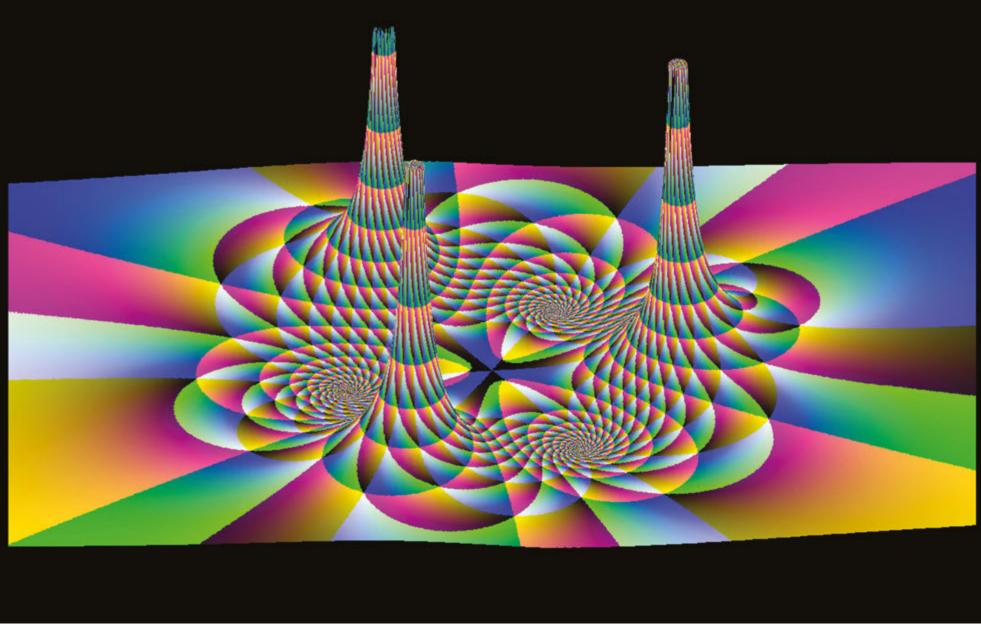
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Feedback

Lansing's besieged quality of life

Lansing used to be such a great town. I moved here from the hectic, over-developed Detroit area in the 1970's and for years, enjoyed the quieter, slower pace I found here. There were stores that had been family owned for years like the Shoprite on Trowbridge and Emil's etc. The traffic was minimal. You could bike all over the city. There were parks and nature trails. It was a great place to live, especially after growing up in the sprawling nightmare of Metropolitan Detroit.

But all that's changing. The corruption of money and development is eroding all the things that once made this a fantastic city, both for humans and wildlife. Why is the city selling off its wilderness areas and parks for more development and more apartments? Is this okay with anyone but politicians and developers? Do the people in this town really want another Detroit? Do we want or need more congested streets, more people and more noise? As far as I can see, the only people benefiting from the proliferation of more and more apartments are the developers and the politicians. They are ruining what was once, a great, peaceful, quiet little town. Know your city people! We do not want more people and more congestion! Our infrastructure is crumbling and yet, we are adding more and more and more people!!! WHY??? Why are we encouraging more people to flock here? If our population is so out-of-control that we need to keep adding more and more apartments at the expense of wilderness and green space, then maybe we have too many people! Maybe what we should be talking about is our over-population problem, not just putting up more housing. Animals and trees have rights too and we are squeezing them out. We cannot live without green spaces and nature! Where are the city's children meant to play after you've mowed down all the parks and trees? And where are the animals to live? Are the people of Lansing really okay with this?

Already we are seeing what the loss



of the Red Cedar Golf Course trees has wrought. Hundreds of birds have been displaced and the noise from the freeway has increased in nearby neighborhoods! Trees filter the air, and they keep down noise. Maybe instead of building a cement wall along the freeway to control the noise, progressive city planners should opt for more trees! This is 2016, not 1950!!! Our planet is dying and our eco-system is endangered. Where are the people charged with making healthy, smart decisions for this city? Instead of planting more trees, they are cutting them down and putting up cheap. ticky-tacky apartments that will find their way into a landfill in 50 years-time.

Is this the best we can do as a city in the year 2016? The mark of a great, progressive city is not how much tax revenue it collects or apartments it puts up or shopping places it offers. It's about the quality of life it provides to its citizens and fellow creatures. What happens to the quality of life when the city is so over-developed that we have squeezed out nature and our streets are so congested, you can't navigate them? We should strive to make our city a model for the future - with green spaces, and bike trails and natural habitats for animals. Our city fathers are 50 years behind the times and they should all be voted out of office.

-Janice Ahee **East Lansing**

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PULSE **Developments threatened**

Bias complaint may prompt Council to forego housing approvals

Half of the Lansing City Council, prompted by a federal housing discrimination complaint orchestrated by the Bernero Administration, is prepared to halt approval of all developments that include housing in the city, including the \$270 million Red Cedar Renaissance set to break ground this summer.

After the council rejected an incentive package for 23 low-income housing units near Old Town, Mayor Virg Bernero accused four Council members — At-large members Judi Brown Clarke and Carol Wood, the Third Ward's Adam Hussain and Jody Washington of the First Ward -of blocking the proposed development because of discrimination.

While the complaint to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is pending, Council members say they have must oppose any housing development incentives to avoid opening the city up to further legal liability as the federal housing complaint moves forward. Project approvals require five votes.

Developers developeconomic millions of dollars.

That includes the Red Cedar Renaissance project as well as an estimated \$15 million in downtown housing developments by Pat Gillespie.

"We'll probably wait for the water to settle a little bit," said Gillespie. "We don't want to be caught in the middle," between the mayor and Council.

Bob Trezise, president and CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), said the boycott could impact a half dozen projects that the agency has been working on.

"I have a hard time believing City Council will do this," he said. Trezise said such a move would shut down development and set the city back "a decade."

He also noted that the move could have an impact not only on development, which brings in increased property tax revenues, but on the budget by reducing income tax from those people who would possibly move into newly developed housing.

The initial review of the discrimination complaint is expected to be completed sometime this week, said Gina Rodriquez, a HUD spokeswoman in Chicago. If federal authorities determine there is evidence to pursue a formal investigation, she said it was impossible to determine how long that would take to complete.

A formal investigation can result in a referral to the U.S. Justice Department for prosecution, or clear the way for a civil lawsuit by whoever filed the original complaint.

School for the Blind site in north Lansing as a mixed low-income and market-rated housing development. Due to a public notice error, the developers did not get the generous development incentive it had expected, but they have moved forward with the project.

In broad terms, the Council's plan to halt housing approvals is part tactical, part legal.

"At this point, I don't think I can vote for any housing developments," Hussain said. "I think it opens the city up to serious liability." That sentiment was echoed by Washington and Wood. Brown Clarke declined to comment.

Those Councilmembers may be acting appropriately, says Brian Gilmore, a law professor at MSU who also heads up the school's Housing Clinic.

He said it is possible that if members voted in favor of market rate housing, opponents and federal housing officials

could point to that vote as evidence of animus.

"It raises red flags," he said.

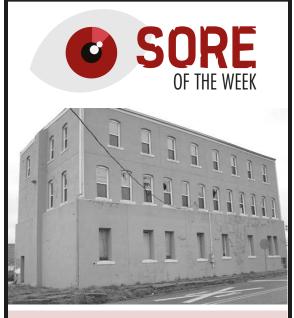
Gilmore says without reviewing the actual complaint, which federal officials have not released, it is difficult to determine if this is politics, or a legitimate legal defense strategy at play.

This is all playing out with a backdrop of increasing acrimony between the Council and the mayor, prompted by the \$160,000 plus full health benefits payout to former City Attorney Janene Mc-Intyre, who left her post earlier this year.

The Council has gotten few meaningful facts about the McIntyre affair. Some on the Council have tried to get outside legal advice as the body tried to uncover the reasons for McIntyre's departure, but interim City Attorney Joseph Abood has stood in the way. Use of outside legal counsel has to be approved by the Office of the City Attorney, and then only if the office determines it does not have the expertise to handle the legal issue at hand.

If a formal housing discrimination investigation is begun, the Council will face an immediate fight over legal representation. The same members of the Council have a difficult relationship with Abood. On top of that, Bernero has made no bones about whom he believes the city

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NEWS & OPINION

Eyesore of the Week - Revisited Property: 738 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing

This property was featured as an Eyesore in, 2009 (http://lansingcitypulse.com/article-3521-eyesore-of-the-week.html and its neglected conditions remain much the same. The broken windows noted then are now - along with the rest of the building - covered in flat black paint.

To be fair, the earlier feature also noted that the building would make an exceptional anchor for the surrounding Hosmer Neighborhood, possibly serving as a neighborhood grocery with abundant residential space above. Given support at the city and neighborhood levels, this building could be the kernel of a targeted urban revival. Such work might begin with a reconditioned storefront, ideally retaining the grotesque faces found on the north elevation.

-Daniel E. Bollman, AIA





Courtesy Image

and The \$270 million Red Cedar Renaissance Project on the site of a former golf course on Michigan Avenue is threatened by a decision by ment officials say the half of the members of the City Council not to vote on developments boycott will delay, if while they face discrimination charges that are being invested by the not kill, projects worth U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

> Bernero, for his part, accused Councilmembers of "petty political agendas" and "misguided priorities," in a statement released to City Pulse Monday. (See P. 6.) 4He made no mention of his own role in the situation.

Not only did he host the press conference in April accusing the members of discrimination, and announced a pending HUD complaint, he also was accused by Brown Clarke, the Council president, of pressuring developer Sam Sabroury to file the complaint. Brown Clark said Sabroury in a phone call told her of the mayor's involvement. Sabroury denied he had done so.

While the complaint focuses on the Sabroury project, the Council has advanced a plan for repurposing the former

Another Dem disaster Bishop's seat was vulnerable with a strong challenger

It may have been news — national news, in fact — that Melissa Gilbert was ending



her bid for Congress. But was she was ever serious, ever willing to undertake the grueling campaign, needed to unseat firstterm Republican Rep. Mike Bishop?

MICKEY HIRTEN

For all of the talk about tapping into big Hollywood money to help fund her run, the television actress, best

known as Laura Ingalls in the 1970s television series "Little House on the Prairie," did very little to generate interest or excitement about her candidacy.

A recognizable name is good, but working the district, comprising Ingham, Livingston and part of Oakland counties, is what really delivers votes, especially for a challenger in a race where the district has been gerrymandered for Republican candidates. Apparently retail politics wasn't her thing.

Withdrawing from the race, Gilbert said she was suffering from chronic and worsening head and neck injuries from an accident in 2012. Her doctors, she said, advised her against running for Congress. Celebrity aside, she was dogged by a \$400,000 back taxes bill, which she says she's resolving. In past elections this sort of baggage might have hurt her, but probably not this year. Presidential candidates Trump and Clinton have dulled voter sensibilities.

For a while it seemed possible that Democrats might actually field a candidate with some chance of competing in the district formerly owned by Mike Rogers. Gilbert's proclamation that she was running for Congress was national news, well, sort of, and she quickly won endorsements from the United Auto Workers and AFL-CIO. She raised about \$400,000 with support from celebrities like Alec Baldwin, George Clooney, Kiefer Sutherland and Jennifer Garner, according to the Detroit Free Press, but Bishop had about twice as much cash on hand. Gilbert had been head of the 100,000-member Screen Actors Guild but has never held a public office.

Where the Democrats go now with the 8th District race is, really, nowhere. There is no viable candidate stepping up to replace Gilbert, who will remain on the August Democratic primary ballot. With Gilbert's campaign collapse, what remained was a long-shot bid by Linda Keefe, deposed in 2012 as elected town clerk by the Windsor Township board, and who has since moved to Lansing.

A fringe candidate at best, she had petitioned the State Board of Canvassers to approve her candidacy, which it didn't, ruling that she lacked a sufficient number of signatures on her nominating petition to qualify for the Aug. 2 primary. The Democratic Party says it will find someone for the November general election, but the race for Congress is over before it even begins.

The episode illustrates the sorry state of the Democratic Party, certainly in mid Michigan. There is no bench.

Only former Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer — soon to be interim Ingham County prosecutor — and Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero have any real political capital. Whitmer is planning a run for governor in 2018 to succeed Rick Snyder. Bernero, who ran against Snyder in 2010, is expected to seek an unprecedented fourth term in Lansing next year. Actually, the populist uprising roiling both parties plays well to Bernero's strengths, his "Angriest Mayor in America" shtick, and certainly he'd pick up Gilbert's union backing. And a change of scenery might be good for him and the city.

For a mid-size city in Michigan, a low bar indeed, Lansing is doing well. It has a budget surplus, the population is up slightly, the business district is expanding, developers are building and planning more housing.

Though the district is Republican, Bernero, with adequate funding from the Democrats, might have a shot at Mike Bishop's seat. His first term in Congress, to put it generously, has been underwhelming.

The former state Senate majority leader, whose tenure was marked by cuts to K-12, Michigan's colleges and universities, the state police, and who with generous campaign contributions from Ambassador Bridge owner Matty Maroun tried to prevent construction of a new bridge across the Detroit River, has sponsored just one

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attorney is ultimately responsible to: the mayor. The city attorney is appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, and is the attorney for both branches of government.

- Todd Heywood

Bernero responds

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero is apparently undeterred by the news that new development projects in the city may be blocked while the federal government assesses whether City Council members are guilty of discrimination in the housing arena. Asked to comment, he issued this response:

"For more than a decade my team and I have worked diligently, against extraordinary odds, during the toughest economy since the Great Depression, to bring new jobs and new investment to this city. Those efforts have directly resulted in more than \$2 billion in new investments and thousands of new jobs in Lansing, with even more on the way through transformational projects like the Red Cedar Renaissance. Now it appears we have a handful of Council members who are planning to derail Lansing's progress by obstructing new economic development projects. Such a position is completely unacceptable and indefensible. It is not just an act of capitulation and unilateral disarmament in a hypercompetitive global economy, it is a declaration of war against the very people

who will benefit most from new job-creating investments and new housing opportunities — the citizens of Lansing, many of whom are still struggling to make ends meet and to find quality, affordable housing for their families. Never would I imagine that the elected representatives of our citizens would sink so low as to threaten the future growth and prosperity of this city based on their petty political agendas. It is a sad reflection on their misguided priorities as public officials. I can only hope they will reconsider and change course. They will certainly be held accountable for their actions."

PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2016 SWITCHGEAR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE- WRRF IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN CITY OF EAST LANSING 410 ABBOT ROAD Please take notice that the Charter Township of Meridian will hold an election on August 2, 2016. EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN 48823 For the purpose of nominating candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for partisan offices: CONGRESSIONAL, LEGISLATIVE, COUNTY, LOCAL, DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY Sealed proposals will be received by the City of East Lansing at the Office of the Director of Public Works, up to 11:00 A. M., Friday, July 1, 2016, at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened and read for the furnishing of materials, labor and equipment for Switchgear Preventative Maintenance at the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) in the City of East Lansing. Proposals may either be mailed to the Director of Public Works at 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 or hand delivered to the Office of the Director of Public Works located at 1800 E. State Road, East Lansing CONVENTION Also to vote on the following proposals: COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED MILLAGE QUESTION ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER REPLACEMENT AND OPERATIONAL MILLAGE QUESTION Lansing, Michigan. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE (911 SERVICE) MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION JUVENILE JUSTICE MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION The Contract Documents, including Specifications, Plans and Bidding Forms may be obtained at the Director of Public Works' Office, located at 1800 E. State Road, East Lansing, Michigan, by paying a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) non-refundable preparation fee. LOCAL MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Meridian Township Clerk, 5151 Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City of East Lansing, in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount, which shall be forfeited to the City of East Lansing if the bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to enter into a Contract within ten (10) days after the Contract is awarded. The unsuccessful bidders' checks or bid Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864, telephone 517-853-4300 or log onto the township website at www. meridian.mi.us TUESDAY JULY 5 IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER in order to be eligible to vote at the August 2, 2016 election. Any qualified elector who is not already registered to vote may register for the August 2, 2016 election. Persons registering after 5p.m. on Tuesday July 5, 2016 are not eligible to vote at bonds will be returned upon final award of Contract, approved and executed. this election The City will apply its Local Purchasing Preference Policy, Policy Resolution 2009-3, in making the award of this contract. To register to vote, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the Ingham County Clerk's office or Meridian Township Clerk's Office, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., telephone 853-4300. The City of East Lansing reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive defects in proposals and to make the award in its own best interest. Brett Dreyfus, CMMC Meridian Township Clerk CITY OF EAST LANSING Marie Wicks City Clerk CP#16-138 CP#16-139

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bill that became law, a one-year extension allowing higher education institutions to make loans under the Federal Perkins Loan program. (HR3594). Four other bills he sponsored were referred to committees, where they languished.

Essentially a back-bencher, the Rochester Republican's voting record aligns with the leadership positions of the party. In a presidential election year this was the Democrats chance, and they blew it.

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Two weeks ago, Texas and 10 other states sued the Obama administration over its directive to U.S. public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity. Surprisingly, Michigan wasn't among them.

Attorney General Bill Schuette has often colluded with other Republican attorneys general to challenge presidential directives. The attorney general, using taxpayer resources, stumbled in legal campaigns to oppose same-sex marriage, overturn the Affordable Care Act, and retain what the Supreme Court called cruel and unusual punishment for minors convicted of murder.

In this case, no new is news. Even better, good news.



As I write this column, spring — or what feels like summer — is finally here in the great Midwest. After more than a few false starts, it looks like the days that we all long for during the seemingly endless days of winter's cold and gloom are finally here, days filled with sunshine, warm temperatures — and the unofficial state bird of



Michigan, the mosquito. Yes, that pesky bloodsucking insect is already being spotted and swatted in all corners of the state, but this summer, its buzz may be associated with a new disease: the Zika virus.

Like many things in our 24/7 news and instant Twitter-filled world, facts — or socalled facts — regarding

the Zika virus have been inundating the general public for months. But just what are the real facts about this alien-sounding disease? Do we all need to stay huddled indoors until cold weather drives the mosquitos away, or put on body-condoms before we venture outside? While I have my own opinions about Zika, I always like to empower my patients so that they can make their own informed decisions about their health and life, so here are facts as we know them.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the Zika virus was discovered in 1947 in central Africa. For the next 60 years, the virus was little known outside of epidemiologists, with only 14 documented cases being confirmed. However, in 2015, all of that suddenly changed, with an outbreak in Brazil and other South American countries. As of March 2016, over 40,000 cases have been confirmed worldwide. However, while there have been 618 reported cases here in the U.S. as of June 1, all of these cases have been in people who have traveled to countries where Zika is prevalent.

So what caused this sudden outbreak of Zika? That's a question that's still seeking an answer. Those of the more cynical bent wonder if it's rogue germ warfare experiment gone wrong, or even worse yet, thrust upon an unsuspecting public. Epidemiologists, on the other hand, point to more mundane theories, like the virus traveling in asymptomatic travelers and finding a great home to reproduce and thrive in South American Aedes aegypti mosquitoes.

"Asymptomatic?" some of you might be saying, "I thought Zika causes all sorts of horrible problems, especially in pregnant women." Again, the facts (yes, those silly things that get in the way of interesting and inflammatory internet banter) are that yes, Zika can potentially cause high fevers, debilitating muscle aches, and a whole-body rash. However, in most people (at least 80 percent) with noncompromised immune systems, it causes little or no illness. It is true, though, that infection with Zika can cause certain birth defects in the fetuses of pregnant women.

So what does all of this mean for those of us here in Michigan? Well, in my humble opinion, it means that Zika is not something we need to fear. Listen, I'm not belittling the public health menace Zika is in certain areas of the world; I am saying I'm confident that Michigan is definitely not one of those places. One of the main reasons I say this is that the major mosquito carrier of Zika, Aedes aegypti, isn't found here; it's just too cold for that certain species of bloodsucker. My medical advice then, is to put on some sunscreen and some natural mosquito repellent (while we don't need to worry about Zika, West Nile virus is still lurking about and really, who enjoys swatting mosquitoes all day?), then get outside with your favorite summertime beverage and enjoy our warm sunny days. All too soon, northern autumn winds will again be the harbinger of another Michigan winter.

Dr. Edward R. Rosick is a triple-board certified (preventive medicine, public health, and holistic medicine) associate professor at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also the author of the just released book "Optimal Prevention."



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City Pulse River Rock Concert and Grand American Fish Rodeo

celebrate Greater Lansing food, music and waterways

ARTS & CULTURE

By EVE KUCHARSKI

The Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, usually referred to as MICA, is known for its popular jazz and blues festivals. This year, it's adding rock 'n' roll into the mix.

The nonprofit organization, founded in 1984, runs an art gallery in Old Town and organizes Michigan BluesFest and Lansing JazzFest. This year, MICA is teaming up with City Pulse to present a weekend of rock music and river-related activities. The first-ever River Rock Concert, which comes to Adado Riverfront Park Friday and Saturday, includes two nights of music, as well as MICA's Grand American Fish Rodeo.

Rich Tupica, City Pulse Turn It Down columnist and organizer of the weekend's musical events, cast his nets in Greater Lansing's musical waters to pull in a variety of artists with local connections. Friday's headliners, the Verve Pipe, got its start in East Lansing's early-'90s music scene.

"I kind of like the idea of looking back," Tupica said. "When I thought about bands with East Lansing roots, my mind went to the Verve Pipe. It just made sense."

It made even more sense when Tupica realized this year marks a significant anniversary for the band.

The Verve Pipe's platinum-selling record, 1996's "Villains," was released 20 years ago. The album features the hit single "The Freshmen," which skyrocketed the band to fame. Friday, the band will play the album live, cover-to-cover, for the first time.

"I did the math in my head while we were planning. It's a milestone for an album like that," Tupica said. "I wanted the band to not to just do a regular concert, the kind that people could see anywhere, but one that centered on 'Villains.' There are some songs that bands will never play live, so they will say no to this kind of show. But the Verve Pipe guys really liked the idea."

Joining the Verve Pipe Friday is Greater Lansing-based troubadour Wally Pleasant, who will play his 1992 album, "Songs About Stuff," in its entirety. Local '80s cover band Triple Lindy will open the show.

While Friday's show looks back in time, Saturday brings a slate of Greater Lansing's up-and-coming musical talent. The evening's Top of the Town Party features singer/songwriter Stefanie Haapala, pop punk outfit City Mouse, indie rockers Elliot Street Lunatic and

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The Verve Pipe "Villains" 20th **Anniversary Concert**

With Wally Pleasant and Triple Lindy Friday, June 10 \$25/\$15 adv./\$20 adv. reserved VIP seating

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Friday, June 10

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Noon-11:30 a.m. Beer tent (21 and up; FREE noon-6 p.m., must pay concert admission after 6 p.m.)

The Verve Pipe "Villains" 20th Anniversary Concert

5 p.m. Doors open

- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Triple Lindy
- 8 p.m.-8:50 p.m. Wally Pleasant
- 9:20 p.m.-10:45 p.m. The Verve Pipe

Saturday, June 11

Grand American Fish Rodeo

- All events FREE unless otherwise noted
- 8 a.m.-noon Children's fishing clinic
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. All Things Water Tent
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fishing tournament
- (FREE to watch, \$20 to compete)
- 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Riverboat tours (\$5 per person)
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Plein air painting
- Noon-4 p.m. Multi-cultural acts
- Noon-6 p.m. Inflatables for kids
- Noon-11:30 p.m. Beer tent (21 and up;
- FREE noon-6 p.m., must pay concert
- admission after 6 p.m.)
- 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Fingerlings Fishing
- Tournament (FREE to compete, but
- registration is limited)
- 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Water taxi (between
- Adado Riverfront Park and Lansing City
- Market; \$1 per person)

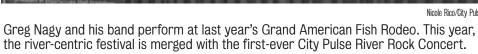
Top of the Town Party

- 3:30 p.m. Doors open
- 4:30-6 p.m. James Gardin
- 6-6:30 p.m. Fish Rodeo awards
- ceremony
- 6:30-7 p.m. Stefanie Haapala
- 7:30-8 p.m. Top of the Town awards
- ceremony 8-9 p.m. City Mouse
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Courtesy Image Jack Hetherington's "tan(z)" is an artistic representation of a mathematic function.

Meet the artist Jack Hetherington finds beauty in data By CALLIE OPPER

City Pulse and the Arts Council of Greater Lansing have teamed up for the Summer of Art, which

puts original art by area artists on the cover of City Pulse each week through Aug. 31. This week's cover features "(Z3+1)/(Z3-1)" by Jack Hetherington. Jack Hetherington



discovered his knack for art late in life. The

81-year-old engineer and artist taught physics and mathematics at MSU for 35 years. While charts and graphs were always part of his career, he only recently started to see them for more than just information. Many of the graphs he works with use color to represent three or four dimensions on a two-dimensional graph, which can lead to unexpectedly beautiful images.

"I was looking at graphical representations of a function for my research," Hetherington said. "My artist daughterin-law saw them and thought they were interesting and asked me to teach a lesson to my grandson's fifth grade class at the school where she was teaching."

Hetherington worked with the fifth graders explaining how the colors presented on the computer screen represent different analytic functions.

"I began each day for two weeks finding a new function that I thought was interesting in my representation," he said. "Somehow, during the process, I became an artist."

Hetherington continued to experiment with visual representation of data as art, and started printing and framing the more interesting examples on highquality metallic paper. His art will be on display in the Riverwalk Theatre lobby December and January. He is working out a way to produce moving versions of his art as installation pieces.

Hetherington, who splits his time between Haslett and La Vernaz, France, was amazed to discover many works at Foundation Louis Vuitton that also have mathematic underpinnings.

"Many artists start with a vision or set of transformations that they use as a guiding principle," Hetherington said.

But Hetherington doesn't take himself too seriously as an artist. He jokingly tells anyone who want to be an artist to start with E.T. Whittaker and G.N. Watson's "A Course of Modern Analysis" or "anything else which has nothing to do with art, and start from there."

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Where's the buffet? Incorrect winner in Best Asian Buffet category By CITY PULSE STAFF Duh.

Ukai Habachi Grill & Sushi Bar has a lot going for it — but a buffet isn't one of them.

That didn't stop City Pulse from declaring it the first-place winner for best Asian Buffet in this year's Top of the Town contest.

The venerable Japanese restaurant says some folks have stopped by for the non-existent buffet. Stop doing that!

Hey, stuff happens. Once the Knight Cap, known for its steaks, won for best

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rapper James Gardin. While Gardin is used to playing on all-hip-hop shows, he's excited to join a lineup of diverse artists.

"I feel like it's going to be a family vibe; It will definitely be fun," Gardin said. "I'm in the process of working on a new record, and it's exciting to see how people feel about new music. My music is like rap, but it's filled with a soulful funk."

The Top of the Town Party will also celebrate the winners of this year's City Pulse/Fox 47 News Top of the Town contest. Attendees will be treated to free food and beverage samples from some of the area's top eateries, including Zaytoon Mediterranean, Jersey Giant, Cravings, Glazed & Confused, Strange Matter Coffee Co., Lou & Harry's, Eastside Fish Fry, El Azteco, P.F. Chang's and Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe. Top of the Town winners will be recognized in a ceremony between musical acts.

Before the Top of the Town party Saturday, the third annual Grand American Fish Rodeo will present a variety of river-centric, family-friendly activities. Terry Terry, president of MICA and founder of MessageMakers, said that the festival committee considered "hundreds of ideas" to take advantage of Lansing's Grand River.

"A number of years ago, we realized that the river is an underutilized asset and great feature of Lansing," Terry said. "It has beautiful shorelines and great boat riding, and we don't take advantage of it. That spurred us to put on an event that really showcased the shoreline."

Those discussions led to the creation of the Grand American Fish Rodeo, which centers around fishing events on pizza. The owners went with it by putting pizza on the menu (briefly).

How did Ukai win for something it doesn't do? Well, a reader nominated Ukai — and enough others voted for it to make it No. 1. And our crack team of contest operators — one overworked City Pulse staffer without a yen for Japanese food — missed it.

Take heart, Ukai: Clearly you have incredible name recognition (even if a fair number of people apparently don't know exactly what you aren't. We have a solution for that: ADVERTISE.)

That leaves one more matter: Who did win for best Asian buffet?

No. 2 moved to No. 1 and so on:

- 1. Asian Buffet (Okemos)
- 2. Hibachi Grill & Sushi Buffet
- 3. Xiao

Congratulations. Oh, and ... um ... you all do have buffets, don't you?

the Grand River. The festivities run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., including fishing tournaments for adults and kids, as well as multi-cultural music acts and children's activities.

"We will have educational tents, showing how to fish, how to bait a hook, how to take care of the Great Lakes, preserving our freshwater and things like that," Terry said. "We will also have riverboat tours, water taxis and, of course, we have a beer tent."



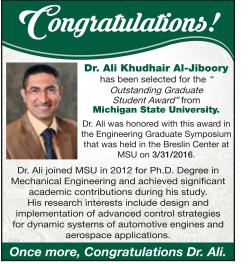
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Back in the '90s Riverwalk Theatre

stages rousing 'Rent' **By TOM HELMA**

It was a war against an internal enemy. A mystery at first, then suddenly an epidemic. By the mid-'90s, hundreds of thousands of Americans had been diag-



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nosed with HIV/AIDS - men, women and children; gay and straight; young and old; family and friends.

"Rent," staged by Riverwalk Theatre, brings it all back — the dark ages of a generation of young adults in Greenwich Village struggling to come of age without dying from this mystery disease. It's love in a time of pestilence. The garment of their innocence is rent. They are losing the illusion of immortality and - quite literally — they cannot pay the rent.

Kelly Stuible-Clark directs a dynamic, rousing rendition of the 20-year-old Broadway play. The cast of 19 features an ensemble chorale that is rich with layered harmonies, as well as several standout individual perfor-

"Rent"

original works **NOW** for the

Riverwalk Theatre 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9; 8 p.m. Friday. June 10 and Saturday, June 11; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 12 \$22/\$20 students, seniors and military

Riverwalk Theatre 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com

Set designer Mark Mandenberg has created a richly textured, multi-level abandoned warehouse set, which is home to a coterie of young adult runaways

mances.

from a rejected middle-class life.

Stuible-Clark does double duty as choreographer, staging of some the best group dancing seen in this area in a long time. Drag queen Angel (Brennan Hattaway), clothed in a Santa teddy, prances like Prince and does an amazing vertical leap onto a 3-foot table - while wearing highheeled shoes. Attaway Hattaway!

Not to be outdone, Ben Cassidy, as Mark, and Alexsandria Clift as Joanne, execute a sizzling and entangling tango to "Tango: Maureen."

Powerful singing voices abound, including a duet of divas - Clift and Carly Jacobs, as Maureen – belting out "Take Me Or Leave Me." Jacobs returns later to deliver one of the best parodies of the worst aspects of performance art, one that invites snarky snorts and snickers.

Veteran Riverwalker Stephanie Banghart contributes classic comedic talents in a cameo role as Mark's phone-in mother.

Trevor Early, as Roger, shows fantastic range. He sings powerfully on the rock tunes in the first act, but also delivers one of play's the most tender when he mourns his lover Mimi's near-passing with "Your Eyes."

These actors remind us that real people lived and died with this disease during the '80s and '90s. Returning to this musical allows a new generation to better understand the tumult of those years.

The message of "Rent" is best captured in "Seasons of Love," the simultaneously joyful and mournful anthem that is the thesis of the entire play. We are, all of us, on this earth for only a short time. Life is fleeting, so seize the day. "How do you measure the life of a woman or a man?" We mourn, we remember, we love.

Simple and strong 'Chapatti' delivers strong performances, minimal distractions **By DAVID WINKELSTERN**

The set had the amount of furniture expected in an outhouse. A single chair and a suspended beam that looked more



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all that adorned the stage for Williamston Theatre's production of "Chapatti." But thanks to superb actors and dialogue, the

"Chapatti" Williamston Theatre

Through June 25 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday \$28 Friday-Saturday evenings/\$25 matinees/\$10 students/seniors and military \$2 discount. Williamston Theatre 122 S. Putnam St Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org

play didn't need any extravagant stage dressing to make it extraordinary.

"Chapatti," Christian bv O'Reilly, is the story of a seasoned twosome coming to terms with the stark state of their

lives. The storytellers are two veteran actors who skillfully deliver complex lines in a stark setting. John Seibert, as Dan, and Karen Sheridan, as Betty, managed to captivate the audience. They took me on an expedition inside the characters' minds, invoking a myriad of emotions.

In fact, "distress over acne" and "anguishing about what car to buy" were perhaps the only emotions "Chapatti" did not include. Loneliness, aging, joy, pet lovalty, remorse, compassion, empathy, depression, happiness, death, lust, the desire for children, bliss, loss and despair were all covered by the monologues and conversations of Dan and Betty. But most of all, "Chapatti" is a play about love.

Seibert and Sheridan took turns sprinting onto the plain stage in a manner that allowed for no pauses in the 95-minute, no-intermission play. Monologues often overlapped as one actor exited and one entered. When they were alone on stage, they had no helpful cues to work from. The way they mutually managed and magnificently maintained the massive mandatory memorization was, well, marvelous.

"Chapatti" is set in Dublin, and Sheridan's Irish accent was the stronger of the two. It certainly helps that she grew up in an Irish family in Chicago. But

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Tchaikovsky turns me on' Remembering former Lansing Symphony maestro Gustav Meier By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Soft-spoken, Swiss-born Gustav Meier looked the part of the maestro, with an elegant profile and silver hair that whipped to and fro on demand. But Meier, who died May 26 at 86, was an excited kid in the guise of a grey eminence.

Meier's 27-year run as music director of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, from 1979 to 2006, paralleled the papacy of Pope John Paul II, but Meier didn't like to pontificate. Asked why he chose Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique" symphony for his 2006 Lansing swan song, he just grinned and said, "Tchaikovsky turns me on."

The conducting bug bit Meier while playing trumpet for the Biel Opera in Switzerland in 1951. He had no training as a conductor yet, but when the effervescent, order-out-ofchaos finale of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" fizzed above his head, he resolved to climb out of the pit and delve holistically into the scores he loved. He enrolled as a conducting student at the Zurich Conservatory and never played trumpet again.

His career took an exotic side path in 1954, when was appointed court conductor for Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia. He quickly learned the valuable skill of making the best of a less than optimal ensemble. The "orchestra" was little more than a 15-piece brass band, but he crafted arrangements that made it sound big enough for opera.

One of Meier's biggest unfulfilled goals in Lansing was to put on a full production of "Aida," complete with elephants, at the Breslin Center.

"I was close to 'Aida,' because I did it for Haile Selassie and I felt like an expert," Meier later said. "We couldn't find the sponsors."

In the mid-1950s, Meier moved to the United States and became a prize pupil of the star-studded 1958 conducting class at the Tanglewood Music Center that included iconic conductors Zubin Mehta and David Zinman.



Conductor Gustav Meier, who led the Lansing Symphony for 27 years, died last month at 86.

He became the youngest conducting professor ever at Yale, in 1960, buoyed by recommendations from Aaron Copland, Milton Babbitt and Leonard Bernstein. After a 13-year stint at Yale, Meier served for three years at the Eastman School of Music and then accepted a position at the University of Michigan in 1976.

By 1979, Meier was based in Ann Arbor and established as one of the most soughtafter conducting teachers in the world. The



In 1961, Meier conducted a Columbia recording of a double concerto for two chamber orchestras, harpsichord and piano by thorny modernist Elliott Carter. Clockwise from top left: Conductor Meier, keyboardist Ralph Kirkpatrick, pianist Charles Rosen and Carter. Lansing Symphony was a serviceable community orchestra, holding its concerts in Everett High School's auditorium. The conductor, Clyde Roller, was tired of commuting from Texas, where he was associate conductor of the Houston Symphony.

Kenneth Beachler, who has been involved with the Lansing Symphony since the 1960s, as board member and occasional performer, said Meier got the symphony "on a roll" after being in "stasis mode." But there was some initial resistance.

The first meeting between Lansing Symphony board members and Meier took place in secret, at a highway rest stop between Lansing and Ann Arbor, Beachler said. Bringing a maestro from Ann Arbor into Spartan country didn't sit well with some of the musicians and board members.

"We could see right away his standards for artistic excellence were high," Beachler said.

Carol Kahn, then a member of the board and later president, was in the delegation that recruited Meier as music director.

"Gustav could charm the wallpaper off the wall," Kahn said.

In Lansing, Meier had to draw on his experience in Ethiopia, making the best of a motley lot. He sometimes clashed with older players who viewed their positions as sinecures.

"There was a violinist of sorts," Kahn recalled. "Gustav used to look at me and say, 'I can't stand it! We're stuck!' I don't know how he finally got rid of her, but he did."

"I was lucky because the orchestra was basically old," Meier explained years later. "I had to replace a lot of people who retired."

Meier was a magnet for fresh talent. With the symphony installed in the new Wharton Center in 1982, the scene was set for a crescendo of growth.

Principal flutist Richard Sherman, a nationally recognized musician who could write his own ticket in most American cities, said Meier's cachet brought him to Lansing and kept him here.

"He had a child-like eagerness to delve into scores and create the best music he could," Sherman said in 2013.

Besides his duties in Lansing, Meier was the music director of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony in Connecticut, near his first teaching gig at Yale. He reigned in Bridgeport even longer than he did in Lansing — 41 years, from 1972 to his retirement in 2013.

Despite his two impressive runs as maestro, Meier may have made his most lasting mark in music as a teacher. His students have gone on to lead orchestras around the world, and jazz vocalist and conductor Bobby McFerrin studied with him. A strong advocate for placing women at the top of American orchestras, Meier was ecstatic to see one of his students, Marin Alsop, named the first female maestro of a major American orchestra in 2007, when she was named music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Another Meier student, Carolyn Kuan, became music director of the Hartford Symphony in 2012 and is frequently mentioned as one of the nation's most exciting young conductors.

In 2015, Meier announced one last retirement — from the job that was dearest to him — director of graduate conducting at the Peabody Institute. Alsop succeeded him.

"I am heartbroken to lose him, but am intensely grateful for the many memories that remain," Alsop said in a statement last week, "Alongside his insatiable curiosity and quiet 'Swiss' enthusiasm, that I will always cherish."



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there was nothing bogus about Seibert's brogue, and neither actor spoke in a way that a Yankee would find difficult to understand. Those with a disdain for crude descriptions and language, however, should probably avoid "Chapatti."

If the "F-Bombs" dropped during the play were real bombs, the Williamston Theatre stage would be nothing but a crater. Each profanity, though, was justified. "Chapatti" had a potent and honest tone that shocked and stirred emotions. It had a predictable finish, but some surprises and powerful speeches along the way made the ride an unexpected treat — although intentionally uncomfortable moments are also part of that journey.

Delivered in the round in a house with only 121 seats, the performances really shined. A less intimate venue would have made a connection between the actors and the audience impossible. As it was, I often felt I was being personally talked to.

Being close to the actors also made me aware of how perfunctory and uncon-

vincing many of their gestures were. The way the actors pretended to write, touch pets, set a table, or tie a rope would have gotten them booted out of any decent mime school. On the other hand, Seibert's crying and Sheridan's laugher seemed entirely real. All the difficult facial nuances were nailed.

The play uses a minimal amount of music, costumes, lighting, make-up and props. But the strength of the actors more than made up for the lack of accessories. The clever and emotionally engaging script made a difference, too. Just as flatbread chapati, as plain is is, can be gratifying, so was "Chapatti."

Music is in the air Summer concerts pop up all over Greater Lansing By KAYLEIGH GARRISON

While summer doesn't officially start until June 20, we're already seeing one of Greater Lansing's telltale signs of summer: lawn chair-toting families emerging from their winter hibernation in search of outdoor music.

Fortunately, Greater Lansing is teeming with outdoor music options. The season kicked off last week with a performance by Global Village at Grand Ledge's Music in the Park. The series continues Thursday with an appearance by Motown Eagles, a Detroitbased Eagles tribute band. Also on Thursday, down in Mason, the Thursday Night Live! concert series hosts the Mason Orchestral Society. The cities of Lansing, East Lansing

Summer concert series calendar

All concerts are FREE. Attendees should bring lawn chairs, blankets and/or snacks. No alcohol is permitted in city parks.

East Lansing Summer Concert Series

All concerts start at 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, corner of Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/ summerconcertseries. June 24: Starfarm June 25: Alex Mendenall July 8: Sea Cruisers July 9: Gemini July 15: Heartland Klezmorim July 16: Kathleen and the Bridge Street Band July 22: Root Doctor July 23: Dominic and Rachael Davis July 29: Xavier's Jazz Trio July 30: Dragspel Aug. 5: Deacon Earl Aug. 6: Gifts or Creatures and May Erlewine



and St. Johns also start their summer concert series this month.

Lansing's summer concerts feature a variety of local acts, each performing in a different city park. A special July 4 program features fireworks and patriotic music from the Lansing Concert Band. East Lansing's series begins on June 24 with popular '80s cover band Starfarm. Also on the docket are local favorites like Root Doctor, Deacon Earl and Sea Cruisers.

"The city likes to help create that sense of place and feeling of community with the residents. Offering downtown events is a way to get people to meet their neighbors and come downtown to see local businesses," said Heather Surface, community events specialist for the City of East Lansing. "It encourages people to enjoy their town. We're closing down a street in hopes that a lot of people will show up."

Also hoping to cash in on the intersection of live music and commerce are Eastwood Towne Center and the Lansing City Market. Eastwood Towne Center's summer music lineup begins Tuesday with a performance by the Sea Cruisers.

Lansing City Market, which started its

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The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle entertains a crowd at Moores Park as part of last year's Concerts in the Park.

Grand Ledge Music in the Park

All concerts 7-9 p.m. FREE. Bridge Street Plaza, 213 Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-2383, grandledgechamber.com. June 2: Global Village June 9: Motown Eagles June 16: Brian Lorente and the Usual Suspects June 23: Toppermost June 30: Life Support July 7: Grand Ledge Bums and Exit 86 July 14: Root Doctor July 21: Taylor Taylor July 28: Delilah DeWylde Aug. 4: The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle Aug. 11: Showdown Aug. 18: Donny Brown Aug. 25: Three Men and a Tenor

Eastwood Towne Center Summer Music Series

All concerts 6-8 p.m. except where noted. FREE. Center Court, Eastwood Towne Center, 3003 Preyde Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-9209, shopeastwoodtownecenter.com/ events.

June 14: Sea Cruisers June 21: Brenda Loomis June 28: Kids' Night with Tim the Music Man (5 p.m.-7 p.m.) July 12: Showdown July 19: Layers July 26: Root Doctor Aug. 2: Smooth Daddy Aug. 9: Don Middlebrook and the Pearl Divers Aug. 16: Natchez Trace Aug. 23: Life Support

Lansing Concerts in the Park

All concerts 7-9 p.m. FREE. Each concert is in a different city park. (517) 483-4277, lansingmi.gov/concerts_in_the_park June 22: The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle at Moores Park, 400 Moores River Drive, Lansing June 29: Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys at Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. July 4: Fourth of July fireworks and Lansing Concert Band at Adado Riverfront Park, 210 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. July 13: Deacon Earl and the Congregation at Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing. July 20: Full House at St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. July 27: Tejano Funk at Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing. Aug. 3: Toppermost at Sycamore Park, 1415 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.

Grand Concert Series at Lansing City Market

All concerts start at 6 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325. City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460 ext. 234. concert series last year, is more than doubling the number of performances this year. In its first year, Jazz on the Grand featured three evenings of live music. This year, the blown-out Grand Concert Series comprises four Jazz on the Grand concerts and four Blues on the Grand concerts. MSU's Professors of Jazz and Phil Denny return from last year's jazz series, while the blues series brings in artists like Twyla Birdsong, Thornetta Davis and Frog & the Beeftones.

For cities on the fringes of Greater Lansing, like St. Johns and Mason, these outdoor concerts have an added bonus. Free, family-friendly events can draw people from rural areas into the cities, or they can pull in new visitors from other cities.

"I think that it gives everybody a good excuse to come out, and it helps promote local businesses because it brings people in from out of town," said Aleasha Wood, program assistant of Mason Thursday Night Live! Courthouse Concerts.

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Jazz on the Grand

June 15: MSU Professors of Jazz and MSU Community Music School July 27: Medium Rare and East Lansing High School Jazz Band Aug. 24: Orrick Ewing and Lansing Community College Jazz Band September 14: Phil Denny (and friends) and Lansing School District Choral Group

Blues on the Grand

June 16: Twyla Birdsong Band and Lansing School District Band Group July 28: Thornetta Davis and DeWitt Junior High Jazz Band Aug. 25: David Gerald September 15: Frog & the Beeftones

Mason Thursday Night Live!

All concerts start at 6 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Courthouse lawn, 315 S. Jefferson St., Mason. (517) 676-1046, masonchamber.org. June 9: Mason Orchestral Society June 23: From Big Sur July 7: Life Support July 21: Sea Cruisers Aug. 11: Backwoods Band Aug. 25: Twilight Memories Big Band September 15: Mason High School Band

St. Johns Concerts in the Park

June 15: Sea Cruisers June 22: The Louis Longoria Band June 29: Mountain Town Singers July 6: Blue Water Ramblers July 13: Martha Reeves and the Vandellas July 20: Mid-Michigan Festival Orchestra July 27: My Sweet Patootie Aug. 3: Motown Eagles Aug. 10: Monday's Supper Aug. 17: Toppermost Aug. 24: Capital City Brass Band Aug. 31: Elvis impersonator Matt King

Boulder brand of country

Cadillac Three rolls a flatcar of Southern rock to Taste of Country festival **By TY FORQUER**

While most fans will file into Cooley Law School Stadium Saturday to catch headliners Billy Currington and the Eli Young Band, a trio of rowdy Nashville

Taste of Country Festival

With Billy Currington, the Eli Young Band Thompson Square, the Cadillac Three and Brett Young 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11 Tickets start at \$30 Cooley Law School Stadium 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing (517) 485-4500 ext. 251, toclansing.com

natives is hoping to win over some Michiganders with some Southern charm. The Cadillac Three rolls into the stadium Saturday for the second annual Taste of Country Festival. Last year's inaugural festival featured

headliner Dierks Bentley, who, coincidentally, returns to Lansing next month for Common Ground Music Festival.

Kelby Ray, the Cadillac Three's bassist and lap steel guitarist, describes the band's sound as "a bit of old country with some Skynyrd and ZZ Top thrown in the mix." As country music has exploded in popularity over the last few decades, it has created room for bands like the Cadillac Three, whose rough-edged sound places it just outside the mainstream.

"Country is a broader genre than it ever has been. You've got everything from the pop stuff to the rock stuff. I think everybody can fit in there," Ray said. "Guys like Eric Church helped pave the way for a band like us that has more of a rock side."

The band is preparing for the release of its latest album, "Bury Me in My Boots," which will hit record stores Aug. 5. The album is a follow-up the band's self-titled 2012 debut.

"There's a bit of growth from our last album," Ray said. "It's been almost five



Nashville-based trio the Cadillac Three brings its rough-edged country sound to Saturday's Taste of Country festival.

years since we've put out an album. That was when we were still in a van, before we got the tour bus and everything."

The bus has its advantages. Having a driver and more space means more opportunities for practicing and writing.

"Most of the songs on the new album were written on the back of the bus," Rav said. "So there's a lot of real life touring experience cooked into the songs."

The bus has its drawbacks, too. Spending hours upon hours with the same people in a confined space can lead to tension. When the band has some down time, "outdoorsy" Ray likes to find a pond or lake and go fishing.

"Sometimes I'll borrow a motorcycle and go for a ride," he said. "You have to get away from each other sometimes. It makes things work better when you're on stage together."

The Cadillac Three has found success in Europe, especially the UK. Like the bluesmen of the mid-20th century, the band has found an audience hungry for music from across the pond.

"That Southern attitude we take over there, they really appreciate it and want around and some cold beer, we're fine."

to be part of that," Ray said.

While American popular music is Balkanized into genres and subgenres and niche markets, bands like the Cadillac Three get lumped in with all the other Americans when they go oversees.

"When we go over there, we're just a rock 'n' roll band," Ray said. "There's not as many genres like there is over here. There's not as much radio there's not as many stations. You get a bunch of types of music on BBC2 or something like that. It's a wide range of music on one station, which is different from the U.S."

Saturday's gig reunites the Cadillac Three with the Eli Young Band, one of the first groups they worked with on the touring circuit.

"The first country tour we ever did was with the Eli Young Band," Ray said. "Dierks (Bentley) took us on the road. It was us, them and Dierks. It will be fun to see those guys."

While the trio is looking forward to playing in a baseball stadium, Ray stressed that venue size isn't that big of a deal to the band.

"There's nothing that beats a small, dirty club. But baseball fields are a lot of fun to play," Ray said. "We're at home whether there's 100 people or 20,000 people. We just get up there and do our thing. As long as we've got some friends



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We are legion New book examines little known Detroit hate group By BILL CASTANIER

You've probably heard of Detroit's Purple Gang, and have almost certainly heard about the pervasiveness of the Ku Klux Klan in Detroit during the 1920s. But just as the Klan was being ushered out, an even more dangerous and insidious gang, the Black Legion, was emerging in the Motor City.

"The Black Legion was a different animal and a lot more dangerous." said Tom Stanton, author of "Terror in the City of Champions: Murder, Baseball and the Secret Society that Shocked Depression-era Detroit."

"The Legion had a lot of high ranking folks involved," he added. "They liked to say they had friends in high places."

The Black Legion maintained the secrecy

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Exploring the hidden treasures of otherwise forgotten authors while also acknowledging the Michigan-set stories of giants like Hemingway, Dave and Jack Dempsey delve into the state's literary heritage, as robust, diverse, and inexhaustible as the natural beauty of the place that nurtured it. This second volume of "ink trails" continues to tell the story of the remarkable writers, powerful words, and sublime nature of Michigan.

Baseball Historian TOM STANTON: *Terror in the City* of Champions

Tuesday, June 14 @ 7pm Merdian Mall location

Terror in the City of Champions: Murder, Baseball, and the Secret Society That Shocked Depression-Era Detroit weaves a stunning tale of history, crime, and sports, revolving around the Black Legion, a vicious Klan-like group that quietly murdered an estimated 50 people in Michigan, including in the Lansing area. It might even have had a famous Tiger in its ranks. Don't miss this fascinating event, sure to captivate sports fans and historians alike!

for more information visit www.SchulerBooks.com of its membership through threat of death to anyone who revealed the identity of members. Legion members who missed meetings could be flogged.

Tom Stanton Author talk and book signing 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14 FREE Schuler Books & Music (Meridian Mall location)

(Mendian Wain ocation) 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos (517) 349-8840, schulerbooks.com Like the Klan, the Black Legion had a structured military hierarchy. Members wore regalia that included black robes decorated with a skull and crossbones and a cap reminiscent of

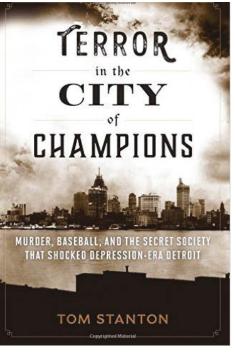
a pirate's hat. The group also had secret passwords and gestures to identify themselves to each other.

"The Legion came out of the ashes of the Klan and had some of the same elements," Stanton said.

The Black Legion was similar to the Klan in that both organizations hated blacks, Jews, immigrants and Catholics. The group was also adamantly opposed to emerging trade unions and, of course, communist and leftist groups.

A majority of Black Legion members were from the South and were politically conservative. All were white and Protestant. Estimates of the size of the Black Legion, which primarily operated in the Midwest, range anywhere from tens of thousands to 6 million. Stanton believes that the membership was closer to 100,000 but maybe as low as 30,000.

One of the group's leaders, Virgil "Bert" Effinger, often claimed that the Black Legion had more members than were needed to start the Russian Revolution. Members were recruited under threat of death. Even those who didn't want to be involved were



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"Terror in the City of Champions," by Tom Stanton, pairs the rise of the Black Legion in Detroit with the Detroit Tigers' 1935 World Series run.

still counted as members.

As the Black Legion was rising, so were Detroit's sports teams. Stanton, who has written four nonfiction books on baseball, pairs the story of the Black Legion's rise with the Detroit Tigers' run to the pennant in 1935 under the leadership of player/coach Mickey Cochrane. He alternates chapters between the Black Legion and the Tigers, building tension as he goes.

As the Tigers won the World Series



against the Cubs, the Black Legion was reaching its own apex. In May, members of the group murdered a Catholic Detroiter, Charles Poole, who allegedly beat his wife. Poole was taken to a field and shot by a group of Black Legion members.

One of those members, Dayton Dean, broke the code of secrecy and confessed to the murder, implicating nearly a dozen other Black Legion members. He also told the authorities about other murders and attempted assassinations. Dean, along with 11 others, was convicted of murder and sent to prison for life. Ultimately, nearly 50 Legion members were convicted of crimes based on Dean's testimony.

The Black Legion quickly dissipated and so did the Detroit Tigers and Mickey Cochrane, who limped along after the 1935 season. But 1935 and 1936 proved to be a golden era for Detroit sports, with the Tigers, Red Wings and Lions all winning league championships. The Tigers wouldn't win a World Series again until 1945. The Lions would have to wait until the 1950s for another championship season and have not won a championship since the inception of the Super Bowl in 1967.

Looking back on it, Stanton is amazed at the secrecy of the Black Legion.

"People actually wondered, 'Is my neighbor a member? Is my husband a member?" he said.

Black Legion members included a Detroit Police commissioner, Detroit Police officers, and Jackson Prison guards. Members of the group were often arrested but rarely charged with crimes.

Stanton said there is circumstantial evidence that Henry Ford's enforcer, Harry Bennett, was a member of the Black Legion, but there is no smoking gun. Bennett often took advantage of groups that could help him, so it would not have been unusual for him to have forged an alliance with the Black Legion. There was at least one murder at Ford's factory that was attributed to the group.

"The Legion was a massive thing when (the murder) happened, but it was put to bed after Roosevelt was swept into office in 1936," Stanton said. "A huge deal had faded away into history."





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(P) Produce, (O) Organic, (D) Dairy, (M)
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Allen Street Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM 2:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, year round (outdoor market May 20-Oct.14) Allen Market Place 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing (517) 999-3911, allenmarketplace.org/ farmers-market (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

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P, M, PF, C, DG, BG, F, LM 3-7 p.m. Thursday, year round (outdoor market May-October) James Couzens Memorial Park 13751 Main St., Bath (512) 809-4433, bathtownship.us (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

Bellevue Farmers Market

P, D, PF, DG, BG, F, LM 3-6 p.m. Thursday, June - October North Main Street and Mill Street, Bellevue 269-720-2279, battlecreekfarmersmarket. com (DU, WIC, MF)

Charlotte DD.A Farmers Market

P, BG, DG, F, C, LM 3 p.m.- 7 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



While grocery stores are offering more and more fresh, organic and locally produced goods, farmers markets are still the best way to keep the middleman out of your farm-to-table experience. And summer is best time to get out and check out your local farmers markets.

Several local markets, like Allen Street Farmers Market and Holt Farmers Market, run year-round indoor markets that sell baked goods and hearty produce during the colder months. But these markets overflow into their parking lots when the summer hits, offering a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Other markets hibernate for the

Saturday, June-October 100 block of Harris Street, Charlotte (517) 543-2681 (WIC)

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P, O, M, PF, C, DG, BG, LM 3-7 p.m. Thursday, 9-1 p.m. Saturday, May-October 100 West Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte. 517-543-8853 (WIC)

DeWitt Farmers Market

P, D, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, A 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2-October 13 Corner of Bridge and Main streets, DeWitt (517) 624-0284, dewittdda.org (S, B)

Dimondale Farmers Market

P, D, M, PF, DG, BG, F, LM, 3-7 p.m. Thursday, June-September; 3-6 p.m. Thursday, October 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale (517) 646-0230, villageofdimondale.org/

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winter, then reemerge and set up shop in parking lots and parks as the weather gets warmer.

And it's more than just food. Many markets feature vendors selling craft goods, flowers and even locally made alcohol. Some markets use live music to sweeten the deal, while others offer prepared foods like tacos and ice cream.

Check out our farmers market guide, then get out and check out a market near you. With over 20 markets in the tricounty area, you have plenty of options. For more information about local farmers markets and food assistance programs, check out the Michigan Farmers Market Association at mifma.org.

pages/farmersmarket.aspx (B, DU, WIC, MF)

East Lansing Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, DG, BG, IG, F, LM 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, June-October Valley Court Park 280 Valley Court, East Lansing (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/ farmersmarket (S, B, DU)

Eaton Rapids Community Farmers Market

P, O, D, PF, C, BG 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m.- 6 p.m. Wednesdays Hamlin Court, Eaton Rapids (517) 663-0611, cityofeatonrapids.com (WIC)

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P, O, D, M, FH, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM 3-6 p.m. Friday, May-October 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids (517) 663-9453, eatonrapidsmedicalcenter. org (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

Farmers Markets at the Capitol

P, O, D, M, FH, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM, A

10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept.

East Lawn of the Capitol 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing (517) 432-3381, mifma.org/farmersmarkets-at-the-capitol (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

Grand Ledge Farmers Market

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May-October 213 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge (517) 643-1849, glfarm.org (WIC)

Hartland Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May-October 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell (810) 632-1030, hartlandchamber.org/ farmers-flea-market.html

Holt Farmers Market

P, M, BG, C, LM 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, year round (summer market May 2-Nov. 28) 2150 S. Cedar St., Holt (517) 268-0024, holtfarmersmarket.org (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

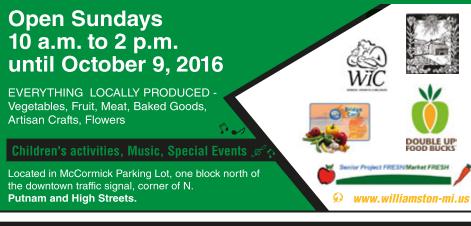
Howell Farmers Market

P, C, M, BG 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May-October Corner of State and Clinton streets, Howell (517) 546-3920, howell.org (S, B, DU)

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(517) 676-1635

Meridian Township Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, FH, PF, DG, BG, IG, F, LM 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May-June; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday & Saturday, July-October Central Park 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos (517) 712-2395, meridian.mi.us (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

Open Air Market of Stockbridge

P, M, PF, C, DG, BG, IG, F, LM 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May-October 125 S. Clinton St., Stockbridge (517) 851-7437, facebook.com/ openairmarketofstockbridge

Old Red Mill Farmers Market

P, D, BG, F 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, June-October Old Red Mill on Water Street, Portland (517) 647- 6777, facebook.com/ oldredmillfarmersmarket (WIC)

Peckham Farms Market

P, F 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May-October

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P, M, C, BG, F, 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, June-October 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing (517) 374-5700, southlansing.org (S, B, WIC, DU, MF)

St. Johns Farmers Market

P. O. D. C. DG. BG. F 8 a.m.- Noon Saturday, June -October

(989) 224-7863 (WIC) Westside Farmers Market

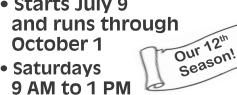
Maple Street, downtown St. Johns

10:30-2 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, June-September Corner of Pine and Ottawa, First Presbyterian Church. (517) 230-7878, nwlansing.org (B, S, DU, WIC, DU, MF)

Williamston Farmers Market

P, O, D, M, PF, C, BG, F, LM McCormick Park, Williamston (517) 719-6193, williamston-mi.us/ ourcommunity/farmersmarket.aspx 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May-October (S, B, DU, WIC, MF)

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Wednesday, June 8 EVENTS

Post-Polio Support Group Meeting. Topic: "Eating Wisely"- food intolerance and maintaining health. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE, Donations welcome. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-1039. Allen Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

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CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 351-5866, lamc.info. **Alcoholics Anonymous.** A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.

RELAX: Alternatives to Anger. Course on calming down from anger. Call to register. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan State University Extension-Eaton County Office Building, 551 Courthouse Dr., Charlotte. (517) 543-2310.

MUSIC

Sit in with the Band. 8-11 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

ARTS

Pottery to Go Workshop. All ages create a pottery masterpiece. 1-2 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351, cadl.org.

THEATER

RENT. Rock musical. 7 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr. Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

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Much of Greater Lansing's recent wave of entrepreneurship is driven by a simple idea: If you can't find something you want here, make it yourself. That principal also drives social groups like Sugar House, which began hosting blues and swing dance events in Lansing in 2014.

"It was started by a group of area swing and blues dancers, myself included, who got tired of traveling an hour or more to other dance communities," said Janea Schimmel, an event organizer for Sugar House. "So we started our own, right here in Lansing."

The group specializes in blues dancing, an early-20th century precursor to swing dancing. Sugar House started hosting monthly blues dances in October 2014 and eventually expanded to two blues dances per month. It added a monthly swing dance last year.

Blues dances are held the first and third Friday of every month, and swing dances are held on the third Saturday. Typical events feature a free beginner lesson followed by an open dance.

For its regulars, Sugar House has become an important social hub.

"As you can likely guess, dance has become a huge part of my life," Schimmel said. "I've met people from across the country, traveled to places I had never been before, learned a lot of new things and I even met my husband dancing."

The group strives to create a welcoming environment. No partner, dancing shoes or experience is necessary to take part in the events.

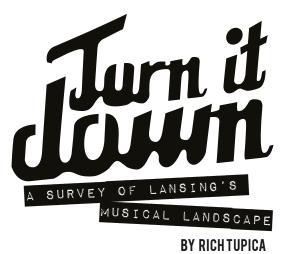
"The most important thing to know is that we're very open to new people," Schimmel said. "We don't care what your background is, just that you're here to share our love of what we're doing."

Friday, Sugar House hosts swing band Anna Cecilia and the Big Time for its first event with a live band. Led by Swedish/American singer Anna Cecilia Ferneborg, the sevenpiece band is touring in support of its debut album, "Live," which was released last month. The group performs standard tunes from the swing and blues repertoire, as well as original songs written in a throwback style.

Sugar House Blues and Swing With Anna Cecilia and the Big Time 8-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 10 \$10 Lansing Central United Methodist Church 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing sugarhouseblues.com

The event will have space set aside for several types of dances, as well as chairs for those who would rather shimmy and sway from the comfort of a seat. But Schimmel thinks the dance floor is the best place to take in the show.

"There's always something really exciting and unique about dancing to live music and having that give and take — not only between dance partners, but also with the musicians on stage," she said.





THE STICK AROUNDS AT THE AVENUE CAFE

Friday, June 10 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$5, 8 p.m.

Lansing-based power-pop band the Stick Arounds headline a stacked bill Friday at the Avenue Café. Opening are Welfare Beer League (Chicago-based pop punk), Scary Women (Lansing-based rock 'n' roll), Running Upstairs (a local solo project featuring Jared Talcott of Mudwest) and Miski Dee. Formed in 2009, the Stick Arounds is made up of former and current members of Calliope, the Pantones and The Gentleman Callers. The band comprises lead guitarist/vocalist Jason Lantrip, Matthew Carlson (12-string guitar/ vocals), Jeffery Gower (guitar/vocals), Tammy Cook (bass) and drummer Joel Kuiper. The group is promoting its upcoming live album, "Mystery Garage," which is tentatively set for a late September release and will be issued on vinyl and digital download. Three preview tracks from the record are available at stickaroundsmusic.com.



COLT FORD HEADLINES TEQUILA COWBOY Thursday, June 9 @ Tequila Cowboy Bar & Grill (Lansing Mall), 5660 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. \$20, \$15 adv., 7:30 p.m.

Supporting his latest album, "Answer To No One: The Colt Ford Classics," country performer and songwriter Colt Ford headlines Thursday at Tequila Cowboy. Ford started his career penning songs for fellow country artists. In 2012, he wrote two No. I hit singles, Jason Aldean's "Dirt Road Anthem" and Brantley Gilbert's "Country Must Be Country Wide." His own rap-tinged country LPs have also garnered success. Ford's "Declaration of Independence" (2012) and "Thanks For Listening" (2014) hit No. I and No. 2, respectively, on Billboard's top country albums chart. Ford, a former professional golfer, grew up listening to country and rap music. In the 2000s, he merged the two styles into his own brand of "hick-hop." Aside from recording tracks and touring, Ford manages his own record label, Average Joes Entertainment.





Since 2010, Wayland has been churning out slick modern rock with a heavy dose of working-class, classicrock grit. The four-piece band comprises vocalist Mitch Arnold, Phillip Vilenski (guitar), Dean Pizzazz (bass) and drummer Tyler Coburn. The outfit, named after Vilenski's hometown of Wayland, Mich., has been touring the country virtually nonstop since 2012, averaging 200 to 300 high-energy shows each year. In that time, the road warriors have shared bills with Alice in Chains, Rob Zombie, Sammy Hagar, Seether, Buckcherry, Slash and Alice Cooper, among others. The hard work paid off when the group was signed to a deal by Mighty Loud Entertainment, a label and management company owned by Jesse James Dupree (lead vocalist of Jackyl). Thursday, the band headlines an all-ages show at the Loft; openers are Harlow, Nagazi and One Without Reason.

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Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		Alistar, 8 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road				Jacob Ford, 5 p.m.
Brookshire, 205 W. Church St.			Alistar, 6 p.m.	
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Lee Groove, 7 p.m.		
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Mike Schneider Band, 6 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Seth Beck, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Darb's, 117 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 8 p.m.		
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.		Karaoke, 9 p.m.	
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 7 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	The Hot Mess, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Fieldhouse, 213 Ann St.		Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.		
Gallery Brewery, 143 Kent St.,	Artzy Phartzy Night, 5 p.m.	Open Mic, 7 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Soulstice, 9:30 p.m.	Tell Yo' Mama, 9:30 p.m.
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.			Steve Cowles, 6:30 p.m.	Mark Sala, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.			Sarah Brunner, 5:30 p.m.	
Leroys, 1526 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Wayland, 6 p.m.	Insane Clown Posse, 7 p.m.	Insane Clown Posse, 7 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Laney Agogo, 7 p.m.	Hizen, 8 p.m.	See You Next Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave. Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m. Kathy Ford Band Lansing Live, 7 p.m.	Stella, 9 p.m.	The Rotations, 9 p.m.	The 3rd Degree, 9 p.m. Kathy Ford, 7 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Kathy Ford Band Lansing Live, 7 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 7 p.m.	Bobby Standall, 7 p.m.	Kathy Ford, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Mark Sala, 7 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	The Fun Fest, 7 p.m.	New Rule, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Rachel Curtis, 7 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.	Lisa B. & the Backbeats, 7 p.m.	The Tenants, 7 p.m.
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy. Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Colt Ford, 7:30 p.m.	Kari Holmes, 7:30 p.m.	Kari Holmes, 7:30 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLachlan, 8 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Mike Skory Patio Blues, 6 p.m.		Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	

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Thursday, June 9 **CLASSES AND SEMINARS**

Lunch at the Senior Center. Call day before to order meal. Noon-1 p.m. \$5.75/\$3 suggested donation for ages 60 and up. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfc.com.

Celebrate Recovery. For all hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866. Seller Financing. Topic: land contracts and seller financed loans. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC, 309 N, Washington Square, Suite 110, Lansing. (517-483-1921, ow.ly/6Gy3300lHuN.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

MUSIC

Mason Symphony Orchestra/Greater Lansing Ballet Company. Outdoor ballet classics. 6 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Mason Courthouse, 160 W. Maple St., Mason. masonorchestras.org. Open Mic @ The Colonial Bar & Grill. Weekly bring-your-own-instrument open mic. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. The Colonial Bar & Grille, 3425 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 882-6132.

THEATER

Chapatti. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 8 p.m. \$23/\$21 seniors and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com. RENT. Rock musical. 7 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr. Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

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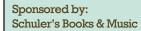
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Lady Woofington Lady Woofington is a a super cute goofy girl. Her biggest charm is that she loves to talk to her people and tell them what she wants!





Loki is a sweet girl who loves attention. She is good with kids but does not like dogs.

In memory of Rodica's cats



Sophie

Sophie is a gorgeous girl with a goofy, laid back personality. She loves people and is going to make an awesome companion! Sponsored by: **Golden Harvest**



Ingham County Animal Shelter

Charles

Charles is a sweet, shy old man looking for a quiet adult only home. He can't see as well as he used to so he will need a more predictable home with patient people.

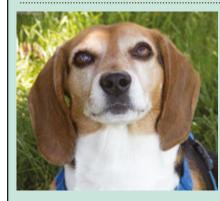
Sponsored by: Anne & Dale Schrader



Crust

Crust came to the shelter with her kittens (all named after pizza toppings). She's a calm girl looking for a quiet home.

In memory of Rachel and Tony Guerre





Orangesickle Orangesickle is a sweet boy who loves to snuggle! He came in extremely shy, but has really opened up and is such a sweetheart!

Sponsor a pet on the next Adoption Page for only \$35 — \$6 goes to the shelter. To sponsor, call by May 3: 999-5061 Now!! Adopt a pet on this page & Soldan's will thank

you with a \$10 gift certificate. Contact (517) 999-5061 after you adopt.



Sour Cream and Cheddar Sour Cream came to us with a bite wound which is healing nicely. He would prefer to be an only cat.

Sponsored by: **Carol Skillings**



Scout

Scout is a big, goofy guy looking for a big yard to run around in. He's super smart and knows many commands already. Sponsored by: Linn & **Owen Jewelers**

Rosco

Rosco is an adorable little beagle man who loves to explore and get himself into trouble. He will need a patient owner who understands a patient owner who drives and 517.882.1011 that hounds follow their noses and 6201 W. Saginaw Hwy. 517.323.6920







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The Explorers Club. Wacky historical comedy set in London. 8 p.m. \$11/\$9 seniors/\$7 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org. The Moth Mainstage. Stories told by acclaimed writers. 7:30 p.m. \$32/\$60 VIP. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 1-800-WHARTON, whartoncenter.com.

EVENTS

Mason Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Mason First Church of the Nazarene, 415 E. Maple St., Mason. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Minecraft Game Nights. Ages 8-15 game together. Call or register online. 5-6:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

The Color Run Tropicolor World Tour. 9 a.m. \$35-\$55. Adado Riverfront Park, 531 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. thecolorrun.com/locations/lansing-mi.

Friday, June 10 classes and seminars

Palette to Palate: Wild Hair. Painting course. 7-9:30 p.m. \$28/\$50 for two. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

City Pulse River Rock Concert. Featuring the Verve Pipe, Triple Lindy and Wally Pleasant. 6:30 p.m. \$15/\$25 at the door. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. riverrockconcert.com. The Scratch Pilots Present: Get Busy Fridays. Featuring DJ McCoy, Don Black, and DJ Duke. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3. The RIV, 231 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing.

Anna Cecilia and the Big Time. Hosted by Sugar House Blues. 8-11:30 p.m. \$10. Lansing Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 862-9856, annaceciliasings.com/ bigtime.

THEATER

MUSIC

Chapatti. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 8 p.m. \$28/\$26 senior and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com. From Earth to the Universe. Planetarium show about the history of astronomy. 8-9 p.m. \$4/\$3 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672, abramsplanetarium.org. RENT. Rock musical. 8 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com. Lend me a Tenor. Lighthearted comedy about

the opera. 7 p.m. Tickets from \$9. Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 Cochrane Ave., Charlotte. andromedaplayers.org. **The Explorers Club.** Wacky historical comedy set

in London. 8 p.m. \$11/\$9 seniors/\$7 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org. **Calendar Girls.** A nude calendar made by a group

JUNE 9-12, 16-19 >> 'THE EXPLORERS CLUB' AT OVER THE LEDGE THEATRE CO.

Over the Ledge Theatre company kicks off its summer season with "The Explorers Club," a comedy set in 1870s London. When the acting president of the prestigious Explorers Club wants to admit a woman, members of club are furious. To make matters worse, the club's bartender is terrible. How is the club supposed to make a decision that could potentially shake the foundation of the British Empire without a decent drink? 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 >> ALTERED TOUR: THE PERFECT MIX AT BROAD ART MUSEUM

The latest installment of the Broad Art Museum's Altered Tours series offers visitors a chance to explore the museum's sharp angles and slanted walls with one of the people who helped construct them. Glenn Granger, president and CEO of Granger Construction Co., will talk about the challenge of bringing architect Zaha Hadid's vision into reality. Hadid, who died in March, was one of the world's foremost female architects. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 >> THE MOTH MAINSTAGE AT THE WHARTON CENTER

The makers of popular public radio program "The Moth Radio Hour" bring their live show to the Wharton Center Thursday. In addition to producing the weekly radio show, the Moth organizes storytelling competitions across the nation and provides storytelling workshops and educational events. Its touring show, "The Moth Mainstage," presents a diverse group of storytellers pulled from the organization's StorySLAM competitions. 7:30 p.m. \$32/\$60 VIP. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

of women comically sparks global phenomenon. 8 p.m. \$15. Owosso Community Players, 114 E. Main St., Owosso. owossoplayers.com.

EVENTS

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B-Fest: Teen Book Festival. Hundreds of authors visit to share games and new reads with teens. FREE. 5-8 p.m. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-3968, ow.ly/VkfB300YJhV.

Gretchen Driskell for Congress Coffee Hour. Coffee and conversation. 9-10 a.m. Beagle's Cafe and Bakery, 214 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (734) 707-7150.

Minecraft Game Night. Ages 8-15 game together. Call or register online. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363, cadl.org.

Sparrow Health Classic Golf Outing. Over 300 golfers play to benefit the hospital. 10:30-5:30 p.m.

Lansing. (517) 364-3619, ow.ly/E7w0300QRfo.

Eagle Eve Golf Club. 15500 Chandler Road. East

ARTS

Ingrid Blixt Opening Reception. Romanian artist shows work including historical and natural themes. 5:30-8 p.m. FREE. Eggleston Gallery, 14035 Webster Road, Bath. (517) 999-3343, egglestongallery.com. Pop Up Art: Special Edition Kick-off Event. Celebrate artists and eat hors d'oeuvres. 5-7 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. lansingartgallery.org/popupart.

Saturday, June 11 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi at the Park. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. No class April 30. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S.

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Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Michigan Romance Writers. Featuring author Beverly Jenkins. 12:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. Library of Michigan, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-1300, ow.ly/MPI23000GuR.

MUSIC

Taste of Country Lansing. Country music concert returns to Lansing. 4-11 p.m. \$20-35. Cooley Law School Stadium, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. witl.com.

City Pulse River Rock Concert. Local musicians and the Top of the Town winners. 4:30 p.m. \$5/\$15 at the door. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. riverrockconcert.com.

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The Explorers Club. Wacky historical comedy set in London. 8 p.m. \$11/\$9 seniors/\$7 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

EVENTS

2016 Chickenstock. Presentation and sale of poultry and related items. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Mills Park, 7001 Old River Trail, Lansing. ow.ly/ xd94300QQVs.

B-Fest: Teen Book Festival. Hundreds of authors visit to share games and new reads with teens. FREE. 5-8 p.m. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-3968, ow.ly/VkfB300YJhV.

Free Public Tours. 1 and 3 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., MSU Campus, East Lansing.

Pour it Up: Local & Global. Beers, wine and spirits from near and far. 1-5 p.m. \$20. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Dr., Lansing. (517) 483-7460, ext. 234, ow.ly/n4KA3000G9a.

Shoe Tales. Ages 3 and up enjoy storytime. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. CADL Dansville, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville. (517) 623-6511, cadl.org.

Virtual Michigan Bike Tour Challenge. Take a

JUNE 10-12, JUNE 17-19 >> 'CALENDAR GIRLS' AT OWOSSO COMMUNITY PLAYERS

The ladies of Owosso Community Players are taking it all off for the group's latest production. Based on the film of the same name, "Calendar Girls," tells the true story of a group of English women who pose nude for a calendar to raise money for charity. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. \$15/\$13.50 seniors and students/\$7.50 children 13 and under. The Lebowsky Center, 122 E. Main St., Owosso. (989) 723-4003, owossoplayers.com.

JUNE 10-12 >> GIZZARD FEST

Potterville's celebration of gizzards returns this weekend for its 17th year. Gizzard Fest features a packed slate of activities, including a parade, car show, flea market, pony rides, live bands and, of course, plenty of gizzards to snack on. Free parking is available at Potterville Schools. See web site for complete schedule of events. 10 p.m.-midnight Friday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. FREE. Downtown Potterville. (517) 927-7912, gizzardfest.com.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11 >> MAYOR'S FAMILY RIVERWALK

Get moving on your summer fitness goals at the 20th annual Mayor's Family Riverwalk. Participants join Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero for a three miles walk from Potter Park Zoo to Maguire Park, stopping at fun stations along the way. Those who would prefer to spend the morning on the water can choose to canoe or kayak from Potter Park Zoo to Old Town's Fish Ladder. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; walk begins at 9 a.m. FREE. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. lansingmi.gov.

JUNE 10-12, 19 >> 'LEND ME A TENOR' AT ANDROMEDA COMMUNITY THEATRE

When Henry Saunders welcomes the best tenor of his generation, Tito Merelli, to the Cleveland Grand Opera Co., the real drama takes place off stage. Andromeda Community Theatre presents "Lend Me a Tenor," a light-hearted comedy that centers around an ill-fated production of Verdi's "Othello." Advance tickets, available on the website, include a \$3 discount. 7 p.m. Friday, June 10-Sunday, June 12; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 19. \$14/\$12 students and seniors. Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 Cochran Ave., Charlotte. (269) 262-1943, andromedaplayers.org.

virtual bike ride around Michigan's coast. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021, cadl.org.

ARTS

Williamston Pop Up Art & Crafts Show. Featuring local handcrafted goods and art. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE. Keller's Plaza Upstairs, 107 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 485-6277.

Sunday, June 12 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Beginning Basket Weaving Class. Beginner's class. 12:30-4:30 p.m. \$40. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224, mynaturecenter.org.

Charlotte Yoga Club. Beginner to intermediate levels. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. AL!VE, 800 W. Lawrence Road, Charlotte. (517) 285-0138, charlottevoga.net.

Juggling. Learn to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pump House, 368 Orchard St., Lansing. (517) 371-5119.

MUSIC

Music in the Park. The Lost Hitchhikers play folk, country and bluegrass. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov.

THEATER

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Coloring for Adults. Adults relax and color together. 2-4 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363, cadl.org. **Free Public Tours.** 1 and 3 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., MSU Campus, East Lansing.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:45 p.m., dance 6:45. \$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.

The Little Star That Could. Planetarium show for families. 2:30 p.m \$4/\$3.50 seniors and students/\$3 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672.

ARTS

Boundless: Book Arts. Exhibition of handmade books opens. Noon-5 p.m. FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East St., Lansing. (517) 327-0938, retreadart.blogspot.com.

Monday, June 13 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. 7:30 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

EVENTS

Breast Cancer Support Group. 7-9 p.m. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 364-2689.

East Lansing Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp. No experience needed. 6-8 p.m. \$60 for 6 week, 12 session training program. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing. mittenmavens.net/join/bootcamp.

Highfields' 36th Annual Golf Outing. Charity



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golfing with dinner and silent auctions. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$175. Forest Akers West Golf Course, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing. highfields.org/events.

Social Bridge. Play bridge and meet new people. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Visit from Lansing Public Safety's Youth Leadership Academy. Ages 10 and under see police and fire vehicles. 1-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Tuesday, June 14 classes and seminars

Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 775-2697, cadl.org.

Free Culinary Class: Summer Salads. Appetizers, drinks, and samples provided. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Cutco Kitchen, 1863 W. Grand River Ave.,

Okemos. (517) 481-137. **Hopeful Hearts Grief Group.** Learn, grow and heal together. 10-11 a.m. FREE. The Marquette Activity Room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. (517) 381-4866.

Lansing Area Co-Dependents Anonymous. 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559,

coda.org. Overeaters Anonymous. Support for weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 819-3294. Speakeasies Toastmasters. Improve listening, analysis, leadership and presentation skills. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176. **Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Have a support system, lose weight. Wheelchair accessible. Weighin 6:30, meeting 7 p.m. FREE first visit. St. Therese Church, 102 W. Randolph St., Lansing. tops.org. **Yawn Patrol Toastmasters.** Learn public speaking. 7-8:30 a.m. Studio 1210 Place, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (989) 859-2086, yawnpatrol.com. **Canital Area Crisis Rudhy Practice.** All levels

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St., Lansing. (989) 859-2086, yawnpatrol.com. Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfc.com.

MUSIC

Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's. Featuring Matt LoRusso and Sam Copperman. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

The Scratch Pilots Present: Turntable Tuesdays. Featuring DJ's Cutt-Nice, Nano2Hype, and Que Luv. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Music with The Storytellers. Enjoy handson musical fun. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

EVENTS

Aurelius Township Family Fun Day. Food, games, face painting, music, and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. CADL Aurelius, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason. (517) 628-3743, cadl.org. Downtown River Market. With nutrition demos and live music. 3-7 p.m. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Dr., Lansing. (517) 483-7460, ow.ly/ soJs300Gl5W.

THEATER

Book of Mormon. Religious satire musical. 7:30

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TUESDAY, JUNE 14 >> LANSING 5:01 PRESENTS JOE HERTLER AND THE RAINBOW SEEKERS

Lansing 5:01, a new initiative designed to attract and keep talented young professionals in Lansing, kicks off its summer programming with a performance by Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers and Nigel & the Dropout. The outdoor concert takes place along the Grand River near the City Market. The evening also includes a food truck rally, and kayaks are available to take out on the river. "We want to show that Lansing is alive after 5 p.m.," said Victoria Morris, internship developer at Michigan State University and Lansing 5:01 event organizer. "Students connected to the event will be able to take part in an exclusive social mixer prior to the concert and be able to take advantage of a number of discounted activities through Lansing 5:01 event partners." 5:01 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 884-1313, lansing501.com.

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Mythologist Joseph Campbell analyzed fairy tales for clues about how the human psyche works. For example, he said that a fairy tale character who's riding a horse is a representation of our relationship with our instinctual nature. If that character drops the reins and lets the horse gallop without guidance, he or she is symbolically surrendering control to the instincts. I bring this to your attention because I suspect you may soon be tempted to do just that that - which wouldn't be wise. In my opinion, you'll be best served by going against the flow of what seems natural. Sublimation and transcendence will keep you much stronger than if you followed the line of least resistance. Homework: Visualize yourself, as you ride your horse, keeping a relaxed but firm grasp of the reins.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): I will provide you with two lists of words. One of these lists, but not both, will characterize the nature of your predominant experiences in the coming weeks. It will be mostly up to you which emerges as the winner. Now read the two lists, pick the one you like better, and instruct your subconscious mind to lead you in that direction. List 1: gluttony, bloating, overkill, padding, exorbitance. List 2: mother lode, wellspring, bumper crop, gold mine, cornucopia.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In his poem "Interrupted Meditation," Robert Hass blurts out the following exclamation: "I give you, here, now, a magic key. What does it open? This key I give you, what exactly does it open?" How would you answer this question, Gemini? What door or lock or heart or treasure box do you most need opened? Decide today. And please don't name five things you need opened. Choose one, and one only. To do so will dissolve a mental block that has up until now kept you from finding the REAL magic key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The following excerpt from Wendell Berry's poem "Woods" captures the essence of your current situation: "I part the out-thrusting branches and come in beneath the blessed and the blessing trees. Though I am silent there is singing around me. Though I am dark there is vision around me. Though I am heavy there is flight around me." Please remember this poem at least three times a day during the next two weeks. It's important for you to know that no matter what murky or maudlin or mysterious mood you might be in, you are surrounded by vitality and generosity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A half-dead blast from the past is throttling the free flow of your imagination. Your best possible future will be postponed until you agree to deal more intimately with this crumbled dream, which you have never fully grieved or surrendered. So here's my advice: Summon the bravest, smartest love you're capable of, and lay your sad loss to rest with gentle ferocity. This may take a while, so be patient. Be inspired by the fact that your new supply of brave, smart love will be a crucial resource for the rest of your long life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Five times every day, devout Muslims face their holiest city, Mecca, and say prayers to Allah. Even if you're not Islamic, I recommend that you carry out your own unique version of this ritual. The next three weeks will be a favorable time to cultivate a closer relationship with the inspirational influence, the high ideal, or the divine being that reigns supreme in your life. Here's how you could do it: Identify a place that excites your imagination and provokes a sense of wonder. Five times a day for the next 21 days, bow in the direction of this treasured spot. Unleash songs, vows, and celebratory expostulations that deepen your fierce and tender commitment to what you trust most and love best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "The road reaches every place, the short cut only one," says aphorist James Richardson. In many cases, that's not a problem. Who

among us has unlimited time and energy? Why leave all the options open? Short cuts can be valuable. It's often smart to be ruthlessly efficient as we head toward our destination. But here's a caveat: According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you're now in a phase when taking short cuts may be counterproductive. To be as well-seasoned as you will need to be to reach your goal, you should probably take the scenic route. The long way around may, in this instance, be the most efficient and effective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "Truth is like the flu," says poet James Richardson. "I fight it off, but it changes in other bodies and returns in a form to which I am not immune." In the coming days, Scorpio, I suspect you will experience that riddle first hand — and probably on more than one occasion. Obvious secrets and wild understandings that you have fought against finding out will mutate in just the right way to sneak past your defenses. Unwelcome insights you've been trying to ignore will finally wiggle their way into your psyche. Don't worry, though. These new arrivals will be turn out to be good medicine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): According to Guinness World records, the most consecutive hours spent riding on a roller coaster is 405 hours and 40 minutes. But I suspect that during the next 15 months, a Sagittarian daredevil may exceed this mark. I have come to this conclusion because I believe your tribe will be especially adept and relatively comfortable at handling steep rises and sudden dips at high speeds. And that won't be the only rough talent you'll have in abundance. I'm guessing you could also set new personal bests in the categories of most frequent changes of mind, most heroic leaps of faith, and fastest talking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Whether we like to admit it or not, all of us have acted like puppets. Bosses and teachers and loved ones can manipulate us even if they're not in our presence. Our conditioned responses and programmed impulses may control our behavior in the present moment even though they were formed long ago. That's the bad news. The good news is that now and then moments of lucidity blossom, revealing the puppet strings. We emerge from our unconsciousness and see that we're under the spell of influential people to whom we have surrendered our power. This is one of those magic times for you, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A few weeks ago you undertook a new course of study in the art of fun and games. You realized you hadn't been playing hard enough, and took measures to correct the problem. After refamiliarizing yourself with the mysteries of innocent joy, you raised the stakes. You began dabbling with more intensive forms of relief and release. Now you have the chance to go even further: to explore the mysteries of experimental delight. Exuberant escapades may become available to you. Amorous adventures could invite you to explore the frontiers of liberated love. Will you be brave and free enough to meet the challenge of such deeply meaningful gaiety? Meditate on this radical possibility: spiritually adept hedonism.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Poet Sharon Dolin compares artists to sunflowers. They create "a tall flashy flower that then grows heavy with seeds whose small hard shells you must crack to get to the rich nut meat." As I contemplate the current chapter of your unfolding story, I see you as being engaged in a similar process, even if you're not literally an artist. To be exact, you're at the point when you are producing a tall flashy flower. The seeds have not yet begun to form, but they will soon. Later this year, the rich nut meat inside the small hard shells will be ready to pluck. For now, concentrate on generating your gorgeous, radiant flower.

June 8-15

to buy the 47-year-old bakery from owners Mena and

Sostine Castriciano. But that deal fell through earlier this

"Mena and Solstine are probably the nicest two people ever, but it wasn't a good fit," Umfleet said. "I'm grateful

they helped me keep Whipped (operating). I don't think

American Fifth Spirits), key lime and pistachio.

as good as it looks. That's it."

new space," Clark said.

that has built a solid client base," Umfleet said. "It's all

he provided guidance to up-and-coming pastry chef

Katie Clark. For the last seven years, she's been operat-

ing her business, Nom Nom Cupcakes, under Michigan's

Cottage Food Law, which allows her to sell goods cooked in her home kitchen. This week, she takes a big step for-

ward with her first retail space inside Lansing Čity Market.

"I definitely want to own a brick-and-mortar location in Lansing eventually, but right now I'm just enjoying this

to-cover, and slowly began accumulating the equipment each recipe called for. Then it was just a matter of con-

necting with customers.

"Everything was built on word of mouth," Clark said. 'I used to have my customers meet me in coffee shops to pick up their orders, and other people would see the boxes, lean in and ask what it was. I got so many new customers that way."

Clark said her top selling cupcake flavor is blue moon. "It tastes just like the ice cream flavor," she said.

She uses coffee from Strange Matter Coffee Co. in her recipes, as well as IPA beer from Ellison Brewery + Spirits and bacon from Meat Southern BBQ and Carnivore Cuisine. Besides cupcakes, Clark also makes muffins, cookies, fruit tortes and tarts. She's also teaching herself how to make bread.

district, Scoops Ice Cream in Old Town moved into the space most recently occupied by Artie's Filling Station.

ness partners Rico Lewis and Linda Baughman took over the 260-square-foot former Sinclair Oil station that was historically restored by preservationist Dale Schrader. The space had been empty for over two years before Lewis opened under decidedly auspicious circumstances last month.

Scoops features hand-packed ice cream from the MSU Dairy Store and Hudsonville Ice Cream. Right now it's just served in cone form, but Lewis said sundaes, milkshakes and other offerings are in the works. Also coming soon: hot food, including hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza and walking tacos.

"I'd like to be able to keep going through the winter with soups and sandwiches, too," Lewis said. "But I want to get a good feel for the neighborhood, find out what people want first. I want people to have their birthday parties here, start their city bike tours here, have their running groups leave from here. I want this to be an event-oriented business that's tied to the community."

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Book of Mormon. Religious satire musical. 7:30

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Nom Nom Cupcakes When Clark first had the idea of being a commercial baker in 2009, she called up every cooking school she 325 City Market Drive, Lansing could find to see what books they used in their classes. (inside Lansing City Market) Then she bought as many as she could, read them cover-

(517) 898-6734, nomnomcupcakes.com

Meanwhile, on the western edges of Old Town's retail The name is almost as big as the business itself; busi-

'Opening day we were shoveling snow," he said. "We still had 120 people come out, so that was good."

the business would have survived without that move." Umfleet specializes in wedding cakes topped with his signature butter cream frosting, but the bulk of his business comes from retail grab-and-go pastries. He's committed to creating one new cupcake flavor a month, with recent hits including white Russian (made with actual vodka and coffee liqueur made at nearby distillery 'The cupcakes and cookies were just extra, but now

about simplicity. It just has to look fantastic, and to taste Whipped Before Umfleet started his game of musical storefronts,

Saturday; closed Sunday

Scoops Ice Cream in Old Town 127 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing 2-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

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Wednesday, June 15 **CLASSES AND SEMINARS**

Foster Care: Everything You Wanted to Know. Find out about ways to help foster children. 6-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Aurelius, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason.

p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 351-5866, lamc.info. Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215. RELAX: Alternatives to Anger. Course on calming down from anger. Call to register. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan State University Extension-Eaton County Office Building, 551 Courthouse Dr., Charlotte. (517) 543-2310.

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Concerts in the Park. Featuring MSU Professors of Jazz. 6 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Dr., Lansing. (517) 483-4313, lansingmi.gov/ parks.

Merry Music Maker. Interactive stories, sign language, movement and fun. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

EVENTS

Cirque AmongUs Workshop. Learn skills like balancing on a tightrope and riding a unicycle. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Dansville, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville, (517) 623-6511, cadl.org, Zeemo: Let's Get Physical. Activities like juggling and Chinese diabolos. 1-2 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. Allen Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions.



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WHIPPED/NOM NOM CUPCAKES/SCOOPS ICE CREAM

Ty Forquer/City Pulse Scoops Ice Cream opened last week in a historic Sinclair Oil building on the west end of Old Town's retail district.

year.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

It's going to be a sweet summer — the kind that gives dentists the cold sweats. Following the recent trend in Metro Lansing gourmet confectionaries that have

opened in the last year — Glazed and Confused (downtown Lansing), Groovy Donuts (Williamston), Mimi's

Sweet Shop (Eastwood Towne Center), Iorio's Gelato &

Caffé and Gigi's Cupcakes (Trowbridge Plaza) and Velvet A Candy Store (East Lansing) — a trio of new or expanded businesses will be putting the neighborhood ice cream truck on alert.

This marks the first full week of Whipped in its new downtown Lansing location. Owner/operator Randy Umfleet opened in the 2,285-square-foot space next to Summit Comics and Games Thursday. This is the third move Umfleet's made with the business since he bought

it in 2012, and he hopes this will be its permanent home. "In the first three days I was open last week, I made more than I did in an entire month at my Old Town loca-

tion," Umfleet said. "It didn't take long for people to find me.

Whipped was originally a DeWitt bakery, but Umfleet

- moved it to Old Town adjacent to the former Creole Gallery in 2014 to increase foot traffic. One year later, his
- lease was bought out when the building's new owner, Jamie Schriner-Hooper, decided to move forward with
- her husband's company's Cajun restaurant concept, the
- Creole, which opened in the Creole Gallery's old space

last fall. Its conjoined twin, Creole Coffee Co., a New

Orleans-themed breakfast place, took over Whipped's storefront a few months later. Umfleet called the move "friendly."

He then put his equipment in storage, moved his base of operations to Roma Bakery and entered negotiations

Out on the town



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Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2016 Top of the Town contest, we've assembled a guide to your favorite Lansing-area eateries. We'll run single categories in the paper periodically, but the complete dining guide is always available on our website or on our official mobile app, The Pulse. The app is available on iPhone and Android platforms; head over to facebook.com/lansingapp or text "pulse" to 77948 for links to download. Bon appétit!

TOP 5 VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/ GLUTEN-FREE

#1 SOUP SPOON CAFE

City Pulse readers love Soup Spoon's breakfast options, soups and sandwiches 1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing (517) 316-2377 soupspooncafe.com 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

#2 RED HAVEN

Upscale farm-to-table restaurant featuring adventurous cuisine and sleek design 4480 Hagadorn Road, Suite 103 (517) 679-6309 eatredhaven.com 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday

#3 BETTER HEALTH

Grocery store with wide selection of organic and gluten -free products and a cafe. 305 N. Clippert St., Lansing (517) 332-6892 thebetterhealthstore.com 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday

#4 ALTU'S ETHIOPIAN CUISINE

Low-key, independently owned outpost for traditional Ethiopian fare & combo meals, plus smoothies. 1312 Michigan Ave., East Lansing (517) 333-6295 eatataltus.com 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4:30-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, closed Sunday-Monday.

#3 ALADDIN'S RESTAURANT

City Pulse readers recommend the chicken schwarma and Mediterranean salad 300 N. Clippert St., Lansing (517) 333-8710 aladdinslansing.com 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

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By JUSTIN KING

After weeks of back-and-forth, it seems like summer has finally pushed spring out of the way here in mid-Michigan. This puts us squarely into patio season, and it's important to use this limited

Review Important to use this in time for maximum fun.

Napa merlot with 15 percent alcohol won't taste lean and fresh when the mercury climbs north of 80 degrees. But put your lips on a glass



of crisp, dry sparkling wine while sitting in a comfortable, gentle breeze, and you've just experienced a foolproof way to enhance any mood. Whether your patio is a front porch, a

grassy field, a lawn chair, or a rickety table by the window, here are some sipping suggestions to enhance your warm weather enjoyment.

Prosecco is never top-level amazing wine, but it is rarely terrible. At its best, it has an uncanny ability to mentally transport you to a seaside holiday. The standard is — and will likely continue to be Nino Franco. Usually made exclusively with northern Italy's glera grape, Nino Franco's prosecco (\$20) is bursting with flavors of freshly picked apricots, white peaches and lighter kiwi notes. Moderately tart and dry, this wine is heavenly with cucumber salad or fresh melon. It's the ultimate brunch wine that pairs well with eggs and bacon and drinks enjoyably as an aperitif. Try this wine in your Bellinis, mimosas and even French 75s.

If you care to up the ante on brightness of flavor, Australian riesling is one of the sneaky stellar deals in the world. Australia's wine exporters tanked in the last 10 years, and it's completely their fault. For years, grocery store shelves were stuffed with "critter wines" — inexpensive wines with animal-themed labels that are full of gobs of overripe red fruit and insufficient backbone to support the flabby flavors.



Justin King/City Pulse

Persey Vale's dry riesling is a wellbalanced summer wine that is perfect for patio sipping.

American consumer interest waned, and it depressed Australian wine sales as a whole.

The silver lining is that there are some incredibly balanced Aussie wines that are priced much lower than they should be. For example, check out Pewsey Vale's 2013 riesling. Gorgeously aromatic and very dry, this wine is also lip-smackingly tart. This combination, along with notes of red apple, nectarine and fresh flowers, makes this \$16 wine one of the best values I've found all year.

The fruit is entirely from Eden Valley, a slice of land near Australia's southern coast. This region features a slightly higher elevation than surrounding areas, which, along with coastal proximity, keeps the sugar in the grapes a little lower.

Closer to home, northern Michigan's Shady Lane Cellars produces consistent riesling at a very fair price. Its 2013 semidry riesling is slightly sweet, juicy and medium-bodied. This wine is a great value at just \$15. I recommend picking up an extra bottle or two; it's great to have on hand for entertaining unexpected summer guests. This may sound counter-intuitive, but this riesling is my favorite wine for all things taco. The slight sweetness, moderate alcohol and zippy fruit style is a perfect palate pick-me-up to accompany your taco crushing. Trust me on this one.

For something a little more off the grid, check out Barone di Valforte's pecorino. This pleasant white wine is similar to a pinot grigio. At just \$16, it packs in a lot of flavor without feeling too heavy. It's like fruit salad in a glass, with notes of pineapple, lemon, Fuji apples, ripe peaches and mangoes. Pecorino, by the way, has nothing to do with the cheese of the same name. The cheese is made from sheep's milk, and pecora is the Italian word for sheep. Legend has it that many a flock of Italian sheep would graze from pecorino vines.

In addition to these, look for wines like Greco di Tufo, which feature racy, herbal notes, or trebbiano d'Abruzzo, a grape from central Italy that, while sometimes innocuous, can make well executed wines at only \$10 or so.

And of course, we have to mention sauvignon blanc, specifically from the Marlborough region of New Zealand. Marlborough sauvignon blanc is the IPA of the wine world: It often lacks subtleties, but the best are wonderful at balancing brightness and complexity. There seems to be very little middle ground on these wines.

The grapefruit aromas and flavors dominate these wines, but sometimes there are secondary notes that come across like asparagus or jalapeno that get it in the way. Look for consistent producers like Kim Crawford, Dog Point, Cloudy Bay, Greywacke or Villa Maria.

Check with your local purveyors, as they are great at finding deals on the fly. Okemos' Dusty's Cellar and Vine & Brew, Horrocks in Lansing and Merindorf Meats in Williamston all have well-curated wine selections at pricing that can often beat the chain stores.

Justin King is a certified sommelier and co-owner of Bridge Street Social, a wine and cocktail-focused restaurant in DeWitt.







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Buffalo chicken sandwich - Waterfront Bar & Grill

The Buffalo chicken sandwich from Waterfront Bar & Grill features grilled chicken - not fried — which is tossed in Buffalo

sauce, so it's not too heavy. It's topped with melted cheese, fresh lettuce, tomato, red onion and ranch dressing. The sandwich is served on a toasted bun, which is one of those small touches that really makes a difference.

But truth be told, I could have picked just about anything off of the bar's menu. Waterfront has pared down its menu to a handful of sandwiches, burgers and salads, and they are all quite good. The secret ingredi-

> For a city with miles of rivers, there

side drinking and dining options in Lansing. I understand there was a time when the river wasn't pleasant to look at - and I'm still not eager to go for a swim in it - but it's the perfect backdrop for a sandwich and a beer. Add in Waterfront's killer view of the downtown skyline, and you've got one of the best patios in town.

But get there early. When the weather's nice, the patio fills up quickly. If you're lucky, maybe Deacon Earl or Mike Skory will be throwing down some live blues.

-Ty Forquer

What's your favorite dish?

Do you have a go-to dish at your favorite local restaurant? We want to know about it. Email your favorite dish and a short explanation about why you love it to food@lansingcitypulse.com, and it may be featured in a future issue. If possible, please send a photo along with your description - a nice smartphone photo is fine. Cheers!







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