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THE CONSPIRACIST

MASKS ARE A TOOL OF THE ILLUMINATI TO KEEP US COMPLIANT FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER.

THE MISGUIDED MASCULINIST

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MASKS ARE FOR LOSERS

THEY MAKE YOU LOOK WEAK! REAL MEN AREN'T AFRAID OF ENDING UP IN AN INDUCED COMA WITH A VENTILATOR TUBE SHOVED DOWN THEIR THROAT!

I'LL RISK ANYTHING TO OWN THE LIBS!



PERSISTENCE OF MEMORY

WITHOUT STATUES, HOW WILL PEOPLE REMEMBER OUR HISTORY, WHICH CONSISTS OF ALL THOSE OLD-TIMEY GUYS ON HORSES?

WHOEVER THEY WERE!



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HURRAH! NOW WE CAN HANG OUT IN CROWDED BARS SHOUTING MOISTLY IN EACH OTHERS' FACES-- JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!

THE CRISIS IS OVER AND WE NEED NEVER SPEAK OF IT AGAIN!
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Where's the action?

Data released last week by the Lansing Police Department offers an intriguing glimpse — but only a glimpse — into some of the systemic problems with how Black residents are overpoliced in our community. It shows officials must do much more to bridge a racial divide in Lansing.

The Lansing Police Department aggregated and published statistics on traffic stops as part of Mayor Andy Schor's latest action plan toward racial justice and social equity. We applaud any effort geared toward transparency. But now some problems are on display. They need solutions.

Here are some of the big ones:

— In nearly 28,000 traffic stops over the last three years, 33% of drivers were Black. African Americans make up about 22% of the city's population. While less striking than other communities, that's still a disproportionate impact.

— Black drivers and passengers, once stopped in Lansing, are also statistically about three times more likely to get searched than white people. About 15% of Black traffic stops involved a search. White traffic stops only involved a search about 5% of the time. And fewer than half of the searches of Black suspects even turned up anything.

— Local cops are about three times more likely to arrest Black drivers and passengers. About 3% of Black traffic stops ended in arrest. White suspects were only arrested in about 1% of traffic stops.

Rounding up and publishing these alarming statistics is a major step toward helping city officials recognize a problem that has been brewing for decades. It also shows Lansing is no exception to a national need to address systemic racism and police misconduct.

As for addressing such disparities, Schor's plans to further review the police budget are welcomed. A plan to initiate the city's first diversity, equity and inclusion plan — especially with some outside help — sounds promising. An upcoming town hall to solicit public feedback is always a nice gesture.

But they are only plans. Some are only plans to make plans. Lansing needs action. And so far, despite some valuable data from the Lansing Police Department, we haven't seen it.

The City Council hasn't discussed police divestment once. A town hall still hasn't even been scheduled. Even the new data released by the Police Department leave much to be desired. The city



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needs to get more serious about making change.

Local residents have called for a meaningful dialogue on police divestment. Have one. The Lansing Police Department has details on call volumes and responses. Review them. Black residents want to see more resources reallocated into their communities. Find the cash in the budget. Start with the Police Department. Listen to advocacy groups. Find some middle ground.

City Pulse, in our own small way, is committed to moving the dial on this issue.

Local residents have accused officers at the Lansing Police Department of some type of misconduct on at least two dozen separate occasions over the last nine months, statistics released last week say.

But the reason behind those complaints and how they were handled remain a mystery. Names of officers and details about each incident — including how they were reviewed after they were first reported — are still being shielded from public view.

Records simply show that nearly every complaint was recorded, reviewed within police ranks and privately determined that no formal complaint should

move forward. All records of any internal investigations, including the initial complaints themselves, remain a total police secret.

City Pulse tried and failed to obtain those records through a Freedom of Information Act request last year after two Black teenagers were violently arrested. That internal probe — it led to required training for the officers involved — has also been hidden within the Police Department.

The reason given: Lansing's interest in maintaining the privacy of those records outweighs the public's interest in their release. Besides, some of those investigations rely on internal cooperation. A public spotlight might make that difficult, officials said in denying our request.

The denial from Schor's office was reaffirmed when Carol Wood, who as Council president declined to take up our appeal. But we think

it's time to rethink that decision. And with President Peter Spadafore, a self-proclaimed progressive, at the helm, maybe we'll have different results.

City Pulse refiled that FOIA request this week; it will likely land on Spadafore's desk in late July.

The issue of publicly releasing police misconduct reports has been repeatedly litigated across the country. Laws in some states exempt them from release. Others give discretion to the individual agencies. In Michigan, they're only considered exempt if the agency determines that its own departmental privacy outweighs public interest, which has been Lansing's tactic to date.

A Michigan Press Association attorney said state law allows for personnel records of cops to be shielded from release if city officials can appropriately balance public interest with their perceived rights to privacy. It's an argument that can usually only be fully resolved in the courtroom. We hope Spadafore decides those steps won't be necessary.

Without the ability to hold officers and their department accountable for their actions, the number of cases involving potential officer misconduct and racism will only be left to grow. It's time Lansing takes action. These records must be released in their entirety and immediately.

For only after reviewing our past can we move toward a brighter future. Black lives matter.

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Invest in our community, not in our punishment

(The writer is the executive director of the Women's Center of Greater Lansing.)

By **MELINA BRANN**

Imagine a two-sided list. On one side you have a pot of money in the Lansing Police Department budget, totaling \$4.7 million. On

the other, you have a significantly longer list of programs and organizations in which the city could invest those \$4.7 million to promote community safety — like mental health programs, housing, domestic and sexual violence programs, public transit, and harm reduction. Ten percent of LPD's annual budget is \$4.7 million. Lansing spends over one third of its entire budget on police alone. That is more than public services, human services, economic development and parks and rec combined

We are calling on the city to move our community's dollars out of a violent and untrustworthy policing system and into programs that actually keep our community safe.

We must defund the police and begin to transition to a new community safety model.



Brann

I know what you are thinking: Won't this allow all of the "bad people" to do "bad things," and what about murders?

We need to recognize that police and prison abolition is not a reaction to this moment. It is a movement backed by decades of thinking, experience, and research done by Black leaders in this country.

Black-led organizations have created many spaces to address the trauma borne by Black communities by police and have created innovative, proven solutions to involve the police less in our lives, like restorative justice. We have created weekly community cookouts. There have been informal teach-ins. Neighbors are talking to each other to build solidarity. People are having deeper conversations about community care and safety. We are creating a police-free future in real time. Everyone should be taking the steps to create this future. Our lives depend on it.

So, what about violent criminals? We are not suggesting ending protection against violent criminals. In fact, prevention efforts, such as robust mental health services, will reduce the number of violent crimes. We, the people, will be empowered to decide for ourselves what we need, whether it is community watches to protect our neighbors from property crime, community mutual aid

efforts to assist those in need, or transformative justice programs to truly stop the prison-to-prison cycle. The fact is, it does not make sense to structure our entire multi-million-dollar social safety apparatus around a relatively rare class of behaviors. As a city, we do not need to spend millions on police. Police do not stop crimes; they only respond to them (if they respond at all).

I work with domestic violence survivors daily. Instead of spending money on police, we can invest in domestic violence organizations that will create programs for people who have committed acts of violence against their significant other, as well as survivor programs for those who need it. We can also respond to a number of 911 calls without relying on the Police Department. People who are trained to respond to specific emergencies can be dispatched instead of police. For example, CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon, is set up so that a medic and a crisis worker respond to mental health emergencies instead of police.

Police are often deployed against social problems they have no idea how to deal with — confronting people who are homeless, substance users or those who cannot access mental health care. They often respond with the tools of their trade: violence and arrests. Even with crimes like drugs and burglary, throwing police at the problem does not solve the desperation that is often associated with the root cause of crime. Arresting and re-arresting people only makes a person's situation worse, creating a vicious cycle that dispropor-

tionately punishes people who live in low-income communities, particularly Black Americans.

Policing is both harmful and expensive. It drains public money that could otherwise go to measures that would address the actual underlying problems that cause criminality. Investments in affordable housing, youth programs, mental health services, addiction treatment options, jobs programs, and education have been shown to reduce crime more than policing.

We want everyone to be safe. However, we in the Black community acknowledge that there are better ways to think about community safety than armed paramilitary forces with a proven track record of racism, brutality and a focus on responding to harm after it has already occurred rather than deescalating or preventing it in the first place.

Will a focus on prevention magically stop all harm? Of course not. But we have to ask: How much harm is our current system stopping? How many murders, or sexual assaults, do police currently solve, much less prevent? Black people know viscerally the harm that police have caused in our neighborhoods. The police cause more harm than they prevent, especially in Black communities. We can end this punitive approach and reinvest in programs that help people and reduce crime.

"Abolition is about presence, not absence. It's about building life-affirming institutions." — Ruth Wilson Gilmore

Calls for Schor's resignation getting old

Can we stop the "Rush to Resignation" campaign against Lansing Mayor Andy Schor and talk about making changes that matter?

This may run counter to our toxic, modern-day cancel culture, but the answer to every problem isn't to call for the head of whoever happens to be in charge.

Government, like life, isn't about blocking someone on Twitter or left swiping a face on Tinder.

It's not about turning real people into disposal pieces of tissue that be tossed away like garbage or flushed down a toilet.



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People are people. Not a cell phones app to be deleted. Not a Facebook image you can block. Not an email to delete.

Andy Schor isn't neck-deep in scandal. He hasn't been charged with a crime. He has some on-the-job trouble with the hot issue of our time and needs some help. Making Andy Schor "dead to you" doesn't create meaningful policy change. It doesn't change the hearts and minds of the people at large.

Calling for Andy Schor to resign is an attention grabber. It's kind of like calling for police defunding. It's great rhetorical fuel for an angry mob, but both are impractical and political losers.

Look, Andy Schor clearly isn't doing

well with the Black community. I don't know why he can't seem to keep people of color in his administration. I don't know why he can't seem to connect with peaceful protesters demanding change in how police interact with Black residents.

I do know that the mayor was elected by 72% of Lansing voters. I also know that in political terms, that's a landslide. Schor's popularity coming into office was so great, our former mayor didn't even bother running.

The last few months or so has shown us Schor's strong suit isn't addressing protesters. He isn't going to rip out a rousing speech that will inspire the masses to run through a brick wall. He doesn't react well when directly confronted or when strangers are hanging out at his house. His public responses to crises, in general, could be better.

But let's talk about what Schor is good at and work from there. Schor can bring people together. He listens

to people who are willing to have a real conversation with him, not yell at him. He's willing to find consensus. He wants to find solutions to problems.

He already proposed that the City Council move \$170,000 into a racial equity and anti-racism fund, most of it coming from the Police Department. So clearly, he's open to improving race relations in our community. Let's go from there.

Is the problem police pulling over young men and women for "driving while black"? Let's address that.

Is the problem a lack of social programs or after-school activities? Let's address that.

Is the problem that Schor is thin on diversity within his cabinet? Give him some names. Give him time to address it since we all know it's a problem.

Sure, these things should have been on Schor's to-do list from the begin-

After Harper's outbreak, two dozen restaurants face new limits

118 COVID-19 cases tied to East Lansing outbreak

At least two dozen large bars and restaurants across Greater Lansing have been ordered to temporarily limit capacity to 75 patrons as local officials continue to track a growing COVID-19 outbreak tied to the recent reopening of Harper's Restaurant & Brewpub in East Lansing.

Under an Ingham County Health Department order issued this week, bars and restaurants that have already been limited to half-capacity under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order must further restrict both indoor and outdoor dining and drinking to a total of no more than 75 guests.

According to city officials, the recent restriction applies only to bars and restaurants capable of seating more than 150 people — including at least 16 in East Lansing and eight in Lansing.

The goal: Reel back some drunken chaos — especially in college towns like East Lansing — and allow restaurants to better enforce precautions on social distancing and face coverings. And if that doesn't work, Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail is prepared to order a shutdown.

"The bottom line is that these businesses hold in their hands the ability to keep themselves open," Vail told City Pulse. "I had two choices: Close bars and restaurants or further restrict them to where it can be safe. I



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Patrons line up at Harper's Restaurant & Brewpub in East Lansing on June 8, the first day of indoor dining in Greater Lansing. As of Tuesday, 118 COVID-19 cases have been tied to Harper's.

really don't want to have to do more, but I have that authority."

The latest data from Ingham County Health Department shows that at least 118 confirmed coronavirus cases have been tied to staff and patrons who visited Harper's between June 12 and 20. The popular college bar reopened on June 8, just as soon as it could under state orders.

None of those infected — most of whom are in their 20s — have been hospitalized. About a half-dozen of those infected are reportedly Harper's employees. Most of the others are customers. At least 14 are people who were later exposed to the coronavirus by other guests.

Despite widespread reports of tight lines forming in front of the bar and

maskless patrons roaming freely inside, Vail maintained that her office only first became aware of the possible contagion risk through a formal complaint filed on June 18. Inspectors arrived that evening.

"We sent people there literally as soon as we received the report," Vail added.

Vail's team said they didn't notice any problems at 6 p.m. on a Thursday. Tables were spaced six feet apart, staff wore masks and very few guests were dining inside at the time. Less than a week later, on June 22, Harper's "voluntarily" closed after a staff member tested positive. Dozens of other cases were announced the next day and over the week that followed.

And although the closure was vol-

untary, Vail said Harper's can't reopen without her permission.

"This is not completely on them, but I believe there's some responsibility for Harper's," Vail said. "They didn't require masks. They didn't require people to stay six feet apart. There was no attempt to do any of that. They just moved the tables six feet apart and opened up the doors."

Vail explained that because health inspectors didn't spot any glaring safety concerns and only two cases had been identified after an initial complaint was filed, nothing warranted its closure. Whitmer's orders also only mandate a temporary closure when an employee exhibits symptoms.

Whitmer's precautionary executive orders also mandate that residents wear masks in public, but there is no enforcement mechanism or criminal penalty for a failure to do so. Restaurants and bars must require they be worn by guests before they're seated away from others at a table, but Vail said that neither the Health Department nor Police Department has resources to do patrols.

As a result, formal complaints filed against businesses — like the one filed against Harper's on June 18 — are the only mechanism that would trigger Health Department inspectors to step in. Businesses and customers are otherwise largely entrusted to keep themselves safe, Vail said.

"These businesses themselves are the largest enforcement arm that we

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ning. They obviously were not. We all know it now. Let's work from there.

The campaign spurred by George Floyd's death at the knee of a police officer has inspired people of all races to take action or, at the very least, think differently our world.

To make the sum total of our campaign locally about two things the general electorate doesn't feel comfortable doing — getting rid of police and our duly elected mayor — will only result in one thing: a losing campaign.

Moreover, showing up at the Capitol or any other building to blow off steam works up to the point that

you turn down the opportunity to make changes. Then the law of diminishing returns kicks in. The public grows skeptical about the mob's genuine attempt to make meaningful changes.

Now is the time to work on these issues within the confines of government. Generate an action plan. Build coalitions of support. Schedule meetings. Encourage Council members or the mayor to change ordinances and policies.

If getting rid of Andy Schor is truly the goal, there's a way to do that, too.

Recall him. Get the county canvassers to approve a reason for recall. Collect around 11,000 valid signatures within 60 days. And city voters will have another election. They can pick Schor or someone else.

Otherwise, Schor is up for re-election next year. Either way, it's time for protesters to move into the real action phase of their movement. Because this yelling-at-a-building thing is


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actually have to make sure these precautions are followed," Vail added. "Businesses have the authority to deny entry to anyone without a face covering. This capacity order just helps make it more manageable."

The owners of Harper's, Pat and Trisha Riley, haven't offered any apologies for their role in the outbreak, but they sent a statement that recog-

nizes they take their responsibilities "very seriously."

"We have taken every measure to not only meet, but exceed, local, state and federal guidance for reopening during this COVID-19 health pandemic, which has been confirmed by the Ingham County Health Department," they said in a statement, noting they only closed to ramp up safety.

Vail clarified that her office didn't spot any problems at 6 p.m. June 18, but she has since gathered evidence to suggest that staff did very little to enforce social distancing inside the bar. The notion that county officials

"signed off" on the protocol at the bar is misleading, Vail said.

Among the changes at Harper's: A new line management system will help control city sidewalk lines "that we have no control or authority over," the Rileys said. Employees will be tested. A new air filtration system is being installed. An enhanced screening process will be in place.

Customers will also be required to wear masks upon entry and can only remove them once seated at their table. Staff must wear them at all times. Additional cleaning procedures are being put in place. Hard plastic barriers have also been installed on tables within six feet of each other.

Vail said those types of precautions should go a long way in mitigating any continued spread.

The Rileys — who have since hired a public relations firm — didn't respond to additional questions, namely about what type of role that management plays in responsible crowd control. A spokesperson for the bar and restaurant assured City Pulse they're busy working on safety.

Meanwhile, cases tied to the local watering hole have continued to explode across the state.

Bridge Magazine reported that among the early customers were students from the Grosse Pointes, with at least one of the students helping spread the virus by attending a house party in Grosse Pointe Woods, a second outbreak where people did not wear masks or stay socially distant.

The mayor of New York City cited the recent outbreak at Harper's when announcing that he may delay the reopening of indoor dining within the city, the Lansing State Journal reports.

According to The New York Times, certain places seem to lend themselves to superspreading. A busy bar, for example, is full of people talking loudly. Any one of them could spew out viruses without ever coughing. And without good ventilation, the virus can linger in the air for hours.

As a result, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey has ordered bars, gyms, movie theaters and water parks to close for at least 30 days as the state surges as a leading national epicenter of COVID-19. Governors in Oregon and Kansas have also announced mandatory face coverings for residents.

Vail said bars are still inherently a high-risk activity, and guests must recognize the dangers.

East Lansing Mayor Ruth Beier, who is presumably growing tired of

Area bars & restaurants lose capacity after Harper's incident

Local bars and restaurants capable of seating more than 150 people are forced to reduce their capacity to 75 people or less. Two dozen bars are impacted by the order. We compiled a list.

| Name | Standard Capacity |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Troppo | 163 |
| Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe | 175 |
| Bistro 43 | 180 |
| Gregory's | 192 |
| Riviera Cafe | 194 |
| Applebee's (East Lansing) | 198 |
| P.T. O'Malley's | 198 |
| Los Tres Amigos | 208 |
| Landshark | 212 |
| Green Door | 238 |
| Beggar's Banquet | 251 |
| Dublin Irish Square Pub | 253 |
| HopCat | 256 |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | 275 |
| Nut House | 290 |
| The Avenue | 300 |
| Fieldhouse | 330 |
| Harrison Roadhouse | 344 |
| Reno's East | 352 |
| Rick's American Cafe | 353 |
| The Loft | 360 |
| Harper's Restaurant & Brewpub | 500 |

watching her city's name pop up in national headlines for bad news, said the city needs to work in tandem with Michigan State University to better convince young people to "buy into" protective measures like masks.

"Neither the Health Department nor the city could do anything until cases showed up," Beier said. "Once they did, the county was able to shut Harper's down. The new restriction should have been part of the original executive order. My guess is the governor will see that soon."

Beier thinks the newly reduced capacity at local bars and restaurants will go a long way toward preventing another outbreak like the one still unfolding at Harper's. It's a combination of stronger governmental regulation and enhanced personal responsibility that dictates the future, she said.

"I hope that we develop a set of expectations and get every entertainment venue in the city to sign on to it," Beier said. "We're also going to work with MSU on messaging to young people."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2020 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of East Lansing will hold a State Primary Election on August 4, 2020.

For the purposes of nominating candidates of the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Parties for the following partisan offices:

United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Representative
County Prosecuting Attorney
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
County Register of Deeds
County Drain Commissioner
County Commissioner

Also to elect Delegates to the County Convention of the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Also to vote on the following proposals:

Ingham County: Elder Persons Millage Question
Ingham County: Emergency Telephone Service (911 Service) Millage Renewal Question

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office, 410 Abbot Road, Room 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the East Lansing City Clerk; the office of their County Clerk; a Secretary of State Branch Office, or other designated state agency. Qualified electors who have a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID, may register online at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/>. Registration forms may be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed or dropped off at the office of the East Lansing City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the East Lansing City Clerk's Office is July 20, 2020. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following location and times:

East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall Regular Business Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9 am-5 pm
410 Abbot Road, Room 100 Additional Hours: August 1 and 2 from 8 am-4 pm
East Lansing, MI 48823

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

The East Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office or online at cityofeastlansing.com.

August 3, 2020 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on August 3, 2020 must be requested and voted in person at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, August 4, 2020, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Jennifer Shuster
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#20-149

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF INGHAM
NOTICE OF HEARING
File #20-358-GA**

In the matter of Douglas Mccomb.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 16, 2020 at 2:45 p.m. at 313 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing MI 48933 before Judge Dunning for the following purpose: Petition for appointment of a guardian of an incapacitated individual.

Date: 6/23/2020
Ryan Stockwell
Ingham County DHHS
5303 S. Cedar Street
Lansing, MI 48911
517-775-4824 **CP#20-151**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF INGHAM
NOTICE OF HEARING
File #20-158-GA**

In the matter of Steven Chandler.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 07/27/2020, 1:30 p.m., in front of Judge Garcia at Ingham County Probate Court, 313 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing MI 48933 for the following purpose: Petition for appointment of guardian of an incapacitated individual.

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NOTICE

The Board of Review of the City of Lansing will meet in regular session at City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, on July 21, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am. The Board is authorized to make corrections to the assessment roll under the authority of MCL 211.53 only. These corrections are limited to qualified errors, mutual mistake of fact, clerical errors, Principal Residence Status and Veteran's Exemptions. For 2020 only, by Executive Order 2020-87; taxpayers may appeal the 2020 valuation of their property if they were unable to attend in March due to Covid-19. Taxpayers are strongly encouraged to make their appeal in writing. The written appeal must be received by July 20, 2020. Please call the City of Lansing Assessor's Office at (517) 483-7624 for information about your assessment and/or to make an appointment.

Sharon Frischman, City Assessor **CP#20-157**

Notice of Public Hearing

The Ingham County Housing Commission has developed its 2020 Annual and 2020 – 2024 Five Year Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Plan is available for review at the Housing Commission Office located in Carriage Lane Apartments, 3882 Dobie Rd. Okemos, MI. The Housing Commission office hours are Monday - Friday 8am-5pm. Please call 517-349-1643 for an appointment. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday June 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room of Carriage Lane Apartments. Public is welcome.

Shanda Johnston
Executive Director **#20-156**

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

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held to consider a site plan and special use permit application from Neumann/Smith Architecture for the property at the northwest corner of Abbot Road and Albert Avenue (City Parking Lot #4) to construct a seven-story office building, including a MSFCU Branch Credit Union, community space, general office space, leasable tenant spaces, related support and service spaces, and related sitework. The subject property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial District.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider a lot split application from Nathan Hubble for the property at 16696 Towar Avenue to allow the subject property to be split into two new parcels. The subject property is located in the RA, Residential Agricultural, zoning district.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. These matters will be on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting after the public hearing is held, at which time the Commission may vote on them. The Planning Commission's recommendations are then placed on the agenda of the next City Council meeting. The City Council will make the final decision on these applications.

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

Note: This hearing is currently scheduled to occur as a regular public hearing at the meeting. If, at the time of this hearing meetings are still not permitted under an Executive Order of the Governor and an Executive Order permitting meetings electronically allows for an electronic meeting, this hearing will occur electronically and a notice of the means of participation in that hearing will be published in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and any relevant Executive Orders.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk **CP#20-154**

RFP/20/111 LANSING ART PROJECT as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept proposals electronically @ rachel@purelansing.com until **5:00 PM** local time in effect on **July 24, 2020. Complete specifications and forms required to submit proposals are available by contacting Stephanie Robinson @ 517-483-4128 or stephanie.robinson@lansingmi.gov.**

CP#20-153

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING
Ingham County, Michigan**

Proposed Ordinance No. 31.171

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Lansing Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing Township Board Room at 3209 W. Michigan Ave., to recommend the approval or denial of the following amendment to the zoning ordinance:

Proposed Ordinance No. 31.171:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 85-7 ("G' GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE") AND SECTION 85-8 ("H' INDUSTRIAL ZONE") TO CHAPTER 85 ("USE, HEIGHT, AREA REGULATIONS") OF TITLE VIII ("ZONING"), TO: AUTHORIZE CERTAIN USES PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT AND BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITHIN THE "G" GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE AND THE "H" INDUSTRIAL ZONE; MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SAID ORDINANCE PROVISIONS; REPEAL ORDINANCES AND PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 8 of the Charter Township Act (Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended), the full text of the proposed ordinance, as introduced, has been posted, and is available for inspection at, the following locations: (1) the office of the Township Clerk, 3209 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48917; and (2) the Charter Township of Lansing's website, located at the following web address: www.lansingtownship.org

Copies of the proposed ordinance can be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk for a fee to be determined by the Township Clerk in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231, et seq.

Susan Aten, Clerk
Charter Township of Lansing **CP#20-148**

As GM goes, so goes the economy of Lansing

June sales figures awaited after April and May showed huge declines

(This is the third in a three-part series, "Covid & the Economy," that looks at the impact of the pandemic on the three legs of Greater Lansing's economic "stool." This week: General Motors.)

By **ARI B. ADLER**

With the impact of COVID-19 on automakers, their supply chains and the local businesses that support factory workers, the Lansing region's future is still tied closely to how well General Motors bounces back — and in turn how well its employees fare economically.

Automobile manufacturing has been a part of life in the Lansing region almost since the car was invented. In particular, Lansing has been a General Motors town for generations. Ransom E. Olds started his company here in 1897 and, after GM purchased Oldsmobile, the size of its operations began stretching out across the region.

Two of the oldest automobile plants that ended up becoming GM factories — one built in 1901 and a second constructed in 1920 — were closed and demolished in the early 2000s. But Lansing Grand River Assembly and Lansing Delta Township Assembly soon took their place, continuing GM's foothold on the region's economy. Combined, the two plants employ about 3,900 people.

Tim Daman, president and CEO of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, has been with the chamber for 14 years. He said his entire career there has involved, in some way, working to help diversify the region's economy. But GM is still one leg of the three-legged stool that impacts the local economy. The other two legs are Michigan State University and state government.



Daman

"We've been successful" in achieving some diversification, Daman said. And it might show, given the results of a survey the chamber conducted of its members.

"I was surprised when our survey came in," Daman said. "A majority of our folks were still working or



A Cadillac rolls down the line at GM's Lansing Grand River plant.



With 3,900 employees at GM's Delta Township Assembly Plt (left) and the Grand River facility, plus related manufacturing plants, the auto industry remains a major economic factor.



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working remotely. And 58% said they had not laid off employees."

When asked if a business had closed due to COVID-19, 32 percent of respondents said they had. But another 46 percent had not fully closed.

Still, Daman noted that he and others are really watching the big three legs of the economic stool to see how the region is going to start recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. And even with federal aid assisting small businesses, there is some trepidation over how much it will help.

"It's certainly a bridge, but how quickly do we get things ramped up?" Daman asked. "And how quickly can we get customers to come back?"

That includes automotive customers. Many people are taking a closer look at their savings accounts and how well prepared they might be for another economic downturn. That is especially true for those worried about a predicted second wave of COVID-19 in the fall. So, buying a new car may not rise to the top of many shopping lists.

"We were already on the backside of the (global sales) peak, but (the coronavirus) accelerated this in a very unprecedented way," Mark Wakefield, global

co-leader of AlixPartners' automotive and industrial practice, recently told The Detroit News.

Wakefield also told the News that the demand and supply side "will be hit for some time."

The May automotive sales figures support this hypothesis.

Reports indicate automotive sales dropped around 30 percent in May for most major automakers, including the Big Three of GM, Ford, and Fiat-Chrysler. The industry as a whole was expected to be down more than 32 percent in May. While that may sound devastating, it's an improvement over April, when that figure was over 50 percent.

Still, General Motors is ramping up during this in-between period as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's COVID-19 restrictions are being relaxed.

The company announced at the end of May that the restart of vehicle production across North America had "gone smoothly."

"Our comprehensive safety procedures are working well, and our suppliers have done a great job implementing their return-to-work strategies and safety playbooks. We are now in a position to increase production to meet strengthening customer demand and strong dealer demand," the company statement read.

GM's operations in Lansing are approaching pre-pandemic levels, according to company spokesman James Cain. He said the Lansing Delta Township plant, which builds crossovers, is working two shifts. Meanwhile, the Lansing Grand River plant, which produces cars, is working one shift.

"Our parts and distribution operations (with about 220 employees) continued to operate throughout the industry shutdown to keep parts flowing to customers and dealers," Cain said.

As businesses large and small attempt to reopen in whatever the "new normal" is for the Lansing region, it will ultimately be up to consumers on how well and how quickly things progress. And that includes consumers who may have thought about postponing returning to full-time jobs while enhanced state and federal unemployment benefits are still available.

But Daman said he is hopeful and believes the region will emerge well in the end.

"Folks have a decision to make as we open the traditional summer season and with the majority of our economy beginning to reopen," he said. "We hope folks go to the side of 'let's go back to work and get our economy going again.'"

ARTS & CULTURE

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Enter the dragonfly

ArtPath mural 'Pondscum' magnifies aquatic life to an alarming scale

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Civilian and military authorities are advised that a pair of 12-foot-long dragonfly nymphs have been sighted under the Cedar Street Bridge along the Lansing River Trail. If these aquatic insects morph into dragonflies, their wingspan could reach 35 feet and they would be able to reach any target in Ingham County in minutes.

At ease, general. It's just a painting.

But what a painting. "Pondscum," an 80-foot-long mural by Grand Rapids artist Dayna Walton, is one of the high watermarks of Lansing Art Gallery's 2020 ArtPath, an outdoor exhibit of 19 sculptures and paintings by Michigan artists.

Flanked by the biggest dragonfly nymphs ever to slither across the Earth, even in dinosaur days, Walton's mural is filled out by vibrant strands of algae, geometrically exquisite diatoms, a hydra with an alarming plurality of appendages and a juicy daphnia with the interior parts visible through its membranous skin.

How much did Walton scale up these real yet utterly bizarre aquatic creatures?

"I wish I knew," Walton said.

Some hasty math suggests that she blew the organisms up by 144X, at least. At such an absurd level of magnification, most of the color and detail work had to come from the artist's imagination, but the effect is completely convincing.

A dragonfly spends most of its life as a nymph, feeding on the bottom of a river like the Red Cedar, which rolls lazily a few feet away from the mural.

"Aquatic insects are so crazy to me," she said. "I have close encounters with a few weird ones every summer."

Walton isn't into cute nature images. She used murky, almost sickly



Courtesy photo

Artist Dayna Walton spent three days creating an 80-foot long panorama of aquatic organisms, under the Cedar Street Bridge over the Lansing River Trail.

green and brownish tones to evoke a "nice, crusty pond."

"I like lichen and fungi and certain insects that other people might not think are cute," she said. "If you look at the water microscopically, the geometry of the things you find is just so gorgeous. The idea is that if people see them in a form that's not so cringe-y, maybe they'll appreciate them more and not kill all the spiders in their house."

Walton expected to paint a much smaller wall, now home to Stephanie Ellis' "Rebirth," a giant frog leaping over the Grand River on River Front Park. She packed "Pondscum" with two enormous dragonfly larvae and a greater variety of creatures than first planned.

"They were just like, 'OK, here's your bridge,'" she said. "It's fine. I just tripled it, basically, and laid it out as I went along. I like working on the fly."

The bridge leaves no buffer zone between the pathway and the wall, so it was a bit tricky for her to find a

safe place to stand and work. Orange buckets on each side of the bridge warned pedestrians that something was going on.

"While I was painting, everybody was really friendly. A lot of people stopped to talk and say 'thank you.' Maybe it's because they were cooped up for so long. It's not always like that, painting in public."

Walton is from Hudsonville, Michigan. She got her art degree from the Kendall College of Art and Design and still lives in Grand Rapids. She works at Lions and Rabbits gallery and teaches workshops there.

She grew up on a family farm surrounded by wild fields. Although there was very little water, she became an avid bird watcher and loved to look closely at insects and whatever else lived and grew beneath her feet.

She also does workshops at the Broad Art Museum's Artlab, across Grand River from the museum building. The workshops mix printmaking and embroidery, using creating fabric designs that can be embroidered into

images of extinct animals. (A virtual Zoom class is planned for September.) "I have one textile pattern that's just a bunch of centipedes," she said.

Her work is scattered around the Grand Rapids area. "Ancient Lake," the back wall of Artisan Ales, is a green and gray fantasia of ancient seabed organisms such as trilobites.

After frustrating experiences in high school chemistry lab, science mixed with art pushed just the right button. Walton liked the chemistry of printmaking and tried out various materials, including limestone, while taking a lithography class in college.

"It's simple, so much less intimidating than being in a real science lab," she said. "You can learn by doing and use stuff you have around the house."

She enjoyed a fellowship at the Pierce Cedar Creek nature preserve in Hastings, where art and science students collected data together. Last fall, she was an artist in residence at Smoky Mountain National Park, leading workshops with visitors and hanging out with a specialist in lichens, the hybrid algae-and-bacteria fur that paints mountain rocks and trees in limitless hues of red, orange, gray and green.

"The lichens like the altitude there, so they're at their peak," she said. "There's this high point where the lichens cover everything. I'm still drawing out ideas I sketched from that trip."

One idea is to paint a faux huge lichen on a brick building.

"It ties in with the microbes in 'Pondscum,'" she said. "I like to find the patterns in things."

Traveling muralist brings funky style to East Lansing

By SKYLER ASHLEY

From the San Francisco Bay Area, Rust Belt cities like Chicago, and all the way to New York City, muralist Lauren Asta has been everywhere and back again during a five-year “art tour.” Now, her gig is taking her to our neck of the woods, as she’s commissioned to paint the eastern wall — the walkway between Jolly Pumpkin’s forthcoming East Lansing location and Pinball Pete’s — of the Center City District development project in downtown East Lansing. She will begin painting in early July and is expected to be finished by August.

Her signature style is akin to intricate notebook doodles sketched by a child raised on Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon brought to life with stunning dimensions: Her East Lansing mural will be 22 feet tall and 56 feet wide. It draws comparison to the iconically energetic and playful work of legendary artist and LGBTQ activist Keith Haring — a nod Asta says she receives quite often and is very fond of.

“I do everything hand-painted; free-style; no spray paint. I was doodling a lot, and these characters were taking form over a couple of years,” Asta said. “I had this desire to take what I was doing on a page to a larger format. I really felt it would work on a wall.”

What makes Asta unique as an artist is her constant time spent on the road. Though she has a “homebase” apartment in Chicago, she’s been anything but stationary and makes a living trav-



Courtesy

Artist Lauren Asta with one of her murals.

eling from one commission to the next. Sometimes she’ll reside in a city for a couple of weeks; sometimes she’ll be there for a year. For Asta, above all, freedom is the name of the game.

“A little over five years ago, I had a really big job in Lincoln, Nebraska. I gave up my apartment and my full-time job and went there with just the thought of, ‘Let’s see how far this road can take me.’ I had this energy and passion to hit the road and see the world,” Asta said. “I didn’t live anywhere for four years, I was just traveling all over the country and I had a few international jobs in Mexico and Italy.”

Asta’s traveling art career really took off after her first major mural in Alameda, California, located right outside of San Francisco. “That mural really launched everything. The Bay Area means a lot to me. My parents and good friends are still there. I try to visit there as often as I can.”

Favorite Things

Jory Stultz and his grandfather’s Freemasonry heirlooms



Jory Stultz is Lansing-based voice actor and indie game developer, though his “favorite” objects don’t lean in either of those directions. Stultz, 33, said he treasures things closer to the heart. Here’s what he had to say: The story of my cherished objects begins with remembering my grandpa Harry Stultz. He was an Army man, 32nd degree Freemason, loving husband and wonderful grandfather. I always knew he was a kind, funny and soulful grandfather, but I was only recently made aware of his status in the hierarchy of the Masonic Lodge.

Shortly after his passing in 2017, I was gifted a few small family heirlooms that belonged to him: two pins he wore on his uniform while on active duty. One of them is a 60-degree golden compass with a “G” for Geometry in a ring of spiraling rope, and the other, a metallic red white and blue circle with a pig in the center. The words “PRIDE, INTEGRITY and GUTS” wrap around it in golden lettering.

Among the pins, I was also handed down a gold Freemason tie clip bearing the same compass insignia from the pin inscribed in gold with a glossy royal blue background. From my understanding, these accessories are from the ’50s and are the few items my grandmother wasn’t required to return to the lodge. I’m grateful to have them, as they are a great piece of history that also shines a light on some of my grandfather’s story.

While I don’t consider myself to be a materialistic person, I chose these items because I hold them dear to my heart, simply because my grandfather held them dear to his. I was so grateful to be gifted such profound family heirlooms that I wore the pins and tie clip on my wedding day — in his honor. In some ways, they help me remember my roots and I think that is important. (This interview was edited and condensed by Rich Tupica. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, email rich@lansingcitypulse.com.)

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Pulsar Award Winners 2020

Local theater still shines despite limited season

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

The shortened theatrical season had no shortages of outstanding performances. Even if the coronavirus hadn't closed theaters before their schedules were completed, it would have been tough to beat the winners of this year's Pulsars.

Williamston Theatre received the most awards. "900 Miles to International Falls" won four categories. It was hard not to honor Annie Martin's engaging original script about a future when the world was at war with aliens from another planet.

Heather Mahoney as, J, was the convincing interloper in a cast full of potent actors.

They performed in front of a clever, shifting wall that displayed crucial projections by Alison Dobbins that included outside scenes, room interiors, and news montages.

Williamston's "A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show," featured a single actor mimicking sound effects that were actually manufactured by John Lepard in a sound booth. The coordination of on and offstage noises were remarkable.

Williamston Theatre also earned a Special Pandemic Award for Andy Kirshner's impressive photography, sound recording and editing that made "These Mortal Hosts" possible to be streamed digitally as pay-for-view. Such skills aren't normally a part of theatrical awards.

Mark Colson's command of the ever-evolving Earl in "These Mortal Hosts" was impressive on tape — and it surely would have been live.

Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts' "Cabaret" earned four wins. After multiple nominations in the past — and two this season — the talented Adam Woosley won for best Lead Actor in a Musical as the "Cabaret" emcee. It is easy to remember his showy performance in the musical produced a year ago.

Meegan Meyer's Sally Bowles was another powerhouse performance in the musical adorned with fancy props by Michael Windnagle that extended beyond the stage. Erica Duffield's athletic choreography for two dozen "Cabaret" cast members, dazzled.

Michigan State's Department of Theatre's dark "Frankenstein" beat out other strong scenic design and cos-



tume contenders with a spectacular, multi-level set by Michael Gault and complicated period costumes by Ketura Le'Audrey.

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.'s "The Humans" was another brutal play with memorable facets. The ensemble of Rick Dethlefsen, Gini Larson, Leigh Christopher, Babara Stauffer, Joe Clark and Sally Hecksel did likeable and convincing portrayals of otherwise despicable people.

It was no surprise when the talented Hecksel also won as Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for Peppermint's, "Bright Star." The versatile actress has the ability to stand out in any production.

Paige Tufford won Best Lead Actress in a Play for her performance as Miriam in the one-woman show "Apples In Winter" at Ixion Theatre. The Lansing Community College acting instructor proved why she deserves to teach the subject.

A pleasant surprise was when Julian Van Dyke pulled off dual performances in Riverwalk Theatre's, "Sweat." As Brucie (a deadbeat dad) and as Evan (a refined and articulate probation officer), Van Dyke played two very opposite roles. When I saw "Sweat," it took me a while to realize the same actor played both characters.

Although Featured roles often don't garner such attention, Bob Purosky's outlandish Les Kennkat in "Boy Gets Girl," and Ny'kieria Blocker's stylish singing of Nina Simone's songs in "Sunset Baby," were highlights of both plays. As all the Pulsar winners, the pair is an example of why local theater is deeply missed.

And the winners are...

Best Play:

"900 Miles to International Falls" - Williamston Theatre

Best Musical:

"Cabaret" - Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Best Director (Play):

Tony Caselli, "900 Miles to International Falls" - Williamston Theatre

Best Director (Musical):

Garrett Bradley, "Cabaret" - Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Best Musical Direction:

Dave Wendelberger, "Into the Woods" - MSU Department of Theatre

Best Choreographer:

Erica Duffield, "Cabaret" - Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Best Properties Design:

Michael Windnagle, "Cabaret" - Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Best Scenic Design:

Michael Gault, "Frankenstein" - MSU Department of Theatre

Best Sound Design:

John Lepard, "A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show" - Williamston Theatre

Best Lighting Design:

Reid G. Johnson, "900 Miles to International Falls" - Williamston Theatre

Best Costume Design:

Ketura Le'Audrey, "Frankenstein" - MSU Department of Theatre

Best Hair/Makeup Design:

Lori Bailey-Smith and Laura Croff, "Pippin" - Riverwalk Theatre

Best Original Script:

Annie Martin, "900 Miles to International Falls" - Williamston Theatre

Best Specialization:

Alison Dobbins (Projectionist) - "900 Miles to International Falls" - Williamston Theatre

Best Lead Actor (Play):

Mark Colson, "These Mortal Hosts" - Williamston Theatre

Best Lead Actress (Play):

Paige Tufford, "Apples in Winter" - Ixion Theatre Ensemble

Best Supporting Actor (Play):

Julian Van Dyke, "Sweat" - Riverwalk Theatre

Best Supporting Actress (Play):

Heather Mahoney, "900 Miles to International Falls" - Williamston Theatre

Best Featured Actor (Play):

Bob Purosky, "Boy Gets Girl" - Riverwalk Theatre

Best Featured Actress (Play):

Ny'kieria Blocker, "Sunset Baby" - LCC Department of Theatre

Best Lead Actor (Musical):

Adam Woolsey, "Cabaret" and "Pippin" - Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts and Riverwalk Theatre

Best Lead Actress (Musical):

Megan Meyer, "Cabaret" - Owosso's Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Best Supporting Actor (Musical):

Robert Mueller, "Pippin" - Riverwalk Theatre

Best Supporting Actress (Musical):

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Author Richard Ford returns with a new batch of short stories

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Here's an idea for some Fourth of July binge-reading: Richard Ford's multiple volume "Frank Bascombe" series. It's been 25 years since novelist Richard Ford wrote "Independence Day," which won the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The book is as topical today as it was then, tracing the life of Bascombe over a holiday weekend. Bascombe, a real estate agent, is recently divorced and trying to keep his life together with his son.

He has written three additional books in the cycle: "The Sportswriter," "The Lay of the Land," and "Let Me Be Frank With You." He is working on another one and is 150 pages in to it. In a phone conversation, Ford, while driving from Maine to a second home in Montana, said he planned to sneak in a little fishing while floating the Yellowstone River.

"Because I couldn't go out due to the pandemic, I wrote," Ford said. He also did plenty of Zoom talks promoting his new collection of short stories, "Sorry for Your Trouble."

Ford once again shows he is a master of the short story with these nine stories, which includes "The Run of Yourself," a novella-length story and that is perhaps the best of the bunch.

The Irish, especially, will understand the title "Sorry for Your Trouble." It's a reference to the death of a loved one, and that the stories will trouble the reader as Ford plumbs the human circumstance.

Themes include death, divorce and two-timing, but when I asked Ford about a reference he makes in the story "Jimmy Green" about "the disassembling of life," he said his stories are more about the "threat" of life disassembling. "I write about how we react to things that can happen to us willy-nilly, particularly verbally," he said.

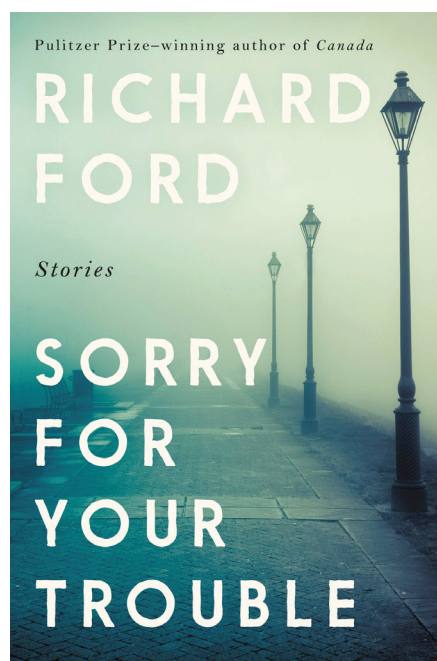
"I prefer to say I write about families and things that will wreck your life if you let them," Ford said.

Several of the short stories revolve around divorced couples. All in some way are feature Irish protagonists.

Ford, finds it amusing that he writes about divorce.

"I've been married to the same girl, Kristina, for 56 years, but I like writing about things that scare you," he said. The two met while they were students at Michigan State University.

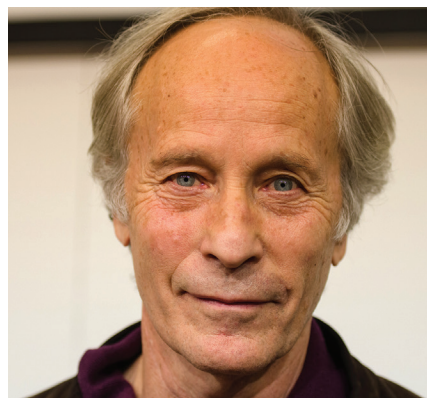
"With each short story, I learn a new vocabulary and include kernels of



things I didn't know," Ford said. In his writing, he often references things or uses words that will lead you straight to Google. For example, I asked about the reference to Robert Capa, the famed photographer and one of the founders of photographic cooperative Magnum Photos, which not every reader will recognize. Ford's master of the sense of place is dazzling; especially notable is his description of the Hotel Monteleone and its Carousel Bar in New Orleans.

He sees these references as a writer's responsibility to the craft. "If you are going to be a writer, you have to be an ambitious writer," he said.

Ford has a penchant for research, and he doesn't let it slide on his short stories. In the story "Leaving for Kenosha," he writes about a visit to Walmart to buy a greeting card for his young precocious daughter to give to a



Ford

friend who is leaving town. I asked if he actually visited Walmart to research greeting cards.

"Many times," he said, and proceeded to describe that while working on "The Lay of the Land" he embedded himself for a week at Hallmark Cards corporate headquarters in Kansas City to learn how to write greeting cards.

"It's a subtle skill," he said. "If I could draw, I'd be a cartoonist drawing greeting cards."

From there, we segued to how famed regional artist Thomas Hart Benton worked drawing greeting cards during the Depression, and Ford recalled canoeing down the Buffalo River in the Ozarks while researching a book. He stopped at an idyllic inn along the river and noticed a man standing in the river with an easel, painting.

"I asked who he was and was informed that's Mr. Benton," he said. Ford admires Benton and follows his work closely. He expounded on the Art Students League of New York, where Benton taught numerous artists; including MSU's Charles Pollock.

Knowing Ford does not read reviews, I mentioned I saw one that compared

his writing style to Hemingway. The reviewer meant it as complementary, but Ford, true to form, said, "Of all people, not Hemingway."

Ford reflected on the pandemic and said, "There will be some great fiction to come out of this."

Ford, 76, is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he and his spouse Kristina are establishing a scholarship in their name. In addition to his fiction, Ford has written "Between Them," a beautiful memoir of his parents. In his new collection, the short story "Displaced" draws on his experience of losing his father as a young boy.

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COVID-19 has killed dozens in Greater Lansing. They each have a name.

A tribute to those who died from coronavirus complications in Ingham County

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Dozens have died from coronavirus infections across Greater Lansing. Our staff has watched the case count and death toll climb across Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties for several weeks. Some have suggested that we could be on the edge of another widespread outbreak.

Often lost in the statistics are the stories, names and faces of those who lost their battle with the disease. City Pulse searched sever-

al hundred death records filed since March to assemble a comprehensive list of COVID-19 victims in Ingham County. Each of these names list COVID-19 as a cause (or contributing cause) of death. They represent the very real human toll that COVID-19 has had on Mid-Michigan and beyond. Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, friends, coworkers. This virus knows no bounds. This week, we remember and celebrate those lives, and pay tribute to those COVID-19 claimed.

Robert Lee Allen
10/9/48 -
3/31/20



Allen, 71, of Lansing, was a deacon at the Lansing Church of God in Christ and a former laborer at General Motors, according to his death certificate. Born in Winona, Mississippi, Allen was known for his faith in God and love for his family, sports, jazz music, helping others and perfecting his yard. He died at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Allen leaves behind a wife, two children, 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many sisters, brothers and friends.

Virginia Ann Wiggins
10/11/43 - 4/2/20



Wiggins, 76, of Lansing, worked as a clerical worker at the Lansing Board of Water & Light and was known for her kind heart and deep involvement in the local community. City Pulse couldn't find an online obituary, and we couldn't reach her family, but some remembered her online.

Dan Segalman, a professor at Michigan State University, said Wiggins was a dedicated volunteer, which included work with the Lansing Branch of the NAACP, the Lansing Association of Women's Clubs and the Union Missionary Baptist Church. Others remembered her as a good friend, a god-mother or just a smiling face in the crowd with wisdom, faith and a generous heart.

"Virginia was the ultimate considerate, warm-hearted and helpful individual I had the good fortune to work with," a colleague remembered. "The world is a sadder place without her spirit."

Tracy Ann White
3/21/60 - 4/9/20

White, 60, of Lansing, died at McLaren Greater Lansing under the loving care of her family. Born in Benton Harbor to Willie and Neely (Gibson) Lacy Sr., death certificates also show that White worked as a logistics analyst before her death. Her funeral arrangements were in Grand Rapids. City Pulse couldn't locate an obituary for White or contact her family.

Mildred Mary Puckett
1/19/26 -
3/31/20



Puckett, 94, of Dewitt, was raised in a large German farm family in Westphalia. She later met her husband, Floyd, at a bowling alley in Arizona, where she threw a lot of gutter balls but went on to become somewhat of a bowling champion. Puckett later moved to Lansing during WWII to work at the GM Forge Plant making artillery shells — a genuine capital city "Rosie the Riveter."

Puckett later taught herself how to type and went to Lansing Community College to become a data coding operator, working for the state of Michigan for 15 years. She was a self-taught pianist, loved going to the movies and enjoyed gardening the many (many) flowers in her yard.

Gunnisonville Meadows Assisted Living was Puckett's home over the last several years. She is survived by her two sons, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren, among other family.

James Louis Shier
5/14/42 -
4/15/20



Shier, 77, of Lansing, served in both the U.S. Army and Marines and was known as a quiet and faithful man who took great pleasure in serving as an usher at St. Gerard Church in Lansing. Death records show that he worked as a truck driver. Friends and family will remember him as an earnest and honorable man who fought his last battle with an enemy that he could not conquer: a raging virus which stole his ability to breathe. He leaves behind his loving wife, Ruby, his brother, Larry Shier, and his sister, Alice Prior, and many nieces and nephews.

Michael Edward Debrowsky
11/10/53 - 4/29/20

Debrowsky, 66, of East Lansing, worked as a rig driver, according to his death certificate. City Pulse couldn't find an obituary or contact Debrowsky's surviving family.

Editor's Note:

The Ingham County Clerk's office houses death certificates, which are publicly available for any and all deaths that occur within Ingham County. They are not categorized by cause of death; Who requires a manual review of every individual certificate at the courthouse in Mason.

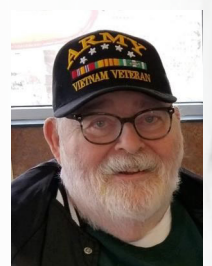
Those listed above are Ingham County deaths that clearly list COVID-19 as a cause or contributing cause of their death and a residency within Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties. The list, by no means, is exhaustive. Additional deaths have been reported in Greater Lansing.

Several other deaths listed in records at the Clerk's Office were also attributed to COVID-19 complications, but didn't necessarily involve patients who were residents of Ingham County.

They were:

John Willie Worthey, of Oak Park; Scott Andrew Caughey, of Muskegon; Mary Frances Smith, of Detroit; William Rice Cooper, of Rochester; David Wayne Kurka, of Fairfield Township; Kelly R. Gregory, of Benton Township; Eithel Bernice Johnson, of Southgate; Ida Elizabeth Allen, of Mundy Township; Joshua Carrizales, of Grand Blanc Township; Stacy Jo Anthes, of Waterford Township; Dora Farene Andrews, of Lyons and Linda J. Matthews, of Elmwood Township.

Arthur William Kowalk
4/4/43 - 4/13/20



Kowalk, 77, of Lansing, attended Grand Ledge High School and served in the U.S. Army with tours in Vietnam in the early '60s. He later studied computer science at Lansing Community College before taking a job in the mailroom at Auto-Owners Insurance Co. in 1964 — slowly climbing the ranks for over 40 years and retiring as an assistant vice president in 2005.

Kowalk was an antique car enthusiast and member of the Capitol City Old Car Club. He also enjoyed playing golf and softball and loved coaching youth football and women's softball teams.

Kowalk is survived by his wife, Barbara, who said she took him to dialysis treatment more than 600 times before he contracted COVID-19 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. He's also survived by a daughter, two sons, a sister, two stepsons, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

"He truly was, as they say, one foot in the grave for so long," Barbara Kowalk told City Pulse.

John William Fillion
2/2/41 - 4/12/20

Fillion, 79, of Meridian Township, worked as a laborer at General Motors. City Pulse couldn't locate an obituary for Fillion or reach family.

Charles Edward White
12/31/50 - 4/8/20

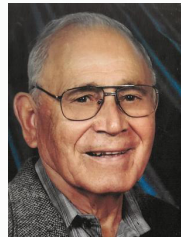


White, 69, of Lansing, was born in Stanton, Tennessee, married his high school sweetheart, Peggy, and went on to celebrate 50 years of marriage before his death.

After moving to Lansing, White took a job as a USPS mailman in 1970, later becoming a mechanic and retiring in 2011. White joined the Friendship House of Prayer Baptist Church in 2016. Those who knew him will remember his work ethic, his passion and his dependability. White enjoyed Sunday dinners with his family, barbecuing, decorating for the holidays, having bonfires with grandchildren, driving his 1966 Chevy truck, bowling, shopping with his wife and much more.

“We will always remember Uncle Charles’ brilliant smile, care and concern for Aunt Peggy and his children,” one relative posted in an online tribute from Paradise Funeral Chapel in Lansing.

Jesus M. Perez
2/2/27 - 4/9/20



Perez, 93, of Dewitt Township, was born in San Benito, Texas, and moved to Michigan as an adult. He worked various jobs before landing a gig at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant in Lansing, retiring in 1987 after 37 and a half years of service with UAW Local 602. He was also a military veteran, serving overseas in the Korean War before taking an honorable discharge.

Perez, an active member of St. Therese Parish in Lansing and the Boy Scouts of America, spent 63 years married to his wife, Odilla, before she died in 2018. Together, they raised five children. He’s survived by each of them, 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three sisters, three brothers and many nieces and nephews. Perez enjoyed dancing, family gatherings, gardening, camping, being outdoors in nature, GM retiree functions and tinkering with his tools.

Richard Llewelyn Hersey
3/21/36 - 4/15/20



Hersey, 84, of Dewitt Township, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as an IBEW Local 665 electrician for more than 30 years. He was known to proudly point out the numerous buildings in Lansing that he had wired. In later years, he was part owner of Quality Electric. Hersey was also a long-time member of the Church of the Resurrection and the Catholic Community of St. Jude. He loved to garden and spend time in his yard, was a loyal MSU basketball and football fan and enjoyed his daily walks and chats with his neighbors. Friends and family, like his wife, Lucy, remembered Hersey as a generous, soft-spoken man, known for his jokes. He was also a devoted father who attended every band and sporting event of his daughters, Dottie and Ellen. “Papa,” as he was affectionately called, loved to spend time with kids and was also known as the “baby whisperer” for his ability to help calm the grandkids.

Charlene Adkins
8/30/49 - 4/19/20



Adkins, 70, of Dewitt, was a homemaker born in Wyandotte, death records showed. She loved visiting casinos, playing slot machines and bingo and going out for dinner. Adkins especially enjoyed trips to Mackinaw City, cooking and her big Southern breakfasts. According to her obituary, Adkins’ biggest enjoyment in life was spending time with her eight grandchildren. She is also survived by her three children, great grandchildren and siblings.

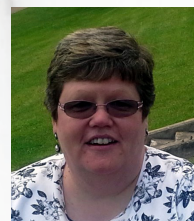
Bobbie Jean Hardy
8/20/61 - 4/9/20



Hardy, 58, of Lansing, was born and raised in Shaw, Mississippi, and moved to Lansing in 1998, where she visited many churches and later joined the Greater Lansing Church of God in Christ. For years, she worked as an activity program coordinator at a nursing home and was known to live life to the fullest as one of the kindest, most compassionate and unselfish people one could meet. Friends and family will remember Hardy for her devout commitment to the local Christian community. She left behind five children, five grandchildren, a great grandson and five siblings.

“Bobbie opened her heart and home and touched the hearts of all she came in contact with,” reads Hardy’s obituary. “A light in this dark world has dimmed with her contagious smile gone.”

Lori Ann Price
1/15/62 - 5/21/20



Price, 58, of Williamston, worked as a homemaker, according to death records. An obituary couldn’t be located. A graveside service was held at Antrim Cemetery in Fowlerville last month.

Loretta H. Torres
12/1/43 - 4/21/20



Torres, 76, of Lansing, was born in Lockhart, Texas, moved to Lansing and retired after many years as an automotive production worker at General Motors. She loved to spend time with her eight grandchildren and great grandchildren, and was an avid “Young and the Restless” fan. Every weekend, Torres spent quality time with her brothers and sisters. They each remembered her as a feisty woman and a devout Catholic who fought a grueling medical battle against the coronavirus, among other health issues, until the very end.

Nyabenda Etiyene
1/1/41 - 6/8/20

Etiyene, 79, of Lansing, worked as a construction worker. Funeral records show that a mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday (July 2) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lansing with a visitation slated for 6-8 p.m. on today at the Palmer, Bush & Jensen funeral home in Lansing. City Pulse couldn’t locate Etiyene’s obituary. Family members also couldn’t be readily identified.

William I. Elem
10/9/45 - 4/23/20



Elem, 74, of Lansing, studied business in college and served in the U.S. Army, retiring from service after 20 years with several medals for good conduct, national defense and a tour in Vietnam. He went on to work in several local government jobs and retired from the Lansing School District, according to his obituary. Death records show that he worked in rehabilitation. Elem loved sports and regularly played golf and tennis. Friends and family said he loved his life as a father, bachelor and golfer and enjoyed traveling, frequently to Florida. He was also responsible and very committed to his daily routines, friends and life, according to his obituary. Friends also remembered his sense of humor, competitiveness, patience and his gentle nature. Elem leaves behind a daughter, four stepchildren, two grandchildren, four sisters, four brothers, 10 nieces, eight nephews and many aunts, uncles, cousins and many other close relatives.

Joanne Ireland
12/3/36 - 5/1/20



Ireland, 83, of Vevay Township, worked as a hairdresser for many years. She loved camping, bowling, tending to her flowers and spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. She is survived by her two sons, six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and three siblings. Friends remembered Ireland as a great companion on vacations to Florida and to the casino.

David Ford
6/25/60 - 4/21/20



Ford, 59, of Dewitt, was a former UPS driver and pastor at Friendship House of Prayer Baptist Church on Waverly Road. Bishop David Maxwell told the Lansing State Journal that in his last conversation with Ford, he was grateful to God and ecstatic about returning home from the hospital after contracting COVID-19. Ford was known as a “gentle giant” with a booming voice who preached with a lot of strength and sweat, according to his former church colleagues. Ford is survived by his wife, Cassandra, and his many children, nieces and nephews.

Dena Celeste Elem
3/5/65 - 4/26/20



Elem, 55, of Lansing, was William Elem’s daughter. She died just three days after her father. Elem lived a faithful life. She was raised in a Southern Baptist church and spent several years working as a phone bank teller and in a customer service job at Sparrow Health in Lansing. She was a happy and generous person who loved reading, watching TV, and playing board and card games, according to her obituary. Elem also loved going to concerts, traveling with friends and hosting events — like the annual family Superbowl party. She leaves behind a sister, a niece, a nephew, four aunts, four uncles, 10 cousins and many other relatives and half-siblings.

William Edward Kester
9/13/44 - 5/31/20

Kester, 75, of Bath Township, worked as an auto manufacturing inspector, according to death records. Funeral listings show his arrangements are incomplete. An obituary couldn’t be found.

Marsha Ann VanBuren
3/31/48 - 4/26/20

VanBuren, 72, of Lansing, was born in Lansing and worked as a cook for Ramon's Restaurant for 25 years. She enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, spending quality time with friends and was always quick to volunteer to take care of the baies and help put them to bed. For nearly the past year, VanBuren was living at Regency West and made many friendships there. Surviving her are a sister, three brothers and several nieces, nephews and close friends.

"She had the best stories about her brothers and I thoroughly enjoyed her company," a former health care provider remembered. "She was always working on an Afghan or amazing projects."



James Edward Marable
11/10/41 - 3/27/20

Marable, 78, of Delhi Township, is the only COVID-19 patient in Ingham County to have died at his home. City Pulse couldn't find an obituary online, and we didn't have much luck contacting his family, but some posted remembrances online. Elise Bates said he was a wonderful blessing to his family. Others remembered Marable as a soft-spoken Christian man, known for a deep love for his wife, Lena, his snazzy clothing and a refusal to be a stranger to anyone who knew him. Marable's arrangements were handled by the Paradise Funeral Chapel in Lansing.

Bishop Nathaniel Edwards Sr.
3/21/36 - 5/7/20

Edwards, 84, of Lansing, was a bishop at the Apostolic Tower of Power Temple Church on Mount Hope Avenue in Lansing for more than 40 years. He's the father of the Rev. J. Anthony Edwards Sr., pastor of The Rock Church of Worship in East Lansing and, according to death records, worked for a time as a carpenter. Edwards moved his family from Detroit to Lansing, where he and his son — among his other children — provided fiery sermons to the Lansing community for decades. City Pulse couldn't locate Edwards' obituary and was unable to contact his family members. His daughter, Natalie James, died less than two weeks later, also from COVID-19 complications.



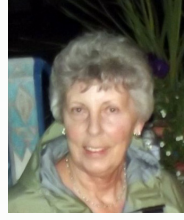
Janenne Evelyn Grinnell
10/5/33 - 5/13/20

Grinnell, 86, of Delta Township, was born in Kalamazoo, loved people and was known to be happiest when helping others. She was a Cub Scout den mother and worked with Girl Scouts. And for 25 years, Grinnell gave her heart to children with auditory disabilities as an interpreter at the Lansing School District. She was also known to be active at Calvary Lutheran and Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran churches, freely sharing her time with both ministries. Grinnell also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, quilting, arts and crafts, camping, traveling, reading, gardening, games, spending cold winters in Alabama and talking with others. Her friends and family will remember her contagious laugh and her loving and giving spirit. She leaves behind three children, a son-in-law, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Carolyn Jean Wortman
6/13/43 - 4/30/20

Wortman, 76, of Mason, was a Holt High School graduate and longtime employee of General Motors, starting her career on the assembly line and retiring as a blueprint operator. She liked to read, do puzzles, shop and spend time with her family, including her late husband, Roger. Wortman spent winters in Texas and summers in Michigan. She will be lovingly remembered by her two daughters, one brother, two stepsons, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. "She never placed herself in front of the line and was always thinking of everyone else," a friend remembered. "I enjoyed our political conversations, love of life, candor, and her off the wall sense of humor. I will miss her terribly, but also have many fine memories to help fill the void."



Jeanne Theresa Zubiena
7/3/28 - 5/4/20

Zubiena, 91, of East Lansing, worked as a secretary, according to her death certificate. City Pulse couldn't find an obituary and didn't have luck contacting her surviving family. A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. July 10 at St. Martha Church on Grand River Avenue in Okemos. Her husband, James Zubiena, died less than two weeks later from COVID-19 complications.

James Dominick Zubiena
5/6/28 - 5/15/20

Zubiena, 92, of East Lansing, worked as a highway engineer, according to his death certificate. He died from COVID-19 complications less than two weeks after his wife, Jeanne Theresa Zubiena. An obituary couldn't be located. A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. July 10 at St. Martha Church, 1100 W. Grand River Ave. in Okemos, according to a recent online bulletin.

Jo Kun Forest
2/3/30 - 5/14/20

Forest, 90, of Alaieton Township, was born in South Korea and came to the United States in 1971, becoming a citizen in 1977. She retired from Michigan State University after 15 years and later worked as a housekeeper, records showed. Friends and family said Forest led an extraordinary life, having survived both WWII and the Korean War. Her strong family bonds were the center of her life. Forest enjoyed cooking authentic Korean food and finding things to do at home. She was also known to spoil her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with gifts. Her family said they enjoyed her dry sense of humor and admired her strength and determination. Forest is survived by a brother, daughter, two granddaughters and four great granddaughters.



Brian Lee VanDerBos
4/19/43 - 4/7/20

VanDerBos, 76, of Delta Township, was a 1961 graduate of Lansing Eastern High School and retired from General Motors, where he worked as an electrician. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and relaxing with his family. VanDerBos is survived by one son, one brother and many nieces, nephews and their families, along with many other dear friends.

Virginia Elizabeth Wilbanks
6/4/29 - 5/6/20

Wilbanks, 90, of Williamston, is remembered by her brother, Jim, for her spontaneity and her commitment to God. According to her obituary, Wilbanks was open to anything — except German food at Frankenmuth: She would only eat the chicken strips, Jim remembered. Wilbanks worked as a clerk at Kmart and also took missionary trips to South Texas and Mexico. Kelly Gable remembers taking road trips with "Grandma Jenny" and singing the entire time. She also said her Wilbanks will be remembered for being sweet, kind, funny, always laughing and willing to share her life experiences. Wilbanks was also a devout Christian, Gable posted online. "She was a very talented lady. Quite an artist! I shall always treasure our ceramic class together," posted Kathy Anderson. "Aunt Jenny has a great sense of humor. In fact, her alter ego was Bobo the Clown. Many children learned of God's love listening to stories Bobo the Clown shared with them. I love you, Aunt Jenny! Give Uncle John and my Mama a hug for me."



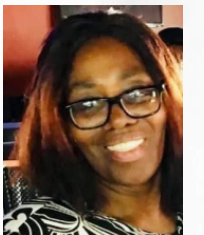
Marcella Jean Jones
1/16/29 - 5/17/20

Jones, 91, of Meridian Township, was born in Chicago and lived in Flint before moving to Lansing and later Okemos, where she lived for the last 40 years with her husband, Ronald. She also enjoyed time spent at their home in Bradenton, Florida and their cottage in Cadillac. Jones volunteered as an active member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and also enjoyed traveling, antiquing and crafting. Records show she worked as a manager at an optometry office. Jones was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind many, beautiful memories. She is survived by five children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren, among others.



Natalie Lorraine James
8/2/58 - 5/20/20

James, 61, of Lansing, was born and raised in Detroit and later obtained a business degree from Lansing Community College. She was an entrepreneur and was pursuing a degree in early childhood education while she worked at Burcham Hills Assisted Living in East Lansing this year. James previously owned and managed a daycare in Georgia and was a member of several congregations before she was ordained into the ministry at a church in Georgia. She was the daughter of Bishop Nathaniel Edwards Sr., who died from COVID-19 complications last month. "Natalie led with divine guidance all those who touched her life and with saint-like determination she became an example of leadership, family values, living life with a purpose, and selfless sacrifice to everyone she encountered," her obituary reads. James leaves behind four children, six grandchildren, 12 siblings and a host of relatives.



Andres Luis Salas Jr.
8/25/52 - 5/13/20

Salas, 67, of Dimondale, lived a fulfilling life as a devoted son, loving father to two children and caring brother to 16 siblings. He enjoyed writing poetry, cooking and he loved nature; wildlife, walks, plants and rivers. According to death records, he worked locally as a car salesman. His family said those wishing to honor Salas' life can make a donation to Footprints of Michigan.

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Times Squared"--a sign of the times.

By Matt Jones

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- 1 Account execs
- 5 Common writing
- 10 Melting period
- 14 Tabriz's country
- 15 Patty and Selma's brother-in-law
- 16 Saintry symbol
- 17 Credit for a newspaper story on a Magritte work?
- 19 Musk who named one of his kids X AE A-XII
- 20 Topics during a job interview
- 21 Robotic "Doctor Who" nemesis
- 22 Rush singer Geddy
- 23 City's outer fringe
- 25 CXV x X
- 28 Nervous
- 31 Confirm, as a password
- 34 Cumulonimbus, for one
- 36 Carrie Fisher 6-Down
- 38 Device with earbuds
- 39 Rolling Stone co-founder Wenner
- 40 One of the Rat Pack
- 41 "QuiÈn ___?" ("Who knows?" en espaÒol)
- 42 Common interest gps.
- 43 Mid-month Roman date
- 44 "Ready to do this!"
- 45 Lynx cousin
- 47 American-born queen of Jordan
- 49 Part of DOS or GPS
- 50 Positive responses
- 52 One of 30, for short?
- 54 ___ cum laude
- 56 Markey, Merkley, or

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- Murkowski, e.g.
- 62 Bunches
- 63 Off-road cycling lane?
- 64 Drummer Krupa
- 65 Company that had a breakout with Breakout
- 66 Prefix meaning "eight"
- 67 Like some coffee
- 68 Insinuate
- 69 Aussie hoppers
- Down**
- 1 Clothing mishaps
- 2 French composer Satie
- 3 Big ___ (David Ortiz's nickname)
- 4 Fishhook attachment
- 5 Gym class, for short
- 6 Thespians' objective
- 7 Leave out
- 8 "That makes no ___!"
- 9 Before, palindromically
- 10 2011 Oscar winner for Best Picture
- 11 Oates's attempt to go solo?
- 12 Ubiquitous lotion ingredient
- 13 Policy maven
- 18 Run, as dyes
- 21 Like library books, eventually
- 24 Inner vision?
- 25 Dead-end service gig, slangily
- 26 Mild cigar
- 27 Stretchy thing from the past?
- 29 Pleased
- 30 Nearly alphabetically last country
- 32 New Orleans sandwich, informally
- 33 Idyllic spots
- 35 Like some dryer sheets or detergent
- 37 "___ Excited" (Pointer Sisters song)
- 40 Webmaster's concern
- 44 Literary twist of sorts
- 46 Proud ___ peacock
- 48 The slightest degree
- 51 Luxury hotel accommodations
- 53 Visible gas
- 54 "We Three Kings" kings
- 55 "Match Game" host Baldwin
- 57 Card game with no cards below seven
- 58 Doris Day lyric repeated after "Que"
- 59 Food truck fare
- 60 Actress Miranda
- 61 Greek letters that look like P's
- 63 Reusable grocery item

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Answers Page 20

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TO PLAY

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

Answers on page 20

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

July 1 - 7, 2020

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries author Marge Piercy writes, "The people I love the best, jump into work head first without dallying in the shallows." The Aries people I love best will do just that in the coming days. Now is not the right time to wait around passively, lazily hoping that something better will come along. Nor is it prudent to procrastinate or postpone decisions while shopping around for more options or collecting more research. Dive, Aries, dive!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): *Calvin and Hobbes* is a comic strip by Bill Watterson. It features a boy named Calvin and his stuffed tiger Hobbes. In the first panel of one story, Calvin is seated at a school desk looking perplexed as he studies a question on a test, which reads "Explain [Isaac] Newton's First Law of Motion in your own words." In the second panel, Calvin has a broad smile, suddenly imbued with inspiration. In the third panel, he writes his response to the test question: "Yakka foob mog. Grug pubbawup zink wattooom gazork. Chumble spuzz." The fourth panel shows him triumphant and relaxed, proclaiming, "I love loopholes." I propose that you use this scenario as your victorious metaphor in the coming weeks, Taurus. Look for loopholes! And use them to overcome obstacles and solve riddles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "It is a fault to wish to be understood before we have made ourselves clear to ourselves," wrote philosopher and activist Simone Weil. I'm hoping that this horoscope of mine can help you avoid that mistake. In the coming weeks and months, you will have a stronger-than-usual need to be seen for who you really are—to have your essential nature be appreciated and understood by people you care about. And the best way to make sure that happens is to work hard right now on seeing, appreciating, and understanding yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some readers wish I would write more like Cormac McCarthy or Albert Camus or Raymond Chandler: with spare simplicity. They accuse me of being too lush and exuberant in my prose. They want me to use shorter sentences and fewer adjectives. To them I say: It ain't going to happen. I have feelings similar to those of best-selling Cancerian author Oliver Sacks, who the "New York Times" called, "one of the great clinical writers of the 20th century." Sacks once said, "I never use one adjective if six seem to me better and, in their cumulative effect, more incisive. I am haunted by the density of reality and try to capture this with 'thick description.'" I bring these thoughts to your attention, my fellow Cancerian, because I think it's important for you to be your lavish, sumptuous, complex self in the coming weeks. Don't oversimplify yourself or dumb yourself down, either intellectually or emotionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel writer Paul Theroux has journeyed long distances by train: once from Britain to Japan and back again, and then from Massachusetts to Argentina. He also rode trains during part of his expedition from Cairo to Cape Town. Here's one of his conclusions: "It is almost axiomatic that the worst trains take you through magical places." I'd like to offer a milder version of that counsel as your metaphor for the coming weeks: The funky, bumpy, rickety influences will bring you the best magic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Philosopher Miguel de Unamuno declared, "Everything that exalts and expands consciousness is good, while that which depresses and diminishes it is evil." This idea will be intensely true for and applicable to you in the coming weeks, Virgo. It will be your sacred duty—both to yourself and to those you care about—to enlarge your understandings of how the world works and to push your awareness to become more inclusive and empathetic. What's your vision of paradise-on-earth? Now is a good time to have fun imagining it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What do you want to be when you grow up, Libra? What's that you say? You firmly believe you are already all grown

up? I hope not! In my vision of your destiny, you will always keep evolving and transforming; you will ceaselessly transcend your existing successes and push on to accomplish further breakthroughs and victories. Now would be an excellent time to rededicate yourself to this noble aspiration. I invite you to dream and scheme about three specific wonders and marvels you would like to experience during the next five years.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren has advice that would serve you well in the coming weeks. She says, "Keep a little space in your heart for the improbable. You won't regret it." In accordance with your astrological potentials, I'm inclined to amend her statement as follows: "Keep a sizable space in your heart for the improbable. You'll be rewarded with catalytic revelations and intriguing opportunities." To attract blessings in abundance, Scorpio, be willing to set aside some of your usual skepticism and urge for control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Author Malidoma Somé lives in the U.S. now, but was born in the West African country of Burkina Faso. He writes, "In the culture of my people, the Dagara, we have no word for the supernatural. The closest we come to this concept is "Yielbongura", "the thing that knowledge can't eat." This word suggests that the life and power of certain things depend upon their resistance to the categorizing knowledge that human beings apply to everything." I bring Somé's thoughts to your attention, Sagittarius, because I suspect that in the coming weeks, you will encounter more than the usual number of experiences that knowledge can't eat. They might at times be a bit spooky or confounding, but will mostly be interesting and fun. I'm guessing that if you embrace them, they will liberate you from overly literal and materialistic ideas about how the world works. And that will be good for your soul.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pioneer Capricorn scientist Isaac Newton is often hailed as one of history's greatest geniuses. I agree that his intellectual capacities were sublime. But his emotional intelligence was sparse and feeble. During the time he taught at Cambridge University, his talks were so affectless and boring that many of his students skipped most of his classes. I'll encourage you to make Newton your anti-role model for the next eight weeks. This time will be favorable for you to increase your mastery of three kinds of intelligence beyond the intellectual kind: feeling, intuition, and collaboration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): When future writer (and Aquarius) Charles Dickens was 12 years old, his parents and siblings got incarcerated in a debtors' prison. To stay alive and help his family, he took a job working 12 hours a day, six days a week, pasting labels on pots of boot polish in a rotting, rat-infested warehouse. Hard times! Yet the experiences he had there later provided him with rich material for the novels that ultimately made him wealthy and beloved. In predicting that you, too, will have future success at capitalizing on difficulty, I don't mean to imply you've endured or will endure anything as harsh as Dickens' ordeal. I'm just hoping to help you appreciate the motivating power of your challenging experiences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Maybe you feel that the ongoing pandemic has inhibited your ability to explore and deepen intimacy to the degree that would like to. But even if that's the case, the coming weeks will provide openings that could soften and remedy your predicament. So be extra receptive and alert to the clues that life reveals to you. And call on your imagination to look for previously unguessed and unexpected ways to reinvent togetherness and tenderness. Let's call the next three weeks your Season of Renewing Rapport.

TURN IT DOWN!

BY RICH TUPICA

LOCAL MIX: A TRACK LIST OF OBSCURE MICHIGAN-MADE MUSIC FROM THE 1960S

This week, *Turn it Down!* writer Rich Tupica looks beyond the Greater Lansing area and recommends some musty, dusty '60s rarities from across Michigan. From the Motor City to Bay City, here are a few crackly old 45s to seek out at your local wax shop, or stream via YouTube.

The Rondells "Everybody to and Fro"

Formed in 1961 at Cooley High School on the West Side of Detroit, the Rondells stuck together until most of the band was drafted into the Vietnam War. The five-piece outfit banged out rock 'n' roll laced with rhythm and blues — equal parts Bo Diddley and Dave Clark Five. The band traveled as far as Ontario and Cleveland for gigs and even performed on Robin Seymour's "Swingin' Time" TV show in Detroit. This ridiculously limited single was recorded in Detroit at Rainbow Recording Studio at 15305 Livernois.



The Ides of March – "Playthings 5x5"

From the tiny town of Essexville, just north of Bay City, the Ides of March formed in 1966 while attending Garber High School. The band's frontman, Bob Ward, known for nicking Mick Jagger's stage moves, doubled as the band manager and landed the group opening slots on big shows with The Bossmen, Terry Knight & the Pack and Paul Revere & the Raiders. This 1966 B-side, recorded for \$27.50, was thrown together just prior to the session, but outshined the A-side and scored local radio play. The record was self-released, hence the 45's unadorned red label. After the group disbanded in 1968, Tim Ward (lead guitar) later formed the Blues Company, also heard on this fine compilation.

The Oxford Five "Out of Love For You"

The Oxford Five were a Birmingham-based band spawned from an even

more obscure band called the Intruders. This B-side was recorded in late '66 and released on the Sidra Records label in January 1967 as the flipside of "The World I've Planned." The single helped land the group some decent shows, including an opening slot on a Beau Brummels' bill and a string of gigs at the Hideout, Detroit's now legendary teen club. Much to the band's chagrin, the label on the DJ promo copy of this 45 accidentally omitted the band name.



The Monday Knights "What is Love"

This jovial jam was released in the late '60s as an A-side via the Flint-based Endy label — the flip was the "The Electrified Sound." This short-lived Davison-based outfit is the same batch of Michigan cats who fronted another obscure act, Foxx and The United Lace, which recorded the "Watch Out for Love" single on Zip Records.

James T & The Workers "I Can't Stop"

This organ-driven B-side, cut in 1967, was recorded in the Flint suburb of Mount Morris. Released on the Prophonics Studios label, James T & The Workers, led by songwriter Richard Ross, were a fixture in Flint's rock 'n' roll revival that later birthed Terry Knight & the Pack and Grand Funk Railroad. The group's crude, primitive single, "That is All," written in 1964 by the band's guitarist David Rilett, was immortalized on *Back from the Grave Vol. 8*. This track showcases the band's more melodic side.



The Other Kind "Can't Wait Forever"

While it's now just a vacant lot in Detroit, 4619 14th St., near Grand River

Avenue, once housed Mickay's Records, a forgotten Motor City studio known for cutting a string of singles, most notably a series of discs from J.J. Barnes. The studio was also home to the Other Kind, a soul-tinged Michigan rock group who laid down its 1967 rock 'n' soul single, "Can't Wait Forever," at the long-gone recording service. The building was destroyed during the '67 riots.



The Royal Coachmen "You Can't Get Me Down"

Armed with an ample amount of searing fuzz, the Royal Coachmen developed a dedicated following in the Lenawee County teen-club scene. The Adrian-based band scored airtime on "Swingin' Time" and also managed to record this self-penned A-side, backed by another original track, "You Don't Know."

5 of a Kind "Please Tell Me (They Were Wrong)"

Label mates to the Oxford Five, 5 of a Kind were also on the Sidra label. Established in 1966, the imprint was headquartered in Detroit at 18292 Wyoming Avenue and linked to at least three other labels: Team Town, W.I.G and

Drew. 5 of a Kind are best known for the sought out 1966 northern-soul instrumental "The Other Side." Presented here is the flipside of that 45, "Please Tell Me (They Were Wrong)."

CROSSWORD SOLUTION From Pg. 19

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CITY PULSE'S MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ

1. This Detroit and Nashville-based label is soon releasing the "The Stooges' Live At Goose Lake: August 8, 1970" LP.
2. This Delta blues legend, known for "Death Letter Blues," is buried at Mount Hazel Cemetery in Detroit.
3. This long-running music venue in Haslett, at Lake Lansing North, seated 800 and was demolished in 1987 to develop condos.
4. The Frost and The Bossmen, two Michigan bands, were led by this Michigan guitar hero.
5. This 1969s-era weekly show on WLNS (then WJIM-TV) was hosted by Dennis Wayne and featured live performances from local and regional bands.

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SUDOKU SOLUTION From Pg. 19

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OUT ON THE TOWN

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesdays for the following week's issue. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Suzi at (517) 999-6704.

Wednesday, July 1

Allen Farmers Market - 2:30-7 p.m. Allen Farmers Market 2020, 2100 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

ARTpath | Public Art on the Lansing River Trail - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., along the Lansing River Trail. 517-374-6400. lansingartgallery.org.

Build Your Own Dream Dollhouse - 1-4 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand

River Ave., Okemos.

STEMinist - Empowering our girls! 9 a.m.-12 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

Virtual Code Club - on Zoom, so that coders can come chat about coding, and share which projects they're working on in the meantime. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library Facebook page for link.

Thursday, July 2

Bath Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13751 Main St., Bath. shopbfm.org.

Build Your Own Dream Dollhouse - 1-4 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

Curious GLADL - Virtual Science & STEAM - on Zoom for something fun, something curious, something science or STEAM! 3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library Facebook page.

Dimondale Farmers' Market - 3-6 p.m. Village Square, 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale. 517-646-0230. villageofdimondale.org.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W Barnes Ave, Lansing. 517-374-5700.

STEMinist - Empowering our girls! 9 a.m.-12 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

Friday, July 3

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

Science of Summer - 12 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

2020 RunnerMania Virtual Running Festival -July 3-4-5. thevirtualrunchallenge.com

Saturday, July 4

Fourth of July at the Zoo - Military Receive Free Admission! - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

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

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

Sunday, July 5

East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 300 Valley Court, East Lansing. www.cityofeastlansing.com.

Monday, July 6

Flower Crowns: A Take-Home Craft - Learn about fairies, elves, & other mythical creatures. Must pre-register. 3-3:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library Facebook for link.
Intro to Robotics - 1-4 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Tuesday, July 7

Fairy Tale Storytime - Join us for virtual fairy tales and adventures via Zoom! 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library Facebook for link.

Intro to Robotics - 1-4 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

Myths & Legends - Join us for a virtual exploration of Myths and Legends of many lands and cultures. 1 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library Facebook page.

Tech Tuesday - Tech Tuesday is an online event using Jitsi Meet. . 5:30-7 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St Rapids. www.eventbrite.com.

Zoo Days 2020 - Enjoy admission to Potter Park Zoo for only \$2 with a voucher! 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

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Come on out and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Airport Tavern. For half a century now, this family-owned tavern and steakhouse has been supplying Lansing with the choicest steaks and the juiciest burgers in town. The menu also offers loads of appetizers, sandwiches, desserts and red or white wine by the glass or by the bottle!

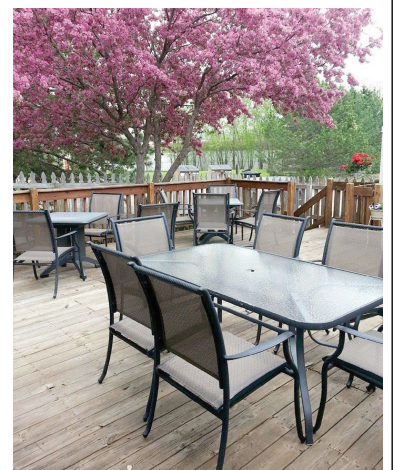
If lockdown has made you crave a night out of drinking and dining, then Airport Tavern is the place to go.

Airport Tavern's patio seats 20. All the tables are set a safe distance apart. It has a cozy, homey atmosphere, with shrubbery and flowers scattered about. Sitting out there and digging into a steak might make you feel like you're sitting in your own backyard.

Owner Pete Sinadinos said that Airport Tavern is taking all the safety precautions needed to keep customers and employees safe in the age of COVID-19. Employees are required to wear masks. It has sanitary stations on the dining room floor where everything is sanitized before reuse. Airport Tavern also offers single-use silverware.

Sinadinos said that his main concern is keeping customers safe while keeping the restaurant alive and thriving. "We're just going to keep doing what we're doing," said Sinadinos. "Selling high-quality steaks and great burgers. And celebrating our 50 years. It's a big highlight for me and my family."

Airport Tavern has limited hours due to the COVID-19 outbreak. It is open noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, except Fridays, when it stays open until 9 p.m. You can learn more about Airport Tavern on its Facebook page or peruse the menu on OpenMenu.com.



FOOD & DRINK DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Pulled pork tacos from Cask and Co.

By SKYLER ASHLEY

While using delivery services like UberEats to sample local restaurants across town without having to traverse into pandemic land, this time around I decided to try something from Cask and Co. I have eaten at Cask and Co.'s buffet before several times, and enjoyed it thoroughly. As far as buffet food goes, it was certainly above average and way better than fare you could



Cask and Co.

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 3415 E. Saginaw St.,
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ditional salsa, the other a creamy sriracha sauce. The tortilla chips were crispy, thin and delicious. And while I enjoyed the lettuce and pico de gallo that came with the taco, the meat left a little to be desired. The flavor was good, but it was kind of hard to overcome the stringiness. But at the price and quantity and how full the food left me during a busy lunch break, I would say that is somewhat of a nitpicky complaint.



Skylar Ashley/City Pulse

Pulled pork tacos from Cask and Co.

find at a generic place like Country Buffet.

For delivery, I ordered three pulled pork tacos. They came with a small bag of tortilla chips and two admittedly small containers of sauce, one a tra-

Taps 25 and Good Slice Pizza close their doors

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Harper's Restaurant and Brew Pub in East Lansing recently made national news after over 100 cases of the coronavirus were traced back to its customers and employees. Bars and restaurants around the state are following suit. With cases of coronavirus rising at a steady rate, it's hard to blame them.

Via a Facebook post Monday, Taps 25 and Good Slice Pizza, 414 E. Michigan Ave., announced that they

are closing immediately. "It's been an amazing eight years and through Taps, I have met some of my favorite people of all time," it said. "Thank you to our amazing staff and guests that have held down the bar over the years."

"The people that made Taps what it is/was have meant the world to us, and it is painful to have to say goodbye," said the Facebook post. Taps owners encouraged bars in the area to hire their talented staff of bar-

tenders and managers.

It's been a difficult year for small businesses across the country. The pandemic has made it impossible for some to stay afloat. Taps 25 expressed its frustration with the way this year is going in its Facebook post: "To 2020: You can suck a hard one."

Mug Club Members from Taps 25 can pick up their mugs at the Tin Can.

Other recent restaurant and bar closures across Greater Lansing include the Burger King near the Meridian Mall, For Crêpe Sake, Fireside Grill, the A&W inside the Meridian Mall, Frandor Deli and Finley's. Bar-Fly Ventures, the parent company of popular Michigan-based restaurant and bar chain HopCat, has declared bankruptcy. Some have closed because sales are down due to the pandemic, and some closed because of COVID spreading among their employees.

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Cask & Co. promises to deliver a unique dining experience with a hospitable atmosphere and elevated food. With over 30 LED TVs, it's also a great spot to catch the big game.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Cask and Co. has added touch free door openers. Inside, it has added glass partitions to prevent the spread of germs. It also just introduced disposable menus. Cask & Co. also redesigned the server stations recently so employees can stand six feet apart.

Director of operations, Kurt Weaver said that Cask & Co. is regularly cleaned and sanitized. Staff members wear face masks and regularly have their temperature checked.

Cask & Co. opens daily at 11 a.m. To make a reservation or order online, you can visit CaskAndCompany.com.



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Art's Pub was chosen as Best New Restaurant in City Pulse's 2019 Top of the Town contest. For great food and cheap beer in Lansing, there's simply no better place around.. Its four-page menu is sweeping, loaded with unique twists on classic bar food and breakfast items. You can get anything from waffles to wings, breakfast to burgers.



Art's has housemade vegan patties and meatless chicken wings, too. If you're bringing the kids along, they have a \$4 kids' menu to choose from. On tap, they have 12 handles of draft beer, including some local brews.

Art's also serves a Venezuelan street food called arepas — similar to a gordita but made with white cornmeal. For the picky eater or the adventurous one, Art's has something to offer.

When they reopened, Art's added a patio section with room for twenty diners.

"Outdoor seating is a necessity now," said co-owner Greg Sinicropi. "What's unique about our patio is that you have a nice view of downtown. You're not too far from anything."

Sinicropi said that Art's is the perfect place to hang out and unwind. After months of lockdown, practically nothing sounds better than getting burgers and beer with a few friends. "We don't play music, we don't have entertainment. We just want people to be able to chill," said Sinicropi.

Art's guarantees to take the proper precautions to keep its customers and employees safe in the age of COVID-19. Customers are encouraged to wear face coverings, but they are not mandatory. Employees are required to wear masks, wash their hands frequently and stay home if they're feeling ill.

You can order online or check out the menu at ArtsPubLansing.com. Art's is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. all week.



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To go along with your meal, Meat BBQ offers a selection of over 15 beers on tap, plus housemade craft cocktails.

Truly adventurous eaters could try out the “ULTIMATE CARNIVORE FOOD CHALLENGE,” a 45-minute race to eat a staggering amount of bacon, beef and cheese. Winners get a free meal, a t-shirt, a beer and their photo on the Wall of Carnivores.

Meat BBQ has a courtyard-like indoor/outdoor eating area that can seat about 12 diners at the moment. “It’s got an old-school, New Orleans vibe,” said owner Sean Johnson. “It’s a vibrant place.”

Johnson said that his goal is to safely recreate the dining experience that everyone remembers from before the pandemic. “We’re doing everything the CDC recommends,” he said. Customers are required to wear masks before they are seated. Employees wear gloves and masks and wash their hands frequently. In addition, every item is sanitized after a customer uses it, and the restaurant is cleaned each morning and night.

“We’re open for business and welcoming customers,” said Johnson. “We’ll do everything we can to make the customers happy.”

Meat BBQ is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday. To view the menu, visit MeatBBQ.com. For updates on the restaurant, you can find them on Facebook at Facebook.com/MeatBBQ.



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Dagwood's is committed to following all the necessary safety and hygiene protocols for this challenging time. Owner Marji Cheadle promises that customers can still have a memorable experience dining out at Dagwood's.

Dagwood's is open from 11 a.m. to midnight every day. It does not accept to-go orders from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. To find out more about Dagwood's or look over the menu, visit DagwoodsTavern.com.

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American Bistro's covered outdoor patio has a fire pit, cozy wicker furniture and granite tables. Starting July 13, there will be live solo musical performances on the patio on Friday and Saturday nights, featuring guitarists and pianists.

Operating partner Scott Berman said that American Bistro goes to great lengths to make sure its customers and employees are safe. "Every restaurant says that they're staying safe," said Berman. "But I think we're going above and beyond." Every 30 minutes, all surfaces in the restaurant get cleaned. Each item that a customer touches gets sanitized after use. If you don't want to touch a menu, you can order off your phone.

American Bistro offers a multitude of dining options — dine-in, curbside pickup, delivery and even a carhop service. Using the carhop service lets customers enjoy their food in their cars, with a full view of the patio.

To order online or find out more information about American Bistro, you can visit AmericanBistro.com. Now open in advance of the July 13 Grand Opening: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday to Wednesday; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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Cleats offers burgers, street tacos, sandwiches and all the fried appetizers you could want. For vegetarians and vegans, Cleats' menu also includes a hand-crafted black bean burger. Drinks include 30 kinds of beer and several selections of wine and both red and white sangria.

Cleats has kept their staff to a minimum to ensure that employees can properly socially distance. Staff have also been cleaning tables after each use and wearing masks and gloves.

"People seem really excited to discover us," said owner Julie Mullin. "We're still relatively new to a lot of people who aren't into sports." Despite its location inside Hope Sports Complex, Cleats is completely open to the public, regardless of their sports experience.

Mullin said that the sunset looks beautiful from their patio. "The last couple of weeks, this weather has been phenomenal. It's just a great place to have a conversation," she said. For both fresh food and fresh air, Cleats is the perfect place to go.

If you would like to order online or book a private event, you can visit CleatsBarAndGrille.com. Cleats is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday to Friday and noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.



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Soup Spoon's new patio includes eight tables spaced a comfortable distance apart to allow for social distancing. Owner Nick Gavrilides said that they're investing in the patio to ensure the safety of their customers. But he also said it will be a fun addition to the restaurant. The eight tables, which seat up to 32 and face towards Sparrow Hospital, will allow customers to enjoy their food, company and a great view.

Soup Spoon has updated all their cleaning protocols. They wipe down tables and chairs after each use and offer disposable menus. They are also working on developing a menu app so customers can order from their phones. "The safety of our employees and guests is my number-one concern," said Gavrilides.

Both customers and employees are required to wear masks if they come into the cafe. Employees also have their temperature taken every day to make sure that they're safe to work and interact with customers.

"We've taken the coronavirus situation very seriously," said Gavrilides.

For now, Soup Spoon is operating with altered hours. They are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can order online at SoupSpoonCafe.com.

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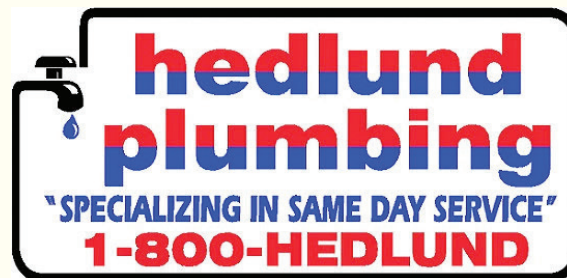
Now is your chance to come back and experience Crunchy's! The patio and dining room have opened back up, with six tables set up six feet apart. Now, you can safely socially distance while you enjoy their fine cuisine. Besides beer, buckets and burgers, the Crunchy's menu also contains a variety of classic bar food, sandwiches, tacos and pizza. Crunchy's is conveniently located on Grand River Avenue, a short walk away from Michigan State University's beautiful campus and downtown East Lansing. It offers the opportunity for a night of delicious food, shopping and sightseeing. Crunchy's is also located right next to Valley Court Park, which hosts the East Lansing Farmer's Market every Sunday and has a playground for the kids.

In a Facebook post, owner Mike Krueger wrote, "The restaurant is as clean as it has ever been, and we have worked very hard to develop a plan to help keep the restaurant clean and sanitized, in an effort to help keep you safe." Crunchy's also requires customers to wear a mask upon entry.

If you go to the Crunchy's Facebook page, you can find a link to virtual trivia, which happens every Tuesday night. To order for pickup or delivery, visit CrunchysEastLansing.com.

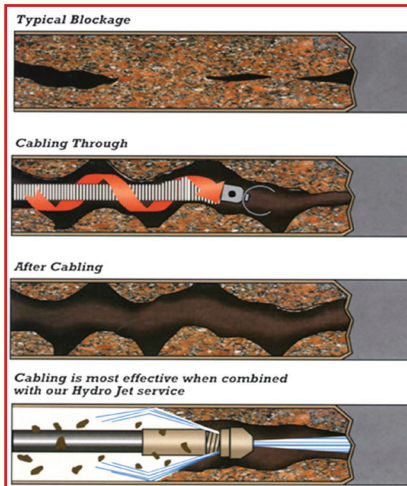


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