if she really is a Democrat.

Four years later, not much appears to have changed. Following the recent horrific, senseless murder of beloved Lansing political activist Ted Lawson, Washington eulogized him on social media as a man of great integrity. Indeed, he was. Yet, just weeks before, she publicly lambasted Lawson at a county Democratic Party meeting, accusing him of conspiring with a competing City Council candidate to swing the party's endorsement away from Washington. It isn't the first time her mercurial personality has led Washington to wield an ill-considered rhetorical axe. After the MSU mass shooting, she told the City Council, "Gosh, imagine that, it didn't even happen on the south side of Lansing." We can't imagine having Jody Washington back on the Lansing City Council.

The good news is Lansing voters have solid choices to replace Carol Wood and Patricia Spitzley, who are retiring after 24 years and eight years, respectively. Tamera Carter has a strong resume of community engagement when she's not working her day job at Lake Trust Credit Union. She has a master's degree in organizational leadership and her priorities are solidly progressive. Trini Lopez Pehlivanoglu is a state employee and daughter of long-time Lansing School Board member Guillermo Lopez. We recommend votes for Carter and Pehlivanoglu to fill the two at-large vacancies on Lansing City Council.

Lansing First Ward

While we're still put off by First Ward incumbent Ryan Kost's dissembling about his financial troubles, we appreciate his energetic, boots-on-the-ground approach and focus on improving the city's housing stock. With a little-known opponent, Michael Vandeguchte, Kost will almost certainly win reelection. We hope he'll set aside his animus toward Mayor Schor for backing Brian Daniels, who ran and lost against Kost in last year's special election. For the good of his constituents, it's time to let go of hard feelings and move on to the business of improving the city.

Lansing Third Ward

Incumbent Third Ward Council member Adam Hussain has been a steady, hard-working advocate for the southwest corner of the city. His opponent, MSU student King Robertson, needs more experience and seasoning before he'll be ready for public office. Hussain could be even more effective if he tempered his emotions when contentious issues arise. There are more respectful ways to deal with Mayor Schor, for example, than by blaming him for failing to take Logan Square seriously enough. We hope in his next term Hussain will find ways to work in good faith with Schor and knock off political antics like signing on to a trumped-up ethics complaint against the mayor.

Lansing Charter Commission

Lansing's City Charter requires asking voters every 12 years if the charter should be reviewed and updated by a citizen-led charter commission. Charter revisions are an expensive and time-consuming process that divert precious energy and resources from the innumerable challenges facing the city. Some proponents of a charter commission want to change

the city's governance structure from a strong mayor to a strong council/city manager arrangement. City managers can and do work well in other communities, but we're generally satisfied with the steady leadership Lansing's strong mayor system has provided over the last 30 years. Any shortcomings in the current charter can be addressed through specific amendments as the need arises. We recommend voting against the charter commission proposal.

East Lansing City Council

We can't quite put our finger on the underlying causes of East Lansing's recent turmoil, where the door for outgoing employees continues to revolve and a relatively new City Council struggles to stabilize the ship. As noted above, we generally favor experienced leadership and

East Lansing voters are fortunate to have strong choices in this regard for the three open seats on the five-member Council. Mark Meadows, a former state representative and East Lansing mayor, brings to the table a deep well of knowledge and considerable wisdom in matters of public policy. Erik Altmann, an MSU professor, served on the Council from 2015 to 2019, losing by just two votes in his last bid for reelection. Both Meadows and Altmann would help steady the ship and create a Council that works together to solve the city's internal troubles while helping the new city manager learn the ropes. For the third spot we recommend Noel Garcia, a former Lansing Police Department captain who was appointed to the Council last January to fill a vacancy. He has considerable municipal experience and has done good work as a freshman. He earned the chance to serve a full term.

East Lansing Proposals

Three questions will also appear on the East Lansing general election ballot. We're intrigued by the concept of ranked voting and encourage support for the corresponding ballot proposal. We also endorse the proposal to move the date election winners are sworn in from shortly after the election to the first Tuesday after Jan. 1 of the following year. We don't think it's necessary to expand the City Council from five members to seven — not now anyway — and recommend a vote against this measure. We think the current Council of five members will be more nimble in addressing the challenges facing East Lansing city government without the distraction of adding even more new members.

Election '23: Our choices

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Pro-choice advocates overplaying their political hand in Michigan

By now, we all know the pro-choice/reproductive freedom movement propelled Democrats last year to their best ballot victories in a generation.

Come next year, the same movement may cost Democrats that advantage.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and legislative Democrats spiked the football this spring by repealing the 1931 Michigan law that outlawed abortion.

This all came after a sizable chunk of this population said it supported not only legalizing abortion but making access to it a constitutional right for all women.

Instead of letting the court work out the practical impact of that, legislative Democrats are trying to revoke around 20 years of abortion regulations by Thanksgiving.

They're not just chipping away 40 years of restrictive abortion policy crafted by Right to Life and other pro-life interest groups piece-by-piece. Progressive Democrats are trying to barrel-roll repeals to reforms all at once. Now they're realizing how difficult — and how politically dangerous — that is.

Democratic lawmakers, particularly those in competitive districts, are getting cold feet — and they should.

The Marketing Resource Group discovered the following after polling 600 likely Michigan voters earlier this month (54.5% of whom voted for pro-choice Proposal 3) for the Michigan Catholic Conference. Proposal 3, which enshrined the right to an abortion in the Constitution, passed 56.66% to 43.34% nearly a year ago.

- 72% of respondents support a 24-hour waiting period before someone gets an abortion. This informed consent period allows the doctor to share information and lets that information sink in. This is one of the regulations legislative Democrats want to get rid of.

- 70% of respondents support requiring parents to sign off on their minor-age teenager receiving an abortion. This is another regulation Dems want to get rid of.

- 95% of respondents support a regulation “that requires that abortion facilities be licensed and inspected by the state for health and safety reasons.” Only 2% oppose it. One could easily quibble about how this one is worded. The actual law in question deals

with regulating abortion clinics like a hospital surgical unit, not allowing these facilities to become some dirty back ally. Still, this issue can clearly be framed negatively.

- 52% support a ban on “partial-birth abortion in the final weeks of pregnancy where the baby is partially delivered during the abortion.” Another 32% oppose it. The term “partial-birth abortion” is a bit of a misnomer.

Elective, late-term abortions are rarely, if ever, performed. But, again, the pro-choice community is kicking a hornet's nest by bringing up the issue in the first place.

- 23.6% support “your taxpayer dollars” being “used to pay for abortions.” Another 59.3% said they oppose it. Forget that Democrats are dropping this from their final proposal. The fact remains that Medicaid-funded abortions were in the Democrats’ package to begin with.

You can see the political TV ad now, can't you? It almost writes itself.

The Right to Life community successfully nipped around the edges of abortion regulation for years, never taking such a big bite.

The majority of the public didn't turn against them until the U.S. Supreme Court repealed Roe v. Wade, throwing the issue to the states and their outdated, overly strict laws.

It turned purple states, like Michigan, bright blue.

Now the reproductive freedom people are overplaying their hand. Progress Michigan's most recent poll found abortion isn't the No. 1 issue. That's government transparency. It's not the second or the third. Those are affordable housing and “holding utilities companies accountable.”

No. 4 was the “Reproductive Health Act,” this collection of stuff the Catholic Conference polled on.

Look, Michigan voters legalized abortion. As far as they're concerned, they're done. Legislative Democrats can do nothing by bringing it up again. The public is clear that it wants Democrats to find other problems to fix.

The courts will likely get rid of all of the aforementioned restrictions anyway because of how expansive Proposal 3 was written.

Making Democrats in marginal districts walk the plank on repealing informed consent or parental consent makes no sense.

(Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol News Service MIRS at melinnky@gmail.com.)



KYLE MELINN

Opinion

POLITICS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Date of Publication: October 18, 2023

City of Lansing
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Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 483-4040

On or after November 6, 2023, the City of Lansing, MI will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) as amended and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C 12701), to undertake the following projects:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Community Development Block Grant

Purpose: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding for community revitalization purposes and activities must meet at least one of the three National Objectives: Benefit to persons of low and moderate income, elimination of slum and blight, urgent community need.

Location: The City of Lansing.

Project/Program Description:

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation

Loans and grants for rehabilitation and Emergency repair of owner-occupied housing units through city sponsored programs, and rehabilitation in conjunction with affordable housing efforts sponsored by nonprofit housing corporations, public and private developers, and other state and federal agencies, as well as lead hazard reduction, emergency housing rehabilitation, technical assistance to nonprofit housing corporations, ADA ramps and hazard remediation.

Proposed funding amount: \$940,149.00

Rental Unit Rehabilitation

Includes loans and grants for rehabilitation of rental housing units through city sponsored programs. Includes funds to meet healthy housing standards and/or lead hazard reduction regulations in rehabilitated structures.

Proposed funding amount: \$449,740.00

Blight Removal

Includes acquisition, maintenance and security of properties acquired through programs, and activities related to acquisition, disposition, relocation, and clearance of dilapidated and blighted structures. Funds may also be used to acquire and clear properties in the flood plain. Includes staff time associated with this activity.

Proposed funding amount: \$1,000.00

Level of Environmental Review Citation:

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Rental Unit Rehabilitation - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Blight Removal - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1)

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

**Floodplain Management
Historic Preservation**

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Floodplain Management - There are no proposed projects in the flood plain. However, floodplain information will be evaluated on a site-specific basis. All activities will be mapped on FEMA-FIRMs and each site will be compared to determine if property is in the floodplain. If so, an 8-step process will be completed to evaluate practicable mitigation measures.

Historic Preservation - The City refers properties that are greater than 50 years old to State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their review in determining its historical significance and follows SHPOs recommendation. Each site-specific project will be evaluated to determine its historical significance.

Estimated Project Cost: The estimated cost of projects is \$1,390,889 as indicated above.

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i) and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at : City of Lansing – Department of Economic Development and Planning 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. or at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANCE TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: HOME Investment Partnerships.

Purpose: The HOME program provides funding for down payment assistance, new construction, and housing rehabilitation.

Location: The City of Lansing.

Project/Program Description:

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**COUNTY OF INGHAM
NOTICE OF CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING
FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDING FOR CARES FUNDING GRANT**

Ingham County will conduct a closeout public hearing on October 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm at 341 S. Jefferson, Ingham County Courthouse in Mason, Third Floor for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to submit comments and receive a final report on the completion of the CARES Funding Grant.

The CDBG grant provided funding to assist in reimbursing for unexpected costs associated with COVID-19. The CDBG project benefitted at least 51% low to moderate income individuals. No individuals were displaced as a result of this project.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the project in person at the public hearing.

Citizen views and comments on the CDBG project are welcome.

Ingham County
Megan Oberlin
Program Analyst, CDBG
(517) 230-2716

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**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday October 30, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, in consideration of the Establishment of the Principal Shopping District Assessment and Proposed Zones for Fiscal Year 2023

The special assessment district for the Principal Shopping District is described as follows:

Principal Shopping District: Beginning at the intersection of West right-of-way line of S. Capitol Avenue and the north right-of-way line of W. St. Joseph Street, "Point of Beginning," North along S. Capitol Avenue right-of-way line to the center-line of W. Washtenaw Street, west along the centerline of W. Washtenaw Street to the center-line of Townsend Street, north along the center-line of Townsend Street to the center-line of W. Allegan Street, then east along the W. Allegan Street center-line to the center-line of S. Capitol Avenue, north along the S. Capitol Avenue center-line to the center-line of W. Saginaw Street, east along the W. Saginaw Street center-line to the west right-of-way line of N. Washington Avenue, north along the N. Washington Avenue right-of-way line to the north right-of-way line of W. Grand River Avenue, east along the W. Grand River Avenue right-of-way line to the west right-of-way line of Turner Street, north along the Turner Street right-of-way line to the north right-of-way line of Clinton Street, east along Clinton Street right-of-way to the east right-of-way line of Center Street, south along the Center Street right-of-way line to the north right-of-way line of Liberty Street, east along the Liberty Street right-of-way line to the center-line of N. Cedar Street, south along the N. Cedar Street center-line to the south right-of-way line of East Grand River Avenue, east along the E. Grand River Avenue right-of-way line to the west right-of-way line of N. Larch Street, south along the N. Larch Street right-of-way line to the center-line of E. Shiawassee Street, east along the E. Shiawassee Street center-line to the west right-of-way line of the Conrail right-of-way, south along the Conrail right-of-way line to the south right-of-way line of E. Michigan Avenue, west along the E. Michigan Avenue right-of-way to the east right-of-way line of S. Larch Street, south along the S. Larch Street right-of-way line to the center-line of E. Kalamazoo Street, then west along E. Kalamazoo Street center-line to the center-line of S. Larch Street, then south along the S. Larch Street center-line to the north right-of-way line of St. Joseph Street (extended), west along the St. Joseph Street right-of-way line (extended) to the Point of Beginning.

Let it be known any person who intends to protest this special assessment must appear and protest at the special assessment hearing in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be taken within thirty-five days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll, provided a protest was timely made. The protest of this special assessment must be presented by the property owners, or their representative in person or in writing at the Public Hearing as scheduled above. The assessment roll is on file and may be examined in the 9th Floor City Clerk's Office.

For more information, please call the City Assessor at 517-483-7624. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing 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, October 30, 2023, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MIPMC
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Vehicle Auction

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 9:00 am
2005 Nissan Pathfinder 5N1AR18W95C714851
Swift Towing, 2347 N. Cedar, Holt, MI 48842
No Calls

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Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority

Notice is hereby given that the Ingham County Land Bank will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5pm at the Land Bank Office or virtually via Zoom. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering the fiscal year 2024 budget. See the meeting agenda packet posted at www.inghamlandbank.org for more information and the Zoom link, or call 517-267-5221. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

CP#23-266

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

In re: Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of Certain Parcels of Real Property

Case No. 23-0598- CH

Hon. Wanda M. Stokes

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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Bobbie Pelfery, Claudia Pelfery, and all other persons having an interest in the subject property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition of Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure of a Certain Parcel of Real Property shall be held before the Honorable Wanda M. Stokes, Circuit Judge, on Thursday, the 2nd day of November, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, in the Ingham County Courthouse, Mason, Michigan.

This Notice pertains to the real property located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, legally described as:
Lot 169, Leslie Park Subdivision, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 2, Ingham County Records. Parcel ID #33-01-01-14-357-211
Commonly known as 500 S. Fairview St., Lansing, MI 48912

Notice of Pending Expedited Quiet Title and Foreclosure Action (Form 4329) for the subject property was recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on August 28, 2023.

Judgment of the Court after this hearing may result in title to the property vesting in the Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority, 3024 N. Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906 – Telephone (517) 267-5221.

Any persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of the subject property are requested to contact the Land Bank.

Any rights of redemption and any ownership interest in the subject property may be extinguished by the judgment of the Court.

Any person with a property interest in the property may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE INGHAM COUNTY LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AND IS SUBJECT TO AN EXPEDITED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. PERSONS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIOR OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AT 3024 N. TURNER ST., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48906, TELEPHONE (517) 267-5221.

Respectfully submitted,
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.

Date: September 13, 2023

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ARTS & CULTURE

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Geoffrey Keezer brings eclectic musical spirit to MSU

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Pianist Geoffrey Keezer, the first guest of Michigan State University Jazz Studies' 2023-'24 Jazz Artist in Residence program, has been compared to the greatest piano virtuosos in the world, from Vladimir Horowitz to Art Tatum.

But Keezer, 52, is no music snob. He will bring an eclectic musical spirit and some of the scariest piano chops around to his weeklong residency, culminating in a public concert Friday (Oct. 20) with MSU's jazz ensembles at the Fairchild Theatre.

"I just happen to love a lot of different kinds of music, and I think most people do," Keezer said.

He has ample opportunity to check out what young people are into from his perch on the faculty at the Juilliard School in New York City.

"I look at the next generation of students, and even though the program at Juilliard is a very focused program, the kids themselves are listening to everything," he said.

In "Refuge," a dark and turbulent track from the 2023 album "Playdate," Keezer boldly blended sweeping orchestral flourishes, sparkling jazz piano, banging rock guitar and bluesy B-3 organ, earning the 2023 Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Composition.

"Most artists are interested in making good art, period," Keezer said. "As long as we acknowledge that this music we're playing is Black American music, anyone can play it. Just give credit to the people who invented it."

Keezer brings an astonishing range to jazz piano, from his exploratory duets with the late guitarist Jim Hall to his 2009 album, "Áurea," nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Latin Jazz Album.

According to what the occasion requires, he can rock out a la Billy Joel, diffuse into abstraction, bust out with gutbucket blues or swing like mad. He's relished playing adventurous concerts with Hawaiian guitarist Keola Beamer



Courtesy photo

Jazz pianist Geoffrey Keezer will bring an eclectic musical spirit and some of the scariest piano chops around to his weeklong residency at MSU.

and Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai.

"Let's stop arguing over nitpicky things like, 'Is this funk? Is this gospel? Is it R&B? Is it jazz?'" Keezer said. "Why does it matter? We've got bigger fish to fry. Global warming — we've got bigger problems. Just enjoy the music, have fun."

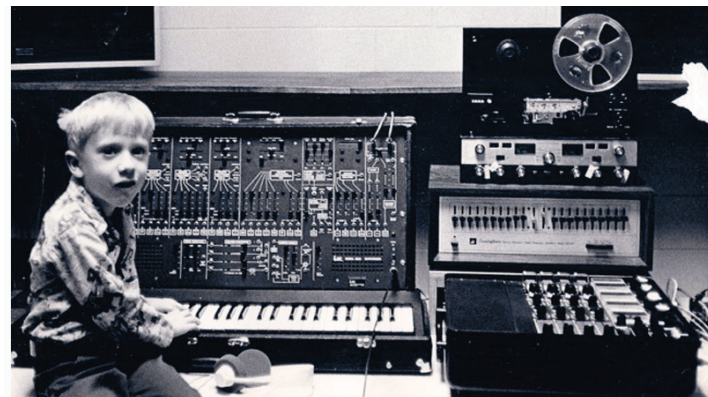
At 18, Keezer was a member of the late Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, one of the most influential and hardest-swinging groups in jazz history, but he really honed his art, both as a soloist and a band member, in a fiery trio with the late jazz double bassist Ray Brown.

"Ray was the bandleader, and he called all the shots, but he was also an incredibly supportive accompanist," Keezer said. "He let me explore. Anything I wanted to do musically, as long as it sat in the style of the music we were doing, he was happy."

Playing more than 300 nights a year for three years with Brown, Keezer flexed his chops to the fullest, pushing hard at the music's harmonic and melodic boundaries. Brown stuck with him — most of the time.

One night, as the trio was digging into a Dizzy Gillespie tune, "Tin Tin Deo," Keezer crossed the line.

"We were playing it in a minor key, and I threw in the 'Imperial March' from 'The Empire Strikes Back,'" he recalled.



Courtesy photo

Keezer playing his first keyboard instrument, the ARP 2600 synthesizer. The bulky apparatus was used to create R2-D2's bleeps and bloops in the "Star Wars" films.

Brown leaned toward him and quietly said, "Jazz, please."

What would you expect from a young man whose first keyboard instrument was the ARP 2600 synthesizer, the bulky apparatus used to create R2-D2's bleeps and bloops? In 1976, at 5 years old, Keezer had the chance to play and program Wendy Carlos' album "Switched-On Bach" on the ARP at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where his dad, Ronald Keezer, was on the faculty.

"At that time, Stevie Wonder and John Lennon had one, but they were relatively rare," Keezer said. "They made these incredible space-age sounds they used for sci-fi and laser battles."

A piano teacher at the university saw how the gizmo fascinated young Keezer and advised his dad to get him to a piano teacher.

Keezer loved jazz as a teenager, but he couldn't afford to be a jazz snob while playing in his dad's jazz band. Eau Claire had no equivalent to New York's 52nd Street.

"We played the grand opening of car washes, we played pizza joints, all kinds of gigs," he said.

Weddings were a staple. In Wisconsin, that meant wall-to-wall polkas. To keep things interesting for themselves, the band members played everything they could think of as polkas, from Beatles tunes to John Coltrane's album "Giant Steps."

"Nobody knew the difference," Keezer said.

Keezer met a legendary figure in jazz,

the late pianist James Williams, when he was in his mid-teens.

"You need someone to mentor you and take you under their wing, and he was that person for me," Keezer said.

Williams introduced Keezer to Blakey, a volcanic drummer, one of the all-time jazz greats and leader of the Jazz Messengers.

Nothing could be more intimidating to a young musician. Generations of jazz's greatest artists, from Wayne Shorter to Wynton Marsalis, started out as Messengers. But Keezer was as "prepared as a Boy Scout" to meet Blakey, having played his music for three years in Eau Claire and in an informal "Blakey ensemble" at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where a member of Blakey's band, saxophonist Bill Pierce, was an instructor.

"It was a dream come true for me," Keezer said. "It was a combination of being prepared and putting a lot of my energy and focus into that music."

For about 20 years, Keezer has written and arranged his own tunes for the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra, along with arranging tunes by people he's worked with over the years, including Shorter. The MSU jazz ensembles will tackle a few of them this week.

"We have great jazz educations all over the world, but MSU is one of the most highly respected and coveted places to be able to get into," Keezer said. "There are so many great graduates coming out of there, and I'm really looking forward to working with the current group and the world-class faculty there."

MSU jazz ensembles with Geoffrey Keezer, guest artist

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Take advantage of upcoming Croptober deals

By CHRIS SILVA

October brings about all the seasonal traditions of fall in Michigan: apple cider and donuts, pumpkin patches, vibrant fall colors and, for my fellow stoners, fields upon fields of outdoor cannabis that's ready to be harvested.

Outdoor cannabis season is wrapping up for farms of all sizes, from legacy and caregiver grows to institutional, capital-backed mega grows. Over the next few weeks, hundreds of thousands of cannabis plants will make their way from the ground to Michigan medical patients and adult-use consumers in both the legacy and state-regulated markets.

Each year, in the weeks following "Croptober," the Michigan cannabis market goes absolutely insane as far as pricing and supply. The market is flooded with literal tons of cannabis products that are made with abundant outdoor cannabis. Many years, this seems speculative and is tinged with fear for wholesalers.

In addition, cannabis remediation allows outdoor cultivators to supply consumers in the adult-use market



Courtesy of Nick Reeser, DNK Growers

For indoor cannabis growers like Lansing-based DNK Growers, October is business as usual, but for outdoor growers, October — or Croptober — is one of the busiest months of the year.

with cheap outdoor flower that passes mandated state testing because it's ir-

radiated or otherwise mitigated.

It's important to keep some important context in mind. This is the first year the legal market has seen Brian Hanna fully at the helm as the Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency's executive director. Hanna has increased enforcement, and there have already been high-profile incidents involving licensees backdooring cannabis extract and other products from the illicit market.

Matt Lechleider of Dragonfly, a cannabis cultivation and processing center in southwest Michigan, is optimistic about this year's outdoor crop. Michigan is rough for outdoor growing. September and October can be hot and wet months, a real bummer for maturing cannabis plants. But Lechleider said Dragonfly's outdoor crop should be a banger this year. He assured me the entire region, which is heavy with outdoor flower production, is doing well, and many farms expect to have bumper crops, or crops that yield an unusually productive harvest.

He explained that many of the operators have dialed in their genetics and processes, and with remediation, they're seeing consistently improving results. Dragonfly produces widely available outdoor flower and pre-rolls at an accessible price point. It also turns a large portion of its crop into extract that's used for edibles, vapes and other processed THC products.

Lansterdam in Review: Croptober

Outdoor producers and processors will be busy over the next few weeks processing the 2023 cannabis harvest. Lechleider and Nick Reeser, president and CEO of the Lansing-based commercial grow facility DNK Growers, agree that increased enforcement from the Cannabis Regulatory Agency and other market forces will probably keep Croptober pricing from making a huge impact on consumers, outside of a few key products. The retail game has matured to a point where retailers are already selling many items at huge discounts to out-price the competition — especially extracts and infused products, which are heavily dependent on outdoor materials.

Reeser, a longtime Lansing-based caregiver, said this month is business as usual at DNK Growers' indoor facility.

"I have been experiencing Croptober even back when I was starting as a caregiver over 10 years ago. It's never really affected my demand," he said. "Indoor cannabis is a completely different flower product. If you like cheap flower, this time of year can be great. But if you appreciate top-shelf cannabis, it's business as usual. People will pay for top-quality craft cannabis year-round, and those customers typically don't consume outdoor cannabis."

So, what does this all mean for you, stoners of Lansing? In a nutshell, expect some pricing incentives on a lot of your favorite infused and distillate-based products. It also wouldn't be nuts to see a lot more bulk deals on vape cartridges and edibles start to roll out at more and more retailers across Lansing. If you're already purchasing items like sub-\$100 ounces, chances are you'll start seeing more variety and maybe even a little movement on pricing as retailers push to move through old inventory so they can buy up this year's harvest at this year's pricing.

I wouldn't expect to see a whole lot of movement on indoor flower pricing or in the top-shelf hash markets, though. This holds true for people purchasing from both the legacy and state-regulated markets. We're reaching a point where the market for cannabis is so competitive, both on the streets and in the boardroom, that the Croptober excess supply doesn't affect large parts of our market.



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Wow! 340 categories!

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to all the nominees.

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If you vote in EVERY CATEGORY (all 340 of them), you will

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The voting deadline is 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. How appropriate, since our TOTT theme this year is alien monsters!

Top of the Town Final Round!

Presented by City Pulse & FOX47 NEWS

By STEVE UNDERWOOD

Five weeks ago, when we launched our 2023 Talk of the Town Contest, co-sponsored by FOX47 News, we imagined what would happen if friendly aliens visited Lansing and had a chance to experience the very best Lansing had to offer. Whom would they nominate or vote for as Lansing's Best Olive Burger? Or Best New Business or the area's finest in the rest of more than 300 categories?

Well, the aliens (and more than 18,000 Greater Lansing residents) have spoken: We can now present to you The Top Five — numbers vary based on ties or lack of nominees — left standing in each category of our 16th Annual TOTT Contest, and we've opened up the Final Round of voting! You have until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 31, to vote for your favorites at www.lansingcitypulse.com. The WINNERS will be announced in our Nov. 15 issue.

BUT: If you are signed up for City Pulse newsletters you will receive the list of winners by email one day early. So, when you go to vote, be sure you sign up!

An important change for this round: When go to vote on the website, you will be asked to reply to a confirmation email (whether you're returning to vote or doing so for the first time).



That's to keep out bots and spammers and keep the contest legit!

To begin voting (www.lansingcitypulse.com), select any category and follow the prompts. All votes are submitted automatically, there's no second submission screen. You can always log out of your session and resume voting later. Yes, you can change your vote.

Any questions, please contact Steve Underwood at (517) 999-6705 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) or steve@lansingcitypulse.com. You can also send us your list of votes via snail mail to Steve Underwood at City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48912.

Our new Lansing Guru web site will host the Top 5 results after the contest concludes and serve as an invaluable reference for our community all year long!

And thanks so much to Dennis Preston for his outstanding artwork on the cover and with this story!

Again, make make sure you sign up for our new and improved newsletters to get the Top of the Town 2023 winners one day early! If you're not sure if you're one of the 8,800+ signed up for it already, please sign up anyway when you go to vote. We will make sure you only receive newsletters one time. You can also sign up for our newsletter on our home page at www.lansingcitypulse.com.

Now — turn the page to start voting!



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Best Bar Food

- Art's Pub
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- The Avenue

Best Cocktails

- American Fifth Spirits
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- People's Kitchen
- The Avenue
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Dance Bar

- Duke's Saloon
- Green Door Bar & Grill
- Mac's Bar
- The Avenue
- The Junction

Best Dive Bar

- B & I Bar
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Green Door Bar & Grill
- Moriarty's Pub
- Stober's Bar

Best Happy Hour

- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Peanut Barrel
- Sidecar Slider Bar - Lansing
- Stober's Bar

Best Jam Night

- Dimes Brewhouse
- Lansing Shuffle
- Moriarty's Pub

Best Karaoke

- Crunchy's
- Green Door Bar & Grill
- LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- The Avenue

Best Lansing-Area Brewery

- BAD Brewing Co.
- BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.

Best Lansing-Area Distillery

- American Fifth Spirits
- Ellison Brewery and Spirits
- Michigrain Distillery
- Red Cedar Spirits
- Sanctuary Spirits - Distillery, Brewery, & Winery

Best LGBTQ-Friendly Bar

- Esquire Bar
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- People's Kitchen
- The Avenue
- The Junction
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Margarita

- Acapulco Mexican Grill
- Barrio East Lansing
- Cancun Mexican Grill
- El Azteco
- Fiesta Charra

Best Mocktails

- EnVie
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale
- The Avenue
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Neighborhood Bar

- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harry's Place
- Peanut Barrel
- The Avenue
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Open Mic Night

- Blue Owl Coffee
- Mac's Bar
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Stober's Bar

- UrbanBeat

Best Pub/Tavern

- Art's Pub
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Peanut Barrel
- Stober's Bar

Best Spartan Sports Hangout

- Art's Pub
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Harrison Roadhouse
- Reno's East

Best Sports Bar

- Art's Pub
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- One North Kitchen & Bar

CANNABIS



Best Budtender

- Austin Poirer || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Brayla Garrett || The Botanical Co.
- Malissa Summerlott || Bazonzoes Recreational Provisioning Center and Drive-thru
- Quinn Kelly || Pure Options
- Roli Saghy || Dispo Dispensary Lansing

Best Cannabis Flower - Hybrid

- 517Triks || Premier Cannabis Farms
- First Class Funk || Franklin Fields
- Flo || Skymint
- Mafia Funeral || Redemption Cannibus
- Moonbow #112 || Pure Options

Best Cannabis Flower - Indica

- 517 Verde Limon Sherbert || Premier Cannabis Farms
- GGB || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Platinum Og Kush || Skymint
- Superboof || The Botanical Co.
- Wedding Cake || Pure Options

Best Cannabis Flower - Sativa

- Lunar Lemon || Pro Gro
- Orange Zkittlez || The Botanical Co.
- The Smallz || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Trop Cherry || Skymint
- Wonka Bars #13 || Skymint
- Cannabis

Best Cannabis Growing Brand

- Dispo Dispensary Lansing
- Franklin Fields
- Pincanna - East Lansing
- Pro Gro by Pure Options
- Skymint

Best CBD Store/Boutique

- Bazonzoes Provisioning
- JARS Cannabis - Lansing
- Local Roots Cannabis
- Pincanna - East Lansing
- Skymint

Best Distillate Cartridge

- BlueBerry Gelato || Gage Cannabis Lansing
- Drip - Garlic Cookies || Bazonzoes Provisioning
- Fruit & Fuel || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Pro Gro Distillate Disposable Cartridge || Pure Options
- Traverse City Cherry Punch || Skymint

Best Gummy Edible (Cannabis)

- Funky Extracts || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Jolly Sour Blue Razz || Skymint
- Northern Lights FX || Northern Lights Electric
- PC Pure Gummies || Pure Roots
- Thunder Canna Gummies || Pure Options
- True North Traverse City Cherry || True North Collective

Best Indoor Grow Shop

- DNK Growers-ReoTown
- GrowGeneration Hydroponics Store
- Indoor Grow Supply

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- BEST OLIVE BURGER
- BEST PATIO
- BEST TRIVIA NIGHT





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- Pincanna - East Lansing
- Pure Options
- Skymint

Best Marijuana Provisioning Center

- Bazonzoes Provisioning
- Dispo Dispensary Lansing
- Local Roots Cannabis
- Pure Options
- Skymint

Best Marijuana Provisioning Center - East Lansing

- Flora

- Pincanna - East Lansing
- Pleasantrees East Lansing
- Pure Options
- Skymint

Best Non Gummy Edible (Cannabis)

- Covert Cups - Wizard Cups || Bazonzoes Provisioning
- Hot Cheese Curls || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Mojo Nuggy Caramel Peanut || Pure Canna
- Northern Lights FX || Northern Lights FX
- Potdots || Lion Labs
- Sweet Justice || Franklin Fields

Best Non Solvent Concentrate (Cannabis)

- Cherry Cookie Breath (Bubble Hash) || Bazonzoes Provisioning
- Clemendo (Peninsula Gardens X Pincanna) || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Element || Pure Options
- North Coast X Pro Gro Rainbow Belts || North Coast X Pro Gro
- Spritzer Live Hash Rosin || Franklin Fields

Best Solvent Concentrate (Cannabis)

- 710 Savant || LIV Cannabis: Lansing

- Clemendo (Pincanna X Peninsula Gardens) || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Element || Pure Options

Best Topical

- Mary's Medicinals || Pure Options
- Michigan Organic Rub || Pincanna - East Lansing
- Northern Connections Topical Relief || Pure Canna
- Rise Live Resin RSO - Lion Labs || JARS Cannabis - Lansing
- Rise Recovery Cannabis Cream 1:1:1 || JARS Cannabis - Lansing

DINING

Best "Kids Eat Free" Restaurant

- Cosmos
- Old Bag Of Nails



Best Bagels

- Big Apple Bagels
- Bruegger's Bagels
- Flour Child Bakery
- GoodFellas Bagel Deli
- New Daily Bagel

Best Bakery

- Bake N' Cakes
- Baked Goods By Dominic
- Flour Child Bakery
- Groovy Donuts
- Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe

Best Baklava

- Aladdin's Restaurant
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Lou and Harry's Bar/Grill
- Social Sloth | Cafe & Catering
- Woody's Oasis

Best BBQ

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

Best BBQ Sauce

- Capital City BBQ
- Johnny V's Smoke Shack

- Meat BBQ
- Saddleback BBQ Okemos
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best Breakfast

- Art's Pub
- Flour Child Bakery
- Good Truckin' Diner
- People's Kitchen
- Sophias House Of Pancakes

Best Brunch

- Beggar's Banquet
- Good Truckin' Diner
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- People's Kitchen
- Soup Spoon Café

Best Bubble Tea

- Bento Kitchen Cravings
- Ding Tea East Lansing
- Gong Cha
- Koala Bakery & Cafe
- Möge Tee MSU
- MOMO Tea
- Unicha Tea & Ice Cream

Best Buffet

- Asian Buffet
- Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet
- Ohana Sushi and Bar
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- World Buffet & Grill

Best Burger

- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Peanut Barrel
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Chicken Strips/Tenders

- Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
- Crack Chicken
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Old Bag Of Nails Pub - Lansing
- Olympic Broil
- Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

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Best Chinese Restaurant

- Asian Gourmet
- Bamboo Gardens
- Charlie Kang's Restaurant
- Chen's Restaurant
- House Of Hsu

Best Cider

- Boss Cider
- Country Mill Farms, Bakery, Orchard & Cider Mill
- Phillips Cider Bar and Market
- Quality Dairy Company
- Uncle John's Cider Mill

Best Coney Dog

- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Lou & Harry's Grill & Bakery
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil
- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Crab Legs

- Crazy Crab
- Mitchell's Fish Market
- OCEAN CRAB Cajun Seafood & Sushi
- Red Lobster
- Tangy Crab

Best Cupcake

- Bake N' Cakes
- Flour Child Bakery
- Gigi's Cupcakes of East Lansing
- Sugar Shack
- Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe

Best Deli

- Babe's Corner
- Horrocks Farm Market
- McAlister's Deli
- Sidestreets Deli & Bakery
- Stateside Deli

Best Dessert

- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
- Everything Is Cheesecake
- Flour Child Bakery
- Mr. Leslie's Cheesecakes
- MSU Dairy Store
- Sweetie-licious

Best Diner

- Athena's Diner
- Dimitri's Restaurant
- Fleetwood Diner
- Good Truckin' Diner

- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Donuts

- Country Mill Farms, Bakery, Orchard & Cider Mill
- Groovy Donuts
- Phillips Cider Bar and Market
- Quality Dairy Company
- Strange Matter Coffee

Best Drive-up Location

- Culver's
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil
- VEG-N

Best Family Friendly Restaurant

- Cugino's
- Flour Child Bakery
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Piazzano's
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Fast Food

- Chick-fil-A
- Culver's
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Olympic Broil
- VEG-N

Best Fish Fry

- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Harry's Place
- Log Jam
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Old Bag of Nails Pub - Lansing

Best Food Truck

- Eato Chef
- El Oasis
- Hard Knocks Food Truck
- Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)
- Picnic: A Food Truck

Best French Fries

- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- HopCat
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Lou and Harry's Bar/Grill
- Meat BBQ
- Peanut Barrel

Best Greek

- Lou & Harry's Grill & Bakery
- Lou and Harry's Bar/Grill
- Niko's Taverna
- Olga's Kitchen
- Steakhouse Philly

Best Hibachi

- Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet
- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Lansing
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Woodlake

Best Ice Cream

- Arctic Corner
- Corner Cone
- Lick-ity Split
- MSU Dairy Store
- Park Lake Creamery

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- Best French Fries
- Best Nachos
- Best Restaurant Beer List
- Best Reuben
- Best Wings
- Best Caterer/Catering service
- Best Signature Dish (Meat Mountain)
- Best Chef (Sean Johnson)



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Best Indian Restaurant

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

Best Irish

- Dublin Square
- Kelly's Downtown
- Moriarty's Pub
- Old Bag Of Nails Pub - Lansing

Best Italian

- Bravo! Italian Kitchen
- Cugino's
- Falsetta's Casa Nova
- Spagnuolo's Restaurant
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Lasagna

- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Cugino's
- Falsetta's Casa Nova

- Spagnuolo's Restaurant
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Late Night Food

- Conrad's Grill
- Crunchy's
- Fleetwood Diner
- Pizza House
- Taco Bell

Best Mediterranean

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

Best Mexican - chain

- Acapulco Mexican Grill
- Barrio East Lansing
- Cancun Mexican Grill Grand Ledge
- Cancun Mexican Grill Okemos/Jolly Rd
- Fiesta Charra Mexican Restaurant
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant (Old Town)

Best Mexican Restaurant (non-chain)

- El Azteco
- El Oasis
- Famous Taco
- Pancho's Taqueria
- Taqueria El Chaparrito

Best Nachos

- Art's Pub
- Buddies Grill
- El Oasis
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Meat BBQ

Best New Restaurant

- 4 Tha Soul Restaurant
- Lansing Shuffle
- Old Bag Of Nails Pub - Lansing
- Toscana Kitchen & Wine Market
- Veg Head

Best Olive Burger

- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Hard Knocks Food Truck
- Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Olympic Broil
- Peanut Barrel

Best Pancakes

- Blondie's Barn
- Flap Jack Shack
- Good Truckin' Diner
- People's Kitchen
- Sophia's House of Pancakes
- Sparty's Coney Island

Best Pho

- Asia's Finest
- Capital City BBQ
- Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
- Pho 777 Okemos
- Pho So 1

Best Pizza

- Art's Pub
- Cosmos
- Cugino's
- Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Prime Rib

- Airport Tavern
- Capital Prime
- English Inn
- Lucky's Steakhouse
- Piazzano's

Best Ramen

- Bento Kitchen Cravings
- Ruckus Ramen
- Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar
- Uni Sushi and Ramen Lansing
- Zhen Ramen & Grill

Best Ranch Dressing

- Art's Pub
- Buddies Grill
- Cottage Inn Pizza West Lansing
- Crunchy's
- Cugino's
- Jet's Pizza
- Lou and Harry's Bar/Grill

Best Restaurant Beer List

- HopCat
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Meat BBQ

- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

Best Restaurant for Seniors

- Bob Evans
- Coral Gables
- Flap Jack Shack
- Meat BBQ
- Soup Spoon Café

Best Restaurant Wine List

- Bowdies Chophouse
- Bridge Street Social
- Dusty's Cellar
- EnVie
- Soup Spoon Café

Best Reuben

- Harry's Place
- Meat BBQ
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Soup Spoon Café
- Stateside Deli

Best Salad

- Fuel'd
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Leaf Salad Bar
- Soup Spoon Café
- Texas Roadhouse
- Veg Head

Best Sandwich/Wrap

- Babe's Corner
- Flour Child Bakery
- Jersey Giant Submarine Sandwiches
- Soup Spoon Café
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Seafood Restaurant

- Mitchell's Fish Market
- OCEAN CRAB Cajun Seafood & Sushi
- Red Lobster
- Tangy Crab
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Signature Dish

- Garlic Chicken || Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Hippie Hash || Fleetwood Diner
- Meat Mountain || Meat BBQ
- Olive Burger || Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
- Pad Thai || Eato Chef
- Trust Us || The Cosmos

Best Sliders

- Cosmos
- Savvy Sliders
- Sidecar Slider Bar - Lansing
- The Junction

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Best Soup

- Flour Child Bakery
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Leo's Lodge
- Soup Spoon Café
- Zoup!

Best Steak

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

Best Sub Sandwich

- Babe's Corner
- Jersey Giant Submarine Sandwiches
- Jersey Mike's Subs
- King Subs
- Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center

Best Sushi

- Al Fusion Sushi & Grill
- Maru Sushi & Grill

- Sansu Sushi And Cocktails
- Sushi Moto
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar

Best Tacos

- Barrio East Lansing
- El Oasis
- Famous Taco
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant (Old Town)
- Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)
- Taqueria El Chaparrito

Best Thai Restaurant

- Bangkok House
- Eato Chef at Horrocks
- Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
- Taste of Thai
- Thai Princess

Best Upscale Dining

- Bowdies Chophouse
- Capital Prime
- English Inn
- EnVie
- People's Kitchen

Best Vegan/Gluten Free Dessert

- Flour Child Bakery
- Strange Matter Downtown
- Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe
- Veg Head
- VEG-N

Best Vegetarian/Vegan Dish

- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- Flour Child Bakery
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Veg Head
- VEG-N

Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant

- Babe's Corner
- Osteria Vegana
- Ozone's Fire Food
- Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe
- Veg Head
- VEG-N

Best Wings

- Art's Pub
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Detroit Wing Company
- Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Meat BBQ

HANGOUTS

Best Beach

- Fitzgerald Park
- Hawk Island Park
- Lake Lansing Park South
- Motz Park
- Silver Lake

Best Biggby

- Biggby Coffee - 661 N. Cedar Mason
- Biggby Coffee - 1850 Cedar St. Holt
- Biggby Coffee - 2546 E. Jolly Rd. Lansing
- Biggby Coffee- 4756 Marsh Rd. Meridian Township
- Biggby Coffee - 13181 Schavey Rd. Dewitt

Best Bowling Alley

- City Limits East
- City Limits Mason
- Royal Scot Golf & Bowl
- Spare Time Entertainment Center
- Wagon Wheel American Grill

Best Cafe

- Blue Owl Coffee
- Château Coffee Co.
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Soup Spoon Café
- Strange Matter Coffee

Best Coffee Shop (non-Biggby)

- Blue Owl Coffee
- Château Coffee Co.
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Strange Matter Coffee
- Tin Cup Cafe & Creamery

Best Comedy Club

- Robin Theatre

Best Comedy Night

- BAD Brewing Company
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Mac's Bar
- Ozone's Brewhouse
- Robin Theatre

Best Corn Maze

- Bestmaze Corn Maze
- Fortitude Farms & Events
- Shawhaven Farm
- Slaughterhouse Adventure and Grand River Corn Maze
- Uncle John's Cider Mill

Best Dog Park

- East Lansing Dog Park
- Hawk Island Park
- Meridian Township Large Dog Park
- Muskegon Dog Beach
- Sleepy Hollow State Park

Best Escape Room Venue

- Breakout Escape Rooms Lansing
- Challenges East Lansing Adventure Escape Rooms
- Escapology Escape Rooms Lansing
- Slaughterhouse Adventure and Grand

- River Corn Maze
- The Pod Escape Room

Best Golf Course

- Centennial Acres Golf Course
- Eagle Eye Golf Club
- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Hawk Hollow Golf Course
- Meridian Sun Golf Club

Best Hangout for Seniors

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Deja Vu Showgirls Lansing Strip Club
- East Lansing Hannah Community Center
- Hooked
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.

Best Hangout for Students

- Blue Owl Coffee East Lansing
- Château Coffee Co.
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- Hooked

Best Hangout Solo

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- East Lansing Public Library
- Hooked
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Schuler Books Okemos

Best Haunted Attraction

- Awaken Haunted Attraction
- Hinterland Haunted Attraction
- Shawhaven Farm
- Stimson Hospital
- Terror On 27

Best Library

- CADL - Downtown Lansing
- CADL - Haslett Library
- Delta Township District Library
- East Lansing Public Library
- Grand Ledge Area District Library

Best Local Attraction for Kids

- All-of-us Express Children's Theatre
- East Lansing Family Aquatic Center
- Hawk Island Park
- Impression 5 Science Center
- Zap Zone

Best Movie Theatre

- Celebration Cinema Lansing & IMAX
- Eaton Theatre
- NCG Cinema - Lansing
- Studio C Meridian Mall
- Sun Theatre

Best Music Venue

- Displaced Manor
- Green Door Bar & Grill
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Robin Theatre
- The Avenue

Best Nature Center

- Fenner Nature Center
- Harris Nature Center
- Woldumar Nature Center

Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date

- Abrams Planetarium
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Old Town Neighborhood
- Wharton Center for Performing Arts

Best Patio

- El Azteco
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Lansing Shuffle
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Peanut Barrel



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- River Trail
- Riverview Church - Holt Venue
- St Gerard Catholic Church
- Trinity Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing

Best Place to Play Pinball

- Pinball Pete's
- The Avenue

Best Place to Play Video Games

- LAYERED
- Michigrain Distillery
- Pinball Pete's
- Spare Time Entertainment Center
- The Avenue

Best Place to Shoot Pool

- Eaton Pub & Grille & Charlotte Brewing Co.
- Gravity Smokehouse Brew & Que
- Pinball Pete's
- Royal Scot Golf & Bowl
- The Avenue

Best Place to Sled

- Burchfield Park
- Delta Mills Park
- Fitzgerald Park
- Granger Meadows Park
- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Hawk Island Park

Best Public Park

- Delta Mills Park
- Fitzgerald Park
- Hawk Island Park
- Patriarche Park
- Woldumar Nature Center

Best Smoke Shop/Hookah Lounge

- Downtown Smoking Club
- Puff Puff Tobacco
- Super Tobacco 2
- Wild Bill's Tobacco
- Wild Side Smoke Shop

Best Sober Hangout

- Blue Owl Coffee
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Hooked
- Lansing Lugnuts
- Rooted Socialite

Best Tabletop Gaming

- AFK Games
- Evolution Games
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- Pinball Pete's
- Summit Comics & Games

Best Trivia Night

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Crunchy's
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Peanut Barrel
- The Avenue

LOCAL ARTS



Best Artist

- Cooper Johnson, Painter
- Dennis Preston, Illustrator
- Mackenzie Wadsworth, Jewelry Maker || H and M Handmade
- Michelle Detering, Watercolor Artist and Photographer
- Ryan Holmes, Chalk Muralist and Illustrator

Best Choral Group

- Delta Community Choir

- DeWitt Community Singers
- LanSing Out
- MSU Chorale
- Sistrum

Best Classical Musician

- Justin Hatt
- Linda Abar
- Phil Sinder
- Ralph Votapek
- Sergei Kvitko

Best Club DJ

- Capitol City DJs
- DJ Ace Deville
- DJ ROCK CITY
- DJ Whitney Who
- Ganja Girl
- Mary X

Best Country Artist/Band

- Carl Pawluk
- Cooper Johnson
- Kathy Ford Band
- Shelby and Jake
- Wild Honey Collective

Best Cover Band

- Atomic Annie
- Black Barn Band
- Global Village
- JP & The Energy
- Starfarm

Best Experimental Musical Act

- Jodie Foster Star System
- AJ Glaub
- Atomic Boogaloo
- Cavalcade
- Super Secret Cult Band

Best Folk Artist/Band

- Abbey Hoffman
- Jen Sygit
- Shelby and Jake
- The Dangling Particples
- The Devil You Don't
- Wild Honey Collective

Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group

- J. Plantana
- James Gardin

- MikeyAustin
- Sean Mic
- The Player

Best Jazz Musician/Group

- Blue Jazz Working Group
- Jeff Shoup Quartet
- Linda Abar
- Mixed Flavors
- Rodney Whitaker Quartet

Best Local Theatre Organization

- All-of-us Express Children's Theatre
- Lansing Community College
- Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Riverwalk Theatre
- Williamston Theatre

Best Pottery Studio

- Art Unlimited
- Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
- Spinner Pottery
- Wheel House Studio
- Your Creative Escape

Best Public Art/Sculpture

- Art Path
- Big Red Balls (Xmas Downtown)
- Gearhead Sculpture on Michigan Ave. by Museum Dr.
- Mother Nature Sculpture in Hunter Park
- Sparty Statue

Best Punk/Metal Group

- Accuser of the Brethren
- Farewell Come April
- Heartsick
- Of Virtue
- Pet Me

Best Rock Artist/Band

- Jimmy Likes Pie
- Let It Rot
- Of Virtue
- Rodeo Boys
- School of Rock East Lansing

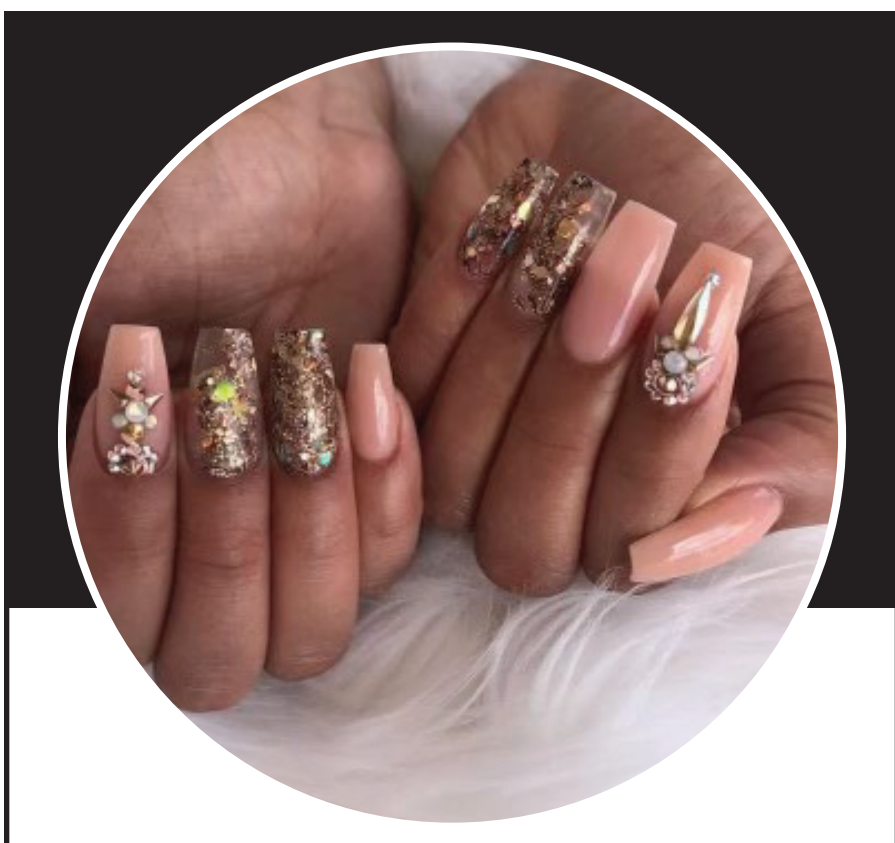
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Best Academic Adviser

- Dawn Hardin ||



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Lansing Community College

- Dustin Petty || Michigan State University
- Lisa Alexander || Lansing Community College
- Marissa King || Michigan State University
- Pat Arnold || Michigan State University

Best Advocate/Activist

- Julia Miller
- Kara Christy
- Lysne Beckwith Tait, Helping Women Period, Inc.
- Metro Melik, Lansing Made
- Mike Karl, Cardboard Prophets/Capital Area Diaper Bank

Best Attorney

- Andrew Abood || Abood Law Firm
- Brian M. Lum || Grua, Freeman, Tupper & Young, PLC
- Casey D. Conklin || The Law Offices Of Casey D. Conklin, PLC
- Katrina Hofstetter || Cornerstone Legal PLLC
- Takura Nyamfukudza || Chartier & Nyamfukudza, PLC

Best Auto Salesperson

- Devan Reed || Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing
- DJ Kowalk || Team One Chevrolet Buick GMC
- Kyle Warren || Sawyers Chevrolet
- Lindsey Seely || Morrie's Grand Ledge Ford

- Sam Eddy || Shaheen Chevrolet Of Lansing

Best Barber

- Angelo Flores || J.C Supreme Coiffures
- Brenden Colvin || East Side Barbershop LLC
- Cody Van Atten || Loyalty Barbershop
- Payton Polakowski || Grand Ledge Barbershop
- Will Shipman || Grand Ledge Barbershop

Best Barista

- Amy Chard || Tin Cup Cafe & Creamery
- Delayne Hengesbach || Toads
- Jane Haggerty || Constellation Cat Cafe
- Kalese || Château Coffee Co.
- Zoe Beers || Constellation Cat Cafe

Best Bartender

- Ashley Gross || Stillwater Grill
- Kate Bearup || American Fifth Spirits
- Magda || Ellison Brewing Company And Event Space - REO Town
- Robin Hardesty || Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Sharda Maybin || One North Kitchen & Bar
- Thomas Peloquin || The Avenue

Best Brewer

- Chad Rogers || Dimes Brewhouse
- Dan Buonodono || EagleMonk Pub And Brewery
- Ed Huston || BrickHaven Brewing Company
- Kyle Malone || Ozone's Brewhouse
- Lee Streeter || Looking Glass Brewing Co.

Best CATA Bus Driver

- Aaron Aikman
- Brian Lownsbery
- Henry Bennett
- Markethia Smith
- Ron DeLeon

Best Chef

- Jennifer Medler || Capital Prime
- Sean Johnson || Meat BBQ
- Sean Zellmer || Henry's Place
- Tony Pugh || Crunchy's
- Vanessa Mcnair || Golden Harvest Restaurant

Best College Instructor

- Dr. John Nugent, Professor (Bible and Theology) || Great Lakes Christian College
- Jon Whiting, Professor (Journalism) || Michigan State University
- Kelly Shaltry, Professor (Education) || Lansing Community College
- Teagan Dixon, Faculty Director/ Instructor (Business Data Science & Analytics) || Michigan State University
- Tiffany Wahl, Professor (Advertising and Public Relations) || Michigan State University

Best Comedian

- Johnny Mocny
- Nick Leydorf
- Nicole Melnyk
- Pat Sievert
- Tim Palmer

Best Cosmetic Surgeon

- Ahmed Sufyan, MD || Messenger Dermatology
- Andrew Zwyghuizen MD || Sparrow Health System
- Dr Lee Colony || Michigan Plastic Surgery
- Rick J. Smith, MD

Best Customer Service Worker

- April Seeley || Ryan's Auto Care
- Ashley Medina || Bliss Hair Studio
- Dekeea Quinney-Davis || Ellison Brewing Company And Event Space - REO Town
- Katie Harrington || Chase Bank
- Kirbay Preuss || Preuss Pets

Best Dance Instructor

- Brooke Pocan || Dance Conservatory
- Hayley Kosloski || Studio H Dance Company
- Kara Christy || Rising Star Studio Of Dance Arts - Grand Ledge
- Sierra Erskine || The Hive Dance Studio
- Stacey Del Valle || Studio 517

Best Developer

- Brent Forsberg || T A Forsberg Inc
- Capital Area Housing Partnership
- Dymaxion Development
- Gillespie Group
- Sam X Eyde || Eyde Development

Best Drag Artist

- Aaliyah Paradisco
- Alicia Boom Boom Chablis
- Asio Aviance
- Crystal D'light
- Drew Birchmeier

Best Entertainer

- Alicia Boom Boom Chablis || The People's Kitchen
- Brittany Bell || STARZ BMF
- Claire Fae || Omar's Show Bar
- Jeff The Magician
- Kathy Ford

Best Esthetician/Cosmetologist

- Ashley Graham || Great Clips Charlotte Walmart
- Asia Chapman || Douglas J Salon
- Craig Holly || Douglas J Salon
- Jessica O'Brien || Cosmetologist
- Sapphire Carian || Sapphire Studios

Best Farmer

- Mark Kastner || Hillcrest Farms
- Pray Farms
- Rebecca Titus || Titus Farms
- Shara Trierweiler || Agape Organic Farms
- Tom & Ashley Butcher || Butcher Farms

Best Food Delivery Person

- Ezra Kelly || DoorDash
- Jayden Oliver || DoorDash and Instacart
- Jeremy Hurt || Red Bike Delivery
- Skye Moore || Shipt

Best Hairstylist

- Chad A. Popour || The Artisan Company Salon
- Hayley Ragsdale || Encore Salon
- Katie Gestring || Bridge Street Hair Co
- Seth Ortega || Ulta Beauty
- Timothy Walkinhood || Holiday Lansing

Best Handyman

- Alizae Overton
- Brian Aprill
- Fernando Escobedo
- Jordan Brickley
- Monica Murray
- Nick Steward

Best High School Coach

- Kelly Shaltry || Grand Ledge High School
- Luke Charter || Grand Ledge High School
- Marsha Roberts || Grand Ledge High School
- Mike Sparks || Charlotte Football
- Rob Zimmerman || DeWitt High School

Best High School Teacher

- Andrew Chapin || Mason High School
- Ben Billings || Everett High School
- Kelly Shaltry || Grand Ledge High School
- Tim Akers || East Lansing High School
- Todd Simon || Waverly High School

Best Insurance Agent

- Ben Rathbun || The Rathbun Agency
- Cindy Slack || Joseph Dunn: Allstate Insurance
- David A Deaton || Mid Michigan Medicare
- Luke Mardigian || The Mardigian Agency - St Johns Office
- Melissa Downs || Bye Insurance
- Sarah Schafer || Farmers Insurance - Sarah Schafer
- Trinesha Goebel || Trinesha Goebel - State Farm Insurance Agent

Best Librarian

- Jill Abood || CADL - Downtown Lansing
- Miss Cassie || CADL - Foster Library
- Ms. Gillian || East Lansing Public Library
- Ms. Kate || CADL - Haslett Library
- Storm Kopitsch || Fowlerville District Library

Best Local Author

- Andrea Lawless
- Jenn Carpenter
- Jennifer Davis
- John K. Addis
- Rod Sadler

Best Local Farm

- Butcher Farms
- Ham Sweet Farm
- MSU Student Organic Farm and Organic Farmer Training Program
- Pray Farms
- Wheaton Farms

Best Local Politician

- Adam Hussain, Lansing Council Member (3rd Ward)
- Elissa Slotkin, US Representative (D)
- Gretchen Whitmer, Governor (D)
- Sarah Anthony, State Senator (D)
- Tom Barrett, Former State Representative

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- Ann Emmerich || WILX
- Chivon Kloepfer || WLNS
- Darrin Rockcole || WILX
- David Andrews || WILX
- Sheri Jones || WLNS

Best Massage Therapist

- Amanda Tollstam
- Brandon Post || Douglas J Salon
- Shelby Flowers-Stage || Serene Escape Massage & Bodywork
- Stephanie Mireles || Lansing Therapeutic Massage
- Tiffany Hiltner || In Good Hands Massage Therapy

Best Nail Technician

- Ashley Smith || Jennynails
- Carla Enright || Douglas J Salon
- Christine Osga || Profiles Hair Salon
- Thoa Nguyen || Blasian Nails
- Tori Rice || Studio XO

Best Personal Trainer

- Kristi Stephens || Functional Mobility And Health, LLC Massage & Bodywork
- Ted Forrest || Parkwood YMCA
- Torri Falardeau || Find Your Fit
- Troy Stevens || Breakthrough Fitness
- Walter Crocket || Mind Body Summetry

Best Piercer

- Aaron "Malibu" Wood || Local Tattoo and Laser Company
- Alexis "Alix" Mercer || Ink Therapy
- Andy Knag || Splash of Color Tattoo & Piercing Studio
- Danny Aybar || Be-You-tiful Body Piercing & Fine Jewelry
- Michelle "Shells" Murrin || Be-You-tiful Body Piercing & Fine Jewelry

Best Police Officer

- Chief Bruce Ferguson || City of DeWitt Police Department
- Detective Shannon Thielen || Lansing Police Department
- Officer Aiko || Bath Charter Township Police
- Officer Codie Poirier || Lansing Township Police Department
- Officer Rob Antcliff || Charlotte Police Department

Best Radio DJ

- Kristen Matthews || WITL 100.7FM
- Metro Melik || Stacks 92.1
- Mojo || WITL 100.7FM
- Stephanie McCoy || 94.1 DUKE FM
- Terry Stevens || Q106

Best Realtor/Agent

- Alex Comstock || EXIT Realty Home Partners
- Ashley Smith || Oasis Realty
- Dani Fairman || Oasis Realty
- Lindsay Gallegos || RE/MAX Real Estate Professionals
- Rebekah Schwartz || DeLong & Co.

Real Estate

Best Restaurant Waitstaff

- Alisa "Cheese" Kowalski || Mitchell's Fish Market
- Anitra Hernandez || Corey's Lounge
- Cho || IHOP
- Darci || Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Rome Ruedisueli || Joe's On Jolly

Best Retail Salesperson

- Caitlyn Lyles || Hooked
- DJ Kowalk || Team One Chevrolet Buick GMC
- Dylan Rogers || The Robin Theatre
- Lauren Palmer || Curvaceous Lingerie
- Sommer || Grace Boutique Of Old Town
- Ted || Metro Retro

Best State/National Politician

- Curtis Hertel Jr.
- Donald Trump
- Elissa Slotkin
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Tudor Dixon

Best Tattoo Artist

- Chris "Cali" Thompson || True Blue Tattoo Company
- Dan Wade || Van Gogh Tattoos & Piercings
- DeShaun Portee || Ink Therapy
- Moonflaws Tattoos || Ink Therapy
- Sawyer Avery Wolgast || Local Tattoo

Best Yoga Instructor

- Belinda Thurston || Just B Yoga
- Jen Davis || ALIVE
- Karli Garberry || Functional Mobility And Health, LLC Massage & Bodywork
- Maggie Olds || Yoga Connect
- Misty Belous || Peoples Yoga Studio Lansing

Worst Local Politician

- Andy Schor, Mayor of Lansing
- Gretchen Whitmer, Governor (D)
- Jody Washington, Lansing City Council Candidate
- Tom Barrett, Former State Representative
- Tudor Dixon

Worst State/National Politician

- Donald Trump
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Joe Biden
- Ron De Santis
- Tudor Dixon

SERVICES

Best Accountant/GPA

- AJ Gross || The ALG Group
- Kimberle Midgley || Okemos Tax
- Nikali Luke || Simplified Tax - Lansing
- Ryan Lowe || Simplified Tax - Lansing
- Tim Spicer || Riverside Accounting Inc

Best Apartments

- Lakewood Apartments
- Newman Lofts
- Quarry Apartments
- Runaway Bay
- The Arcadian

Best Appliance Repair

- Ace Appliance Service, Inc.
- Dick's Appliance Service
- J & J Appliance & Furniture
- Lane's Appliance Sales and Service
- Shaw's Appliance Service

Best Audiologist/Hearing Firm

- Advanced Audiology DeWitt
- Costco Wholesale
- HearUSA
- MaryRose Hecksel AuD. LLC

- Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose, & Throat, PC - Allergy and Sinus Center

Best Auto Body Shop

- A&D Collision
- Driven Collision, LLC
- Mason Auto Body Repair, Inc.
- Shaheen Collision Center
- Vision Tire & Auto

Best Auto Detailing Service

- Capitol City Auto Detailing LLC
- Finish Line Detailing and Coatings
- KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
- Lincoln's Touch
- Showroom Shine
- Spot-Les

Best Auto Repair Shop

- A&D Auto Repair
- Chuck's Garage Lansing
- Frankie D's Auto & Truck Repair
- Righter's Auto Repair
- Ryan's Auto Care

Best Bank

- Chase Bank
- Dart Bank
- Eaton Community Bank
- Flagstar Bank and Home Loan Center
- PNC Bank

Best Barber Shop

- East Side Barbershop LLC
- Grand Ledge Barbershop
- Kozmos Hair Studio
- Legacy Barber Shoppe
- Loyalty Barbershop

Best Bicycle Shop

- Denny's Central Park Bicycles
- Lansing Bike Co-op
- Scooter's Pro Cycle
- SPIN Bicycle Shop, Inc.
- Trek Bicycle Grand Ledge

Best Building Development

- Aldrich Cabinets and Millwork
- Custom Built Design & Remodeling
- Grassroots Historian
- Mason Middle School
- Stadium District Apartments

Best Business IT Support Service

- Adna Technologies
- Dewpoint Inc.
- Z-Solutions

Best Car Wash

- Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change
- KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
- Mister Car Wash
- Spot-Les
- Tommy's Express Car Wash

Best Caterer/Catering service

- Meat BBQ
- Morton's Fine Catering
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Saddleback BBQ Okemos
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Best Cemetery

- East Lawn Memory Gardens
- Evergreen Cemetery
- Maple Hill Cemetery
- Mount Hope Cemetery
- St. Joseph Cemetery

Best Chiropractic Office

- Craft Chiropractic Creating Wellness Centers in Charlotte
- Delta Chiropractic Center
- Dewitt Chiro
- Divine Spine Chiropractic Wellness
- Truecare Chiropractic & Performance

Best Cleaning Service

- 5s Cleaning
- Cleaning With Meaning by Alexis LLC.
- Dazzle Cleaning Service
- Domestic Divas Cleaning Services
- Sweet Solutions Cleaning Service LLC
- Tiffany's Tidying LLC

Best Credit Union

- Astera Credit Union - Jolly Rd
- CASE Credit Union Contact Center
- Consumers Professional Credit Union
- LAFUCU
- Lake Trust Credit Union
- MSU Federal Credit Union

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- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Meat BBQ
- Odd Nodd Art Supply
- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Pure Options

Best Dance Studio

- Dance Conservatory
- Hive Dance Studio
- Premier Dance Company
- Rising Star Studio of Dance Arts
- Studio H Dance Company

Best Day Spa

- Douglas J Salon
- Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa And Center
- Onyx Moon
- Skin Studio 211 West Lansing
- Wild Ferns Wellness
- Zoe Life Spa

Best Dentist Office

- Dr. Kristina Palmer || Oak Bark Dental

- Dr. Michael T. Nykamp, DDS, Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
- Dr. Priyanka Watwe || Downtown Dental Studio, PLLC
- Portnoy And Tu, DDS, PC Family Dentistry
- Schaefer Dental Group

Best Dry Cleaners

- Baryames Cleaners
- Best Cleaners
- Maurer's Sanitary Cleaners
- Prestige Cleaners

Best Electrical Repair

- Centennial Electric
- Consolidated Electrical Contractors
- FD Hayes Electric Company
- H & R Electrical Contractors
- Monica Murray Maximo Electrical and Repairs
- Sparky's Electric LLC
- Superior Electric Of Lansing

Best Engineering Firm

- Great Lakes Engineering Group
- Heart Truss & Engineering
- HNTB Corporation
- NTH Consultants, Ltd.

Best Estate Sale Company

- Elite Estate Services
- Epic Auctions and Estate Sales
- Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
- Mac's Estate Services LLC
- Richard Hornaday Estate Sales
- The Lisas
- Tom & Jerry's Estate Service

Best Facial

- Douglas J Salon
- Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa And Center
- NECTAR Body•face•skin
- PURE Skincare & Acne Spa
- UnCovered Beauty Studio

Best Financial Planner/Company

- Dan Malcolm- Malcolm Financial Services
- David McNeilly
- Financial Strategies Group, Inc.

- Full Circle Financial Planning
- Grace Braatz-Opper Modern Woodmen of America

Best Funeral Home

- Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes
- Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes Delta Chapel
- Pray Funeral Home, Inc.
- Skinner Funeral Homes
- Vickers Leslie Funeral Home

Best Gutter Cleaning

- Greater Lansing Contractors, LLC
- Gutter Flow System
- Presley Gutter Cleaning Services

Best Gym/Fitness Studio

- ALIVE
- FitStop24-Lansing
- Jet Fitness
- Planet Fitness
- Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club

Best Hair Salon

- Douglas J Salon
- Holiday Lansing
- Midwest Hair Lounge
- Profiles Hair Salon
- The Hive, Salon and Boutique

Best Heating/Cooling

- A-1 Mechanical
- All Star Mechanical
- Applegate Home Comfort
- Cousins Heating and Cooling
- Vredevogd Heating & Cooling

Best Holistic Healing

- Creative Wellness
- Functional Mobility and Health, LLC Massage & Bodywork
- Oracle's Apothecary
- Wellness Re-InVented IV Infusions & Vitamin Injections
- Wild Ferns Wellness

Best Home Healthcare Company

- Aiding Hearts
- By Dawn's Early Light Home Care Service
- FirstLight Home Care of Lansing
- Hospice of Lansing Administration Building
- Sparrow Home Care

Best Home Inspection Company

- Accurate Inspections LLC
- Durrant Inspection Services
- Eastman Home Inspections
- Gorden Homes
- McNamara Inspections

Best Insurance Agency

- Bye Insurance
- David Chapman Agency
- Meiers Lombardini Lemanski Insurance
- Nick Cypher Agency, Charlotte - Farm Bureau Insurance
- The Rathbun Agency
- Trinesha Goebel - State Farm Insurance Agent

Best Irrigation Services

- Dan Thomas Lawn Sprinkler Co.
- Outdoor Specialties
- R&D Landscape
- Spartan Irrigation
- Universal Designs

Best Junk Removal

- College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving Lansing
- Junk in the Trunk LLC
- Lansing Junk Removal
- Mac's Estate Services LLC
- Two Men and A Truck

Best Kayak Rental

- Dimondale Canoe and Kayak
- Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center
- MSU Sailing Center
- Park Lake Creamery
- River Town Adventures

Best Landscape Company

- Bud, Branch & Blossom, Landscaping, LLC
- Guy with a Mullet Landscaping
- King Landscaping LLC
- R&D Landscape
- Turf Jockeys LLC

Best Laser Hair Removal

- Lansing Laser Tattoo Removal
- Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa And Center
- Milan Laser Hair Removal
- Mirkin Electrology
- NECTAR Body•face•skin

Best Law Firm

- Abood Law Firm
- Cornerstone Legal PLLC
- Grua, Freeman, Tupper & Young, PLC
- Lansing Legal Group, PLLC
- The Law Offices of Casey D. Conklin, PLC

Best Local Computer Store/Repair

- Capitol Macintosh
- Digilink Computers
- Mac Men Computer & Phone
- Z-Solutions

Best Local YouTube Channel

- Expert Connexions
- FOX 47 News
- Pawsitive K9s of Mi LLC
- Q106
- WLNS

Best Massage Studio

- Creative Wellness
- Element Massage LLC
- Functional Mobility and Health, LLC Massage & Bodywork
- In Good Hands Massage Therapy
- Lansing Therapeutic Massage

Best Med Spa

- Douglas J Salon
- Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center
- NECTAR Body•face•skin
- Salon 219
- Skin Boss Med Spa

Best Music Lessons

- Elderly Instruments
- Howling Dogs Music Studio-Linda Abar
- Okemos Music Academy
- School of Rock
- The Roth Academy Of Music

Best Nail Salon

- Douglas J Salon
- Jenny Nails
- Lynny Nails
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- Ele's Place - Capital Region
- Origami Rehabilitation (Main)

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- Family Quick Lube
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- Rapids Oil Change
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- Kelly's Pet Boutique East
- Mel's Pampered Pet
- Tooth & Nail Grooming Salon

Best Pet Rescue

- Capital Area Humane Society
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- New Hope Pet Rescue
- Saved By Zade

Best Pharmacy (locally owned)

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- Ware's Pharmacy

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- Mason Country Care

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- Kim The Tailor
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- Nu The Tailor
- Silver Thread Tailor Shoppe

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- Custom Tans
- J2 Tanning
- Pacific Tan
- Tanzmania Tanning Salon
- Uptown Sun Company

Best Tattoo Parlor

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- True Blue Tattoo Company

- Vivid Ink

Best Therapy/Therapist Service

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- Little Red Schoolhouse
- Metro Retro
- Off Skate Vintage
- Thrift Witch
- Vintage Junkies



Best Art Gallery

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- Katalyst Art Gallery & Gift Boutique
- Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center
- Nelson Gallery
- Saper Galleries and Custom Framing

Best Art Supply Store

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- Michaels
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- Lotte Market

Best Auto Dealership

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- Team One Chevrolet Buick GMC
- Williams Subaru

Best Beer Selection in Retail Store

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- Horrocks Farm Market
- Mega-Bev
- Tailgaters
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Best Bookstore (locally owned)

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- Curious Book Shop
- Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books
- Hooked
- Schuler Books Okemos

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- Mert's Specialty Meats
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Westlund's Apple Market

Best Candy Store

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- Kean's
- Peanut Shop
- Rocket Fizz
- The Screamatorium

Best Cheese Department

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- Metro Retro
- Polka Dots Boutique
- Thrift Witch

Best Comic Shop

- Capital City Collectables
- Grave Danger
- Hoplite Games
- The Portal ~ Games, Comics, and Gifts
- Summit Comics & Games

Best Consignment Shop

- Bella Grande
- Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale
- Metro Retro
- Once Upon A Child
- Thrift Witch

Best Farmers Market

- Allen Farmer's Market
- Bath Farmers Market
- Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market
- Meridian Township Farmers Market
- South Lansing Farmers Market

Best Florist

- B/A Florist
- Hyacinth House
- Twiggies
- Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- Where the Wild Things Bloom

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Best Gardening Center

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- Tailgaters

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- Kean's
- October Moon
- Studio Marketplace
- The Screamatorium

Best Grocery Store (locally owned)

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- Eastside Lansing Food Co-Op
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Westlund's Apple Market

Best Hardware Store

- Darrell's Market & Hardware
- Gilbert's Hardware & Rental
- Grand Ledge Ace Hardware
- Great Lakes Ace Hardware
- Vet's Ace Hardware

Best Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store

- Cannonball Pools
- Classic Pool & Spa Inc.
- G & B Pool and Spa

Best Jewelry Store

- Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
- Carl V. Reck Jewelers

- Grand Ledge Jewelers
- Jean Jean Vintage, LLC
- Sweet Custom Jewelry

Best Lingerie Store

- Curvaceous Lingerie

Best Liquor Store

- (Oades) Big Ten Party Store West
- Mega-Bev
- On The Rocks Wine & Spirits
- Tailgaters
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop

Best Metaphysical Store

- Beyond A Dream, LLC
- Coyote Wisdom Bookstore
- Massage & Wellness Store, Med Spa and Center
- Oracle's Apothecary
- Triple Goddess Bookstore

Best Musical Instrument Store

- Elderly Instruments
- Marshall Music Company
- Meridian Winds
- Music Instrument Swap
- Music Manor

Best Organic/Natural Market

- Better Health Market & Cafe
- Clean Refillery
- Eastside Lansing Food Co-Op
- Foods For Living
- Whole Foods Market

Best Outdoor/Camping Store

- Moosejaw
- Sierra

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- Thrift Witch
- Vintage Junkies
- Volunteers of America Thrift Store

Best Sex Shop

- Cirilla's
- Club Tabu
- Deja Vu Love Boutique Lansing
- Lion's Den

Best Thrift Store

- Metro Retro
- St Vincent De Paul Society and Thrift Store
- Thrift Witch
- Vintage Junkies
- Volunteers of America Thrift Store

Best Tire Store

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- Discount Tire
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- Team One Chevrolet Buick GMC

Best Vape Shop

- Level Up Smoke Shop, Lansing
- Mister-E's Vape Shop
- Wild Bill's Tobacco
- Wild Side Smoke Shop

Best Video Game Store

- Disc Traders Lansing
- Extra Levels Gaming
- The Swap Meet

Best Wine Shop

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- Dusty's Cellar
- Hooked
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Old Town General Store
- Vine & Brew

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- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Cravingsgourmetpopcorn
- Elderly Instruments
- Lansing Foodies
- Strange Matter

Best Local Art Festival

- A Festival of Oddities
- Art Feast
- East Lansing Art Festival
- Lansing Pride
- Old Town Scrap Fest

Best Local Event/Festival

- A Festival of Oddities
- Charlotte Frontier Days
- Lansing Pride
- Michigan Blues Festival
- Old Town Scrap Fest

Best New Business

- A Novel Concept
- B's Artistic Studio
- Homebrew Tabletop Game Lounge
- Hooked
- Lansing Shuffle

Best Outdoor Adventure

- Hawk Island Park
- Hiking the Ledges at Fitzgerald Park
- Lansing River Trail
- Lincoln Brick Park
- MSU Horticulture Gardens

Best Place to Cry in Public

- Frandor Parking Lot
- In a van, down by the river
- Michigan State Capitol
- MSU Gardens
- The Avenue

Best Place to Find Quiet

- Constellation Cat Cafe

- East Lansing Public Library
- Fenner Nature Center
- MSU Horticulture Gardens
- Woldumar Nature Center

Best Place to Work

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- From Home
- Hive Dance Studio
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Origami Rehabilitation (Main)

Best Podcast (local)

- Adventures in Business
- Films for the Void
- Low Initiative
- Speakeasy
- Violent Ends (formerly So Dead)

Best Science Event

- Astronomy on Tap
- Biology on Tap
- Chemistry Day at Impression 5
- MSU Science Festival
- Spartan Youth Astronomy Club

Best Shop Pet

- Cynder || AnnaBelle's Canine Station
- Dennis || Kelly's Pet Boutique East
- Morrison and Hendrix || Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books
- Rocky || Preuss Pets
- Winnie Girl || Clean Refillery

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- English Inn
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- Nordic Pineapple
- Wild Goose Inn

Best Twitter Account (local)

- Lansing Facts (@LansingMIFacts)
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Best Urban Farm

- Half Barn Farmstand
- Hunter Park GardenHouse
- Magnolia Ave Farms
- Tender Heart Gardens

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- Camaro
- Chevy SSR
- CTS-V Wagon
- Olds Cutlass Supreme

Best Wifi Spot

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Hooked
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.

- Meat BBQ
- Strange Matter Coffee

Category We Didn't Think of

- Best Disc Golf Course
- Best Dog Groomer
- Best Mural
- Worst Little Ceasar's
- Yarn Shop

Cleanest Public Restroom

- Flour Child Bakery
- Foods For Living
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Meat BBQ
- The Avenue

Eye Candy Building

- Beaumont Tower
- Broad Art Museum
- Graduate East Lansing
- Knapp's Centre
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Petra Productions

In Memoriam: Businesses Lost

- Black Cat Bistro
- DeLuca's Restaurant
- Nola Bistro
- Roma Bakery Deli & Fine Foods
- Zeus' Coney Island

Most Trustworthy Business

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books
- Elderly Instruments
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Origami Rehabilitation (Main)
- Playmakers
- Saddleback BBQ REO Town
- Splash of Color Tattoo & Piercing Studio

Worst Eyesore

- Broad Museum
- Garno Trump House on Michigan Ave.
- Golden Harvest
- Lansing Area roads
- Skyvue

Worst Pothole (specific location)

- Blondies parking lot in Haslett

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| Best Breakfast | |
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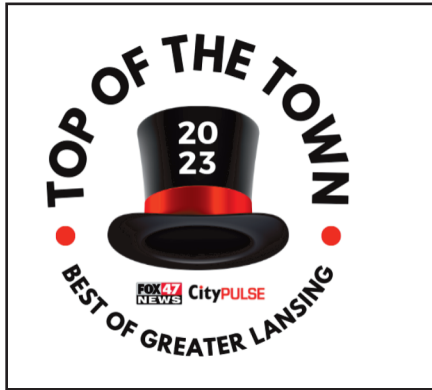




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The strange but true life story of musicographer Harry Smith

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Harry Smith is one of those benign white-bread name that elicits thoughts of boring or dull. But if you had been riding the subway in New York City in the mid-1960s and the real Harry Smith sat next to you with his scraggly beard, unkempt hair, body odor, alkie breath, a small tape recorder and large periscope glasses and was mumbling about “patterns,” you would have moved. Pick up the new book “Cosmic Scholar,” by biographer John Szwed, if you want to know why. In addition to being stewed most of his life, the “real” Harry Smith was a genius who’s hard to pin a title on. His interests were broad and deep, and he was strange to the point of bordering on insanity, but his creative spark still lives today.

Smith was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1923 into a normal two-parent home. His father worked in a cannery and his mother taught on an Indian reservation. Both read extensively. He attended a mixed-race school and became fascinated by Indian rituals and life. He was readily accepted as an observer of rituals few outsiders had ever witnessed, and he began making audio recordings of ceremonies, painting

watercolors and taking photographs. He fell in love with collecting information and the life of a documentarian, which would rule the rest of his life. A friend, Ed Sanders, founder of the Fugs and himself one strange dude, called him a “giant data squirrel.”

A normal person would see an object and say, “That’s an object,” while Smith would see the same object and see the beginnings of a pattern. He would begin collecting similar objects, ranging from paper airplanes to bandages discarded from tattoo work. Nothing was out of bounds.

In the 1940s, Smith took a shot at college, but his attention span for study was zero. However, his need to collect information and various things seemed to quadruple. He began experimenting with film, mixing it with light shows, music and colors, presaging the Hippie movement. His early animation was bizarre. Imagine mixing Thelonious Monk’s “Misterioso” with images that represent a pattern

like an EEG. Or his odd mixing of “The Wizard of Oz” with Buddhist ritual.

One of Smith’s projects that still resonates with musicians is his 1952 publication of a six-LP collection of American vernacular music, including everything from fiddlers to Delta Blues, from Appalachian bal-

lads to Cajun squeezebox waltzes. The collection, “Anthology of American Folk Music,” heralded the 1960s’ folk revolution. Musicians of that era rushed to release their own versions of Smith’s collection, including Bob Dylan, Neil Young and Canned Heat. The book details how Dylan borrowed at least 15 of the recordings for his own work, including the classic “Stackalee,” by Frank Hutchinson, and “James Alley Blues,” by Richard Brown.

Szwed points out that Smith’s approach of reissuing previously recorded music was different from Alan Lomax’s, who went into fields and prisons and sat on front porches and in rural churches to record for his collection. Smith just borrowed from the 10,000 78 rpm records he had already collected. Szwed has also written a masterful biography of Lomax.

The liner notes on Smith’s albums are worth the price of admission. Of course, they ramble, but they are funny and poignant. They are worth a half hour of reading. Smith is alleged to have signed all 2,000 copies of the set, but I couldn’t find his signature on the collection I once owned, purchased from the MSU Salvage Store in the early 2000s.

Smith’s living conditions were erratic, varying from extensive periods couch-surfing with the likes of poet and writer Allen Ginsberg to bedding down at New York’s legendary Chelsea Hotel, where he left a huge bill when he was evicted. Smith lived from hand-to-mouth, and what he



John Szwed

put in his mouth varied from peyote to instant mashed potatoes.

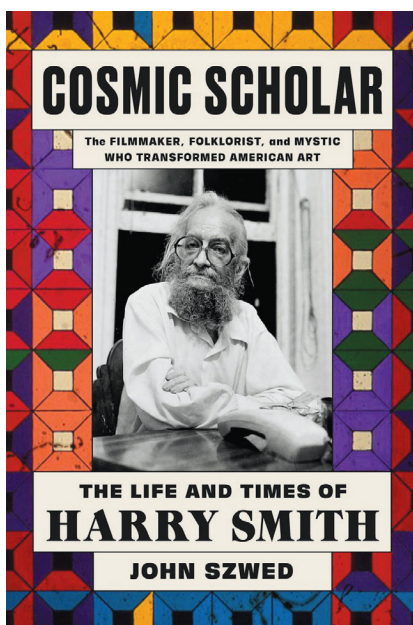
Despite working on art, video and music projects full time in his 63 years, Smith left very little of his work behind because of his vagabond existence. He often found his work thrown to the curb when he was evicted.

With the publication of this new biography, Smith’s life and work is being reexamined to fullest extent possible. A new exhibition was recently launched at the Whitney Museum of Art in New York that attempts to celebrate this amazing genius of art, music, filmmaking and musicology.

By the 1970s, Smith was barely making it and was “adopted” by Ginsberg, who got him placed in a Buddhist-like college in Boulder, Colorado. He was able to make one more special appearance in 1991, when he put on a tuxedo and accepted a special Chairman’s Merit Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Grammy Awards for “Anthology,” which inspired countless musicians.

If you want to know more about Smith, listen to this two-hour interview with Szwed on the public radio program “American Routes”:

“Who was Harry Smith?: The Great Delineator and his Anthology of American Folk Music” (wwno.org).



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New anime convention hopes visitors feel excited and accepted

BY TESSA PANETH-POLLAK

The first time she heard of a dragon, Lilah Cray was 17 years old.

While being religiously homeschooled in an insular Christian community in west Michigan, she was allowed to read one book, the Bible, and watch one cartoon, “Veggie Tales.”

But enrolling at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor “changed everything,” she said. Early on during her time there, she met a guy named Cody who was playing Magic: The Gathering.

Cody showed her that dragon — and then the ropes of Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons and other games.

Soon, Cray joined the anime club. It opened her up to realms of fantasy and imagination that had been banished from her childhood. It opened her up culturally, too: She got her first taste of ramen.

“I think (anime club) was the most communication I’d ever had with people,” Cray said. “And if I needed a breather from social interaction, I could just watch the anime.”

Now, Cray is the founder and board president of Shoufu-Con, a new anime convention running Friday (Oct. 20) through Sunday (Oct. 22) at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center.

While Lansing has held a comic convention, Capital City Comic Con, since 2017, it hasn’t held its own anime convention since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The difference? Comic conventions generally celebrate American comic book culture, Cray said. Anime conventions, on the other hand, are dedicated to the celebration of the art and storytelling of anime, manga, card games and video games made in Japan.

Cray thinks anime storytelling has a lot to teach Americans about delayed gratification and tolerating conflict.

“Marvel tends to tie things up more neatly, and its universes can be very black-and-white,” she said. But for the manga series “Hellsing,” Japanese artist Kouta Hirano imagined two radically different endings in two anime series before

finishing the books.

Shoufu-Con’s six-person organizing team met as students in the Fab Lab makerspace at Lake Michigan College. Now several of them, including Cray, are employees there. They help students use 3D printers, lasers and other technology.

“In the Fab Lab, our goal is to help you make something. Or, if not, to fail so wonderfully that you know what to do next time,” Cray said.

Shoufu-Con is also a bit of a family affair. Cray’s husband, Samuel, will serve as emcee for the event. His brother Will is vice president of hospitality and guest relations.

The group also got help with the event’s name from Cray’s sister, Rose Summer, who works in Japan for six months of the year as a translator for the Japanese government.

“Shoufu” is a Japanese compound word meaning “entertainment district,” Cray said.

“We’re a group of people who just want to make the perfect convention,” the website states.

Each organizer has a clear niche of interest within anime and gaming culture. So, for year one, each will run a room reflecting their area of interest.

Matthew Mowell bills himself as Shoufu-Con’s “SHIT,” or Senior Head of Information Technology. He “likes robots.” Will Cray “is into 1980s Japanese live-action TV shows.” Riley Freeman will head security.

Neil Boreczky, vice president of entertainment and amusement, “likes arcades.” So much so that he purchased several vintage arcade machines at auction for the convention. His room will feature seven games, including “Colorama.” Players will have the chance to compete for prizes such as figurines and rare Japanese candies.

Cray’s thing is cosplay. She specializes in “women who kick butt,” like Lady Dimitrescu from “Resi-



Courtesy photo

Shoufu-Con runs Friday (Oct. 20) through Sunday (Oct. 22) at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center, featuring celebrity panels, video game tournaments, card games, arcade games, vendors, opportunities for cosplay and more.

dent Evil” or Camilla the axe-slayer from “Fire Emblem.”

One thing that keeps fans hooked on anime culture is the amount of creative license it allows them to become creators through fan art, fan fiction and cosplay. To make costumes, Cray combines sewing skills learned during her childhood with technology from the Fab Lab. She’s even 3D printed her own axe.

In addition to these rooms, there will be gaming for all skill levels. Festival partners Streaming for a Cause will host a “Super Smash Bros.” tournament on Saturday, and proceeds will be split between the first-place winner and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

In Cray’s religious community, there was only one card game: Dutch Blitz. She described it as “like Uno but with hand-slapping” and “the most passive-aggressive card game ever.”

But visitors to Shoufu-Con will have the opportunity to play a multitude of card games, including Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh!

In the Artists’ Alley, guests can meet artists offering custom commissions or purchase Pokémon cards, clothing, plushies, collectors’ items and more.

So, what makes for the perfect convention? In a word, community.

The organizers have had some of their best experiences at conventions, including the time someone chased Cray down the hall to make sure she was reunited with a lost valuable. The worst experiences in-

clude the time her wig was ripped off by another fan in an Artists’ Alley.

Cray thinks that cultivating community ahead of the convention is the best way to avoid such problems. To that end, she has been asking the community questions on social media.

“We feel like talking and open communication can really change how a convention goes,” she said.

Shoufu-Con organizers also plan to be involved and present. Cray will serve as the convention’s operations director, “which means I take care of people,” she said. She expects to be in “gentle cosplay,” with “multiple costume changes.”

While the focus is anime, at the end of day, the group is enthusiastic about enthusiasts.

“If you want to share your hobby, bring it. If you want to bring an old Halloween costume and just walk around with the nerds, that’s perfectly fine,” Cray said. (And “Harry Potter,” although hailing from the United Kingdom, seems to always be welcome.)

In year one, organizers are starting with “small goals of excitement.”

“We’re hoping to create a sense of community and fascination in conventions again,” Cray said.

Conventions take a long time to build, so they’re starting now. Just as Pokémon evolve, so will Shoufu-Con.

“Every year, we will take our feedback so we can evolve to better fit our clientele,” Cray said.

Keeping it fresh with Ms. Dixie Longate at Wharton

By **TESSA PANETH-POLLAK**

Dixie Longate is the drag persona of playwright and actor Kris Andersson, who has written and performs “Dixie’s Tupperware Party,” one of the longest touring off-Broadway shows in American theater history. We spoke with Ms. Longate (in character) in advance of her visit to East Lansing’s Wharton Center.

So, why Tupperware?
Dixie Longate: Everything stays fresher in Tupperware. I want to make sure whatever you’re putting in your mouth is fresh. I’m so grateful to be able to

travel around and see this big, beautiful country and help people with their food storage needs.

How did you get into Tupperware?

Well, I started selling Tupperware about 22 years ago — part of the conditions of my parole. See, you need a job in order to get your kids back. I wish they’d change that law. You know, you get out of prison and you’re so excited to do fun things. And all of a sudden, you’ve got your kids. I’m like, “How am I supposed to go to people’s homes?” You know, because of the restraining orders.

“Dixie’s Tupperware Party”

7:30 p.m. Thursday–Friday, Oct. 19–20

Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts
 whartoncenter.com
 (517) 432-2000/(800) WHARTON
 \$30–\$45. Ages 16–18: \$19



Courtesy of the Wharton Center

Dixie Longate (aka Kris Andersson) brings “Dixie’s Tupperware Party” to the Wharton Center this week.

It was your parole officer who arranged it?

Yes. She is an angel sent from Baby Jesus above. After that, I ended up selling so much Tupperware I ended up becoming the top selling Tupperware lady in all of the United States and Canada. People started saying, “You should really do this as a show. You’re making so many people happy.” And that launched the tour. I’m starting on my 16th year!

After 16 years, do the jokes stay fresh?

They do — Thank God for Tupperware! It’s a new show every night. I bring people up on stage. And, if people came before, it’s real nice because they’re gonna see a different show.

What’s the deal with the restraining orders?

Everybody’s got a past. I’ve had a

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

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823.

1. Ordinance 1527: An application from George F. Eyde Family, LLC and Leo Brown Group, LLC to rezone a 2.29-acre vacant parcel, immediately north of and to be combined with 3512 Coolidge Road, from A* (Dewitt Township Agricultural) to B-1 (General Office Business District).
2. An application from Stoddard Avenue Apartments, LLC to remove four mature trees from the front yard of the property at 134 Stoddard Avenue.

The public may attend and participate at all meetings electronically or in person. Please contact planning staff at coelplanningcommission@cityofeastlansing.com or visit the City’s public meeting portal for electronic meeting access information.

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for each public hearing will be published on the City’s website the Friday before the meeting. To locate staff reports, please visit the City’s public meeting portal at <https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/> and select the meeting date. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to coelplanningcommission@cityofeastlansing.com, or by mail to: East Lansing Planning Commission, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823.

For more information on any agenda items listed above, please contact:

Landon Bartley, Principal Planner
 410 Abbot Road
 East Lansing, MI 48823
 517.319.6930 or lbartley@cityofeastlansing.com
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Materials related to the requests are available to review at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, or online at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications.

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

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Marie E. Wicks
 Interim City Clerk

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**CITY OF LANSING
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides City of Lansing Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #84 – 505 and 507 E Shiawassee Rehabilitation Project pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for properties commonly referred to as 505 and 507 East Shiawassee Street located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

505 E SHIAWASSEE ST (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-228-131):
 W 60.13 FT LOT 16 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 33 REC L 11 P 14

507 E SHIAWASSEE ST (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-228-141):
 E 44 FT OF W 104.13 FT LOT 16 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 33 REC L 11 P 14

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Simon Verghese, Development Projects Coordinator, Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq, Suite. 101, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 898-1709.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing 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., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk’s Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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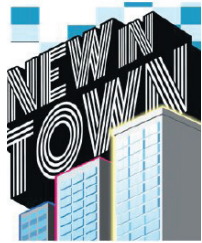
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Wow Bao joins Toarmina's Pizza's ghost kitchen roster

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Those looking for alternative dining options might consider ordering from one of the six ghost kitchens at Toarmina's Pizza on East Michigan Avenue.

The newest is Wow Bao, a fast-casual Asian eatery that was brought into the fold this summer. Toarmina's co-owners Raymond Neatfeld and Diego Ixcotoyac, alongside a team of nine employees, now prepare Wow Bao orders in addition to those from Wing Fever, Boneless Wing World, Sarah's Sweets, Bruno's Quesadillas and Pasta la Vista.



Wow Bao

2011 E. Michigan Ave.,
Lansing
11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
11 a.m.-midnight
Friday-Saturday
11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday
Order online from
Grubhub, DoorDash,
Uber Eats and other
third-party apps

Ghost kitchens, also known as virtual or dark kitchens, are a phenomenon that began taking shape during the COVID-19 pandemic. The term refers to restaurants or non-commercial spaces that are set up

to fulfill online orders only, often meant to bolster sales at businesses that may have seen a dip in revenue or a rise in

operating expenses.

Ghost kitchens can often only be found through third-party delivery apps like DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats. Many are brands with multiple regional or national locations.

"It just seemed to make sense because fewer customers are going out anymore," Neatfeld said. "You have people that go out on a Friday or Saturday, but for the bulk of Sunday through Thursday, people just want delivery."

Neatfeld said he reached out to Wow Bao's Chicago-based ownership to find out how he could add its menu of potstickers, dumplings, bowls and baos — steamed, filled yeast buns popular in various Chinese cuisines — to the mix at Toarmina's.

"They had availability, so we brought them on board with the dumplings and rice bowls," Neatfeld said. "The response has been great. It differs week to week, but I would say between all the ghost brands, we average about \$3,000 extra in sales per week."

Like many smaller local restaurants and chains, Neatfeld and Ixcotoyac entered the ghost kitchen arena just after the pandemic hit. By that time, Wow Bao CEO Geoff Alexander was already well ahead of the curve. He began experimenting with the ghost kitchen concept

around November 2019.

"We thought, 'Couldn't these other restaurants sell our product out of their back door on third-party delivery apps, growing our national footprint as well as increasing sales for them?'" Alexander said. "We thought about the mom-and-pop coffee shops, we thought about the ice cream store in Chicago that has four months of low sales because it's so cold. We can give additional sales to different kinds of operators."

By January 2020, Wow Bao was set to start unrolling ghost kitchens across the country.

"And then, come March, the world changed, and we were set up for growth," Alexander said. The brand has expanded to 700 North American locations in the last three years. Aside from those, there are three flagship brick-and-mortar storefronts in Chicago, plus seven airport locations and restaurants on a handful of college campuses.

"We're able to give small businesses an additional revenue stream, allowing them to bring 40% of the sales down to the bottom line, which is keeping rent



Courtesy of Wow Bao

Wow Bao is the newest of six ghost kitchens at Toarmina's Pizza on East Michigan Avenue. Customers can order from third-party delivery apps like Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats.

paid, employees hired and food on the table for many people," Alexander said. "We're also thankful and proud of this relationship with Toarmina's because without this partner, we wouldn't be in the (Lansing) area."

Wow Bao has been able to streamline the process of establishing its ghost kitchen locations, making it fairly simple for employees to learn how to prepare its menu.

"They have a really good system in place," Neatfeld said.

Dixie Longate

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couple times that I've been in prison. Things happen. I've never been charged with anything serious. Sometimes when you happen to walk out of somebody's bedroom carrying their husband — just because you're holding the axe it doesn't mean you've used it!

So, you were accused of killing your husband?

No, not mine! Oh God, I already know what it's like to have sex with my ex-husband. Things happen, but everything's fine now. I'm on the up and up, straight and narrow; I've done my path of good service. Ever since I discovered quality food storage!

It sounds like you were just a woman in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Absolutely. (Snort-laugh) Oh, you're so sweet.

How do you hope people will come away from your show feeling?

Well, first off, it's a Tupperware PARTY! It's a lot of laughs, a lot of

fun, a lot of shenanigans. People leave feeling a little more empowered. I feel like everybody has a hidden talent they mute down. When you find that place in yourself, it's going to inspire other people. As long as you're seeing it first, then you can move forward in the world a little more sparkly.

Do folks discover that by being brought up on stage?

Yes, but also from the storytelling. I let people know to look for that little piece inside themselves that they never thought they should take a chance on. I tell the story of Brownie Wise. Tupperware was started by Earl Tupper in the late 1940s. He sold it on store shelves, but no one bought it because nobody knew what it was. Plastic was brand new.

But there was one part of the country where it was selling really well. Earl figured out it was all because of one woman: Brownie Wise. She was doing direct sales in people's homes. Brownie said that until you share it with people, people aren't gonna know what it is. He hired her and made her vice president. I always find that inspiring.

Can people really buy Tupperware at the show?

What kind of a person would I be if I showed you the Great Fantastic Plastic Wrap and prevented you from buying it?! People get a catalog and an order form and, if they want, they can buy Tupperware.

Can kids come to the show?

Sixteen and over. I might drop a word or two, and there's a couple of innuendos. And listen: Kids don't need food storage! Have yourself a fun night without 'em. Leave 'em at the front door of the trailer with a Hungry Man.

Do you have any heirloom Tupperwares?

Oh, yes. The thing I love about plastic is it's built to last forever. If your grandma had a Tupperware, she still has it. People give me pieces that were their grandma's. I've had people internationally send me pictures of Tupperware. I say "(Gasp!) That's not part of the American collection!"

Do you have a "white whale" Tupperware, one you've never been able to get your hands on?

Two! One is a comb. I remember

my Mama had one when I was very young. It's just a plastic comb with the word Tupperware on the side. I would love to find one of them to add to my collection.

And then, I have two pieces of this hostess gift set from the 1960s, and I'm looking for the third. It comes with a trash can, an umbrella holder and a bathmat — all made from plastic that is this tarnished gold color with swirls on it. If I were able to come across that bathmat one day — oh, I'd be in seventh heaven!

So, is your hidden gift the Tupperware sales, the comedy or helping people find their own gifts?

I started selling Tupperware, and I did so well with it. But what I ended up finding out is it was about how I made people feel special when they were at the party. I want people to see what's great about themselves.

So, everybody has something to learn about themselves at the Tupperware Party?

Absolutely. I believe we're never done learning and growing. I think everybody needs to be celebrated.

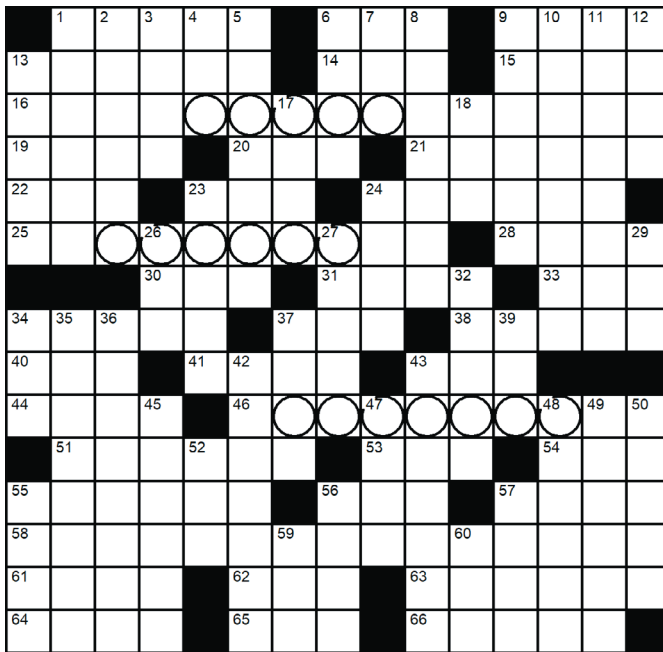
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Serve It Up" -- time to dish it.
by Matt Jones
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ACROSS

- 1. Tourney winner
- 6. Reaction to a sock
- 9. One and the other
- 13. Shot blocker
- 14. "Cool" amount of cash
- 15. 100 cents, in France
- 16. Like someone who spent a day at the beach without sunblock, maybe
- 19. Challenging kids
- 20. Character with multiple actors in a 2023 movie
- 21. "Reboot" actor ____-Michael Key
- 22. Piece of neckwear
- 23. Spectra maker
- 24. Cafe customers
- 25. On-camera audition
- 28. See, that's the thing
- 30. Bach's "Minuet ____ Major"
- 31. Animal abode
- 33. Twisted, like a smile
- 34. Like distracting objec--hey, what's that?
- 37. "Hold ____ in My Arms" (Ray LaMontagne song)
- 38. Subsidiary building
- 40. Frequent URL ender
- 41. Quickly, for short
- 43. Not lately
- 44. Beer ingredient
- 46. Requested a Spanish-speaking agent, maybe
- 51. Performed unaccompanied



- 53. Debut music releases, often
 - 54. Irish sketch comedy group Foil Arms & ____
 - 55. Improper application
 - 56. Soccer stadium shout
 - 57. End-of-class notifier
 - 58. Went completely astray, like the circles in the theme entries?
 - 61. Stage item
 - 62. College, in Canberra
 - 63. Spasms of pain
 - 64. Tax form IDs
 - 65. Reason for some rental deposits
 - 66. Cher's late spouse
- DOWN**
- 1. Of epic proportions
 - 2. Lee who created Boo Radley
 - 3. Pub orders
 - 4. Average, these days
 - 5. Getting high?
 - 6. Its flag features a curved dagger
 - 7. Just Stop ____ (U.K. protest group)
 - 8. Fluffy '70s area rug
 - 9. Get noticed
 - 10. Gotten too big for
 - 11. What an "X" may mark
 - 12. Rhino's feature
 - 13. Walking styles
 - 17. Senator's spot
 - 18. Make a wager
 - 23. Uganda neighbor
 - 24. Old Testament twin
 - 26. German article
 - 27. Ditch to get hitched
 - 29. Greek goddess of night
 - 32. Blows a fuse
 - 34. Academic inst.
 - 35. Indianans
 - 36. Take advantage of
 - 37. Football measurement
 - 39. Say yes, but quieter
 - 42. Accelerate
 - 43. Characteristics
 - 45. Drinks broth loudly
 - 47. Word before contained or reflection
 - 48. Best Actress winner for "Monster"
 - 49. Cardinal under Henry VIII
 - 50. Looks at creepily
 - 52. Ending of sugar names
 - 55. Baseball honorees, briefly
 - 56. "By the looks ____"
 - 57. "Feel the ____"
 - 59. Single
 - 60. "Ah, I get it!"

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

October 18-24, 2023

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Shadow work is a psychological practice that has been deeply healing for me. It involves exploring the dark places in my soul and being in intimate contact with my unripe and wounded aspects. Engaging in this hard labor ensures that my less beautiful qualities never take control of me and never spill out into toxic interactions with people. I bring this up, Aries, because the coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to do shadow work. Halloween costume suggestion: Be your shadow, demon or unripe self.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The country where I live, the U.S., has banned more than 2,500 books in recent years. I'm appalled by the ignorance that fuels this idiotic despotism. But there has been an amusing consequence, which I am pleased to report: Banning the books has sometimes hiked their sales. "Gender Queer," by Maia Kobabe, had a 130% increase. Art Spiegelman's "Maus" and "Maus II" jumped 50%. Let this scenario serve as an inspirational metaphor for you in the coming weeks. If any person or institution tries to repress, deny or resist you, do what you're doing even bigger and better. Use their opposition as a power boost. Halloween costume suggestion: rebel, dissident or protestor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do you ever feel you are treated unfairly at your job? Is your workplace sometimes detrimental to your health? Is it possible that a few small changes could add up to a big improvement in how you feel while you're earning a living? There's rarely a perfect moment to address these concerns, but the coming weeks will be a more favorable time than usual. If you decide to seek shifts, devise a strategy that's as foolproof as possible. Resolve to be calm, poised and unflusterable. Halloween costume suggestion: A worker doing your ideal job.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cancerian comedian Dave Barry says that as he grows older, he looks forward to "continued immaturity." That sentiment is probably based on the fact that his humor is often juvenile and silly. (I like it, though!) I'm guessing it's also because he aspires to remain youthful and innocent and surprisable as he ages. I mention this, fellow Cancerian, because the coming weeks will be an excellent time to celebrate and honor the parts of you that are still blooming but aren't yet in full blossom. Be grateful you have not become a jaded know-it-all. Would you consider revisiting joys you loved as a child and teenager? Halloween costume suggestion: your younger self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Horseshoes have symbolized good luck in many cultures. A common usage is to hang them over front doors. But there's disagreement about the best way to generate the good fortune. Some people say the open end of the horseshoe should point upward since that collects the luck. Others insist it's best for the horseshoe to point down since that showers luck on those who enter and leave the house. If you experiment with this fun myth, I advise you to point the open end up. It's time for you to gather blessings, help and fortuity. Halloween costume accessories: good-luck charms like a four-leaf clover, acorn, cat's eye gemstone, ank, dragon, laughing Buddha, Ganesh statue and horseshoe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There would be no life on Earth if it weren't for the sun. Our home star's energy is the central force at work in the creation and sustenance of all humans, animals and plants. Yet we must be sure not to get extravagant amounts of our good thing. An overabundance of solar heat and radiance can cause failed crops, dehydration, droughts, skin cancer and wildfires. Are other factors at work in your sphere that are also nourishing in moderate amounts but unhealthy in excess? And do you know when just right becomes too much? Now is a favorable time to ruminate on these matters. Halloween costume suggestion: Goldilocks, Lady Justice with her scales or a bodysuit adorned with a giant

yin-and-yang symbol.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The earliest known human settlement is Göbekli Tepe, in what's now the country of Turkey. When archaeologists first excavated it in 1994, they realized it was built more than 11,000 years ago. This was shocking news since it dramatically contradicted previous estimates of how long people have lived in villages. I'm predicting a comparable shift in your understanding of your own past. Libra. The full effect may not be apparent for months, but there will be interesting jolts soon. Halloween costume suggestion: archaeologist, time traveler or yourself in a past life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio author Ófeigur Sigurðsson writes, "You should never do what's expected of you; there's always another path through life than the one before you." I wouldn't recommend his approach to any other zodiac sign but Scorpio. And I would only advocate it for maybe 40% of Scorpios 10% of the time. The coming weeks will be one of those 10% times. So, if you're among the 40% who would thrive on this demanding but potentially exhilarating counsel, get ready to be as original and imaginative in living your life as you have ever been. Halloween costume suggestion: unicorn, dragon or phoenix.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Only two items appear more often in the world's landfills than disposable diapers. They seem to be among the least ecologically sound products. Or maybe not. Japanese researchers at the University of Kitakyushu have made building materials out of them in combination with gravel, sand and cement. In the spirit of this potentially glorious alchemical transmutation, and in accordance with astrological omens, I encourage you to ruminate on how you might convert wasted stuff into usable valuables in your own sphere. Halloween costume suggestion: A janitor or maid wearing a gold crown and pearls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Of all the ideas propounded by major religions, the saddest is the Christian assertion that all of us are born sinful — that we come into this world with corruption that renders us fundamentally flawed: tainted, soiled, guilty, foul. I reject this stupid nonsense. In my spiritual philosophy, we are all born gorgeous, loving geniuses. Tough experiences may diminish our radiance and make it a challenge to be our best, but we never lose the gorgeous, loving genius at our core. In accordance with astrological mandates, your task in the coming weeks is to get into close touch with this pure source. Halloween costume suggestion: your gorgeous, loving genius.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): According to my meticulous analysis of the astrological omens, you now have a sacred right to expand your ego at least one full size. Even two sizes will probably be fine. Your guardian angel is lobbying for you to strut and swagger, and so are your muses, your ancestors and God herself. I hope you will overcome any shyness you feel about expressing your talents, your intelligence and your unique understanding of the world. Halloween costume suggestion: a charming braggart, charismatic egomaniac or beautiful narcissist.

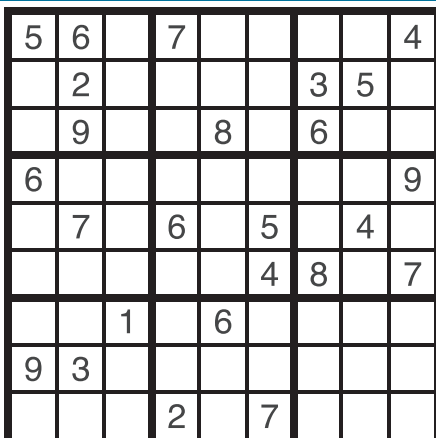
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "The secret for harvesting the greatest fruitfulness and enjoyment is to live dangerously!" Philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said that. "Build your cities on the slopes of Vesuvius!" he added. "Send your ships into uncharted seas!" As for you in the coming weeks, Pisces, I don't recommend you live dangerously, but I do suggest you live adventurously. Surpass your limits if you dare! Transcend your expectations and explore the frontiers. Those activities will be a good use of your life energy and are likely to be rewarded. Halloween costume suggestions: daredevil, swashbuckler, gambler, fortune hunter or knight-errant.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, Oct. 18

"A Course of Love" Book Study, Facilitated by Lucille Olson & Bill Dietrich - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Allen Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/market.

Anti-Violence Initiative - Seven-week program for teens ages who have faced violence or bullying due to sexual orientation or gender identity. 4-5:30 p.m. Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing. saluscenter.org/programs/calendar.

Basic Halloween Drawing with Matt Mulford - Draw festive Halloween pieces and learn basic skills while you're at it! 10 a.m.-noon. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

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

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

How It All Started: A Brief History of Dystopian Literature - Jeffery Vande Zande, author and professor, offers a brief history of dystopian literature and a reading from his novel "Rules of Order." Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Improv Acting Class - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com. East Lansing, MI

Jazz Dance Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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

Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. MLK Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lmc.info.

Movie Night: "Monster House" - Snacks and beverages provided. Grades 4-12. 4 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradi.org.

MSUFUCU & Peckham Art from the Heart Exhibit opening reception - Enjoy refreshments and meet the resident artists. 5:30-7:30 p.m. MSUFUCU Headquarters Building 2, 3899 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. facebook.com/peckhaminc.

Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri" - 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Tap II Class - 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Virtual Life Drawing (nude model) - Join us online for a virtual drawing session to participate in the tradition of drawing nude models. Sign up at reachstudioart.org for a Zoom link. 6 p.m. 517-999-3643.

Weaving the Web: Patrons - Join us online or in person for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

"Wholly Integrated," by Zoe Beaudry - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Thursday, Oct. 19

"A Course in Miracles," Facilitated by Lisa Schmidt - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting 101 Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Bath Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St., Bath. 517-641-6728. shopbfm.org.

Carl Pawluk at Old Bag of Nails Pub - 6 p.m. 210 Cascade Blvd., Lansing. 517-826-6266. facebook.com/oldbagofnails Lansing.

Chipmunk Story Time: It's Fall! - Story time comes alive with puppet Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends. Stories followed by nature activities and a guided walk. 10 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Dimondale Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale. villageofdimondale.org.

Eloquents Toastmasters Weekly Meeting - Safe and positive environment to practice public speaking and leadership skills. 6:30 p.m. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. eloquents.toastmastersclubs.org.

Fear and Trembling Charity Pinball Tournament - Play through a 9-game "pin golf" course, trying to hit targets with as few balls as possible. Proceeds benefit the Capital Area Humane Society. 4-7 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. facebook.com/groups/LansingPinLeague.

Higher Ground Enrichment Time - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

Jazz/Hip Hop II class - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Karaoke Thursday - 8 p.m.-midnight. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

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

Apple Butter Festival

Oct. 21-22

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fenner Nature Center
2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing

Fenner Nature Center invites Lansing-area residents to celebrate Michigan's fall harvest and the traditions surrounding it at this year's Apple Butter Festival, running 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 21) and Sunday (Oct. 22).

The festival features demonstrations of heritage crafts like pottery and weaving by the Capital Area Lace Makers, Greater Lansing Potters' Guild, Greater Lansing Weavers Guild and more; stations for visitors to try out artisan crafts like crosscut sawing and hide tanning; live performances by local country and folk musicians; pumpkin carving; apple-butter-making; complimentary cider and donuts; a photo booth; and a host of vendors selling food, crafts and other goods.

"Cooking apple butter has always been a community event," said Fenner Program Manager Sam Ansaldi. "One batch can take over 12 hours of constant stirring before it is finished. Today, that tradition of coming together around the kettle is at the heart of our festival, and we cannot wait to welcome our community for another year. Visitors to the Apple Butter Festival participate in hands-on learning about this forest-to-table product, how it is harvested and produced, and how it connects us to Michigan's history."

The festival is free, but a \$5 parking donation is encouraged. All proceeds benefit the Fenner Conservancy, the nonprofit that manages the nature center alongside the city of Lansing.

For more information, visit mynaturecenter.org or call 517-483-4224.



Laingsburg Farmers Market - 5-8 p.m. First Congregational Church of Laingsburg, 401 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg. 517-295-8128. laingsburg-business.org/farmers-market-1.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit - Noon-6 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Organic Yoga with Maja McKeever - 6 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 269-762-3189. unitylansing.org.

REACH Virtual Meet-up: Arts Incubator for Young People - 4 p.m. Zoom meeting ID: 828 0808 9879. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

"The Rocky Horror Show" - 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri" - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Stitch 'n Bitch - Come hang out with some fellow stitching witches! 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m.

Haslett Middle School, 1536 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

"Wholly Integrated," by Zoe Beaudry - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Friday, Oct. 20

"A Course in Christ" Book Study - 10:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 269-762-3189. unitylansing.org.

Adult Yoga Class Series - Free weekly yoga session with a master-level instructor. 1 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. dewittlibrary.org.

Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show - Vendors, silent auction, door prizes, raffles, children's activities and more. 1-7 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

The Coffeehouse at All Saints - Monthly showcase of mostly Michigan-based musical and spoken-word talent. Bring a snack/drink to share. Free admission. 7:30 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-7160. allsaints-el.org.

Everything Always (John Summit x Dom Dolla) - Two of the biggest names in house music bring their experience-led brand & event series to the Midwest for the first time. 18+ . 5-10 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing.

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

GTG Fest - GTG Records’ annual celebration of live music, independent art, alternative culture and Lansing, featuring performances by the Wild Honey Collective, No Skull, Flatfoot and more. 9 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gtgrecords.net/category/gtg-fest.

Higher Ground Enrichment Time - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

Homeschool Fridays - Area homeschool families receive a discount on regular admission prices. Noon-3 p.m. Launch Trampoline Park, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. launchtrampolinepark.com/lansing.

John Boyle in Real Life - 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeat-events.com.

Life Drawing (Clothed) - Drawing session with a live model or still life, taught by artist and educator Elyse Gambino. 6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Live Music with Gold Leather Seats at LBC - 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Miranda & the M80s - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

North of Five at The Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

“The Rocky Horror Show” - 8 p.m. and midnight. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Shiawassee Artists’ Guild Presents: “Potpourri” - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framer’s Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Two-Faced Wilson at Harrison Roadhouse - 6 p.m.

720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. harrisonroadhouse.com.

“Wholly Integrated,” by Zoe Beaudry - 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Saturday, Oct. 21

11th Annual Run for Giving 5K - Chipped timing with live results! Proceeds go toward empowering community members in vulnerable situations. 9 a.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lansing/CristoRey5k.

Babysitting & CPR Workshop - Learn emergency procedures, diapering, pediatric CPR, rescue breathing, Heimlich maneuver and basic first aid skills. Ages 12+. Registration req. 10 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Boo at the Zoo - Put on a costume and join us for this seasonal stroll through Potter Park Zoo. Hay-bale maze, hayrides, candy stations, costume parade, kids’ activities, inflatables and more. Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show - Vendors, silent auction, door prizes, raffles, children’s activities and more. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

Free Brush Drop-Off - 8 a.m.-noon. Recycle Center, 1418 Grovenburg Road, Holt. delhitownshipmi.gov.

Game Night - All table games are welcome, so bring your campaigns, board games, card games — whatever you like. BYOB. 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Gotta Catch Em Crawl - Take a guided tour of downtown Lansing while catching Pokemon! Compete in a Poke-hunt, a Poke-snap-style selfie competition and a Pokemon-themed costume contest, all with prizes. 5 p.m. Middle Village Micro Market, 112 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/HoneyBunBakeryML.

GTG Fest - GTG Records’ annual celebration of live music, independent art, alternative culture and Lansing, featuring performances by The Plurals, Lemoncollies, Narc Out the Reds and more. 9 p.m. The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. gtgrecords.net/category/gtg-fest.

Intermediate Ballet class - 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. meridian.mi.us/farmersmarket.

Michigan Masquerade Ball - A Halloween masquerade ball with a costume contest, music,

GTG Fest 2023

Oct. 20-22
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Multiple venues

Lansing-based DIY record label GTG Records is hosting its 16th annual GTG Fest, a celebration of live music, independent art, culture, community and Lansing, Friday (Oct. 20) through Sunday (Oct. 22).

The festival kicks off 9 p.m. Friday at The Avenue Café with a “Punks vs. Pokes” concert, featuring performances by the Wild Honey Collective; No Skull; Jeff Gower; the Hunky Newcomers; Cold Mountain Child; Mileage; Flatfoot; and Kindness, Texas.

The festival continues 9 p.m. Saturday at The Avenue with performances by Mad Moon, Nonbinary, Dale J. Gordon, Ambrosia Blue, Narc Out the Reds, Lem-oncollies, Blaine and His Keyboard and the Plurals.

Finally, visit Hunter Park 2 p.m. Sunday for the free Parachute Party Potluck, featuring acoustic performances by the Plurals and A Rueful Noise, an open mic and more.

Tickets for the first two nights are \$5 each at the door. Attendees of the shows at The Avenue must be 21 and older. For more information about the festival and the featured artists, visit gtgrecords.net.



dancing, cash bar, hors d’oeuvres and a lot of spooky fun! 5 p.m. REO Town Marketplace, 1023 S. Washington Square, Lansing. facebook.com/sindeenyte.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit - Noon-2 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Paint Your Pet - Join watercolor artist Michelle Detering to create a watercolor portrait of your pet! 15+. 10 a.m.-noon. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

“The Rocky Horror Show” - 8 p.m. and midnight. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Shiawassee Artists’ Guild Presents: “Potpourri” - 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer’s Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Summer of Sol - 8:30 p.m. The Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-325-9897. greendoorlive.com.

Tease A Gogo Presents: Big Witch Energy - Burlesque and drag show with a DJ, vendors, costume contest, photo booth and more. 18+. Doors 8 p.m., show 9:30 p.m. The Junction, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing. teaseagogo.com.

Toastmaster Meeting - Club that helps members grow in speaking, presentation and leadership skills. Members get extensive evaluations to help them grow professionally. 9:30-11:45 a.m. MSUFCU, 104 S. Washington Square, Lansing. cdas.toastmost.org.

“Wholly Integrated,” by Zoe Beaudry - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Witches on the Town 2023 - Put on your pointy black hat, grab your broom and fly on over for spooks and fun with all our local businesses. There will be a costume contest this year, plus food trucks and vendors. Noon-4 p.m. Downtown Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Sunday, Oct. 22

Autumn Color Walk - Autumn is a wonderful time for a guided walk with a naturalist! 1 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Boo at the Zoo - Put on a costume and join us for this seasonal stroll through Potter Park Zoo. Hay-bale maze, hayrides, candy stations,

costume parade, kids’ activities, inflatables and more. Noon-5 p.m. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

Central Michigan Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show - Vendors, silent auction, door prizes, raffles, children’s activities and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. michrocks.org.

Constellations: Embracing the Highest and Best in Life, with Mo Regulinski - Dynamic understandings of the deceptions that halt forward momentum in life are revealed. Noon. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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

GLAD Drum Circle at Lake Lansing Park North - All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. facebook.com/GreatLansingAreaDrummers.

JUGGLERS AND WOULD-BE JUGGLERS - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House at 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. mikemarhanka@gmail.com.

LSO Family Series: Gretchen Morse (Oboe) - Interactive series that connects families and their children with music, art and literature. 1 p.m. Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

Museum Tour: Deep-Rooted with Beal Botanical Gardens - Immersive tour unearthing the historical, social and political narratives growing within works of art from the Broad Museum collection. 1 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Physics in Flatland: Searching for New Quantum Materials - Virtual discussion on research efforts to realize emergent physical phenomena in stacked atomically thin materials and possible applications based on these materials. 1 p.m. frib.msu.edu/gateway/index.html.

Shiawassee Artists’ Guild Presents: “Potpourri” - Noon-4 p.m. Framer’s Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Woldumar Folk & Bluegrass Jamboree - Enjoy jam circles, live performances and other natural wonders Woldumar has to offer. 2-5 p.m. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. woldumar.org.

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Peckham Speaker Series – Mario Bonds

Wednesday, Oct. 18
10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.
Peckham Inc.
3510 Capital City Blvd., Lansing



Peckham Inc., a nonprofit vocational rehabilitation organization that provides paid job training for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment, and its Peckham Community Partnership Foundation host a biannual Speaker Series that brings national speakers, authors, disability rights advocates and individuals who have overcome personal challenges to speak at Peckham's headquarters in Lansing. The Speaker Series raises awareness about disabilities and other world issues while celebrating ability and diversity.

Mario Bonds, an author, fitness model and singer/songwriter known for his appearances on "The Glee Project" and "American Idol," will visit Peckham's headquarters 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 18 to share an inspirational speech and performance, "Without Sight but Full of Vision: Redefining What it Means to be Disabled." He will touch on his triumphs over abuse, abandonment and going blind at 9 years old, among other topics.

The events are free and open to the public, with opportunities to attend either in-person sessions or online livestreams. To register, visit peckham.org/about-us/media-center/events.

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Monday, Oct. 23

Ballet II for kids - Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Beginning West Coast Swing Dance Class - 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

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

Higher Ground Enrichment Time - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

Improv Acting Class - 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jazz Dance Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Jump Into Reading - Stories, songs, activities and therapy dogs. Intended for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. 11 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

"Letting Go," by David Hawkins: Book Study with Lucille Olson - 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

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Ruhala Broadway Ensemble - Learn to excel equally in singing, acting and dance. 5:30 p.m. 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri" - Noon-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Acting 101 Class - 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Acting Ensemble Class - 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Higher Ground Enrichment Time - Kids can use the computers, eat snacks and have a great, safe time. 3-6 p.m. Higher Ground Community Development Center, 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-894-1633.

"Howl"oween Dog Pawty - Small dogs can enjoy toys, treats, a dog paw-rade, a costume contest and more! Limited to Meridian Township Dog Park members. 6:30-8 p.m. Small Dog Park, 1960 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett. recreation.meridian.mi.us.

Intro to Acting/Improv for Kids - Ages 5-12. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

LAGE Game Night East - 6:30-11 p.m. The Junction, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing/events.

LAGE Game Night West - 6:30-11 p.m. Frank's Press Box, 7216 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. meetup.com/lansing/events.

Level I Dance Class - Introduction to theater dance using ballet, tap and jazz. Ages 5-8. 4:45 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild FALL MEMBER ART SHOW - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Small Works Art Exhibit - Noon-4 p.m. CADL - Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

One More Chapter Book Club - Chat, eat snacks and have book-related fun. Grades 2-4. Registration req. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. char-lottelibrary.org.

lottelibrary.org.

Organic Yoga with Maja McKeever - 6 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 269-762-3189. unitylansing.org.

Preschool Family Storytime - Join us for stories, songs and a simple craft! Ages 1-6. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Shiawassee Artists' Guild Presents: "Potpourri" - 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

StressBusters: Positive Mental Health for Kids - 3 p.m. session for ages 3-6 and caregivers, 4 p.m. sessions for ages 7-10 and 11-14. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-346-8094. gladl.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

"A Course of Love" Book Study, Facilitated by Lucille Olson & Bill Dietrich - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

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CharLit Adult Book Club - Monthly adult book club. 6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. char-lottelibrary.org.

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

I am not a parent to whom parenting comes naturally. I do a lot of research, read a lot of books and follow a lot of experts in their respective fields on Instagram. One common thread throughout all parenting accounts is that social media is the downfall of civilization, a point with which I tend to agree. Mr. She Ate and I firmly understand that the longer we can keep our kids off social media, the better. For me, that means no phone. And while they're still very young, I want to help them discover sports and other activities that they like so they don't feel that pull toward holing up in their room on TikTok quite so strongly.

This is what I, a parent for all of six years, tell myself. But I recognize how little I know. Anyway, we keep the kids busy. Each of them participates in four different activities, and they're in school full time. The secret sauce in the Lawrence Family Circus is two-fold: a mother-in-law who is extremely helpful and lives around the corner, and meal planning. If I know that dinner is in the Crock-Pot, or leftovers are in the fridge, it does wonders for the rest of the day going as (meticulously) planned.

For almost a week, I tried to order takeout from 4 Tha Soul. I called repeatedly, checked its Facebook page, sent Facebook messages, tried to place an online order and even physically went to the building to see if the lights were on, or at the very least if a sign was posted. I never received a response. As the parent of those abovementioned young kids, I completely understand that emergencies happen. But as someone who works in a client-focused position, I also understand that if I shut down for several days with absolutely no method of communicating it to my clients, I will lose business.

While I'm frustrated that I'd planned to eat at 4 Tha Soul several times and was forced to keep changing the plan at the last minute because it created chaos for my family, I'm more frustrated that this isn't the first time I've encountered similar business practices. I do my best to keep my dollars local and support Lansing businesses, but I literally cannot give you my money if you aren't open.

On our one visit to 4 Tha Soul for takeout, Mr. She Ate was celebrating a successful half-marathon race. He did so with an order of Chicken Alfredo, which was some of the best either of us has ever had. It was absolutely decadent, creamy, well seasoned and just spicy enough, and every time he got up from the table to go water the grass outside or whatever it is he does out there, I took heaping bites from his plate, and we both pretended not to notice. I usually force him to try something different on return restaurant visits, but I wasn't going to this time because this dish was just too good.

I chose the lamb chops, one of my all-time favorites. When you order, you're able to choose from four sauces: teriyaki, zip sauce, garlic Parmesan or garlic butter

Chicken Alfredo a winner at southside's 4 Tha Soul



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If you visit 4 Tha Soul Restaurant, make sure to try the Chicken Alfredo, which has earned high praise from the She Ate/He Ate reviewers.

fried or grilled with four sauce flavors to choose from: teriyaki, zip sauce, garlic Parmesan or garlic butter cream. This is the first time I'd seen fried lamb chops on a menu, and I was feeling adventurous.

Three of the four chops had the traditional lollipop shape, but one of them had a very obscure cut. I began to wonder about the knife skills of either the butcher or someone in the kitchen. Frying the chop actually cooked the meat

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

Have you ever really wanted to try something based off recommendations from friends or colleagues? The food industry has greatly benefited from camera



Beverly

phones and various social media, with photos of food dominating timelines and feeds. These photos will have you salivating to experience a plate, bowl, tray or beverage portrayed in perfect light. I swear I can almost smell the images!

That said, the hype that you might experience from these amateur food bloggers can send you on an adventure in search of the depicted delicacy. Maybe you've experienced nothing but success in your own culinary treasure hunts, but every now and then, I've faced obstacles on such quests. That was the case this month while trying to review 4 Tha Soul Restaurant, which I've seen several friends post about over the last few months.

Typically, we visit restaurants at least twice to provide our readers with a more rounded and informed perspective on the food and dining experience instead of a limited perspective from a single visit. Situated in Lansing's south side, 4 Tha Soul's already minimal business hours posted on its website are further complicated by planned visits met with a closed door.

Sometimes the closing was posted on social media, but other times it was an unhappy surprise to the customer (me).

One would think 4 Tha Soul's menu would warrant a strong lunch crowd, but the restaurant's typically not open until 3 p.m. This is a curious business decision, given that it specifically lists a lunch menu. Due to the limited business hours, He Ate was only able to visit 4 Tha Soul once.

Upon entry, the restaurant's layout suggests takeout is the main business driver, though seating options are available. On my visit, I decided takeout was the move as the dining room sat empty, despite white tablecloths and chair covers. The menu is robust with pasta, sandwiches, southern specialties, salads and Caribbean curry. The extent of the menu had me excited to visit more than once, and my lone visit was not a disappointment overall.

What's decent

I ordered takeout for the whole family, so I was still able to test a variety of dishes. I ordered the Fried Lamb Chops with zip sauce (4 for \$23.50) for myself. Lamb is one of my favorite proteins, and 4 Tha Soul offers it

The caviar of turnips

By ARI LEVAUX

During Germany's infamous Turnip Winter of 1916 to 1917, World War I had left villagers so desperate for food that they would break into cattle barns and steal the turnips meant for cows. For similar historical reasons in countless places, turnips have a reputation for being a famine food.

Hakurei turnips are no exception, having been developed in the 1950s when Japan was desperate to feed its citizens after being destroyed by World War II. They are often called salad turnips — two words you rarely see in the same sentence — because while most turnips must be cooked into edibility, hakurei turnips are delightful when they're completely raw. Just eat them like extra-juicy apples with no core.

Hakurei translates to “esteemed companion,” a name that's entirely appropriate. The entire plant is edible, from green tip to root tip. You can do anything you want to a hakurei, including nothing. You don't even need to peel its delicate skin.

The cool-weather plant grows fast — about a month from sowing to harvest — and can handle light frost and other forms of adversity. This makes it a great fall staple at the farmers market.



These turnips are great in salads for many reasons, including their crisp, juicy texture and the fact that they combine very well with acids. Since they look like scallops, I like to feature them in a ceviche-like

presentation with sliced onions and hot peppers, with or without actual fish.

My favorite way to cook our esteemed companion is in miso butter with garlic, white wine and a bit of sugar. The flavors of the hakurei and miso taste like they're made for each other, and with support from the other ingredients, they create a quick, easy and glorious dish. You can use the same miso sauce as a glaze for baked salmon.

Getting your hands on them can be the hardest part of hakurei cookery, but they're gaining in popularity. They might be waiting for you at the market, just under your nose. Just look for the lily-white globes.



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

Salty, meaty, earthy and sweet, it's almost impossible to eat this hakurei turnip dish with your eyes open.

Hakurei turnips in miso-butter glaze

Salty, meaty, earthy and sweet, it's almost impossible to eat this gentle dish with your eyes open. However much you prepare, it won't last long enough to see the inside of your Tupperware.

Makes two servings

1 bunch of hakurei turnips (there should be about six to eight in a bunch)
2 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons sugar
1 tablespoon miso
1/4 cup vermouth or white wine
2 cloves of garlic, smashed and chopped coarsely
1 tablespoon sesame seeds
Salt

Trim the thin, spindly taproot that extends from the bottom of each turnip. Cut the stems about half an inch above the turnip and chop the stems and leaves. Cut the turnips into slices,

which cook faster and absorb more glaze, or quarters, which look prettier. No need to peel them.

Boil two quarts of water with a teaspoon of salt for the greens. If you're making soba noodles to serve it with, you can cook the greens in the leftover soba water. Either way, boil them for five minutes. Drain, plunge into a gallon or so of cold water and drain again.

Add the butter, miso, sugar and a cup of water to a pan. Turn the heat to medium and stir as it heats. When it reaches a simmer, add the vermouth and garlic, then the turnips. Allow the liquid to cook down and thicken for about 10 minutes. Season with salt if necessary — the miso may contribute enough. Flip the pieces and turn the heat down to low so the turnips can brown but not burn. Garnish with sesame seeds and serve with soba noodles or rice.

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cream. I chose garlic Parmesan and drove home as deliberately as possible because the aroma was tantalizing. After a deep dive into the restaurant's Facebook page, I expected to see lamb chop lollipops when I opened the box, but my chops were decidedly not that eater-friendly. I believe they were sirloin chops, and they were miserably under-trimmed. The sauce was good, but it couldn't save the gristle that I stood no chance of being able to

gnaw through.

I chose a side item of macaroni and cheese and was met with a classic restaurant mac, where diners are lulled into a false sense of deliciousness because it's creamy and cheesy, while in actuality it completely lacks flavor.

I wanted to try the Cobb Salad. I wanted to try the Bacon, Cheese and Chipotle Ranch Giant Baked Potato. I still might because I travel to South Cedar Street several times a month for Ingham County Board of Commissioners meetings. The prerequisite, of course, is that it's open for business.

He Ate

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beyond my preferred medium/medium rare, which made for a chewier experience than I would've liked.

The batter was reminiscent of cornmeal breading found in Southern fried catfish recipes, and the zip sauce was good, served warm and sweeter than traditional, Worcestershire-based steakhouse zip sauces. Unfortunately, the interaction between the zip sauce and the fry batter wasn't my favorite — though I tried leftover zip on some grilled chicken the following day, and it was superb.

What's good

The Seafood Mac & Cheese (\$15) was seriously good. It was quite flavorful, with a surprise — the cheesy béchamel sauce had notes of horseradish, pairing well with the Cajun seasoning on the seafood. The plump shrimps were juicy with a kick.

My only lament is that most of the seafood was imitation crabmeat and not a mix of real crab, scallops or any other “fruit of the sea.” I must commend the portion size, though, since it was generous enough to fill a Tupperware dish for leftover lunch the following day.

Best bite

Both the Grilled Chicken Alfredo Pasta (\$14) and Giant Stuffed Potato Alfredo with Grilled Chicken (\$13) were the bomb. The sauce was zesty and flavorful, and the chicken was perfectly cooked. For the pasta, the fettuccini noodles were firm but not chewy — a nice al dente. The baked potato was absolutely delicious, and the decadent, flavorful cream sauce layered quite nicely over the soft but not mushy potato. Green flecks of parsley throughout the sauce made both dishes visually pleasing but didn't offer much contrasting flavor. Both meals were delicious for adults and kids alike — approved by my better half, myself and my teen.



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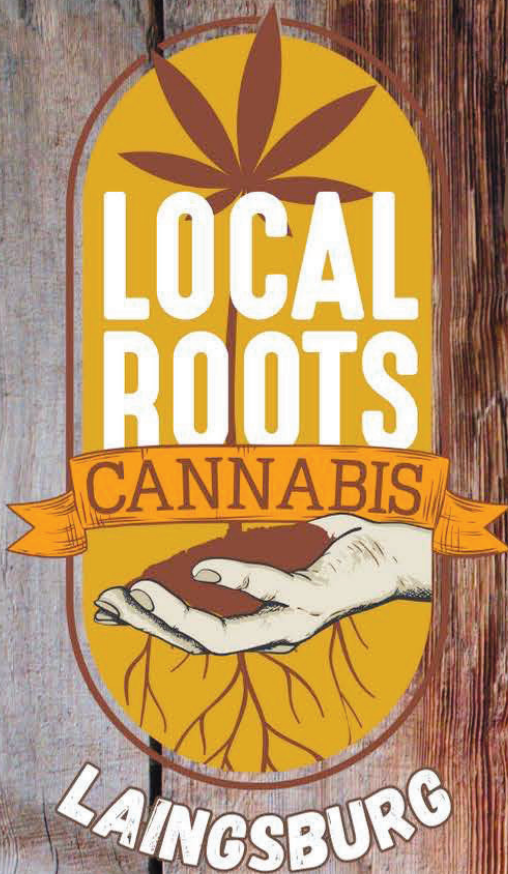


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