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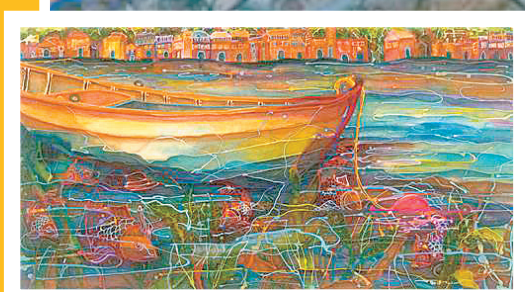
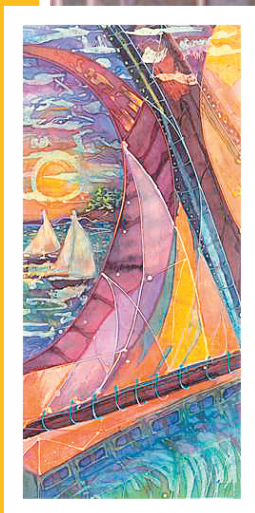
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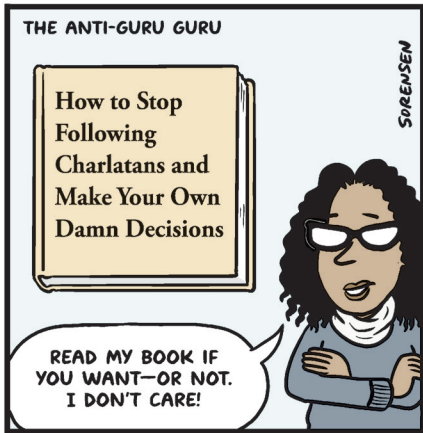
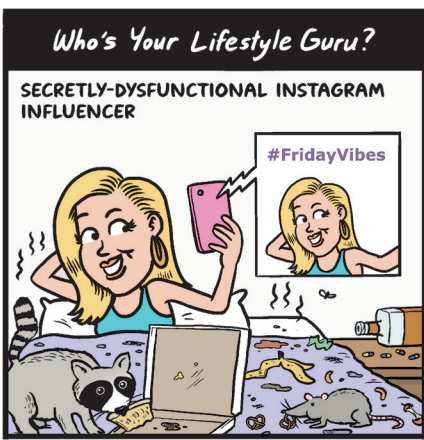
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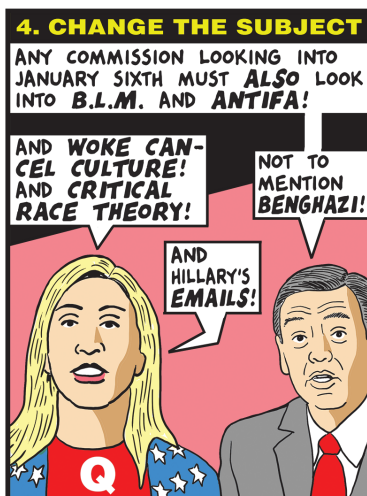
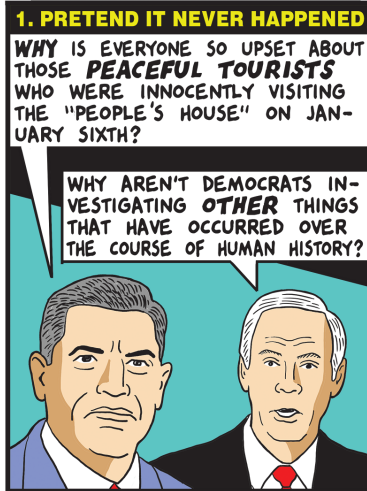
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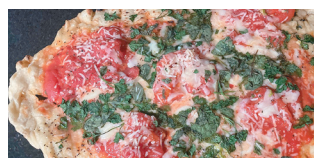
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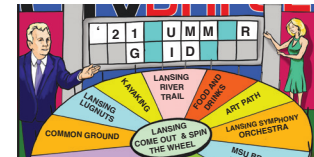


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# NEWS & OPINION

## Let's keep it local

For more than a quarter-century, Lansing Community College's in-house FM radio station, WLNZ 89.7, has served up a compelling, eclectic mix of music, news and community-focused commentary for the benefit of the Greater Lansing region. The station also functioned as a teaching facility for many years, providing generations of LCC students with on-the-job broadcasting experience and mentoring from seasoned professionals.

A giant question mark has hung over WLNZ and its staff since last March, when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the station to suspend its regular programming. Three months later, the LCC Board of Trustees voted to defund the station due to the college's pandemic-fueled financial woes. Despite the board's action, then-President Brent Knight pledged to the community that WLNZ would "not go dark under any circumstances." A citizen-based advocacy group was also formed to explore alternatives that would keep the station up and running. (City Pulse publisher and editor Berl Schwartz is a member of the citizen's group.)

Knight's departure as president shortly thereafter left the matter in the hands of his successor, Steve Robinson, who late last year formed an internal task force to develop alternative scenarios for the station's future. Earlier this month, the task force issued its recommendations, which includes a potential partnership with Ann Arbor-based Michigan Radio. Owned by the University of Michigan, Michigan Radio is a nonprofit, public broadcasting station that airs in Ann Arbor, Flint, Grand Rapids and Port Huron with staffed news bureaus in the three largest markets plus Detroit. Although few details of the potential deal are available, it is thought that Michigan Radio would take over WLNZ operations and use the station's broadcast signal to carry their content, strengthening their presence in the Lansing market.

Much like this newspaper provides an alternative to corporate-owned print media, we can't emphasize enough the tremendous value in nonprofit community radio. Immune from market-driven format changes

and advertising pressures, WLNZ was able to offer a wide variety of content that is otherwise hard to come by on today's commercial radio airwaves. Jazz, blues, reggae, worldbeat and more attracted a diverse audience who craved genre-based specialty shows like "Lansing Loud & Local" featuring up and coming new bands, "Halcyon Radio" with a focus on electronica, the K-Pop-driven "Daebak Korean Radio Show," "Mitten Mayhem," a showcase of classic and new Michigan-based hip hop and R&B, and more.

Complementing its musical diversity, WLNZ was also an important source for local news and happenings. The station's famed but now defunct Coffee Break morning show, hosted by legendary local radio personalities Jack Robbins and Karen Love, provided an opportunity for more than a hundred community organizations across the Lansing region to promote their events and offered interviews with local notables on a wide range of topics. This is the sort of community-focused programming we fear will disappear or be drastically scaled back under the Michigan Radio model, despite assurances that

blocks of time would be allocated for community news and events. If approved, we hope the deal with Michigan Radio includes establishing a Lansing bureau with a firm commitment to replicating some of the local flavor, both musically and on the news side, that makes WLNZ such an important community asset.

It's expensive to run a radio station. We get that. And, it has been many years since LCC students could enroll in radio broadcasting courses. This lack of a connection with the school's current curriculum makes the station a more attractive target for budget cuts. That said, we're not unequivocally opposed to the Michigan Radio deal. It's better than shutting down WLNZ completely. But we also think it's a less-than-optimal arrangement. Michigan Radio is an NPR affiliate, like Michigan State University's WKAR. Two NPR stations serving one market seems unnecessarily duplicative.

A conceptual alternative scenario proposed by the citizen's group involves a partnership with the City of Lansing's Public Media Center, which offers training and broadcasting opportunities to community members using the city's Public, Educational and Government television network. The center's operations are underwritten in part by fees assessed on the bills of Lansing cable television customers. Based at the city's South Washington Office Complex (the former Michigan National Guard Armory), the media center has sufficient physical space to serve as the new home for WLNZ. In theory, a portion of the city's fee-based funding for the media center could be made available for ongoing capital costs associated with keeping WLNZ alive and well, alleviating some of the financial burden on LCC. A nonprofit corporation could be established to support the station and raise additional funds for its ongoing operations.

We think this is the optimal solution, and we encourage LCC officials to continue exploring alternatives to the Michigan Radio deal with an eye toward preserving and strengthening the community-focused legacy of WLNZ through a partnership with the Lansing Public Media Center.



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# Trump loyalists seek to cancel the leader of the state GOP

Don't call them protesters and don't say there's a fracture in the Michigan Republican Party.

**OPINION**



KYLE MELINN

**POLITICS**

The organizer of a band of Republicans who want MRP's chairman, Ron Weiser, to toss his executive director, Jason Roe, for not singing out of the Donald Trump hymnal that the 2020 election was "stolen" doesn't want there to be any confusion.

The Trump loyalists aren't "attacking" the leadership of the party. That may be what the media may want you to think, said Republican organizer Debra Ell.

So, here's where the reader can pick their own descriptive. What would you call this?

Ell and a few dozen Republican activists turned over a purported more than 500 precinct delegate signatures supporting Roe's removal for pushing aside 2020 election fraud claims and "blaming our Republican president" for his loss.

Back in November, Roe told Politico, "The unfortunate reality within the party today is that Trump retains a hold that is forcing party leaders to continue down the path of executing this fantasy of overturning the outcome — at their own expense.

"Frankly, continuing to humor him merely excuses his role in this. The election wasn't stolen, he blew it," Roe added.

Roe was not the MRP executive director at the time, but he reiterated on the "MIRS Monday" podcast last week that the election is "settled. There's nothing we can do about what happened in the rearview mirror. We got to look through the windshield and further down the road on what we can do about 2022."

Ell said this resolution shouldn't be viewed as an "attack against the Republican Party, because we'd be attacking ourselves, right?"

Instead, she defined the presentation in front of the MRP headquarters in downtown Lansing — marked with candidate speeches, a trailer selling Trump paraphernalia and a small raffle among attendees — as a "movement."

The movement may be rolling along in place like Ohio, where the state Republican Party censured U.S. Rep. Anthony Gonzalez for voting to impeach Trump. But the upper brass

at the MRP has been able to avoid this type of open intraparty hostility.

The Michigan Republicans' state committee meeting declined this month to take up any similar resolutions against Republican U.S. Reps. Fred Upton, of St. Joseph, and Peter Meijer, of Grand Rapids, for basically doing the same thing.

As a staffer, Roe is an at-will hire of Weiser, and Weiser is sticking with him. Roe, the son of the late longtime former MRP Executive Director Jerry Roe, has been working for GOP candidates since 1994.

He's held numerous posts, the most recent being national media spokesman for GOP presidential candidate Marco Rubio in 2016. He was a deputy campaign manager for Mitt Romney in 2007.

In short, he's not going anywhere. Roe is seen as a seasoned winner who can help deliver the state for Republicans.

And with Trump grassroots darling Meshawn Maddock as the GOP's cochairwoman, it's hard to argue that the leadership doesn't represent the pro-Trump contingent. Still, there are certainly tensions within the party.

First, the MRP's legal team sent Ell a letter after she and a former Republican staffer were in the headquarters parking lot Sunday scoping things out in advance of today's event.

Also, a few participants needed to use the bathroom during the morning event and were denied access to the Secchia-Weiser Republican Center by the staff.

The four political candidates giving their elevator speeches under a portable tent set up in the corner of the Seymour Avenue parking lot were unquestionably on the conservative side of the political spectrum.

Among them was the former Dominion software worker Mellissa Carone, whose testimony to a House committee last winter was mimicked on "Saturday Night Live."

"We have an unelected official by the name of Jason Roe and, you know what? He shouldn't be there. He doesn't represent the people," said Jon Rocha, who is challenging Upton in the 6th District.

If these folks aren't protesting or attacking the leadership, would it be fair to call this a "food fight?"

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# Do over the lost school year: Hold students back

By **DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER**

In my second-semester composition class, I taught this short story, "A Good Man is Hard to Find,"

by southern writer

Flannery O'Connor. The story is about a dodderly grandma who wanted to revisit a place from her past. She wasn't sure any longer where that place was, but that didn't stop her from getting the family lost while driving to find it. And, when the family car broke down and some bad guys showed up, it didn't stop her from angering them. The whole family wound up dead.

Let's not be that grandma, dragging students and their families into a past that doesn't exist any longer. Since March 2020, school boards trying to go back in time have kept everything rocky. Here in the state capital, Lansing schools only decided in April to stick with online learning for the last month of the year. Last week the biggest public school district in Michigan, Detroit, issued a mis-mash statement that basically said to parents, do what you want until June.

Stop already! Public school boards should declare 2020-2021 the lost school year. Next fall, hold students back to repeat their grade.

During this ongoing pandemic we have heard a continual banging on the school house door to "open up." But why? Because of lost educational opportunities? No. Open up so parents who need child care can go back to work. Caring for children is essential, but the first purpose of school is education.

But, this year instruction was all over the place. Some students were in class with a teacher. Some students had several different teachers through the year. Some students attended class onscreen. Others were at home being taught by their parents. Nearly 1 million American mothers left the workplace to help their children with school. Some students attended at learning centers.

That was one stellar accomplishment this year. Putting the term, learning centers, in parents and students' mouths. It linked schools and learning. Yet instruction was catch-as-catch-can. To measure how much students learned in 2020-2021, I supported continuing



Barker



standardized testing this spring; the state superintendent of public instruction did not because of a need to prioritize students' emotional and mental health. But we need to know what happened with academics.

Even the best student suffers gaps in their education. I didn't really learn commas until my administrative assistant at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine tired of correcting my writing and explained them to me.

When I was a teaching professor, I worked to get all students to a level where they could take advantage of the instruction I was there to provide. By mid-semester, I hoped to have most students understanding what the class was about, how they fit, and what they needed to do to succeed. Then I could help the two or three others who were far back.

But, after mid-semester — which is a time on a calendar, not an event — we were off to the races. I was trying to get everyone over the finish line at the end of the semester with a grade that allowed them to proceed to their degree. That was the point. No one likes to take a class over again. That is so defeating.

The effectiveness of any teacher relies in part on the level of class preparedness. That goes up and down with individual students. Some students are more prepared. Some students are less prepared. Some students are just right. Like the three bears. Students will return to class next fall some on mountain tops of accomplishment, others low in the valley.

Next school year, K-12 teachers will do their best teaching despite a rough terrain of preparedness. Districts and teachers can help smooth it out with tutors, for instance. These helpers take struggling students out of class one-by-one for a private session. That individualized approach fixes individual failure. But 2020-2021 was not the failure of

# Barker

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individuals. Piecemeal efforts won't work. Students will need solid instruction in the classroom.

If students are not held back, what are they being promoted to when deficiencies are baked in the cake? Students and teachers will be doomed to harsh judgment in the future. Some of them will never catch up. They will always be behind, and struggling, and frustrated. Or learning goals will be dumbed down to avoid failing most of the class.

The solution? Hold every student back. Maybe at mid-term or mid-academic year, test the students to see who can go forward a grade, maybe. Or give parents the choice: let their child stay back, or be promoted to take the chance their child coming up out of the abyssal school year to succeed in the next grade. Many districts are going to offer intensive summer instruction. A whole fricking year made up in eight weeks?

Hire more teachers and cut class size. That's the ideal. It will be expensive, but it's time to spend the money on education. Use the billion dollars the feds sent to Michigan for education. It's essential for African-American public school districts like Detroit, or districts like Lansing where many students are immigrants. Let all students be strengthened. Fill or bridge educational gaps. No students' education need be as potholed as our streets.

Holding students back is not a new concept. Parents do this for sports.

Parents who want their sons, specifically, to compete well against other boys in sports, football especially, will hold their kid back, starting them late in kindergarten at age 6, so they are almost an entire year older than other boys in their grade for the rest of their school days. Their kid gets a chance to grow, so he can do well athletically. In this case, being held back is not viewed as a loss, but as a win for the individual.

There is a saying that it's not what happens that matters. What matters is the response. The response of public school boards should be to declare 2020-2021 the lost year. Hold every student back and start fresh next fall.

*Dedria Humphries Barker a Lansing resident, chairs The Andrew and Mary Jane Humphries Foundation. She wrote "Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow." Her opinion column appears on the last Wednesday of each month.*

# REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI



## Okemos ditches 'Chiefs' namesake

The Board of Education voted unanimously to abandon the "Chiefs" and "Chieftains" mascots after local residents said the nicknames offended American Indians. District officials expect to have a new namesake in place for the 2023 school year.

## Whitmer greenlights stronger booze

A package of legislation signed by the governor allows private wholesalers to up the alcohol percentage of their canned cocktails from 10% to 13.5% beginning this summer. The new bills also lowered the tax on mixed spirits from \$0.48 to \$0.30 per liter to ease distribution efforts.



Whitmer

## Children's home suspends operations

St. Vincent Catholic Charities halted operations at its children's home on Willow Street while it deals with staffing issues, including plans to revamps recruiting and retention efforts, reports the Journal. The home had reportedly accepted up to 40 children ages 5 to 17 who dealt with abuse and neglect, providing counseling, education and other services.

## Lansing cop fired for racist remarks

Police Chief Daryl Green fired the officer for sending a message to several other officers, Journal reports. Green didn't name the officer and declined to provide details about the message. The unnamed cop, meanwhile, is disputing the decision. City Council President Peter Spadafore is expected to release more details on the incident next month.



## Police investigate murder-suicide

Lansing cops are still looking for additional information (call 517-483-4600) after a 37-year-old man reportedly shot a 38-year-old woman, leaving her in critical condition before shooting and killing himself at a home in the 1000 block of Bensch Street on the east side of Lansing.

## Police captain faces drunken driving charge

Former Michigan State University Police officer Valerie O'Brien was charged with two misdemeanor counts of operating a vehicle with high blood-alcohol content and carrying a concealed pistol under the influence. O'Brien was arrested and fired in February after she failed a field sobriety test and refused to take a preliminary breath test on the shoulder of I-96.

## Unemployment rate declines in Michigan

State officials said Michigan added 6,000 jobs in April following three months of gains. The unemployment rate decreased to 4.9%, continuing to beat national averages of 6.1%.



## McLaren honored for breast care

The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers awarded national accreditation to the breast care center at McLaren Greater Lansing, a nod to its "high-quality" care in Lansing.

## Anthony: Ban volunteer law enforcement

Legislation reintroduced by State Rep. Sarah Anthony would prohibit the use of volunteer law enforcement in police and sheriff's departments. Many communities — including Ingham County — have already taken steps to ban the use of unlicensed volunteer deputies. In 2018, there were about 3,000 volunteers assisting cops statewide, including reserve or auxiliary officers.



Anthony

## East Lansing launches photo contest

Anyone is invited to submit up to five photos taken in East Lansing as part of the city's latest promotional project. Winners will receive downtown gift cards for up to \$150. Submissions are due on Oct. 17. Visit [cityofeastlansing.com/photocontest](http://cityofeastlansing.com/photocontest) for more details about the contest.



## Lansing businessman pleads guilty

Camron Gnass, owner of Traction Advertising Agency in Lansing, pleaded guilty to three counts of larceny by conversion after he was accused of withholding more than \$52,000 from employees' paychecks for retirement contributions that were never deposited or matched. Gnass was the first to be criminally charged through the state's payroll fraud enforcement unit. He is scheduled to be sentenced for the crimes (with fines and up to 93 days in jail) on July 13.



Gnass

## McLaren Lansing names 'Nurse of Year'

Morgan Zemer works in the geropsychiatry unit, where nurses are specially trained in compassion and sensitivity. Bereky Yohannes and Stacie Worst were also recognized at a recent employee ceremony.



# Lansing bars expect to serve carryout cocktails by mid-June

## Several businesses apply for permits in city's new 'social districts'

More than a dozen local bars, restaurants and other boozy establishments have applied for or expressed interest in new licenses to serve carryout cocktails as the summer begins in Lansing.

And officials expect some are only a few weeks away from letting the sidewalk sipping begin.

The Lansing City Council and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approved plans last month to launch three designated "social districts" in which up to 33 local bars and restaurants could then apply for permits that would enable them to serve to-go cocktails that can later be consumed on designated sidewalks, parks, alleys and portions of the Lansing River Trail.

About a dozen businesses have submitted applications to the Liquor Control Commission over the last two weeks while city officials pull together the final stages of a plan that began last year. Many businesses owners expect to start serving up to-go cocktails, wine and beer by mid-June.

"It's a cool way for everyone to get back out again and walk between some of our local bars," said Courtney Prins, engagement and events coordinator at Lansing Brewing Co., which expects to offer reusable bottles for a variety of carryout drinks as early as next week. "We're hoping to be able to coordinate some things with other businesses offering it this summer too."

Within the three new districts, customers can purchase specially marked to-go containers from participating businesses and either stay to enjoy them on the patio or meander off down the sidewalks in the summer sun. The marked zones include Rotary and Scott parks, Jackson Field and portions of the Lansing River Trail, the Cooley Gardens and the Scott Sunken Gardens.

Under the city's ordinance, to-go containers can be served until 10 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday

### Carryout cocktails? Where?

*More than a dozen bars and restaurants have expressed interest in applying for licenses to operate within the city's social districts. At least 11 applications were still pending before the Michigan Liquor Control Commission this week. Many expect to be fully operational next month.*



that dropped 75% amid the pandemic. An expanded patio space will also work cohesively with neighboring Lansing Brewing Co.

"We're also working on getting some food trucks on site," Ellis said. "It should be any day now."

Council President Peter Spadafore was a key proponent in creating the new districts. He said the plans were geared toward expanding capacity for entrepreneurs still stifled amid state restrictions. As those begin to wane, they could also allow bar owners to catch up for lost

time.

"Really, the impetus was the pandemic and allowing greater capacity to serve and help keep these businesses afloat. The added benefit is that this creates a gathering destination," Spadafore said. "It also creates more opportunities for outdoor festivals in places like Old Town."

Cathleen Edergerly, executive director of Downtown Lansing Inc., said the districts will also allow local watering holes to split the cost of outdoor entertainment, attracting customers to the city in a more socially distant fashion. Similar concepts are in place in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

The districts dissolve on Dec. 31, 2022, unless the City Council votes to extend the allowance.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

or until midnight Friday and Saturday. Leashed dogs are allowed within the districts. Any tents, lighting and loud speakers will still require additional approvals from the city.

Each district will also be clearly labeled with brightly colored boundary signage. Staff at Downtown Lansing Inc. got creative with the branding. One reads: "The Pint of No Return."

And this party won't be BYOB; Open intoxication ordinances on unmarked booze still apply.

MichiGrain Distillery owner Scott Ellis said the ability to serve carryout cocktails — in addition to a new menu of craft beer — will help to drive up sales

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**Ozone's Brewhouse** 305 Beaver St.

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# Moore's Park Pool fundraisers say estimate exaggerates repair costs

City promises at least \$250K for 'revisiting' historic site

It certainly won't be open by this summer. Next summer is probably too hopeful. But Lansing residents are increasingly confident that by summer 2023, the leaking and shuttered Moore's Park Pool in southwest Lansing will be repaired, reconstructed and reopened to the public.

And those leading the charge on fundraising efforts think the renovations can be completed for far less than the \$4.8 million estimate identified in an assessment report from the city in March.

"This assessment really shows things that need to get done, things that maybe should be done and more of a wishlist of things that could be done," explained Paul Kolar, an organizer with Friends of Moore's Park Pool, which formed after the pool was shut down in 2019. "We're thinking we may be able to get this completed at a much more reasonable \$2 or \$2.5 million."

Over the last several months, contractors hired by the city to assess the damage at Moore's Park Pool estimated the costs to bring the historic structure back to life. The Friends group paid for half of the \$60,000 assessment — a token of its commitment to the project.

In addition to outlining a list of myriad repairs required to bring the pool up to snuff, the report outlined two options (with distinctly different price tags) on

how to get the job. One route suggested a minimum of \$4.8 million in renovations. Another suggested at least \$6.3 million.

But Kolar and others with Friends of Moore's Park think the fixes won't be nearly that expensive. Discussions are still underway, but the latest estimates are now below \$3 million, officials said.

"We're still talking about millions of dollars. There are things that need some clear attention. There are also some organizations that have offered to donate their time and muscle to keep costs down," said Mary McGuire, a member of the executive team for the Friends group. "Millions of dollars sounds like a ton of money, but I do think we're looking at a reachable goal. It's a significant amount, but we're also not counting on the community to raise every penny."

A city spokeswoman said the administration was still working this week to "determine next steps" and noted that grant funding may also be available, as well as at least \$250,000 from the \$2.2 million sale of the former Waverly Golf Course property from the city to developers in 2018.

The City Council passed the annual budget this month without any specific funding for repairs. It will likely be more than a year before any renovation projects actually begin at Moore's Park.

Added McGuire: "I don't think we could get all the funds raised to launch next year. Especially when considering



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Tucked into a hillside overlooking the Eckert Power Station, the Moore's Park pool was designed by former Lansing City Engineer Wesley Bintz. Built in 1922, the structure is the oldest surviving Bintz Pool in the nation, and as such it carries a bit of a cult following among history buffs.

the sheer number of grants we need to apply for, as they are cyclical."

The initial \$4.8 million estimate focused on maintaining the historic architecture of the pool, including a pool wall design that would be expected to last for the next 20 years. Because the repairs are sympathetic to preserving the historic nature of the facility, it's also the plan preferred by the State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. National Park Service, officials explained.

That option also listed about \$2.7 million in repairs as "immediate priority" and about \$1.8 million as "necessary priority." Kolar said the repairs in the "necessary" category may be unnecessary.

"I don't think this has to be the city alone. We'll need a lot of hands to make this possible," Kolar said. "Grants will help. We're also talking about local businesses or larger state businesses getting involved. I don't think we've ruled out something like Dow Chemical, Meijer

or the Lansing Board of Water & Light from jumping in and maybe making some larger contributions."

When the assessment was released, Schor said the repair bill would compete alongside "many financial demands for necessary services across the city" — like road and sidewalk repairs. He remained open, however, to working with private donors and applying for grant opportunities.

City officials closed the Moore's Park Pool in fall 2019 and announced that it would need at least \$1.2 million in repairs before it could safely reopen to the public. Leaks were also ratcheting up weekly maintenance and refilling costs to about \$1,400 while chlorinated water spilled into the soil below. Before the pool closed, it was open for seven days a week, 10 weeks out of the year.

Visit [mhpn.org/mpp](http://mhpn.org/mpp) to learn more about the Moore's Park Pool and future fundraising efforts.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

# Lansing mayoral candidate disputes police reports after drinking arrest

Hutchinson arrested for OWI last year in Clinton County

Lansing mayoral candidate Larry Hutchinson Jr. is still paying off more than \$1,000 in court costs and fines after a drunken driving arrest last year by Clinton County Sheriff's deputies.

Deputies were dispatched to the corner of Colony and Shepardville roads near St. Johns at 9:36 a.m. Sept. 1, 2020, following reports of a car blocking the road and an intoxicated driver. Hutchinson was seated alone, playing music in the passenger seat of a rented red Dodge Charger. Dashcam footage showed Hutchinson step out of the vehicle and stumble after the deputy approached.

Video footage and police reports show that Hutchinson was irritated and verbally aggressive on the scene after deputies arrived, several times wandering into the oncoming traffic lane and attempt-

ing to show his arresting officers something on the driver's side of his rented vehicle.

On several occasions, Hutchinson cussed at deputies and cited his constitutional rights. He demanded to know whether he was being arrested or detained and walked away from the cops.

After about 15 minutes, the officers can be heard on dashcam footage determining that Hutchinson is a risk to his own and others' safety for continuing to walk into lanes of traffic. Interactions between Hutchinson and deputies are not visible in the last five minutes of the tape.

While officers kept a distance from Hutchinson and often had their hands



Hutchinson

at their sides, Hutchinson can be heard accusing officers of "running up" on him, increasing his agitation.

The incident occurred about four months after George Floyd was murdered by police in Minnesota and followed a summer of increased racial tensions and distrust between Black mid-Michigan residents and law enforcement. In an interview with City Pulse this week, Hutchinson, a Black man, alleged the interaction with law enforcement was based on his race.

Hutchinson also alleged — but the video does not show — that a sergeant on scene put his arm around his neck. He also said that he has since filed a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights alleging that he was racially harassed during the incident by sheriff's deputies. MDCR spokeswoman Vicki Levengood confirmed the agency had an open case involving the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and Hutchinson.

Clinton County deputies do not wear body cams. The incident report associated with his arrest indicates that only one dashboard camera was operating and saved during the contact with Hutchinson. Three deputies, a sergeant and a Michigan State Police trooper were involved.

Hutchinson alleged there were at least 10 law enforcement officers on hand and a helicopter. Reports do not mention the involvement of any helicopter air support provided for the incident.

Hutchinson also told City Pulse that there was no reason for last year's drunken arrest.

"I wasn't even driving the car," he explained. "I was in the passenger seat."

Hutchinson initially declined a preliminary breath test but complied at the Clinton County Jail. It showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.189%.

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# MSU researcher: COVID-19 vaccines work better for men than women

Whitmer continues to reduce state pandemic restrictions

A Michigan State University researcher is raising awareness about an important subtlety in COVID-19 vaccine efficacy: Shots from Moderna and Pfizer appear to work slightly better for men than for women, according to a recent peer-reviewed article on nanomedicine studies.

“We need to monitor these sex differences and report them to the scientific community and the public,” said Morteza Mahmoudi, an assistant professor in MSU’s Department of Radiology. “It can be very helpful in developing future strategies and as we prepare for future threats.”

Mahmoudi advocates systemic changes in how nanoparticles are used and studied in medicine, most recently in a May 20 article published in the journal “Nature Communications.”

In the article, he suggests that researchers may not have sufficient resources to perform their studies in cells or other samples taken from men and women. Yet these researchers and

others may still interpret results as equally applicable to all sexes and skew their scientific conclusions.

“We need to be more careful about the science that gets out,” Mahmoudi said in a statement.

Clinical research shows that Moderna vaccines were 95.4% effective at preventing COVID-19 cases for men, compared with 93.1% for women. For Pfizer, it was 96.4% effective for men and 93.7% effective for women. The differences, Mahmoudi pointed out, are small but measurable — largely because of differences in immune system responses between men and women.

**In related news...**

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer lifted capacity restrictions for all outdoor events and boosting indoor capacity limits to 50% beginning on June 1, allowing indoor social gatherings like weddings and funerals to move closer to pre-pandemic normalcy.

Under the order, the state will no longer limit capacity limits anywhere at all beginning on July 1.

Additionally, the updated orders

CORONAVIRUS IN MICHIGAN				WEEK 62			
BY THE NUMBERS...							
<b>Michigan</b>				<b>Eaton County</b>			
	CASES	DEATHS	VACC.	CASES	DEATHS	VACC.	
5/18/21	878,125	18,710	4,377,717	5/18/21	8,747	198	50,354
5/25/21	885,319	19,019	4,511,298	5/25/21	8,806	202	51,675
Weekly Change	↑0.8%	↑1.7%	↑3.1%	Weekly Change	↑0.7%	↑2%	↑2.6%
<b>Greater Lansing</b>				<b>Clinton Co.</b>			
	CASES	DEATHS	VACC.	CASES	DEATHS	VACC.	
5/18/21	37,082	641	221,464	5/18/21	5,935	79	38,026
5/25/21	37,306	645	227,679	5/25/21	5,971	82	39,236
Weekly Change	↑0.6%	↑2.0%	↑2.8%	Weekly Change	↑0.6%	3.8%	↑3.2%
<b>Ingham County</b>							
	CASES	DEATHS	VACC.				
5/18/21	22,400	364	133,084				
5/25/21	22,529	370	136,768				
Weekly Change	↑0.6%	↑1.6%	↑2.8%				

The “Vaccines” category refers to residents that have received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, according to state data.

enable employers to allow fully vaccinated staff to not wear face coverings and social distance, provided they also require non-vaccinated staff to keep them on.

Free drive-thru COVID-19 rapid saliva tests are available at the Ingham

County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St. by appointments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Results are delivered within two days. Register online at lynx.health/register.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 859 4003 6219 for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of amending the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 1610, to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code.

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting remotely may do so by logging into or calling into the meeting using the website <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940036219> or by phone number 312-626-6799 using Meeting ID: 859 4003 6219.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

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

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## Hutchinson

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Hutchinson also declined to consent to a blood draw, so officials also obtained a warrant to test his blood. Reports don’t include those results.

Deputies also seized an eighth of a gram of marijuana from Hutchinson.

All told, he was charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated and one count of being a disorderly person. All three charges are misdemeanors. On Dec. 8, Hutchinson pleaded guilty to one count of operating while intoxicated. In exchange, the other two charges were dismissed.

Court records also show that he was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and fees of \$1,282.

This week, Hutchinson still maintained that he did nothing wrong.

Court records also show that he was expected to make payments beginning in February, with a final payment of \$611 in

February 2022. Records showed he still owed more than \$1,000 this week.

Hutchinson is one of six candidates running for mayor in the August primary. The top two vote-getters will run against each other in November.

This is also not Hutchinson’s first chase for elected office, including for positions in Genesee County, the Lansing City Council and the 23rd Senate district as a Democrat. Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum has also repeatedly cautioned Hutchinson over campaign finance rules — including a lack of paid-for disclaimer line on printed materials and writing on U.S. currency.

Hutchinson said he places handwritten and printed signs on city telephone poles, which is a violation of city ordinance. City Clerk Chris Swope warned candidates about the issue this month, noting that signs placed in any public right-of-way were subject to immediate removal.

Hutchinson said he does not believe that he is violating city ordinances with his signage.

Hutchinson’s encounter with Clinton County deputies last year was not his first run in with cops. In the early 90s, he was convicted of three felonies — possession of a controlled substance, malicious destruction of police property and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

— TODD HEYWOOD

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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COUNTY OF INGHAM  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE  
OF HEARING**

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in the matter may be barred or  
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MI before Judge Garcia for the  
following purpose:  
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incapacitated adult.

Date: 05/19/2021  
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# ARTS & CULTURE

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## Lansing foster parent and volunteer wins National Ryder Driver of the Year

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Howard Davenport Jr. knew he was in the running for National Ryder Driver of the Year 2020. But when his superiors called him into the back office to announce a winner, Davenport didn't think ever for a second that he would get the award.

"I could not believe I was going to win it," said Davenport. "Then, the Zoom ceremony started, and they told me I won. I'll tell you, it was so overwhelming. I started crying right there."

Fresh out of Lansing Community College's truck driving school in 1994, His wife, Suzi Smith, happily paid for his tuition. It just made sense for Davenport. He had been dreaming about life on the road ever since watching the TV show "B.J. and the Bear" — a '70s children's comedy program about a truck driver and his trusty monkey sidekick.

"Isn't that ridiculous?" laughed Davenport, 54. "But I loved it. The thought of being a truck driver, driving across the country, having a little monkey with you. It's stupid, but that really was my inspiration."

Davenport took his first trucking job with Ryder. Except for a seven-year stint at another company from 2011-2018, Davenport has stayed faithful to Ryder.

"They hired me right out of school, and that's not something Ryder typically does," said Davenport. "But there was a job that nobody wanted. I knew nothing. But you only start learning when you get experience on the road."

After over 25 years on the road, Davenport knows what he's doing. Truck driving relaxes him. When he's on the road, his only focus is his work. Life's worries and stresses fly right out the driver's side window.

"I don't know if that sounds odd, but I love what I do," explained Davenport. "I've loved it ever since I got that license. Even when I was bad at it!"

At that, he let out a hearty belly laugh.

Davenport doesn't drive across the country anymore, and that's the way he likes it. He gets to come home at



Howard Davenport Jr. with his award for National Ryder Truck Driver of the Year.

Courtesy

5 every day, cook for his wife (who is City Pulse's office manager) and spend time with the children that they foster together through Bethany Christian Services.

His latest culinary creation was a bacon-stuffed grilled cheese sandwich.

"The kids liked that!" he proudly proclaimed.

Interestingly, Davenport claimed that cooking is more stressful than driving a truck. When he's cooking, he doesn't like having people around. He would prefer to kick everyone out of the kitchen. But with children running around the house, getting a moment of peace is nearly impossible.

"My kitchen's not that big. So, the kids are coming in and peeking when I'm just trying to cook a meal," said Davenport. "It's stressful!"

Davenport believes that he won Driver of the Year because of what he does both on and off the clock. His

experience growing up in the church taught him to strictly adhere to The Golden Rule. Throughout his life, Davenport has done his darndest to offer his help to those in need.

"A lot of truck drivers can drive me under the truck, you know?" he said. What set him apart from the competition was his undying commitment to helping others.

At the end of the work day, before he leaves, Davenport makes sure to check in with all his colleagues.

"I just say, 'Is everything all right? Do you need me to stay longer?'" said Davenport. "Usually, they just ask me to hang out for a little bit. I do it because I'm just that type of driver."

The activities that Davenport participates in off the clock — like fostering and working with the nonprofit organization Men Making a Difference — caught the attention of Ryder.

"They really liked the story about

Toby," said Davenport. Toby was a foster child that Davenport fell in love with. They bonded as he helped the medically fragile child gain some weight and learn to walk.

"I still get emotional when I talk about Toby," said Davenport. "We had a special bond. When I would change his diaper, I used to flip him around like a rag doll. He would laugh and laugh and giggle."

He can't point to a single reason he was picked as Driver of the Year. It was a combination of his work ethic, positive attitude and willingness to lend a helping hand.

"Taking care of the unfortunate, doing unto others ... that stuff is ingrained in me," said Davenport. "I'm just doing what I've always been taught to do. That's all."





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## Peppermint Creek produces documentary about Midwest schools

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. closes its season with a video documentary, “Radical Acts of Education,” which has solid reasoning to justify the use of the word radical in its title.

“Teaching is different from other professions that only require a degree in the field of the job,” said Chad Swan-Badgero, the company’s artistic director.

**“Radical Acts”**

Debuts May 28 at 8 a.m.  
 Available online at  
[Youtube.com/user/peppermintcreekth](https://www.youtube.com/user/peppermintcreekth)

“Only teachers are demanded to serve not only as educators in their subject matter, but are also required to be janitors, counselors, daycare, parents, empathizers, disciplinarians, politically correct and without emotions of their own,” Swan Badgero said. “I’d say that’s pretty radical.”

“And only teachers are expected to answer not only to their boss, but to parents, students, school boards, PTO’s, booster clubs and the community,” he said.

“Radical Acts” provides a platform for those in the educational trenches to talk about the realities of their day-to-day lives. The free virtual documentary will be available on Peppermint Creek’s YouTube channel at 8 a.m. on Friday (May 28).

Peppermint Creek’s entire season was named “The Voices Project.” “Radical Acts” suits the theme.

“All of the shows this season focused



Swan-Badgero



Croley



Jennings

heavily on spotlighting the voices of as many diverse voices as possible,” Swan-Badgero said. “Our shows were focused on text and voices rather than acting.”

DeWitt High School educator Jeff Croley and DeWitt student Ashley Garcia interviewed students from the school for the documentary. Lifelong educator and facilitator Jerry Jennings talked to parents and an administrator.

Swan-Badgero spoke with teachers from across the Midwest. He is particularly qualified for the task. “I am a former educator, and at least half of the closest people to me in life are educators,” Swan-Badgero said. “I taught English and language arts at Williamston and Haslett high schools,” he said. “That included almost every class in those departments English, debate, theater, creative writing and film.”

He was also a performing arts

instructor at Lansing Community College until 2008. Swan-Badgero is the art education program manager at the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. “My day job is also supporting arts education, so telling stories of teachers, students, and parents as it relates to education means a great deal to me,” he said.

“Radical Acts” asks educators, students and parents what they learned during a pandemic that changed schooling like never before. “It is important for the truth to be told about the state of education in Michigan and America from those who are living it,” Swan-Badgero said.

The 60-minute documentary is the last of four video productions for Peppermint Creek’s 2020-21 season — after the “Radical Acts” premiere, all will be available to stream. It was the hardest to create and the one Swan-

Badgero was most invested in.

“Scheduling interviews with teachers, who were already so maxed out and tired from one of the most demanding school years of their careers was really tricky and technically difficult,” he said. “I also found myself choked up and crying during almost all my interviews.”

“Education in America was already at a breaking point before the pandemic, so to see the ways the last year and a half have truly broken but also inspired so many students, teachers and parents was eye-opening,” Swan-Badgero said.

He is disturbed by the pandemic’s trend of skyrocketing enrollment in healthcare professions, while enrollment in education programs plummet. “My hope is that ‘Radical Acts’ can show people what superhuman heroes our educators are,” he said.

Swan-Badgero is also concerned about how American school systems have “watered down” education and de-emphasized the role of teachers. Teaching the truth of our history, recognizing diversity, support of autonomous teachers and robust arts classes are important to him.

“I believe to the core of my being that when we expose our students to the arts, it teaches them to think bigger, more creatively, and more compassionately about the world,” Swan-Badgero said. “Those are the skills we need for our young people to thrive and change the world for the better.”

## Favorite Things

### Eric Palmer and his personalized bobblehead

*Eric Palmer is a freelance photographer and composer for film and television productions. His favorite thing is a bobblehead that was gifted to him. It’s not just a regular old bobblehead, it’s one modeled after his very own likeness.*

This bobblehead was actually a gift from my current employer. It was an unexpected Christmas gift. It’s one of the most unique gifts I’ve ever received, a personalized bobblehead that looks — in my opinion — stunningly accurate to my big head. All of the employees got their own bobblehead, but everybody did agree that mine was strangely the most accurate, for whatever reason. That’s how I first got it.

It’s a personalized gift item that was modeled after me. You send the company that makes these things a picture and they shape it off of that. It reminds me of “Austin Powers.” My bobble-



head is basically my own Mini-Me. I have it in front of my work desk and it mostly serves as a paperweight, but also makes a perfect photography subject.

When I go on hikes, or visit places of interest out of town, I bring the Mini-Me bobblehead in my suitcase or my camera bag. Sometimes, instead

of taking a picture of myself, I use the bobblehead as a funny photo stand-in to represent the things that I do.

It comes with me on a lot of somewhat local trips to places like Saugatuck. I bring it on beaches, and I’ll take it to all the different parks I like to visit. Unfortunately, because of COVID, I haven’t been able to travel much lately.

There’s a hiking trail there that I go to often that is a beautiful place. There’s a mile long hike that you go before you reach the water. Once the summer weather hits, I try to go there as much as I possibly can. It’s a very therapeutic spot and makes for great sunset photos. Saugatuck beaches tend to

be a little more private — I think the mile hike helps slim down the beach crowd.

It’s hard not to like the bobblehead. My friends are always surprised that

they can recognize that it’s me so easily. Other than that, it’s just a fun little thing to take along with me. I personally think the world would be a better place if everybody had their own little Mini-Me bobblehead. I definitely encourage people to seek out and get



their own.

*Interview edited and condensed by Skyler Ashley. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, please email [Skyler@LansingCityPulse.com](mailto:Skyler@LansingCityPulse.com)*



# Welcome to Summer

## How to spend summer in Greater Lansing

2021 is shaping up to be a special kind of summer. We're all rubbing our tired eyes as we adjust to spending some quality time outdoors for the first time in what feels like absolutely forever.

Even though we all went through a pandemic together, we all still have different personalities and interests. Luckily, Lansing seems to have a little bit of something for everybody. This year, City Pulse's summer guide has been broken down by categories of interest. Hopefully, no matter your quirks, you can find something that fits your vibe.

### Want to enjoy the great outdoors?

What's summer without spending an entire day soaking up the sun, watching it set and then enjoying the cool night air? There's plenty of ways in Greater Lansing to enjoy the heat coming our way.

Kayaking down the Grand River is a classic Lansing pastime. One of the easiest ways to experience this tradition is with River Town Adventures, which will be fully operational for the summer, albeit with some coronavirus safety protocols. River Town Adventures is also situated right alongside Rotary Park, a beautiful place to soak up some rays, warm your feet up in the sand and play games like cornhole.

Don't forget that Lansing is home to several great nature centers that will be open to the public through out summer: Fenner, Woldumar and Harris. You can enjoy the beauty of Fenner Tuesday through Friday during the afternoon hours. Fenner is also open during early afternoons on the weekend.

Woldumar's hiking trails are open dawn to dusk. You can schedule private visits to Harris Tuesday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If you're feeling especially adventurous, the Ledges at Fitzgerald Park is stunning and can be visited daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Other great public parks open throughout summer to bring your friends and family to, or just enjoy solo, include Hawk Island,



Kayakers on the Grand River.

Courtesy

Grand Woods, Lake Lansing and Valhalla. And if you love animals, it might be worth it to see what the famous baby rhino Jaali is doing over at Potter Park Zoo.

#### Fenner Nature Center

Tuesday-Friday, noon to 6 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing  
Mynaturecenter.org

#### Fitzgerald Park

Daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
100 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge  
Michigan.org/property/fitzgerald-park

#### Grand Woods Park

Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Grand Woods Park Dr., Lansing

#### Harris Nature Center

Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.  
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos  
Facebook.com/HarrisNatureCenter and  
Meridian.mi.us

#### Hawk Island Park

Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing

#### Lake Lansing Park

Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
North  
6260 E. Lake Dr., Haslett  
South  
1621 Pike St., Haslett

#### Potter Park Zoo

\$3 resident, \$5 non-resident  
1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing  
Potterparkzoo.org

#### River Town Adventures

305 City Market Dr., Lansing  
Rivertownadventures.com

#### Rotary Park

325 City Market Dr., Lansing  
Lansing.org/listings/rotary-park/6653

#### Woldumar Nature Center

Open dawn to dusk  
5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing  
Woldumar.org

#### Valhalla Park

Daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
2287 Pine Tree Road, Holt



Courtesy

Butterflies abound at Fenner Nature Center.



# Welcome to Summer



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

LSO's Concerts on the Lawn will return this year.

## Summer

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### Do you love music?

While concerts are not quite back into full swing — hopefully, we can expect more to come in the fall — there are a number of outdoor and socially distanced shows worth checking out this summer.

Common Ground, which has migrated from Adado Riverfront Park to Jackson Field, is finally going down. Although headliner Blink 182 has canceled, a new lineup will be announced soon for a weekend outing on Sept. 10 and Sept. 11.

Lansing Symphony Orchestra is bringing its powerful concerts to the great outdoors throughout the summer. The Concerts on the Lawn series, held at the MSU Federal Credit Union headquarters, continues with “Piano Trio” on June 29, “Brass Quintet” on July 27 and “Percussion Duo” on Aug. 24.

UrbanBeat in Old Town has been steadily booking small intimate shows since spring. The classy venue has more gigs prepared for the summer as well. These include Charlie Richardson on May 27 and Jack Brandfield and Friends on May 29. More will be booked in the coming weeks.

The 420 Cannabis Festival takes place at Adado Riverfront Park on Aug. 13 and Aug. 14. The music festival, which honors the legalization of recreational marijuana in Michigan, will also feature several vendors and food trucks.

Lansing JazzFest and Michigan BluesFest will return as hybrid events featuring a blend of live onstage music and virtual concerts. More updates will be announced as the dates in August and September approach.

**420 Cannabis Festival**  
Aug. 13-14  
Adado Riverfront Park  
201 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing  
Facebook.com/CEPPresents



Courtesy

Brandi Carlile at Common Ground in 2019.

### Common Ground Music Festival

Jackson Field  
505 E Michigan Ave, Lansing  
Sept. 10-11  
More announcements soon at  
Commongroundfest.com

### Lansing JazzFest

Aug. 5-7  
Check online for updates at  
jazzlansing.com

### LSO: Concerts on the Lawn

June 29, July 27 and Aug. 24  
MSUFCU Headquarters  
3899 Coolidge Road, East Lansing  
Lansingsymphony.org/events

### Michigan BluesFest

Sept. 16-18  
Check online for updates at  
oldtownbluesfest.com

### UrbanBeat

1213 Turner Road, Lansing  
View schedule of shows at  
UrbanBeatEvents.com

### Excited for the Lugnuts comeback?

Baseball has finally returned to Lansing in full-force. After fans had to settle for the small and experiment Lemonade League back in 2020, the beloved Lugnuts are back to play at the newly renamed Jackson Field.

If you're just visiting, or if you're a local, a Lugnuts game is tried and true as one of the best ways to spend a hot summer night in Lansing. The team is celebrating its return with special game day events and promotions throughout the season. You can keep up with the Lugnuts and check out the schedule and ticket prices by visiting the team's official website.



Courtesy

Watch our hometown team on Jackson Field this summer.

### Lansing Lugnuts

Purchase tickets and view schedule at  
MILB.com/Lansing

### Consider yourself an art aficionado?

If your idea of a perfect summer day isn't complete without enjoy beautiful art, you're in luck. There are many events going down in Greater Lansing that celebrate masterful paintings and sculptures.

Lansing Art Gallery's ArtPath project along the Lansing River Trail is returning for the 2021 summer season. Twenty locations with new pieces are planned for local neighborhoods including Old Town, downtown and REO Town.

East Lansing Art Festival is returning after being limited to a digital outing last year. The two-day event will feature great art, live music, art activities and demonstrations and a section of downtown will be transformed into an international-style food court.



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

The exhibit “Visualizing a Year Like No Other” runs all summer at MSU Broad Art Lab.

The MSU Broad Art Museum and the Broad Art Lab across the street are both open throughout the summer. The Broad's “Interstates of Mind,” a deep dive into Michigan's car culture, runs through Aug. 8. Broad Art Lab also debuted a new exhibit, “Visualizing A Year Like No Other,” which runs through Aug. 15. The exhibit uses photographic storytelling to showcase the response to the chaos of last year.

### ArtPath 2021

Summer 2021  
Find the schedule and map at  
Lansingartgallery.org/ArtPath

### East Lansing Art Festival

August 7-8  
Downtown East Lansing  
Learn more at  
ELArtfest.com

### MSU Broad Art Lab

565 E. Grand River Road Ste. 1, East Lansing  
For a schedule of exhibitions visit  
Broadmuseum.msu.edu/ArtLab

### MSU Broad Museum

547 E. Circle Dr., East Lansing  
For a schedule of exhibitions visit  
Broadmuseum.msu.edu

### Do you frequent festivals?

There are numerous festivals going down this summer in the surrounding Greater Lansing area. They're motivation to hit the road and spend a fun day out of town.

Dansville's annual Memorial Day festivities are returning for 2021, and its Freedom Festival will kick-off with a parade on Friday (May 28).

The St. John's Mint Festival, which features an arts and crafts flea market, food and fun family activities, is also making its return with a scaled-back version of the event Aug. 13-15. Grand Ledge is hosting Yankee Doodle Days, which is the town's own classic summer showcase featuring a firework display and live music. Charlotte will hold its Frontier Days vendor flea market and festival in September.

### Charlotte Frontier Days

Sept. 10-12  
Facebook.com/mifrontierdays

### Dansville Memorial Freedom Fest

May 28-May 31  
Elliottsamusements.com/events/7

### Grand Ledge Yankee Doodle Days

June 19  
Grandledgechamber.com/  
yankee\_doodle\_days.php

### St. John's Mint Festival

Aug. 13-Aug. 15  
Michiganfun.com/listing/st-johns-mint-festival



# Welcome to Summer

## Where to get drinks this summer

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Know what makes a fine summer day even better? The answer should be obvious: a great drink. No matter how you like your alcohol served to you, Lansing has a ton of spots for you to check out this summer. We're going to break the drinks down by style and provide you a list of where to find them.

### Margaritas

A great margarita is a no-brainer for summer. Ice-cold tequila prepared with a wide variety of fruit flavors is a great way to cool off and still catch a pleasant buzz.

#### El Azteco

West

1016 W. Saginaw St., Lansing  
Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 8:30 p.m.

East

225 Ann St., East Lansing  
Daily, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Elazteco.net



#### Acapulco Mexican Grill

330 N. Clippert St. #17, Lansing  
Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Acapulcomxgrilllansing.com

#### Punk Taco/The Cosmos

1351 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing  
Daily, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Thecosmoslansing.com  
(517) 333-7747

#### Cancun Mexican Grill

8741 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing  
Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
(517) 622-0343  
Cancunmxgrilllansing.com

#### Barrio Tacos

202 Albert St., East Lansing  
Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.  
Friday-Saturday, Brunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Barrio-tacos.com, (517) 679-0063

### Craft Beer

Year after year, the craft beer bubble is predicted to burst. Well, it hasn't happened yet, and breweries still continue to innovate to create unique flavors with plenty of fun gimmicks.



**EagleMonk Pub and Brewery**  
4906 W. Mt. Hope Hwy., Lansing  
Monday-Sunday, Noon to 9 p.m.  
(517) 708-7350  
Eaglemonkbrewing.com

#### Lansing Brewing Co.

518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing  
Tuesday-Thursday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday-Sunday, noon to 9 p.m.  
(517) 371-2600  
Lansingbrewingcompany.com

#### Dimes Brewhouse

145 N. Bridge St., Dimondale  
Wednesday-Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Noon to 8 p.m.  
(517) 303-2067  
Dimesbrewhouse.com

#### BrickHaven Brewing Co.

200 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge  
Wednesday, 3 to 10 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m.  
(517) 925-1319  
Brickhavingbrewing.com

#### REO Town Pub

1145 S. Washington Ave., Lansing  
Monday-Saturday, Noon to 11 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 10 p.m.  
(517) 485-4863  
REOpub.com

### Cocktails

It's always fun to mix and match and experiment with different cocktails. Summer's a great time to order something colorful and fruity without fear of judgment. Why limit yourself?



#### American Fifth Spirits

112 N. Larch St., Lansing  
Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m.  
(517) 999-2631  
Americanfifthspirits.com

#### The Avenue Café

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
Monday-Saturday, 3 to 11 p.m.  
(517) 999-7549  
Avenuecafelansing.com

#### Stober's Bar

812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
Daily, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
(517) 487-4464  
Facebook.com/Stobers

#### Red Cedar Spirits

2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing  
Tuesday-Wednesday, Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
(517) 908-9950  
Redcedarspiritsdistillery.com

#### Michigrain Distillery

523 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing  
Tuesday-Thursday, 4 to 11 p.m.  
Friday, 3 to 11 p.m.  
Saturday, Noon to 11 p.m.  
(517) 220-0560  
Michigrain.net

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### Want to catch some local theater?

2020 was plagued by nonstop Zoom presentations. While the heart and respect for the "show must go on" mantra were admirable, watching a series of talking heads pales in comparison to a proper onstage production. Since getting used to the post coronavirus world, many local theater companies have adapted by producing unique shows, which are then filmed for digital presentations. While it's still not quite as electric as seeing a play in the flesh, it's

a vast improvement that's much better at scratching the theater itch.

Peppermint Creek Theatre has been expanding its horizons with many different video productions. On Friday (May 28), it will debut a 60-minute documentary called "Radical Acts of Education," which examines the state of education in Michigan through interviews with local educators. Riverwalk Theatre is presenting "Working," which will be shown online on Riverwalk's website on Friday through Sunday (May 28-May 30).

If you have young ones interested in theater, the All-Of-Us Express Children's Theatre Summer Camp has a wide variety of acting classes and programs throughout the summer. And while the MSU Department of Theatre canceled its 2021 Summer Circle Theatre program, it has plans to host free arts and theater-based activities that families will be able to enjoy from home later this summer.

#### All-Of-Us Express Children's Theatre

Camps are held at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center  
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing  
More information available at  
CityOfEastLansing.com/AllofUs

#### MSU Department of Theatre

Online Summer Theatre  
Activities for Kids  
Follow Theatre.msu.edu for updates

#### "Radical Acts of Education"

Peppermint Creek Theatre  
Debuts May 28  
Youtube.com/user/peppermintcreekth

#### "Working"

May 28-30  
Viewable online at  
Riverwalktheatre.com



# Welcome to Summer

## Best restaurant patios to enjoy during summer

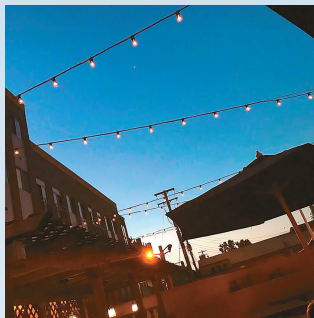
By **SKYLER ASHLEY**

Enjoying delicious food and drinks with friends and family in the warm daylight is one of the best ways to spend a summer afternoon. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic pretty much robbed us of that last year, unless you happened to have a nice private patio to enjoy takeout. For the rest of us, Lansing has a number of restaurants with great patios, and we have years' worth of Top of the Town voting data to sort out the best of the best. Here are a few of the most popular spots to check out this summer.

### El Azteco East Lansing

El Azteco's East Lansing location regularly wins a high spot in City Pulse's Top of the Town contest. Being located on the restaurant's second story is a distinct bonus and it provides diners with a cool aerial view of the college town. Not to mention that Mexican food is readymade for summer, and the crushed ice and citrus flavor of a well made margarita is an obvious favorite to be enjoyed in the heat.

**El Azteco East Lansing**  
225 Ann St., East Lansing  
Daily, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
(517) 351-9111  
Elazteco.net



### Horrocks Farm Market

A date to Horrocks is a great to kill time on its own. Who hasn't lost track of time wandering the aisles and checking out the labyrinth of wine and beer, or perusing massive selection of organic fruits and vegetables. And let's not get started on that giant cheese wheel. But when you're finished with your shopping, you can sit down in a gorgeous outdoor setting and enjoy a fine menu of food, beer, wine and

frozen treats like gelato.

**Horrocks Farm Market**  
Daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing  
(517) 323-3782  
www.shophorrorcks.com



### Looking Glass Brewing Co.

Looking Glass Brewing Co. in DeWitt has a stunning patio thanks to the stained glass and brick exterior of the renovated historic church the restaurant operates out of. Looking Glass has a wide selection of craft beers and also features wine, cider and hard seltzer. The food is delicious as well, thanks to the handy culinary work of head chef Josh Moyer.

**Looking Glass Brewing Co.**  
Tuesday to Thursday, 3 to 10 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.  
115 N. Bridge St., Dewitt  
(517) 668-6004  
lookingglassbrewingcompany.com



### Peanut Barrel

The Peanut Barrel's outdoor dining area is an East Lansing staple. It's so essential that people were even willing to brave the winter — the heating lamps helped —



to hang out with friends and enjoy a meal. It also has the benefit of being situated right along Grand River Road, which is great for people watching and shopping.

**Peanut Barrel**  
521 E. Grand River Road, East Lansing  
Daily, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
(517) 351-0608  
Peanutbarrel.com

### Sanctuary Spirits

Sanctuary Spirits in Grand Ledge has made a name for itself thanks to its massive drink menu. From wine, craft beer and just about any cocktail you can name, you should be able to find the perfect drink for your summer, no matter how stubborn your taste buds might be. If you can't enjoy a drink without a meal to go with it, Sanctuary regularly partners with neighboring restaurants such as Pancho's Taqueria Food Truck. And what better way to enjoy your personal tailored summer drink with a beautiful patio?

**Sanctuary Spirits**  
902 E. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge  
Monday-Thursday, Noon to 10 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, Noon to 11 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m.  
(517) 925-1930  
Sanctuaryspirits.com



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# Welcome to Summer

## Summer menu at Lume includes wide range of dank cannabis products

This week marks the first full year of my weekly Lansterdam in Review column, which kicked off last May with a summertime strain guide. And just like last year, we're back again with some recommendations — this time from Lume Cannabis Co. — for some top-notch, locally sourced cannabis products that pair just right with some extra free time and a warm, summer afternoon.

Lume opened its doors as the first recreational provisioning center in Owosso early last year. And while there are plenty of other options for premium-grade bud that are much closer to Lansing, the relaxing, rural drive half-way to Flint was well worth the trip for some unique items.

*For the novice smoker ...*

### Lume — Center Vaporizer Cartridge

**Price — \$30/0.5g**  
**THC — 39.7%**

I've been carrying a vape pen in my pocket for more than a year. They're easy to use, convenient for



on-the-go tokes and they help to stop me from blowing through a whole ounce of flower in a week. And while I've never minded the smell of a freshly lit joint, I don't always want to smell like a stoner rock concert before meeting someone for an interview or a trip to Meijer.

So, for the novice smoker, I recommend stocking up on Lume's own in-house cartridge brand.

Lume cartridges, unlike those sold by many other retailers, don't contain any artificial fillers like coconut or vegetable oils. Premium THC distillate and terpene blends are the only ingredients, and they come in at least six, effect-driven varieties: Center, Dream, Unwind, Move, Recover and Focus. I tried the "Center" variety last week, which was an even blend of THC and CBD.

The flavor was hard to pinpoint, but it carries some major berry notes



### Lansterdam in Review: Lume Cannabis Co.

116 N. Washington St., Owosso  
989-494-4527  
lume.com

— blueberry, blackberry and maybe a touch of grape. Six or seven puffs seems to be my sweet spot for a mild head buzz and body high that still allows me to function and stay focused on whatever task is at hand.

An equal mix of CBD and THC is usually my recommendation for those seeking relief from sore muscles or chronic pain who would rather skip on the more mind-numbing, psychoactive effects.

Bonus: Lume battery packs are automatic. You don't even need to press a button to puff it.

*For the experienced stoner ...*

### Lume — Live Rosin Jam (Jenny Kush)

**Price — \$75/1g**  
**THC — 73.6%**

Jenny Kush is a definite standout among other strains on the Greater Lansing cannabis market this summer — namely because of its outrageous levels of THC. Lume bills this feel-good hybrid variety as the strongest pot currently available in Michigan with laboratory test results that consistently range between 30-34% THC. The latest harvests spiked at a whopping 36% THC.

While THC content isn't everything, it certainly is something. And because this bud takes the title for the most potent marijuana I've ever got my hands on, I'd recommend it only for experienced stoners who are looking for a little something extra to help take the edge off.

Named after the late cannabis activist Jenny Monson, this bud includes initial earthy floral notes that transform into sweet citrus flavors on the exhale, providing a soothing and uplifting sort of buzz that left my body at ease and my spirits high — literally. But I didn't stop at just the flower.

The cannabis wizards at Lume have



managed to turn a dank product even danker, turning those freshly frozen whole flower buds into a masterpiece of heat-pressed live rosin jam that clocks in at 74% THC. And after just two dabs, I couldn't summon the energy to do much of anything besides eat pizza, giggle and head off to bed two hours early. Maybe I watched a movie too?

P.S: Have you found a strain that tests above 36% THC? If so, drop me a line. I want to try it.

*For the special occasions ...*

### Lume — Lightning Roll (Blueberry Crumble)

**Price — \$50/1g**  
**THC — 79.8%**

I wrote about these luxurious joints from Lume in January when they were being sold for \$65 each and clocking in at about 45% THC. Over the last five months, the price has dropped \$15 and the inclusion of bubble hash in the mix has skyrocketed the test results to nearly 80% THC.

These pricy one-gram joints are truly the trifecta of cannabis concoctions — filled with Blueberry Crumble and multi-strain bubble hash, painted with THC distillate and then rolled in a heavy layer of Blueberry Headband kief. Think of it like smoking five average joints at the same time.

And although the \$50 price tag on a single joint still puts this product out of reach for many consumers, it's easily the best joint I've ever had the pleasure of smoking. If my boss wasn't floating the tab, I'd still make the splurge for a special occasion. Did someone say birthday joint?

*For the outdoor adventure s...*

### Lume — Focus Gummies

**Price — \$22/20 pieces**  
**THC — 100 mg**

These watermelon-flavored gummies provide the perfect bright and tangy flavor for the summer season. They're also infused with sativa-dominant terpene blends that offer up a quick kick of energy, perfect for spending the day at the beach or biking along the Lansing

River Trail.

I'm usually not a big fan of distillate-based edible products, but these were an exception — both in flavor and effects. No munchies. No brain fog. Just a dazed euphoria under the summer sun.

I found 10 gummies to be an excellent pairing for waking up early, jamming out to '90s hip-hop and R&B and taking a two-hour ride to a beach near Saugatuck on Saturday afternoon. I ate the rest when I arrived and somehow managed to stay awake for the whole trip back to Lansing.

*For the rainy days ...*

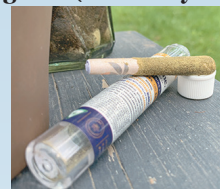
### Lume — Ice Cream Cake

**Price — \$40/3.5g**  
**THC — 22.5%**

This indica-dominant hybrid is a cross between Gelato 33 and Wedding Cake. Medium-sized buds were dense, sticky and almost completely purple. A powdery white, crystalline layer of trichomes made for a creamy, cheesy and sherbert-like smell and taste. This strain also carried the flavor profile of a custard long john donut with a mild, gassy, fruity, creamy and vanilla kick.

Simultaneously relaxing and uplifting, this is the perfect strain for kicking back in the air conditioning and playing some video games or binge watching the latest new Netflix series. The cerebral spaciness can also lead to a quick nap — especially if you smoke too much too quickly.

*Kyle Kaminski is City Pulse' managing editor and a cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. Almost weekly, Kaminski samples some of the best cannabis products available in Greater Lansing, gets real high and writes about them.*





# In Her Name Foundation empowers female athletes

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Cindy Swain's older sister, Carla, was a mentor and an inspiration. She played tennis, ran and cycled. In the '70s, just as Title IX was introduced to the world, Carla spoke openly about gender equity. In 1976, Swain lost her sister.

Swain started the In Her Name Foundation last fall to honor her sister's memory and empower the next generation of female athletes.

"In the process of losing my sister, I knew I had to honor her in some way," said Swain.

When her sister died, Swain was only 14 years old. Swain's tennis coach, Donna Cooper, consoled her at practice.

"I was really lost, and she took me under her wing," said Swain.

Cooper told her, "Do you have faith? Faith and time will get you through this?"

Swain never forgot that interaction. The feeling of a coach truly paying attention to you and understanding your struggle is part of what informs the mission of the In Her Name Foundation.

The ultimate mission of In Her Name is to make girls feel comfortable playing sports, to offer opportunities for young athletes and help keep the dreams of these aspiring sports professionals alive.

"We want to connect with young girls. We want to show them they can do things that they don't think they can do," said Swain.

Girls' sports simply don't get the care and attention that boys' sports receive. Swain has seen girls playing in ill-fitting boys' uniforms or wearing shoes that are inappropriate for the sport. She noticed that crowds flock to boys' varsity basketball but then vacate the premises when it's time to watch the girls play.

"There's this general attitude that doesn't make girls feel valued, important or good enough. Girls just don't feel as welcome. A lot of them just quit," said Swain. "A lot of girls tell me that they want to quit just because they know they're not good enough to play in college."

As the organization grows, Swain hopes to be able to provide fees for girls to play sports, transportation and proper uniforms. Eventually, she hopes to raise enough money to begin offering mentorships and internships.

In Her Name also plans to raise at least \$10,000 by the end of the summer to open a free equipment room.

"Kids could come in and say they need shin guards or whatever piece of



## In Her Name Foundation

equipment," explained Swain. "We want to be able to offer that for them. Not everyone has access to the basic things you need to be able to play sports."

In Her Name is holding its first event June 12. It's called the Greater Lansing Basketball Giveaway. The event is free for girls from the Lansing area in grades K through 12. Each attendee will receive a t-shirt, a women's regulation-sized basketball and a skills sheet

tailored to their skill level.

"We picked basketball because it's kind of simple. You just need a ball and a hoop," said Swain. "You can play it alone, or you can gather a team. It's also one of the most popular sports for girls in Michigan."

Swain hopes that people join In Her Name in its efforts to recognize and validate female athletics. She's tired of hearing tired old sexist remarks like "You throw like a girl" or "Women's basketball is boring." Once, she heard a head coach tell a girl that she did so well in basketball because she shot the ball "like a man." In Her Name is setting out to create a welcome environment for all the girls who feel unseen, condescended to and underappreciated.




This is a new occasional feature highlights events and milestones at local nonprofits. If you

would like to submit a suggestion please email [skylar@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:skylar@lansingcitypulse.com)

### Greater Lansing Basketball Giveaway

Lansing Catholic High School Parking Lot  
501 Marshall St., Lansing  
Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m. to noon  
[inhernamefoundation.org](http://inhernamefoundation.org)

"We need to bring awareness to this issue," said Swain. "Those girls practice the same as the boys. They put in the same amount of effort. They deserve their due. They deserve recognition."



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# New book revisits early 20th century Lansing banking crisis

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Bruce Philip Miller's new book, "Once Upon a Time in Lansing," tells the story of a Lansing bank failure in the '30s and its unlikely manager, Joseph Gleason. He said the idea for the book originated when he was just a young boy.

"My mother, Mimi, just dropped the name Joseph Gleason, who was her first boss out of high school in 1942. She worked with him in the Olds Tower, and family lore said he helped with a 'problem' with a family house," he said.

When his grandmother died, his aunts and uncles gathered in her memory, and he got a different version of their origin story.

"The uncles got talking about things they did and shouldn't have done as youths. They saw their childhood very differently, and their stories were compelling and hilarious," Miller said. "The book idea about Gleason was always rattling around in the back of my head, but I didn't dig into until the pandemic hit."

With the pandemic raging, Miller was "marooned by the plague" and began researching the bank failure of Capital National Bank by using online search engines.

After reading contemporaneous coverage, his initial reaction was that his mother's recollections of her boss Gleason as a kind and decent man might have been a stretch.

The new book tells succinctly the story of an extremely difficult time in Lansing history and the larger-than-life story of some of its major players, such as R. E. Olds, who not only founded two car companies but started Capital National Bank in 1906,

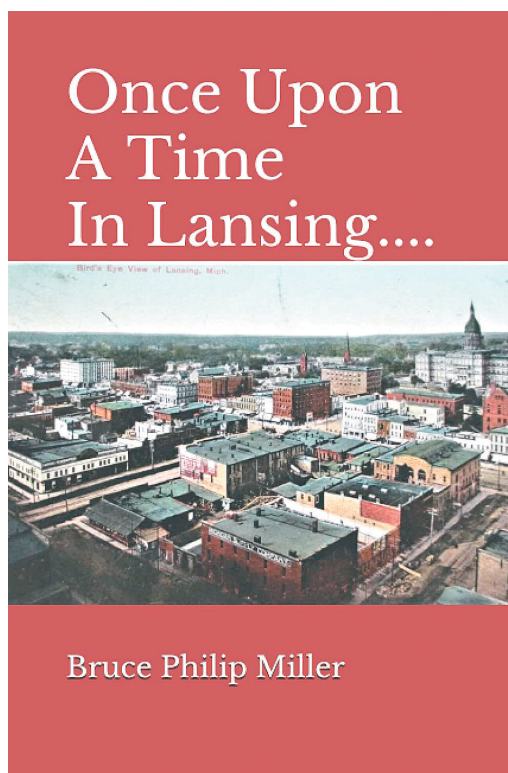
which provided loans for home owners and captains of industry alike.

Joseph Gleason, one year younger than Olds, had left Lansing for Colorado, where he learned the paint trade, in the 1880s. He returned to Lansing and founded the Silver Lead and Paint Co.

Miller said he relied on David O'Leary, son of Vincent and current proprietor of O'Leary Paint Co., to provide historical perspective for the book.

Joseph and his wife, Mary, became benefactors of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Gleasons informally adopted Vincent O'Leary, who attended St. Mary's and would later become the owner of the paint company.

Miller's grandfather and grandmother Frank and Martha Haddad were also members of St. Mary's Church. In the book, the author uses his own family experiences in Lansing and his mother's nexus with Gleason to flesh out the story. Part of that story delves into the immigration of



Syrians to the United States and their early years in Lansing. Frank Haddad worked at a variety of auto-related jobs before his death in 1934.

In 1929, Olds broke ground for the 23-story Olds Tower, now known as the Boji Tower, its lobby to hold Capital National Bank. Then in 1931, rumors spread that another bank, Lansing City National, was

at risk of failing. Although Capital National Bank was in no danger, Olds took the steps to merge the two banks. However, the move would only forestall the ultimate bank failures, which were steamrolling the country.

Although not critical to the book's arc, Miller retells the story of the 1932 mass shooting at Capital National Bank. D. J. Mead shot six bank employees, killing one before committing suicide.

When bank closures began cascading, Gleason was appointed as receiver for Capital National, Bank and he soon was under fire from the city's industrial leaders because their assets in the bank were frozen. Men

like Earl Goodnow, president of Atlas Drop Forge, proposed a plan to pay off all the larger depositors in full, who would then loan money back to the bank to pay off other account holders and end Gleason's receivership. Gleason said no and several court cases later he prevailed.

"Prominent people weren't fond of Gleason," the author said.

During this time, Miller's grandfather died. His grandmother used insurance money to open a small grocery store on Cedar Street, later purchasing a small house on Cedar Street and turning their former home into a boarding house. In the book, Miller writes how a fire destroyed the boarding house and his grandmother was then unable to make loan payments, putting her own home at risk. Gleason heard about the dire situation from Mimi Haddad and arranged a private loan.

Miller leaned heavily on the writings of Lansing State Journal columnist Earle Pitt, a cantankerous old-school journalist whose tongue-in-cheek writing style impressed the author.

"He was so funny to me, and he appeared to be in on the joke," he said, commenting on Pitt's coverage of the dust off between Lansing's corporate heavy weights. "The book is the dramatic story of a couple of Lansing businessmen; one is sung, Olds, and one is unsung, Gleason."

The cover of the book shows a misty evening photo of the Olds Tower taken by Gerald G. "Doc" Granger, a photographer for the Lansing State Journal in the '30s. Granger was a noted salon photographer and was honored with an exhibition of his work at the Smithsonian.

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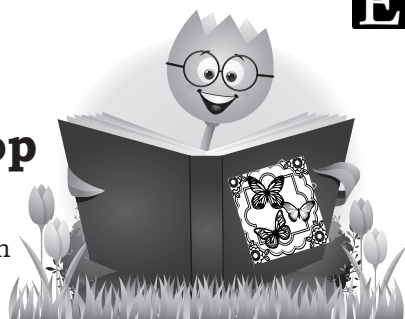


"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."

-Walt Disney

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# Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"That Tracks"--and yeah, it's a bit of a stretch.  
by Matt Jones

**Across**

- 1 Deceptive maneuver
- 6 Wine bar choice
- 9 Bolivia's constitutional capital
- 14 Singer Lennox
- 15 Zamboni surface
- 16 Thees and \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 \*Oldest of the five original MTV VJs, and host of the KISS "unmasking" special
- 19 Gridiron kicks
- 20 "Next one's on me"
- 21 "Bali \_\_\_\_\_" ("South Pacific" song)
- 22 A long time
- 24 "Pericles, Prince of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 26 Angry Birds box that goes boom
- 28 \*American Samoa village which is home to the territory's only movie theater
- 31 Until this moment
- 33 "Monty Python and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_"
- 35 "Robin Hood: \_\_\_\_\_ in Tights"
- 36 Elephant-snatching bird of myth
- 38 Amazed acronym in chats
- 39 News station
- 40 Track and field athletes during the Tokyo Olympics (and a hint to the starred theme answers)
- 44 T as in testing?
- 45 "Hazy" beer variety
- 46 Installation in a bar, maybe
- 47 Line up a corn-hole bag
- 48 Goes around
- 50 Game with numbered balls
- 54 \*1997 Hanson

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- chart-topper
- 56 Word before cow or horse
- 58 Prison film weapon
- 59 "We Have the Meats" advertiser
- 61 Big flightless bird
- 63 Carbon compound suffix
- 64 Harmon of "Riz-zoli & Isles"
- 66 \*Program you might use in a smart-phone emulator (otherwise, they'd run on their own)
- 69 "\_\_\_\_\_ say more?"
- 70 Get the picture
- 71 Missile monitoring gp.
- 72 Air Force student
- 73 Possessed
- 74 Final Oldsmobile model
- Down**
- 1 Tex-Mex offering
- 2 Takes pleasure in
- 3 Harm
- 4 "Boyz N the Hood" actress Long
- 5 Silicon Valley industry, briefly
- 6 Ascendant
- 7 "Foucault's Pendulum" author Umberto
- 8 Prohibit
- 9 Twin city to Minneapolis
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Peak, Kiliman-jaro's highest point (and Swahili for "freedom")
- 11 Buyer and user
- 12 Wagon wheel groove
- 13 Curvy letter
- 18 "Call Me \_\_\_\_\_" (Mayim Bialik sitcom)
- 23 Puzzling riddle
- 25 Chilling
- 27 USC athletes
- 29 Not so much
- 30 Printer fluid
- 32 Over the \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 \_\_\_\_\_ Darya (central Asian river)
- 37 "It looks like you're writing a letter" Microsoft helper
- 39 How-to presenta-tions
- 40 Quick haircut
- 41 Rooted (through)
- 42 Dental opening
- 43 '70s-'80s "Club" mentioned in "The Eyes of Tammy Faye"
- 44 Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (Australian cookie)
- 48 "Whatever happens, happens"
- 49 Leaked slowly
- 51 "\_\_\_\_\_ here!" ("Poltergeist" catchphrase)
- 52 Musical ineptitude
- 53 Be extra, with "it"
- 55 Wedding cake figurine, maybe
- 57 Fuse box unit
- 60 Broad band?
- 62 Arm bone
- 64 Mandela's former org.
- 65 Org. for teachers
- 67 Shepherd's pie bit
- 68 ISP your grandparents might still use

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Answers on page 24

# SUDOKU

# Advanced

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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 24

# Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

May 26-June 1, 2021

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** "Open your mouth only if what you are going to say is more beautiful than silence," declares an Arab proverb. That's a high standard to aspire to. Even at our very best, when we're soaring with articulate vitality, it's hard to be more beautiful than silence for more than, say, 50 percent of the time. But here's a nice surprise: You could exceed that benchmark during the next three weeks. You're primed to be extra expressive and interesting. When you speak, you could be more beautiful than silence as much as 80 percent of the time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Here's the definition of an emotional support animal: "a companion animal that provides therapeutic benefit to a person with a mental or psychiatric disability." I don't mean to be flippant, but I think every one of us has at least one mental or psychiatric disability that would benefit from the company of an emotional support animal. If you were ever going to acquire such an ally, the coming weeks would be prime time to do so. I encourage you to also seek out other kinds of help and guidance and stimulation that you'd benefit from having. It's the resource-gathering phase of your cycle. (PS: Cesar Chavez said: "You are never strong enough that you don't need help.")

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A blogger named Valentine Cassius reports, "A tiny old woman came into the deli where I work and ordered a 'wonderful turkey sandwich.' When asked what she wanted on the sandwich other than turkey, she said 'all of your most wonderful toppings.'" Here's my response to that: The tiny old woman's approach usually isn't very effective. It's almost always preferable to be very specific in knowing what you want and asking for it. But given the current astrological omens, I'll make an exception for you in the next three weeks. I think you should be like the tiny old woman: Ask life, fate, people, spirits, and gods to bring you all of their most wonderful toppings.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** "I am tired of trying to hold things together that cannot be held," testifies Cancerian novelist Erin Morgenstern. "Tired of trying to control what cannot be controlled." Here's good news for her and all Cancerians. You have cosmic permission to surrender—to no longer try to hold things together that can't be held or try to control what can't be controlled. Maybe in a few weeks you will have gained so much relaxed new wisdom that you'll be inspired to make fresh attempts at holding together and controlling. But that's not for you to worry and wonder about right now. Your assignment is to nurture your psychological and spiritual health by letting go.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Philosopher Georges Bataille wrote, "The lesson of 'Wuthering Heights', of Greek tragedy and, ultimately, of all religions, is that there is an instinctive tendency towards divine intoxication which the rational world of calculation cannot bear. This tendency is the opposite of Good. Good is based on common interest, which entails consideration of the future." I'm going to dissent from Bataille's view. I agree that we all have an instinctive longing for divine intoxication, but I believe that the rational world needs us to periodically fulfill our longing for divine intoxication. In fact, the rational world grows stale and begins to decay without these interludes. So the truth is that divine intoxication is crucial for the common good. I'm telling you this, Leo, because I think the coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to claim a healthy dose of divine intoxication.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Virgo actor Ingrid Bergman (1915-1982) won the most prestigious awards possible for her work in films, TV, and theater: Oscars, Emmys, and a Tony. She was intelligent, talented, and beautiful. Life was a challenge when she was growing up, though. She testified, "I was the shyest human ever invented, but I had a lion inside me that wouldn't shut up." If you have a sleeping lion inside you, Virgo, I expect it to wake up soon. And if your inner lion is already wide awake and you have a decent relationship with it, I suspect it may soon begin to come into

its fuller glory.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Libran author Antonio Tabucchi described the frame of mind I recommend for you in the coming days. I hope you'll be eager to embrace his far-reaching empathy. Like him, I trust you will expand your capacity to regard the whole world as your home. Here's Tabucchi's declaration: "Like a blazing comet, I've traversed infinite nights, interstellar spaces of the imagination, voluptuousness and fear. I've been a man, a woman, an old person, a little girl, I've been the crowds on the grand boulevards of the capital cities of the West, I've been the serene Buddha of the East. I've been the sun and the moon."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Author James Frey writes, "I used to think I was tough, but then I realized I wasn't. I was fragile and I wore thick armor. And I hurt people so they couldn't hurt me. And I thought that was what being tough was, but it isn't." I agree with Frey. The behavior he describes has nothing to do with being tough. So what does? That's important for you to think about, because the coming weeks will be an excellent time to be tough in the best senses of the word. Here are my definitions: Being tough means never letting people disrespect you or abuse you, even as you cultivate empathy for how wounded everyone is. Being tough means loving yourself with such unconditional grace that you never act unkind out of a neurotic need to over-defend yourself. Being tough means being a compassionate truth-teller.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Fragile intensity or intense fragility? Ferocious gentleness or gentle ferocity? Vulnerable strength or strong vulnerability? I suspect these will be some of the paradoxical themes with which you'll be delicately wrestling in the coming days. Other possibilities: sensitive audacity or audacious sensitivity; fluidic fire or fiery fluidity; crazy wisdom or wise craziness; penetrating softness or soft penetration; shaky poise or poised shakiness. My advice is to regard rich complexities like these as blessings, not confusions or inconveniences.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Birds that live in cities have come up with an ingenious adaptation. They use humans' abandoned cigarette butts to build their nests. Somehow they discovered that nicotine is an insecticide that dispels pests like fleas, lice, and mites. Given your current astrological aspects, I'm guessing you could make metaphorically comparable adjustments in your own life. Are there ways you could use scraps and discards to your benefit?

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A blogger named Raven testifies, "My heart is a toddler throwing a tantrum in a store and my brain is the parent who continues to shop." I'm pleased to inform you, Aquarius, that your heart will NOT act like that toddler in the coming weeks. In fact, I believe your heart will be like a sage elder with growing wisdom in the arts intimacy and tenderness. In my vision of your life, your heart will guide you better than maybe it ever has. Now here's a message to your brain: Listen to your heart!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The Voyager 1 space probe, launched by NASA in 1977, is now more than 14 billion miles from Earth. In contrast, the farthest humans have ever penetrated into the ground is 7.62 miles. It's the Kola Superdeep Borehole in northwest Russia. Metaphorically speaking, these facts provide an evocative metaphor for the following truth: Most humans feel more confident and expansive about exploring the outer world than their inner realms. But I hope that in the coming weeks you will buck that trend, as you break all previous records for curious and luxurious exploration into your deepest psychic depths.

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

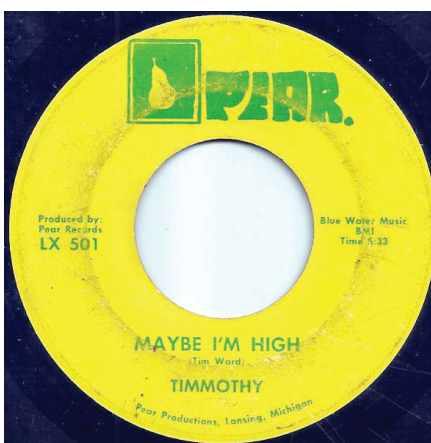


# TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

A LOOK BACK AT PSYCHEDELIC-FOLK SINGER  
TIMMOTHY AKA TIM WARD



Timmothy's "Maybe I'm High" is just one release from the obscure '60s folk-rocker Tim Ward. Also shown here is his first band, The Ides of March, and his 1972 single, "Maybe I'm High." (courtesy images)

## 'Maybe I'm High' is a lost, Michigan-made, stoner classic

"Maybe I'm High," a 1972 45rpm single, stamped with a bright yellow label with a green Pear Records logo at the top, indicates it was produced in Lansing. That's about all that's known about the trippy track and its performer, Tim Ward, aka Timmothy.

Ward, a Bay City native, first appeared in the Michigan music scene as a member of The Ides of March, an Essexville, Michigan-based teen garage-rock group. It was the height of Beatlemania, and Ward — then attending Garber High School — was just getting started. The band would play the teen circuit across the state, Ohio and Indiana.

Later, Ward became the front man for The Blues Company. In its heyday, the group issued typical '60s pop singles like "She's Gone" (1968), but soon stretched out and dropped scorching progressive rock tracks like the epically heavy "I'm Comin'."

However, by the early '70s, it seems Ward found a new passion

for writing loner-folk songs that seamlessly blended Neil Young-inspired rock with earthy, coffee-house folk vibes. In 1972, under the "Timmothy" moniker, he self-issued his underground classic, the "Strange But True" LP. It's a bizarre trip of an album, and is now considered an obscenely obscure psych-folk gem. The cover of this private-press masterpiece shows a basic black and white photo of Ward—not your typical "rock star" promotional photo. It could easily be a random pic nabbed from his family's photo album. Somehow, it works and totally makes sense for this 40-minute collection of intimate, delicate rock 'n' roll. There are plenty of standout tracks on both sides of this LP, like the upbeat "Down Country," as well as "Rich Get Richer"—where Ward subtly croons, "They say money isn't everything/can I have some of yours?" Back in '72, Ward only pressed up 300 copies of this slab of wax, but it was reissued in the early 2000s, however that limited reissue is now rare, as well.

Also in '72, Ward cut an equally impressive single, "Maybe I'm High." This murky ballad is a swirling, hazy journey through Ward's wandering mind. Layered with an acoustic guitar and moody organ accents, an uncertain Ward sings, "Oh, I love you/at least I think I do."

Ward's impressive '60s-'70s discography of music shows his slow progression from cookie-cutter a disciple of the British Invasion into his own distinct style. Unfortunately, his output slowed as the 1970s wore on. And, while little is known about him today, he is still a Michigan resident.

While there has been little fanfare over the past few decades, in 2009, Ward's track "Good Mourning" was included on "Wayfaring Strangers: Lonesome Heroes," a compilation by the notable Numero Music Group. In a Pitchfork review of this stellar folkie collection, reviewer Stephen M. Deusner noted that it wasn't just Ward taking part in the earthy-songwriter voyage.

"Most of the acts on the

Numero Group's new compilation, 'Wayfaring Strangers: Lonesome Heroes,' were itinerant in some way," Deusner wrote. "They were nature photographers, hitchhikers or touring musicians, and almost all of them were hounded by their local draft boards. Some reluctantly enlisted (Tim Ward); others fought their orders and won (Rob Carr); some lost brothers or friends in battle (Jack Hardy); and at least one fled to Europe (Tucker Zimmerman)."

For those who are on a continuous hunt for forgotten singer-songwriters, that comp is worth the cash. Of course, finding original copies of Ward's private-press records is a tough task, but not impossible. Keep an eye out on eBay and at your local record shops like FBC and the Record Lounge. Local nuggets occasionally pop up, and when they do, they are worth the investment. For now, vinyl prices are only going up—so why not invest into Michigan music history?



# OUT ON THE TOWN

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## Wednesday, May 26

**Allen Farmers Market** - Open 2:30-7 p.m. May-September at 2100 E Michigan Ave. Lansing. 517-999-3911.

**Focus Tour: Idlewild + Black Spaces** - One artwork. One guest. One theme. 4-5 p.m. [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

**LAFCU Listen & Learn May Zoo Animals Reading Event** - 7 p.m. 106 N. Marketplace Blvd., Lansing. [lafcu.com](http://lafcu.com).

**Lansing Lugnuts: Dog Days of Summer** - Bring your four legged friend every Wednesday as dogs can join fans at Jackson Field! 7 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. [milb.com/lansing](http://milb.com/lansing)

**Making Mason Memories Light Pole Contest** - It's time to brighten up the summer nights! City of Mason. [business.masonchamber.org](http://business.masonchamber.org).

## Thursday, May 27

**Bath Farmers Market** - 3-7 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St, Bath. [shopbfm.org](http://shopbfm.org).

**Celebrating Spring Migration at Whitefish Point** - Webinar Series. 7-8 p.m. Michigan Audubon, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 200, Okemos. [michiganaudubon.org](http://michiganaudubon.org).

**Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival** - Stationed in the streets of Downtown Laingsburg Thurs. May 27-Mon. May 31. Parade, carnival, midway amusement park rides, foods, games, arts 6-10 p.m.

**Lansing Lugnuts: Labatt Blue Thirsty Thursdays** - 7 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [milb.com/lansing](http://milb.com/lansing)

**On The Spot Residential Hiring** - CMHA-CEI is doing on the spot hiring! 12-4 p.m. Community Mental Health of Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI), 812 E Jolly Rd., Lansing.

## Friday, May 28

**Bill Staines** - From the Archives: Audio from Bill Staines' October 2, 2015 and April 5, 2013 performances will be streaming at [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org).

**Lansing Lugnuts: LAFCU Frontline Friday** - Join us as we honor our frontline workers every LAFCU Frontline Friday. 7 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

**Martinis and Music** - 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Exchange, 314 E Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-319-4500. [lansingexchange.com](http://lansingexchange.com).

**Virtual Preschool Family Storytime** - Listen, play & sing along virtually with new stories and old favorites. 11-11:30 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

## Saturday, May 29

**Arts & Crafts Show** - Sat.-Mon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Uncle John's Cider Mill, 8614 N. US 127, St. Johns. [ujcidermill.com](http://ujcidermill.com).

**Cristo Rey Church Fiesta Food Fest Drive Thru** - 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W Miller Road, Lansing.

**Lansing Bike and Seek** - Grab your bike and get ready for the sixth annual Lansing Bike and Seek! Bicycle treasure hunt around the city of Lansing. May 29-June 20. Foster Community Center, 200 N Foster, Lansing. [bikeandseek.org](http://bikeandseek.org).

**Lansing Lugnuts: Bobblehead Giveaway** - 7 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [milb.com/lansing](http://milb.com/lansing)

**Make a Flag to Commemorate 20th Anniversary of 9/11** - 12-2 p.m. Info at [retreadart.com](http://retreadart.com).

**Martinis and Music** - 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Exchange, 314 E Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-319-4500. [lansingexchange.com](http://lansingexchange.com).

## Sunday, May 30

**Cristo Rey Church Fiesta Food Fest Drive Thru** - 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W Miller Road, Lansing.

**Lansing Lugnuts: Capital City Market Kids Day** - kids can run the bases! 1 p.m. 505 E. Michigan Ave. [milb.com/lansing](http://milb.com/lansing)

## Monday, May 31

**Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual)** - 6-7 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing. [refugerecovery.org](http://refugerecovery.org)

## Tuesday, June 1

**ArtPath 2021** - ArtPath June 1 - August 31, 2021. Selection of 20 works by Michigan artists! 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center. [lansingartgallery.org](http://lansingartgallery.org).

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

**Mid-Michigan Art Guild 12x12 Show** - 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Framer's Edge, 1856 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos. 517-347-7400.

# FAST FORWARD



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS COMING TO LANSING

By SKYLER ASHLEY

### Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival

Thursday, May 27- Monday, May 31  
Downtown Laingsburg, Michigan  
[Laingsburglions.org](http://Laingsburglions.org)

The Laingsburg Lions Club is celebrating Memorial Day Weekend with its 38th annual Springtime Festival. The festival includes great games, carnival rides and loads of delicious food. Each night will feature different live entertainment acts and there will be special raffle events throughout the weekend.



**Memorial Day Firework Show**  
Saturday, May 29, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Cascades Park  
1401 S. Brown St., Jackson  
[Facebook.com/TheCascadesPark](https://www.facebook.com/TheCascadesPark)  
[JacksonCountyParks.com](http://JacksonCountyParks.com)

Cascades Park is hosting a Memorial Day firework show featuring live entertainment by ACT III. Fireworks begin at dusk and the Grand Light Show will follow afterward. There will be access to the park's gift shop, museum, concessions and a splash pad if the weather permits.



### Memorial Day Meat & Seafood Road Show

Friday, May 28-Monday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
600 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
[Facebook.com/CapitalCityMKT](https://www.facebook.com/CapitalCityMKT)

Capital City Market is hosting a Memorial Day Weekend Roadshow featuring special thick-cut meat and seafood selections. Shoppers will have access to great deals and choices on delicious hearty cuts that will be great to cook on the grill for your family and friends this weekend.

### SUDOKU SOLUTION

From Pg. 21

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### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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# FOOD & DRINK

## DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

### Grilled pizza

By **ARI LeVAUX**

Grilled pizza does not immediately sound like the highest use of a grill or a pizza. You'd think the bottom of the crust would burn into a blackened crisp, while blocking the coals from melting the cheese on top. But that notion didn't seem to dawn on Johanne Killeen and George Germon, two art students from Providence, Rhode Island, who met while working for Dewey Dufresne, a young chef with a big future of his own.

When Dufresne's restaurant closed, he went to New York and opened Al Forno in 1980. Al Forno means "from the oven," an unlikely name for the birthplace of the world's first non-baked pizza. But the restaurant space came with a grill, and they wanted to use it. Their pizza pie became that grill's reason why. I'll be making it all summer, because it's limit is the sky.

It was the early-'80s, and while Germon and Killeen were inventing local grilled pizza in Providence, I was eating oven-baked pizza from Armando's Pizza in Cambridge, a mere 50 miles away, quite certain that pizza couldn't possibly get any better than that. My friend Michele, who grew up in Providence, knew better. Although she never ate there,

Al Forno cast a long shadow. "Eating there was something that rich people did," she recalls. "It's where my aunt's boyfriend took her on fancy dates."

Grilled pizza wasn't the only way Al Forno was ahead of its time. In those days, few diners had heard of "pesto," much less farm-to-table. In order to serve pesto, Al Forno contracted with a local farm to grow the basil.

As for the grilled pizza, it succeeds in spite of the obvious reasons it shouldn't. Or perhaps these hurdles are why the pizza is impossibly good. The extra-oily, extra-thin crust cooks quickly, all the way through, with no gooey inside to worry about. And it won't stick to the grill.

That smoky, thin crust has magical qualities, at once crunchy, crispy, chewy and cracker-like, with a charred but hopefully not burnt bottom. It's topped with a juicy sauce filled with aromatic herbs and the occasional



pungent intrusion of half-cooked garlic, all held together by cheese.

If you know what you're doing, you could grill a fine pizza with a hunk of store-bought dough, a jar of sauce, and a bag of shredded cheese. But there are levels to this. Once you get the basic hang of grilling pizza, you can progress to thinking about toppings. And some day, perhaps, you'll be ready to contemplate dough mixing. I am not there myself, but luckily I can get decent pizza dough at my local store. With the fuss of crust, I can focus on toppings, and grilling.

The pizza at Al Forno came in many flavors over the years, the likes of nettle pesto, peaches and prosciutto, fried calamari and others, constrained only by the chef's whimsy. Once you get the hang of grilling a pizza, the pre-cooked crust becomes a blank slate for whatever seasonal and creative toppings you can imagine. But a good place to start along the pizza-grilling path is the Al Forno margherita pizza, the Italian version of basic cheese and tomato sauce.

#### Grilled Margherita ala Al Forno

Germon and Killeen were not shy about discussing the margherita that put them on the map, and I have read every one of their interviews on the subject that I could find.

They use maple charcoal, but I think any pure hardwood charcoal is fine. I use a simple Weber grill, which works great.

*Makes one medium-sized pizza that serves two*

*¼ lbs hardwood charcoal  
1 ball of pizza dough, 14-16 ounces  
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 clove garlic, pressed, grated, crushed or minced  
3 ounces grated fontina cheese  
1 ounce grated Romano cheese  
½ cup chopped basil  
½ cup chopped parsley  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme  
14 ounces of canned whole tomatoes,*



Ari LeVaux

Ari LeVaux's take on a grilled margherita pizza.

*hand crushed  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon black pepper  
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
Place the dough ball in a bowl and pour ¼ cup oil over it. Roll it in the oil to coat it all around and leave it to soak. Light the coals and when they are about halfway ready, spread them evenly about 5 inches below one side of the cooking grate.*

*While the coals catch, remove the dough and place it on the back of a cookie sheet. Press it into an oblong shape about the size of the pan, and less than ¼-inch thick. It's OK if some parts are thick and others thin. That's part of the art. If you stretch the crust so thin that a hole opens up, you don't try to patch it. This is an artist pizza. Just don't add any toppings to that negative space and you'll be fine. Add the minced garlic to the bowl with the remaining oil. Hand-crush the tomatoes and mix in the basil, thyme and parsley.*

*When the coals are a bit past their prime and not burning quite so aggressively, lift the crust by two points on the same edge and toss it onto the hot side, like you'd whip a fresh sheet onto a bed.*

*After about a minute on the grill it should start to puff up. Carefully tug up on an edge and peek at the underside. After another 30 or so seconds,*

*before it blackens, grab the edge and flip the crust onto the cool side of the rack. Please note that it's impossible to give exact cooking times because they depend on the heat of your coals and their distance from the grill.*

*While it's still piping hot, immediately brush or rub the newly-browned side of the crust with the garlic oil. Sprinkle on the fontina and then Romano cheeses, and spoon on the herbed crushed tomatoes in dispersed little piles. Sprinkle the salt, pepper, pepper flakes over the pizza.*

*With tongs or carefully with your fingers, slide the pizza onto the hot side, over the coals. Cook it as long as you can, ideally about four minutes, without smelling any burning crust. If it starts to blacken, pull it to the non-hot side of the grill and put the lid on until the cheese melts. Cut into artsy pieces with cooking scissors and serve.*

*(Flash in the Pan is food writer Ari LeVaux's weekly recipe column. It runs in about 100 newspapers nationwide, nourishing food sections large and small with complete protein for the belly brain.)*





A Cajun-style seafood boil from King Crab.



Courtesy

## New seafood restaurants appear as summer approaches

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Temperatures in the mid-90s and heavy rains this week reminded us Michiganders that summer is rapidly approaching. If you crave the tastes of the ocean but can't make it out to the coast, these Lansing eateries have you covered. Throw on some sandals, maybe a Hawaiian shirt, too, and try out some of the best seafood our area has to offer.

### King Crab

Owner Eko Dananjaya spent the majority of 2020 perfecting his Cajun spice blend and seafood boil technique. He wanted to bring the tastes of Louisiana to Lansing. King Crab offers staples of Cajun cuisine like po' boy sandwiches and massive seafood combo meals big enough for the whole family.

"This summer, we are going to be offering special coupons for our customers. We are excited," said Dananjaya. "We are going to be adding a full bar." Dananjaya predicts that the bar will be open in around two to three months.

In the meantime, try out one of the brand new appetizers adorning the menu. King Crab now offers hush puppies, crab meat fries, fried calamari and more.

"This summer, we are just going to continue offering the highest quality seafood around," said Dananjaya.

### The Tangy Crab

The owners of The Tangy Crab got the idea to open a restaurant after a vacation down south. They loved the cozy feeling they got when they sat around a table with family and friends, devouring crab legs by the pound.

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Crab is offering the Tangy Festival — five whole pounds of seafood including crab, shrimp and more. It also comes with corn and potatoes. For those extra-large summer gatherings, you can "Double the Fun" to get ten pounds of seafood. That ought to be enough to keep a party going until sunset.

### Crazy Crab

Craving both Chinese food and Cajun seafood? Crazy Crab has an eclectic menu that combines the best of both worlds. It's the only restaurant on this list that offers both boiled snow crab legs and General Tso's chicken. It's the perfect spot to grab lunch or dinner if you just can't quite decide what you want to eat. For those who like total control over their eating experience, Crazy Crab offers a make-your-own-meal option. You can pick your preferred seafood, flavor profile and spice levels. Beware, Crazy Crab offers an extra hot seasoning that could bring tears to your eyes.

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