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A LOT ON THE PLATE



Horrocks Farm Market Coffeehouse, located inside the Delta Township store, opened in early July.

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Last month saw several changes for the foodie scene

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The Lansing area welcomed a handful of new eateries, a new coffeehouse inside Horrocks Farm Market and a new convenience store that includes a full-service Dunkin Donuts in Delta Township in July.

Delta Township resident Nancy Hansen, who’s had success selling her signature spice and hummus at area stores, opened The Willow Where Our Roots Began, her own boutique cafe, while the Garn family launched a butcher shop in downtown Charlotte.

The Lansing area also lost two long-time restaurants with the closures of Z!Eats, formerly Zoup!, in downtown Lansing and Spagnuolo’s Restaurant, which closed after three decades in Okemos.

Here’s a closer look at what restaurants and retailers the region lost and gained in the last month.

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Spagnuolo's Restaurant in Okemos is closing after 34 years.

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Ex-LCC professor in child sex sting sentenced

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LANSING — A former faculty member at Lansing Community College has been sentenced to prison on charges stemming from an internet child sex sting.

Jonathan Tenbrink, 43, who apparently goes by the surname Ten Brink, received concurrent sentences of 3 to 20 years this week from Ingham County Circuit Judge Wanda Stokes for child sexually abusive activity and using a computer to commit a crime.

Tenbrink was faculty chair of LCC’s music program when he was charged with four counts, including child sexually abusive activity and accosting a minor for immoral purposes, following a sting operation involving Lansing police and the Eaton County Sheriff’s Office in July 2024.

He is no longer working at LCC, a spokesperson confirmed.

In a court document, police said he exchanged messages with someone he believed to be 15 years old regarding a sex act, but the person with whom he was communicating was actually a Lansing police sergeant. The meeting location was supposed to be Sycamore Park, it said.

“Officers asked Tenbrink if he drove out to meet a 15-year-old, he stated ‘I didn’t believe she was 15, but if that’s what’s in the chat, yeah,’” an LPD officer wrote in the court document. “Officers asked Tenbrink if the initial intent of the conversation was meeting up with the chatter to have sexual contact, Tenbrink stated ‘with the possibility of.’”

Tenbrink pleaded guilty in late June to one count each of child sexually abusive activity and using a computer to commit a crime with an agreement he would get a three-year minimum sentence, court records indicate.

His attorney, Edwar Zeineh, noted in a sentencing memorandum that Tenbrink had no prior criminal history, was undergoing treatment and is committed to rehabilitation.

“This was a difficult case with a difficult resolution that the court took seriously,” Zeineh said on July 30.

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Saginaw Street near downtown Lansing to partially close

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LANSING — Commuters who regularly travel east on Saginaw Street near Lansing Community College may want to spend the weekend considering alternative routes.

Monday, Aug. 4, marks the city of Lansing’s official start date for a sewer separation project that could mean a new Saginaw Street, between Larch and

Chestnut streets.

Around 9 a.m. on Aug. 4, Saginaw Street from Chestnut Street east to Grand Avenue will be reduced to one traffic lane for a two-year, \$26.35 million project that promises the installation of new sewers, water main, pavement, curbs, sidewalk ramps and other utilities.

Saginaw Street from Grand Avenue to Larch and Cedar street at the Saginaw Street intersection will also be reduced to two lanes for Board of Water & Light’s

part of the project, which includes installing new water main.

The intersections on Saginaw Street from Walnut Street to Grand Avenue may experience intermittent closures.

“We’re hoping that as many people as possible can take alternate routes just because there will be backups if they don’t,” said Andy Kilpatrick, the city’s public service director. “Our hope is to get through this as quickly as possible. A little bit of pain for a couple of months. At the end, we’ll have a whole new road

out here and we probably won’t be back here for 20 plus years.”

The Saginaw Street work is scheduled to last until Nov. 22 and will start with the closure of the northernmost lanes. City officials are proposing an alternative route of south on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, east on Malcolm X Street and north on Larch Street to return to Saginaw Street.

Next year, the city will attempt the

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