

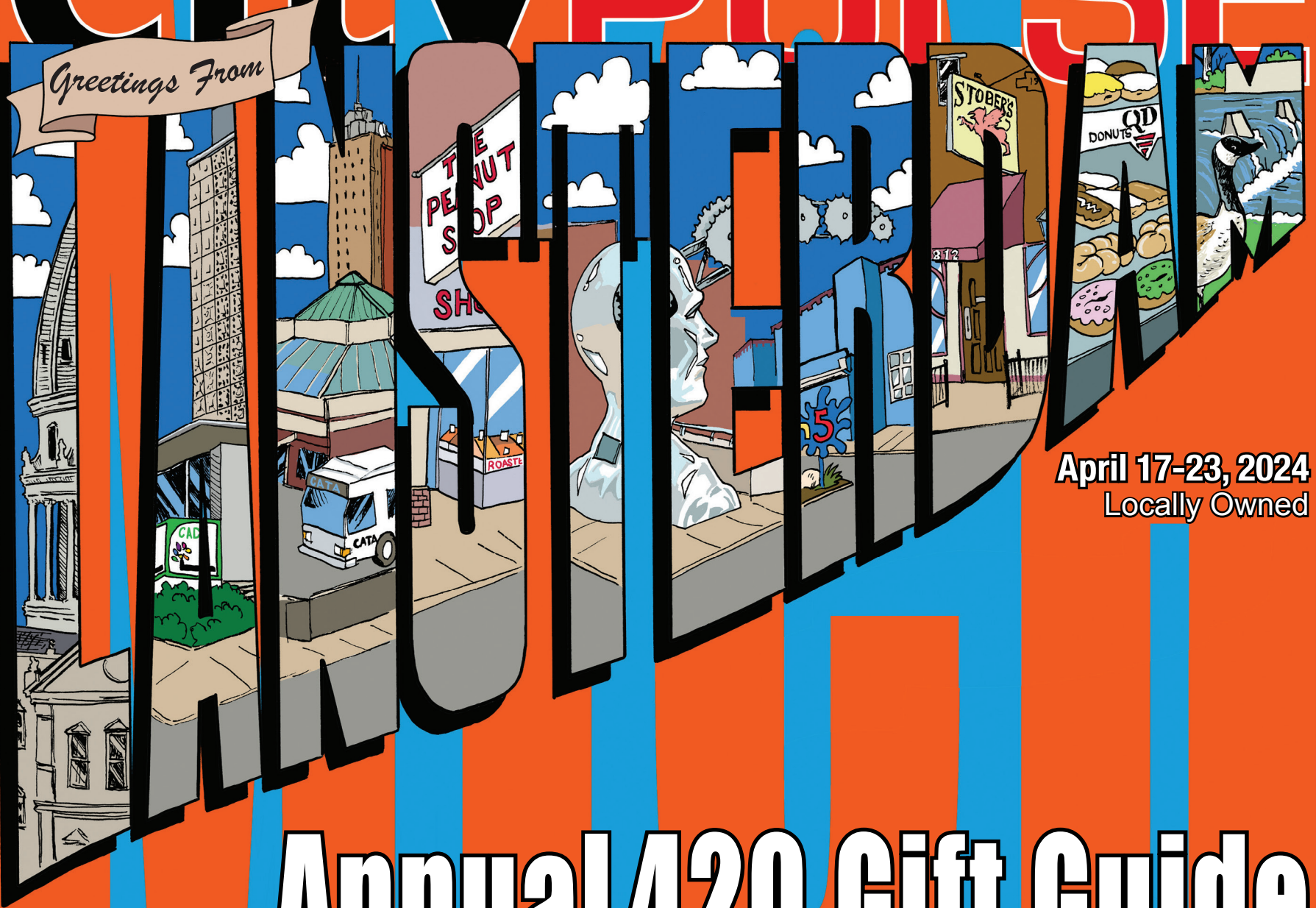
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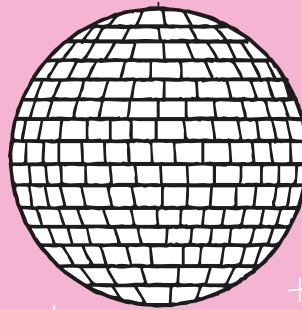
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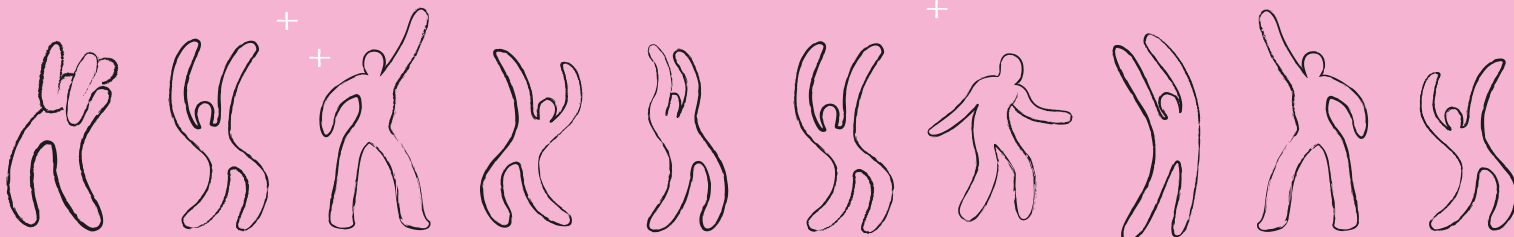
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by TOM TOMORROW

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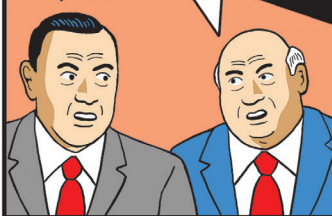
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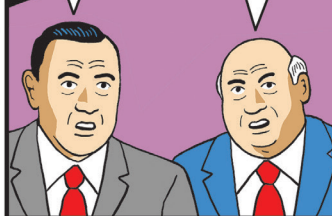
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NEWS & OPINION

Formerly incarcerated advocates call for a fair chance at housing

Lansing City Council endorses legislation to end discrimination

In 1980, a 17-year-old U.S. Army recruit named Robert Shearon was shipped off from Detroit to serve in South Korea.

He spent the next two years overseas, but the lasting troubles began when he came back.

“I joined right out of high school, and I never drank before I left. In any event, when I came home in 1982, I was a full-blown alcoholic and drug addict. I found myself walking around on my own, with no assistance or help. I don’t know how, but I was able to manage like this for years,” Shearon explained.

In 1998, addicted and with a then-undiagnosed case of PTSD, Shearon entered the Michigan prison system for the first time on a felony weapon charge. After his release in 2006, Shearon stayed out for two years before earning another sentence for armed robbery in 2008.

When he got out in 2018, Shearon moved into a Haslett townhome with his wife, Renee, a “childhood sweetheart” with whom he’d reconnected while serving his second sentence. Despite the blessing of his parole officer, Shearon’s criminal record posed a problem when it came time to renew Renee’s existing lease.

“When we looked at the lease, it talked about felony convictions and the fact that, if you have one, you’re not even eligible to be on the property,” Shearon said. “I had to sneak around and avoid the manager and the maintenance people for a year and a half just to be on a property that I should have been rightfully able to be on, because I was splitting rent.”

Members of Michigan Legislature have taken notice of the issue. Last June, Rep. Abraham Aiyash, D-Detroit, introduced Michi-

gan Fair Chance to Housing Act. House Bill No. 4878 would prohibit landlords from using an applicant’s criminal record to deny them housing, aside from specific cases involving sex offenders and arsonists.

Last week, the Lansing City Council passed a resolution calling for the bill’s passage just a week after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer designated April as “Fair Housing Month” in Michigan.

State Rep. Emily Dievendorf, D-Lansing, was one of 14 who spoke for the legislation before the Council, citing it as “an integral part of that larger, broader package to ensure housing accessibility for all of our residents.”

“Regardless of mistakes in the past, regardless of efforts toward rehabilitation, we want to make sure that rehabilitation and corrections actually means what it says,” Dievendorf said.

If passed, the bill would help those who find themselves in a similar situation to Shearon’s. Introduced last year, it is still in committee.

“My case is not unique. I was just self-medicating and trying to feed my drug and alcohol problem because I wasn’t getting the help anywhere else, and that led to my convictions,” Shearon said. “There are a lot of veterans and formerly incarcerated people who are going through the same thing right now, as we speak.”

Shearon, 61, became active with Nation Outside, a statewide organization founded in 2014 to advocate for the formerly incarcerated. Through his involvement, he met Tony Gant, another formerly incarcerated Michigander who was named the group’s co-executive director in January.

Gant, 51, served 20 years in prison until 2015.

“When I got out, I was pretty optimistic at least that I would be able to get a second chance, get a pretty good job and all those things that came along with rebuilding one’s life after incarceration. What



TYLER SCHNEIDER/CITY PULSE

Tony Gant (left) and Robert Shearon are two formerly incarcerated Michiganders who are pushing for legislative housing reform on behalf of Nation Outside, a statewide organization advocating for the rights of ex-prisoners.

I learned fairly quickly was that there are some pretty difficult barriers in place for people with criminal records,” Gant said.

Gant said passing the fair chance housing bill would be key to minimizing what he called a “cascading effect of collateral consequences and perpetual punishment.”

“We may be mad at the individual for whatever crime they committed, but by punishing them after their release, we also harm the family that that person is tied to,”

he explained, citing his 7-year-old son as an example.

“The reason experts say he’s more likely to be incarcerated himself is not because he’s bad, but because they factor in the type of barriers I’m going to face the rest of my life and how those affect him. That’s how, anecdotally, you can see generations of families tied up in the criminal legal system,” Gant said.

One of Gant’s allies in advocacy is Trisha Washburn, who signed on as Nation Outside’s Lansing engagement specialist in November. Before moving to Lansing in 2020, she said she was “struck” by the barriers former offenders faced in housing through her work with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency in Petoskey.

“I worked to help get them into housing, and it was just atrocious to see how landlords would deny them right off the bat, even for things that were 20 years ago,” Washburn said.

“It almost felt like housing was only for the best of the best,” she added. “If their credit wasn’t perfect, if they had unstable housing or employment history or past evictions, the landlord would get really sketched out about housing them.”

Washburn noted that most of her formerly incarcerated clients stayed on the straight and narrow.

“Even when they were sleeping on benches, they still didn’t commit any crimes because they were just over it. They had grown up, and they just weren’t the kids they used to be,” she said. “I get that not everybody will change, but, in general, people do age out of crime.”

Rita Dunlop, an apartment manager with SJ Commercial Properties, which does business locally, echoed these observations at the Council meeting.

“I have had many successful ex-offenders. Some of them have turned out to be some of my best tenants and are still there,” Dunlop said. “Many of them are so grateful and thankful. It isn’t just about

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renting to them; it's about welcoming them in your rental community and having other tenants feel the same."

Shearon said finding permanent housing was a primary reason he was able to find his footing after spending nearly 19 years behind bars.

"If we house them and give them employment, guess what? They're not going to break into your car, your garage or your home. Otherwise, people are going to find a way to survive," Shearon said.

Shearon finally escaped the cycle himself in February 2020, when he and his wife secured a mortgage on a home in Haslett through a VA loan.

It was an achievement Shearon never thought he'd reach.

"For so long, I thought I was just dealing with life. I thought I was just a screwed-up individual until 2018, when my wife had mental health therapists in place for me

when I was released. They diagnosed me with PTSD. I had never heard that term before," Shearon said.

"That saved my life, because from that day forward, there are no blemishes," he added. "I'm now a homeowner, I'm financially secure, and I've gained a wealth of knowledge and information from my experiences."

While his post-traumatic stress disorder may never subside, Shearon has found a renewed sense of purpose through his work with Nation Outside. By telling his own story, he hopes to encourage legislators to support the fair chance bill, while also inspiring other formerly incarcerated Michiganders to get the help they need.

"These people were making 30 cents a day in prison. So, when they finally have a job where they're making \$15 to \$30 an hour, and a place to stay, they're not trying to lose that," he said. "If they've got the credit score, income and no present criminal activity, why not give them a chance to have a place to live?"

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LANSING'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Lansing will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers on the 10th Floor of Lansing City Hall located at 124 W. Michigan Ave., on the proposed City of Lansing Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget and capital improvements. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The proposed budget is available for public inspection on weekdays, in the City Clerk's Office, 9th floor City Hall, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and online at lansingmi.gov/clerk.

All persons desiring to express an opinion about the proposed city budget, the tax rate, or proposed capital improvements are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments.

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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Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Margaret Ann Walker on behalf of Beta Pi House Corporation of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity to construct a new rear patio seating area and stairway to the south of the existing KAΘ sorority house at 303 Oakhill Avenue.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application from Nicole Saad on behalf of the Delta Gamma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at 217 Beech Street. The request is to replace an existing garage and construct additional paved parking.
3. A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application from AR&C Construction on behalf of Spartan Housing Cooperative, Inc. to replace existing roofing with a steel roof at 415 Ann Street.
4. A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application from AR&C Construction on behalf of Spartan Housing Cooperative, Inc. to replace existing roofing with a steel roof at 425 Ann Street.

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 coelhistoriddistricts@cityofeastlansing.com, or by mail to: East Lansing Historic District Commission, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823.

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

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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.

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



Lansing Mayor Andy Schor sent four City Council members a long letter Friday defending his choice of the Masonic Temple building for a new city hall, addressing multiple concerns and asking them to reconsider their opposition. Ryan Kost, Jeffrey Brown, Tamera Carter and Trini Pehlivanoglu voted against the plan. Schor said if none of them gives him the fifth vote needed, he will abandon the proposal and consider options. Sources also told City Pulse that Chicago developer J. Paul Beitler will withdraw his proposal to convert the current City Hall into an upscale hotel if the Temple plan is not approved. The Council members have complained Schor's plan is not transparent.



and trees and adds the greenspace and the bike path on the east side. The postcard requested responses by last Friday, but the department "will continue to accept" them after that.

Meridian Township Clerk Deborah Guthrie (pictured) filed Thursday to run as a Democratic write-in candidate for reelection after she was disqualified from being on the August ballot for not paying \$175 in fees for an affidavit of identity. Guthrie was elected in 2020 and will possibly face Angela Demas, who filed to run Monday, according to WLNS 6 News, and has yet to be qualified. Demas is the daughter of Michigan Advance editor Susan J. Demas.



Police are seeking five males alleged to have assaulted two individuals Monday near the MSU Main Library on West Circle Drive. The suspects are accused of intentionally seeking



out the victims because of the "perpetrators' sexual orientation bias," determined by the comments the suspects reportedly made, leading MSU Public Safety to call it a hate crime.

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren campaigned for President Joe Biden's reelection in East Lansing Friday. She touted his efforts to protect abortion rights, combat climate change and lower the cost of prescription drugs for seniors, veterans, and working families. Five years ago, she packed a gymnasium at Lansing Community College while she campaigned unsuccessfully for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.



Ian Jason Lipsky, 51, of East Lansing, was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison on two counts of sexually exploiting minors. He used social media platforms to communicate with "at least" eight minor boys from 2013 to 2020 in California and Michigan. The U.S. Attorney's Office said Lipsky also was ordered to spend 10 years on supervised release after leaving prison.

Public Safety

Two Lansing police officers and a suspect were shot outside a southside apartment building April 10 after detectives went there to conduct a "follow-up" investigation. All three who were shot suffered non-life-threatening injuries. ... Travis Cressman, 38, of St. Johns, was killed in a motorcycle-car accident Sunday. He was traveling south on South DeWitt Road, when he crossed into the northbound lane and struck a vehicle driven by a 17-year-old DeWitt boy. ... The 61-year-old DeWitt man killed in the April 7 crash on U.S. 127 was identified Monday as Richard Loveless. An eastbound Jeep driven by a 57-year-old St. Johns man drove into his path. Authorities are investigating.



Alfreda Schmidt, 97, who served on the Lansing City Council from 1981 to 1993, died Monday at Sparrow Hospital after a stroke. Schmidt, known for her signature hats, represented the southside's 2nd Ward and was an Ingham County commissioner for four years. She

was a powerful community advocate for many projects, including the Hawk Island community-built playground. Her name was added to the Southside Community Center in 2012. Funeral arrangements are pending.

East Lansing Police Chief Kim Johnson was on paid administrative leave while the city attorney investigated an internal complaint received by the city's Human Resources Department. The investigation is standard procedure, officials said. Johnson was hired in 2020. The Lansing State Journal reported that Johnson was expected back next week.



Responding to residents unhappy with its plan to remove islands with trees on a stretch of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the City of Lansing mailed more than 1,600 postcards to property owners on both sides of MLK on April 5, asking them to vote on one of two options. The new plan



preserves trees and islands between Ionia and Lenawee streets and keeps MLK's existing six-lane configuration. But it eliminates the planned bike lane and green space. The original plan reduces lanes to five, removes the islands



It's not unusual to secure your own tombstone before you die. What is unusual is to send out a Christmas card of yourself posing in front of the stone with a message "I'm still here."

That's exactly what circus performer Arzeno Selden did each Christmas.

Lansing had no shortage of circus performers and aerial daredevils in the 1930s. One, Batman Clem Sohn, fell to his death in Paris in 1937. Others were Batman Charles Zmuda and Art Davis, a local pilot who was the impresario of an aerial circus. They thrilled audiences across the U.S. and Canada.

If you pull into Deepdale Cemetery on Lansing's far west side, one of the first views you see is of a large brown granite stone with the name Arzeno Eugene Selden emblazoned across it with the image of a muscular man flexing his biceps.

The verbiage explains that Selden was an aerial daredevil who did handstands from a tower and performed "the slide of life": hanging from his neck and sliding on a cable anchored to the ground.

On the reverse side of the stone is a graphic showing the actual apparatus of the slide, which was designed by Selden, who called himself a mechanical engineer.

Selden performed at county fairs and amusement parks across the country.

The daring man died in 1951 at age 63 from a heart attack after a serious injury he received while performing in Florida.

BILL CASTANIER

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State's new financial disclosure reports are better than nothing — but barely

Monday marked the first time the governor and every other state official were required to post on a state website where they and their spouses get their money.

Thanks to Proposal 1 from last year, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and all 146 current legislators must post at least vague information on their assets on a new secretary of state web page.

The point is to expose anyone living high on the hog or exploiting their position for financial gain. It is a nice idea — but with more holes than a pasta colander.

Had this law been in place during the days of former House Speaker Lee Chatfield, we would have learned that he had received a salary from the State of Michigan, but not the amount.

We could have read that he had investment accounts. But only the amount, if he wanted to.

He could disclose it if someone paid for his drinks and meals, as some people did. But it's not explicitly written into the law, so some people disclosed it, and others did not.

If someone paid his airfare to a conference, he could disclose that someone paid for his airfare ... but leave out who it was or even where he was going.

We'd have learned that Chatfield has a wife named Stephanie. She is not a lobbyist. We would not have known that she kept books for the Peninsula Fund or any other nonprofits the Chatfield family allegedly used for personal benefit.

We know this from what showed up on other legislators' sites:

Some listed out an exhaustive schedule of every fundraiser they ever attended where they received a free meal. Others left that whole section blank.

Sen. Joe Bellino listed that he and his wife own an estimated \$30,000 in jewelry. Sen. Jonathan Lindsey listed his 1970 Chevelle as an asset. Others shared painfully little.

A couple of lawmakers couldn't figure out the website and gave up. Three legislators figured out the website twice and posted two rounds of information.

General confusion existed over

whether it was necessary to report food and drink with lobbyists since lobbyists already report this on their own reports.

Outside of that, here were some highlights:

- Whitmer owns a company called Super Deluxe LCC, which The Detroit News reported Monday was created to manage her personal wealth in advance of her book's release this summer. While proceeds from the book were announced to go to a nonprofit, it's not known how much Whitmer is contracted to make from its sale.

- Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist noted that his wife, Ellen, is the senior director of Early Childhood and Education Services for the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, which received childcare development money from the Department of Education.

- Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson noted that her husband, Ryan Friedrichs, makes \$400,000 as a lobbyist for New York-based Related Companies. She reported no business interactions he may have had with the state of Michigan.

- Also, Benson received \$10,000 for giving the commencement address at Wellesley College last year. She did not have to list this dollar amount, but she did anyway.

- Attorney General Dana Nessel is a trustee for the Plymouth Democratic Club and her wife, Alanna Maguire, is a Plymouth city commissioner.

It's all interesting bits of knowledge, and none of it points to wider scandals.

On one hand, it's comforting to know that state leaders are not engaged in graft so blatant that they can't help disclosing it. On the other hand, the public still has no clue who benefits from a nonprofit 527 account or a 501(c)4.

We've learned that a few legislators have side businesses and are married to lobbyists, but we don't know how much they make from these enterprises unless they voluntarily share their earnings.

In short, it wasn't nothing. But it wasn't everything, either.

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



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

Reining in short-term rentals will protect our neighborhoods

By JILL BAKER

(Jill Baker is president of the Grand Pointe Property Owners Association and resides in Dimondale.)

As a longtime resident of the close-knit Dimondale community, I've witnessed the many changes that have come our way over the years. Our neighborhood has always been a sanctuary of sorts, where we've raised our families, shared countless joys and sorrows, and built lasting friendships. However, in recent years, we've seen the negative effect of the rise in unregulated short-term rentals. It is becoming painfully clear that we must take action to preserve our neighborhood's safety and character. Part of the solution is ensuring proper regulations are in place to combat the unintended negative consequences of short-term rentals.

Our community, a tapestry of vibrant and diverse residents, including many older individuals who are now moving on, is under threat. As more of our neighbors depart, investors are swooping in to purchase properties for use as short-term rentals, posing a significant risk to our community's fabric. I refuse to stand by and watch our neighborhood transform into a hodgepodge of transient rentals that have no connection to our community. Yet, this is the unfortunate reality unfolding in many popular areas across Michigan.

It's not just the erosion of our neighborhood's unique character that worries me. It's the safety and well-being of our community that is at stake. Unregulated short-term rentals have spawned a host of issues, leaving many residents feeling exposed and vulnerable. Noise disturbances, disruptive parties, parking chaos and a constant influx of unfamiliar faces threaten to disrupt the peace and tranquility we've cherished for years. Our secure and comfortable neighborhood is teetering on the edge of becoming a district of transient party houses, with guests who have no stake in the community they're visiting.

Moreover, investors looking to purchase houses to flip them into short-term rentals could exacerbate these issues. These out-of-town investors have little concern for the consequenc-

es to our community related to the rise in unregulated short-term rentals. The rampant buying and selling of houses as mere commodities, with profit as the only goal, will drive up property values — pricing out people who want to live in a community and put down roots. It will make it harder for working families

to find affordable homes because they can't afford to compete with corporate investors. These investors are willing and able to pay more than fair market value for a house (not a home) to profit from, but not participate in, the wonderful community we've worked so hard to build.

Our neighborhood is at a crossroads, and it is time to act. We must address the current reality by prioritizing our community's long-term health, safety and well-being. Families want safe communities where they know their neighbors and their kids can play outside freely. Seniors want the assurance that the neighborhood where they're settling down is one of peace and stability. It's time to put sensible regulations in place to curb the rampant growth of short-term rentals to protect our unique character and ensure that our neighborhood remains a safe place where people can grow and thrive.

Advocating for more regulation of these properties is not about stifling economic opportunities but rather about finding a balance between profit and preservation — between welcoming newcomers and protecting our community's essence. I ask our state legislators to pass a bill that gives local officials the tools to develop and implement regulations that put our neighborhood's well-being first. Long-term residents and families should not suffer the consequences of these unregulated properties; appropriate parameters must be put in place before this quickly evolving upward trend in short-term rentals spirals out of control.

Ultimately, regulations governing short-term rentals are about more than just preserving our physical surroundings. They are about protecting the heart and soul of our neighborhood, the bonds of daily interaction that tie us together and the sense of belonging we all cherish. Let's act now to ensure that the place we call home remains a safe sanctuary for generations to come.



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'We were always doing music'

Jazz community pays tribute to Beth and Al Cafagna

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

As the 1950s jazz standard puts it, "Spring can really hang you up the most."

For Lansing-area jazz lovers, April brings one of the biggest bashes of the year, an all-star tribute to a local jazz legend by the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan.

They're all celebrations, but this year's is bittersweet.

Honorees Beth and Al Cafagna weren't professional musicians, but they were a pitch-perfect duo for 52 years until Al died in summer 2022.

For many years, the Cafagnas took their names off the nomination lists. They had no interest in diverting the spotlight from others they felt were more deserving.

"Al just loved to support jazz, play his saxophone, sing with our dance trio and teach philosophy," Beth said. "We were dedicated volunteers."

But, as co-founders of East Lansing's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival and longtime supporters of many local jazz events and music education programs, the Cafagnas were only ducking the inevitable.

When Al died, Beth softened her stance. A distinguished lineup of local musicians will perform, reminisce and give both Cafagnas their due at Sunday's (April 21) tribute.

Among the musicians performing is veteran drummer Jeff Shoup. About a year before Al died, when he was too ill to travel, Shoup and other musicians associated with Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub organized a concert at Corey Cafagna Park, next door to the Cafagnas' house. The park is named after the Cafagnas' younger son, who died in 2000 at age 16.

Al enjoyed the music from his wheelchair, insisting he was the luckiest person in the world.

Sunday's tribute will serve as a reminder that for more than 50 years, Beth and Al were a unit.



Courtesy of Beth Cafagna

Al (left) and Beth Cafagna at an early Summer Solstice Jazz Festival in East Lansing.

"We did everything together," Beth said. "We believed in the same values and sociopolitical ideals, and jazz fit right into those."

When Beth says she was "born and raised at Michigan State University," she isn't kidding. She grew up living in student housing at MSU, where her father, Professor Thomas Greer, organized teach-ins, strikes and other anti-war activities during the Vietnam era. She studied English, education and anthropology at MSU and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees.

She grew up with big-band and swing music in the house

all the time. She was ready for a serious immersion in jazz, and she got it, courtesy of a Detroit jazz enthusiast

and political activist named Al.

The duo met at an anti-war meeting at MSU in 1968.

One of their first dates ("sort of," she qualified) was chaperoning a busload of some 40 MSU students to Washington to march against the war.

Another early "date" was a protest at Dow Chemical in Midland against the production of napalm.

Their first non-political date was seeing legendary saxophonist Dexter Gordon at Baker's fabled Keyboard Lounge in Detroit. Beth was underage, but Al told a sympathetic doorman she wouldn't drink much.

"He ordered me a brandy Alexander, and we listened to Dexter Gordon in a smoke-filled room," she said.

Al was born into a big Italian family in Detroit in 1932. He attended Berkeley High School and Cass Technical High School in the late 1940s, when Detroit was a jazz mecca. Al knew

many of the greats personally: band-leader Harold McKinney, guitarist Kenny Burrell, pianist Hank Jones, Jones' brother Elvin (John Coltrane's volcanic drummer) and on and on.

On one occasion, Al loaned his saxophone to Frank Foster, leader of the "New Testament" lineup of Count Basie's band, when Foster's saxophone was stolen. Foster was living in Detroit and was due to go on the road with Basie the next day.

Decades later, Beth and Al's older son, Carl, played in the Basie band for the premiere of Foster's original piece dedicated to Detroit.

Foster greeted the Cafagnas warmly after the gig.

"Do you still have that horn?" he asked Al. "That was a great horn."

Al got a bachelor's degree in anthropology at Wayne State University and master's and doctoral degrees in phi-

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15th annual Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan Tribute: Beth and Al Cafagna

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Beth and Al Cafagna

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losophy at the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty at MSU in 1966 and taught there until he retired at age 70.

Listening to Al's up-to-date record collection, Beth saw the connections between the Great American Songbook she loved — the swing melodies, foxtrots and show tunes of old — and the innovations of 1950s and '60s jazz.

"It was all connected," she said. "We were always doing music and listening to music."

For many years, the Cafagna Trio, with Beth on piano, Al on saxophone and vocals and Carl on drums and vocals, was a staple at East Lansing's Active Living for All lunch group and many charity fundraisers. The trio played dance music from the big-band era of the 1930s and '40s.

"That was Al's passion in life," Beth said. "He didn't improvise a lot, but he played those songs from the '30s, '40s, '50s. We probably have 200 songs in our files that we learned."

In the late 1980s, the Cafagnas and two fellow jazz supporters, Kay Shapiro and pianist Sandy Izenson, formed the Mid-Michigan Jazz Society. The group hosted Sunday afternoon concerts at local restaurants, featuring local musicians and jam sessions with students. After some ebb and flow, the group morphed into the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan.

The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, now a major regional jazz event, began humbly in 1996, when the Cafagnas organized a late-evening jazz concert featuring local musicians at MSU's Erickson Kiva to follow a production at the Summer Circle Theatre.

"We were copying something they did in Scandinavia for the summer solstice, where they started at 10 p.m. and went all the way to 6 the next morning," Beth said.

With the support of the East Lansing Arts Commission, the concert evolved into an annual event, held in front of El Azteco or in the Valley Court area. By 1998, attendance grew from 800 to 8,000.

Al founded and ran the festival, with the imprimatur of the East Lansing Arts Commission, but Beth was equally invested.

After a few years, the festival grew to two days.

Beth, Al and other volunteers crawled all over the city, posting handbills and looking for donors.

"It was real grassroots volunteerism," Beth said.

In 2007, MSU Jazz Studies director Rodney Whitaker became the festival's artistic director. In 2010, an official advisory board supplanted the informal, overworked team of "Al and Beth and friends."

A synergy between the city of East Lansing, the burgeoning Jazz Studies program at MSU and private and commercial donors enabled the festival to host MSU-based national stars like Etienne Charles, Diego Rivera and Michael Dease and extend its reach across the state and beyond.

"It was just such a joy to Al and me to watch it grow," Beth said. "We were able to bring nationwide artists, which I never thought we could do — the Jeff Hamilton Trio, Johnny O'Neal."

A partnership with the Wharton Center took things to the next level, bringing in cutting-edge headliners and Grammy winners like Cyrille Aimée, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Tia Fuller and Esperanza Spalding.

As the festival grew in stature and scope, a key point of pride for the Cafagnas was the Education Stage, where groups of MSU and high school students got the chance to shine.

"Sometimes people would say, 'I like the in-between groups better than the main event,'" Beth said.

Education, especially in music, was a lifelong priority for the couple, extending to their two sons. Carl, who will turn 50 this summer, is an award-winning Detroit-area saxophonist and bandleader. Corey played trumpet and sang in the MSU Children's Choir and high school choir. When Corey died, the Cafagnas established an endowment to support jazz programs for students in middle and high school jazz bands.

Beth is looking forward to Sunday's tribute, but, to her credit, she's not crazy about the \$50 ticket price. Proceeds from the event go to the Cafagna/Izenson Scholarship, which awards \$500 to two local high school students for private lessons or summer study at the Interlochen Center for the Arts or another music camp.

"Even some of my friends can't afford it," Beth said. "But it goes toward the scholarship, and that's good. One of the joys Al and I had was following the students, all the way from when they came in as freshmen until maybe their master's. We try to be supportive, be encouraging, take their picture and send it to them. It's kind of like having more children to follow and see them succeed. It's really rewarding."

Come to Mash for the spirits, stay for the musical offerings

By TYLER SCHNEIDER



Specializing in sour craft beers and upscale pub food, East Lansing's Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery overcame the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic to open its doors in fall 2020.

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In the years since, the Michigan-based chain, which also has locations in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Dexter, Grand Rapids and Traverse City, has become a fixture of East Lansing's downtown scene.



Courtesy photo

Assistant manager Rudy Richmond was tapped about a year ago to help facilitate the conversion of the adjacent space west of Jolly Pumpkin into a sister business. The idea was to bring Mash, a bourbon, whiskey and beer bar run by the same ownership group as Jolly Pumpkin, to the 4,800-square-foot space to appeal to those primarily looking for libations.

Mash Bar opened in the adjacent space west of Jolly Pumpkin in East Lansing on Jan. 25, featuring a stage equipped for live music every Friday night and DJs on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Featuring seating for 150 people and a stage equipped for live music, Mash opened its doors Jan. 25. It's the third location of the small chain that started in Ann Arbor more than a decade ago, with a second opening in Ypsilanti in 2021. The East Lansing location is connected to Jolly Pumpkin via two hallways, but the spaces intentionally offer slightly different vibes.

and 40.

"I know that a lot of college students don't really care for bourbon and whiskey and stuff like that. That can be an acquired taste once you get older," Richmond said.

Before Mash opened, Jolly Pumpkin only had a brewer's license, meaning it couldn't serve alcohol it didn't make itself. With the addition of Mash, both can now serve third-party alcoholic beverages. Mash patrons can also order food from Jolly Pumpkin.

However, the crowd is largely dependent on the night. While Wednesdays and Sundays are great for a low-key drink after dinner, Mash hosts live music every Friday night and DJs on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Mash's focus, however, is the drinks. While specific offerings are subject to seasonal tweaks, the menu includes a fleet of specialty craft cocktails, 14 varieties of bourbon, 10 varieties of whiskey, nine types of wine, 10 beers on tap, additional canned and bottled beers and much more.

"When we have the DJs, you'll see more college students. On Friday nights, we'll get a mixed crowd of people," Richmond said.

Initially, the idea was that the new venture would attract a slightly older crowd than typical East Lansing bars, somewhere between the ages of 25

The Friday night shows have proven to be "way more popular than we thought," he added. "So much so that we now have two acts on Fridays. We'll have a solo acoustic act that goes on at 7 p.m., and then we'll have our main band, which goes on around 10 p.m."

Having worked in the East Lansing restaurant and bar scene for close to a decade, Richmond has enough experience to know that the response he's seen from guests so far is something special.

"When I was in college here, nobody cared about live music. It's really kind of cool to be here to see how things have changed over time," he said.



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'One generation's secrets are another generation's history'

Dedria Humphries Barker digs into her family's past to answer lasting questions

By **BILL CASTANIER**

In her book, "Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow," Lansing author Dedria Humphries Barker tells the true story of her great-grandmother Alice Donlan, a second-generation Irish American who married a Black man in Cincinnati, Ohio, during the hostile Jim Crow era.

After Donlan's husband, John Henry Johnson, died in 1912, she returned to work as a hotel maid and placed her three mixed-race children, ages 10, 8 and 2, in an orphanage. The oldest child, a daughter, would become Barker's grandmother.

When Donlan died in Detroit in 1961, surrounded by her Black family, Barker began to wonder about the orphanage story and her Irish heritage.

Barker's writing career stretches back to her time at Wayne State University, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English.

In addition to writing for three newspapers and working in communications at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Barker was an English professor at Lansing Community College for 18 years before retiring.

While working for the Michigan Chronicle, a weekly Black newspaper in Detroit, she had the chance to interview James Baldwin, Jacob Lawrence and

Amiri Baraka, a trifecta for the young journalist.

Barker's book is part genealogical research and part mystery as she tells the complex story of race relations and a mixed-race family in the early part of the 20th century.

"One generation's secrets are another generation's history," she said.

It's those secrets — and some gnarly bureaucratic mistakes by government enumerators — that she probes in the book.

Early on, Barker makes it clear that Donlan sent her children to an orphanage in hopes of them getting an education and bettering themselves, a characteristic that was passed down through the generations of the family. She writes, "Most Irish brought little or nothing to America but their intense interest in education."

She also explains that although her great-grandmother put her children in an orphanage, she didn't abandon them. She visited, checked them out for vacations and holidays and bought them clothes and gifts.

Through the retelling of the story, readers realize that giving her children up was the hardest thing Donlan ever had to do.

The author leaves nothing on the table in telling the story of a mixed-race marriage during an era when they were often outlawed and even prosecuted. She also tells a story that still resonates today of a single mother trying to navigate child-

care and work while assuring her children receive an education.

Barker said she started researching the book in the '90s and that writing it "was 20 years in the making before it was published." For her, the hardest part of the writing process was shifting between information she collected through research and family beliefs while reconciling public records like birth certificates and census data, which she found weren't always correct.

The author found it necessary to fill in some details that were lost to history. She was required to speculate about Johnson's life by doing dogged research about his employment as a horseman for a Cincinnati businessman and a stone mason.

Through her historical research, Barker paints a picture of Ohio in the early 20th century that belies the state's conservative policies of today. Perhaps best representing that liberal thought of a hundred years ago is a wedding certificate the author found recognizing the legal marriage of her great-grandparents in 1899. At the time, many states prohibited mixed-race marriage through anti-miscegenation

laws, but not Ohio.

Another challenge was "making sure the Black family didn't come across as the bad guys, especially as it related to education," Barker said.

The book details how, following the death of Donlan's husband, she was shunned by her white family.



Courtesy of Dedria Humphries Barker

Lansing author Dedria Humphries Barker tells the complex life story of her Irish-American great-grandmother in her book, "Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow."

On the other hand, Barker said the easiest part of writing the book was capturing the personalities of the Black women.

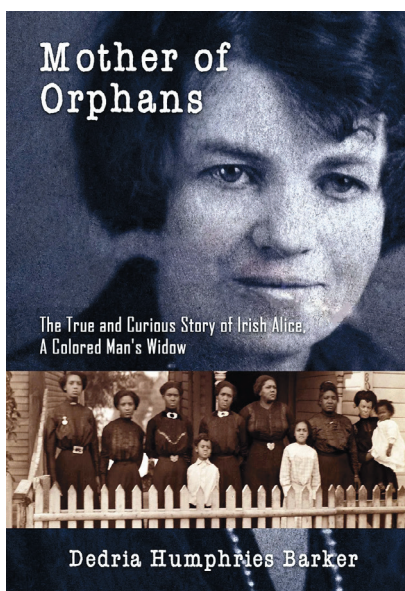
"I knew all of them, and there were things about them I could trace directly to Irish Alice," she said.

Despite being born 10 years after the Civil War, Donlan came to Detroit to live with her Black family and was alive when Barker was young.


"I knew her," Barker said. "We could trace our bland soul food to the influence of Irish Alice."

The best part of writing the book for Barker was sharing the historical family research with Donlan's daughter, her grandmother.

"She was in a nursing home, and her early family and friends were dead. I would tell her what I found, and she would lean forward and ask, 'Do you know them?' I would answer, 'I do,'" Barker said.



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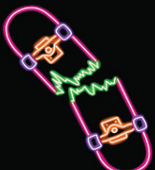
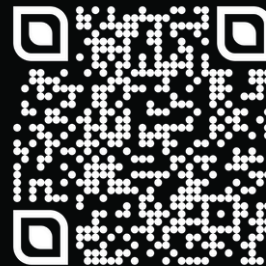
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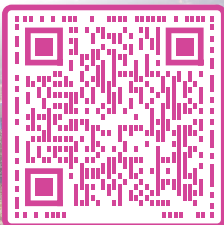
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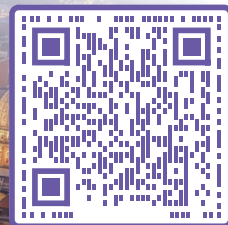
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2024 420 Gift Guide

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For our third annual 420 Gift Guide — and my first as the keeper of the Lansterdam in Review flame for City Pulse — I have chosen items with an eye toward trying to provide something for all tastes. Many products are sourced from local cultivators and processors. We are blessed to be in the epicenter of Michigan’s dope industry — no small thing, considering the leading role our state has assumed nationally. I hope you all have a great Stony 420 and can try some great products from top-tier companies and provisioning centers.

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\$20/3.5g

Premier Cannabis Farms coconut gelato Sapura

This strain surprised me with a truly tropical and earthy-tasting backend. This cut is one of my favorites from these Lansing operators and gives some real strain variety to a market that needs it. It is a great option for a relaxing afternoon smoke that almost any stoner would appreciate.



\$35/3.5g

Real Leaf Solutions GMOREOZ Local Roots

This is a gassy and massively potent GMO cross. Real Leaf Solution is a legal market OG and has Lansing caregiver roots. I was familiar with this cultivator during the caregiver days, and this cut takes me back. This is a great gift for terp junkies or those who want to support an OG in the legal market.



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- FLOWER -

Old School Organics AJs Sour Diesel Local Roots



\$35/3.5g

This is a throwback strain that will delight new and old heads alike. Old School Organics is one of my favorites and, in my opinion, one of the most consistent cultivators in the legal market. This strain will be sure to lift your spirits and, if you're the right age, bring out bring out some flavors that are sure to make you nostalgic for the subtle sour flavors that became popular in cannabis back in the day

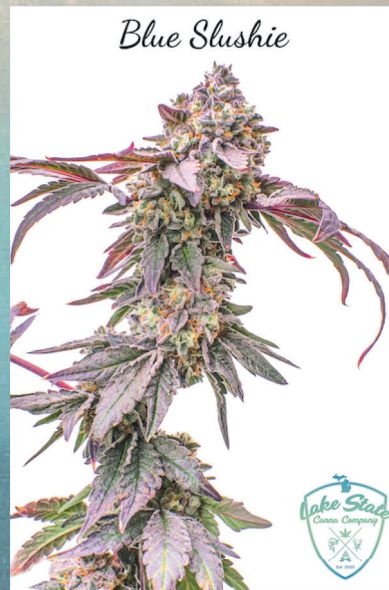
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Lake State Canna Blue Slushie Sapura

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The Smallz Pincanna

Pincanna sells small buds of its strains under the brand "The Smallz" at a discounted price. It's a great opportunity to try some top-notch flower at a more accessible price point. I wasn't too into the idea, but I have smoked an entire ounce over the last few weeks from the bag I picked up the last time I was at the Pincanna shop. Any pothead would be happy to find an ounce of this under the weed plant on 420.



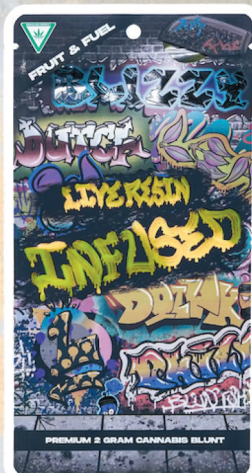
\$99/28g

- PRE-ROLLS -

Ice Kream Hash Co. Neapolitan Lake Life Farms

Ice Kream Hash Co is known for live rosin and other solventless offerings. This new product mixes three strains of flower into one joint along with three strains of live rosin to produce complex terp profiles that seem to change over the joint's life. Any hash head would be happy to receive this on 420!

\$45/2.5g



Fruit & Fuel 2g Infused Live resin blunts Pincanna

\$12/2g blunt

These infused blunts from Fruit & Fuel are a phenomenal deal for the price! They burn pretty smoothly and are not weighed down by any artificial tastes. Pincanna in EL always has a great variety of strains so there's bound to be something you like.



Turn N' Burn Candy Mob Burnout infused Local Roots

Nothing like ole-reliable for a stony 420 weekend. Lansing's favorite Turn N' Burn cannabis offers up a newer take on their ever-popular Mafia Funeral strain that adds a little octane to make this pre-roll really kick!

\$10 1G

Premier Cannabis **JEALOUSY** Sapura

This potent, indica-leaning strain delivered for me. It elevated my mood and left me with a relaxed and pleasant disposition. This is a great gift option for relaxing and killing a few hours before bed.

\$8/1g



Ice Kream Hash Co. Single Scoop .5g live rosin infused joint Lake Life Farms

On of my favorite pre-rolls. This .5g infused joint delivers potent and tasty offerings from some of the most sought-after cultivators Ice Kream Hash Co. could find. This a great gift for your friends who appreciate flavor and quality above all else.

\$10/.5g



- EDIBLES -

Funky Extracts Roasted Almonds Pincanna



\$15 per package

These are a great option for people with a lower tolerance or for folks with a high tolerance who want to crush the whole bag. The taste makes that possible. This is one of the better non-gummy options and a unique treat for a great gift this year.

Shattered Thoughts Entourage Gummies Local Roots

I was so excited to feature this product, which is a gummy fortified with multiple cannabinoids to create synergies among them. This "Entourage effect" mimics the full spread of cannabinoids found in the full plant. Pick these up for someone who likes to experience the full spectrum of the cannabis plant.



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Sweet Justice Infused Elderberry Pom 2:1 Lansing Botanical Co.

Some long-time caregivers produce Sweet Justice out of Franklin Fields. This newly increased dosage pairs 10mg of THC with 5mg of CBD to create a perfect dose for an afternoon beverage. Better yet, a portion of every Sweet Justice sold goes to a fund that works on restorative justice around cannabis. It's a great gift for the cannabis activist in your life.

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Michigan Organic Rub Infused Granola bites Pincanna

These super delicious individually wrapped granola bites taste great and are made with top-notch ingredients and cannabis. These are an amazing first edible offering from OG cannabis brand Michigan Organic Rub. A perfect gift for folks who want the tastier, healthier non, non-gummy option.



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- ACCESSORIES -

Puffco Proxy Puffco.com

Don't let the small size or waterless chamber fool you, this thing absolutely rips. I have had mine attached to my hip ever since I got it. The price tag can be steep, but it's an investment in being high, and the price is totally worth it. This is a great gift for the oil head on the go in your life.

The Patient Journal- Medical Cannabis Companion Journal

Shopgoldleaf.com

This is a perfect gift for folks looking to use cannabis for a particular ailment. The journal allows users to keep track of strain, terpenes, effects and much more. This is also a perfect gift for anyone who wants to track the effects of specific strains or other THC products. There is a less medical-minded recreational journal available, too!



\$34.99

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\$249

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- CONCENTRATES/VAPE -

Ice Kream Hash Co. Sunny D Live Rosin
Lake Life Farms



Ice Kream Hash Co. is becoming a premier solventless brand in Michigan, and this strain is a great reminder of that. The tropical terps deliver at an amazingly accessible price point. Pick this up for any dabhead in your life.

\$35/1g



\$15/1g

Franklin Fields Commissary carts
Lansing Botanical Co.

These no-frill vape carts continue to impress me. The minimal flavoring gives a clean, potent and discreet rip. The best part is that a portion of every sale goes towards commissary funds for incarcerated cannabis felons. This is a great deal for a good cause, a perfect gift for any head in your life.

Packwoods mini packs
Sapura

\$38/1g



This new offering from Packwoods delivers a gram of live resin in a small, discreet, disposable vape. The brand also offers 2g versions that allow you to save a little cash. This is a perfect gift for someone who needs a discreet option but also wants a slightly nicer taste.

Fruit and Fuel Rainbow Belts #16 live resin
Pincanna

This baller jar from Fruit and Fuel is an absolute steal! The terps on this, and all the fruit and fuel for that matter, are always on point. The accessible price point makes this a perfect gift for the heavy dabber in your life.

\$40/3.5g



Anarchy Extracts Detroit Blueberry Crumble
Sapura

Sometimes, a joint won't do it, and I like products like this crumble when that time comes. I have been tossing this very affordable crumble in my joints all week. Its subtle flavor is just enough to let me know it's in there, but the effect doesn't let me forget me, either. It's a great gift for heavy stoners looking for a cost-effective way to liven up their joints.

\$14/1g



Gold Crown Extracts
Sapura **\$20/1g**

Shatter still matters! There was once a time when this concentrate format was king. Gold Crown is one of the only outfits in the legal game still rocking shatter, along with batters, terp sugars, and numerous other fishing methods for concentrate. Be sure to check out some old-school shatter for the nostalgic heads on your 420 list.



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420 2024: A look back at Lansing's stoner roots

By CHRIS SILVA

Happy 420, dope smokers of Lansing! This year, our precious toking holiday falls on a Saturday, so a lot of you don't have to call in "sick" on the nation's most significant pot occasion. As the legal market picks up even more momentum and becomes ultra-competitive, we are poised to see some of the most crucial retail sales incentives for cannabis consumers. In addition, retailers across the state will be throwing an overwhelming amount of 420 events and offering other in-store promotions that will leave you with many compelling options for spending the big day.

The 420 holiday pre-dates the legal market in Michigan by decades. As an undergraduate at Michigan State University in the mid-2000s, even then, headshops were promoting the day as a perfect time to grab that new bong or pick up that new bubbler. The smell of skunk would permeate the campus as every undergrad who touched the stuff took the holiday to heart.

This cultural phenomenon arises from the designated time to smoke weed in the day, 4:20. The concept is thought to be traced to a small group who met at that time every day to smoke weed together. One of their stoner brothers worked for the Grateful Dead, and the concept was permanently installed in the subculture. Popular culture also ran with the idea that 4:20 is not too long after many blue-collar workers get home, a perfect time to light a joint in anyone's book. Over time, the designated light-up time morphed into a designated smoking day.

Michigan has always had a unique and vibrant cannabis culture. The late John Sinclair and Ann Arbor's Hash Bash participants are some of this movement's pioneers and intellectual elders. Lansing has pushed many working-class caregivers/activists into the legal market and legitimacy. Hard-fought gains have been made by cannabis heroes like Capital City Caregivers, Redemption Cannabis' Ryan Basore, Danny Trevino of Hydroworld and Robin Schneider of the Michigan Cannabis Industry Associa-



Courtesy Ryan Basore

A 2010 caregiver-rights protest rally in Lansing. Ryan Basore (left), who owns Redemption Cannabis, served time in federal prison for marijuana-related activities. Mark Passerini (right) owned an Ann Arbor dispensary.

tion. An activist class was created in the capital city, not by mistake. The town has been primed for pot for a long time, and its working-class roots and university proximity make the caregiver years seem like Camelot to many of those still in the game.

The 420 holidays in 2014 and 2015 Lansing looked almost as busy as this year's. Nearly 90 medical cannabis shops filled the city. South Cedar Street and Michigan Avenue were lined with pot shops that occupied previously abandoned storefronts. It was hard to find anyone not involved in the industry or



benefiting from its economic activity.

However, even with so many people benefiting and a beautiful community being built by activists and small business owners, many in the area still did not like the city's embrace of the burgeoning industry. The very namesake of this column, Lansterdam, was once tossed out as a pejorative from unhappy wealthy developers and business owners in the city.

As cannabis became legal and regulated for medical and later recreational use, Lansing saw the 420 holidays become entrenched in the adult-use cannabis retail sector. Many people miss the camaraderie associated with the old counterculture around this plant, especially as it transitioned from illegality to a legal gray area for many years in Michigan. The nascent industry and minimum regulation gave people from every walk of life a chance to enter a new and quickly growing industry with minimal start-up expenses and no regulatory hurdles. The result was a community that looked to help one another navigate the market and the upcoming trudge to legalization.

Consumers were more involved with activism then because laws were so different from city to city and all over as far as enforcement was concerned, and you

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00PM, at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823:

A public hearing will be held on East Lansing's FY2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget.

A staff report (Agenda Item Report) for this 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 council@cityofeastlansing.com or by mail to: East Lansing City Council, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

For more information on the agenda item listed above, please contact:

Matt Apostle, Community and Economic Development Specialist
517-319-6859 / mapostle@cityofeastlansing.com
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Materials related to this budget 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 8:00am and 5:00pm, or online at <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/2243/Community-Development-Advisory-Committee>.

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needed to stay informed to ensure you could keep getting your meds.

In 2023, the Michigan cannabis industry hit \$3 billion in annual consumer sales; this puts our state in the premier league of cannabis markets. In addition, a recent report shows cannabis created more than 10,000 Michigan jobs last year, for 46,676. The industry has matured in Lansing, and the storefronts are less Wild West than they used to be. In their place is a growing set of retail operators.

Besides job creation, the industry is boosting revenue to local government: The city of Lansing received \$1.4 million in taxes this year from 24 facilities,

up \$400,000 from the previous year.

Supporting all this is a population that loves weed and a workforce of growers, extractors and retail workers that make up a sustainable new jobs segment that is much needed in the area. This spring and summer will see another season of outdoor cannabis consumption events. Soon, consumption lounges will start opening around the city, ushering a new era of cannabis culture into the capital city.

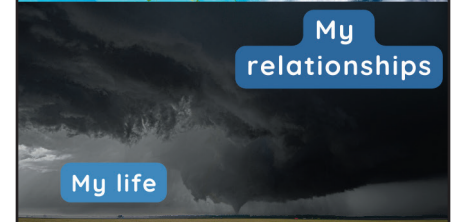
As the cannabis market grows and matures around the state, the 420 holiday will continue to shift from being a countercultural phenomenon to a time when consumers and retailers look for ways to spread savings and raise the average ticket price.

I want to think that here in Lansing, we will continue to use the day

to smoke some dope with our friends and loved ones and continue to build a community around this amazing plant that has uplifted many people in our city. I'm hopeful it will be a time to honor heroes like Danny Trevino, who is sitting in federal prison today for being a pot pioneer, or the recently departed John Sinclair and Rick Thompson — two activists who, without, there would be no legal market for us to enjoy. Let's all get stoned this year for 420, but let's also push to create a better, more informed, transparent cannabis community and industry and honor those who sacrificed so much to build it for us.

Oh, and one more thing: No one is calling the city Lansterdam negatively anymore.

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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, April 17

2024 Art, Art History, and Design Faculty Triennial exhibition - An inclusive survey of work produced by MSU faculty. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"A Course of Love" Discussion, 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.

Art Education Lab: Upcycled! - Use recycled materials to create new works of art. All ages, children under 7 must attend with an adult. 12:30 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - Upbeat Latin dance that's easy to learn. Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

Developing Film with Beer: Alternative Analog Photography - Learn about alternative film development using beer, called beeranol! 21+. 7 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

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

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.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition at Snell Towar Recreation Center - Teams have two hours to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Prizes will be awarded to the first two teams to finish. Registration req. 6:30 p.m. 6146 Porter Ave., East Lansing. recreation.meridian.mi.us.

Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle - 8 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

Lansing Junior Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Ten-week program. Ages 12-17. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

LCC Jazz Band with Waverly High School Jazz Band - Free. 7:30 p.m. Waverly Middle School, 620 Snow Road, Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

Michigan Dental Association Annual Session - Michigan's largest continuing education event for those in the dental field. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. annualsession.michigandental.org.

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.

MSU Concert Band and Campus Band - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Open Mic, Hosted by Rick Hansel - Family-friendly, welcomes singers and musicians. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Particle Journeys: From Deep Space to Deep Underground - Through hands-on activities and demos, we'll introduce the audience to the fundamental particles that make up matter. 7 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Removing Invasives and Planting Natives to Protect Our Fresh Water - Paige Filice, a natural resources educator with MSU Extension, discusses the value of native plants. 7 p.m. Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Pkwy., Okemos. wildoneslansing.weebly.com.

Stall Catchers Catch-a-Thon - Cornell University designed the Stall Catchers project to advance Alzheimer's solutions. You can help by playing a simple game on our library laptops! Ages 8+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

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

Walk-in Wednesday: Folk Art Floral Bouquet - All-ages art workshop, children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. Free. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Watercolor Silhouettes - Learn to paint watercolor silhouettes. Intended for adults. 5 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

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

Thursday, April 18

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

FILMETRY

Friday, April 19
5:30 p.m.

The Fledge

1300 Eureka St., Lansing

The 5th annual FILMETRY festival, presented in partnership with the Capital City Film Festival, will premiere 11 new short films adapted from poems informed by cinema. The event begins 5:30 p.m. Friday (April 19) at The Fledge.

Each poem will be displayed on the screen with pre-recorded narration before the corresponding film begins. Judged by poet and fiction writer Jim Daniels, who co-edited the anthology "RESPECT: The Poetry of Detroit Music," published in 2020 by Michigan State University Press, cash prizes will be awarded to the top three films.

The poems and short films were produced by both global and local artists, including MSU faculty and students. Several poets and filmmakers from out of state will travel to Lansing for the event, which will include a Q&A session.

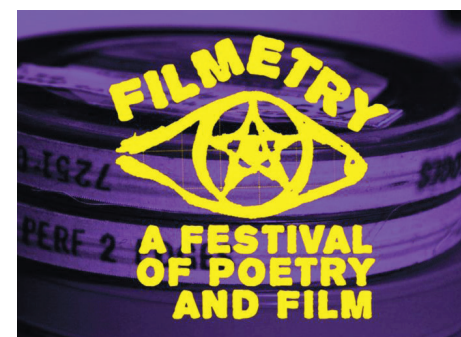
FILMETRY was co-founded in 2018 by MSU College of Arts and Letters faculty Cindy Hunter Morgan and Peter Johnston. Johnson, who will debut a film of his own, an adaptation of Hunter Morgan's poem "Romance," said this year's event "is a celebration of the way 'going to the movies' has informed all aspects of contemporary life and art, including poetry."

"The filmmakers had rich poems to work with as source material," he said. "And the source material for the poems began with films. For this reason alone, it feels like a particularly special year for FILMETRY."

Morgan is excited to give audience members an opportunity to see and hear poems come to life on the big screen.

"The festival enlarges poetry — literally, of course, but it also gives audiences a new way into experiencing poems," she said. "The filmmaker's art is a kind of alchemy: When an adaptation is done well, a poem is more than it once was."

The event is free and open to the public. To learn more about FILMETRY, including a list of this year's filmmakers and poets, visit filmetry.org.



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

"Alabama Story" - Political foes, star-crossed lovers and a feisty children's author inhabit the same page in a Deep South of the imagination that brims with humor, heartbreak and hope. 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

Beginning West Coast Swing Group Dance Class - Partner dance with roots in Lindy Hop. Seven-week class. Registration req. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

BOGO Book Sale - Buy one item and get one of lesser or equal value free. Books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, DVDs, magazines and more. Cash or check only. 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library Friends' Bookstore, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. 517-816-8259.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Bridge Street Merchants Night Owl Shopping - A variety of stores will be open until 9 p.m. with sales, specials and snacks! Bridge Street, downtown Grand Ledge. grandledgechamber.com.

"Bright Half Life" - A time-bending play about love, heartbreak and the infinite moments that make a relationship. 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. williamstontheatre.org.

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Chipmunk Story Time - Story time comes alive as children interact 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.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

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GLPS Student Art Showcase & Reception - Enjoy refreshments while you view more than 100 pieces of art created by students from Grand Ledge Public Schools. 5:30-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Good Morning, Mason! – April Edition - Chamber event with a quick-paced agenda of local news and community updates. 7:15 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. 517-676-1046. masonchamber.org.

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. ladiesilverblades.org.

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Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

MSU Wind Symphony - Featuring guest composer John Mackey and clarinetist Julian Bliss. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

REACH Teen Night - We'll start with warm-up drawing games, then weave our way through a fun fiber project with beads! Pizza provided. Free for Lansing residents. 6-8 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

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.

The Sounds of Science: Inspiring Connections - Join researchers from MSU's Kellogg Biological Station and musician Silent Spirit for a musical night of stories about the environment and inter-

connectivity. 7-9 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

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

"Transitory: A Study of Human Anatomy & Our Own Impermanence" Opening Reception - Solo exhibition by Thiago Porraz. Meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments. 5-7 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square, Suite 100, Lansing. lansingartgallery.org.

True Crime & Wine - Join us for an afternoon of wine, snacks and Michigan true-crime stories, told by author Rob Sadler. 2 p.m. Delta Retirement Center, 201 Mall Drive South, Lansing. 517-323-6970. deltaretirement.com/news.

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In memory of Mew

Satis

is a friendly tabby who ended up at the shelter by accident. She was brought in with another cat in a home when the owner lost her home. To our surprise, when the owner showed up, they had no idea who Satis was! We guess that she sneaked in while people were moving things out of the home! However, it happens that Satis is looking for a new place to call home. She is outgoing and loves attention. Our guess is that she was an indoor/outdoor cat, but she's been pretty content during her time with us, so she may do just fine as an indoor cat!



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Montu

is a baby pibble looking for his forever home! He loves other dogs and is a typical puppy. He will need a family with the time and patience to raise a baby and with a schedule flexible enough to make sure he can get outside a few times a day. He's only 2 months old, so not quite ready for 8 hours in a crate! He is currently in a foster home with other dogs and would enjoy a friend in his new home!



In memory of Jake and Abby

AmunRa

is a handsome tabby who came to us from another shelter. They said he loves his scratcher and sleeping in beds where he can hide. He loves to have his head and neck scratched!



In memory of Rodica's cats

Apis

is a sweet, worried little orange-and-white tabby who came to us from another shelter. They hadn't had him long, so they didn't know much about him, either. He's scared, but he's already venturing out to say hello, so we think that in a few days, he'll be a typical social orange tabby!



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BaPef

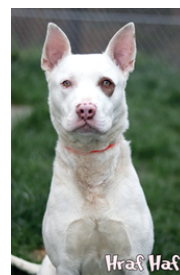
is a cute, slightly cross-eyed cat who came to us from another shelter. We haven't learned a lot about him yet, but he doesn't seem to be terribly phased about the move!



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Donatello

came to the shelter with his brothers when their owner could no longer afford to take care of them. They lived their lives outside in a pen, so they will need a special family to help them learn what it is to be a part of the family. They are desperate for attention and trying hard to keep their feet on the ground, but sometimes it's just so exciting to get attention that they forget. They are only 8 months old, so basically giant puppies!



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Hraf Haf

is a cute teenage pitsky who came to the shelter as a stray. His finder held on to him for a couple of days before bringing him in, and she said he was a great dog. He did well with her small kids, her cat, and her dog! He did well with dogs with us, too, and would enjoy a playful friend in his new home.



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Yayoi

is a pint-size pittie who came to the shelter as a stray. She was so scared she just hid from us at first, but once she realized nothing bad was going to happen, she began to act like the puppy she is! Her favorite thing is to run in circles around you (quite exciting when she's on leash!) and then get as close to you as she can manage. Outside (except for snow — she's not a fan!) she has the cutest zoomies! She would probably do better with calmer, older kids, but she will need a larger, tolerant male if she's going home with another dog. This girl has opinions, and let's just say she could use some work on her social skills. She's like a midget sumo wrestler. Lots of grappling and pinning and nothing lady-like! She's a nice pocket-size friend who will keep you smiling!



Sponsored by Raelynn

Mekhet

is a sweet, worried little manx cat who came to us from another shelter. We don't know a lot about her but expect that once she settles in, she'll be a nice little friend for someone!

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Ben Awrey at Harrison Roadhouse - 6 p.m. 720 E. Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0200. harrisonroadhouse.com.

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CCFF Symphonic Cinema: "Fresh" (1994) - Live debut of an original composition by Timothy Blackmon Jr. and James Gardin, set to the visuals of the cult hood classic "Fresh." 6 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. ccff.co.

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

Collin & Gwen at the Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

The Davies Project Volunteer Appreciation Day - Help recognize our volunteer drivers at this special awards ceremony, featuring guest speaker Bob Hoffman. 10 a.m.-noon. 230 Bingham St., Lansing. 517-515-5122. thedaviesproject.org.

Eliezer Temple Church Evening Service - Part of a three-day celebration in memory of our founder and pastor, the late Apostle David W. Maxwell. Musical guest University of Michigan Gospel Choir, guest speaker Bishop Lambert W. Gates Sr. 7 p.m. 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-394-2544.

The Further Adventures of FatBoy & JiveTurkey - Group of local and regional musicians that provides a fresh interpretation of the roots of blues, country and jazz, paired with original tunes. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Live Music with the Devil Elvis Show - One-of-a-kind show that combines '50s rock 'n' roll with elements

of rockabilly, country, soul and R&B. 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

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MSU African Diaspora Percussion Ensemble - 8 p.m. Murray Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Night at the Museums - Enjoy an all-ages evening of science and art activities at two campus museums. 6-8 p.m. MSU Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

NorthWest Initiative Spring Fundraiser - Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit NorthWest Initiative, a nonprofit working to improve the overall health of the community and quality of life for low-income Lansing residents. 5-7 p.m. Gregory's Soul Food, 2510 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. nwlansing.org.

Parkour at ALIVE - A basic introduction to parkour as imagined through stories. You and your little one will learn how to safely maneuver everyday obstacles using the whole body. Ages 2-6. 10 a.m. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. 517-541-5800. myalive.com.

"Refuge Recovery," A Buddhist Path to Recovering from Addiction - Peer-led group meeting with a 20-minute meditation and a reading from the book "Refuge Recovery." 6:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Soulstice at Mash Bar - 10 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

Zoe Mulford - This singer-songwriter backs her voice with guitar, piano and clawhammer banjo, conjuring a world within each tune. 7:30 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Saturday, April 20

123 Andrés - 1:30 and 4 p.m. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

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All About Frogs Campfire - Join naturalists for a fireside chat, s'mores and a guided walk. 7 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Aurora Paint Party - For \$40, you get one glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres, one raffle ticket and an evening of painting. Fundraiser for the Fraternal Order of Eagles' Diabetes Fund. 3-6 pm. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3022 W. St. Joseph St., Lansing. 517-220-0058. paintyourpoison.com.


Beerfest at the Ballpark - Outdoor festival featuring 300+ craft beers from 65+ Michigan breweries in addition to ciders, meads, spirits, wine, live music and food. 3-8 p.m. Jackson Field,

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Husband and wife Andrés Salguero and Christina Sanabria, better known as 123 Andrés, invite families to sing, dance and learn at their shows 1:30 and 4 p.m. Saturday (April 20) at the Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre. The duo, which has won both a Grammy and Latin Grammy for best children's album, performs songs in Spanish and English, providing an opportunity for kids to learn a new language through interactive, high-energy sets. Billboard called the duo "a rockstar for little language learners."

The pair also hosts the PBS Kids podcast "Jamming on the Job" and has published three dual-language children's books and seven albums.

One hour before the performances, Wharton will offer free crafts and other kids' activities. To get a glimpse of what to expect from the performances, visit the duo's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@123conandres. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Wharton Center Ticket Office, whartoncenter.com or by calling (517) 432-2000.



505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. beerfestattheballpark.com.

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Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants - Join featured speaker Robin Wall Kimmerer to learn how to cultivate a reciprocal relationship with the living world. 6 p.m. Virtual — view livestream at youtube.com/@MSUSciFest/streams.

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Contra & Square Dance - All dances taught. No partner needed. Come at 6:30 for a quick workshop on easy contra dance moves. 7 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. 517-614-5858. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Dine-in or carryout sauerkraut dinner and dance - German dinner 5-6:30 p.m., live music and dancing to follow. \$15 adults, \$7 children 10 and

under. Liederkranz German Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-882-6330. facebook.com/lansingliederkranzclub.

Donuts & Storytime - Bring the kids to the library for stories, activities and donuts! 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.

Dueling-Piano Showdown 2024 - Two pianists take center stage, engaging in a musical duel. Proceeds benefit the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce. Bring cash for a 50/50 raffle. 5-8 p.m. Mason-Holt Eagles, 1111 N. Cedar St., Mason. 517-676-1046. masonchamber.org.

Earth Day Extravaganza - Variety of volunteer opportunities available to prepare the park for peak season. Sign up at mynaturecenter.org/earth-day-extravaganza. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. 517-483-4224.

Eliezer Temple Church Brunch - Part of a three-day celebration in memory of our founder and pastor, the late Apostle David W. Maxwell. Guest speaker Apostle Bradford Berry Sr. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The English Inn Restaurant, 677 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids. 517-394-2544.

Eliezer Temple Church Family & Friends Choir Musical Concert - Tribute to the late Apostle David W. Maxwell. 6 p.m. 3637 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. 517-394-2544.

Free Brush Drop-Off - 8 a.m.-noon. Delhi Publicly Owned Treatment Works, 5961 McCue Road, Holt. 517-699-3874. delhitownshipmi.gov.

Game Night - Bring your favorite game to share, whether it's a tabletop RPG, a card game, a board game or something else. You're also welcome to bring food and beverages. 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

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

Lansing Juneteenth Jazz Brunch Fundraiser - Live music, brunch and fun! Proceeds benefit the Lansing Juneteenth Celebration Festival. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Cadillac Room, 1115 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org.

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Make a Solar Phone Charger - Ages 10-13. 10 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - Find our winter market in the JCPenney wing of the Meridian Mall. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

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Mother Earth, Daughter Sky: Mother-Daughter Retreat - Half-day retreat for mothers and daughters ages 5-12. Games, dancing, art and more. 1-5 p.m. Delta Township Community Center, 7550 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing. 517-927-0272. asyouareyoga.com.

MSU Symphony Orchestra and choirs: Songs of the Sea - 8 p.m. Wharton Center Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Oliver's Stones Panera Fundraiser - Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera app or at the in-store kiosk, and 25% of your purchase will be donated to local nonprofit Oliver's Stones. 4-8 p.m. 2080 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. oliversstones.com.

Puff Puff Pole - 420-themed pole-dancing & burlesque show. 21+. 7 p.m. The Studio at 414, 410 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 989-909-0333. ticketleap.events/tickets/vertical/puff-puff-pole.

Recycle Rama - Greater Lansing's largest one-day recycling event. For a list of recyclable items, visit facebook.com/MidMichiganRecycling. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 517-483-4400.

Salsa Verde - Salsa music ensemble comprising students and faculty of the MSU College of Music. Dance class 8:30 p.m., show 9 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeat-events.com.

Tiger and Dragon Kenpo Martial Arts Training - Based on a variety of martial arts systems, Tiger and Dragon Kenpo is designed to develop self-confidence in the warrior. 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

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

Weird Barbie's Hideout: Official CCFH Afterparty - Performances by Los Angeles punk rockers Aurat and Hamtramck's Day Residue. Before the bands, head downstairs to Weird Barbie's Hideout or to the mainstage for House of Manifestation's Ganja Ball. 8 p.m.-3 a.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. ccfh.co.

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76th Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show - Huge assortment of books and ephemera on sale. Admission \$5, children 13 and under free. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 517-332-0112. curiousbooks.com/shows.html.

Adrienne Torf & Voices of the Revolution - 7:30 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

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Bottle and Can Collection for Eastern Ingham Farmers Market - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. 517-618-1630. easterninghamfarmersmarket.org.

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

Earth Day Community Council Fire with David Meeder - This special session of Sage Cafe will meet to begin building the Community Council Fire. 8 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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Euchre - 6 p.m. Esquire Bar, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. 517-487-5338.

Gideon Alorwoye and the Afrikania Cultural Troupe - Troupe showcases traditional drumming and dances from Ghana. 7 p.m. Large Rehearsal Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

GLAD Drum Circle - All ages and experience levels welcome. 2-4 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-803-2392. facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers.

Green Man Day - Help prep for Beltaine! We'll finish the day with a shared feast and relaxation time. Noon-5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

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

Introduction to Human Design with Wilder Dreams Collective - Human Design combines astrology, the I Ching, Kabbalah and the chakras to create a system that reveals one's unique design. 4 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Lansing Junior Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Ten-week program. Ages 12-17. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

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MSU Symphony Band and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony - Featuring guest composer John Mackey. 3 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Particle Journeys: From Deep Space to Deep Underground - Through hands-on activities and demos, we'll introduce the audience to the fun-

damental particles that make up matter. 4 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. sciencefestival.msu.edu.

Red Cedar Quaker Friends Worship - 10:30 a.m. 1400 Turner St., Lansing. redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship/.

Spring Wildflower Walk - Join a naturalist for a look at the wildflowers in bloom along the trails. 1 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us/hnc.

Swiftie-Themed Cookie Decorating Workshop - Join Coco's Confections for a Taylor Swift-themed cookie decorating workshop. 1-4 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

Monday, April 22

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

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Burger Night - Choice of hamburger, cheeseburger or olive burger, plus fries. Dine in or take out. \$8. 5-7 p.m. Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 517-321-2209.

Capital City Ringers concert - Join CCR and music director Mark Loring for a family-friendly concert with a wide variety of music to celebrate our 40th anniversary! 7 p.m. Delta Presbyterian Church, 6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-321-3221. capitalcityringers.com.

Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 7 p.m. Portland City Hall, 259 Kent St., Portland. portland-michigan.org.

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 - Join Ms. Erin for stories, songs, activities and therapy dogs. Ages 0-5 with caregivers. 11 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. 517-663-0950. eradl.org.

Matter of Balance - Interactive workshop that aims to reduce fall risk and increase physical activity in older adults. Eight-week session. 9:30-11:30 a.m. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. To register, call 517-887-1465 or email histedc@coa.org.

"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Book Study with Jeff Benoit - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

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.

Unity Book Study: "The Power of Now," by Eckhart Tolle - Facilitated by Lucille Olson. 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Tuesday, April 23

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.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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\$10 adults
\$7 youth

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

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. charlottelibrary.org.

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

"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Book Study with Rev. Sharon Ketchum - 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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.

Trivia at Lansing Shuffle with DJ Trivia - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

Wednesday, April 24

2024 Art, Art History, and Design Faculty Triennial exhibition - An inclusive survey of work produced by MSU faculty. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

"A Course of Love" Discussion, 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. ruhala-center.com.

Adventure on the Appalachian Trail - Local resident Ted Graham shares stories from his five-and-a-half-month hike on the 2,183-mile Appalachian Trail. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

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

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - Upbeat Latin dance that's easy to learn. Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888. sparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/michigan-athletic-club.

Bookend Gallery display - Jack Hetherington, an engineer and former physics teacher, uses colors to represent three or four dimensions on two-dimensional surfaces. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

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

CharLit Adult Book Club - A monthly adult book

club. 6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Community Conversations - Learn about the improvements and developments coming to Meridian Township from Amber Clark, director of neighborhoods and economic development. 6 p.m. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org/about/our-locations/okemos.

Earth Week Open House! - Variety of nature-themed activities, lessons and crafts. Seed giveaways while supplies last. 5:30-7 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. ruhala-center.com.

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

Karaoke at Lansing Shuffle - 8 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4619. lansingshuffle.com.

Lansing Junior Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Ten-week program. Ages 12-17. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

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. lamc.info.

Open Mic, Hosted by Rick Hansel - Family-friendly, welcomes singers and musicians. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Science or Science Fiction? - Join us for a bookish trivia game. We'll offer quotes from different books and see if you can separate science fact from science fiction. Prizes for the winning participants! 7 p.m. Hooked, 3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. hookedlansing.com.

Tall Poppy String Band and Northern Resonance - Two trios bring stellar examples of American and Swedish string music traditions. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

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

Walk-in Wednesday: Wet Felt Geodes - All-ages art workshop, children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. Free. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

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

Thursday, April 25

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"Alabama Story" - Political foes, star-crossed lovers and a feisty children's author inhabit the same page in a Deep South of the imagination that brims with humor, heartbreak and hope. 7 p.m. Stage One at Sycamore Creek Eastwood, 2200 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. peppermint-creek.org.



Adrienne Torf & Voices of the Revolution

Sunday, April 21

7:30 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner St., Lansing

San Francisco-based pianist and composer Adrienne Torf will perform with Voices of the Revolution, a Lansing-based group of women spoken-word artists and gospel singers, 7:30 p.m. Sunday (April 21) at UrbanBeat in Old Town. The event aims to raise funds for Voices' trip to Washington to join Torf in performances of her Helen Hayes Theater Award-winning musical program, "Poetry for the People: The June Jordan Experience," which combines her music with the poetry of the late African American writer and activist June Jordan.

The UrbanBeat show will include selections from Jordan and Torf's 2003 album, "Collaboration," as well as gospel and spoken-word performances by Voices and an art auction.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door or \$10 for students with ID. To purchase tickets and learn more about the performers, visit urbanbeatevents.com.

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



Lawrence

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

Have you ever wondered what dish or cuisine is synonymous with our geographical area? I know people love olive burgers and

Quality Dairy donuts, but one thing that screams Greater Lansing to me is that everyone has their favorite Middle Eastern restaurant. I've tried virtually all of them and have my own short list of favorites, ranked by their proximity to my office and the level of garlic in their garlic sauce. (Spoiler: I like a lot of garlic.)

I live in Groesbeck, so Bread Bites Mediterranean, deep in the heart of Meridian Township, isn't in my normal radius. However, since we decided to focus on it this month, I've been scheming up ways to work a couple of swings through Haslett into my routine. As we all undoubtedly know, you don't swing through Haslett. You're there because you live there, or you're annoyed because it takes so long to get there.

The first thing you need to know is that the people working at Bread Bites are incredibly friendly. Never before have I encountered someone who's looked at me and said, "You're fancy in so many ways," and to be honest, I didn't know what I'd been missing. On one visit, the same man gave my 6-year-old a bite-sized dessert while we waited for our order, and while the child was intimidated by the flaky layers of phyllo, luckily, his mother was not.

The chicken shawarma pie (\$9.99) is a Bread Bites special and something I was eager to try. Think of a personal pan pizza. The dough, which I assume is the same dough used for the restaurant's delicious pita, was piled with a layer of shawarma and melted cheese and topped with chopped tomatoes, lettuce, pickles and pickled turnips. It was conveniently sliced like a pizza, making it easy to eat. I'd never had anything like it before, and it lasted me through several meals with a salad on the side. I'd rate it 10 out of 10 and would definitely order it again.

On another visit, I tried the fried cauliflower (\$13.99), served atop rice with two sides. I chose fries and fat-toush salad for my sides and loved that the crispy toppings on the fat-toush weren't big pieces of pita chips, which always painfully poke the corners of my mouth when I cram them in there. They were much closer to pita breadcrumbs. They still gave me that crunch that I love, but much more manageable. The fries, which were hot, salty and lightly spiced with paprika, were also better than average.

Mr. She Ate loved his beef shawarma (\$14.75), but unfortunately, he left it unguarded when he took our daughter upstairs to get her pajamas on. The dog loved it, too. I offered to share my fried cauliflower with him and was secretly thrilled

The go-to spot for Mediterranean in Meridian

By **BRYAN BEVERLY**

Being native to Lansing's west side, venturing out to the Meridian Mall as a kid was both rare and a treat. Just down Marsh Road from the



Beverly

mall is Central Park Place, a collection of fairly upscale storefronts. I recall several fond memories of visiting Seasons in the shopping plaza to explore its late-1980s-era furniture, trendy novelties and my favorite: the wall of jellybeans. I have less fond memories of waiting for my mom as she shopped at Chico's for what seemed like days at a time, but we would hit up Cappuccino Cafe for a pumpkin bar or brownie as a reward for my patience.

Chico's remains at the plaza, but many other businesses have been replaced over the years. One of the more popular tenants today is Bread Bites Mediterranean, which prides itself on its dough, bread and pies. This family-owned restaurant offers typical Mediterranean fare but also highlights several authentic dishes from the owners' native Palestine and Lebanon.

During both of my visits, I saw lots of takeout and delivery orders, yet plenty of diners also filled tables for lunch. No matter how you plan to enjoy your meal, you will be greeted by Nadar, a maestro of kindness and belonging. Honestly, he should spend time training other restaurants' waitstaff in customer service or giving pep talks to reception desk staff at many businesses around town.

What's good

Bread Bites' hummus (\$6.25) is pungent. It caught my better half and me off guard with its burst of citrus. It's creamy and smooth but just thick enough that you can tell it's authentic and fresh. Our palates are probably too used to Westernized versions of hummus.

The Meat over Hashwe plate (\$15.50) is up and down. The hashwe — rice seasoned with ground beef, cinnamon, and other spices — shines with its warm earthiness, helping to overshadow the sumac-and-onion-marinated chicken musakhan, which is flavorful but overcooked in far too many pieces.

What's great

There are so many other great dishes at Bread Bites that it's hard to put them into categories this month. The french fries (\$3), with their house-made Lebanese seasoned salt, are probably better than any other fries you've had in 2024. Similarly, the lemon chicken soup (\$6.50) is packed with carrots, celery, rice and chicken, with a most vibrant broth. Herbaceous and hearty, this soup would be perfect for a rainy April afternoon.

I've had kibbie — ground beef combined with bulgur wheat, pine nuts and spices — on multiple special occasions where friends have made it fresh. Whether raw or baked, I'm a fan. Bread Bites' deep-fried Kibbie Bites (\$3 each) compete with any I've ever had. Crispy with notes of cinnamon and allspice,



Bread Bites Mediterranean

5100 Marsh Road, Okemos

11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

Noon-7 p.m. Sunday

(517) 708-7112

breadbitesokemos.com



Bryan Beverly for City Pulse

From the warm and fluffy pita bread to the herbaceous lemon chicken soup and perfectly seasoned fries, Bread Bites Mediterranean is awash with flavorful and filling options.

Chicken curry, island-style

By ARI LEVAUX

About 60 years ago, on Little Corn Island, a tiny dot in the Caribbean Sea approximately 50 miles off the coast of Nicaragua, a cook named Maritza was born to a Colombian mother and Cuban father. She goes by “Bongui,” which means something in Creole, one of several languages spoken on the island. The gringos call her “Granny,” thanks to a sign on a table set up in her front veranda that reads Granny’s Creole Cooking School.

Her house is flanked by mango and coconut trees, several carefully placed hammocks and benches, and a fire pit out back under a tamarind tree. “Granny gwan make ya know fa cook island style,” she announced as we sipped tamarind-ade on her veranda.

We ate some epic meals at Gran-

ny’s, including Run Down, a seafood stew served with local starches like cassava, plantain and breadfruit. Our favorite was her chicken curry, and we returned for an encore presentation of that dish. To mix it

up, she added some dumplings and used an “island chicken,” a locally sourced rooster from the island’s north end. As the chicken bubbled on the fire beneath the tamarind tree, its feet sticking out of the pot, Granny directed a kid named Pinky to crack and grate some dry coconuts.

This chicken curry is a great recipe for me to share with you because the ingredients are all available at home, so we can recreate it perfectly. The same can’t be said for Run Down or fried yellowtail.

Granny served the curry with coconut rice and deep-fried smashed plantains called tostones. We doused our food with habanero vinegar and



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

The original Granny’s chicken curry.

chased it with sweet, cold tamarind beverages as Granny told us about a cooking contest going down the next day at the village wharf. All the best cooks on the island would be there, including Granny, the culinary Cardi B of Little Corn Island.

“Dem bitches all feared a me,” Granny announced with a grand sweep of her hand before pointing to herself. “Because dem know dis bitch can cook.”

She planned to enter her deep-fried yellowtail with seasoned coconut cream, not to be confused



Courtesy of Ari LeVaux

Chef Boy Ari’s rendition of Granny’s chicken curry.

with coconut milk. She predicted the \$100 prize would be as good as hers.

The next afternoon, Granny’s fried yellowtail sat on a plate on a card table, flanked by a green coconut and a bunch of flowers. The tables of her competitors were laid out like catered buffets, with main courses flanked by fish balls, conch fritters, bush salads and stewed green papaya.

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Granny’s chicken curry

This dish will serve four to six people, depending on the size of the chicken. Serve with rice.

- 1 whole chicken, cut up, or parts — I use a pack of drumsticks and a pack of thighs
- 1 medium onion or shallot, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 hot pepper, sliced
- 3 lemons or limes, juiced

- 1 cubic inch of ginger, sliced
- 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon paste or powder
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 can coconut milk (you can also make milk from two dry coconuts, but it’s a process)
- 1 bunch basil, chopped
- 1 bunch cilantro, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, mix the chicken pieces with the onion, garlic, hot pepper, lemon or lime juice, ginger slices and bouillon.

While that marinates, add the coconut oil to a stew pot and turn the heat to medium. Add the sugar and cook for about 10 minutes, until it’s completely blackened. Add the chicken to the burnt sugar and oil. Turn

the heat to high and cook the chicken for about 30 minutes, turning occasionally. Add the onions and peppers from the marinade, along with the curry powder. Mix it all together and add the coconut milk. Reduce the heat to medium and cook for another 30 minutes. Adjust seasonings to taste. Add the basil and cilantro and serve.

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that he declined because it was a perfect lunch the next day — hearty and filling but not heavy.

I picked up a slice of baklava cheesecake (\$7.99) for us to share, then shoved it to the back of the fridge so Mr. She Ate would forget it was there. Bread Bites has an entire case of different desserts, all of which look like little jewels and are probably delicious, but the cheesecake has got to be the best one. It was thick, lusciously smooth and topped with the traditional pistachio-packed baklava filling, with pistachios also incorporated into the crust. It was divine.

Mr. She Ate tried the gyro (\$9.99) and liked the spices on the meat. He surprised us both by enjoying the half order of baleela (\$7.25) I picked up for us to share. This was a new dish to me: a cold salad with chickpeas, romaine, cucumbers and onions. I stuffed it into the fluffy pita, drizzled it with vinaigrette and garlic sauce and found it to be both nourishing and delicious.

The Lansing area is rich in delicious Mediterranean cuisine. No matter where I am, I know where I can get a satisfying mushroom-and-halloumi wrap, kafta sandwich or scoop of mujadara. I’m thrilled that I now have a reliable favorite place to dine the next time I find myself in our northeast quadrant.

He Ate

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this kibbie is bound to be on my tray whenever I return.

The dessert options are plentiful and appealing, with baklava cheesecake (\$7.99) and lady fingers (\$2.25 each) among the choices. We sampled the rice pudding (\$4.25), which is creamy and light in texture, with firm rice that’s neither crunchy nor soggy. Sometimes with rice pudding, the cinnamon is an afterthought that’s just sprinkled on top, but in Bread Bites’ version, the aromatic yumminess is embedded throughout. Add in a hint of rose water, and the flavor is

through the roof. The traditional baklava (\$2.50), with its paper-thin layers of phyllo and generous toppings of pistachios and honey, is a wholesome, sweet treat that provides a lovely accompaniment to the rice pudding.

Best bite

As amazing as all the flavors described above are, the best bite this month goes to the restaurant’s various breads. In every form, the doughy delectable is the star of the show. From the warm and fluffy pita (\$5.25 per bag) to the zesty and savory Thyme Bites (\$2 each), this isn’t the place to count calories, but goodness gracious, are they tasty! My waistline is glad I still live far enough away on the west side.

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Granny was furious. She didn't know she was allowed to bring side dishes.

The winner was steamed yellowtail with Caribbean sauce. Second place was fried yellowtail in Caribbean sauce. Granny's fried yellowtail in coconut cream did not make the podium.

Later that night, I ran into a fishing guide named Whiskers. Apologetically, I told him that I would

not be fishing with him but with Granny's husband, Tuba. Whiskers understood. "Bongui got set up, mon!" he said of Granny's fate at the competition. "Dem make she tink twas but one dish wen dem knew der was plenty."

The next night, I asked the winner, Michelle Gomez, if she would prepare her winning dish for us. It was delicious, but the earth didn't tremble beneath my feet. I believe yellowtail, which is a tad bony, is better when fried crispy. And I love the interaction between a flavorful sauce and a crispy fish. So, the next night, we went to Granny's and gave

her entry a try. It was definitely better than the winning fish. But not as good as Granny's chicken curry.

A few days later, I ended up taking an excursion with Whiskers. We went night snorkeling and saw octopi, rays, sea turtles and two lobsters having sex. While Granny may not have won that \$100 prize, we took care of her. And she sent us home with dense bricks of cooked-down ginger, coconut and sugar. I've been putting pieces of it in the boys' school lunches since we came home, a little edible reminder of Little Corn Island — as if they could ever forget.

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Scientist
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TOP 5 GREEK FOOD

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2023 Top of the Town contest. Bon appétit!

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Counter-service restaurant offering casual Mediterranean and American eats
1429 W. Saginaw St., Suite 150, East Lansing
(517) 351-1066
louhas.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. daily

2. Lou & Harry's Bar & Grill

Sports bar offering Greek food, burgers, specialty drinks and more
211 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(51) 657-2762
louhas.com
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday
11 a.m.-2 a.m. Tuesday-Sunday

3. Niko's Taverna

Sports bar serving Greek and American

dishes and authentic Greek beverages
151 S. Putnam St., Williamston
5-9 p.m. Monday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday
(517) 550-6456
nikoswilliamston.com

4. Olga's Kitchen

Chain restaurant specializing in Mediterranean-inspired flatbread sandwiches and salads
354 Frandor Ave., Lansing
(517) 332-2500
olgas.com
10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

5. Sultan's Restaurant

Roomy eatery serving classic Mediterranean dishes, with lots of veggie options
1381 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 333-4444
sultansmediterranean.com
11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
3-7 p.m. Sunday

6. Zaytoon Mediterranean — both locations

Casual restaurants serving shawarma, falafel and other Mediterranean staples
See zaytoonholt.com and facebook.com/zaytoonlansing for locations, hours and phone numbers

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WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP Township Board Meeting April 10, 2024 Synopsis

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Creagh, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Eyster, and Trustee Steinberg present. The Board approved the following:

- Consent Agenda
- Minutes of March 13, 2024 Board Meeting with corrections
- Contracting with Maner Costerisan for pre-audit services for \$12,000; and Clark Schaefer Hackett for audit services for \$15,000
- Contracting with DTE for street light conversion to LEDs with expense to be billed to the Street Light Assessment Districts over two years with no interest
- Contracting with Redwood Landscaping for foot bridge and shepherd's wall construction at Summit Cemetery, not to exceed \$20,400
- BS&A set up and training for Planning & Zoning module for \$5,175
- Charges filed against individuals allegedly responsible for recent Township park damage
- One of two bids, not to exceed \$1,065, to repair the damage to the Township park.

The next regular Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 in the Community Room of the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston. Visit williamstownmi.gov for the latest agenda, documents, and updates. Phone (517) 655-3193. Robin A. Cleveland, Township Clerk

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8	9	5	3	6	7	2	1	4
6	7	2	4	8	3	1	5	9
9	1	4	6	5	2	3	7	8
3	5	8	1	7	9	4	6	2
7	8	1	9	4	6	5	2	3
4	2	6	8	3	5	7	9	1
5	3	9	7	2	1	8	4	6



420 DEALS

DEALS RUN 4/17 - 4/20



20/\$49 Pre-Rolls	\$64 oz Flower	\$42 oz Small Buds	BOGO Infused Pre-Roll 3pk
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Deachy
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200mg Peachy Hash
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BAMN

15/\$75 Grand River Dabs
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get a free eighth
Buy 510 cart, get a free battery

wana

BOGO free
100mg Classic Gummies

Goldkine

BOGO free
*excludes Hy-R & The Factory

Element

\$17 2x Loco and 1x
Element Infused Joints

EMERALD
CANNING

\$15
1x Cider, Tea & CQ

BLOOM

\$50
2x 1g surf disposables

VapinApe **GHOST**

\$40
1x Vape & 1/8th

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While supplies last. Some restrictions may apply. See store for details.

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