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Feedback

Too tough on Public Safety Committee

The April 19 issue of the City Pulse was, I think, too harsh in its criticism of the Lansing City Council Committee on Public Safety efforts to produce an ordinance to clarify the city's position on the proper governance of Michigan's unclear medical marijuana law. I have attended some of the committee meetings and have tracked its efforts to design an ordinance covering the use of medical marijuana as approved by Michigan voters.

The Public Safety Committee has responded, as it rightly should, to the various voices hoping to influence how Lansing will deal with the many issues arising from the State's fuzzy medical marijuana law. Its drafts were reviewed by the city attorney and then rewritten. Finally, Michigan reworked its law and the city drafts had to again be reviewed and

changed. The committee members have worked long and hard. The final result must be to do only one thing, address the city's stance to govern the use of medical marijuana in Lansing. It may not please everyone; it must not be directed at the recreational use of marijuana.

> -Claude Beavers Lansing

Correction

Due to a reporting error, last week's story "Herding Cats" on candidates for city offices missed 4th Ward candidate Elvin Caldwell Jr. Caldwell is a 28-year-old school/community liaison for the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy.

Also, with Caldwell, there are 32 candidates for city offices, one more than the story reported.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 1404

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-382 OF CHAPTER 50 - ZONING - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO ALLOW FOR EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES TO BE LICENSED FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1404 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at the regular meeting of the Council held on May 9, 2017, and will become effective 7 days after the publication of the following summary of ordinance

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1404

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Ordinance1404 will allow extended care/nursing facilities to be licensed for the sale of alcoholic

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1404 can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wicks

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City of Lansing **Notice of Public Hearing**

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #68 – Belen Buildings Redevelopment Project pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 513 & 515 Ionia Street located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

513 Ionia street Lansing, MI 48933. Parcel number 33-01-01-16-157-081; W 2 R LOTS 1 & 2 ALSO E 55 FT LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 92 ORIG PLAT

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer - Director of Economic Development, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 702-3387.

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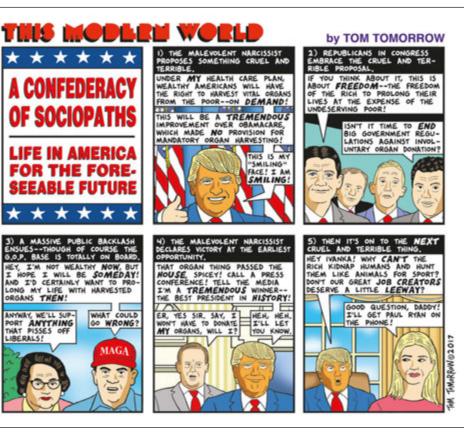
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PULSE MEWS & OPINION

No good deed

Woman fighting to make BWL pay for house it burned down in 2015

Cora Hobbs-Jackson was just trying to be a good neighbor in February 2015. In return, the Lansing Board of Water & Light burned her house down. And they don't have to pay her a dime for it.

Feb. 22 was a frigid day, Hobbs-Jackson's next door neighbor on West Michigan Avenue had no water because the subzero temperature had frozen the water pipes.

Two women from the BWL knocked on her door and asked permission to hook a hose up to her outside faucet to aid her neighbor. Initially, she declined, according to a transcript of a deposition on file at the Ingham County Circuit Court. But then she reconsidered and called the employees back.

She didn't pay much more attention to the issue that day. She went to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek and stayed overnight.

"When I left my house on the 22nd, my house was standing," she said. "When I got here, my whole house was in the back burnt up. It's been rough. It's truly been rough."

An urgent call from her brother summoned her back to Lansing on the 23rd. She arrived to find the street she called home for 43 years filled with emergency vehicles.

According to three separate investigations into the fire, one from the BWL, one from the fire marshal and a third from an independent investigator hired by the BWL, the two employees returned to her home on Feb. 23 because the neighbor's water was not flowing again. After a child in the neighbor's home had turned off the water, the hose between the two homes froze.

That's when Hobbs-Jackson's good deed was punished: A BWL employee using a torch to thaw the garden spigot set the house on fire.

When it was over, the 116-year-old home was a total loss.

On Saturday, Hobbs-Jackson, 67, stood in the empty lot where her home once stood. She told of raising her three sons in the neighborhood. "A good neighborhood. A nice neighborhood," she said.

She and her husband, Alex, her high school sweetheart from Mississippi, bought the house in 1975, after renting in Lansing since their arrival in 1970. She worked at Sparrow, he for GM. They paid the house off within 12 years, she said with pride. Alex died in the home in 2006.

Gesturing about the empty lot, she spoke of improvements she'd made. A new roof. A new driveway. Granite top counters





Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Cora Hobbs-Jackson was just trying to help out when she agreed to let the Lansing Board of Water & Light run a hose from her house to a neighbor's whose pipes were frozen. When she returned home, her house was destroyed by fire.

in the kitchen. New carpeting throughout.

A Google Streetview image of the house from 2011 shows a bright white home with bright blue trim and a tidy yard surrounded by a low chain link fence. All that is gone now. Five tulips in what was her back garden are all that remain.

Those fire investigation reports and court records show that on Feb. 23, an 18-year-old employee of BWL named Selena Gomez set to work freeing the frozen hose from the back of Hobbs-Jackson's home. She used a blowtorch to thaw the spigot. The only training she had received on how to use the torch consisted of being told not to point the flame of the torch at the house, she testified in her deposition.

The torch had ignited the materials behind the siding above the spigot, investigation reports and the BWL's attorney, Pamela Dausman, agreed. The fire spread quickly. After thawing out the spigot. Gomez returned to her work truck for a new hose. When she returned, she noticed a crackling sound behind the siding. When she peeked behind the siding around the spigot, the interior was red. She attempted to douse the embers by splashing water into the small hole. Then she noticed flames in the kitchen. She called her coworker and 9-1-1. She was advised to move away from the home and await emergency crews. BWL supervisors arrived and sent Gomez and her co-worker back to headquarters to be evaluated on their fitness for duty. Gomez was sent home.

Jackson-Hobbs said that a customer service manager at the BWL told her he was "gonna make it right," she said. "He kept calling me: "'Mama, we gonna make it right for you. Mama ,we sorry this done happened.""

But none of those promises materialized. Hobbs-Jackson was able to get a \$115,300 settlement from her insurance company. According to court records, she was still out at least \$110,978 in expens-

es, including demolition of her home, a month's hotel stay, new furnishings and upgrades on her new home and losses not covered by the insurance.

Despite assurances the utility would "make it right" and concessions in court pleadings that the fire had been the fault of their employee, BWL clammed up and refused to pay up, according a lawsuit she filed.

BWL spokesman Steve Serkiain declined to comment on the ongoing litigation, but he disputed Hobbs-Jackson's characterization of the utility's assistance to her.

"When the incident occurred, the BWL expressed the unfortunate nature of the incident and provided Ms. Jackson with temporary hotel accommodations, in addition to other amenities at the BWL's cost, as things got underway with Ms. Jackson's insurance carrier," Serkiain wrote in an email. "It is our understanding that Ms. Jackson's insurance carrier honored its policy and provided her with the means to purchase a new home in this unfortunate situation."

He said the utility paid \$1,639.24 for hotel, food and "other" expenses.

However, in a response to questions from the BWL found in the circuit court file, Hobbs-Jackson's attorney, Michael Behan, cited an unresolved cost of \$2,670 in hotel expenses that neither the insurance company nor BWL paid.

The lawsuit alleges negligence and gross negligence against both the BWL and Gomez. In response, the BWL claimed they had governmental immunity.

On March 22, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge James Jamo agreed, in part, with BWL. He found that the utility was performing a governmental function at the time of the fire and therefore was immune from damages. But Gomez was still on the hook.

"There are some facts that could be interpreted that in this circumstance, the way this

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405 Grove St., East Lansing

Agitator-architect Peter Eisenman once remarked that he liked buildings that are "more intellectual and less emotional." Openly disdainful of premodern architecture, he claimed to prefer works that appealed to his intellect, rather than his emotions. While the appearance of this building is likely too passé for Eisenman's tastes, he would probably appreciate its energy adaptations. Serving as the offices of Michigan Energy Options, the building's systems repeatedly demonstrate the message conveyed by its tenants.

The Dutch Colonial Revival style is characterized by the dual pitched gambrel roof; here the front gable features a home for pest-eating bats. Windows have been replaced with more efficient units, but the original painted wood siding remains. South-facing roof planes exhibit two types of electricity-generating solar panels, one on the upper roof and another on the lower eaves. Seasonal rain barrels catch runoff from the roofs, while the front yard doubles as a turf-free rain garden and vegetable garden of seasonal produce.

It has been said the greenest building is the one that is already built. This building, well into its 10th decade of use, has experienced several additions and remodels. Most notably, this year marks the fifth anniversary of the building's LEED Platinum certification.

-Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

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Whither Groesbeck

Council questions budget plan to transfer golf course to LEPFA

Lansing City Council members are wrestling with a budget proposal that would turn over the management of the city's remaining golf course to a third party.

Council members have expressed concern at budget hearings over the Bernero administration's proposal to shift the management of the Groesbeck Golf Course to the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority. The goal would be to ultimately reduce the amount of money the parks department spends to keep Groesbeck, the sole surviving golf course owned by Lansing, by making it self-sufficient. The city shut down two others, Red Cedar and Waverly, to save money.

But Council members noted that LEP-FA has failed to make its other properties financially independent. Those include the Lansing Center, Cooley Law School Stadium and the Lansing City Market. It also runs Common Ground, which has declined to four nights from seven in 2007. Together those represent a subsidy from city taxpayers of over \$1 million.

The administration wants LEPFA to take it over Jan. 1, in the middle of the fiscal year. LEPFA would receive \$286,000 from the city's parks millage, said Spitzley. That equals approximately half of what the city is currently spending for a full year of operating the course.

"Transferring management of the course to LEPFA is aimed at improving Groesbeck's bottom line to reduce the subsidy, which would allow the city to redirect those resources to other needs," Randy Hannan, Mayor Virg Bernero's chief of staff, said by email.

Spitzley and 2nd Ward Councilman Adam Hussain raised concerns that the Lansing Parks Board had not been consulted about the proposal. That fact was brought to the attention of City Council last week by Jim McClurken, the board's vice chairman and a candidate for the 4th Ward Council seat.

Veronica Garcia-Wing, who chairs the Parks Board, said she had "concerns" about the proposal and it not being shared with the board. She's asked the Parks Department staff to provide information about the plan to the board on tonight when it meets.

"As a board member, I've got concerns with the millage subsidy as it exists, and that is certainly compounded by this new proposal," she said. "It's troublesome to me that a significant portion of the parks millage goes to golf and cemeteries. It's even more troublesome with the prospect of LEPFA taking control. That doesn't sit right at all."

Scott Keith, LEPFA's president and CEO, presented the Council with a barebones business plan last week. The plan did not address concerns about how long it would take for the city to realize a cost savings. Those questions, Spitzley and other Council members said, remain unanswered.

"I think there are a lot of questions," she said. "I'm not sold."

Clouding the issue is LEPFA's current operational responsibilities, particularly with the Lansing City Market. After taking over management of that facility, it was supposed to become self-sufficient as well. However, taxpayers have continued to subsidize the operations. LEPFA is seeking \$80,000 for the market this year despite only having a few vendors in the building.

Keith defended the market's performance, noting that "it's time to re-evaluate what people want" from the market. He said

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happened, that for that moment under these circumstances the employee lacked concern, or her conduct was such to demonstrate some sufficient level of disregard for whether an injury results that a fact-finder could that that there was gross negligence," Jamo ruled from the bench, according to a hearing transcript in the court files. That means Gomez could be held liable for all the damages Hobbs-Jackson is seeking.

The BWL is appealing that decision in an effort to cover Gomez with the government immunity.

Meanwhile, Jackson-Hobbs is trying to pick up the pieces and move on. She's in a new home on the city's south side, miles from her church and her neighborhood. But she's also fighting with City Hall. While waiting for the insurance payment to come through, her property was cited by Code Compliance officials for trash and debris. She said the notice of the violation was delivered to the mailbox of her red-tagged home on West Michigan. And she thought the debris and trash — all the result of the fire — could have been collected when the demolition happened. City officials thought differently.

She said the day before the demolition happened, city contractors showed up and hauled away the debris she had been cited for. The city charged her \$1,844 for the service, and when she didn't pay, it tagged it onto her property taxes. Those taxes and fees have been referred to the county for collection, and if she doesn't pay up, she could lose the empty lot.

"It's truly has been rough but I get through it," she said as surveyed her empty lot with resignation.

"I'll get through it."

- TODD HEYWOOD

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-2-2017, 5025 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Rezoning from "E-2" Local Shopping District to "F" Commercial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider Z-2-2017. This is a request by the Gamut Group, LLC to rezone the property at 5025 S. Pennsylvania Avenue from "E-2" Local Shopping District to "F" Commercial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit a commercial retail establishment on the subject property.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On May 3, 2017, the following minutes of the proceedings of the Meridian Township Board were sent for posting in the following locations:

Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court Hope Borbas Okemos Branch Library, 4321 Okemos Road Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin Street Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road Snell Towar Recreation Center, 6146 Porter Ave. and the Township Web Site www.meridian.mi.us.

March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

BRETT DREYFUS, CMMC

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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 15, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 294, Sections 294.02(a), 294.02(i), 294.02(k) and 294.02(r) to conform to the Police Officers' Pension Benefit changes contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the City and Capitol City Labor Program, Inc. (CCLP) Local #141 Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Divisions, both ratified in 2015, by adding the definition of base wage; providing a minimum retirement age of 50 for new hired Police Officers; limiting pensions to 115% and 110% of a base wage; amending the Police Officer employee pension contribution; and reducing the pension benefit multiplier for new hired police officers.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING WAS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES LOCATED AT 3209 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MICHIGAN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Hayes, Clerk Aten, Treasurer Rodgers
Trustees: Broughton, Harris, McKenzie, DeLay

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gresens, Attorney

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hayes.

Minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2017 approved.

Agenda approved as amended.

Authorized West Side Water Manager to sign the Water Reliability Analysis Agreement.
Resolution 17-9 not objecting to abandonment of alley underneath former Whiskey Barrel adopted.
Authorized Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Supplemental Water Service Agreement #9.

Renewal of amusement device license for Dispatch Sports Bar & Grill approved.

Claims approved. Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor Susan L. Aten, Clerk

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Reefer madness?

Planning Board member under fire for marijuana advocacy

Three Lansing City Council members think Planning Board member Josh Hovey has a conflict of interest and want him to resign. Hovey is the spokesman for a marijuana legalization ballot initiative and as a Lansing Planning Board member has worked to loosen restrictions in a proposed medical marijuana ordinance pending before the Council.

"I am now at the point that I think having Josh Hovey on the Planning Board is an absolute conflict of interest," wrote 1st Ward Councilwoman Jody Washington in an email to four Council members and the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. She accused Hovey of advocating for a dispensary that she claims was operating "illegally."

Councilwoman At-Large Carol Wood and 3rd Ward Councilman Adam Hussain said they agree with Washington that Hovey should resign from the Planning Board, which is advisory only.

Steve Japinga, director of government relations for the Lansing Chamber, who was copied on the email, declined to comment. Hovey chairs the Chamber's political action committee.

"I think she's been watching 'Reefer Madness," Hovey said Saturday by Facebook, referring to a classic anti-pot movie from the 1930s. "I'm not representing any of the medical marijuana businesses, so I can't see how there is a conflict."

He noted that he serves "at the pleasure of the mayor."

Randy Hannan, Bernero's spokesman, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Hovey worked for Virg Bernero in the Mayor's Office in 2006 and 2007.

Hovey said he has recused himself from decisions when his employer, the marketing and advocacy group Truscott Rossman, represented the developer with business before the Planning Board..

"I think I offer some good experience and have consistently demonstrated strong leadership," he said.

The property Washington is concerned about is 4215 N. Grand River Ave., home

to First Class Releaf, a medical marijuana dispensary. The property was zoned for offices. But it has since been changed to a commercial zone. According to minutes from a public hearing for that change in zoning on Feb. 7, Hovey said nothing about the proposal.

Attached to Washington's email are several pages of minutes from that same meeting of the Planning Board. The board was reviewing zoning regulations in a proposed marijuana licensing ordinance. During that meeting, Hovey led the move to delete a 500-foot distance between medical marijuana dispensaries, noting the draft was "being regulated as though it were recreational." The move was adopted by the Planning Commission on a 4-0 vote, but ignored by the City Council Committee on Public Safety. Both Wood and Hussain serve on the committee.

"Whether or not marijuana is legalized, Josh has clearly lost any sense of objectivity," Washington wrote. "He has taken it upon himself to scold councilmembers and push for unethical zoning."

She could bring an ethics complaint against Hovey under the city's Ethics Ordinance. That law, passed by voters in 1996 to fulfill the requirements of a voter approved amendment to the City Charter on ethics, requires an affidavit of disclosure be filed when there may be a conflict of interest or an "appearance" of a conflict.

The City of Lansing Ethics Manual, available online, instructs those impacted, including appointed board members, to "discuss the matter with your supervisor and file an Affidavit of Disclosure."

Those affidavits are filed with the City Clerk's Office. Chris Swope, the clerk, said Monday Hovey has not filed an "Affidavit of Disclosure."

Asked if Hovey should file, Swope said, "I don't believe I have enough facts to make a determination, and ultimately it would be the Board of Ethics who would make a determination."

But he added, "My initial reaction is that I don't see how the number of or proximity between establishments in the City of Lansing impacts advocating for or against a statewide ballot proposal."

- TODD HEYWOOD

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farmers markets have proliferated in the region and they "have an impact" on that.

In the past 18 months, he said, the market has found a bit of success with smaller gathering events, like a Cards Against Humanity tournament. "That may be what people want," he said. "More small events." The market has also become the host of outdoor events, such as Jazz & Blues on the Grand, a summer concert program.

He defended the city's subsidies to LEP-FA's current operations and the potential expansion by noting that the region garnered over \$60 million in economic activity from the Lansing Center conferences and events.

"So a million dollars in investment for \$60 million in return," he said — "I don't know about you if you're in that finance world but I would take that in a heartbeat."

LEPFA BUDGET REQUESTS 2018 FISCAL YEAR

\$80,700 City Market \$723,800 Lansing Center \$399,000 Cooley Stadium \$286,000 Groesbeck Golf Course \$140,000 Common Ground

- TODD HEYWOOD

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City of Lansing Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on **May 22, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #69 - 221 West Saginaw Avenue Redevelopment Project pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 221 West Saginaw Avenue located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

221 West Saginaw Avenue Lansing, MI 48933. Parcel number 33-01-01-16-127-001; LOT 8 & N 1 R LOT 7 BLOCK 63 ORIG PLAT

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer – Director of Economic Development, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 702-3387.

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

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CP#17-125

RABY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT **NOTICE OF PARTIAL DRAINAGE EASEMENT RELEASE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, intend to release to the fee owner a portion of an easement located on a parcel of land in Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, assigned Parcel No. 33-02-02-09-203-019, described as follows:

Part of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 9, T.4 N.-R.1 W., Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point 927 feet, South of the Northeast Corner of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 9; thence South, 145 feet; thence West, 200 feet; thence North, 145 feet; thence East, 200 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.67 acres, more or less.

The easement area I intend to release is a portion of an easement granted to the Raby Drain Drainage District on September 17, 1894, in a document titled Release of Right of Way, recorded with the official records of the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at Meridian Township Ledger 4, Page 204 of its Drain Records. The excess easement area to be released is described as follows:

A strip of land being part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T.4 N.-R.1 W., Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the Northeast Corner of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9; thence S.00°-00'-00"W., on the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9, 1071.71 feet; thence N.90°-00'-00"W., 200.00 feet; thence N. 00°-00'-00"E., 14.12 feet to the point of beginning of a strip of land deemed sufficient width, centered on the following described centerline; thence N.78°-59"-59"E., 42.05 feet; thence N.65°-59'-59"E., 163.00 feet and there end. Except that portion lying within the following described area; Part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T.4 N.-R.1 W., Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the Northeast Corner of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9; thence S.00-00'-00"W., on the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9, 1071.71 feet; thence N.90-00'-00"W., 58.62 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing N.90-00'-00"W., 141.38 feet; thence N.00-00'-00"E., 30.00 feet; thence S.90-00'-00"E., 119.89 feet; thence N.18-47'-02"E., 84.32 feet; thence S.89-15'-36"E., 19.96 feet to the West right of way line of Okemos Road; thence S.00-00'-00"W., on said West line, 34.24 feet; thence S.18-47'-02"W., 79.57 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.15 acres, more or less.

The remainder of the easement granted by the September 17, 1894, Release of Right of Way shall be retained by the Raby Drain Drainage District together with an easement granted on the same parcel on January 18, 2017, recorded with the Ingham County Register of Deeds as Document #2017-003396, and described as follows:

Part of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 9, T.4 N.-R.1 W., Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the Northeast Corner of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 9; thence S.00-00'-00"W., on the East line of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 9, 1071.71 feet; thence N.90-00'-00"W., 58.62 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing N.90-00'-00"W., 141.38 feet; thence N.00-00'-00"E., 30.00 feet; thence S.90-00'-00"E., 119.89 feet; thence N.18-47'-02"E., 84.32 feet; thence S.89-15'-36"E., 19.96 feet to the West right of way line of Okemos Road; thence S.00-00'-00"W., on said West line, 34.24 feet; thence S.18-47'-02"W., 79.57 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.15 acres, more or less.

Any taxpayer who wishes to protest this release of easement may appear at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854, on **June 12, 2017**, **between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, for that purpose. After said date and time the excess easement may be released back to the landowner.

This Notice and action is made pursuant to Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan 1956, as amended. See MCL 280.6.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2017.

Patrick F Lindemann Ingham County Drain Commissioner

CP#17-133



PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SLU-1-2017, 700 E. Oakland Street

Special Land Use Permit - Residential Use in the "I" Heavy Industrial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider SLU-1-2017. This is a request by Summit Street Development, LLC to construct up to 522 residential units on the property bounded by Oakland Avenue to the north, May Street to the south, Prudden Street to the east and the former railroad right-of-way to the west. Residential land use is permitted in the "1" Heavy Industrial district, which is the designation of the subject property, if a Special Land Use permit is approved by the Lansing City Council.

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

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CP#17-127

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-3-2017, 3512 S. ML King Jr. Blvd.

Rezoning from "F" Commercial & "J" Parking Districts to "H" Light Industrial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider Z-3-2017. This is a request by MLK Storage Center, LLC to rezone the area of the property at 3512 S. ML King that is currently zoned "J" Parking district and a 70 foot x 370 foot section of the property that is currently zoned "F" Commercial to "H" Light Industrial. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit storage facilities on the subject property.

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

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CP#17-129

CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE # 1210

Lansing City Council adopted an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Chapter 654, Noise Ordinance, Section 654.11, Special Permits, to modify the notice requirement to go to residents living within 500 feet of the emitter twelve days in advance of the public hearing.

Effective date: Notice:

Upon publication

The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan

at a fee determined by City Council.

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CP#17-131

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING REZONING PENDING

Notice is hereby given that the Lansing Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, <u>May 17, 2017</u>, at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> in the Lansing Township Administration Building located at 3209 West Michigan Avenue to recommend approval or denial of the following rezoning request:

Case R-17-2: Request to rezone: 714, 716, 718, 720 Edgemont Blvd. (LOT 144 EDGEMONT PARK NO 3) from "D" Administrative to "C-3" Residential to allow up to 4 residential units, one of which may be used as manager's office.

Information on the rezoning request may be examined at the office of the Clerk, 3209 West Michigan Avenue.

> Susan L. Aten, Clerk Charter Township of Lansing

CP#17-116

ARTS & CULTURE

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Summer of Art rides again

After a successful inaugural year, City Pulse and the Arts Council of Greater Lansing are teaming up once again to put local artists on our covers all summer. Last year's Summer of Art featured 15 artists ranging from local stalwarts to aspiring creatives to talented hobbyists.

So how does it work? Starting today, local artists can submit original works of art to the Arts Council through lansingarts.slideroom.com. If selected, the artist agrees to donate the art to the Arts Council to be auctioned off at its annual Holiday Glitter fundraiser. Last year's auction raised over \$2,200, with over \$660 going to the artists and the rest benefitting the Arts Council.

It's a win-win-win for everyone involved. We get great cover art, the Arts Council gets great art to auction off at the end of the year and the artists get great exposure and 30 percent of the auction price. (You can't pay the bills with exposure, after all.)

This summer, City Pulse will feature local art on our cover for up to eleven issues: June 14-Aug. 30, excluding our Aug. 16 anniversary issue.

Submission guidelines:

Anyone living in Ingham, Eaton or Clinton counties may submit entries.

Submissions should be print quality (300 dpi) at the dimensions listed below.

The available space is 10.25 inches wide by 6.5 inches high. Your art need not be exactly that, but it needs to be a rectangle of roughly those proportions — or able to be cropped to those proportions — for us to make it work.

We have three dates with specific themes — Gay Pride (June 14), The Food Issue (June 21) and Independence Day (June 28) — and artists are encouraged to submit art that fits those themes. For those issues, we reserve the right to make our own covers if we don't get any viable submissions. The rest of the summer is open season; artists can submit anything they'd like.

We're looking forward to another wonderful Summer of Art!

GUINEVERE AND CYCLOPS

Former teacher's 90th birthday stirs tales of Michigan School for the Blind

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Michigan's School for the Blind closed in the mid-1990s, leaving a lot of untold stories.

Not all of the students were completely blind. Many had partial or peripheral vision and used this gift shrewdly. They deliberately dropped pencils in English lit class so they could bend over and check out Miss Manning's legs.

Alumnus J.J. Jackson flashed a smile after spilling the beans at a dinner party in the back of Coral Gables restaurant Thursday.

Seated directly across from Jackson was Ann Manning herself, in a skirt that barely covered her knees, celebrating her 90th birthday with a dozen former students and colleagues.

The teacher dealt Jackson a quick air kick under the table.

"I still have nice legs," she said.

In its heyday from the 1920s to the 1960s, the Michigan School for the Blind, on Lansing's northwest side, bustled with nearly 300 students from around the state.

The school held classes in all K-12 subjects, from art to shop to athletics, until education for visually and hearing impaired students were mainstreamed.

Many students lived on campus, adding to a unique camaraderie that was still obvious as Manning and her admirers dove into their lasagna and birthday cake.

Nicknames were a big deal at the school. Many students and staff had several. One of Miss Manning's was frosted on her cake.

"We called her Guinevere because she was like Queen Guinevere in Camelot, so graceful and light," Jackson said.

The other one we'll get to in a minute.

Bill Meyers wrestled at the school in the late '60s, just after it snagged Class B wrestling championships in 1961 and 1963. Meyers is burly, shaven-headed and gruff — and pushing 70 — but is still careful to say "Miss Manning."

"She ran a tight ship," Meyers said. "She knew what she was doing. She threw me out in the hall a couple times."

Another wrestler, Jim Oudsema of Holt, attended the school in the mid-'60s.

"Miss Manning liked her job, and that enthusiasm rubbed off," he said. "Her and Joe were my favorite teachers."

"Joe" is Joe Toth of Okemos, 79, who sat next to Oudsema at the party. Toth joined the teaching staff in the fall of 1962, with only two years of experience in the classroom.

"Suddenly I'm supposed to know how to teach the blind," he said.



Former Michigan School for the Blind teacher Ann Manning schmoozes with former colleague Joe Toth (left) and former student Jim Oudsema (right) at Manning's 90th birthday party at Coral Gables last Wednesday.

Grading exams in braille was only part of the challenge.

"I knew nothing," he said. "I learned it all on the job."

He and Manning got along well, even though he was a liberal-leaning government teacher and she had a religious, conservative worldview. (Toth grew a beard in the mid-'60s and almost got fired for it.)

"Remarkable lady, professional in all respects," Toth said of his former colleague. "She provided a lot of motherly advice to these kids — what's the term? In loco parentis."

Toth had a blast wrestling with the students, but he never got the best of Oudsema.

"Jim — he was a 127 pounder, and pound for pound — he used to mop the floor with me," Toth said.

Toth waved at another former School for the Blind student, Larry Powell, further down the table.

"Larry, who was about 20 pounds more — I could do better with him."

Powell, a retired teacher and wrestling coach, went to the school from 1962 to 1964, the school's wrestling glory years. His class was a "rowdy" group of 10 boys and one girl.

"Miss Manning had our number," Powell said. "She knew what we were thinking before we were thinking it."

While reading Homer's "Odyssey," one of Powell's classmates dubbed Manning "Old One Eye," after the Cyclops, because of her watchful gaze.

"She understood we weren't bad kids, just goofy," he said. "We had every type of character, but she rolled with it. Some teachers would have had a real problem with us."

There's a reason Manning dealt so well

with willful kids. It takes one to know one.

In a brief quiet spell between birthday wishes, Manning proudly called herself a "kindergarten dropout."

After four weeks of kindergarten at Bingham Elementary on Lansing's east side, where Manning grew up, she persuaded her parents to pull her from school.

"I couldn't stand sleeping on those rugs when I had a good bed at home I could take a nap on," she said. "And holding hands with a stranger to take a walk — that wasn't my idea of an education."

She went to Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, liked the teachers there and decided that career was for her. She taught stenography and English at a nursing school in Kankakee, Ill., and came back to Lansing to attend special education classes at MSU. The superintendent of the School for the Blind offered her a job.

"I snapped it up," she said. "I knew it would be a challenge."

Manning's most famous student was Motown icon Stevie Wonder, who had just hit it big with "Fingertips" when he enrolled in the School for the Blind in 1963.

J.J. Jackson became close friends with Wonder. The two are still in frequent touch. Jackson credits Manning with keeping Wonder in school despite a relentless touring schedule.

"He was a good student," Manning said.

Getting an education when a 600-page Braille book takes up the better part of a tabletop is not easy. If you are a touring Motown sensation, the difficulties are almost insurmountable.

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That '90s sound

Charly Bliss guitarist talks influences, new album and comparisons to Weezer

By TY FORQUER

It's easy to see why many critics can't resist comparing Charly Bliss' debut album, "Guppy," to Weezer's iconic self-titled debut, aka "The Blue Album." Both albums set the anxiety of youth against melodic vocal hooks and fuzzed-out guitars. While

Charly Bliss

With See Through Dresses, Half Tongue and Dirt Room 7 p.m. Sunday, May 14 \$10 Mac's Bar 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing (517) 484-6795, macsbar.com Weezer offered a break from the angst-fueled grunge scene of the early '90s, "Guppy," released last month, is a welcome contrast to über-serious indie rockers like Bon Iver and Father John Misty.

Formed in the early 2010s, the New York-based band — Eva Hendricks (vocals, guitar), Spencer Fox (vocals, guitar), Sam Hendricks (drums), and Dan Shure (bass) — has opened for Glass Animals and Tokyo Police Club, as well as fellow female-fronted rock bands Sleater-Kinney and Veruca Salt. Charly Bliss stops in Lansing Sunday for a headlining show at Mac's Bar.

Spencer Fox took some time in between tour stops to chat with City Pulse about the band's musical influences, the critical reception to "Guppy" and the origins of the band's name.

Almost every review of "Guppy" compares it to "The Blue Album." Do you think that's a fair comparison?

It's not necessarily a premeditated decision, but we are all huge Weezer fans, so that seeps into everything we do, whether or not it's intentional. But I do think one thing that really stands out about records like "The Blue Album" is that it's this perfect meeting of really loud rock instrumentals with keen and present pop sensibilities. That's something that's super important to the band, making sure to always have everything we do be at that intersection, and that's a record we always turn to for inspiration

on how to execute that. It's totally a welcome comparison.

The album has gotten a lot of good buzz from outlets like Pitchfork, A.V. Club and Stereogum, to name a few. Have you been surprised by the reaction?

It's been a very wild ride. We've been working on this record for three years. To even have it out and available, that people are listening to it, that alone is a surreal feeling. It still doesn't feel like it's really happening.

Then on top of that, to have these writers and publications saying such kind, thoughtful things about it — it feels like a weird fever dream or something. I can't believe this is happening. It's so gratifying.

Eva's lyrics are very evocative but also very vague and it leaves a lot of room for the listener to fill in the gaps. Does she talk to the band about what her songs mean?

Not really; it doesn't get hashed over. I guess because we're all really close, whenever one of us hears the lyrics, it's easy for us to decipher them and tell what's at the heart of the song. But we don't discuss it, necessarily.

How does the band's songwriting process work?

The songwriting process is super-collaborative. Somebody will come to the band with an idea, whether it's one little melodic idea or something that's pretty much done, and we use that as a jumping off point. The four of us work things over, move things around, just toy with it until it feels like something the four of us would be proud to call our own. We've always worked that way.

The album is relatively short — it clocks in at just under 30 minutes. Was that a part of a strategy, to leave people wanting more?

Pretty early on, we knew that we wanted to do a 10-song record. That was something that was really important to us; we always like to keep things concise. One



Charly Bliss makes a stop in Lansing Sunday at Mac's Bar. The band's debut disc, "Guppy," has received glowing reviews from outlets like Pitchfork and A.V. Club.

amazing quality for a record or a song is that you hear it and instantly want to play it again and then over and over again. That's something we were going for.

You're on tour right now supporting the new album. What do you do to entertain yourselves on the road?

The biggest light at the end of the tunnel for us after these long, arduous drives is definitely the food. Besides music, it feels like the band's biggest driving force is food. We talk about it everyday. We're constantly Yelp-ing restaurants near the venue. That is the band's biggest pastime, the discussion and consumption of food.

How did the band get started?

The band has existed in many incarnations. It primarily started in 2011, the year that Eva and I graduated from high school. We were in a choir class, and I kept bugging her — I knew she was writing songs, but she wasn't showing them to anybody, and I kept bugging her to let me write some guitar parts. Finally she did, and then it got to a point that Eva was

going to college for recorded music, and she wanted to enter the program with a finished product. We didn't want it to be just the two of us, so that's when Sam and Kevin (Copeland), our original bass player, came on board. And then from there we started playing shows. And 2014 is when Dan joined the band. So we've been kicking around for a while.

How did you decide on the name Charly Bliss?

Charly Bliss is actually a close friend of Eva's ex-boyfriend. Eva was at a party, and this was in the heat of us being like, "We need a band name." Things were going great, and we were writing all these cool songs, but there's only so much you can do as an unnamed band. We were driving ourselves absolutely insane — anyone who's ever been in a band knows that one of the hardest things is the naming process — and we were at our wit's end. So someone drunkenly suggested, "Why don't you name the band after Charly?" We were just so worn down by the process that we said, "Great. Do it. We're Charly Bliss now."

Teacher

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"The Detroit schools told him he had to choose to either be a student or pursue his musician dreams," Jackson said. "He was told he could not have both."

Working with a traveling tutor, Manning got approval from the school superintendent and worked out a curriculum that focused on one subject at a time.

"That's how we got him through high school," Manning said.

Manning's whip-cracking wrist is still in trim. When Jackson told Manning he is working on a book about his friendship with Wonder, she asked him when it would be finished. Pleading computer problems, he told her it had taken him eight months just to get to Chapter 7.

Manning cocked an eye and told Jackson she'd heard he had a ghostwriter helping him.

"Sounds like he's more ghost than writer," she cracked.

Jackson enrolled in the school in kindergarten in 1955, after an operation to correct a cleft palate went wrong, causing him to become blind. He graduated in 1968 and went on to a successful career as an academic at MSU, executive for Amoco and advocate for the disabled.

"She gave her students so much love and confidence, and that's why we were able to go on in our adult life and do so well," Jackson said.

Meanwhile, a kindly-looking woman with a white cane sidled between the tables to greet Manning. Alumna Henrietta Brewer got the nickname "Hickory" at the school, although she doesn't remember why.

On her first day at the School for the

Blind, she fell in love with another student, Dan Brewer. They were in eighth grade. He squinted at her from across the room, owing to his sensitivity to light.

"It looked like he was smiling at me, and I decided he was," Brewer said.

They were married for 47 years and had four kids. He died in 2014.

Henrietta said her husband was a kind, generous man, owing largely to "an MSB upbringing."

Manning spotted an opening for one more quip.

"That stands for My Sight is Bad," Old One-Eye said.



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GO GO FINAL FIVE

Welcome to the Final Five round of the 2017 City Pulse/Fox 47 Top of the Town Awards! Over 11,000 participants voted in the first round, nominating nearly 7,000 of Greater Lansing's best people, places and businesses. From those thousands of nominations, we pulled out the top five vote-getters in every category to battle it out for Top of the Town supremacy.

What you need to know:

The Final Five run-off contest runs until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23. In this round, you can't nominate anyone new; you must select from the dropdown menu.

We want to know what you think! (Will we regret this? Maybe!): We are encouraging comments on why you are voting for a particular business, person or place and will publish a select few when we announce the winners on June 7.

No carryover points: First Round votes no longer carry into the Final Five Round; all nominees start from scratch. So if you're vying for that top spot, make sure your fans come back and vote again!

Check out the Final Five nominees in this issue, then head over to **lan-singcitypulse.com/tott2017** and cast your votes! If you'd prefer a paper mail-in ballot, contact Suzi Smith at (517) 999-6704 or suzi@lan-singcitypulse.com. Then pick up the June 7 issue of City Pulse (print or digital) to see who won!

Y'ALL GOT JOKES While most of you followed the rules, sev-

eral participants offered some ... we'll say, creative nominations. We've picked out some of our favorite funny, weird, fictional or otherwise entertaining nominations and sprinkled them through this section.



2017 TOP OF THE TOWN FINAL FIVE CONTEST

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2017 TOP OF THE TOWN FINAL FIVE CONTEST



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BEST DINING

ASIAN BUFFET

- Asian Buffet
- bd's Mongolian BBQ
- Hibachi Grill & Sushi Buffet
- World Buffet & Grill
- Xiao

BAKERY

- Bake N' Cakes
- Flour Child Bakery
- Glazed and Confused (downtown Lansing)
- Roma Bakery
- Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe

BBQ

- Backyard BBQ
- Crossroads BBQ
- MEAT Southern BBQ
- Saddleback BBQ
- Smokey Bones

BREAKFAST

- Cracker Barrel
- Fleetwood Diner
- Golden Harvest
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Soup Spoon Cafe

BRUNCH

- Beggar's Banquet
- Buddies (Holt)
- Buddies (Okemos)
- Creole
- Tavern & Tap

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BURGER

- Crunchy's■ Dagwood's
- Five Guys
- Peanut Barrel■ Red Robin

CHINESE

- Asia's Finest
- Charlie Kang's
- Chen's Restaurant
- House of Hsu■ P.F. Chang's

- **COCKTAILS** American Fifth Spirits
- Bridge Street Social
- Creole
- Houlihan's
- Zoobie's

CRAFT BEER SELECTION

- Bad Brewing Co.
- Ellison Brewery + Spirits
- HopCat
- Horrocks
- Lansing Brewing Co.

DESSERT

- Bake N' Cakes
- Grand Traverse Pie Co.
- MSU Dairy Store
- Sugar Shack
- Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe

COULD YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC?

"That one dude on the radio" nominated for

Best AM/FM Radio Personality

DINE

- Fleetwood Diner
- Golden Harvest

■ Good Truckin' Diner

- Theio's Restaurant
- Zeus' Coney Island

FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

- Applebee's
- Buddies (Holt)
- Cosmos■ Cugino's
- DeLuca's

FISH FRY

- Blue Gill Grill
- Claddagh Irish PubEastside Fish Fry
- Fresh Fish and Fry
- Harry's Place

FRIES

- Cosmos
- Dagwood's
- Five Guys■ HopCat
- Red Robin

GREEK

- Athena's Diner
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Lou and Harry's■ Olga's Kitchen
- Zeus' Coney Island

ICE CREAM SHOP

- Arctic Corner
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Lick-ity Split■ MSU Dairy Store
- Tasty Twist

ITALIAN

- Bravo
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Cugino's
- DeLuca's
- Olive Garden

LATE NIGHT FOOD

- Bell's Greek Pizza■ Conrad's
- Famous Taco
- Fleetwood Diner

■ Taco Bell MARGARITA

- Applebee's
- Cancun
 Mexican Grill
- El Azteco
- Fiesta Charra
- Los Tres Amigos

MEDITERRANEAN

- Aladdin's
- Sultan's
- Tabooli
- Mediterranean
 Woody's Oasis
- Zaytoon

MEXICAN

- Cancun Mexican
- Grill
 El Azteco
- El Oasis Truck
- Los Tres Amigos
- Pablo's

NEW RESTAURANT

- Blaze Pizza
- Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar
- Bridge Street Social
- Chik-fil-A■ Zaytoon Holt

- PIZZA

 Blaze Pizza
- Cosmos
- Cugino's
- DeLuca's■ Pizza House

RESTAURANT WINE LIST

- Beggar's Banquet
- Bridge Street Social
- Capital Prime
- Capital Vine■ Dusty's

SANDWICH/DELI

- Frandor Deli
- Jersey Giant
- Jimmy John's Mancino's

OFAFOOD

SEAFOOD■ Eastside Fish Fry

■ Soup Spoon Cafe

- Maru■ Mitchell's Fish Market
- Red Lobster

- STEAK
- Capital Prime■ Knight Cap

■ Ukai Hibachi Grill

LongHorn SteakhouseOutback Steakhouse

■ Texas Roadhouse

- SUSHI
- Ai Fusion
- Maru
- Sansu■ Sushi Moto

■ Ukai (West Lansing)

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Final Five

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THAI

- Bangkok House
- No Thai!
- Thai Princess
- Taste of Thai
- Thailand

UPSCALE DINING

- Capital Prime
- Creole
- Dusty's
- English Inn
- Soup Spoon Cafe

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/ GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS

- Aladdin's
- Altu's ■ Leaf Salad Bar
- Soup Spoon Cafe
- Zaytoon

BEST HANGOUTS

BAR

- Avenue Cafe
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Zoobie's

WILL HE LET ME LICK THE LOLLIPOP?

50 Cent nominated for **Best Candy Shop**

BIGGBY

- East Lansing, 3499 E. Lake Lansing Road
- Grand Ledge, 914
- Holt, 2006
- Mason, 661 N. Cedar St.

COFFEE SHOP (non-Biggby)

- Bloom Coffee Roasters
- Crafted Bean
- Starbucks
- Strange Matter Coffee Co.
- ■Tim Hortons

DANCE BAR

- Dublin Square

- Spiral

- Avenue Cafe

- Pinball Pete's ■ Rick's American Cafe

Shrute Farms nominated for Best Bed & Breakfast

- Charlevoix St.
- S. Cedar St.
- Lansing, 2002 W. Saginaw St.

- Green Door
- Harper's
- Tequila Cowboy

FOR STUDENTS

- Crunchy's
- HopCat

- **GAY/LESBIAN BAR** ■ Avenue
- **■** Esquire
- Sir Pizza Grand Cafe
- Spiral
- Zoobie's

HAPPY HOUR

- American Fifth Spirits
- HopCat
- Houlihan's
- Tavern & Tap
- Zoobie's

KARAOKE

- Avenue Cafe
- Crunchy's
- Green Door ■ Sir Pizza Grand Cafe
- (Old Town)
- Tequila Cowboy

LANSING-AREA BREWERY

- Bad Brewing Co.
- EagleMonk Pub and Brewery

■ Ellison Brewery + Spirits

IS THAT YOU DWIGHT?

- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Midtown Brewing Co.

LANSING-AREA DISTILLERY

- American Fifth Spirits
- Ellison Brewery
- + Spirits
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Red Cedar Spirits

■ Sanctuary Spirits **LOCAL OUTING**

- WITH FRIENDS ■ Avenue Cafe
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Lansing Lugnuts
- Painting with a Twist ■ Zoobie's

MOVIE THEATRE

- NCG Eastwood Cinemas
- Celebration Cinema
- Regal Lansing
- Mall Stadium 12 ■ Studio C!

■ Grand Ledge Sun Theatre

MUSIC VENUE

- Avenue Cafe
- Green Door
- Loft ■ Mac's Bar
- Wharton Center

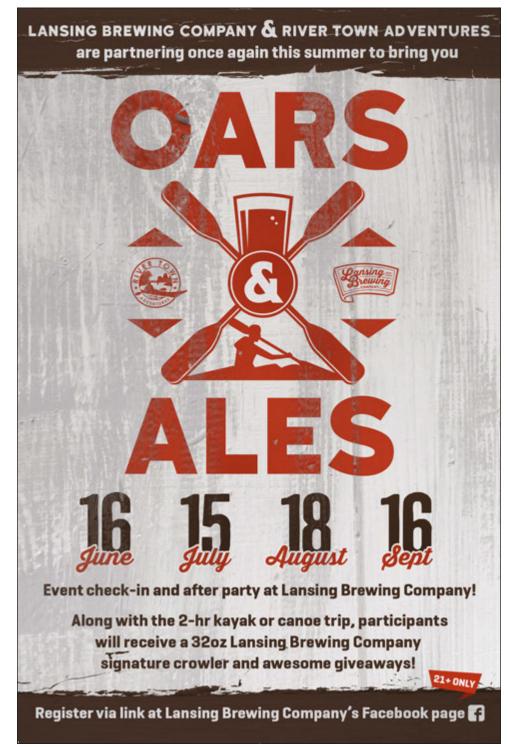
PATIO

- El Azteco ■ Lansing Brewing Co.
- Peanut Barrel ■ Waterfront Bar & Grill
- Zoobie's

PLACE TO TAKE KIDS

- District5
- East Lansing Family Aquatic Center
- Hawk Island County Park
- Impression 5
- Potter Park Zoo

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SPARTAN SPORTS HANGOUT

- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Crunchy's
- Dagwood's
- Reno's East
- Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe

SPORTS BAR

■ Buddies (Holt)

- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Champps
- Crunchy's ■ Nuthouse Sports Bar

BEST LOCAL MUSIC/ARTS

COVER BAND

- Frog & the Beeftones
- Global Village
- Hot Mess
- Starfarm ■ Tell Yo Mama

CLUB DJ

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TOP 5 IN THE

■ Capitol City DJs

CLASSICAL MUSICIAN

■ Ed Fedewa

■ Philip Rice

■ Ralph Votapek

■ Rodney Page

■ Sergei Kvitko

- Craig Doepker
- DJ JD ■ Ruckus
- Scratch Pilots

EVENT/WEDDING DJ

- Capitol City DJs
- DJ JD
- Hot Beats (Rod Carpenter)
- Jammin' DJs
- Tunes by T

FOLK BAND/ARTIST

- Deacon Earl & the
- Congregation
- Frog & the Beeftones
- Jen Sygit
- Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle
- Taylor Taylor

HIP-HOP **GROUP/ARTIST**

- Cyrus
- James Gardin
- Mikeyy Austin
- Ribcage
- Scratch Pilots

JAZZ GROUP/ARTIST

- MSU Professors of Jazz
- Phil Denny
- Rodney Page
- Root Doctor

■ Further Adventures of Fat Boy and Jive Turkey

RADIO STATION

- 100.7 WITL
- 88.9 WDBM
- (The Impact)
- 94.9 WMMQ
- 96.5 WQHH
- (Power 96.5) ■ 97.5 WIIM

(NOW FM)

ROCK BAND/ARTIST

- Devereaux
- Joe Hertler & the Rainbow Seekers
- Kathy Ford
- Taylor Taylor
- Tell Yo Mama

THEATRE GROUP (LOCAL)

- All-of-Us Express
- Children's Theatre ■ MSU Department
- of Theatre ■ Peppermint Creek
- Theatre Co. ■ Riverwalk Theatre

IT'S A BOLD

OFF FOR 'EM

Globo Gym nominated for

Best Gym/Fitness Studio

■ Williamston Theatre

VISUAL ARTIST (LOCAL)

- Ben Graham
- Craig Horky
- Elisa Schmidt ■ Jennifer Medler
- Kimberly Lavon

BEST PEOPLE

ADVOCATE/ACTIVIST (LOCAL)

- Barb Byrum
- Cindy Kangas
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Mike Karl
- Tashmica Torok

AM/FM RADIO PERSONALITY (LOCAL)

- Banana Don and Stephanie
- McCoy (100.7 WITL)
- Danny and Monica (99.1 WFMK)
- Joey Pants and Deb Hart (94.9 WMMO)
- Josh Strickland (97.5 NOW FM)
- Mojo (Q106)











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Dr. Mantis Toboggan nominated for Best Dental Service and Best Chiropractor Frank Reynolds' Little Beauties nominated for **Best Dance Studio**

Charlie Kelly, Bird Law nominated for Best Law Firm/Lawyer

BARTENDER (INCLUDE NAME AND BAR)

- Craig Doepker at Macs Bar ■ Heather Haslacker
- at Zoobie's
- Liz Deatrick at Spiral
- Melik Brown at Soup Spoon Cafe
- Sarah Fandel at REO Town Pub

BUDTENDER (INCLUDE NAME AND DISPENSARY)

- Caleb Wilson at Kola
- Angie Chambers at Got Meds
- Big P (Pablo) at 420 Dank Lansing
- Rikki Sleight at Got Meds
- Tara Hawblitzel at Best Buds

CATA BUS DRIVER

- Aaron Aikman
- Cleo Anderson
- Colleen Whalen
- LaMarr Braggs ■ Ron DeLeon
- **COMEDIAN (LOCAL)**

- Comedy Coven
- Danny Hogan ■ Dwayne Gill
- Jason Carlen
- Melik Brown

HAIRSTYLIST

- Allison Malloy at Glo Salon (Grand Ledge)
- Ashley Medina at Bliss Salon
- Deanna Mathews at Stillmans
- Ellie Wong,The Head Room

■ Kelly Delaney at Matthew Ryan Salon

HIGH SCHOOL COACH

- Candace Heskitt, DeWitt High School competitive cheer
- Dan Boggan, Sexton High School football
- Matt Bird, Grand Ledge High School football
- Rocky Shaft, Holt High School wrestling
- Steve Finamore, East Lansing High School basketball

MASSAGE THERAPIST

■ Allison Mansfield, Revive Massage & Wellness

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GET A ROOM!

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MASSAGE THERAPIST (CONTINUED)

- Amanda Grix, Creative Wellness
- Amy Vandenberghe, Salon 130
- Bee Queener, Bee Queener Massage
- Kameron Woodend, Lockworx

NAIL TECHNICIAN (NAME AND WHICH SALON)

- Adriann Lewis, Guys & Dolls
- Christina Nguyen, Polished
- Jenessa Davis,
- Jenny Nails
 Nina Blanchard,
 Jenny Nails
- Sheila Kyser, Douglas J

PERSONAL TRAINER

- Amy Howe at AJ's Howe
- About Personal Training
 Brandon Crabill at State of Fitness

- Brian Daniels at Spartan Fit Center
- La'Dontaye Garrett at Elite Fitness
- Mike Ball at Mike Ball Fitness

REALTOR (INCLUDE COMPANY)

- Adriane Lau at East Lansing RE/MAX
- Angela Averill at Coldwell
- Banker Hubbell
- Briarwood
 Brian Huggler at
- Coldwell Banker
- Jamie Bates at Berkshire Hathaway Tomie Raines
- Matt Smith at Keller Williams

RESTAURANT WAIT STAFF PERSON

- Angie Miller at
- Corey's Lounge

 Ashley Couthen at
- Zeus' Coney Island

 Rachel Litwiller at
- Saddleback BBQ
- ■Tim Gleason at Golden Harvest
- Willie Jo at Big Boy Charlotte

TV NEWS PERSONALITY (LOCAL)

- Andy Provenzano (WILX)
- Chivon Kloepfer (WLNS)
- David Andrews (WILX)
- Emily Wahls (WLNS)
- Sheri Jones (WLNS)

BEST LOCAL/STATE POLITICIAN

- Barb Byrum
- Debbie Stabenow
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Rick Snyder
- ■Virg Bernero

WORST LOCAL/STATE POLITICIAN

- Bill Schuette
- Debbie Stabenow
- Mike Bishop
- Rick Snyder
- Virg Bernero

BEST SERVICES

AUTO REPAIR

- A & J Transmission
- Brogan's Tire and







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OK! WE GET IT!

We asked you to be specific in your nominations for Worst Pothole. Many were not. Nominations included: 75 percent of the streets in Lansing; all the streets in Lansing; the whole darn city; all of Lansing; all over Lansing and East Lansing; the whole Greater Lansing area; Ingham County; most of Michigan roads suck; every state and local owned road; every road in every town in Michigan; the state of Michigan; the whole state of Michigan; everywhere in Michigan, the entire state; too many to choose from; all streets; literally everywhere; all streets are filled w/ potholes, bad!!! (Is that you, Donald?); and finally, fix the fucking roads.

- Auto Service
- Frankie D's Auto Repair
- Shaheen Chevrolet
- Vision Tire & Auto

BANK

- Bank of America
- Chase Bank
- Dart Bank
- Huntington Bank
- PNC Bank

BED & BREAKFAST

- Cozy Koi
- English Inn
- Willowicke Inn (Formerly Topliff's Tara)
- ■Wild Goose Inn

BICYCLE SHOP

■ Denny's Central Park Bicycles

- MSU Bikes
- Riverfront Cycle
- SPIN Bicycle Shop
- Velocipede Peddler

CAB COMPANY

- Big Daddy Taxi
- Green Cab
- iCab
- S-Cab
- Spartan Yellow Cab

CAR WASH/DETAILING

- Fast Eddie's
- Kwik Car Wash
- Showroom Shine
- Soapy Joe's■ Wash World

CHIROPRACTOR

■ Chiro-Technology

- Craft Chiropractic
- Delta Chiropractic Center
- Infinity Chiropractic Center
- Volz Family Chiropractic

CLEANING SERVICE

- Time To Shine
- Domestic Divas (formerly Discreet Divas)
- Helpful Hands Cleaning
- J & J Home Cleaning Services
- Kelly Cleaning

CREDIT UNION

- Astera Credit Union
- Case Credit Union
- Lake Trust Credit Union
 Lansing Automakers Feder
- Lansing Automakers Federal Credit Union (LAFCU)
- MSU Federal Credit Union

- DANCE STUDIO

 Dance City West
- Happendance
- Karyn's Dance Place
- Rising Star Studio of Dance Arts
- Stillettos and Steel

DENTAL PRACTICE

- DeWitt Dental Associates
- Dr. Susan Maples
- Hagerty DentistrySchaefer Dental Group
- Valley Dental Spa

GYM/FITNESS STUDIO

- Michigan Athletic Club (MAC)
- Mike Ball Fitness
- Planet Fitness
- State of Fitness YMCA
- of Fitness

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HEATING/COOLING/

■ A-I Mechanical

■ Michigan Plumbing

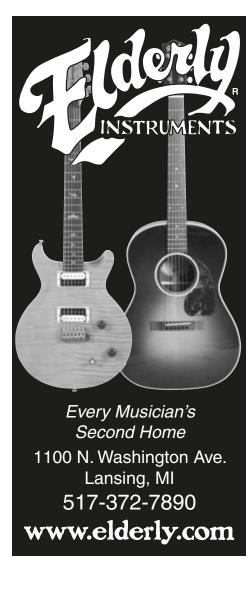
■ Hager Fox

ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING

■ Applegate Home Comfort

■ Bartlett Plumbing & Heating









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LAW FIRM/LAWYER

- Aaron Matthews at Clark Hill
- Abood Law Firm
- Foster Swift Collins & Smith
- Sam Bernstein Law Firm
- Sinas Dramis Law Firm

MARIJUANA DISPENSARY

- 420 Dank
- Best Buds
- Cannaisseur
- Got Meds
- Old 27 Wellness

MEN'S BARBERSHOP

- After Shave Barbershop
- Classic Barber Shop
- Frandor Barber Shop
- Jude's Barbershop
- NorthSide Barbershop

NAIL SALON

- Bliss Salon & Spa
- Douglas J Aveda Institute
- Jenny Nails
- Polished Nail Salon
- Queen Nails

NON-PROFIT **ORGANIZATION**

- Allen Neighborhood Center
- Arts Council of Greater Lansing
- Capital Area **Humane Society**
- Ele's Place
- Homeless Angels

PET CARE/VET SERVICES

- Capital Area **Humane Society**
- Miller Animal Clinic
- Mt. Hope Veterinary Hospital
- Riverfront Animal Hospital
- Waverly Animal Hospital

PHOTOGRAPHER/ **PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO**

- Benjamin David Photography
- Decadence Dolls (Autumn Luciano)
- Express Yourself Unleashed Photography (Cheryl Baase)
- Kendall D. Lartigue Photography
- McShane Photography (Jena McShane)

REAL ESTATE COMPANY

- Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Tomie Raines
- Century 21 Looking Glass
- Coldwell Banker Hubbell
- Briarwood
- Keller Williams
- RE/MAX

SALON/SPA

- Artisan Co. Salon
- Bliss Salon & Spa ■ Douglas J Aveda Institute
- Lockworx
- Matthew Ryan Salon & Spa

TATTOO PARLOR

- Eclectic Art Tattoo Gallery
- Fish Ladder Tattoo Co. ■ Liquid Tattoo
- Splash of Color
- ■Vivid Ink

YOGA STUDIO

- East Lansing Hot Yoga
- Firefly Hot Yoga Bar
- Haslett Hot Yoga ■ Hilltop Yoga
- Just B Yoga

BEST SHOPPING

ANTIQUE SHOP

- Little Red Schoolhouse
- Maple Street Mall
- Mega Mall
- Vintage Junkies
- Antiques Market of Williamston

ART GALLERY

- Absolute Gallery
- Broad Art Museum
- Katalyst Gallery
- Lansing Art Gallery ■ Mackerel Sky

BEER SELECTION

- (RETAIL STORE) ■ Big Ten (Okemos)
- Horrocks
- Oade's Big Ten (Lansing)
- Tom's Party Store
- ■Vine & Brew

BOOKSTORE

- Barnes & Noble
- Bestsellers
- Curious Books
- Schuler Books (Eastwood)

■ Schuler Books (Okemos)

BUTCHER

- Merindorf Meats (Mason)
- Merindorf Meats (Williamston)
- Mert's Meats (Lansing)
- Mert's Meats (Okemos)
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block

CANDY SHOP

- Cravings Popcorn
- (Old Town)
- Fabiano's Candies ■ Horrocks
- Kean's Store Co.
- Peanut Shop

CLOTHING STORE (LOCAL)

- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Grace Boutique
- Kellie's Consignments
- Kositchek's
- Playmakers

CONSIGNMENT SHOP

- Kellie's Consignments
- Metro Retro

■ Plato's Closet

■ Once Upon a Child

■ Second Time Around

FARMERS MARKET

- Allen Farmers Market
- DeWitt Farmers Market
- East Lansing
- Farmer's Market ■ Holt Farmers Market
- Meridian Farmers Market

FLORIST

- B/A Florist
- Horrocks ■ Smith Floral &
- Greenhouses
- Twiggies ■ VanAtta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop

GIFT SHOP

- Cracker Barrel
- Horrocks
- Kean's Store Co.
- October Moon ■ Old Town General Store

GROCERY STORE (LOCAL)

- Foods for Living ■ Fresh Thyme
- Horrocks
- Meijer ■ Monticello's Market &

Butcher Block

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Horrocks

■Vine & Brew

■ World Market

■ Meijer

INDOOR GROW SHOP

- Capital City
- **Grower Supply** ■ Greener Planet Gardening
- H2O Lansing
- Superior Growers Supply
- Indoor Grow Store

JEWELRY STORE

- Azzi Jewelers
- Becky Beauchine Kulka

- Medawar Jewelers
- SuCasa ■ Sweet Custom

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- Elderly Instruments
- Guitar Center
- Marshall Music
- Meridian Winds
- Music Manor

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- Soldan's

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- Disc Traders
- Flat, Black & Circular
- FYE
- Record Lounge
- Schuler Books & Music (Eastwood)

WINE SELECTION

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BEST

EYE CANDY (PLACE)

- Capitol Building
- Fitzgerald Park (The Ledges)
- Hawk Island County Park
- MSU 4H Gardens
- Old Town, Lansing

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT (LOCAL-INCLUDE HANDLE)

- Artisan Company Salon, @theartisancompany
- Bloom Coffee Roasters, @bloomcoffeeroasters
- Dan Price,
- @danpricephoto
- Lotsa Stone Fired Pizza, @lotsa.pizza

■ lovelansing, @lovelansing

MOST UNIQUE PUBLIC RESTROOM

- Cosmos
- Golden Harvest
- HopCat
- Mac's Bar
- Spiral

TWITTER ACCOUNT (LOCAL-INCLUDE HANDLE)

- Bloom Coffee Roasters, @bloomroasters
- City of Lansing, @lansingmichigan
- Instagramers Lansing, @igerlansing
- The Black Sheep, @blacksheep_msu
- WLNS Newsroom, @WLNS

WORST EYESORE (PLACE)

■ Abandoned buildings at Abbot Road and Grand

River Ave., East Lansing

- Bonnie's Place
- Deja Vu
- Life O'Riley Mobile Home Park
- Walmart

WORST POTHOLE (SPECIFIC LOCATION)

- All of Pine Street
- Cedar St between Mason and Holt
- Frandor Entrance
- Jolly Road between MLK and Pleasant Grove
- Mt Hope east of Aurelius

LOFT LIVING SPACE

- MW Lofts
- NE Corner of Washington Square and Kalamazoo
- Riverview Lofts, Old Town ■ Super Fancy (above
- REO Town Pub)
- The Outfield Apartments (Stadium District)

IT'S-A ME, THE MAYOR!

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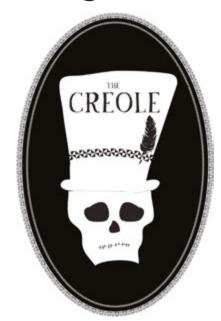
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CURTAIN CALL

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

The catered pre-show meals at Starlight Dinner Theatre tend to be rather modest affairs with chicken or lasagna. I skipped the supper before "Man of La Mancha," but when the musical started, I feared I might

Review

have skipped something like caviar, lobster, filet mignon or crème brulee. A show as lavish

as this production of "Man of La Mancha" might have been preceded by an equally layish meal

A partial proscenium was the first layer of a four-wall "stone" structure. Near the final wall was what looked like real iron bars — that's because they were real iron bars. The complex floor-to-ceiling set, designed by Tom Ferris, included a large, working door, a rear walkway and a short staircase. From scene to

"Man of La Mancha"

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Lansing (517) 599-2779, starlightdinnertheatre.com scene, it served as a dungeon, an inn, a courtyard, a castle and a deathbed. And it all fit neatly on a stage in the cafeteria of Waverly East Intermediate School.

Props and a dorn ments designed by Jean Burk were so plentiful, including a ball and chain and wrist

manacles hung on rear walls, that the nearly full house might have overlooked some. Other embellishments, like lifelike torches, mirrored shields and a log ladder, were undeniably delightful.

The multifaceted costumes created by Christine Kennedy were also elaborate. Detailed Spanish Inquisition-era outfits — including footwear, hats and helmets — outfitted a cast of 23, with some members changing costumes multiple times.

Lest you fear that it's all window dressing, "Man of La Mancha" had some impressive actors and singers filling the stylish wardrobes and sophisticated set.

Martin Underhill, as Cervantes/Alonso Quijana/Don Quixote, stood above the other cast members — literally and figuratively. The tall man had a big voice and a commanding presence that he sustained through a show that ran just over two hours.

Bill Henson, as Padre, and Jake Przybyla, as Anselmo, also had vocals that stood out. So did Rachel Mender in the lead role of Aldonza, as well as Kelly Sandulua-Gruner as Antonia and Charlotte Ruppert as the housekeeper. The female voices often had an operatic quality.

This "Man of La Mancha" musical adaptation features a book by Dale Wasserman with music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion. The concept of fighting impossible battles and chasing windmills, of course, came from Miguel de Cervantes' two-part

Don Quixote novel — a book many of us struggled reading. To this critic, the novel was sometimes tedious and in need of condensing. This adaptation, unfortunately, suffered from the same problems.

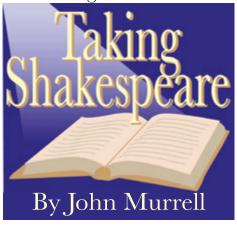
"Man of La Mancha," first staged in 1964, is based on a book written in 1605. But the play does have dashes of relevance, as well as slices of emotion and chunks of comedy. Several physical scenes — including an allout brawl — were lively additions.

A quintet of musicians, capably conducted by James Geer, competently complemented the combat with its collection of compositions, keeping the dark comedy's crooners on key.

Years ago, director Linda Granger had the seemingly impossible dream of presenting this musical — the one that made "The Impossible Dream" famous — on her Starlight stage. "Man of La Mancha," which required a cast and crew of over 50 to pull off, is truly a dream fulfilled.

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No way out

Nick Mason looks for 'Exit Strategy' in Steve Hamilton's latest thriller

By BILL CASTANIER

Petty criminal Nick Mason was looking at spending the rest of his adult life in prison when he negotiated for a "second life." But in Steve Hamilton's latest thriller, "Exit Strategy," he's looking for a way out of that deal with a devil.

Hamilton, a southeast Michigan native and University of Michigan graduate, seems to have a keeper on his hands with the Nick Mason series. The first installment, "The Second Life of Nick Mason," is also in development for a movie.

In that book, we learned about Mason's

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Pantsuit Nation Event

Wednesday, May 10 @ 7pm Eastwood Towne Center location

In honor of the release of the Pantsuit Nation book, meet some of the contributors to the Pantsuit Nation book, leaders of local progressive non-profit organizations, and fellow members of the resistance.

Get a Clue Mystery Series presents MEGAN MIRANDA

Monday, May 15 @ 7pm Meridian Mall location

Join us for a talk and signing with bestselling psychological suspense author Megan Miranda for the release of The Perfect Stranger. In this masterful follow-up to the NYT bestseller *All the Missing Girls*, a journalist sets out to find a missing friend, a friend who may never have existed at all.

Talk & Signing with Newbery Honor-Winning Author GARY D. SCHMIDT

Wednesday, May 17 @ 7pm Meridian Mall location

Meet Grand Rapids young adult author Gary D. Schmidt for the paperback release of his touching novel, *Orbiting Jupiter*! The novel earned starred reviews from School Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, Booklist and Kirkus Reviews, and was named an ALA Notable Book for Children in 2016 and cited in the YALSA 2017 Best Fiction for Young Adults list.

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unusual deal with a fellow prisoner, crime kingpin Darius Cole, who arranges Mason's release for work to be named later. That work turns out to be mostly that of an assassin, killing off Cole's foes.

Hamilton spoke with City Pulse from his home in upstate New York, where he was preparing to hit the road for another book tour. The author kicks off that tour with a stop at Schuler Books & Music's Okemos store.

"I always like to come back home," Hamilton said. "I can't imagine not starting a book tour in Michigan. It all began there."

Hamilton's writing career began with the Alex McKnight series, which is set in Michigan. McKnight, a fictional former Detroit police officer, becomes an amateur detective from his retirement home in the Upper Peninsula.

The author's legion of Alex McKnight fans will be excited to learn that he has finished another book in that series.

"I'm not sure when it will come out," Hamilton teased.

As for "Exit Strategy," Hamilton said in his newest book, Mason finds the stakes are higher and the action ramped up considerably.

"His missions for Cole become more and more brutal, and he begins looking for a way out before he loses his humanity," Hamilton said.

Without giving away any of the intricate plot details or thrilling action scenes, it's fair to say that Mason has already sold off most of what makes people human. Readers must come to grips with the fact that Mason is a stone-cold, albeit reluctant, killer.





"People responded to the character in the first book," Hamilton said, adding that he's not sure if readers find "wish fulfillment" in Mason or identify with the "living nightmare" he is involved in.

Hamilton said he was apprehensive while writing this this book.

"The second book in any series is a challenge," he said. "The novelty isn't there."

He points to author Lee Child and his successful Jack Reacher series — now at over 20 installments — as a model for his writing.

"He does a great job keeping the series alive and not getting stale at all," he said. "You can't just turn the crank."

In "Exit Strategy," Cole directs a plan to engineer his own release from prison by killing off any witnesses to his crimes before a pending retrial. It won't be easy — and it might be impossible, since the witnesses are under protection by a phalanx of federal marshals.

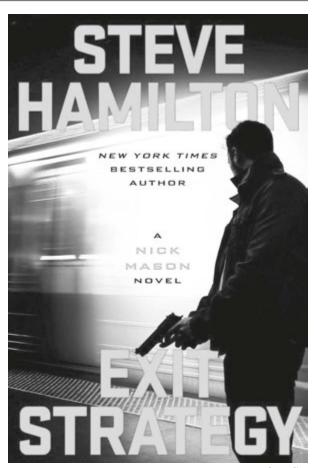
By the end of the book, everything will change for Mason, Hamilton said — and that's all he will say.

Several characters from the first Nick Mason book reappear in "Exit Strategy," including the dogged cop who is in pursuit of Mason; Darius Cole's female friend, Diana Rivelli, who Mason shares a townhouse with; and Mason's sadistic handler, Quintero, who keeps him on task.

By the end of "Exit Strategy," a new character emerges — another dangerous killer who preceded Mason in his assassin role. It's left purposely ambiguous if this man is a friend or foe.

Hamilton said he chose Chicago as the base for Mason's operation because of the uniqueness of its neighborhoods.

"Chicago, more than any other city, has distinct neighborhoods," he said. "Mason is from Canaryville on the south side."



Courtesy Photo

In "Exit Strategy," the second book in Steve Hamilton's Nick Mason series, the protagonist tries to find a way out of a deadly deal he struck in the first novel.

As with Detroit detective McKnight, Hamilton sees Mason's hometown as crucial to his character. When writing a new book, he determines where the protagonist is from early in the process.

"Where you come from is who you are," Hamilton said.

In the Nick Mason series, Cole provides Mason with vintage — but stolen — muscle cars, including a Ford Mustang. Hamilton said his love of cars developed while growing up around the Motor City.

"My dad worked for a little while with Lee Iacocca on the introduction of the 1964 Mustang, and he got one for his mother," Hamilton said. "I got to drive around in it. It was pretty cool."



OU ON THE TOWN

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Wednesday, May 10 ARTS

Bookworms at the Broad: Transportation StoryTime for ages 2-5. 1-2 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Alcoholics Anonymous. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.

Computer Club. Discuss technology questions. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Helping Children (and Adults) Become Healthy Consumers of Media. Media education session. 6-7:30 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156, ow.ly/ xmGJ30bcXIS.

Mindfulness. Meditation for beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. Chua Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing.

THEATER

MSU Friends of Theatre 2017 Gala. 6-8:30 p.m. \$100. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. ow.ly/bjiy30bd1Wz.

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Greenthumbs StoryTime Stories about the environment. Ages 5+ 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

iPad StoryTime Digital storytime. One child per adult. Register online. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. 950 Abbot Road, East lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

EVENTS

After School Action Program. Light meal, tutoring and activities. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Eastside Community Action Center, 1001 Dakin St., Lansing. Teen After-School Program. Program is for teens in 7th-12th grades. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Allen Farmers Market. Open year round and indoors through May. 3-6:30 p.m. Allen Market Place, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

Cooking with Kids! Chocolate Chip Cookies
Prep treats for Mother's Day. Register online.
5-7p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library. (517) 3512420. elpl.org.

Games Corner (Games Weekly!) FREE Variety of games, call for details. 10-4 p.m. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Chinese Meet Up Group. Play mah-jong and table tennis. 6-8:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, owly/5NaB30ani5D.j.

Southeast Lansing Community Roundtable. Discussion for members of the 2nd Ward community. 5:30-7 p.m. FREE. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Road, Lansing. (517) 394-4639. Table Tennis 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos.

Teen Movies: Rogue One Rated Pg-13, 133 minutes. Popcorn while it lasts. 3 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

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Tavern House Jazz Band. 7:30 p.m.-10:30 a.m. Tavern and Tap, 101 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517 -374-5555

Thursday, May 11 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

(TOPS) Take Off Pounds Sensibly. 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St. Haslett.

A Course in Miracles. 7-9 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Road, Lansing. (517) 371-3010.

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

Celebrate Recovery. For all types of hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. ow.ly/ldki30bt90B

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 5:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org Zotero Workshop Intro to citation management program Zotero. 10-noon. FREE. MSU Library 366 W. Circle Drive, East lansing. ow.ly/eg4V30bsYCB.

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iPåd StoryTime. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

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Masic at the Mansion - George Howard. House concert featuring George Howard. 7 p.m. \$10. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East Street Lafising. (517) 482-2125.

Spring Suzuki Strings Concert. With student musicians. 5:30-7 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. MSU Community Music School, 4930 Hagadorn Road East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, cms.msu.edu

EVENTS

Beal Botanical Garden Tour: Spring Edible Wild Plants. Beal Garden curator leads tour. 12:1012:50 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, 366 W. Circle Drive,
East Lansing. (517) 353-8700.

12-Step Meeting. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Donations

See Out on the Town, Page 26



Six years ago, it started with a movie — "Mighty Uke: The Amazing Comeback of a Musical Underdog."

"The movie had just come out, and since we had grown our Lansing Area Ukulele Group to quite a big membership, I thought that they ought to come and show the movie," said Ben Hassenger, founder and organizer of the Mighty Uke Day festival.

Since then, Mighty Uke Day has grown into a weekend-long festival with performances and workshops all over in Old Town and beyond. Every year, Hassenger has tried to add new components and improve on the previous festival.

"Mighty Uke Day 3 we added Friday night concerts to the mix, just as an experiment, and that went over well." Hassenger said. "Mighty Uke Day 4 we added Friday afternoon workshops and a flash mob to kick it off on Friday, and Mighty Uke Day 5 was the first time

Gary Stump brought the Guinness Book of World Records giant ukulele to the festival. Mighty Uke Day 6 we moved it to Dart Auditorium, because LCC radio is helping to sponsor that."

This year, Mighty Uke Day 7, will offer more activities for children, including a ukulele puppet show, a ukulele "petting zoo," where children can try out a variety of instruments, and beginner ukulele lessons. The weekend also offers nine featured performers, as well as over 20 free and paid classes, performances and activities.

Profits from the Mighty Uke Day Festival support Music is the Foundation, a nonprofit that funds music programs in local schools. The weekend, Hassenger said, is a chance to share his love of the instrument. "My experience with the ukulele is some people kind of pooh-pooh it," Hassenger said. "When people put those preconceptions aside

and they actually experience it and see how much joy it brings to everybody, they really get into it. There's just such a variety of music that can be played on the ukulele, from jazz to classical to hip hop to whatever else,"

Thislove is shared by ukulele teachers and performers Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward, who headline Saturday and Sunday and will direct some of the workshops.

"I love that Mighty Uke Day utilizes the talents of the people who are within the ukulele community in Lansing," Swedberg said. "When people make the effort to learn to play, we can join in a much deeper way. Anyone who's ever picked an instrument up, they then listen to people perform it with completely different ears."

— EVE KUCHARSKI

MIGHTY UKE DAY 7

May 12-14T (See website for prices and locations) mightyukeday.com

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welcome. Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing.

Ladies Silver Blades Figure Skating Club. 9:30-11:20 a.m. \$5 and yearly dues fee. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. (517) 881-2517, ladiessilverblades.com

Lunch with Celebrations and Pizza. Reserve in advance. Noon-1 p.m. \$5.75 attendees under 55/\$3 donations for 55+. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseiorcenter.weebly.com

Spanish Conversation Group. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org

Teen After-School Program. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Friday, May 12 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Zotero Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon FREE. MSU Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 353-8700.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Business/entrepreneur book club. Book club for entrepreneurs. 7-8 p.m. Email for dates/locations. Biggby Coffee, 8741 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing. bookclub6776@gmail.com

StoryTime. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

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Mighty Uke Day 7 "Women of the Great Uke State" featuring Rachael Davis. 7:30-10 p.m. \$20/\$40 VIP/\$10 students. Dart Auditorium, LCC, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 896-4025, mightyukeday.com.

THEATRE

Phantom of the Universe. 8-9 p.m. \$3-4. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road East Lansing. (517) 355-4672.

Til Death Do Us Part. Murder mystery dinner show. 7-9:30 p.m. \$60-79. Pietro's Italian Restaurant, 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE Grand Rapids. (888) 643-2583 grimprov.com

EVENTS

Howl at the Moon: Guided Night Walk. Dogs welcom on non-retractable leashes. 9-10 p.m. \$3.

Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866. bit.ly/HNCprg Life is a Cycle. Outdoor cycling event. Register online. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50 Registration. Patriarche Park, Located on the corner of E. Saginaw Street and Alton Road East Lansing. ow.ly/WTAo30bsZ4c Phantom of the Universe. 8-9:30 p.m. \$3-4. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road East

Lansing. (517) 355-4672. **Discover Dimondale** Dimondale tourism event.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Dimondale Farm Market 136

N. Bridge St., Dimondale. (517) 243-1021. dimondale.

Pancake and Waffle Brunch. Brunch fundraiser for Fellowship for Today. FREE/Donations accepted. Neighborhood Empowerment Center 600 W. Maple St., Lansing.

Saturday, May 13 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lansing East Law of Attraction. Meet with others who are curious about attraction. 12:30-2 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music (Lansing), 2820 Towne Centre Blvd. Lansing. (517) 798-2441.

A Combined Concert: New Horizons Band

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and New Horizons Band, Too. 3-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-7661. cms.msu.edu Joshua Barton & Seerstones album release: Witness. 6:30-9 p.m. FREE. Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W Grand River Ave. East Lansing. (517) 392-6117. joshuabartonmusic.com Mid-Michigan All-Day Shape Note Singing on May 13. Non-denominational a capella. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Road, Okemos. (517) 381-1321, fasolamichigan.org. Mighty Uke Day 7 concert with Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward. 7:30-10 p.m. \$25/\$50 VIP/\$15 students. Dart Auditorium, LCC, 500 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing. (517) 896-4025,

mightyukeday.com.

Westside Neighborhood Party in the

Park. Organissimo, Michael Dease and Freddie

Cunningham. 1-4 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125

W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. (517) 319-6980, eljazzfest.

WITL Presents Jerrod Niemann at Tequila Cowboy. 5-11:30 p.m. \$30/\$25 adv. Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 887-3255, ow.ly/SAPn30brMMV.

THEATER

Geeked! World Premier. Six "geeky" plays. 8-10 p.m. \$15/\$10 at eventbrite.com. The Robin Theatre,



MAY 13-14, 20-21 >> 'GEEKED!' AT IXION THEATRE

Ixion Theatre celebrates all things geeky with a collection of six new original plays. "Geeked!", which opens this weekend at the Robin Theatre, features "Cow," by Scott Mullen; "The Physics of Now," by Alex Dreman; "Superiority Complex," by Jack Karp; "Betrayal Among the Grinning Gators," by John Weagly; and "What We Do," by Terry Palczewski. The one-act plays are directed by Jeff Croff and Nicole Clyne. 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. \$15/\$10 adv. Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 775-4246, ixiontheatre.com.

MAY 12-14, 19-21 >> 'FOOL FOR LOVE' AT RIVERWALK THEATRE

An ex-lover travels over 2,400 miles to convince you to leave your job and boyfriend and run away with him and live in a trailer in Wyoming. Sounds like a deal too good to refuse, right? Set in a run-down motel on the edge of the Mojave Desert, "Fool for Love," the latest black box production from Riverwalk Theatre, tells the story of, May (Chanae Houska), a women whose life is thrown into disarray by the reappearance of her unstable ex-boyfriend, Eddie (Dale Hills). Along the way, the audience learns dark secrets of the couple's past through an old man (Tim Perry) who is apparently a figment of May's imagination. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$12/\$10 seniors, students and military. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. ixiontheatre.com.

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Discover Dimondale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Dimondale Farm Market, 136 N. Bridge St., Dimondale.

Native Michigan Plant Sale. Insecticide-free plants. Variety of perennials. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Prices vary by plant. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive Lansing. (517) 483-7460. wildoneslansing.org Pancake and Waffle Brunch. Noon-2 p.m. FREE/Donations accepted. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing.

Second Saturday Supper. Mayflower Church chicken dinner. 5-6:15 p.m. \$9/\$5 children. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-3139, mayflowerchurch.com.

Sunday, May 14 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Charlotte Yoga Club. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. AL!VE, 800 W Lawrence, Charlotte. (517) 285-013,. charlotteyoga.net

Juggling. Learn to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 371-5119, ruetenik@gmail.com.

Kendo Martial Art Class. 10-11:30 a.m. \$5. Westside Community YMCA, 3700 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. (269) 425-6677, koyokai.wordpress.com/about/

MUSIC

Mighty Uke Day Acoustic Afterglow concert with Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward. 1-3 p.m. \$20. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 896-4025. mightyukeday.com

Phil Denny's Mother's Day Soirée. Mother's Day musical evening. 7-9 p.m. \$25. UrbanBeat Event Center, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. mothersdaysoiree. brownpapertickets.com

EVENTS

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

Monday, May 15 Classes and Seminars

A Course in Love. Weekly group dedicated to the study of the spiritual pyschology. 1-2 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Road, Lansing. (517) 371-3010, unitylansing.org
Support Group. 7:30 p.m. St. Davids Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272.

Painting Basics, Session 4: Watercolor. For ages 14 and up. 6:45-7:45 p.m. \$40. Jackson School of the Arts, 634 N. Mechanic St., Jackson. (517) 784-2389, jacksonarts.org.

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BabyTime. Rhymes and finger plays. Ages 0-2 years with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Graphic Novel Writing Club. 4-6 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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New Horizons Community Band. 6-8 p.m. MSU Community Music School, 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-7661, cms.msu.edu

EVENTS

Chess, Cribbage, Hand & Foot. Weekly activities at the Center. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, ow.ly/5NaB30ani5D.

Game Night at UrbanBeat. Bring your own or play provided games. 5-8 p.m. FREE. UrbanBeat Event Center, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Social Bridge. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. Teen Yoga Committee: The Firecracker Foundation. Yoga for teen trauma survivors. 6 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org

Tuesday, May 16 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

May 10-16

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The process by which Zoo Jeans are manufactured is unusual. First, workers wrap and secure sheets of denim around car tires or big rubher halls, and take their raw creations to the Kamine Zoo in Hitachi City, Japan. There the denim-swaddled objects are thrown into pits where tigers or lions live. As the beasts roughhouse with their toys, they rip holes in the cloth. Later, the material is retrieved and used to sew the jeans. Might this story prove inspirational for you in the coming weeks? I suspect it will. Here's one possibility: You could arrange for something wild to play a role in shaping an influence you will have an intimate connection with.

AURUS (April 20-May 20): "Kiss the flame and it is yours," teased the poet Thomas Lux. What do you think he was hinting at? It's a metaphorical statement, of course. You wouldn't want to literally thrust your lips and tongue into a fire. But according to my reading of the astrological omens, you might benefit from exploring its meanings. Where to begin? May I suggest you visualize making out with the steady burn at the top of a candle? My sources tell me that doing so at this particular moment in your evolution will help kindle a new source of heat and light in your deep self -- a fresh fount of glowing power that will burn sweet and strong like a miniature sun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your symbol of power during the next three weeks is a key. Visualize it. What picture pops into your imagination? Is it a bejeweled golden key like what might be used to access an old treasure chest? Is it a rustic key for a garden gate or an oversized key for an ornate door? Is it a more modern thing that locks and unlocks car doors with radio waves? Whatever you choose, Gemini, I suggest you enshrine it in as an inspirational image in the back of your mind. Just assume that it will subtly inspire and empower you to find the metaphorical "door" that leads to the next chapter of your life story.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are free to reveal yourself in your full glory. For once in your life, you have cosmic clearance to ask for everything you want without apology. This is the LATER you have been saving yourself for. Here comes the reward for the hard work you've been doing that no one has completely appreciated. If the universe has any prohibitions or inhibitions to impose. I don't know what they are. If old karma has been preventing the influx of special dispensations and helpful X-factors, I suspect that old karma has at least temporarily been neutralized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "I don't want to be at the mercy of my emotions," said Irish writer Oscar Wilde. "I want to use them, to enjoy them, and to dominate them." In my opinion, that may be one of the most radical vows ever formulated. Is it even possible for us human beings to gracefully manage our unruly flow of feelings? What you do in the coming weeks could provide evidence that the answer to that question might be yes. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you are now in a position to learn more about this high art than ever before.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Africa's highest mountain is Mount Kilimaniaro. Though it's near the equator, its peak is covered year-round with glaciers. In 2001, scientists predicted that global warming would melt them all by 2015. But that hasn't happened. The ice cap is still receding slowly. It could endure for a while, even though it will eventually disappear. Let's borrow this scenario as a metaphor for your use, Virgo. First, consider the possibility that a certain thaw in your personal sphere isn't unfolding as quickly as you anticipated. Second, ruminate on the likelihood that it will, however, ultimately come to pass. Third, adjust your plans accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Will sex be humdrum and predictable in the coming weeks? No! On the contrary. Your interest in wandering out to the frontiers of erotic play could rise quite high. You may be animated and experimental in your approach to intimate communion. whether it's with another person or with yourself. Need any suggestions? Check out the "butterflies-in-flight" position or the "spinning wheel of roses" maneuver. Try the "hum-and-chuckle kissing dare" or the "churning radiance while riding the rain cloud" move. Or just invent your own variations and give them funny names that add to the adventure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Right now the word "simplicity" is irrelevant. You've got silky profundities to play with, slippery complications to relish, and lyrical labyrinths to wander around in. I hope you use these opportunities to tap into more of your subterranean powers. From what I can discern, your deep dark intelligence is ready to provide you with a host of fresh clues about who you really are and where you need to go. P.S.: You can become better friends with the shadows without compromising your relationship to the light.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can bake your shoes in the oven at 350 degrees for 40 minutes, but that won't turn them into loaves of bread. Know what I'm saying, Sagittarius? Just because a chicken has wings doesn't mean it can fly over the rainbow. Catch my drift? You'll never create a silk purse out of dental floss and dead leaves. That's why I offer you the following advice: In the next two weeks, do your best to avoid paper tigers, red herrings, fool's gold, fake news, Trojan horses, straw men, pink elephants, convincing pretenders, and invisible bridges. There'll be a reward if you do: close encounters with shockingly beautiful honesty and authenticity that will be among your most useful blessings of 2017.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Of all the signs of the zodiac, you Capricorns are the least likely to believe in mythical utopias like Camelot or El Dorado or Shambhala. You tend to be uber-skeptical about the existence of legendary vanished riches like the last Russian czar's Fabergé eggs or King John's crown jewels. And yet if wonderlands and treasures like those really do exist, I'm betting that some may soon be discovered by Capricorn explorers. Are there unaccounted-for masterpieces by Georgia O'Keeffe buried in a basement somewhere? Is the score of a lost Mozart symphony tucked away in a seedy antique store? I predict that your tribe will specialize in unearthing forgotten valuables, homing in on secret miracles, and locating missing mother lodes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): According to my lyrical analysis of the astrological omens, here are examples of the kinds of experiences you might encounter in the next 21 days: 1. interludes that reawaken memories of the first time you fell in love: 2, people who act like helpful, moondrunk angels just in the nick of time; 3. healing music or provocative art that stirs a secret part of you -- a sweet spot you had barely been aware of; 4. an urge arising in your curious heart to speak the words, "I invite lost and exiled beauty back into my life."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Ex-baseball player Eric DuBose was pulled over by Florida cops who spotted him driving his car erratically. They required him to submit to a few tests, hoping to determine whether he had consumed too much alcohol. "Can you recite the alphabet?" they asked. "I'm from the great state of Alabama," DuBose replied, "and they have a different alphabet there." I suggest, Pisces, that you try similar gambits whenever you find yourself in odd interludes or tricky transitions during the coming days -- which I suspect will happen more than usual. Answer the questions you want to answer rather than the ones you're asked, for example. Make jokes that change the subject. Use the powers of distraction and postponement. You'll need extra slack, so seize it!

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Rhymes at the Zoo"--a group effort for Take Your Kids to Work Day. Matt Jones

Across

1 Sound of a nunch 5 Green paper that you pay with 9 They make up stairs 14 Make goo-goo eyes at 15 Tennis's Arthur Stadium 16 Like some dirt bike tracks

17 Fearsome cat that spends moolah on Lamborghinis and mansions

19 Former "Come on down!" announcer Johnny

open this jar. 20 "I Can you help. Daddy?' 21 Monkey that eats curtains? 23 "Gimme

What's that spell? Ella!" 24 There are 100 in a century (abbr.) 26 Something a tov poodle says

27 Rat-a-28 Something that people say in awe 30 Pookums

35 Scaly creature that likes to eat frosted sweets?

37 Ninia Turtle that wears red. to his friends 40 Getting from 41 Kid that can have a

cellphone 42 Rind that smokes and does vandalism? 47 Sneaky little animal

_ gin fizz 49 Kid who is "epic!" _ on the Shelf 52 The 54 Sid: "I'm not years old anymore." Me:

"No, I mean ___ as in 'I some food." 55 Palindromic Turkish title

56 Water animal with flippers that barters

4 Sinn (Irish political 36 Animal that's cute, movement) fuzzy, lazy, and gray

61 Wants really badly 63 Go off-script (sorry, Ella, it doesn't mean "get more pounds") 64 Slow animal that grows wings and gets in your clothes? 66 She was a princess "long ago" 67 "The coolest kid in the universe" 68 Lake that sounds scary 69 Me: "How about the clue 'Used needles,' Ella?" Ella: "No, new needles. You have to use them because it affects the fabric more than you expect. 70 Martens and Mc-Stuffins, for instance 71 Air France fliers, once

Down

1 Type of wild "kitty-kitty" 2 Type of lizard in "Sing" 3 Horse's mesh protection against pests.

5 Spike thrown in the road to stop robbers was saying ... 7 Like show horses' feet __ Danger" (Nickelodeon show) 9 Quaint stores (you'd think, based on how they're spelled) 10 Piece that goes on the floor 11 Queen in Arendelle 12 Water drop sound 13 "Auld Lang 18 Something said in an "argument party" 22 Teacher's helper 25 Region with Legoland, informally 29 Dislikes 31 Poker money 32 "Call Me Maybe" singer Carly ____ Jepsen 33 "I Like ____ " ('50s political slogan) 34 "Hallow" ending 35 Someone who might

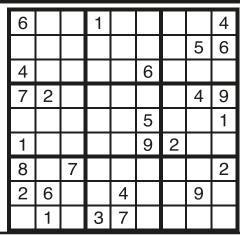
for "Ricky Bubwick" (apparently a name that Sid just made up) 38 Everyone 39 Toilet paper layer 43 Turns evil or moldy 44 Remote control car part 45 Tag situations? 46 Looks rudely 49 Enjoys, as food 50 "Understood" 51 Marks that are lines 53 Popular 56 Parents "who do puzzled goodness" 57 Brickell whose band is the New Bohemians 58 "There ought to be 59 It may be parallel

bobsledder Jones 62 Drinks that are alcoholic 65 "Waterfalls" trio

60 Olympic hurdler/

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TO PLAY

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Answers on page 24

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Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Nu Wave Fish & Chicken, a new you-buy-we-fry restaurant, will celebrate its grand opening next weekend by giving away 1,000 meals. The Lansing location of the family-owned chain is the first outside the Metro Detroit area. Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

By ALLAN I. ROSS

A new dining trend seems to be emerging in the Capital City. Joining the barbecue, craft beer and craft coffee businesses that are humming along quite nicely, several new restaurants dedicated to "you buy, we fry" cuisine have started breaking in Lansing. Opening in the last few years have been Eastside Fish Fry in Lansing's Eastside Neighborhood, the **Fish** Market of Grand River in Old Town and two locations for **Munchies** on the city's south side. Add to that the rebranding of South Lansing's Fresh Fish & Fry with its now-famous "Crack Chicken" sign, and you have the makings of a bona fide movement.

And last month, the city's newest addition, **Nu Wave Fish & Chicken**, joined the surge just north of downtown. Located at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Cedar Street, Nu Wave is primed to capitalize on a prime position at one of the busiest intersections in town.

"This is a great location, and we're glad to finally be open," said Sharif Hamed, co-owner and operator of the eatery. "We secured the location (last year), but we had to work out a few things with the city. But everybody's loving it, and business is getting better everyday. Lansing people seem very friendly."

In 2000, Hamed's uncle opened the first Nu Wave location in the Detroit area, eventually branching out to include eight stores in and around the city. Hamed worked at several of them, learning the business from the ground up. Last year, Hamed's uncle spotted the Lansing location, a former A&W, when he was on his way back to the Detroit area from the Capital Region International Airport.

"He's always looking for places for new investments, and he was swinging through Lansing when he saw this place," Hamed said. "It really attracted his attention, so he started working on it and brought me on as a partner."

Nearly a year later, the restaurant had its quiet opening three weeks ago — but things are about to get a lot less quiet. On May 20, Hamed and his staff will host a grand opening event featuring a live DJ and free meals for the first 1,000 people to show up.

"We're not going to sit around and wait for customers to find us," Hamed said. "This is going to be a big event. The whole city's invited to come try our food and have a good time. It's really going to put us on the map."

Hamed said each meal will consist of two wings, three pieces of shrimp, a piece of fish and a side of fries. He said his family usually offers a similar deal to its Detroit area locations on the day before Thanksgiving as a way to give back to the community.

In addition to the food, Nu Wave also deals in light grocery items, including boxes of its signature seasoning. But no matter how addictive the secret recipe of herbs and spices may be, don't call it "crack."

"It's not professional," Hamed said.
"Let's just say it's very good, and
people come back for it. We've been
around for 17 years now, and we've
got it perfected."

Nu Wave Fish & Chicken 427 E. Oakland Ave, Lansing 10 a.m.- midnight, Monday Saturday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday (517) 803-4727, nuwavefishandchicken.com

Out on the town

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Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. 7 p.m. FREE for visitors. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300. Healing Movements Stretch Class. Health conditions accomodated. 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$8. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 798-2441.

Lansing Central Law of Attraction. Meet with others who are curious about attraction. 5:15-6:15 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing.

(TOPS) Take off Pounds Sensibly. 6 p.m. FREE first visit. St. Therese Parish, 102 West Randolph St., Lansing. (517) 487-3749.

Yawn Patrol Toastmasters. 7-8:30 a.m. FREE for visitors. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Black Authors Book Club. Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

ToddlerTime. Active storytime. Ages 18-36 months with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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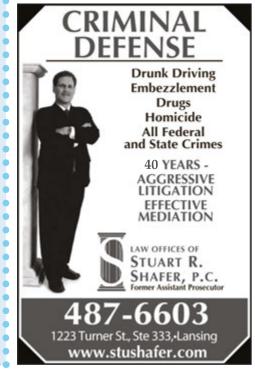
Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

EVENTS

Bingo, Bridge and Euchre. 1-4:30 p.m. Cost varies. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos.

Jug and Mug Ski Club Meeting. Singles activity club meeting. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. Buddies Grill, 2040 Aurelius Road #13, Holt. jugandmug.org.

Knitting and Crochet Group. All ages and levels welcome. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.



LCC West Toastmasters. 5-6:30 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-1314.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

Reflexology. Reflex sessions. Call ahead. 10:20 a.m.-2:50 p.m. \$14/\$12 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Trending Topics. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Wednesday, May 17 LITERATURE AND POETRY

MSU Creative Writing Center Group. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

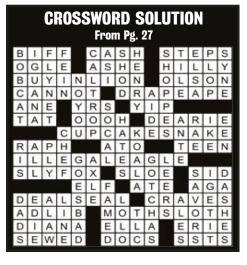
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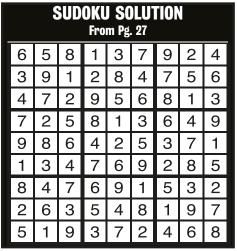
Sarah Brunner at Allen Farmers Market. 5-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

EVENTS

Pop-up Card Making Class. Registration deadline May 15. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$5. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Teen Make N Take: Fidget Spinner. Program for teens in 7th-12th grades. 4-5 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.







BY RICH TUPICA



JOSHUA BARTON & SEERSTONES 'WITNESS' LP RELEASE

Saturday May 13 @ People's Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. All ages, FREE, 6:30 p.m.

Lansing-based songwriter Joshua Barton, formerly of the local shoegaze outfit Fields of Industry, returns with his first release in three years and a new band, Joshua Barton & Seertones. Saturday, Barton releases the groups's debut, "Witness," at the People's Church in downtown East Lansing; Star Path opens the show. The new record explores new territory for Barton, hitting more dark, haunting tones, and is accented with rich, multi-part vocal harmonies. Aside from Barton, the "Witness" LP features multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Peter Hochstedler, who also engineered the mostly live recording sessions, as well as guest musicians Gordon Kwiatkowski, Thom McAlvey, John Voss and Sam Copperman. To sample a track, the Gram Parsons-esque "The Dog and the Buzzard," visit joshuabarton. bandcamp.com

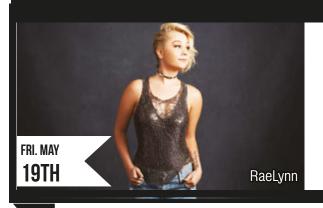


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LOCAL H AT MAC'S BAR

Thursday, May II @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$13, 8 p.m.

While best known for the 1996 alt-rock hit "Bound for the Floor," Local H has kept it copacetic since then, releasing six more studio albums. Its most recent, 2015's "Hey, Killer" LP, was released on G&P Records. Led by guitarist and vocalist Scott Lucas, the stripped-down rock duo has been playing shows since 1987, with Lucas being the only constant member. Last month, Local H made headlines after winning a contest allowing them to open shows for Metallica on a string of dates. Opening the Mac's Bar show are local outfits the Plurals and Luxury Flux. The Plurals is preparing for a fall release of its fourth LP, "Swish." The forthcoming disc promises to be the tightest songwriting and most polished production yet from the group, as the trio delves into heavy indie rock songs echoing the likes of Guided By Voices and Screaming Females.



RAELYNN AT THE LOFT

Friday, May 19 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$18/\$15 adv., 7 p.m.

Country music artist RaeLynn, known for her appearances on the second season of NBC's "The Voice," headlines May 19 at the Loft. The concert is a part of WITL's Rising Stars Concert Series. Since making it to the quarterfinals on "The Voice," RaeLynn — real name Racheal Lynn Woodward — has kept busy in the modern country market. She released her debut record, "Wildhorse," earlier this year via Warner Music Nashville. The disc debuted at No. I on Billboard's Hot Country Albums chart. Woodward co-wrote II of the album's 12 tracks. The lead single from the LP, "Love Triangle," reached the Top 30 on the Billboard Country Airplay chart. Late last month, the Texas native made her late-night TV debut, performing the single on NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers."

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT LIVEANDLOCAL@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

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Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.				0
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Jeremy Kratky 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
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Darb's Tavern, 117 S Cedar St	Scott Seth 9:30 p.m.			
Eaton Rapids Craft Co., 204 N Main St.				
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.				
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Woodys Wacky Wednesday 9 p.m.	Skory-oke Open Mic 8 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Mighty Uke Day 1:30 p.m.	Mighty Uke Day 11:00 a.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze 9 p.m.	The Hot Mess 9:30	Jonestown Crows 9:30 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 E. Michigan Ave.				
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.,			Mastamind, Skitzo 9 p.m.	Recess Statik 9:00 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Local H 8 p.m.	Off WithTheir Heads 7 p.m.	Speak Easy 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.				
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road				
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27				
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.				
Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave.,	Art Grl Starter Pack 7 p.m.	Comedy Coven XXVII 7:30 p.m.	Geeked! 8 p.m.	
Ryan's Roadhouse, 902 E State St.				
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Brent Lowry & The Drifters 5 p.m.	Jerrod Nieman 5 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog and the Beef Tones 9 p.m.	amantha and the Cool Cats 9 p.m.	amantha and the Cool Cats 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.		Stan Budzynski	Craig Hendershott and Seth Scott	
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.		HENDERSHOTT, 7 p.m.		

Back of house

Behind the scenes with the owners of Red Haven

By MEGAN WESTERS

Chef Anthony "Tony" Maiale, 34, and front of the house manager Nina Santucci, 34, are the owners of East Lansing's Red Haven restaurant. Last week, City Pulse sat

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eatredhaven.com

down with the entrepreneurial couple to talk about the ups and downs of owning and running a restaurant, married life and more.

What made you want to start a restaurant together?

Maiale: We met in a restaurant, about 15 years ago. We still are working in restau-

rants, but at that time it was just something that engulfed our lives and something that we just always kind of wanted to do. So that's what we worked toward.

Santucci: When I was in college, I was a server at a restaurant where Tony was one of the chefs. That was just outside of Philadelphia. We've worked together quite a few times since then; we've moved around the country quite a bit. Tony's always been in kitchens, and for the most part, I've always been in the front of the house. It's been a nice dynamic, because we work together, but we're not constantly side by side.

Why East Lansing?

Santucci: I'm originally from Michigan, so that's why we came here. When we were

looking at restaurant spaces, it was pretty alarming that it was pretty much all chain restaurants. We wanted to make sure that what we brought to the table would fly here. So that's where the (Purple Carrot) food truck came in. The original plan was to be in East Lansing for the first half of the summer and then bring the truck up to Traverse City the second half of the summer, just to see if we fit one place better than the other — or if anyone wanted us there at all. We ended up never leaving here. We had a really crazy opening summer in 2011, and then the restaurant opened in 2012.

Why farm-to-table?

Maiale: It just makes sense. When you're using the best quality product, you don't really have to do much to get the best quality dishes. And the best quality product comes from your backyard, which isn't traveling thousands of miles away. And then the personal connections and relationships with the farmers, that they can just grow whatever they want for you, anything you can't get from the farmers market or anything else. You just say, "Do it this way and this size," and you can get what you really, really want.

Santucci: We lived in Texas in 2006, when there was the big recession. I remember hearing about it on the news, but you wouldn't have never known that in Austin, because there was so much growth happening. The city was just bustling and doing so well. In Texas, they have a very pro-Texas thing going on, promoting community, but Austin particularly took it a step forward. Chain restaurants didn't do well there. It just created this bubble where they weren't as affected by the recession as we were up here. One time we were up here visiting for a holiday or

something, and we were just like, "Woah, this is what they're talking about on the news." It was a completely different environment. We knew we would be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on food; if we can keep it in our community, we can do a little bit of helping our local economy. It's a lot more rewarding, writing those checks knowing that it's going to a family who we have a relationship with.

How do you approach creating dishes?

Maiale: A lot of that is just prior experiences. It's all about playing and experimenting. There's some dishes that I have this idea in my head, and I can't get it onto the plate. I keep trying and trying and trying, and it just doesn't work. And then finally it does work. But then there's some dishes you try once, and it's perfect. I'm really all about experimenting.

Santucci: The start of our menu always starts with what's in season. It's a big puzzle. It's sometimes harder to work on the menu when we have a lot to work with. It can be overwhelming.

What is your favorite part about being a chef?

Maiale: I truthfully think that cooking is the best part; it just brings me back to when I first started. Our kitchen can definitely get chaotic and busy, but it's a well-oiled machine, and I'm lucky with the guys that I work with back there. They're super dedicated, and they know what's going on, so they aren't all frazzled and running around with their heads cut off.

Between running a business together and being married, how do you manage home and work life?

Santucci: We have a little kid on the



Alegan Westers/City Pulse

Husband-and-wife duo Tony Maiale (right) and Nina Santucci opened Okemos farm-to-table restaurant Red Haven in 2012.

way, so that's going to really be an interesting dynamic to throw into the mix. I'm due Aug. 10 with a little boy. We're here most of the time; Tony is here 12, maybe more hours per day. Most of our life is spent here. We try to have a little bit of separation, but it's our life. We basically eat, breathe and sleep this place. Our balance isn't great. We don't get a lot of time off, but I think we both enjoy it so much, I just can't imagine it any other way.

Maiale: We don't do a good job. We're going to find out shortly though. That's the good thing about starting from scratch and doing everything different, is that you're needed, but you've got to train everyone and trust everyone so that they can do it without you. I mean it's tough, especially with the workforce out there today, it's hard to find good people.

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Johnny and June — The Crafted Bean

There's a real outlaw spirit that runs through the Crafted Bean. Up in DeWitt,



far from the millennial student population at MSU or the hipsters of Lansing's REO Town district, Justin Hartig and his team are running one of

the area's most progressive coffee shops.

One of the shop's cold brews, Wooden Gun, is named for the shoe polish-covered chunk of wood John Dillinger used to escape from prison. Over at the shop's record player, customers can spin vinyl from musical outlaws ranging from Willie Nelson to Wu-Tang Clan. Among the shop's menu



of non-alcoholic "coffee cocktails" is a tasty concoction named after another musical rebel, Johnny Cash.

The Johnny and June cocktail starts with small batch, locally roasted Columbian French pressed coffee. Then

the coffee is blended with Sleeping Bear boost and easier weight Dunes raw honey, grass-fed butter and organic peanut butter.

The result is a hot drink that has the consistency of a latte but with a delightful — but not overpowering - mix of honey and peanut butter. Many claim that grass-fed butter, a key ingredient in trendy Bulletproof Coffee, offers benefits like a better energy

loss. I can't speak to those benefits yet, but I'm willing to drink more Johnny and Junes to test it out - in the name of science, of course.

The Crafted Bean

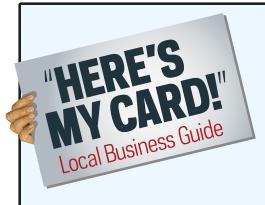
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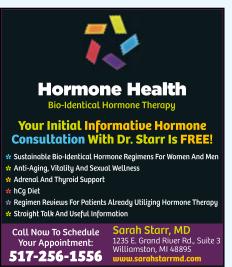














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