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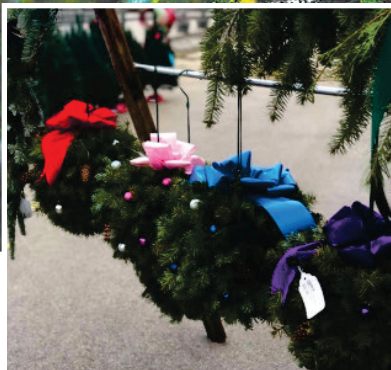


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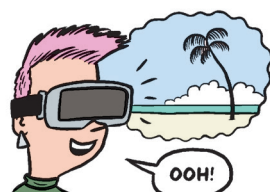
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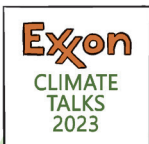


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NEWS & OPINION

'Radical love' drives activist to assist homeless, drug users

It's Saturday morning. Julia Miller is in what was the sanctuary of a former church on Lansing's east side — now The Fledge, a nonprofit community center — overseeing a group of volunteers putting together lunch bags for the homeless. At one table they're slathering bread with peanut butter and jelly. Another table they're packaging three donuts into sandwich bags. Miller is at a table wrapping French bread in cellophane.

It's a form of controlled chaos, exactly the way Punks With Lunch started in Lansing five years ago. Miller wanted to do more for the homeless. While surfing Facebook, she came across the Oakland Punks With Lunch group.

"That was it," she said. "That's what we were looking to do."

After fruitless attempts to gain permission to use the group's name and ideas, she and her partner Martin Mashon decided it was time to just do it. The duo loaded up a wagon with 20 sack lunches and started wandering through downtown Lansing on a blustery Thanksgiving day. All the bags were gone soon enough, but what wasn't gone was the thirst to do more to help the homeless in Lansing.

"After that, we started seeing more and more people join us," said Miller, 48, during an interview in the garden of The Fledge on an unusually warm November sunny day. From two people, the group regularly hosts outreach events with 15 volunteers.

The group now delivers approximately 150 lunches twice a month throughout the greater Lansing homeless community.

As the number of deaths started ramping up from opioid addiction, Miller saw an unfilled need.

At Miller's tiny office, she offers not only harm reduction tools, personal hygiene options as well as a non-judgmental space, but she also hands out Narcan, a drug that reverses overdoses, subsequently reducing deaths and exchanges used needles for clean ones. She takes in 500 used needles a week. She hands out 300 Narcan a month. Ten to 15 people a day visit her office for support of some sort.

The group is in its second year of a three-year federal prevention grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, which finances nearly everything but syringe purchases. The grant is funded with federal dollars,



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Julia Miller, one of the founders of Punks With Lunch and voted the No. 2 Best Activist in the Top of the Town Contest, helping assemble lunch bags for the homeless at The Fledge on a recent Saturday.

which cannot be used to purchase needles for an exchange program.

Lansing's incoming First Ward Council member, Ryan Kost, has been doing clean ups in parks throughout the east side long before he ran for office. He met Miller when he needed a sharps container to safely dispose of the used needles he was finding.

"I can tell you that while I still find needles, the number I find has dropped dramatically since Julia and Punks With Lunch started their program," Kost said.

Miller's advocacy also led Kost to carry Narcan with him.

"It just made sense," he said.

Punks With Lunch's actions came from Miller's desire to help, without being entangled in red tape. "We find ways around those things," she said. "Sometimes, not in the way people expect or approve of. But it needs to get done, so we do it."

The group clashed with city officials in 2019 over food distribution at downtown Reutter Park. The park, which is across the street from the Capital Area District Library, is frequented by the homeless. Punks With Lunch called city rules requiring permits and insurance obstacles to providing needed services in the park,

reported the Lansing State Journal. City officials were deeply troubled when the group put in picnic tables, chaining them to trees in the park.

Punks With Lunch was ordered to remove the picnic tables by city officials, who claimed illegal activity, including drug use, was occurring at or near the tables. Punks With Lunch refused, leading

to a standoff that was ultimately resolved with promises to revisit the issue in the spring. In 2020, the city

put in picnic tables, and Punks With Lunch donated its tables to other organizations.

The group also has a food box in front of Everybody Reads bookstore on Michigan Avenue. It can't be missed because it looks like TARDIS, the time machine featured on TV's "Dr. Who."

Scott Harris, owner of Everybody Reads, said the idea for the food box was spur of the moment. He, Miller and Mashon were brainstorming ideas.

"Julia said, 'What about a TARDIS?'" Harris recalled. The idea was an instant yes among the trio. And it was soon installed, filled regularly with donated foods for anyone to help themselves to, day or night.

Harris said Miller is truly an embodiment of "radical love," something Miller

had concurred with during an earlier interview describing her work. "She does the work. She cares."

Miller said that compassion has been long rooted in her eastside childhood.

"I was the kid who would see someone on the street and go home and tell my mom, 'We need to get them a blanket,' or 'Do we have a jacket we can give them?'" It is just in her personality to care.

"I was always the one who wanted to help others," she said.

That ultimately led her to Lansing Community College after graduating from Eastern High School. There, after toying with several options of study, she settled on human services. She was particularly keen to assist people fighting addiction.

But she had a major roadblock to that work. She would have to abstain from all substances, something she wasn't ready to do.

"I wanted to help others. I knew their struggles, their frustrations. I was living it," she said. "But I didn't want to deal with my own issues."

She's since found a path to her own recovery, supported by a newer intervention than traditional abstinence-only 12-Step recovery programs. The program recognizes recovery flourishes for some without complete abstinence and focuses instead on what the individual is seeking in recovery — both in terms of how they define recovery as well as its importance to them.

Miller has been in recovery for nearly five years from the use and abuse of a variety of substances. That experience allows her to see past society's views of the people she's serving, whether it's drug user or someone newly homeless.

"I am just there to do what I can," she said. "I check in with them when they come in. I check how they are doing, what their living situation is, and when there are points where I can help, I do. Sometimes, they just need to vent. So, I listen."

As we were preparing for the interview, Gary, a client of her programming, stopped in. He needed a snack. Miller dug through a desk drawer revealing Cheez-its and a Pop Tart. A volunteer provided him with a bottle of Vernor's.

"Look she's cool," Gary said of Miller. "She's just got this vibe. She'll do anything to help. It's just like ... you know, her energy."

— TODD HEYWOOD



Whether you love her or not, Whitmer stays top of mind

Who did City Pulse readers say was the best state/national politician? The second-best local politician? The third-worst state/national politician?

It's all the same person: Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Love her or not, Whitmer was top of mind for City Pulse readers as she was finishing a successful reelection campaign in which \$62 million was spent advocating for her over the airwaves.

Likewise, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Lansing, who had \$21 million spent on her behalf in the Lansing area, was named the "Best Local Politician and the "runner up" in the Best State/National Politician.

State Rep. Sarah Anthony, Lansing's state Senator-elect, was named the "runner up" in the Best Local Politician category, while U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders was named second place in the Best State/National Politician category.

Whitmer's 2022 opponent, Republican Dixon, was first in the "Worst Local Politician" category, followed by Slotkin's Republican opponent, state Sen. Tom Barrett, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey.

In the Worst State/National Politician category, former President Donald Trump was the runaway winner, followed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The results clearly show the governor's race and the congressional race dominated the 2022 election season in the Lansing area.

Local TV, streaming services and the internet were packed with advertisements in favor of both Whitmer and Slotkin, while many slammed Dixon and Barrett.

The spending and fundraising prowess of both Whitmer and Slotkin aside, both are what I would call "quality candidates." Let me explain what I mean with that term, which I've also used to describe Barrett, for that matter.

For Whitmer, her positives well

outweigh her negatives. For starters, she connects with people. She can fire up a crowd while having that unique ability one-on-one of making you feel like you're the most important person at that moment.

She argues a position with passion. She listens to advice. She sets bold priorities. She stands up for what she believes in with conviction, but is not too stubborn or prideful to change course when needed.

Obviously, her COVID-era orders were not popular with everyone, but she did earn a lot of people's respect for doing what she did in the face of personal danger to herself and her family.

For Slotkin, her knowledge base on about any subject matter is exemplary. She can't be fairly called a party stooge, which is why the "Vote 100% with Biden" attack in the campaign didn't stick. All of her positions are well thought out.

When it comes to courage, how many politicians would have opened themselves up to a public forum to explain why they supported the impeachment of then-President Donald Trump? Slotkin did it exactly that at Oakland University with class and then didn't leave until she talked individually with the dozens of media in attendance one-on-one.

What I like about Anthony is that she gets it. She understands the job of state legislator and does as well as anybody I've seen. She's a passionate advocate when she needs to be. She can work both sides of the aisle when she needs to. She can work a caucus. She can get a bill passed in the minority. That's hard to do.

Give Sarah Anthony any job at the Capitol and it's hard for me to see her doing anything but a great job.

Personally, I'm not a fan of "worst" labels for people, even politicians. Having closely observed Dixon, Barrett and Shirkey, they all work hard and have the best interests of Michiganders at heart.

They just happened to be pitted up against the Lansing area's most popular politicians.

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



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

STATE OF MICHIGAN INGHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Decedent's Estate. Case No. 22-000979-DE-P33. Estate of David Edward Holtham. Date of birth: 03/22/1938. **TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, David Edward Holtham, died 04/24/22. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert J. Holtham, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Ingham County Probate Court 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 11/16/2022. Robert J. Holtham, 9373 Island Hwy., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. **CP#22-265**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN INGHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Decedent's Estate. Case No. 22-001117-DE-P33. Estate of Victor A. Javier. Date of birth: 07/22/2021. **TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Victor A. Javier, died 07/22/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lea B. Petrona, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Ingham County Probate Court 313 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 11/16/2022. Lea B. Petrona, 621 Baldwin Court, East Lansing, MI 48823. **CP#22-264**

B/23/054 MOBILE SECURITY TRAILER as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept bids at The City of Lansing, Purchasing Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave. 3rd Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48933 or electronically submitted thru MITN Site (www.Mitn.Info) until 2PM local time in effect on NOV. 22, 2022. Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by contacting Stephanie Robinson at (517) 483-4128, or stephanie.robinson@lansingmi.gov or go to www.mitn.info. The City of Lansing encourages bids from All Vendors Including MBE/WBE Vendors and Lansing-Based Businesses. **CP#22-269**

NOTICE OF CITYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY NEEDS HEARING

TO: Citizens of the City of Lansing
FROM: Andy Schor, Mayor

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing Planning Board will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities and economic development. As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Lansing is in the development stages of its Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 which covers the time period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

The annual planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the following block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These program funds have been historically used for such activities as: housing rehabilitation, weatherization, public services, economic development, public improvements, new construction, down payment assistance and programs/services to assist the homeless.

The City encourages participation at public hearings to allow citizens an opportunity to provide input and indicate needs, views and proposals for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG program funds, more specifically regarding housing and non-housing community development needs within the City of Lansing relevant to preparation of the plan.

Comments received will be considered in drafting the City's Annual Action Plan. The proposed use of CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds will be submitted to Lansing City Council for approval. Please note that identifying housing and community development needs in the Lansing area is a community effort and public participation is strongly encouraged.

This is an opportunity for all citizens and neighborhood organizations to participate in the planning process and influence future programming and use of these federally funded programs.

PLACE: Neighborhood Empowerment Center
600 W. Maple Street
Lansing, MI 48906
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

If you cannot participate in the hearing and wish to submit comments, or if you have questions about the public hearing, please contact Doris Witherspoon, Senior Planner of the City of Lansing Development Office, 316 North Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI, doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov, (517) 483-4063.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, on the proposed South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority Development and Finance Plan in accordance with the provisions of Part 6, Corridor Improvement Authorities, of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, Public Act 57 of 2018, as amended (the Act) and as defined by Public Act 57 of 2018 as:

In 2019 the City of Lansing used the adopted State Law (Act 280 of 2005) to create what is known as the South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) and established a District with eligible property within an area encompassing 500 feet of the centerline of South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, from the railroad tracks south of Victor Avenue to I-96.

The purpose of the Corridor Improvement Authority Act is to help communities plan for and fund improvements along a corridor. The overall goal is to help support economic development and redevelopment of this area. The types of improvements could include sidewalks/pathways, streetlights, streetscape enhancements, façade improvements, and other public investments which could support and enhance economic development and the quality of life for business owners and residents within this district. The CIA's first task to be able to fund these improvements is to create a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan. This plan describes the types of activities that the CIA can participate in as well as how those activities are financed. The plan covers a 15-year period and explains how Tax Increment Financing (TIF) will work, which is the primary means in which new projects would be funded. It is important to note that TIF is not a new tax, nor does it raise property owner's taxes.

City Council will hear comments from citizens, taxpayers and property owners, officials from any affected taxing jurisdiction and any other interested persons. All aspects of the Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing. Maps, plats, and a description of the development plan, including the method of relocating families and individuals who may be displaced from the area, are available for public inspection at the Lansing City Clerk's Office, 124 W Michigan Avenue, 9th Floor of City Hall, Lansing, MI 48933. The Development and Finance Plan can be found on the S. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard CIA website: <https://mi-lansing3.civicplus.pro/627/South-MLK-Jr-Blvd-Corridor-Improvement-A>

If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **East Lansing Public Library**, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Laura Dunlap for the property at 1035 Chesterfield Parkway to add siding to the east side of the house.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Brett Mahaffey for the property at 45 University Drive to replace 5 windows.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Mark Hagerty for the property at 349 University Drive to install solar panels on the garage and house.

For more information on the request please contact Darcy Schmitt at (517) 319-6941 or dschmitt@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com.

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

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

Dated: November 10, 2022
East Lansing, MI 48823

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ARTS & CULTURE

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On air or sleigh runners, Melik Brown keeps it real

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

He's the man of the hour, and not just from 3 to 7 weekday afternoons. Melik Brown, aka Metro Melik, king of Lansing's afternoon drive time on WQTX Stacks 92.1, is the runaway choice for Best Radio DJ in City Pulse's 2022 Top of the Town Awards.

He's also the man with the bag. On Nov. 26, Metro Melik will embody the crinkly wisdom and peppery beard of Santa Claus at the Black Santa Experience, an inclusive community festival and Black-owned business showcase at the Lansing Mall.

Let's just say Metro Melik is the man, period.

Playing "the hits that power the party" and playing Santa Claus might seem like two different things, but both gigs tap into Metro Melik's mercurial mind, hair-trigger humor and generous spirit.

He's been holding forth on Stacks 92.1 since March 2021, playing a mix of R&B, pop, hip-hop and other jams from the '90s and oughts, with a few outliers.

"It's a theater of the mind, the soundtrack of my young life," he said. "It

helped entertain me, helped me cry, be joyful, get through anger, new love, broken love."

He's still amazed that he gets to introduce a track with as much power in his life, and the life of the culture, as Prince's "1999."

"Aunt Geraldine had us driving all over Richmond, Virginia, to find that double album on vinyl," he recalled. "When I got it home — oh my gosh. If somebody told me back then that someday I'd be a radio head, introducing Prince, I'd have called them the biggest liar in the world."



Eminem's "Lose Yourself" puts him on Woodward Avenue, watching trucks water down the streets during the filming of "Eight Mile," in which he was an extra.

Salt 'N Pepa's "Let's Talk About Sex" transports him back to the dance floor at Sensations, below Dooley's in East Lansing.

"We owned that dance floor," he said. "You did not dance along the rail because my friends moved you out of the way."

Brown doesn't go in for chipper DJ happy talk. He peppers the party with thoughtful commentary meant to uplift and inspire.

"Thank God they don't have me announce the weather or sportsball" he said. "I introduce the song, announce the stuff they want me to announce, but I also tell something about me." There are frequent nods to his wife and muse, "the queen of the

corner house," Jessi Yeargin.

Lately, he's been passing on life lessons from family and friends, like "you can't push the river."

"Water finds its own path," he mused in a recent break. "If you're frustrated about something, take a step back, see where the river is going, and maybe you can adjust your sails. But don't adjust your dial ..."

The between-tracks breaks often end with his customary benediction, "go with love," followed by a quick "see you on the flippety flip side."

Brown was more skeptical about playing Santa than he was about being a radio DJ. He played Santa at Willow Tree Family Center several years ago and played him again in "Drive-Through Santa," a short film produced by Render Studios.

The finished film is a fresh take on the oft-told message that giving of oneself is the spirit of the season.

In the film, a workaday Santa punches a clock on a street corner drive-through (a long-closed drive-through liquor store on Willow Street and North Grand River Avenue, dressed up with lights) and takes relentless requests from kids, mixed with unsettling comments like "you don't look like Santa" and "Santa has white skin."

The experience flipped Brown's attitude toward Santa. "I was already frustrated with the whole idea of a commercial Christmas," he said. "For me, as a Black child who was frustrated at the traditional Santa Claus, because he didn't look like me, I didn't really connect to this."

Filmmaker David Such left the kids' unscripted comments in the film. Without giving away too much, suffice it to say that Santa's magic works in ways that transcend material reward.

"It got me to see something I couldn't see," Brown said. "I was bawling when I watched it for the first time."

The film's message dovetailed with a realization that was already dawning on Brown, especially since "the queen of the corner house" came into his life.



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Metro Melik, Best DJ in City Pulse's 2022 Top of the Town contest, rules Lansing's afternoon drive time, packing "the hits that power the party" with thought-provoking, inspirational commentary on Stacks 92.1.

"Love is a verb, not a noun," he said. "It has little to do with receiving and everything to do with giving of yourself."

He said the Black Santa Experience is "about having young people that are minorities being able to see themselves in Santa, and also having Black people, Black themes, Black business owners — the FUBU line, For Us by Us."

The event will include a Black vendor marketplace with over 15 local Black-owned businesses anchored by Sip Happens, a custom wine glass shop with a line of Black Santa items and inclusive Christmas tree ornaments. Karla Wagner, owner of Sip Happens, is the event organizer.

Brown teased an intriguing variation on the Santa suit — "Santa-esque, kind of hip."

In the DJ stool or on Santa's chair, Metro Melik takes his responsibilities seriously. With every new project, he's thinking about his legacy.

"I feel good about my funeral," he suddenly offered, adopting the tone of a less-than-devastated mourner of Metro Melik. "He was kind of grumpy, kind of short, kind of a jerk, but he did the Black Santa thing and sounded kind of cool on the radio."



Courtesy Render Studios at renderstudios.com

Metro Melik gives a knowing nod to a child in "Drive-Through Santa," a short film by Render Studios. He'll play Santa in person at the Black Santa Experience, Nov. 26 at The Venue in the Lansing Mall.



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2022 Top of the Town Contest Winner

By LUCAS HENKEL

Stoners of Lansing, rejoice! Your votes have been counted, and I'm here to highlight some of the winners of this year's Top of the Town contest for the Cannabis category. Hundreds of votes were cast in the Lansing area to determine which brands and growers are the best of the best. Here's a breakdown of this year's winners:

Best Sativa Flower:



First Place: Pure Options/Pro Gro - Lunar Lemon

Second Place: Skymint - Flo

Third Place: Sunshine #4 - Pincanna

Lunar Lemon is a citrusy, sweet Sativa-hybrid that is produced by crossing

Lemon Peel and Pro Gro's own Moonbow male cannabis plant. Limonene, the terpene found commonly in fruits like lemons and oranges, is very present in this strain. Some studies have shown that consuming limonene-heavy strains, like Lunar Lemon, can increase serotonin and dopamine levels in areas of the brain that are associated with anxiety, depression

and OCD. So, if you're looking for a way to combat your seasonal depression, definitely stock up on some of Pro Gro's Lunar Lemon.

Best Hybrid Flower:

First Place: Pure Options/Pro Gro - Moonbow #112

High on the list

Getting to know the Top of the Town Cannabis category winners

Second Place: Skymint - Wonka Bars #13

Runner-up: Pincanna - Grumpz

Moonbow, another Cannabis Cup award-winning strain from Pure Options and Pro Gro, is a fruity hybrid strain that's great for the not-so-social butterflies. This Zkittlez and Do-Si-Dos cross will have consumers feeling relaxed yet social. This would be a great option for the upcoming holidays and all of the potential family get-togethers along the way.

Best Indica Flower:

First Place: Pure Options/Pro Gro - Rainbow Belts

Second Place: Skymint Reserve - Cake Mix

Runner-up: Pincanna - Egg Roll

Pure Options and Pro Gro go three for three in the "Best Flower" categories with their Rainbow Belts strain placing number one in the "Best Indica" category. Rainbow Belts is created by crossing Zkittlez and Moonbow. While Rainbow Belts is known for its physically relaxing qualities, it's still considered to be an uplifting strain that won't have consumers sinking into the couch.

Best Concentrate Brand:

First Place: Element Extractions

Second Place: Skymint Reserve

Third Place: North Coast Extracts

Element Extractions is a multi-Cannabis Cup-winning brand that strives to produce the highest-quality cannabis concentrates on the market. Its products, from live resin cartridges to THCA to cured resin, are free of distillate, botanical terpenes and additives. Element products are made in Michigan and sourced from some of the best cultivators in the state, such as Pro Gro, Goldkine and GhostBudsters.



Cannabis Growing Brand:

First Place: Dispo

Second Place: Pure Options/Pro Gro

Runner-up: Skymint

Dispo, formerly known as First Class Cannabis, is known for its knowledgeable budtenders and wide selection of products. Located at 2515 Grand River Ave., it is open seven days a week for curbside and in-store shopping.

Best Budtender:

First Place: Juan Moody of Dispo

Second Place: Cameron Houston of Pure Options Frandor

Runner-up: Jeremiah Rose of Local Roots Cannabis

If you're looking for a knowledgeable budtender with a friendly smile and good vibes, hit up Juan over at Dispo. Budtending is certainly not for the faint of heart, so hats off to Juan and other budtenders like him that put in the work day after day, nug after nug.

Best Edible:

First Place: Jolly Edibles

Second Place: Potdots

Runner-up: Funky Extracts

Jolly Edibles can be found throughout Skymint dispensaries in the Lansing area. Some of its gummy lineup is inspired by the tastiest brews and cocktails in Michigan, like Short's Brewing Company's fresh and fruity Soft Parade.

Best CBD Store/Boutique:

First Place: Pure Options

Second Place: Pincanna

Runner-up: Dispo

On top of having a wide array of cannabis options, Pure Options has plenty of CBD options as well. CBD, the non-psychoactive sibling of THC, is great for those new to cannabis or looking to ditch over-the-counter pain meds for a more natural pain relief option. I'm



personally a huge fan of the Chill Medicated Extreme CBD topicals as well as Michigan Organic Rub salves. Both brands are available at several Pure Options locations.

Best Cannabis Provisioning Center:



First Place: Local Roots Cannabis

Second Place: Pure Options

Runner-up: Dispo

Local Roots is a small, family-owned cannabis provisioning center located at 120 W. Grand River Road in Laingsburg. Although they established their business in 2021, the Liskey family has been calling Laingsburg home for over 40 years. Local Roots offers in-store and online shopping and even curbside pickup every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Best Cannabis Provisioning Center - East Lansing:

First Place: Skymint

Second Place: Pleasantrees

Runner-up: Pincanna

The folks at Skymint would prefer that you keep your head in the clouds, and their products are guaranteed to get you there. The East Lansing location is only a seven-minute drive from Michigan State University's campus, making it a hot spot amongst college students and veteran tokers alike.

Best Indoor Grow Shop:

First Place: Pro Gro

Second Place: Horizen Hydroponics

Runner-up: GrowGeneration

In addition to its extensive catalog of gardening products, Horizen Hydroponics is also a valuable resource for the community. It hosts gardening classes and seminars led by industry experts on topics such as building your own organic super soil, growing mushrooms or brewing compost teas. Horizen Hydroponics, 6323 W. Saginaw Highway, is open seven days a week: 10 a.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



BAR

Cocktails

- 1. American Fifth Spirits
- 2. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- 3. The Avenue



Dance Bar

- 1. The Green Door Bar & Grill
- 2. The Avenue
- 3. Duke's Saloon

Dive Bar

- 1. Stober's Bar
- 2. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- 3. The Avenue

Food

- 1. Meat BBQ
- 2. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- 3. Art's Pub

Happy Hour

- 1. Moriarty's Pub
- 2. Crunchy's
- 3. Art's Pub (tie)
- 3. Front 43 Neighborhood Pub (tie)

Jam Night

- 1. The Green Door Bar & Grill
- 2. Moriarty's Pub
- 3. Stober's Bar

Karaoke

- 1. Crunchy's
- 2. The Avenue
- 3. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill

Lansing-Area Brewery

- 1. BAD Brewing Co.
- 2. BrickHaven Brewing Co.
- 3. Lansing Brewing Co.

Lansing-Area Distillery

- 1. American Fifth Spirits
- 2. Sanctuary Spirits
- 3. Red Cedar Spirits

LGBTQ-Friendly Bar

- 1. The Avenue
- 2. Esquire Bar
- 3. The People's Kitchen

Margarita

- 1. El Azteco

- 2. Acapulco
- 3. Barrio East Lansing

Neighborhood Bar

- 1. Harry's Place
- 2. The Avenue
- 3. Stober's Bar

Open Mic Night

- 1. Moriarty's Pub
- 2. Crunchy's
- 3. UrbanBeat

Pub/Tavern

- 1. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- 2. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- 3. Stober's Bar

Spartan Sports Hangout

- 1. Crunchy's
- 2. Nuthouse Sports Grill
- 3. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill (tie)
- 3. The Peanut Barrel (tie)

Sports Bar

- 1. Nuthouse Sports Grill
- 2. Reno's East
- 3. Art's Pub

CANNABIS



Budtender

- 1. Juan Moody - Dispo
- 2. Cameron Houston - Pure Options Frandor
- 3. Jeremiah Rose - Local Roots Cannabis

Cannabis Flower – Hybrid

- 1. Moonbow #112 - Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- 2. Wonka Bars #13 - Skymint
- 3. Grumpz - Pincanna

Cannabis Flower – Indica

- 1. Rainbow Belts - Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- 2. Cake Mix - Skymint Reserve
- 3. Egg Roll - Pincanna

Cannabis Flower – Sativa

- 1. Lunar Lemon - Pro Gro/ Pure Options
- 2. Flo - Skymint
- 3. Sunshine #4 - Pincanna

Cannabis Growing Brand

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- 3. Skymint

Cannabis – Concentrate

- 1. Element Extractions
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- 1. Jolly Edibles
- 2. Potdots
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CBD Store/Boutique

- 1. Pure Options
- 2. Pincanna
- 3. Dispo

Indoor Grow Shop

- 1. Pro Gro
- 2. Horizen Hydroponics
- 3. GrowGeneration

Marijuana Provisioning Center

- 1. Local Roots Cannabis
- 2. Pure Options
- 3. Dispo

Marijuana Provisioning Center – East Lansing

- 1. Skymint
- 2. Pleasantrees
- 3. Pincanna

DINING

Bagels

- 1. Flour Child Bakery
- 2. Social Sloth | Cafe & Bakery
- 3. Big Apple Bagels

Bakery

- 1. Flour Child Bakery
- 2. Mitten Raised
- 3. Sweet Encounter Bakery & Cafe

Baklava

- 1. Social Sloth | Cafe & Bakery
- 2. Zaytoon Mediterranean
- 3. Jerusalem Bakery

BBQ

- 1. Meat BBQ



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- 2. Saddleback BBQ REO Town
- 3. The Smoke N' Pig BBQ

Breakfast

- 1. Good Truckin' Diner
- 2. Soup Spoon Cafe
- 3. Fidlers on the Grand Restaurant

Brunch

- 1. The People's Kitchen
- 2. Soup Spoon Cafe
- 3. Good Truckin' Diner

Burger

- 1. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- 2. Crunchy's
- 3. Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe

Chicken Strips/Tenders

- 1. Olympic Broil
- 2. Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
- 3. One North Kitchen & Bar

Chinese

- 1. House of Hsu
- 2. Charlie Kang's Restaurant
- 3. Chen's Restaurant

Cider

- 1. Uncle John's Cider Mill
- 2. Phillips Orchards & Cider Mill - Gatehouse Market
- 3. Quality Dairy Co.

Coney Dog

- 1. Sparty's Coney Island
- 2. Olympic Broil
- 3. Zeus' Coney Island

Deli

- 1. StateSide Deli & Restaurant
- 2. McAlister's Deli
- 3. New Daily Bagel

Dessert

- 1. Flour Child Bakery
- 2. MSU Dairy Store
- 3. Everything is Cheesecake

Diner

- 1. Good Truckin' Diner
- 2. Fleetwood Diner
- 3. Zeus' Coney Island

Donuts

- 1. Quality Dairy Co.





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TOTT Winners

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2. Groovy Donuts
3. Flour Child Bakery

Drive-Up Location

1. Nip N Sip Drive In
2. Olympic Broil
3. VEG-N

Family Friendly Restaurant

1. Cugino's
2. Buddies Pub & Grill
3. One North Kitchen & Bar

Fast Food

1. Culver's
2. Olympic Broil
3. Nip N Sip Drive In

Fish Fry

1. Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
2. Harry's Place
3. Log Jam

Food Truck

1. El Oasis
2. Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)
3. Hard Knocks Food Truck

French Fries

1. HopCat
2. The Cosmos
3. Meat BBQ

Greek

1. Zaytoon Mediterranean
2. Lou and Harry's Bar/Grill
3. Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill

Hibachi

1. Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
2. Maru Sushi & Grill
3. Ohana Sushi and Bar

Ice Cream

1. MSU Dairy Store
2. Lick-ity Split
3. Corner Cone

Indian

1. Swagath
2. Sindhu Indian Cuisine
3. Persis Indian Grill

Irish

1. Kelly's Downtown
2. Moriarty's Pub
3. Dublin Square

Italian

1. Cugino's
2. Falsetta's Casa Nova
3. Bravo! Italian Kitchen

Kids Eat Free

1. The Cosmos
2. Buddies Grill Holt
3. Fazoli's

Late Night Food

1. Ruckus Ramen
2. Art's Pub
3. Sidecar Slider Bar - Lansing

Mediterranean

1. Zaytoon Mediterranean

2. Woody's Oasis
3. ChouPli Wood-Fired Kabob

Mexican – Chain

1. Cancun Mexican Grill
2. Fiesta Charra
3. Barrio East Lansing

Mexican – Non-Chain

1. Pablo's Old Town
2. El Azteco
3. Acapulco

Nachos

1. El Azteco
2. Meat BBQ
3. Buddies Grill

New Restaurant

1. Slice by Saddleback - South Lansing
2. BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
3. Babe's Corner

Olive Burger

1. Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe
2. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
3. Olympic Broil

Pancakes

1. The People's Kitchen
2. Sophias House of Pancakes
3. Golden Harvest Restaurant

Pho

1. Cask & Co. Kitchen & Bar
2. Nola Bistro
3. Asia's Finest

Pizza

1. Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
2. The Cosmos
3. Horrocks Pizzeria

Prime Rib

1. Airport Tavern
2. Capital Prime
3. Lucky's Steakhouse

Ramen

1. Ruckus Ramen
2. Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar
3. Bento Kitchen Cravings

Ranch Dressing

1. Jet's Pizza
2. Cugino's
3. The Cosmos

Restaurant Beer List

1. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
2. Crunchy's
3. Lansing Brewing Co.

Restaurant for Seniors

1. Soup Spoon Cafe
2. Coral Gables
3. Flap Jack Shack

Restaurant Wine List

1. Dusty's Cellar
2. Bridge Street Social
3. The People's Kitchen

Reuben

1. StateSide Deli & Restaurant
2. Meat BBQ
3. Mr. Corned Beef

Salad/Salad Bar

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Leaf Salad Bar
3. Texas Roadhouse

Seafood

1. Mitchell's Fish Market
2. The Tangy Crab
3. Eastside Fish Fry & Grill

Signature Dish

1. Meat BBQ
2. The Cosmos
3. Fleetwood Diner

Sliders

1. Sidecar Slider Bar - Lansing
2. Art's Pub

Soup

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Soup Spoon Café
3. Zoup!

Steak

1. Bowdies Chophouse
2. Texas Roadhouse
3. Capital Prime

Sub Sandwich

1. Jersey Giant Submarine Sandwiches
2. Mancino's Pizzas and Grinders
3. Babe's Corner

Sushi

1. Maru Sushi & Grill
2. Sushi Moto
3. Sansu Sushi and Cocktails

Tacos

1. Pablo's Old Town
2. El Oasis
3. Pancho's Taqueria

Thai

1. Thai Princess
2. Taste of Thai
3. Bangkok House

Upscale Dining

1. The English Inn
2. Bowdies Chophouse
3. The People's Kitchen

Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant

1. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
2. Anna's House - Okemos
3. Picnic A Food Truck

Wings

1. Meat BBQ
2. Eastside Fish Fry & Grill
3. Buffalo Wild Wings

HANGOUTS

Biggy

1. Okemos
2. Lake Lansing - East Lansing
3. W. Grand River - East Lansing

Bowling Alley

1. Spare Time Entertainment Center
2. City Limits Mason
3. Royal Scot Golf & Bowl

Café

1. Constellation Cat Cafe
2. Social Sloth | Cae & Bakery
3. Chapelure

Coffee Shop (non-Biggy)

1. Strange Matter Coffee
2. Constellation Cat Cafe
3. Blue Owl Coffee - REO Town

Comedy Night

1. Crunchy's
2. BAD Brewing Co. (tie)
2. Quality Scary (tie)

Corn Maze

1. Bestmaze Corn Maze
2. Shawnhaven Farms
3. Fortitude Farms & Events

Dog Park

1. Soldan Dog Park (membership required)
2. Joey's Pet Outfitters Dog Park
3. Sycamore Park

Escape Room Venue

1. Breakout Escape Rooms Lansing
2. Escapology Escape Rooms Lansing
3. Challenges East Lansing Adventure Escape Rooms

Golf Course

1. Eagle Eye Golf Club
2. Groesbeck Golf Course
3. Royal Scot Golf & Bowl

Hangout for Seniors

1. Constellation Cat Cafe
2. Hooked
3. SPUDS Restaurant and Greek Pastry Shop

Hangout for Students

1. Constellation Cat Cafe
2. Crunchy's
3. High Caliber Karting and Entertainment

Hangout Solo

1. Constellation Cat Cafe
2. Hooked
3. BAD Brewing Co. (tie)
3. MSU (tie)

Haunted Attraction

1. Demented Mitten Tours
2. Awaken Haunted Attraction
3. Terror on 27

Library

1. CADL - Downtown Lansing
2. East Lansing Library
3. Delta Township District Library

Local Attraction for Kids

1. Impression 5 Science Center
2. Potter Park Zoo
3. Constellation Cat Cafe

Movie Theatre

1. NCG Cinema - Lansing
2. Celebration Cinema Lansing & IMAX



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TOTT Winners

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3. Studio C Meridian Mall

Music Venue

- 1. The Avenue
- 2. Robin Theatre
- 3. UrbanBeat

Nature Center

- 1. Fenner Nature Center
- 2. Woldumar Nature Center
- 3. Michigan 4-H Children's Garden

Non-Bar or Restaurant Date

- 1. Pinball Pete's
- 2. Constellation Cat Cafe
- 3. High Caliber Karting and Entertainment

Patio

- 1. The Peanut Barrel
- 2. One North Kitchen & Bar
- 3. EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

Place of Worship

- 1. Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing
- 2. Trinity Church
- 3. St. Mary Cathedral

Place to Play Pinball

- 1. Pinball Pete's
- 2. The Avenue
- 3. The Grid Arcade & Bar

Place to Play Video Games

- 1. The Grid Arcade & Bar
- 2. Pinball Pete's
- 3. The Avenue

Place to Shoot Pool

- 1. The Avenue
- 2. Reno's North Sports Bar
- 3. Nuthouse Sports Grill

Place to Sled

- 1. Hawk Island Park
- 2. Fitzgerald Park
- 3. Granger Meadows Park

Public Park

- 1. Hawk Island Park
- 2. Frances Park
- 3. Fitzgerald Park

Smoke Shop/Hookah Lounge

- 1. Wild Bill's Tobacco
- 2. Downtown Smoking Club
- 3. Wild Side Smoke Shop

Tabletop Gaming

- 1. The Gaming Cantina
- 2. AFK Games

Trivia Night

- 1. Ozone's Brewhouse
- 2. Constellation Cat Cafe
- 3. Harry's Place

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LOCAL ARTS



Artist

1. Dennis Preston
2. Marissa Tawney Thaler
3. Steph Joy Hogan

Choral Group

1. Lange Choral Ensemble
2. Sistrum Lansing Women's Chorus
3. Steiner Chorale

Classical Musician

1. Linda Abar
2. ConTempus Quartet
3. Rodney Page

Club DJ

1. Mary X
2. DJ Space
3. Capital City DJs

Country Artist/Band

1. Kathy Ford Band
2. Double Wide Ride
3. Rollin Brummette

Cover Band

1. Starfarm
2. The Swift Brothers
3. The Black Barn Band

Experimental Musical Act

1. The Further Adventures of FatBoy and JiveTurkey
2. Darin Larner Band
3. Super Secret Cult Band

Folk Artist/Band

1. The Dangling Particles
2. Abbey Hoffman
3. The Swift Brothers

Hip-Hop Artist/Group

1. MikeyAustin
2. Ozay Moore
3. Sway Boi

Jazz Musician/Group

1. MSU Jazz Orchestra I
2. The Rodney Whitaker Quartet
3. Phil Denny

Local Theater Organization

1. Riverwalk Theatre
2. Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
3. MSU Summer Circle Theater

Pottery Studio

1. Wheel House Studio
2. Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
3. REACH Art Studio

Public Art/Sculpture

1. ArtPath
2. Shiawassee Bridge Mosaic Mural

Punk/Metal Group

1. Heartsick
2. Rodeo Boys
3. Farewell Come April

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TOTT Winners

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Rock Artist/Band

1. Frog and the Beeftones
2. Of Virtue
3. Rodeo Boys

PEOPLE



Advocate/Activist

1. Mike Karl
2. Julia Miller
3. Jerry Norris

Attorney

1. Katrina Hofstetter
2. Sherri Smith
3. Takura Nyamfukudza

Auto Salesperson

1. Blake Garner - LaFontaine
2. Shane Fulmerhouser - Shaheen
3. Devan Reed - Kia of Lansing

Bartender

1. Kate Bearup - American Fifth Spirits
2. KaLyn Wilder-Aiman - Ozone's Brewhouse
3. Alac McCann - The People's Kitchen

Best Local Politician

1. Elissa Slotkin
2. Gretchen Whitmer
3. Sarah Anthony

Best State/National Politician

1. Gretchen Whitmer
2. Bernie Sanders
3. Elissa Slotkin

Brewer

1. Jeremy Sprague - Sleepwalker
2. Ed Huston - BrickHaven Brewing Co.
3. Chris Ward - Lansing Brewing Co.

CATA Bus Driver

1. Ron DeLeon
2. Dan Howard
3. Jessica Montry

Chef

1. Steve Swart - Ruckus Ramen
2. Dan Konopnicki - The People's Kitchen
3. Jake Thompson - The Creole Burger Bar & Southern Kitchen

College Instructor

1. Tiffany Wahl - Michigan State University
2. Jon Whiting - Michigan State University
3. Karen Holt - Michigan State University

Comedian

1. Nicole Melnyk
2. Pat Sievert
3. Dave Wellfare

Cosmetic Surgeon

1. Andrew Zwyghuizen, MD
2. Rick J. Smith, MD

Dance Instructor

1. Sierra Erskine - The Hive
2. Hayley Kosloski - Studio H Dance Co.
3. Clara Martinez - Everett Dance

Developer

1. Capital Area Housing Partnership
2. Gillespie Group
3. T.A. Forsberg Inc.

Esthetician/Cosmetologist

1. Holly Roth - PURE Skincare & Acne Spa
2. Cassandra - Kass Beauty (tie)
2. Nekeyta Brunson - UnCovered Beauty Studio (tie)

Food Delivery Person

1. Jeremy Hurt - Red Bike Delivery
2. Khailea Pond - Shopping with Khai
3. Jayden Oliver - DoorDash/ Instacart

Hairstylist

1. Jenna Lu - Capellini Salon
2. Katie Gestring - Bridge St. Hair Co.
3. Jennifer King - Hair & Co. On Ash

Handyman

1. Jeremy Eagle
2. Chance Liscomb (tie)
2. Troy Kuchar (tie)

High School Coach

1. Lauren Bruce - Waverly High School
2. Rob Zimmerman - DeWitt High School
3. Ben Billings - Everett High School

High School Teacher

1. David Larzelere - East Lansing High School
2. Eder DeLaCruz - DeWitt High School
3. Ben Billings - Everett High School

Insurance Agent

1. Ben Rathbun - The Rathbun Agency
2. Trinesha Goebel - State Farm
3. Ryan Harmon - Harmon Insurance Group

Local TV News Personality

1. Sheri Jones - WLNS
2. Tianna Jenkins - FOX 47 News
3. Larry Wallace - FOX 47 News

Massage Therapist

1. Kameron Woodend - Kribs Wellness Center
2. Parker Hoggard - Zoe Life Spa and Salon
3. Amanda Tollstam - Holistic Health and Massage LLC



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TOTT Winners

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Personal Trainer

- 1. Waleed El-Chaer - Peak Performance Physical Therapy
- 2. Ronica Rodriguez - Redemption Fitness
- 3. Kristi Stephens - Functional Mobility and Health

Piercer

- 1. Aaron "Malibu" Wood - REO Town Tattoo Co.
- 2. Danny Aybar - Be-You-tiful Body Piercing & Fine Jewelry
- 3. Andy Knag - Splash of Color

Police Officer

- 1. Adrian Ojerio - East Lansing Police Department
- 2. Brendan Cissel - Eaton County Sheriff's Office
- 3. Dillon Reust - Lansing Police Department

Radio DJ

- 1. Metro Melik - Stacks 92.1
- 2. Mojo - 94.9 WMMQ & 100.7 WITL
- 3. Jamie Paisley - WKAR

Realtor/Agent

- 1. Rachele Page - RE/MAX Real Estate Professionals
- 2. Elizabeth Fleckenstein - BHHS Tomie Raines Realtors
- 3. Liz Horford - RE/MAX Real Estate Professionals

Restaurant Waitstaff

- 1. Alisa "Cheese" Kowalski - Mitchell's Fish Market
- 2. Joshua Burwick - The People's Kitchen
- 3. Mandy Westfall - Good Truckin' Diner

Tattoo Artist

- 1. Boris Gustav - REO Town Tattoo
- 2. Perry Stratton - Splash of Color
- 3. Dan Wade - Van Gogh

Worst Local Politician

- 1. Tudor Dixon

- 2. Tom Barrett
 - 3. Mike Shirkey
- Worst State/National Politician**

- 1. Donald Trump
- 2. Ron DeSantis
- 3. Gretchen Whitmer

Yoga Instructor

- 1. Jen Davis - ALIVE
- 2. Belinda Thurston - Just B Yoga
- 3. Misty Belous - Peoples Yoga

SERVICES



Accountant/CPA

- 1. Kim Midgeley - Okemos Tax LLC
- 2. Mark Pricco - X-Tax 1-DAY Tax Service
- 3. Lesley (Berquist) Nashef - Simplified Tax

Apartments

- 1. Newman Lofts
- 2. Canal Club Apartments
- 3. Quarry Apartments

Appliance Repair

- 1. Lane's Appliance Sales And Service
- 2. Shaw's Appliance Service
- 3. Dick's Appliance Service

Audiologist/Hearing Firm

- 1. Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose, & Throat, PC - Allergy and Sinus Center
- 2. MaryRose Hecksel AuD. LLC
- 3. Advanced Audiology DeWitt

Auto Body Repair Shop

- 1. Driven Collision LLC
- 2. Doc's Automotive Inc.
- 3. Osband Body Shop Inc.

Auto Repair Shop

- 1. Randall Automotive
- 2. Keusch Tire and Auto
- 3. Ryan's Auto Care

Bank

- 1. Dart Bank
- 2. Independent Bank
- 3. Eaton Community Bank

Barber Shop

- 1. East Side Barbershop LLC
- 2. Manscape Hair Co.
- 3. Loyalty Barbershop

Bicycle Shop

- 1. SPIN Bicycle Shop Inc.
- 2. Scooter's Pro Cycle
- 3. Lansing Bike Co-op

Building Development

- 1. Lavish Builders LLC
- 2. Do-Well Remodel
- 3. Custom Built Design & Remodeling

Car Wash/Detailing Service

- 1. KWIK Car Wash & Express Detailing
- 2. Spot-Les
- 3. Finish Line Detailing and Coatings (tie)
- 3. Showroom Shine (tie)

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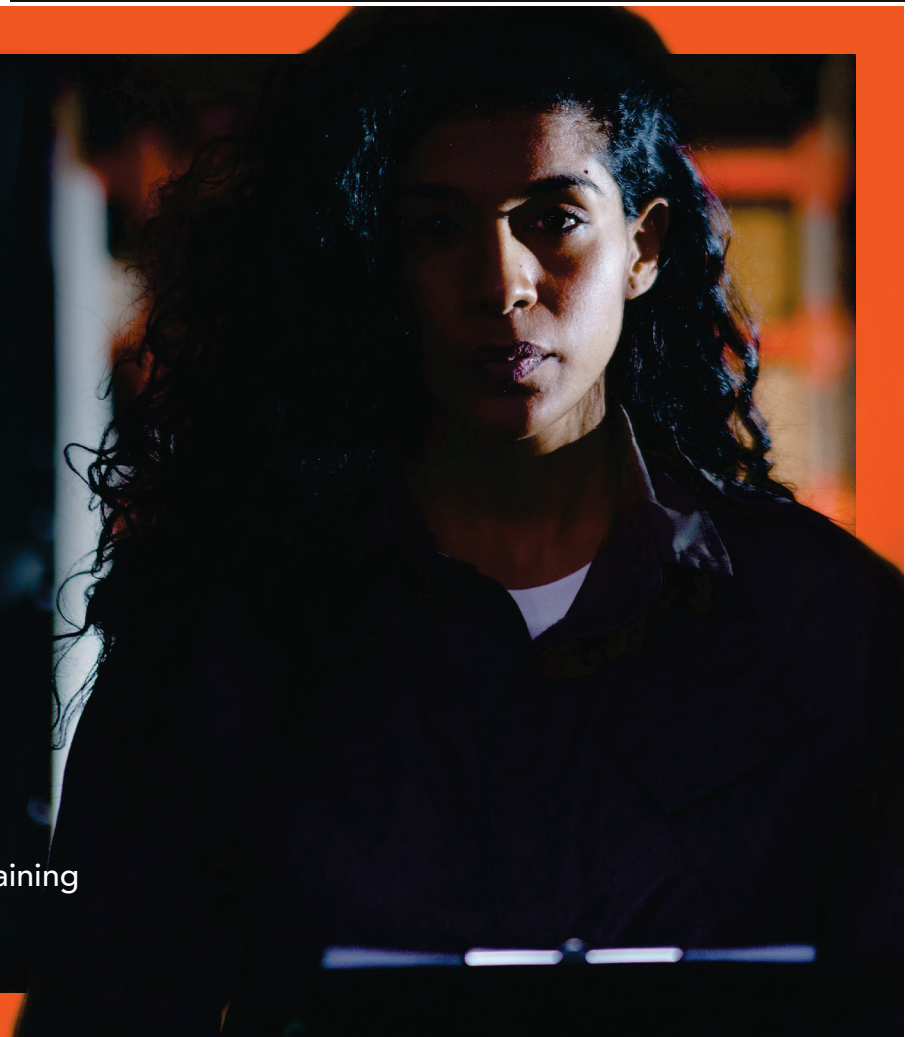
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TOTT Winners

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Caterer/Catering Service

- 1. Meat BBQ
- 2. Morton's Fine Catering
- 3. El Oasis

Cemetery

- 1. Mt. Hope Cemetery
- 2. St. Joseph Cemetery
- 3. Evergreen Cemetery

Chiropractic Office

- 1. Creative Wellness
- 2. Craft Chiropractic Creating Wellness Centers in East Lansing
- 3. Providence Family Chiropractic

Cleaning Service

- 1. Domestic Divas Cleaning Services
- 2. Peckham Inc.
- 3. Sweet Solutions Cleaning Service LLC

COVID - Best Place to get COVID Shot

- 1. Meijer
- 2. Ingham County Health Department
- 3. Sparrow Hospital

Credit Union

- 1. MSUFCU
- 2. Lake Trust Credit Union
- 3. LAFCU

Curbside Pickup

- 1. Saddleback BBQ REO Town
- 2. Maru Sushi & Grill

3. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine

- Dance Studio**
- 1. The Hive Dance Studio
- 2. Studio H Dance Co.
- 3. Greater Lansing Academy of Dance
- Day Spa**
- 1. Skin Studio 211 - West Lansing
- 2. Onyx Moon Esthetic Studio
- 3. Zoe Life Spa and Salon

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Dentist Office

1. Portnoy and Tu, DDS, PC Family Dentistry
2. Dyras Dental
3. Schaefer Dental Group

Dry Cleaners

1. Baryames Cleaners
2. Danford Cleaners

Electrical Repair

1. Sparky's Electric LLC
2. Thee Electric Co.
3. Custom Electric

Financial Planner

1. Daniel Malcolm - Malcolm Financial Services LLC
2. CG Financial Services (tie)
2. Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (tie)

Funeral Home

1. Vickers Leslie Funeral Home
2. Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes

3. Estes-Leadley Funeral Home (tie)
3. Skinner Funeral Homes (tie)

Gutter Cleaning

1. Gutter Flow System

Gym/Fitness Studio

1. FitStop24 - Lansing
2. The Barre Code - East Lansing
3. F45 Training - East Lansing

Heating/Cooling/Plumbing

1. All Star Mechanical
2. Cousins Heating & Cooling
3. Hager Fox Heating & Air

Conditioning Holistic Healing

1. Functional Mobility and Health LLC
2. Creative Wellness
3. Beyond A Dream LLC (tie)
3. Cherry Blossom Natural Wellness (tie)

Home Healthcare Company

1. Stoneleigh Residence & Hospice of Lansing
2. By Dawn's Early Light Home Care Service

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By LIZY FERGUSON

I don't understand how all Top of the Town winners garner their acclaim, but Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine's taking the Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free category makes perfect sense. A consistent, fail-safe Lansing-area institution for the past 25 years, a visit to Altu's is always a visit to a Flavor Town with a different constituency of tastes than those generally associated with Mayor Fieri's.

The menu offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan entrees, smoothies and a list of plant-based sides. All entrees are served on your choice of injera bread or steamed rice. While the can't-miss options for the meat-free are abundant, there is also plenty to please those who enjoy the meat-full.

Altu's has several "Group Feasts," which, if you are new to this cuisine, are an excellent way to try everything. A scaled-

down version of this is found in their combos, of which I opted for the Meat & Veggie, with spicy beef stew and mild chickpea sauce served over injera. An added side of collard greens was unavoidable.

Injera is pretty neat. A traditional flatbread, in existence since biblical times, is made from the equally-ancient gluten-free grain teff. It's spongy and chewy, tastes similar to sourdough and serves as the deliciously sauce-soaked base layer for whichever dish you choose. It also shows up on the side of your plate, rolled up like a little towel and ready to be used in place of a fork to scoop up a little bit of this and a little bit of that in delectable combinations of flavor.

The beef stew (chicken is also an option) is oniony and richly spiced, full of tender pieces of sirloin. The peppery heat it boasts is complemented perfectly by my favorite: the velvety, nutty, buttery-without-butter chickpea sauce. Accompanying this and all

other entrees is a side of fragrant, cum-in-laced cabbage and a small salad dressed in a tongue-tingling, peanut-infused vinaigrette.

Though I did find some sweetness in the lovely tropical smoothie I ordered, Altu's is truly a haven for those with a savory tooth — and I can imagine especially so for the vegetarian or vegan. Each dish is aromatic, with satisfying heft, and full of distinctly earthy flavors that evoke the toothsome of meat even when none is present.

If you're reading this and thinking, "Cabbage? Earthy? Weird, old Bible grain? Can't be that good," I'd suggest you consider the wonder of smelling something incredible cooking, only to learn it's merely garlic, onions and oil. Altu's takes what could be regarded as the most humble



Lizy Ferguson

The Meat Combo at Altu's.

ingredients and does a kind of alchemy, turning out stews and sauces that are vivid and complex, creating a mosaic of flavors and colors on the plate that complement each other in the most organic and satisfying of ways.



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3. Cypress Home Care

Insurance Agency

- 1. Rathbun Agency Inc.
- 2. Harmon Insurance Group
- 3. Cedar River Insurance

Landscape Company

- 1. Guy With A Mullet Landscaping
- 2. Turf Jockeys LLC
- 3. R&D Landscape

Laser Hair Removal

- 1. MSU Aesthetics & Laser Treatment Center
- 2. Mirkin Electrology
- 3. Milan Laser Hair Removal

Law Firm

- 1. Family And Elder Law of Mid-Michigan, P.C.
- 2. Lansing Legal Group, PLLC
- 3. Coontz Law

Massage Studio

- 1. Creative Wellness
- 2. Functional Mobility and Health LLC
- 3. Zoe Life Spa And Salon

Most Trustworthy Business

- 1. Constellation Cat Cafe
- 2. Curvaceous Lingerie
- 3. Capellini Salon (tie)
- 3. Schuler Books Okemos (tie)

Music Lessons

- 1. Okemos Music Academy
- 2. Howling Dogs Music Studio
- 3. Diaz School of Piano

Nail Salon

- 1. Lynny Nails
- 2. Polished Nail Salon
- 3. A Perfect Ten Nails & Spa

News Source

- 1. City Pulse
- 2. Michigan Radio/ WUOM
- 3. WLNS

Non-Profit Organization (Local)

- 1. Saved by Zade
- 2. Ele's Place - Capital Region
- 3. The Fledge

Oil Change Shop

- 1. Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change
- 2. Valvoline Instant Oil Change
- 3. Outshiner Oil Change and self serve Car Wash

Online Ordering (Local Business)

- 1. Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
- 2. Curvaceous Lingerie
- 3. Sleepwalker

Optometrist

- 1. L.O. Eye Care - East Lansing
- 2. Grand Ledge Optometry (tie)
- 2. Rule Eye Care Associates (tie)

Pest Control Company

- 1. Rose Pest Solutions - Lansing
- 2. Bullseye Pest Defense
- 3. The Bug Man Inc.

Pet Grooming

- 1. Amanda's Grooming
- 2. Old Town Tails LLC
- 3. Kelly's Pet Boutique East

Pharmacy (Locally Owned)

- 1. Ware's Pharmacy
- 2. Central Pharmacy Westside (tie)
- 3. MSU Health Care Pharmacy (tie)

Photography

- 1. Rikki Shepherd Photography
- 2. Jamie Godwin Photography
- 3. Le'Mae Photography

Post Office

- 1. United States Postal Service
- 2. Merrill Street Station
- 3. US Post Office

Property Management Company

- 1. Community Realty Property Management

Public Relations Firm

- 1. Martin Waymire

Radio Station

- 1. WKAR Public Media
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- 3. Stacks 92.1

Residential Remodeling Company

- 1. Custom Built Design & Remodeling
- 2. Odd Fellows Contracting Inc. (tie)
- 2. Precision Roofing Services (tie)

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TOTT Winners

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Salon

1. Capellini Salon
2. Bridge Street Hair Co.
3. Salon 219

Senior Living Community

1. Independence Village Grand Ledge
2. Red Cedar Lodge
3. Stratford Place Apartments

Tailor/Seamstress Company

1. Nu The Tailor
2. Fantastic Alterations
3. Nikki Faith

Tanning

1. Custom Tans
2. J2 Tanning
3. Salon 219

Tattoo Parlor

1. Splash of Color Tattoo & Piercing Studio
2. Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.
3. True Blue Tattoo Co.

Therapy/Therapist Service

1. Wild Ferns Wellness
2. Rooted Counseling
3. Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Physical Therapy

Towing Company

1. P.J.'s Towing
2. Northside Service Inc.
3. Okemos Marathon

Veterinarian Service

1. Waverly Animal Hospital, Boarding, Grooming, & Wellness Center

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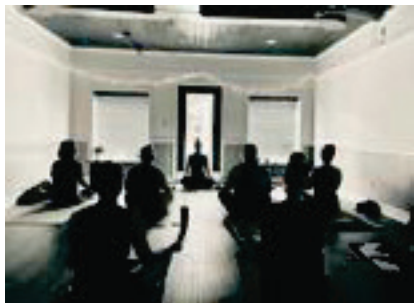
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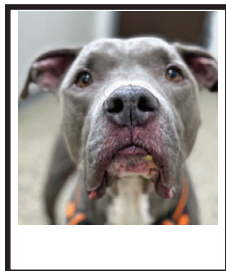
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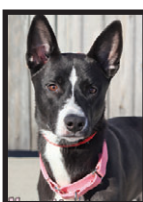
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2. Evergreen Veterinary Clinic
3. Miller Animal Clinic

Wedding Services

1. The Northfork Estate
2. HotBeats Entertainment
3. Salon 219

WiFi/Internet Service Provider

1. Xfinity Store by Comcast Branded Partner
2. WOW!

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2. Just B Yoga
3. Peoples Yoga Studio Lansing

SHOPPING

Antique Shop

1. Thrift Witch
2. The Mega Mall
3. Little Red Schoolhouse

Art Gallery

1. Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center
2. Katalyst Art Gallery & Gift Boutique

Asian Market

1. Fresh International Market
2. Westlund's Apple Market
3. LLB Asian Market



Auto Dealership

1. Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing
2. Williams Subaru
3. Spartan Toyota

Beer Selection in Retail Store

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Mega-Bev
3. Vine & Brew

Bookstore

1. Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books
2. Schuler Books Okemos
3. Hooked

Butcher

1. Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
2. Mert's Specialty Meats
3. Merindorf Meats & More - Mason

Candy Store

1. Fabiano's Candies
2. Horrocks Farm Market
3. The Screamatorium

Cheese Department

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Whole Foods Market
3. Kroger

Clothing Store

1. Polka Dots Boutique
2. Metro Retro
3. Curvaceous Lingerie

Comic Shop

1. Summit Comics & Games
2. Evolution Games

Consignement Shop

1. Thrift Witch
2. Metro Retro

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These Lansing-area theater companies outperformed the rest



By **MARY CUSACK**

As talk of Lansing's performing arts center continues to taunt us, it's easy to disparage the cultural opportunities we don't have in the city. Yet the Lansing area enjoys an embarrassment of riches when it comes to live theater, and these companies have thrived for decades without a grandiose facility. In fact, some have persisted without a permanent home at all, and one of those still made it into the Top of the Town's top three local theater organizations.

This category is pretty competitive, and several theaters clearly have strong bases that made sure to vote. It has been a slugfest between Riverwalk Theatre and Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. in particular. Both groups have been in the top three since 2019, and both have made the TOTT list many times since the inception of the awards.

First-place Riverwalk Theatre made its permanent home next to Impression 5 Science Center in downtown Lansing in 1989. Over the years, its supporters have helped fund the purchase of its building as well as many improvements and renovations. Part of the more than \$2 million in renovations included the addition of a black box auditorium.

Although Riverwalk showcases a wide variety of productions in its main auditorium, it is likely its high-quality, crowd-pleasing musicals that help drive popularity. Opened in 2008, the black box allows for smaller, more intimate and experimental shows. Black box shows are not always the most popular fare, but they are a necessary part of a thriving theater's mission.

Second-place Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. was founded in 1995 by actor and director Chad Swan-Badgero. It would be harsh to say that Pepper-

mint Creek is homeless, so let's characterize the organization as the creative genius you went to college with — the one who has spent the years since graduation couch-flopping with friends and family until his ship comes in.

This scrappy organization has produced amazing plays and musicals in locations as disparate as the MSU Horticulture Gardens Conservatory, the Miller Performing Arts Center, several churches, Woldumar Nature Center and the Creole Gallery. This season, they're literally taking their shows on the road, performing in no fewer than 10 venues in six cities. Anyone who has enjoyed a Peppermint Creek show knows that no matter where its tent is pitched, it will produce a spectacle.



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- 12/10 SAT. 8 PM Telling the Story: Christmas Oratorios by Bach & Saint-Saëns
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3. Kellie's Estate Sales, Auctions & Resale Farmers Market

1. Meridian Township Farmers' Market
2. Allen Farmers Market
3. Horrocks Farm Market

Florist

1. Where the Wild Things Bloom
2. Twiggies
3. Horrocks Farm Market

Furniture Store

1. DBI's Office Outlet
2. Pilgrim House Furniture
3. Bob's Discount Furniture and Mattress Store

Gardening Center

1. Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
2. Horrocks Farm Market
3. Christians Greenhouse

Gas Station

1. Costco Wholesale
2. BJ's Wholesale Club (tie)
2. Speedway - South Waverly (tie)

Gift Shop

1. Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
2. Kean's (tie)
2. The Screamatorium (tie)

Grocery Store

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Westlund's Apple Market
3. Foods For Living

Hardware Store

1. Vet's Ace Hardware

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3. Menards

Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store

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2. (Oades) Big Ten Party Store West
3. Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop

Metaphysical Store

1. Beyond A Dream LLC
2. Keys To Manifestation (tie)
2. Triple Goddess Bookstore (tie)

Musical Instrument Store

1. Elderly Instruments
2. Marshall Music Co.
3. Music Instrument Swap

New Business

1. Odd Mama's Plants
2. Hooked
3. Grave Danger

Organic/Natural Market

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Clean Refillery
3. Foods For Living

Outdoor/Camping Store

1. Sportsman's Warehouse
2. Moosejaw
3. Horrocks Farm Market

Pet Store

1. Preuss Pets
2. Soldan's Pet Supplies
3. Pet Supplies Plus Okemos

Place to Buy Mums

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
3. River City Farms

Quality Dairy

1. Holt
2. East Michigan Avenue
3. East Lake Lansing

Record/CD Store

1. Flat Black & Circular
2. The Record Lounge

Secondhand Shop

1. Vintage Junkies
2. Volunteers of America
3. Thrift Witch

Sex Shop

1. Cirilla's
2. Lion's Den

Thrift Store

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2. Thrift Witch

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Tire Store

1. Discount Tire
2. Tasmanian Tire Co.
3. Belle Tire

Used Car Dealership

1. Ralph McCain Auto Sales

Vape Shop

1. Level Up Smoke Shop
2. Wild Bill's Tobacco

Video Game Store

1. Disc Traders Lansing
2. The Swap Meet

Wine Shop

1. Horrocks Farm Market
2. Dusty's Wine Bar

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- 3. Vine & Brew (tie)
- 3. Voyages Wine Shop (tie)

WHATEVER

Business with a Pet

- 1. Clean Refillery - Winnie the dog
- 2. Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books - Morrison and Hendrix (cats)
- 3. Polka Dots Boutique - Sola the shop dog

Casino

- 1. FireKeepers Casino Hotel
- 2. Gun Lake Casino
- 3. MGM Grand Detroit

Category We Didn't Think of

- 1. Pet Rescue
 - 2. Local Author
 - 3. Best Parking Lot
- ### Cleanest Public Restroom
- 1. Flour Child Bakery
 - 2. BAD Brewing Co.
 - 3. Lansing Brewing Co. (tie)
 - 3. PIAZZANO'S (tie)

Day Trip

- 1. Old Town

- 2. Lake Michigan
 - 3. REO Town
- ### Eye Candy Building
- 1. Michigan State Capitol
 - 2. Knapp's Centre
 - 3. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum
- ### Facebook Group
- 1. Lansing Facts
 - 2. Not Your Mother's Networking Group
 - 3. 517 Living Community Greater Lansing Area, MI Hub
- ### High School
- 1. Grand Ledge High School
 - 2. East Lansing High School
 - 3. J.W. Sexton High School
- ### Historical Place
- 1. Michigan History Center
 - 2. R.E. Olds Transportation Museum
 - 3. Michigan State Capitol
- ### In Memoriam: Businesses Lost
- 1. DeLuca's Restaurant
 - 2. Mac's Bar
 - 3. Huapei Restaurant - Cedar/Mt Hope
- ### Instagram
- 1. Constellation Cat Cafe

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **East Lansing Public Library**, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Laura Dunlap for the property at 1035 Chesterfield Parkway to add siding to the east side of the house.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Brett Mahaffey for the property at 45 University Drive to replace 5 windows.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Mark Hagerty for the property at 349 University Drive to install solar panels on the garage and house.

For more information on the request please contact Darcy Schmitt at (517) 319-6941 or dschmitt@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com.

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- 2. Lansing Facts
- 3. Curvaceous Lingerie

Local Art Festival

- 1. East Lansing Art Festival
- 2. A Festival of Oddities
- 3. Old Town ScrapFest

Local Event/Festival

- 1. A Festival of Oddities
- 2. Michigan BluesFest
- 3. East Lansing Art Festival

Outdoor Adventure

- 1. Dimondale Canoe and Kayak (tie)
- 1. Lansing River Trail (tie)
- 2. Fenner Nature Center

Place to Work

- 1. Constellation Cat Cafe
- 2. Michigan State University
- 3. The People's Kitchen

Podcast

- 1. So Dead
- 2. Adventures in Business
- 3. Believe: A Conversation Between Friends

Science Event

- 1. MSU Science Festival
- 2. Astronomy on Tap
- 3. Girls' Math and Science Day with MSU/GWIS

Twitter

- 1. Lansing Facts (@LansingMIFacts)
- 2. Mitch on the Web (@howintensive)
- 3. Mr Taco Watcher (@TacoWatcher)

Urban Farm

- 1. Magnolia Farms
- 2. Where the Wild Things Bloom

WiFi Spot

- 1. Strange Matter Coffee
- 2. Hooked
- 3. Meat BBQ

Worst Eyesore

- 1. Trump House at State Road and Elmira Street
- 2. Metro Bowl on MLK
- 3. L.A. Insurance

Worst Pothole

- 1. All of Frandor
- 2. Railroad crossing on Harrison
- 3. Corner of Jolly Road & Pennsylvania Avenue



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2022 Top of the Town Contest Winner

A scary good time

True crime buff tops the podcast and bookstore categories

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Society's obsession with true crime continues to pay off for Jenn Carpenter, founder and proprietor of Deadtime Stories in REO Town and the originator of the "So Dead" podcast. Carpenter's bookstore and podcast were the top vote-getters for the annual Top of the Town contest's Best Local Bookstore and Best Local Podcast categories by City Pulse readers.

City Pulse caught up with Carpenter, waylaid in Florida, as an unusual November hurricane struck the state.

She seemed nonplussed by the raging winds and rising waters, which canceled her original flight out of Orlando.

"I am a planner, I've rebooked the flight, and I'm ready to go," she said.

Carpenter opened the first iteration of her popular bookstore as a pop-up in Old Town in fall 2020 inside Thrift Witch with the idea of selling true crime, horror, paranormal and ghost stories. The store was a success, so in March 2021 she opened her first storefront in REO Town. Shortly after, she opened an adjoining storefront for the gift shop Screamatorium selling ghastly and fun products.

Growing up, Carpenter said she has always been attracted to horror novels and true crime. Screamatorium is a homage to her favorite scary movie, "Scream."

Carpenter's foray into entrepreneurship began in 2016 when she founded "Demented Mitten Tours," where she retold stories of hauntings and murders in Michigan. Carpenter also managed to write two books,

"Haunted Lansing" and "The Cereal Killer Chronicles of Battle Creek," which are staples for her.

Carpenter also launched the podcast "So Dead," featuring episodes mostly about true crime and paranormal activities in Michigan. One podcast about the murder of a Lansing native led to an appearance on ABC's "20/20," which featured the tale of a fatal attraction.

Podcasting seems to come naturally for Carpenter, who said she "always liked to tell stories."

Along the way, Carpenter began experimenting with social media sites like TikTok to help promote her businesses.

"I would spend hours editing and rewriting my TikTok posts," she said. The seconds-long posts performed well, sending her ratings skyrocketing.

"I did this simple, five-second post on the product we sell at the store called Booking Photos, which show the police photos or mugshots taken at the time of arrest of famous people like Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and Kurt Cobain. It blew up, and I had more than 500,000 views," Carpenter said.

"TikTok was a game-changer for me," she said. "For a small business with no advertising budget, TikTok makes a huge difference."

Carpenter has also used her bookstore and podcast platform to launch a creepy festival, "A Festival of Oddities." It takes place in Charlotte on the grounds of the Eaton County Courthouse, which is claimed to be haun-



Courtesy photo

Jenn Carpenter, founder and proprietor of Deadtime Stories in REO Town and the originator of the "So Dead" podcast.

ed. Hampered by COVID-19 at first, the festival blew up in 2022 when a crush of 15,000 true crime, horror and paranormal buffs showed up for the one-day event.

Carpenter said A Festival of Oddities has been expanded to two days on the first weekend next September and has pushed its way into some downtown venues due to its success. Carpenter said her podcast's success has resulted in numerous listener tips. "I have enough material for five years of podcasts," she said.

Carpenter said she pours through old newspapers looking for unusual

ideas.

"After all, true crime stories were always there, and the local historical stuff makes it real," she said.

Carpenter is working on expanding a true crime story she discovered in Lansing, which she is calling "The Fruit Wars." Without giving away too many details, the Fruit Wars was a full-out battle between fruit vendors in Lansing that involved the mob, bombings and mayhem.

Carpenter said her bookstore and gift shop has become a destination for visitors to Lansing and fits perfectly into the vibe of REO Town.

As you enter the store, you are jolted somewhat when you glance down and see a bloody leg, covered mostly in books, sticking out of a bathtub. There to greet you are the store's resident rescue kittens, Morrison and Hendricks. Be sure to ask how they got their names. It's not what you think.

Schuler Books in Meridian Mall was selected for the second place slot in the best local bookstore category. Runner-up was Hooked, which opened this year on Michigan Avenue near Frandor as a wine bar, coffee shop and bookstore.

Note: In the local podcast category, "Adventures in Business" is second and the runner-up is "Believe: A Conversation Between Friends."

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Lawrence

By GABRIELLE LAWRENCE

First things first (completely unrelated to food but absolutely related to the fabric of our community): J.W. Sexton High School is the best. What other high school in Greater Lansing has produced two illustrious City Pulse restaurant

reviewers? I am an ever-proud and loyal Sexton graduate.

But on to the food. Although I love baking, I also love purchasing bakery treats for my family and co-workers, and every time I go to court in Eaton County, I detour to Flour Child Bakery. Its selection is like nothing I've ever seen. Flavors and types of goodies are constantly rotating, and I love the holiday menus they post for pre-orders on their Facebook page. The chocolate chunk cookies are a perfect gateway if you haven't yet experienced Flour Child.

Last week, an out-of-town relative asked me for an Italian restaurant recommendation. I directed him, as Top of the Town results

would suggest, to Cugino's and alternatively to Bravo! Bravo! is a chain and isn't ever going to win an award for innovation, but I have never had a bad meal there. However, Cugino's is the quintessential, small-town Italian restaurant — huge portions, vast quantities of melted cheese and saucy bowls of noodles. I lament the loss of Tannin, a more gastronomically inclined restaurant, and hold out hope that it will reopen someday.

The award for best pancakes is appropriately given to The People's Kitchen. Having never loved pancakes before, or really given them a second glance, I think about PK's pancakes constantly. Mr. She Ate and I have long been under the impression that PK has quietly become the best restaurant in town. It seems to have developed consistency and one of the most unique but approachable menus I've seen.

I love a hearty salad and frequently find myself wracking my brain to come up with a restaurant salad that has dark leafy greens, good protein, fresh ingredients and good dressing. Mr. She Ate and I both love the steak cobb salad from Jimmy's Pub, and this dish absolutely deserves to place

in the TOTT competition. Another strong contender is the green goddess chicken cobb from Reno's East, and if you had told me in recent history that I would have recommended food from Reno's East, I would have guffawed.

Certain categories left me with questions. I believe the best ranch dressing in town, by far, comes from Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe. Paired with a club sandwich and sweet potato fries, it is my favorite indulgent lunch anywhere downtown.

While I agree that the pizza from Klavon's is incredible, Art's Pub ranks high on my list as well. I prefer my Art's pizza to be thin crust, and I love the So Fresh So Clean variety with regular dairy cheese, not vegan cheese.

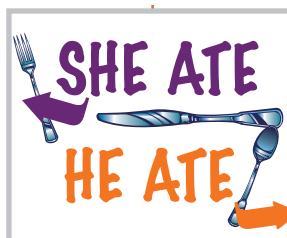
Speaking of vegan and vegetarian options, Altu's is also at the top of my list. Mr. She Ate and I have visited many other Ethiopian restaurants on our travels, and Altu's consistently outperforms. I am also a huge fan of Picnic A Food Truck as a vegetarian choice; its vegan cheese platters are to die for.

Goodfellas has been a welcome addition to our mediocre bagel scene, and I'm surprised it hasn't had a better showing in TOTT. The bagel sandwiches are fresh, tasty and hearty, and I have enjoyed all of the varieties I have tried.

My favorite Mexican chain is Acapulco — especially the Frandor location. If you can make your way through the insane traffic pattern, you deserve a taco.

Taking a bite of the competition

What voters got right, what they got wrong and what we suggest instead



By BRYAN BEVERLY

With so much attention given to the elections, this month's focus on our cultural electorate, Top of the Town, required me to think deeply about the issues and flavors before endorsing any of the public's decisions. After much delicious deliberation, I humbly offer my reflections on the ballot:



Beverly

Landslides

TOTT's brunch category is spot-on with The People's Kitchen winning over runners-up Soup Spoon Café and Good Truckin' Diner. With apologies to Beggar's, a favorite for years, this TOTT group has captured the culinary constituency by pushing boundaries on their menus and making many ingredients in-house. The People's Kitchen's RGF Pancakes (\$13) live up to their name (check the menu to fill in the acronym) with an over-the-top butter syrup and charred

lemon. PK's house-smoked bacon or sausage (\$5 each) are both amazing, but don't sleep on the chicken and biscuit with jalapeño jelly and honey butter (\$15). Soup Spoon is obviously known for chowders and bisques, but its brunch menu is equally appealing. The Smoked Salmon Bennie (\$10.99) and the Chesapeake Bennie (\$10.99) champion quality seafood on a breakfast platform — the former with house-smoked salmon and chipotle drizzle, and the latter with a Maryland crab cake, avocado salsa and ancho hollandaise. Cou-

ple either with the house-made rosemary sausage (\$3.99) or asiago biscuit and gravy (\$4.99) and brunchtime quickly becomes naptime. Good Truckin' Diner's menu makes a strong case for your vote with the Music City Hangover (\$10): Nashville-style chicken and eggs on a biscuit, smothered in sausage gravy. GTD's Garden Slayer (\$10), a healthy-ish omelet packed with veggies, roasted red pepper aioli and jalapeño cream cheese, is also a strong candidate in the field.

November surprise

Every year, TOTT has some perennial favorites that score victories, but sometimes, we get a candidate that takes home the top prize despite what the pollsters think. Such is the case with Cask & Co. Kitchen & Bar's taking home first prize for its pho (\$15). This dish of rich and umami broth comes to the table piping hot with a variety of running mates — cilantro, bean sprouts, rice noodles and basil — and is served with a choice of chicken, beef brisket or shrimp. The overall menu is a bipartisan affair where sushi, edamame and pad Thai can be found alongside many new American favorites. Some frustrated voters may foster a fondness for the pho at Asia's Finest (\$10.75), Nola Bistro (\$11.99) or even Food Network's favorite, Capital City BBQ (\$20), but the voters have spoken.

Stop the steal

Speaking of Asian cuisine and TOTT, the fact that Thai Village isn't among the top three winners in area Thai restaurants seems worthy of a recount. Granted, the dine-in experience post-COVID hasn't been up to par recently, but I promise you the takeout is still top of the ticket. Exit polls favored the peanut curry with meat, veggies and, and Thai basil (\$13) and the sweet and spicy chicken (\$13). Be mindful, the heat choice starts at mild, but that already means hot. Many Thai Village dishes could stand up against their competition in a runoff.

Best bite

Zaytoon was recognized as best for Mediterranean (correct) and Greek (not so much) cuisine. A self-professed Middle Eastern restaurant, the style of food has many parallels across international boundaries. I nominate the lamb chops (\$24.99) as TOTT's best bite. Grilled to perfection and featuring just the right combination of garlic and herb notes, my personal caucus is ever grateful that this menu item isn't subject to term limits.



Courtesy photo

Good Truckin' Diner.



Courtesy photo

The People's Kitchen pancakes.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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

Wednesday, Nov. 16

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

An Evening with Craig Kiner of Zaha Hadid Architects - Have you ever wondered why the MSU Broad Art Museum looks the way it does? Registration req. 6-8 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Beginning Ukulele for the Family - Share the "aloha spirit" in this five-week series of classes, taught by Michigan's Ukulele Ambassador Ben Hassenger. Registration req. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Campus Band & Concert Band - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Cupcake Decorating - Try your hand at decorating the perfect cupcake! All materials provided; we only need decorators! 5-6 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradi.org.

David Roth at The Robin Theater - Singer, songwriter, and recording artist who has taken his songs, experience, and expertise to a wide variety of venues. 7:30-10 p.m. 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Diabetes Support Group - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. 517-321-4014.

Emergency Services - 6-8 p.m. Fire Hall, Laingsburg.

Homeschool Day: Art Fieldtrip! - Connect with other homeschoolers at this day of making, looking, and learning designed just for you and your family! 1-4 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

La Finta Giardiniera by Mozart - A tangled but charming and comedic tale of love lost and found again. 7 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 517-355-1855. music.msu.edu.

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

Men's Tennis at ITF - Men's Tennis at ITA M15 in East Lansing.

Movie Night at Charlotte Community Library - "Planes, Trains & Automobiles." 5:30-6:30 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

MSU Theater Presents: For the Love Of, or The Roller Derby Play - 7:30-9:30 p.m. Arena Theater, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing, MI 48824, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

New Art Exhibit Showcases Powerful Array of Artistic Techniques and Images - "Dreaming Between the Lines," a new exhibit by Williamston-based artist Bobbi Kilty. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

Precision Medicine and Distributive Justice: Wicked Problems for Democratic Deliberation - Join us for this webinar presented as part of the 2022-2023 Bioethics Public Seminar Series from the Center for Bioethics and Social Justice. 1:30-2:30 p.m. events.msu.edu.

Waning Moon Ritual of Release - On this night, with the Sun in Scorpio and the waning Moon in Leo, we will practice our divination skills to find something that needs to be let go, and then we will let it go together. 6-8 p.m. 809 Center St., Suite 7A, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Thursday, Nov. 17

"A Course in Miracles," a group discussion with Carol and Dan Maynard - 7-8:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Absolute Music Chamber Series Presents Cercis Quartet - Christopher Alley, viola; Kevin Flynn, cello; Nathaniel Shapiro, violin; Sun Huh, violin; Jessie Montgomery; "Strum" L.V. Doors at 5 p.m., Show at 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Old Town, Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Chipmunk Story Time - Story time comes alive at the Harris Nature Center as children interact with puppets Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends. 10-11 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866.

Gratitude Jars - Practice gratitude this holiday season by making a gratitude jar at the library! No library card is needed. Registration req. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradi.org.

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Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:20 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiessilverblades.org.

Laingsburg Library Board Meeting - 7-8 p.m. 255 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

Group Dance Classes - Beginning West Coast Swing - 7-7:50 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. sparrow.org.

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Stitch 'n Bitch - Come hang out with some fellow stitching witches! Open all evening, free of charge, just come in for a spell. 5-8 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing.

Silver Bells in the City 2022

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18
Downtown Lansing

A beloved tradition dating back to 1984, this year's annual Silver Bells in the City will include a shopping village, the 25th annual Electric Light Parade, the lighting of the official state Christmas tree, a Firefly drone light show, a performance from recent "American Idol" contestant Jacob Moran and the highly anticipated return of the fireworks display over the Capitol.

Additional attractions across the downtown Lansing area will include performances by saxophonist Steven Thomas at the CATA Transportation Center and the Glen Erin Pipe Band at City Hall; a holiday art exhibition, caricature artist and "take and make" art activity at the Lansing Art Gallery; photo opportunities with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their reindeer at Lansing Center's Riverfront Plaza and the Kringle Holiday Market at Reutter Park.

The following morning, there will be a 5K race in downtown Lansing with an accompanying costume contest.



517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Friday, Nov. 18

Alternative Holiday Sale - Meet and shop with others in the peace and justice community while supporting small personal businesses, nonprofit groups, and fair-trade cooperatives. 5-9 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. peacecenter.org.

Disability Ecologies: The Art of Living on a Disabled Planet - Dive deeper into the issues surrounding water scarcity as depicted in the exhibition "LaToya Ruby Frazier: Flint Is Family In Three Acts." Event will take place on Zoom. Registration req. 12 p.m. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-5073. thepeopleschurch.com.

TGIF Dinner & Dance - 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com/calendar.

Windborne, Alternative Holiday Sale Concert - 6:30 p.m. doors, 7:30 p.m. show. Edgewood United Church, 469 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. peacecenter.org.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Silver Bells in the City - Gather with family and friends for the beloved Electric Light Parade, lighting of the state Christmas tree, Firefly drone light show, fireworks and more. 5-9 p.m. Michigan State Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. silverbellsinthecity.org.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Alternative Holiday Sale - Meet and shop with others in the peace and justice community while supporting small personal businesses, nonprofit groups, and fair-trade cooperatives. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Edgewood United Church, 469 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. peacecenter.org.

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

Contra and Square Dance - All dances taught - no partner needed. Come at 6:30 for a quick

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Live & Local CityPULSE

The Exchange

314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

The New Rule

Fri., Nov. 18, 9:30 p.m.

Cloudhoppers

Sat., Nov. 19, 9:30 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids

Jamison Livingston and friends

Fri., Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Jake VanRavenswaay

Sat., Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Reno's North

16460 Old U.S. 27, Lansing

The New Rule

Fri., Nov. 18 and Sat., Nov. 19, 6 p.m.

Lansing Brewing Co.

518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing

Shelby & Jake

Fri., Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Elissa Issa

Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m.

Robin Theatre

1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

David Roth (Presented by Ten Pound Fiddle)

Wed., Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Monte Pride & Kaysen Chown

Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m.

The Avenue

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Trivia Thursday

Thur., Nov. 17, Sign-up 8:30 p.m.

Friday Karaoke!

Fri., Nov. 18, 9 p.m.

PUNKS VS POKES 2022: Flatfoot, Foxgrave,

The Wild Honey Collective

Sat., Nov. 19, 9 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing

Darin Lerner Jr.

Fri., Nov. 18, 8 p.m.

One North Kitchen & Bar

5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing

Darin Lerner Jr.

Sat., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewood United Church

469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing

Alternative Sale Holiday Concert – Windborne

Fri., Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Horrocks Farm Market

7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing

The Stick Arouns

Sat., Nov. 19, 5 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner Road, Lansing

Absolute Music Chamber Series Presents Cercis Quartet

Thurs., Nov 17, 7 p.m.

Elden Kelly: Solo Guitar Journeys

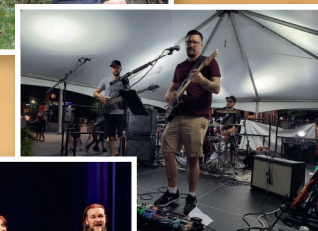
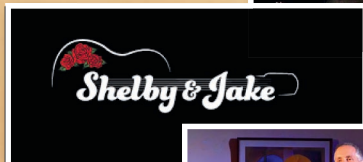
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DJ John Beltran

Fri., Nov. 18, 9 p.m.

Orquestra Ritmo Project

Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m.



TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

Q&A: MIKEYYAUSTIN TAKES THE BEST HIP-HOP ARTIST CROWN



Photos by Zach Oshinsky (left) and Steven Glynn

MikeyyAustin, who won second place in the Hip-Hop category in 2021, landed in first this year. Ozay Moore, who placed first last year, took second this year. Sway Boi is 2022's runner-up.

Local emcee has a new LP and much more in the works

This year's top-spot winner in the Hip-Hop Artist category is Michael Austin, better known in the Lansing music scene as MikeyyAustin.

Known for his soulful hip-hop tracks powered by live instrumentation, Austin, 26, is a diverse emcee, bandleader and so much more. Austin works full time at the Early Childhood Investment Corp. as an equity and leadership consultant. He co-hosts 517 Juneteenth Festival and serves on REO Town's board of directors and All of the Above's Event Planning Committee. Plus, he runs Ourspace (517), a new arts organization, while juggling being a full-time student. Whew! Here's what the busy entrepreneur and artist had to say about his past, present and bright future.

Your last LP was "Greenhouse" back in 2020. What's the story behind it?

MikeyyAustin: "Greenhouse" was my COVID baby. As we were all locked at home, and many people took up plant care, I was no exception. My new-found love for plants met my love for music in the release of a mellow, lo-fi and soul hip-hop album — written, recorded and engineered from the comfort of my room.

Since its release, I've been in creation, discovery and building mode. I am creating new bodies of work, discovering new sounds in my toolbox of artistry and building new platforms and opportunities for myself and other local and regional artists. I am also gearing up to release my first R&B joint EP in January 2023.

I'm finalizing my full-length album, "The Sunrise Album." It's set to release on Earth Day. This project is produced

fully by TheyCallMeHeat (DeMarnio Stanley) and Jurell Barnes. I recorded the majority of it while living in Puerto Rico from January of this year to May. I am so excited to release an album that sounds like a piece of the sun.

At what age did you start performing music?

I grew up as a church musician, playing piano and guitar and singing in the choir. As a young child, maybe 5 or 6, I was rapping with my brother as "Dem Austin Boys." My mom would write our raps, and we'd perform at church events, holiday services and youth activities. She still has the tapes somewhere if you ask her (laughs).

Ultimately, those influences never leave. All creation mirrors inspiration, so when people hear my music, they often note its "soulful sound." A lot of those sounds, beat selections, chords and live instrumentation come from my experience in church.

What about your high school influences?

In high school, I heard a song that changed my life forever. "Mellow My Man," by The Roots, was the first time I heard live instrumentation, soul and jazz meet boom-bap. I fell in love. My goal from there was to create a soulful experience and implement live music whenever I could. Fast forward to today, and I'm the bandleader of the Soulcial Club.

I've always had the live instrumentation element, but since 2019, I'd say I really found my voice as an artist.

For more information, visit mikeyyaustinmusic.com.





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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"If I Only Had a Grain"--
enough for a meal.
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ACROSS

- 1. Dashboard button letters
- 5. Anthems, e.g.
- 10. Carbonated drink
- 14. Missile shelter
- 15. In the least bit
- 16. Singer Tori
- 17. Stumble over the jacket holder?
- 20. Time of history
- 21. To the ___ degree
- 22. Planet seventh nearest to the sun
- 23. Jake of CNN
- 25. Friedlander of "30 Rock"
- 27. Mauna ___
- 28. "Likewise for me"
- 30. Kind of triangular sail
- 33. Regatta completely taking place on a watch surface?
- 37. "SNL" rival until 2009
- 39. Noah's craft
- 40. Gulf of Aden country
- 41. How to tell which hive dwellers are evil twins?
- 44. Title for knighthood (but only for British citizens)
- 45. Actress Lotte who was married to Kurt Weill
- 46. Beirut's country (abbr.)
- 48. Guy who's the putative Mayor of Flavortown
- 50. Hand down
- 53. Halifax, Nova ___
- 56. Kennel sound
- 57. ___ Lanka
- 58. Place to call for gas pain tips?
- 62. "Garfield" canine

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- 63. "Bone" prefix
 - 64. "Why not ___?"
 - 65. Repose
 - 66. Stopwatch button
 - 67. Little irritator
- DOWN**
- 1. Piece of property
 - 2. Kind of heart valve
 - 3. It's used to prevent bites on Spot
 - 4. Bucket complement
 - 5. Repeated words
 - 6. "Spiral Jetty" state
 - 7. Enclosure sometimes seen by Dr. Pimple Popper
 - 8. U.N. agency promoting social justice
 - 9. Model Schiffer
 - 10. Paulson of "American Horror Story"
 - 11. Persian Gulf nation
 - 12. Prefix for drama
 - 13. Puts a question to
 - 18. Scrabble value of each of the letters in this answer
 - 19. "La la" preceder
 - 24. Medicare add-on section
 - 25. Deliberate thrower of a match, in wrestling slang
 - 26. Hesitant agreement
 - 29. Person putting on a play
 - 30. Chance to hang out and play
 - 31. Coffee cooler, maybe
 - 32. "Paddington" actor Whishaw
 - 34. Ending with rest or fest
 - 35. Grammy-nominated gospel singer Tribbett
 - 36. Facebook's answer to TikTok
 - 37. Alps or Rockies, briefly
 - 38. Bigeye tuna
 - 42. "The Good Place" main character
 - 43. Plant's downward growth
 - 47. Words before "Be Wild" and "Run"
 - 48. City on the N.J. side of the George Washington Bridge
 - 49. Half of VI
 - 51. He coached Rudy in "Rudy"
 - 52. Dusk follower
 - 53. Kick, so to speak?
 - 54. Ballet finale
 - 55. Cole Porter's "Miss ___ Regrets"
 - 56. "As they shouted out with ___"
 - 59. Taiwan suffix
 - 60. "Dynamite" K-pop group
 - 61. "American Dad!" airer

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

November 16-22, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19): One of your callings as an Aries is to take risks. You're inclined to take more leaps of faith than other people, and you're also more likely to navigate them to your advantage—or at least not get burned. A key reason for your success is your keen intuition about which gambles are relatively smart and which are ill-advised. But even when your chancy ventures bring you exciting new experiences, they may still run you afoul of conventional wisdom, peer pressure, and the way things have always been done. Everything I have described here will be in maximum play for you in the coming weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your keynote comes from teacher Caroline Myss. She writes, "Becoming adept at the process of self-inquiry and symbolic insight is a vital spiritual task that leads to the growth of faith in oneself." Encouraging you to grow your faith in yourself will be one of my prime intentions in the next 12 months. Let's get started! How can you become more adept at self-inquiry and symbolic insight? One idea is to ask yourself a probing new question every Sunday morning, like "What teachings and healings do I most want to attract into my life during the next seven days?" Spend the subsequent week gathering experiences and revelations that will address that query. Another idea is to remember and study your dreams, since doing so is the number one way to develop symbolic insight. For help, I recommend the work of Gayle Delaney: tinyurl.com/InterviewYourDreams

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The TV science fiction show "Legends of Tomorrow" features a ragtag team of imperfect but effective superheroes. They travel through time trying to fix aberrations in the timelines caused by various villains. As they experiment and improvise, sometimes resorting to wildly daring gambits, their successes outnumber their stumbles and bumbles. And on occasion, even their apparent mistakes lead to good fortune that unfolds in unexpected ways. One member of the team, Nate, observes, "Sometimes we screw up—for the better." I foresee you Geminis as having a similar modus operandi in the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I like how Cancerian poet Stephen Dunn begins his poem, "Before We Leave." He writes, "Just so it's clear—no whining on the journey." I am offering this greeting to you and me, my fellow Cancerians, as we launch the next chapter of our story. In the early stages, our efforts may feel like drudgery, and our progress could seem slow. But as long as we don't complain excessively and don't blame others for our own limitations, our labors will become easier and quite productive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Leo poet Kim Addonizio writes a lot about love and sex. In her book "Wild Nights", she says, "I'm thinking of dating trees next. We could just stand around all night together. I'd murmur, they'd rustle, the wind would, like, do its wind thing." Now might be a favorable time for you, too, to experiment with evergreen romance and arborsexuality and trysts with your favorite plants. When was the last time you hugged an oak or kissed an elm? JUST KIDDING! The coming weeks will indeed be an excellent time to try creative innovations in your approach to intimacy and adoration. But I'd rather see your experiments in togetherness unfold with humans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In her book "Daughters of the Stone", Virgo novelist Dahlia Llanos-Figueroa tells the tale of five generations of Afro-Cuban women, her ancestors. "These are the stories of a time lost to flesh and bone," she writes, "a time that lives only in dreams and memories. Like a primeval wave, these stories have carried me, and deposited me on the morning of today. They are the stories of how I came to be who I am, where I am." I'd love to see you explore your own history with as much passion and focus, Virgo. In my astrological opinion, it's a favorable time for

you to commune with the influences that have made you who you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In accordance with astrological omens, here's my advice for you in the coming weeks: 1. Know what it takes to please everyone, even if you don't always choose to please everyone. 2. Know how to be what everyone wants you to be and when they need you to be it, even if you only fulfill that wish when it has selfish value for you. 3. DO NOT give others all you have and thereby neglect to keep enough to give yourself. 4. When others are being closed-minded, help them develop more expansive finesse by sharing your own reasonable views. 5. Start thinking about how, in 2023, you will grow your roots as big and strong as your branches.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Even if some people are nervous or intimidated around you, they may be drawn to you nonetheless. When that happens, you probably enjoy the power you feel. But I wonder what would happen if you made a conscious effort to cut back just a bit on the daunting vibes you emanate. I'm not saying they're bad. I understand they serve as a protective measure, and I appreciate the fact that they may help you get the cooperation you want. As an experiment, though, I invite you to be more reassuring and welcoming to those who might be inclined to fear you. See if it alters their behavior in ways you enjoy and benefit from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian rapper and entrepreneur Jay-Z has stellar advice for his fellow Sagittarians to contemplate regularly: "Ain't nothin' wrong with the aim; just gotta change the target." In offering Jay-Z's advice, I don't mean to suggest that you "always" need to change the target you're aiming at. On many occasions, it's exactly right. But the act of checking in to evaluate whether it is or isn't the right target will usually be valuable. And on occasion, you may realize that you should indeed aim at a different target.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You now have extra power to exorcise ghosts and demons that are still lingering from the old days and old ways. You are able to transform the way your history affects you. You have a sixth sense about how to graduate from lessons you have been studying for a long time. In honor of this joyfully tumultuous opportunity, draw inspiration from poet Charles Wright: "Knot by knot I untie myself from the past / And let it rise away from me like a balloon. / What a small thing it becomes. / What a bright tweak at the vanishing point, blue on blue."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In accordance with current astrological rhythms, I am handing over your horoscope to essayist Anne Fadiman. She writes, "I have always felt that the action most worth watching is not at the center of things, but where edges meet. I like shorelines, weather fronts, international borders. There are interesting frictions and incongruities in these places, and often, if you stand at the point of tangency, you can see both sides better than if you were in the middle of either one."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Over the course of my life, I have been fortunate to work with 13 psychotherapists. They have helped keep my mental health flourishing. One of them regularly reminded me that if I hoped to get what I wanted, I had to know precisely what I wanted. Once a year, she would give me a giant piece of thick paper and felt-tip markers. "Draw your personal vision of paradise," she instructed me. "Outline the contours of the welcoming paradise that would make your life eminently delightful and worthwhile." She would also ask me to finish the sentence that begins with these words: "I am mobilizing all the energy and ingenuity and connections I have at my disposal so as to accomplish the following goal." In my astrological opinion, Pisces, now is a perfect time to do these two exercises yourself.

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.



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Events

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workshop on easy contra dance moves. Vax card and mask req. 7 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. 517-614-5858.

DIY Holiday Gift Workshop - Put together different crafts you can use as a holiday gift! Registration req. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Charlotte Community Library Spartan Room, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte.

Ellisa Issa - Full band show on the patio, weather permitted. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing.

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

Holiday Wreath Decorating workshop - Reverman Farms provides a wreath of fresh fraser fir greens for you to decorate. Ages 16+, registration req. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Lansing City VS BIH Grand rapids - Second round robin game of the Futsal Champions Series. 6:30 p.m. Lansing City Arena, 904 Elmwood Road, Lansing.

Michigan State Spartans Football vs. Indiana Hoosiers Football - Spartan Stadium, One Birch Road, East Lansing.

Monte Pride & Kaysen Chown - A favorite Michigan-based singer-songwriter and finger-style guitarist, Pride pens original songs that recall 60s/70s folk greats. Accompanied by Kaysen Chown (violin/synth). 7:30 p.m. doors, 8 p.m. show. The Robin, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing.

MSU Theater Presents: "For the Love Of, or The Roller Derby Play" - 2-4 p.m. Arena Theater, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

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

Orquesta Ritmo Project - 8 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing.

The Stick Arounds - 5 p.m. Horrocks Farm Market, 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Sunday, Nov. 20

Auditions for "Begets: Fall of a High School Ronin" by Qui Nguyen - Roles are available for all ages. Auditioners will take part in cold reads from the script. 2 p.m. Capital Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Books of Spirit with Marty Chamberlain - 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing.

Cap City Mixer - Meet other business owners, creatives and like-minded people who love the city. 6 p.m. 1122 W. Holmes Road, Lansing.

Curator Tour - Join Assistant Curator Rachel Winter for a special walkthrough of the exhibition "Zaha Hadid Design: Untold." 1 p.m. 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Drum Circle with Greater Lansing Area Drummers (GLAD) - 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7A, Lansing.

La Finta Giardiniera by Mozart - A tangled but

charming and comedic tale of love lost and found again. 3 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 517-355-1855. music.msu.edu.

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Screen Print Sundays - Visit the museum between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to pull a birthday screen print. With a new design each month, we hope you'll collect them all! Registration req. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Woldumar Folk & Bluegrass Jam & Performances - November features Powder Mill Ramblers, Cedar Creek Bluegrass and Rohs, Scales, and Gould. 2 p.m. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing.

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Monday, Nov. 21

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

Fiber Circle at Charlotte Community Library - Social gathering for knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels. 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte.

Meaningful Mondays - Nourish our spiritual selves as we send out love and prayers to the world. 8 p.m. Self Realization Meditation Healing Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath.

"Mirari, the Way of the Marys" with Lucille Olson - Group discussion of the ideas of the book. 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing.

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Tween & Teen Book Club - Hang out with friends, chat about this month's book, have a snack, and do a book-related craft or activity. For fifth-graders and up. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladl.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Board Game Meet Up - Ages 18 and up. 6:30-10:30 p.m. Spare Time Bowling Alley, 3101 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

Free Tutoring for Youth 12-18 - Registration not necessary but preferred. Lansing Mall, 5330 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing.

One More Chapter Book Club - A book club for families with students in grades two through four. Registration req. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

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

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

Story Hour at Charlotte Community Library - Adults drop off their preschool-aged children and stay in the library while the kids enjoy stories, songs, play and craft time. Registration req. 10 a.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org

Symphony Orchestra: Monuments and Reformation - Featuring trombonist Ava Ordman, this

Alternative Holiday Sale

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

Edgewood United Church, 469 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing

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The Peace Education Center will host its annual Alternative Holiday Sale this weekend, giving the Greater Lansing community "the opportunity to meet and shop with others in the peace and justice community while supporting small personal businesses, nonprofit groups and fair-trade cooperatives," according to the event website.

Alongside the market will be homemade organic snacks and meals available for purchase to fuel hungry shoppers.

Friday night, PEC is partnering with Ten Pound Fiddle once again to put on a live concert. Windborne, a vocal folk group, will be the featured performer. The group is known for its innovative arrangements and mastery of polyphonic music, as well as its lyrical focus on social activism, labor and civil rights, and other important issues.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 (\$5 for students) and can be purchased on tenpoundfiddle.org. Doors open at 6:30, and the show is at 7:30.



program includes "Gaze" by Annika Socolofsky, "Monuments for Trombone" solo and strings by MSU Alumnus Adolphus Hailstork, and "Symphony No. 5 in D Major" and "Reformation" by Felix Mendelssohn. 7:30 p.m. MSU Auditorium, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

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

Chris Glassman "Living the Dream" Album Release Show - 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing.

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

Michigan State Spartans Women's Volleyball vs. Rutgers Scarlet Knights - 6 p.m. Spartan Stadium, One Birch Road, East Lansing.

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Thursday, Nov. 24

Community Thanksgiving Meal - Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, green bean casserole and pie! 12-2 p.m. Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing. 517-253-8250. cristoreycommunity.org

Friday, Nov. 25

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

Brotha Earth - a five-piece band featuring three former touring members of the legendary Motown band, Rare Earth. 5 p.m. doors, 7:30 p.m. show. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. brownpapertickets.com

Filomena Music - 5 p.m. Horrocks Farm Market, 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing.

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TGIF Dinner & Dance - 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com/calendar.

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