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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing:

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an election on August 7, 2018.

Monday, July 9, 2018 is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote at the August 7, 2018 Election. Any qualified elector who is not already registered to vote may register for the August 7, 2018 Election. Persons registering after Monday, July 9, 2018, are not eligible to vote at this election. **To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, check the Secretary of State Voter Information web site at www.michigan.gov/vote.**

For the purpose of nominating candidates to the following offices:
Governor, U.S. Senator, U. S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, County Commissioner, Delegates to County Convention

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:
County: Justice Millage Question (Ingham County Only), Juvenile Millage Renewal (Eaton County Only), 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Renewal (Eaton County Only)
District Library: Capital Area District Library Renewal

Eligible persons may register to vote, change their voter registration address or change their name in any of the following ways:

- **In Person** - At the **Lansing City Clerk's Office (124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 483-4133)**; your county clerk's office; any Secretary of State Branch office; designated State of Michigan agencies; or military recruitment offices.
- **By Mail** - By submitting a mail-in voter registration application to the Lansing City Clerk (124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933) or your county clerk.
- **Online** - Voter registration addresses may be changed with a driver's license or personal I.D. number at www.expressSOS.com.

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Registered voters can get an Absent Voter Ballot for any of the following reasons:

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- You are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
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- You cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion
- You are an appointed precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside
- You cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

We must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at www.lansingmi.gov/Elections or by calling 517-483-4131.

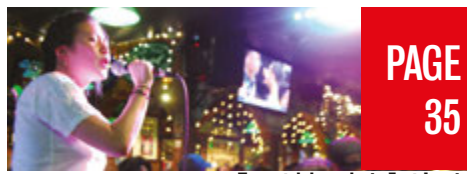
Monday, August 6, 2018 at 4 p.m. is the deadline to request an absentee ballot. Ballots requested on Monday, August 6, 2018 must be requested and voted in person at the Clerk's Office at 124 W. Michigan Ave, 9th Floor or 2500 S. Washington Ave.

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Engler unlikely to leave MSU



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by TOM TOMORROW

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--IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, IN A FACILITY IN A FORMER WAL MART.

DEFENSE CONTRACTORS ARE SAID TO BE MAKING ENORMOUS SUMS OF MONEY IN THE PROCESS!

IN OTHER NEWS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLARED DEEP ADMIRATION FOR MURDEROUS DICTATOR KIM JONG UN.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON FOX AND FRIENDS, PRESIDENT TRUMP EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR AMERICANS TO TREAT HIM THE WAY THE CAPTIVE POPULATION OF NORTH KOREA IS FORCED TO TREAT KIM.

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Engler not going anywhere

More than 120 Larry Nassar survivors are urging the Michigan State University Board of Trustees to can interim President John Engler for suggesting in a private email during the height of settlement negotiations that survivor Rachael Denhollander was getting kickbacks from her attorney.

However, numerous sources tell City Pulse and MIRS that Engler isn't going anywhere when the board meets Friday on an enormous agenda that addresses various other personnel matters, a tuition increase, a tenure issue and the ultimate source of the \$500 million Nassar settlement money, among other things.

The agenda is so large the meeting is starting an hour earlier at 8 a.m. to make sure everything gets fit in, according to MSU spokeswoman Emily Guerrant. Public comments were moved to the top of the agenda so people wishing to address the board don't have to sit through a brutally long meeting to share their thoughts.

The meeting room is still that cramped board room on the 4th floor of the Hannah Administration Building, which wasn't that cozy until the Nassar scandal drove up public interest. Recently, the school reconfigured the room to fit in more people, but the crowd still spills out into the hallway and there's been no serious discussion about moving the meeting elsewhere, like maybe the Erickson Kiva.

Regardless of how many people show up, however, Engler's future with the school isn't changing unless this week's MSU trustee retreat spurs a change of heart.

MSU Board members Dianne Byrum and Brian Mosallam have publicly called for Engler's resignation, but they stand apart on an eight-member board. The majority is more interested in getting moving on the search for a permanent replacement, as opposed to finding another interim, according to sources.

Board members would prefer Engler make an apology to defuse the situation, but there's no guarantee, at this read, that that's going to happen.

While Engler's assessment was insensitive, most likely inaccurate and sloppy — in the sense he did them on his MSU email account, which is subject to the Freedom of Information Act — Engler is making headway in getting Sparty out of the Nassar morass.

He's stepped on a couple of landmines,

including putting himself in a position to be accused of trying to pay off a Nassar survivor in private. But he also got rid of William Strampel, former dean of osteopathic medicine and Nassar's boss, before Attorney General Bill Schuette pinned criminal charges on him.



Courtesy photo WLNS

Former Gov. John Engler is under pressure from victims of Larry Nassar and some elected officials, including two MSU trustees, as the board prepares to meet Friday.

He nailed down the \$500 million settlement, creating certainty in the financial commitment MSU will make to the survivors. The school isn't taking state funding cuts from a state legislature that seemed out for blood in early February.

Engler wrote his ill-fated email to Carol Viventi, the school's vice president and special counsel in the heat of negotiations with national plaintiffs' attorneys, whom Engler has never had much fondness for.

The long-term reputation of the school needs a lot of work, but Engler wasn't brought in to address that issue. That's the job of the next president, who likely will be hired by a board with two new trustees elected by voters in November.

The number of Republicans who have called for Engler to resign likely has plateaued.

Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-Holland, Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, and Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage, want Engler gone, as do various Democratic officials and interest groups that cringed when the former Michigan governor got the job in the first place.

Meekhof and Engler clashed during their closed-door meeting earlier this year. Engler, a former Senate majority leader, took the wrong approach with the cur-

rent officeholder, who apparently felt as if Engler was telling him how to run his chamber.

In short, there's no love lost here. Relentless Positive Action Gov. Rick Snyder isn't going to call for Engler's dismissal. Attorney General Bill Schuette, who got

a job from Engler as agriculture director after he lost his U.S. Senate race in 1990, isn't going to call for Engler's dismissal. House Speaker Tom Leonard, his chief of staff being former Engler aide Dan Pero, won't call for Engler's resignation.

Democratic MSU Board of Trustee candidates have started to call on Engler to step down, which may end up being a campaign issue.

Up to now, as many as 15 Democrats are jockeying for two slots on the General Election ballot. Ed Duggan, son of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan; Teri Lynn Bernero, wife of the former Lansing mayor; 2010 nominee Dennis Denno; former Democratic Party Finance Director Kelly Tebay; and Muskegon attorney Brianna Scott are the most mentioned candidates at this point.

Who ultimately gets the nominations won't be decided until the Aug. 25 Michigan Democratic Party convention, during which the Michigan Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers make their critical endorsements.

It's much too early to handicap the favorites, but it's not a reach to presume the nominees will campaign on the desire to see Engler gone ASAP.

— Kyle Melinn of MIRS



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Historical drawings place two structures on this building's site around 1870. Even without such documentation, one need only look at the river rock walls to conclude that it predates the modern building above. The foundation most likely served as the original lower level to the barn, where the sloped site accommodated farm animals below, while hay was stored above.

Visitors entering this building at the upper grade from the north are treated to a bright, two-story atrium, where the old barn's posts and beams are preserved. Careful study reveals a variety of traditional joints, including pegs and hand-carved mortise and tenons. Even the ladder that led to the hay loft has been retained, although the upper level now houses treatment rooms, completed during a renovation about five years ago.

Before the renovation, the building was covered by dull grey vinyl siding, which obscured the characteristic red painted barn walls. The original cladding was replaced with a strikingly similar red vertical metal siding that mimics the older siding in a more durable, modern material. The front facing roof pitch follows the line of the original roof and, when viewed from the front, recalls the dual-pitched gambrel roof common in classic barns.

DANIEL E. BOLLMAN, AIA

"Eyesore of the Week" is our weekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Berl Schwartz at 999-5061.

LANSGING PRIDE 2018

The Michigan LGBTQ community celebrated gay pride month starting Thursday with the City Pulse Awards program at Spiral, then Friday at the White Party in three venues in Old Town; then Saturday, first with the annual Michigan Pride march and rally at the Capitol, followed by the festival in Old Town.



Celebrating diversity: The winners of the 3rd annual City Pulse LGBTQ+ Inclusion Awards gather on stage at Spiral Dance Bar after being presented their prizes. (From left) City Pulse publisher Berl Schwartz; Williamston Community Schools board President Greg Talberg and members Sarah Belanger and Christopher Lewis; Erica Spitzfaden; Lauren Ordair/Nick Page; Kaston Anderson-Carpenter; Emma Ellefson-Frank on behalf of her mother, Nicole Ellefson; Theresa Rosado; Maxine Thome; and Evan Lewis. Video of the awards ceremony is available at www.lansingcitypulse.com.



A large crowd waited out a rainstorm in front of the Capitol steps to hear a diverse list of speakers, led by Lansing Mayor Andy Schor. The children of gay community members and other young people were invited up the steps as well. (Photos above and right by Skyler Ashley of City Pulse; Andy Schor and flag courtesy Steve Frayre.)




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Bipartisan wheeling-dealing wins Coleman Road extension

POLITICS



KYLE MELINN

The headline from the Lansing Regional Chamber press release looks innocuous enough: “Coleman Road Extension Receives State Funding.”

But the \$7.6 million that Gov. Rick Snyder and state lawmakers snuck into last year’s budget at the last minute to relieve pressure on dreadfully congested Lake Lansing Road by Eastwood Towne Center was anything but pedestrian.

For southern Clinton County and northern Ingham County to receive a special carveout to extend Coleman Road across Highway 127 to Wood Road took a marked piece of legislative deal-making, persistence and, yes, some politics.

First of all, the Michigan state budget isn’t like the pork-stuffed federal budget with its mythical \$37 screws, \$640 toilet seats and a \$7,622 coffee maker.

Michigan is constitutionally required to balance its budget every year, which means legislators don’t have much appetite to slide special projects into the \$56 billion document. This year, legislative leaders divvied up \$52 million in legisla-

tive pork for the entire state.

For perspective, it’s like making \$56,000 a year and having \$52 a year in “fun money.” It’s .09 percent of the state budget. Unlike Congress, lawmakers are extremely judicious about who got what.

This year’s 78 projects were — almost without exception — for districts represented by outgoing term-limited Senate leadership and first-term Republican senators and House members running for re-election in competitive seats.

The Lansing area doesn’t fall into either category. The three returning Democratic senators scored a few bucks for their district, which explains why they voted “yes” on the budget. Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr., D-East Lansing, got \$100,000 for the Cristo Rey Community Center, for example.

Nobody else got \$7.6 million for a special project. In fact, no other single project received half of what Coleman Road did. Beal City received \$3 million for some infrastructure redo and Traverse City \$2.4 million for its extensive recreation trail system. Otherwise, more than 75 percent of the projects were less than \$1 million with, again, a lot going to the politically competitive areas of Monroe, Kalamazoo, Plymouth/Canton and Utica/Sterling Heights.

The Coleman Road money was an anomaly in both dollar amount and in

geographic location. So how did it happen?

The simple answer must be that House Speaker Tom Leonard, R-DeWitt, worked some magic, right? The Coleman Road extension is in his House district. He must made it rain for his hometown folks, right?

Wrong. Leonard, behind the scenes, wanted nothing to do with the money. The hard-right attorney general candidate needs support from traditionally conservative, no-fat-in-budget Republican delegates.

Leonard prides himself on passing slim state budgets, and he wasn’t altering his reputation two months before a GOP convention that’d determine his political fate.

Instead, longtime friend Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Pottersville, stepped in front of Leonard to get his name attached to the project on the House side. The 24th state Senate candidate is looking to score points among Clinton County officials, who’ve wanted Coleman Road extended for at least 10 years as an economic development draw.

Then there’s the current state senator from that area, Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge. During his 14 years in the Legislature, Jones has taken the lead on dozens of public policy initiatives, but he doesn’t dabble much in appropriations.

Clinton County commissioners lionized Jones for his assistance on another matter and returned to the term-limited lawmaker with one final request. Coleman Road.

So, Jones asked the House Appropriations Committee leader. The answer was no. The state’s roads, particularly in Macomb County and Monroe counties, are terrible. How can a \$7.6

million special development project in Clinton County be justified?

Jones is many things, and persistent is one of them. He tried numerous political angles to soften up his leadership to allow the money to go through until he got them to “maybe.”

A final push was needed, which brings us to the final piece of the story: House Minority Leader Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, and Gov. Rick Snyder.

Last year, the governor was heavily courting FoxConn Technology Group from Taiwan and saw a proposed business tax incentive package known as “Good Jobs” as a critical component. Leonard and House Republican leadership — leery of special tax carveouts — was pushing back.

Snyder needed House Democratic support and went to Singh, who saw a negotiating opportunity. Singh agreed to support “Good Jobs” and urge his caucus to do likewise if Snyder did something for him. Coleman Road.

Singh knows the headache of driving Lake Lansing Road to Eastwood and convinced the governor that there’s regional economic benefit of another east-west corridor over U.S. 127.

Fast-forward to last month when the governor and legislative leaders carved up the \$50 million special projects pie. Snyder’s folks dedicated three-quarters of his \$10 million allocation to fulfill his promise to Singh.

So, yes, a Coleman Road bridge is being built over U.S. 127 soon, but it took a bipartisan bridge to make it happen.

(Kyle Melinn of the Capital Area News Service MIRS is at melinky@gmail.com)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the 54 B District Court, Courtroom 1, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

A public hearing will be held to consider a variance request from Gateway of East Lansing, LLC for the property located at 300 West Grand River Avenue, in the B-2, Retail Sales Business District from the following requirement of Chapter 50 – Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

Section 50-813(2) – Minimum number of stacking spaces for restaurant uses of 10 per window. The applicant is proposing a Biggby coffee shop with a drive thru window with five (5) stacking spaces.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All persons interested in these appeals will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should write or call the Department of Planning, Building and Development, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6930. TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

CP#18-146

ART'S PUB



Skyler Ashley/City Pulse

Lunchtime diners on the new patio of Art's Pub on Tuesday, the day after opening where Art's Bar and Grill was.

By DENNIS BURCK

Closed for almost two years, Art's Bar was a Lansing mainstay that first opened in 1940. Weathering a world war, burning down to the ground and generations of third shifters, Art's famous pizza and 32 oz 'Shooper' are being served once more.

Its new owners, brothers Greg and Nick Sinicropi, Donn Thomas and

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Sedric Audas seek to keep the old school charm while bringing it up to 21st century standards.

Taking over Art's was personal, said Greg Sinicropi. "We grew up with the owners that had it before us," Sinicropi said, referring to Rick and Nancy Yager, who closed it in August 2016. "My dad and Rick were friends."

"The pizza was so distinct. It was so memorable than anything else and it stuck out. To me it was Art's Bar and DeLuca's those were the two gold standards that I never found in any of the cities I lived in or went to."

Renovations began in 2017. "We inherited it already gutted," said Sinicropi. "The bar was gone. The ceiling was half ripped out. We just overhauled

the whole place; ripped everything out." Focusing on a modern industrial look with the remodel, Sinicropi said "There are a lot of wood floors and refinished

cement floors. Instead of low ceilings, we've got high exposed ones we've painted black. We have a garage door now that opens up to a patio that has a downtown feel."

Aside from the iconic pizza, the menu will be focused toward brunch as well.

"My brother's diner mentality is any food any time," said Sinicropi. "If someone wants breakfast at 10 p.m., they can. If they want a pepperoni pizza at 8 a.m., they can."

"We want people to know that it's an all three meal service. We don't feel like there is a lot of good brunch spots around. We want to be that too."

This business model is unique, said Sinicropi. "We are trying really hard to be broadly catering to a market that doesn't get looked at very often: There are very few places that specialize in early morning food and alcohol."

Sinicropi said his business partners want Art's to be a gathering place for before and after big games. "We also want the third-shift people to come in and treat it like their 5 a.m. spot," said



Skyler Ashley/City Pulse

Seems like old times, Art's Pub fills up for lunch, as it often did when it was Art's Bar and Grill.

Art's

from page 8

Sinicropi. "There's got to be more choices for those people out there and we want to be one of those places."

Patrons can expect 12 draught lines with three local, four stable and the rest rotated.

"Our locals now will be Ozone, Ellison and Lansing's own Amber Cream," said Sinicropi, the last brewed by the Lansing Brewing Co.

The grand opening hopes to fill the void felt since Art's Bar closed, Sinicropi said. "People were really disappointed when it went away, and it went away tragically. We want to be able to bring it back to everybody and be part of the revitalization of this area," said Sinicropi.

Art's was rumored to be in receivership

when it closed, with back taxes due to the city of Lansing.

"We employ between 40-50 employees that did not have jobs in the city of Lansing. To do the long hours we want to do, we need a lot of staff. That benefits the community as well," Sinicropi added.

"It will be a challenge at the beginning because it's been gone for a while and everybody is starved for it. We expect to

be overwhelmed and won't be able to take takeout orders until the buzz of the grand opening simmers down."

Sinicropi said he is most looking forward to seeing people happy at Art's again.

"We want to be here. We are reviving it and there was a good chance that if we didn't do it, it would become another cookie cutter location. We want to keep it Art's."

<p>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING</p> <p>FILE NO. 18-771-GA</p> <p>In the matter of Treywick Culpepper: To all interested persons including whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:</p> <p>TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 07/12/2018 at 10:30 AM, at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 before Judge Economy for the following purpose(s):</p> <p>Hearing for guardian for individual with alleged developmental disability.</p> <p>If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.</p> <p>Date: 06/20/2018 Gloria Wells/LLMSW Development Disabilities Clinician Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties (517)346-9518</p>	<p>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING</p> <p>FILE NO. 18-771-GA</p> <p>In the matter of Jewel Carter</p> <p>To all interested persons including whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: Patricia Greer</p> <p>TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 07/12/2018 at 11:00 AM, at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 before Judge Economy for the following purpose(s):</p> <p>Hearing for guardian for incapacitated adult.</p> <p>If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.</p> <p>Date: 06/20/2018 Talina Cummins (APS) 5303 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48909 (517)-775-5450</p>
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CITY OF EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1424**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-155 OF ARTICLE III – EXTERIOR LIGHTING – OF CHAPTER 50 – ZONING – OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN REFERENCE TO THE REGULATING STANDARDS

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1424 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at the regular meeting of the Council held on June 5, 2018, and will become effective immediately upon the publication of the following summary of ordinance.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1424

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Ordinance 1424 amends Sections 50-155 of the Zoning Ordinance by correcting the lighting standard reference from AASHTO to ASHRAE.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1424 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.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

CP#18-144

CITY OF EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 1425**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-94 OF DIVISION 3 - SPECIAL USE PERMITS - OF ARTICLE II - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT - OF CHAPTER 50 – ZONING – OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING BY STRIKING SUBSECTIONS (b)(2) c AND (b)(2)d AND ADDING LANGUAGE TO SUBSECTION (b)(2)a RELATING TO BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOL AS THEY WERE INADVERTENTLY ADDED OR REMOVED WITH THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1384

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1425 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at the regular meeting of the Council held on June 5, 2018, and will become effective immediately upon the publication of the following summary of ordinance.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1425

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Ordinance 1425 amends Subsections 50-94(b)(2)a, 50-94(b)(2)c, and 50-94(b)(2)d to correct errors created with the adoption of Ordinance 1384 related to establishments selling alcohol.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1425 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.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

CP#18-145

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING

NOTICE OF THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 31.238

I, Susan L. Aten, Clerk of the Charter Township of Lansing, Michigan, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lansing at a regular meeting held on Tuesday June 12, 2018

ORDINANCE NO. 31.238
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP BEING A PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 31 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Sec. 1. THE ZONING MAP, which by Section 302 of Ordinance No. 31 of the Charter Township of Lansing is made a part of said Ordinance and which Section reads as follows:
Section 302. ZONING MAPS. The boundaries of said zones are shown upon the map or maps attached hereto and designated as Zoning Maps. The zoning maps and all notations, references, and other information appearing thereon are hereby declared to be a part of this Ordinance and of the same force and effect as if the zones therein designed were fully set forth by metes and bounds herein. References, notations, and other information shown thereon are likewise incorporated herein with like force and effect.

Shall be so amended as to fix the zoning classification of properties described as follows:

Ord. 31.238, Case PDR-18-4: Property located at 3701 W. Saginaw Street (Formerly known as the Waverly Golf Course) has been rezoned from "A" Single Family Residential to "PD" Planned Development.

Sec. 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced 7 days after publication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to publish this Ordinance once in the City Pulse, a newspaper of general circulation in this Township.

Susan L. Aten, Clerk
Charter Township of Lansing

CP#18-141

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from 100 Grand River, LLC, and 341 Evergreen, LLC, for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the properties at 100 W. Grand River Avenue, 120-140 W. Grand River Avenue and 341-345 Evergreen Avenue, to demolish all existing structures and construct the following three buildings:

- The 100 W. Grand River Avenue property is proposed to redevelop with an 11-story, 140 feet tall mixed-use building with first floor retail, residential lobby, and two levels of parking containing 89 parking spaces. The remaining floors include 213 mixed-market rental units and associated amenities. The property is zoned B3, City Center Commercial District.
- The 120-140 W. Grand River Avenue property is proposed to redevelop with a 10-story, 119.5 feet tall mixed-use building with first floor retail and hotel lobby. The remaining floors include hotel guest rooms, ball room, and roof top amenities. The property is zoned B3, City Center Commercial District.
- The 341-345 Evergreen Avenue properties are proposed to redevelop with a 5-story, 52 feet tall building with 71 residential units and 26 parking spaces. The properties are zoned Conditional B3, City Center Commercial District.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. These matters will be on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting after the public hearing is held, at which time the Commission may vote on them. The Planning Commission's recommendations are then placed on the agenda of the next City Council meeting. The City Council will make the final decision on these applications.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should write or call the Planning Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6930. TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

CP#18-148

ARTS & CULTURE

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Stars of two cities shine at Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

East Lansing's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival is a tale of two cities, Lansing and Detroit. That's how Rodney Whitaker, artistic director of the festival and MSU Jazz Studies director, divvied up Friday's and Saturday's overflowing jazz slates.

The festival moves to a new spot this year — the municipal parking lot at Bailey Street and Albert Avenue, because of construction at the former site.

Nobody embodies the I-96 connection more than Whitaker himself, who grew

East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

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www.ejjazzfest.com

up and made his name in Detroit and moved to the capital area to start one of the world's top jazz programs at MSU.

"Friday night, we celebrate our community with a Lansing night," Whitaker said, and he wasn't just whistling the Spartan fight song. The packed slate features nearly every flavor of Lansing-bred jazz, from the soul-blues machine Root Doctor to smooth jazz saxophonist Phil Denny, the Lansing Symphony Big Band with blazing trumpeter Benny Banack III, and Lansing's own "Boogie Bob" Baldori and his latest partner in crime, New York pianist Arthur Migliazza.

Another Lansing treasure, Sunny Wilkinson, will pop the cork at the festival kickoff 6 p.m. Friday.

Wilkinson is soaring into an ebullient, astonishing new phase of her art.

"She has a fantastic new record out, and I wanted to feature her," Whitaker said.

The only break in the two-cities formula is the Latin jazz of Orquesta Ritmo, representing for Lansing Saturday night.

Otherwise, Whitaker is right to call Saturday "Detroit night," with a slate that includes blues icon Thornetta Davis and jazz vocalist Barbara Ware, two mainstays of the Detroit music scene, and Detroit smooth jazz man Deon Yates.

Whitaker started the Gathering Orchestra, a big part of Saturday's headline attraction, at Detroit's Carr Center as a way to give professional development for young jazz musicians, aged 18 to 28.

The 19-piece big band is a crack outfit of young guns from Wayne State, University of Michigan and MSU, funded by a Carr Centr fellowship. The players are called "Allen fellows" after beloved Detroit pia-

nist Geri Allen, who died last year.

Whitaker said the group was Allen's idea. "The old system of mentorships is not what it was," Whitaker said. "We wanted to give young musicians a place to hone their art." The orchestra assembles five times a year for one-week residencies.

"It's hot," Whitaker said. "There's people like Marcus Elliott and Ian Finkelstein, who anchor the scene in Detroit, and the up-and-coming players from MSU and Wayne State." Elliott alone, a post-Coltrane firebrand with a lyrical soul and muscular roar, is worth the price of admission.

The downside this year is that grappling with the logistics of moving to a new site meant that organizers had to scale back the festival, taking a temporary pass on the Kozmic Picnic and the Second Line parade that usually follows it. The Kozmic Picnic is a festival-within-the-festival that has brought some of the world's top avant-garde jazz musicians into a tent next to the Broad Museum for the past three years.

"That was kind of a downer for me, because it expanded our audience and brought people from out of town," Whitaker said. "But we just couldn't manage two sites. We'll be able to bring it back, hopefully next year."

Whitaker is considering mainstreaming some avant-garde acts next year, or even headlining one of the Kozmic Picnic artists such as legendary saxophonist David Murray, who expressed an interest



Vocalists have figured prominently at every Summer Solstice Jazz Festival. Here, Nashon Holloway (center) wings with Jeff Shoup on drums and Joe Vasquez on bass at the 2016 festival.

Courtesy photo

in coming back to East Lansing some day with his pile-driving big band.

The main event Saturday is a three-way summit meeting of Whitaker's Gathering Orchestra, with star saxophonist Steve Wilson and powerful Virginia-based vocalist René Marie.

Wilson, one of the top saxophonists in jazz, had a busy residency at MSU in March and loved the experience.

"We're big on people coming back," Whitaker said. "People come back to hear a player they liked. You have a relationship. Maybe because it's a small town."

Whitaker modestly left out of the more likely draw — the stellar quality of MSU's Jazz Studies program, and his own reputation.

"I've never seen anything like this, including Juilliard or anywhere else," Wilson said after playing a gig with the Professors of Jazz in March.

Wilson has played with everyone from Lionel Hampton to Joe Henderson and Chick Corea, but playing with the MSU professors, he said, is the "real deal."

"It's rooted," Wilson said. "They take

all of that history with them. Every one of those cats on the bandstand takes you to another level, make you want to reach higher."

Whitaker was impressed by vocalist Rene Marie when they crossed paths at a festival a few years ago. Marie is a warm, healing singer with a sharp social consciousness and a repertoire ranging far beyond jazz.

Whitaker compared Marie to legendary jazz singer Shirley Horn.

"She's a storyteller," Whitaker said. "She's got the Southern thing, she can sing the blues. She's been a sensation at all the festivals for the past five years."

Marie's second album, "Vertigo," is one of only 85 recordings in jazz history to get a "coronet" designation in the Penguin Guide to Jazz.

When Whitaker played a gig with Marie a year ago, he found out that the charts for her big band record were written by one of his fellow MSU professors of jazz — MSU trumpeter and composer Etienne Charles.

"Now I've gotta learn 'em," he said.

Life lessons for budding child actors by 'rockstars'

Wharton Center program matches students with Broadway talent

By SHRUTI SARIPALLI

Children are often told they can be anything they want to, and then left to fend for themselves, especially if they want to pursue the arts. Paul Canaan is giving would-be stage performers more than lip service.

"Paul Canaan is basically a rock star for these children who sign up for the weeklong intensive program," said Bert Goldstein, director of the Institute for Arts & Creativity, Wharton Center for Performing Arts at MSU.

Canaan started the Take it From the Top musical theater summer program, now in its 11th year, for Michigan middle school children and high school students.

"I started it with Laura Bell Bundy, a Tony Award nominee because we saw a need for musical arts education at the school level," said Canaan, who was part of hit musicals like "Kinky Boots,"

Take it From the Top

For more information on how to apply for a workshop, visit: www.whartoncenter.com/education-engagement/take-it-from-the-top

"Legally Blonde," "Miss Saigon," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," and "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

The program started when Canaan tagged along with Bundy to the Wharton Center where she was set to perform. After a discussion with Mike Brand, executive director of the Wharton Center, about upping the stakes and creating a bridge to professional performing arts programming, he said that he came up with the program.

"I wanted to give young people something I never had which was the opportunity to work with young professionals, train in music, dance and theater on a different level. That's kind of how it came together and its grown since then thanks to the Wharton Center," said Canaan.

Echoing the sentiment, Goldstein said that the program has grown a lot since its inception in 2007, with over 140 children participating in this year's summer program.

Canaan explained how the weeklong program is structured around the present-day requirements of Broadway.

"The skills that are needed to be on Broadway today are a little more challenging than they used to be, you have to be able to sing pop, jazz, legit classical, dance hip-hop, tap, ballet, dance in every style and from an acting perspective, play different parts."

For the children in the program, age plays an advantage when they start young, get to explore the bag of tricks and play within the world of music, dance and theater, said Canaan.



Courtesy photo

Take it From the Top students practice a choreographed dance onstage at Wharton.

The program starts with the basics of musical theater, like the starting point of a dance, or learning how to read music while also focusing on both the strengths and weaknesses of the children, said Canaan.

"We also focus on their weaknesses and help them take a risk. If they are not the best dancers in the world, we get them dancing a little more than they would, we try to build up those weaknesses so they come out feeling like they did something they normally wouldn't. We try to give them a different experience," said Canaan.

Goldstein spoke about the children and their excitement to see such big Broadway performers teach and make an effort to impart their skills to them.

"The children are a little intimidated at first because they are these big Broadway stars who have done 'Kinky

Boots' and 'Legally Blonde,' but they are very down to earth and get rid of the tension and anxiety immediately. There is a wonderful mentor-mentee thing going on," said Goldstein.

Teaching and mentoring is what the program mostly focuses on, said Canaan.

"Our mission is to take young artists and create an environment where they can explore music, dance, theater and give them an opportunity to put that into practice through a performance at the end of our weeklong intensive program," said Canaan.

Goldstein expanded the structure of the program to two groups, regular and advanced.

"The advanced group will actually do a staged reading of a musical, which means they will rehearse it, they sing, they dance but they carry the script so it's not a full out

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BY JOHN MURRELL



production. We don't do scenery or lights but that gives advanced children a chance of a stronger experience," he said.

At the end of the program, both Canaan and Goldstein mentioned that their priority is the life lessons learned from musical theater, which the children will hopefully take away.

"Not every kid that comes through that door wants to be the next Lin Manuel Miranda. I focus on the life skills that come from theater in general. Confidence, self-worth and the risk of putting yourself out there. No matter what career they choose, these skills will serve them well," said Canaan.



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As lights go dim: 'Memoir' recalls last days of Sarah Bernhardt

By SKYLER ASHLEY

A fading starlet recalls her life's work and memories for the pen of her caring secretary — that's the crux of "Memoir," the upcoming production by Williamston Theatre.

Written by John Murrell, "Memoir" spins a fictionalized tale of the late Sarah Bernhardt, the French stage actress who was an early example of a female tour-de-force celebrity.

She was influential not only for her "divine" acting and enchanting voice, but

for the command she had over her career.

"She made and lost fortunes and she did it all on her own

efforts," director Mary Job said. "This was a woman who took her life into her own hands and controlled her life in an era when women did not control much of anything."

Bernhardt was also popular for performing as a male character, most notably taking the stage as Hamlet. And she knocked audiences dead on a consistent basis — there are several documented accounts and reviews during her prime that recall spellbinding and intoxicatingly impressive exhibitions.

She wasn't just an excellent actress, but also savvy enough to manage her own international tours while maintaining control of her public image. Bernhardt wasn't strung along or taken advantage of, as was common for women at the time.



Bernhardt

"She did world tours, which she organized. She did have a business manager, but a lot of those decisions were made by her," Job said. "She was very much a part of modernizing, of creating the superstar. She took on the big theater owners when they tried to lock her out. She basically said, 'Well, screw you, I'm performing in a tent.'"

Williamston Theatre's "Memoir" employs the talents of only two actors, Karen Sheridan as Bernhardt and John Lepard as George Pitou. Job previously mounted another work of Murrell's for Williamston, "Taking Shakespeare."

Job was amazed by the transgressive nature of Bernhardt and was naturally

drawn to the prospects offered by "Memoir."

"Here's this woman of enormous vitality and determination facing something she can't control," Job said. "I think the play is enriched by who Sarah is, but it also talks about something that's very universal."

Job has no qualms with only having two actors to work with. She anticipates the consequentially subdued directorial role of traffic cop will enrich the energy among her, Sheridan and Lepard.

"It's very different. When you work with two people, particularly two professional actors, it's much more of a collaborative give and take kind of atmosphere right from the get go," Job said.

Lepard's role gets a little meta because Pitou often performed caricatures for the bedridden Bernhardt. He'll play Pitou, but he'll also play Pitou playing other people.

"Throughout the play she keeps asking him to portray people in her life. So I have to figure out how to become her mother, her manager, her husband and all these different people so she can remember things that happened," Lepard said.

Pitou's relationship with Bernhardt was platonic, with Pitou acting as more of a caretaker than a lover.

"He was never married; he didn't have a love life. Everything he does is to help Sarah," Job said.

Sheridan has spent the past few weeks researching the life of Bernhardt and is excited to portray the starlet.

"There's a sense of responsibility that comes up when you're playing somebody who actually lived," Sheridan said. "You don't want to portray them in a way that you imagined is true about them."

Now she must find the line between portraying Bernhardt historically accurate to a T, versus inserting her own



Sarah Bernhardt as depicted by artist Alphonse Mucha.

interpretation.

"At the same time we know that I'm not going to become her and that's the beauty of the play. We have to embody her as much as we can, and Pitou was also a real person. They were together for many years and, so, so we both have big shoes to fill."

"Memoir's" scenic design by Bartley H. Bauer will employ the stylistic influences of Art Nouveau, one of the most prominent art trends during Bernhardt's reign as "Sarah the Divine."

Art Nouveau is perhaps best remembered for its depiction of women, who were shown with soft pale features that were inked with curvaceous outlines and seemed to exude a mythic, goddess-like presence. It's a perfect fit for "Memoir," considering that Sarah Bernhardt got the Art Nouveau treatment per the Czech painter Alphonse Mucha.

"I don't want this to be heavily realistic in the sense that the set is so realistic that it can't be transformative," Job said. "There's got to be that moment where the audience gets pulled into the memories as well."

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THEY ROSE, THEY CLIMBED... THEY ARE THE WINNERS OF THE 2018 TOP OF THE TOWN CONTEST

Here we are. After receiving 184,000 votes for the top 3, we've finally reached the finish line. It's time to honor the winners of the 152 categories and observe what can be learned from the results.

THE BASICS

Lansing is home to more and more artisanal foods, from doughnuts sprinkled with Ecuadorian sugar and lady beetle wings (actually the elytra, or wing covers) to equatorial sirocco dried pizza to thermal vent barnacle cocktails, but this year's results are a ringing re-affirmation: The basics, the staples, the no-nonsense pillars of Lansing cuisine still reign supreme, from DeLuca's pizza to Quality Dairy doughnuts to the burger at Dagwood's and the profoundly ecumenical deep fryer at East Side Fish Fry, where thick-cut, ranch-style pig skins are battered in chicken flour and "deep-fried to perfection," as the menu proudly proclaims.

CONTINUED HOT STREAKS

First off, the winner can't be discussed without mentioning this contest's perennial behemoth — Horrocks Farm Market. Apparently it can do literally nothing wrong — it just wins, wins and wins some more. It receives by far the most votes and wins several categories every sin-

gle year. Trying to sling produce, beer, meat or anything else? Take notes from Horrocks. Flat, Black & Circular, Elderly Instruments and Crunchy's join Horrocks as having won in at least one category since Top of the Town's inception. DeLuca's, Jersey Giant and MSU Federal Credit Union continued their dynasties, but are still just one year short of being able to claim a total sweep of victories since 2007.

BROKEN UP/RECLAIMING THE THRONE

After capturing a win in a music category for eight years straight, Root Doctor did not claim anything this year. Spiral took the Best Dance Bar title from Green Door last year, but Green Door has since snatched the honor back.

NEWCOMERS

City Pulse added several new categories, which are too numerous to mention on this page (new categories will be marked on our expansive list of winners). Lansing is always changing and due to the multifaceted nature of any city, we inevitably missed out on a handful of potential categories. But with the new additions you should be able to find some fresh Top of the Town victors, which will hopefully lead to a new restaurant or even a new

local band for you to check out.

CLOSE CALLS

Crunchy's beat The Avenue Café for Best Open Mic Night by a single vote, 226 to 225. The same thing happened with Gretchen Whitmer and Shri Thanedar, who are both seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, for Best Local/State Politician: Whitmer won 436 to 435. MSU Professors of Jazz tied with Root Doctor for Best Jazz Musician (OK, neither is a musician, folks.) El Oasis lost Best Tacos to Pablo's, 408 to 406. Those are just some of the tightest examples. Think your vote doesn't matter? Think again.

NO CONTEST

While some categories had a razor-thin margin, others were

swept up in a landslide. Spiral Dance Bar had nearly 500 more votes than the second-place winner of Best Gay/Dance Bar. Meat doubled the votes of the next competitor for Best BBQ, and Golden Harvest did the same to win Best Breakfast. Some other winners with a runaway lead: MSU Dairy Store, Hawk Island, MSU Federal Credit Union, Horrocks and Lansing Brewery Co.

Well, without further kicking the analytics into the ground, let's pore over the results. Hopefully you can use this gargantuan list to guide you to new experiences from Lansing's best of the best. Or for the old locals, check out the winners and see if you believe our voters made the right choices.

— SKYLER ASHLEY

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FOX 47
NEWS2018 TOP OF THE TOWN
WINNERS**BEST BAR****BEST DANCE BAR:
GREEN DOOR**

(Green Door also won Best Music Venue) So many venues in Lansing struggle to find a groove and disappear, but for decades, Green Door has been the place to go for comfort sounds of 80s cover bands, classic rock, funk, blues, soul R&B and bluegrass.

- 2 Spiral
- 3 Tequila Cowboy

**BEST GAY/LESBIAN BAR:
SPIRAL**

Old Town's iconic purple brick box with the chrome whirlyies is the place to forget your troubles and dance the night away, a safe space with all the right kinds of danger.

- 2 Esquire
- 3 The Avenue

**BEST HAPPY HOUR:
HOULIHAN'S**

For a restaurant in a mall, Houlihan's exudes quality. It has a classy atmosphere and a reasonably riced menu. Houlihan's' happy

hour also graciously extends to its appetizers — it's a hard deal to beat.

- 2 Zoobie's
- 3 Crunchy's

**BEST KARAOKE:
CRUNCHY'S**

(Crunchy's also won Best Comedy Night, Best Place for Students, Open Mic Night and Spartan Sports Hangout) Wow — that is what you would call a sweeping victory. Crunchy's is a legendary hot spot for MSU students and alumni alike. A sizable portion of the student body likely has at least one great memory from Crunchy's — it's a seminal spot for many drunken college memories. Crunchy's karaoke nights is perhaps its greatest draw, with performances ranging from amazing to amazingly...hilarious.

- 2 Tequila Cowboy
- 3 Green Door

**BEST LANSING AREA BREWERY:
LANSING BREWING CO.**

(Lansing Brewing also won Best Patio) Capital city worthy brews like "Angry Mayor" and its successor, "Schor Style" cream ale, helped turn LBC into a downtown destination. As for the patio, LBC has lit a big fire under a formerly inert block in Lansing's burgeoning Stadium District — literally. The 20-foot-long



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Thank you

City Pulse readers and the Greater Lansing community for your continued business and support! It's your "Shop Small and Shop Local" mentality that has kept us in business for almost 40 years, and we appreciate it.

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fire pit must be visible from Earth orbit.

- 2 BAD Brewing Company
- 3 Ellison Brewery + Spirits



BEST LANSING AREA DISTILLERY:

AMERICAN FIFTH SPIRITS

American Fifth is not just recognized in Lansing, but across the globe. The distillery is hot off a victory at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

- 2 Lansing Brewing Company
- 3 Sanctuary Spirits

BEST NEIGHBORHOOD BAR: DAGWOOD'S

(Dagwood's also won Best Pub/Tavern and Best Burger) The classic neon sign, the Sistine Chapel ceiling with floating clouds and the cozy booths make this corner bar an East Side icon. The no-frills burgers, at \$2.50 plus \$2 for every patty added, are fresh and lively, the best burger bargain for miles.

- 2 BAD Brewing Company
- 3 Harry's Place

BEST OPEN MIC NIGHT: CRUNCHY'S

- 2 The Avenue Cafe
- 3 Moriarty's Pub

BEST PUB/TAVERN: DAGWOOD'S

- 2 Zoobie's
- 3 Crunchy's

BEST SPARTAN SPORTS HANGOUT: CRUNCHY'S

- 2 Dagwood's
- 3 Moriarty's

BEST SPORTS BAR: NUTHOUSE SPORTS BAR

This should be obvious. The Nuthouse is the marquee haunt for all Lansing Lugnuts fans and the

best sports themed barkeep of the Stadium District. They've nailed down everything you want in a sports bar — delicious food, endless beer and, on off nights, a wide variety of entertainment including trivia and DJs. A bar with such a high batting average won't steer you wrong.

- 2 Frank's Press Box
- 3 Buffalo Wild Wings

BEST DINING

BEST ASIAN BUFFET:

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- 2 Xiao
- 3 Asian Buffet



BEST BAKERY:

ROMA BAKERY

From earthy peasant bread you

tear and eat like a grizzly bear to delicate, spongy, creamy objects that dulcetly dissolve in your mouth, the colorful array of goods in that long glass counter is a wonder to behold, let alone eat.

- 2 Bake N' Cakes
- 3 Glazed and Confused

BEST BBQ:

MEAT. SOUTHERN BBQ

(Meat also won Best Caterer/Catering Company) Meat has made waves since arriving in Old Town. All of its patrons, no matter what they order, are served a smoldering slab of meat that has a solid chance of being the most satisfying meal of their entire life. The Meat Mountain is no misnomer — its one of those few instances where not being able to finish a meal is a compliment rather than an insult. The metal band banners are a nice

touch too.

- 2 Saddleback BBQ
- 3 Crossroads BBQ

BEST BREAKFAST: GOLDEN HARVEST

What hasn't been said yet about the cramped, crazy-quilt cube of culinary catharsis? Lines of 40 or 50 people snaking into the street, in the shadow of a north Lansing cement plant at 8 a.m. on a winter morning say it all.

- 2 Good Truckin' Diner
- 3 Soup Spoon Cafe

BEST BRUNCH: SOUP SPOON CAFE

The Café Specialties Brunch, one of

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Best Wedding Services
& TOP 3 in Hairstylist
Ashley Medina
Massage Company
Salon/Spa

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four brunch menus, lays out a tasty array of better-than-breakfast dainties ranging from smoked salmon Benedict to vegan scrambles and the San Diego, an avid avocado adventure with ancho pepper hollandaise.

- 2 Golden Harvest
- 3 Good Truckin' Diner

BEST BURGER: DAGWOOD'S

- 2 Crunchy's
- 3 Five Guys Burger & Fries

BEST CHINESE: P.F. CHANG'S

Lansing, we love you — but Ukai doesn't serve Chinese! Teriyaki isn't Chinese, nor is hibachi. Not all spicy, tangy or peppery chicken comes from China! Hell, the restaurant's full listed name is



Ukai **JAPANESE** Steakhouse. So, we've given the award to the second-place winner — P.F. Chang's. The franchise is just as ubiquitous to Chinese food as Buffalo Wild Wings is to, well, wings. So much so, it beat out the local competition. Those giant horse statues don't lie.

- 2 Charlie Kang's
- 3 Chen's

BEST COCKTAILS: ZOOBIE'S

"Zoobies is the best." The Potent Potables Project managed to completely revive the elder watering hole and it is once again a favorite of North Lansing. Don't be fooled, the bar's cocktail options are creative, expansive and most importantly, delicious and intoxicating.

- 2 Houlihan's
- 3 American Fifth Spirits

BEST DESSERT: MSU DAIRY STORE

(MSU Dairy Store also won Best Ice Cream Shop) "The ice cream is the best ever." Perfect ice cream seems to be as much of a study at MSU as agriculture and physics.

- 2 Grand Traverse Pie Company
- 3 Bake N' Cakes

BEST DONUTS: QUALITY DAIRY

Who says Lansing is landlocked? Quality Dairy Long Johns are lined up like thousand-footers at the Soo Locks, rectangular slabs of fried dough, filling and icing that swamp your sweet tooth like the Paul R. Tregurtha. Fritters, nutty donuts, sour cream donuts and seasonal spe-

cialties fill the most generous donut cases in town.

- 2 Glazed and Confused
- 3 Cops and Donuts

BEST DINER: FLEETWOOD DINER

Fleetwood is a Michigan standard with its own famous signature dish — Hippie Hash. The combined powers of this delicious hash, as well as all the other cheap and tasty options make it a favorite across town. You can keep Denny's.

- 2 Good Truckin' Diner
- 3 Golden Harvest



BEST FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANT: DELUCA'S

(DeLuca's also won Best Italian and Best Pizza) Artisanal pizzas with wheat kidney dough, tapir toenails and hydroponic arugula have their place, but DeLuca's Restaurant is about generous, saucy, cushy comfort that changes about as often as my grandma's home made bread recipe. That means never.

- 2 Cugino's
- 3 Cancun Mexican Grill

BEST FAST FOOD: CHICK-FIL-A

The South rises again, if only to export delicious chicken to us Yankees. But then again, Michigan was a Trump state, so maybe we have more in common than we thought.

- 2 Olympic Broil
- 3 Culver's



BEST FISH FRY: EAST SIDE FISH FRY

The hardest working fryer in show business is at East Side Fish Fry, another Guy Fieri-approved destination where everything goes into the oily crucible, from the catfish to the Oreos. MSU is a scallop's throw away, so expect to see both tailgaters and gator tails.

- 2 Claddagh Irish Pub
- 3 Fresh Fish Market - S. MLK Blvd.

BEST FOOD TRUCK: EL OASIS

El Oasis lives up to its name: it's a sheltered micro-hacienda, consisting of two trucks, a few tables and numerous potted flowers, tucked into a bleak parking lot on Lansing's far east side — the last desert stop on Michigan Avenue before crossing the city limits.

- 2 Streetkitchen
- 3 Meat. Southern BBQ

BEST FRIES: HOPCAT

(Hopcat also won Best Restaurant Beer List) Since the original Grand Rapids HopCat opened in 2008, the gastropub has exploded across the Midwest and even dipped its toes into the south. The beer list is more akin to a beer library, and the fries — well, they're called crack fries for a reason.

- 2 Five Guys Burger & Fries
- 3 Red Robin

BEST GREEK: ZAYTOON

(Zaytoon also won best Mediterranean and Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free) Healthy, tasty and fresh kabobs, shaved shawarma good enough for Thor, raw juices, and much more, are made from fresh, wild and raw things at Zaytoon's. Guy Fieri ate there last August.

- 2 Woody's Oasis
- 3 Lou and Harry's

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BEST ICE CREAM SHOP: MSU DAIRY STORE

- 2 Lick-ety Split - Grand Ledge
- 3 Tasty Twist

BEST ITALIAN: DELUCA'S

- 2 Cugino's
- 3 Bravo

BEST KIDS-EAT-FREE RESTAURANT: TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Even if children couldn't eat free, Texas Roadhouse is still a great place for children. It's loud and rowdy, so a screaming toddler isn't too jarring to deal with for your neighboring diners. There's peanuts to satisfy impatient hungry children and, best of all, it's expected they will throw the messy shells on the ground! The children will get a kick out of that. If you need a good smokescreen for a misbehaving child, there's few rivaling options.

- 2 The Cosmos
- 3 Applebee's

BEST LATE NIGHT FOOD: TACO BELL

Not even the locals can beat the mighty Taco Bell's ability to scratch that 3 a.m. itch. If you find yourself at a Taco Bell in the witching hours, chances are you've had a great time. Or, you are in a deep state of

sadness or heartbreak. Either way, Taco Bell has got your back.

- 2 Famous Taco
- 3 Fleetwood Diner

BEST MARGARITA: LOS TRES AMIGOS

Go for the Mexico Viejo with correlajo reposado, not the salty-syrupy house lime margarita, and you will experience rich, dark undertones and mighty undertows.

- 2 Cancun Mexican Grill
- 3 El Azteco - East

BEST MEDITERRANEAN: ZAYTOON

- 2 Woody's Oasis
- 3 Aladdin's



BEST MEXICAN: CANCUN MEXICAN GRILL

(Cancun also won Best Nachos) Cancun captures the first win of the new Best Nachos category. The local franchise continues to grow, satisfying the greater Lansing area with a great authentic sit down Mexican restaurant.

- 2 Pablos Old Town
- 3 Los Tres Amigos

BEST NACHOS: CANCUN MEXICAN GRILL

- 2 Buddie's - Holt
- 3 El Oasis

BEST NEW RESTAURANT: SADDLEBACK BBQ - OKEMOS

Saddleback BBQ, a staple in REO Town, set its smoky sights on Okemos last year and scored. Ribs, brisket, pulled pork, the infamous "Wu-Tang Wings" and other meats are often hailed as the best in Lansing, and even in Michigan.

- 2 Streetkitchen
- 3 Mr. Taco

BEST PIZZA: DELUCA'S

- 2 The Cosmos
- 3 Cugino's

BEST RESTAURANT BEER LIST: HOPCAT

- 2 Lansing Brewing Company
- 3 Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

BEST RESTAURANT WINE LIST: DUSTY'S

- 2 Bridge Street Social
- 3 Capital Vine

BEST REUBEN: CLADDAUGH IRISH PUB

Ah, the Reuben, one of the most classic sandwiches. Claddagh is your ideal destination if you're craving a perfect corned beef stack.

- 2 Stateside Deli
- 3 Dagwood's

BEST SALAD/SALAD BAR: LEAF - FRANDOR

"Love the variety of available produce." Never forget to treat yourself to something healthy. Leaf's diverse selection of soups and salads, and innovations in takeout have been



widely recognized. For many, Leaf is the go to feed spot on a busy workday.

- 2 Ruby Tuesday's
- 3 Streetkitchen

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BEST SANDWICH/DELI:

JERSEY GIANT

Jersey Giant is a bar-none classic. Its simplicity and old-school nature makes it a hit with nearly everyone.

- 2 Soup Spoon Cafe
- 3 Mancino's



BEST SUSHI:

MARU

The competition for Best Sushi in Lansing grows harder and harder. There's a surprising amount of options for a Midwest town, but Maru rose above them all. It has the rare combination of well-prepared food, convenience and a moderate price range. It's accessibility — food is served up quick and doesn't totally burn your wallet — has made it a favorite for the raw sea-dwelling delight.

- 2 Ukai West
- 3 Sansu

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BEST SEAFOOD:

MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET

The old adage "you get what you pay for" is certainly true at Eastwood Towne Center's finest fishmonger. Creative and diverse, customers have happily delved into Mitchell's oceanic menu. Any possible dish of fish has been worked over into something delicious by

Mitchell's.

- 2 Ukai Hibachi Grill
- 3 Maru

BEST STEAK:

CAPITAL PRIME

(Capital Prime also won Best Upscale Dining) A heavyweight steakhouse could make even an order of "well-done with ketchup" into something gourmet. Voters showed high confidence in Capital Prime in multiple categories, including Best Upscale Dining. How can one avoid falling in love with a restaurant boasting classy ambience and expertly crafted steak?

- 2 Texas Roadhouse
- 3 Airport Tavern

BEST TACOS:

PABLO'S OLD TOWN

They're soft, the right size to demolish in four or five bites and come in many varieties, from the earthy, soft lengua (tongue) to the spiky-salty marinated pork.

- 2 El Oasis
- 3 Mr. Taco

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BEST THAI: BANGKOK HOUSE

After rebuilding from a nasty fire, this unpretentious, enduring Lansing favorite is back and just as reliable as ever. The menu is long and varied, the service is efficient and the prices are super-reasonable.

- 2 Taste of Thai
- 3 No Thai!

BEST UPSCALE DINING: CAPITAL PRIME

- 2 English Inn
- 3 Soup Spoon Cafe

BEST VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/ GLUTEN FREE: ZAYTOON

- 2 Soup Spoon Cafe
- 3 Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine

BEST WINGS: BUFFALO WILD WINGS

Sometimes you can't beat the old standbys. The Ohio-born wing slinger has grown past its days as a restaurant and has morphed into somewhat of a cultural phenomenon. Their brand has expanded past just food and has perfected a party-like atmosphere for watching

sports. Given the ravenous hunger for all things Spartans it's no wonder they came out on top.

- 2 Meat. Southern BBQ
- 3 Saddleback BBQ

BEST HANGOUTS

BEST BIGGBY (specific address required):

270 W. GRAND RIVER - EAST LANSING

The standout among Biggby's coffee shops is a former Arby's near MSU campus, shaped like a Conestoga wagon with a curvy, orange roof, a rare surviving example of 1950s "Googie" architecture. The stone-walled service area is great fun and the front window steams up real cozy-like in winter as you sip your java.

- 2 914 Charlevoix Dr. - Grand Ledge
- 3 2546 E. Jolly Rd. - Lansing

BEST BOWLING ALLEY: SPARE TIME

Much of Spare Time can be enjoyed with just a handful of spare change. There's something everlastingly charming about bowling alleys and Spare Time nails that vibe. It makes good as the site for a perfect date night. It serves alcohol and has a mini carnival/arcade tucked away next to the lanes — if you can't find a way to have fun



there, it wasn't meant to be.

- 2 City Limits Mason
- 3 Royal Scot

BEST COFFEE SHOP

(non-Biggby): **STRANGE MATTER - MICHIGAN AVE.**

Strange Matter is ever evolving. It was delightful as a hole in the wall on the corner, and it's gotten even better since moving across the street. They've added doughnuts to the mix, and you'd be hard pressed to find a finer circular wad of sugary goodness anywhere else in town. Strange Matter is blazing the trail for gourmet coffee across Lansing, and customers are happy to follow them.

- 2 Blue Owl
- 3 Starbucks

BEST COMEDY NIGHT: CRUNCHY'S

- 2 Mac's Bar
- 3 The Avenue Cafe

BEST PLACE FOR STUDENTS: CRUNCHY'S

- 2 HopCat
- 3 Pinball Pete's

BEST MOVIE THEATER: NCG

The spacious lobby, the big screens, the cushy seats, the general buzz and even the panoramic saltwater aquariums are all designed to immerse you in happy distraction, but NCG also offers sensory friendly movies with lower noise levels for people on the autism spectrum or other special needs.

- 2 Celebration Cinema
- 3 Studio C!

BEST MUSIC VENUE: GREEN DOOR

- 2 The Loft
- 3 Tequila Cowboy

BEST PATIO: LANSING BREWING COMPANY

- 2 El Azteco East
- 3 Waterfront Bar & Grill

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BEST PLACE OF WORSHIP: ST. GERARD

St. Gerard earned its reputation through its friendly, welcoming and humble atmosphere. In an era of mega churches, St. Gerard keeps things closer to home.

- 2 Riverview - Holt
- 3 Trinity Church

BEST PLACE TO TAKE KIDS: IMPRESSION 5

A trip to Impression 5 is a refreshingly cerebral journey through the wondrous world of physics, biology, physiology and several other fields of science, brilliantly broken down into children-friendly form. Adults



can even learn a thing or two! Impression 5 is an episode of Bill Nye the Science Guy brought to life — a true gem of Lansing.

- 2 Potter Park Zoo
- 3 District5

BEST PUBLIC PARK: HAWK ISLAND

When it's busy, Hawk Island absorbs a lot of humanity without seeming crowded, and it's usually a



heart-swelling multi-cultural scene right out of Sesame Street, with users of a dozen or more ethnicities swimming, grilling, playing, hiking and lolling in perfect harmony.

- 2 Fitzgerald Park
- 3 Fenner Nature Center

BEST SMOKE SHOP/HOOKAH LOUNGE: WILD BILL'S

May our lungs be damned. Well, hopefully not too damned — have you seen how ghastly health insurance premiums are? Wild Bill's has all the potent smoke-able tobacco one could possibly desire. As tobacco continues to decline and vaping seems to all the rage, Wild Bill's keeps the flame burning strong for connoisseurs of America's heritage crop.

- 2 Blue Night Hookah Lounge
- 3 6 Lounge

BEST LOCAL ARTS BEST CLASSICAL MUSICIAN: ED FEDEWA

Next time you hear the Lansing Symphony Orchestra in full rumble, watch for the craggy blond head at stage right, leaning into a double bass like a drop forge foreman in a tuxedo. The LSO's principal bassist leads a double life, to boot, and plays a fine jazz doghouse in several different combos around town.

- 2 John Beltran
- 3 Rodney Page

BEST CLUB DJ: RUCKUS

Whether you want hot noodles or hot club bangers — or, perhaps, mild ones — DJ Ruckus is your guy. While he's taken up base at the Avenue Café via Ruckus Ramen, the Lansing-staple is still spinning records across town.

- 2 Capitol City DJs
- 3 DJ Black Magic

BEST COVER BAND: STARFARM

Nobody gets sick of the '80s, just like nobody gets tired of Starfarm. The group has been all over the state rocking hits like "99 Red Balloons" and "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" with an impressive sense

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of finesse and authenticity. One can't go wrong booking them for their party.

- 2 Frog & the Beeftones
- 3 Tell Yo Mama

BEST COUNTRY BAND/ARTIST: THE JONESTOWN CROWS

This was a tough vote. There's evidence of a resurgence among Lansing bands that take country back to its rebellious roots. Jonestown Crows have fairly aggressive instrumentals that harken to the true radical folk nature of country music. While many country artists have corrupted into glorified pop schmaltz, Jonestown Crows brings it back home. This is ain't Blake Shelton.

- 2 Joe Wright
- 3 Goddamn Gallows



BEST FOLK BAND/ARTIST: FROG & THE BEEFTONES

(Frog & The Beeftones also won best Rock Band/Artist) They say that frogs are a signal species of our ecosystem. As long as S.J. "Frog" Forgey is cranking out his tight, no-bullshit brand of blues-rock at the Green Door and any venues around town, night after night, as he has done doing for more than 30 years, Lansing is gonna be OK.

- 2 Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle
- 3 Taylor Taylor

BEST HIP-HOP GROUP/ARTIST: TELL YO MAMA

An interesting choice for best Hip-Hop — considering that Tell Yo Mama are more funk-oriented than anything else, but the talented group still captured the vote. Member Lucas Holliday made waves with his viral singing video



captured at Dollar General and an appearance on "The Voice." But the show must go on, and Holliday continues to put his talents to good work in Tell Yo Mama.

- 2 James Gardin
- 3 Scratch Pilots

BEST JAZZ MUSICIAN(S): MSU PROFESSORS OF JAZZ

Do we deserve them? Probably not, sinners that we are, yet they are still among us, each of them a star in his own right, teaching, building community, changing hundreds of young lives and swinging like a baby elephant trunk.

- 2 Root Doctor
- 3 Phil Denny

BEST LOCAL THEATRE GROUP: RIVERWALK THEATRE

Riverwalk is a Lansing institution, with a long history of professional

quality fare, from children's shows to ambitious musicals and taut dramas. The space is big enough to hold big moments, but intimate enough for everyone to follow Gloucester's eyeball as it rolls off the stage in "King Lear."

- 2 MSU Department of Theatre
- 3 Williamston Theatre

BEST PUNK/METAL: CITY MOUSE

City Mouse, spearheaded by Miski Dee Rodriguez, is a band of total road warriors. Is there another independent Lansing group that goes coast to coast as often as City Mouse? Doubtful. That hard-working spirit translate into tough as

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leather, meat and potatoes punk rock. For the uninitiated, a proper City Mouse track answers the question: "What if Joan Jett never went soft?"

- 2 Goddamn Gallows
- 3 Bipolar

BEST RADIO STATION: 97.5 WJIM

A no-brainer to capture the most votes in this category — after all, it plays the most popular music!

If you're looking to scope out the tippy-top of the Top 40, it is to be found here. If you want to get in on what's trending this is the place.

- 2 100.7 WITL
- 3 94.9 WMMQ

BEST ROCK BAND/ARTIST: FROG & THE BEEFTONES

- 2 Handsome Pete
- 3 Tell Yo Mama



BEST VISUAL ARTIST: ASHLEY MEDINA

Medina is an interesting choice, as she is primarily a hairstylist. But, she uses hair as her canvas. Medina transforms ordinary haircuts into walking pieces of art.

- 2 Stephanie Hogan
- 3 Ryan Holmes



BEST PEOPLE BEST ADVOCATE/ACTIVIST: RACHAEL DENHOLLANDER

(first to report Larry Nassar) Sorry, John Engler. In MSU's nightmare year, Rachael Denhollander was among the most eloquent, outspoken and fearless of the Larry Nassar sexual abuse victims, in the face of silence, sneers and snorts from the powers that be — sorry, make that the powers that were, if Denhollander and her hundreds of fellow survivors have anything to say about it.

- 2 Tashmica Torok
- 3 Mike Karl

BEST BARTENDER: SAMI HUTTING - THE WATERSHED

- 2 Anna Matzke - Cugino's
- 3 Christian Gray - Bridge Street Social

BEST LOCAL/STATE POLITICIAN: GRETCHEN WHITMER

The leading Democratic candidate for governor faced down bullies in the Legislature and wages never-ending battles with Michigan's many Snyder-webs and Schuette-storms of indifference and incompetence. Now she bids fair to become the face of the state's Democratic Party.

- 2 Shri Thanedar
- 3 Andy Schor

BEST BUDTENDER: ERIC LUDWICK - GREENWAVE

Eric Ludwick's professional handling of the green medicine has earned him many fans, as evident by this reader comment: "Eric...so hot right now. Eric."

- 2 Big P (Pablo) - 420 Dank
- 3 Angie Chambers - Got Meds

BEST CATA BUS DRIVER: RON DELEON

How does this guy do it? For nearly two decades he's been a legend among MSU students as the coolest bus driver around, all while running his own combat sports promotion company. Lansing's a home to characters and DeLeon defines that to a T. He was the no-contest choice in the competition.

- 2 Al - Route #3
- 3 Lamarr Bragg

BEST EVENT/WEDDING DJ: ROD CARPENTER - HOTBEATS ENTERTAINMENT

Being a wedding DJ can be tough. You've got to find the right mix of classic and contemporary. Rod Carpenter has got it down. "Rod is awesome — gets everyone on the dance floor!" "Rod has everyone dancing and looks good himself."

- 2 Capitol City DJs
- 3 Jammin' DJs

BEST HAIRSTYLIST: KIMMIE SCHROEDER - SALON 130

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"She's funny, sweet, and genuinely invested in her clients lives and making sure they feel their best. She's more like family than a stylist." "Kimmie has taken care of my hair for years and I would never want to go anywhere else!"

- 2 Ashley Medina - Bliss Salon
- 3 Ellie Wong - The Head Room

BEST HIGH SCHOOL COACH: ROCKY SHAFT - HOLT HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

"Long history with winning programs!" Rocky Shaft has coached Holt High School wrestling for nearly four decades and is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. His long list of regional, league and state titles speaks for itself.

- 2 Jason Bauer - Williamston High School
- 3 Pat O'Keefe - Grand Ledge High School

BEST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE: TRISTON KLUSACK - EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL

Triston Klusack's powerful plays as a defensive end and a guard made him a quick fan favorite in East Lansing. Klusack's team won its first district title since 2011 with a decisive victory over Holt High School, which saw Klusack recover a fumble.

- 2 Alex Rogers - Grand Ledge High School
- 3 Jada Gnass - Holt High School



BEST MASSAGE THERAPIST: JESSIE DE LA CRUZ - BLISS SALON & SPA

Jesse has been doing massage for 10 years and specializes in clinical work like deep tissue massage. She handles all kinds of clients, from active, athletic young people to seniors with special needs, and gets to know them personally to heal the mind-body connection.

- 2 Amanda Grix - Creative Wellness
- 3 Bee Queener - Bee Queener Massage

BEST PERSONAL TRAINER: MIKE BALL - MIKE BALL FITNESS

Ball, 56, trains serious athletes for meets and games, but also loves to help overweight or older people just starting to get healthy. He's big on measuring results, changing up the routine to see what works, and doesn't come on like a drill sergeant.

- 2 Nikki Raccine - Ledges Sweat Shop

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3 Joshua Miller - CrossFit Shift

BEST REALTOR: ROB DOWDING - KELLER WILLIAMS

"Rob and his team go above and beyond."

"First realtor I ever trusted, he was the best!"

"Absolutely outstanding and efficient! Effective in every way necessary."

2 Liz Horford - Coldwell Banker Hubbell

3 Brian Huggler - Coldwell

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BEST RESTAURANT WAIT STAFF PERSON: TIM GLEASON - GOLDEN HARVEST

Tim's energy is legend and his positivity is surreal. At closing Sunday afternoon, two of his colleagues hustled to finish their chores so they could rush to Tim's house, on his day off, and enjoy a home-cooked dinner (bacon wrapped meat loaf). "He's perfect. I love him," said one. "He's awesome," said the other.

2 Tiesha King - The Avenue Cafe

3 Chelsea Brown - Cugino's

3 Emily Wahls - WLNS

WORST LOCAL/STATE POLITICIAN: RICK SNYDER

2 Bill Schuette

3 Debbie Stabenow

BEST SERVICES

BEST ACCOUNTANT/CPA: SIMPLIFIED TAX

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2 Bruce Meyers

3 Annette Wright

BEST AUDIOLOGIST/HEARING: MID-MICHIGAN EAR NOSE & THROAT

"Catherine Stewart has been taking care of me for years and is a top-notch audiologist!"

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2 Advanced Audiology - Linda Wright

3 Better Hearing

BEST AUTO REPAIR: FRANKIE D'S - HOLT

Frankie D sounds like a '50s pop star, but this is the place you send your mother to for repairs, or even your mother's car. The golden words "fair," "honest" and "affordable," seldom heard together in a sentence, come up over and over in customer comments.

2 Brogan's

3 Mike's Auto Care

BEST BANK: DART BANK

Dart Bank is an area favorite founded in Mason. As one voter put it, Dart Bank succeeds thanks to its "hometown integrity."

2 Fifth Third

3 PNC Bank

BEST BARBERSHOP: FRANDOR BARBERSHOP

"Joel and the crew have never messed my hair up in six years. I've taken my son for his first haircut as well."

"The only reason I'm doing this survey. Best haircuts for the price Joel, the owner is dope and you make fun of Gary the other barber."

2 The Good Life Shaving Co.

3 Jude's Barbershop



BEST BED & BREAKFAST: THE ENGLISH INN

In the 1920s, this was Medovue, an auto exec's opulent estate with stone fireplaces, gazebos, pergolas and Tudor Revival trappings. The river setting makes it a great place to wander, stay for a night or sit down to dinner.

2 Wild Goose Inn

3 Sherwood Forest



BEST BICYCLE SHOP: RIVERFRONT CYCLE

For decades, Lansing's downtown bike shop has quietly outfitted a wide variety of bikers, from crazed fanatics to daily commuters to Sunday promenaders.

2 Denny's Central Park Bies

3 Velocipede Peddler

BEST CAB COMPANY: UBER

Is there really any other option? Despite ongoing controversies involving the treatment of its drivers, Uber has viciously annihilated the competition. Nobody says "call a cab" anymore, they say "call an Uber." Enough said.

2 Lyft

3 Green Cab

BEST CAR WASH/DETAILING: KWIK CAR WASH

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2 Fast Eddie's

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BEST TV NEWS PERSONALITY (LOCAL): SHERI JONES - WLNS

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"Always providing the top news!" "Sheri Jones is awesome."

2 Andy Provenzano - WILX

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BEST CATERER/CATERING COMPANY:

MEAT. SOUTHERN BBQ

- 2 Zaytoon
- 3 Morton's Fine Catering

BEST CLEANING SERVICE: DOMESTIC DIVAS (formerly Discreet Divas)

A roll-up-your-sleeves, red-lipstick, Rosie the Riveter, We Can Do It! vibe sets these women apart from workaday cleaning companies. Rosie is actually a pig — a brilliantly ironic mascot.

- 2 April Fresh
- 3 Clean Team

BEST CHIROPRACTOR: CREATIVE WELLNESS

(Creative Wellness also won Best Massage Company) "Dr. Patrick Hennessey is very attentive to detail and does great work. Very professional knowledgeable." "Gentle."

- 2 Balance Your Life Chiropractic, Dr. Kim
- 3 Craft Chiropractic



BEST CREDIT UNION: MSU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

"Best bank ever. They go above and beyond." How often do you hear someone sing praise of their bank or credit union? Not very. Nine times out of 10 you'll hear your buddy complain about overdraft fees, disconnected customer service and inconvenient hours and locations. MSUFCU circumvents all of those problems to the joy of its patrons.

- 2 Lake Trust Credit Union
- 3 CASE Credit Union

BEST DANCE STUDIO: HAPPENDANCE

Happendance is one of the few Lansing institutions born in the crunchy, be-yourself 1970s that is still flourishing, with dance schools in Okemos and Lansing and a foun-

dation that supports manifold projects, performances and programs that help kids (and adults) find gainful legwork.

- 2 Stiletto & Steel
- 3 Rising Star Studio of Dance Arts

BEST DRY CLEANERS: BARYAMES

"Classic." A Mid-Michigan legend — there's a reason they've been doing it since 1922. Do Lansing residents even take their clothes anywhere else?

- 2 Holt Cleaners
- 3 Maurer's

BEST FOOD DELIVERY SERVICE: JIMMY JOHNS

How do they do it? Jimmy Johns' speed is unmatched.

- 2 Grubhub
- 3 Conrad's

BEST GYM/FITNESS STUDIO: MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CLUB

It's where Lansing's movers and shakers go to move and shake, one of the most well appointed and biggest athletic clubs around, with equipment and classes that give big-city facilities a run for their money.

- 2 Planet Fitness - Westside
- 3 Planet Fitness - Cedar Street

BEST HEATING/COOLING/PLUMBING: A-1 MECHANICAL

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- 2 Applegate Home Comfort
- 3 Meridian Plumbing

BEST LAWYER/LAW FIRM: ABOOD LAW FIRM

The Abood Law Firm is a bulldog for the underdog, specializing in criminal defense, personal injury and family law. The firm prides itself not just on fighting for clients, but also for giving them empathy and emotional support.

- 2 Foster Swift Collins & Smith
- 3 Sinas Dramis Law Firm



BEST MARIJUANA DISPENSARY: BEST BUDS

Say voters: "Came out and got hooked up the weed looks outstanding great people and great medicine! I KNOW that Best Buds is obviously the best in town."

"The most helpful staff and amazing product!! Simply, THE BEST!"

- 2 Greenwave
- 3 Old 27 Wellness

BEST MASSAGE COMPANY (NOT INDIVIDUAL): CREATIVE WELLNESS

- 2 Bliss Salon & Spa
- 3 Douglas J

BEST MUSIC LESSONS: MARSHALL MUSIC

With a near century's worth of experience, it's hard to top the knowledge contained within

Marshall Music. The company is almost just as famous for its exceptional music lessons as it is for dealing instruments and equipment.

- 2 MSU Community Music School
- 3 Okemos Music Academy



BEST NAIL SALON: BLISS SALON & SPA

Combining a salon with wedding services was a genius idea. Talk about killing two birds with one stone.

- 2 Jenny Nails
- 3 Polished Nail Salon

BEST NEWS SOURCE: CITY PULSE

"Best honest news in town!" says one voter.

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- 2 WLNS
- 3 WILX



BEST NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (LOCAL): CAPITAL AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

(CAHS also won Best Pet Care/Vet Services) They don't just shelter abandoned or abused pets; they get to know them individually and give them enrichment activities like puzzle cubes and other special toys to make them happier and more adoptable. Visit the place and just

- try coming home empty handed.
- 2 Ele's Place
- 3 Cardboard Prophets

BEST PET CARE/VET SERVICES: CAPITAL AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

- 2 Waverly Animal Hospital
- 3 Miller Animal Clinic

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER/PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICE: EXPRESS YOURSELF UNLEASHED PET PHOTOGRAPHY

We love our pets and what better way to show off love than with an amazingly detailed portrait? Express Yourself has a professional eye for detail and can turn any pet into a world class model.

- 2 Megan Hannon Photography
- 3 McShane Photography

BEST REAL ESTATE COMPANY: COLDWELL BANKER HUBBELL BRIARWOOD

The caramel cluster of a name is, of course, the result of a merger — in this case, the 2008 merger of two top Lansing real estate brokerages. The Web site boasts a 35 percent market share and "household name" status, and we hope the pun was intentional.

- 2 Keller Williams

- 3 Bershire Hathaway Home Services Tomie Raines



BEST SALON/SPA: DOUGLAS J

A trip to Douglas J. Aveda, whether for a haircut, dye or their many other services, is a relaxing time. The students working there have a legitimate passion; you feel safe as they begin snipping away.

- 2 Bliss Salon & Spa
- 3 Salon 130

BEST TAILOR/SEAMSTRESS: NU THE TAILOR

- 2 Liz's Alterations
- 3 Silver Thread

BEST TANNING: J2 TANNING

"Lots of convenient locations." In a state where the sun disappears for five months, sometimes a good tanning bed is your last resort if you don't want to look like a vampire. J2 Tanning's got your front and your back.

- 2 Pacific Tan
- 3 Planet Fitness

BEST TATTOO PARLOR: FISH LADDER TATTOO COMPANY

A tattoo is a lifelong commitment. So if it sucks, well — that's pretty tragic. Choosing the parlor is almost as important as choosing the art itself. Fish Ladder is consistent and trustworthy, and many in Lansing loyally swear by it.

- 2 Splash of Color

- 3 Vivid Ink

BEST USED TIRE SHOP: DISCOUNT TIRE

Michiganders need reliable tire shops. The roads rarely get repaired, so popped tires are basically a guarantee. Reliable cheap options like Discount Tire don't go unnoticed.

- 2 Tasmanian Tire
- 3 Belle Tire

BEST WEDDING SERVICES: BLISS BRIDAL/BLISS SALON & SPA

- 2 Weddings By Nicole
- 3 All Grande Events

BEST YOGA STUDIO: FIREFLY HOT YOGA BAR

Now we have goat yoga, where goats stand on top of you while you do the downward dog. Firefly Hot Yoga Bar doesn't put bugs on your back, but the cozy room above Kewpee's Sandwich Shoppe does slip you into a hot, humid bath of energy, relaxation and detoxing.

- 2 East Lansing Hot Yoga
- 3 Just B Yoga

BEST SHOPPING: BEST ANTIQUE SHOP: MEGA MALL

"Always fun." The Mega Mall is so large that its worth visiting just for a fun walk-through. There's a true treasure trove to be found here, and best of all, it is constantly changing.

- 2 Maple Street Mall - Mason
- 3 Williamston Antiques

BEST ART GALLERY: LANSING ART GALLERY

The Lansing Art Gallery is no palace. It's in a downtown basement, is besieged by the pounding of

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weights from the upstairs YMCA, but director Barb Whitney and her staff keep on coming up with fascinating, meaningful exhibits and events.

- 2 Broad Art Museum
- 3 Mackerel Sky



BEST BEER SELECTION IN RETAIL STORE:

HORROCKS

(Horrocks also won Best Candy Shop, Florist, Locally Owned Grocery Store, Gardening Center, Organic/Natural Market, Wine Shop and Cleanest Public Restroom) By god, that is a lot of categories. Horrocks captures an absolutely sweeping amount of votes every single year. It's the biggest beast of Top of the Town. Horrocks is a catch-all for all things produce and truly excels and every endeavor it takes up.

- 2 Oade's Big Ten - East Lansing
- 3 Big Ten - Okemos

BEST BOOKSTORE:

SCHULER BOOKS

The closing of Schuler Books & Records in the Eastwood Towne Center last winter was a blow to book lovers, but a second location, at the Meridian Mall, carries on the tradition of community hub and nutritious brain-basket, with its big selection, warm vibe and knowledgeable staff.

- 2 Barnes & Noble
- 3 Curious Books

BEST BUTCHER:

MONTICELLO'S MARKET & BUTCHER BLOCK

If you want to taste the difference and get the old school, time-tested butcher experience — Monticello's the place to go. Sometimes the grocer giants just can't imitate the exquisite flavors and tastes handled by a true meat master.

- 2 Merindorf Meats - Mason
- 3 Mert's Meats

BEST CANDY SHOP:

HORROCKS

- 2 Fabiano's Candies
- 3 Kean's Store

BEST CLOTHING STORE (LOCALLY OWNED):

PLAYMAKERS

An area landmark, the old barrel-vaulted 1950s Schmidt's grocery store with the neon shopping lady sign has enjoyed a fun new life as the center of athletic wear and hub of numerous Playmakers events

and activities.

- 2 Curvaceous Lingerie
- 3 Grace Boutique

BEST CONSIGNMENT SHOP:

KELLIE'S CONSIGNMENTS

- 2 Once Upon a Child
- 3 Plato's Closet

BEST FARMERS MARKET:

MERIDIAN FARMERS MARKET

One of the most diverse and thriving markets in the state goes well beyond fresh produce to offer a staggering variety of foods such as Great Lakes whitefish, Amish honey, Czech pastries and other baked goods, cheeses, meats, specialty coffee, and crazy-ass pickles dreamed up under the influence of opium.

- 2 Allen Farmers Market
- 3 East Lansing Farmers Market

Horrocks:

This long-standing institution has dominated several categories this year. They are our biggest vote-getter at 1,560 for Best Locally Owned Grocery Store. Pruess Pets and MSU Federal Credit Union round out the top three for highest votes.



BEST FLORIST: HORROCKS

- 2 VanAtta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop
- 3 Jon Anthony

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BEST GARDENING CENTER: HORROCKS

- 2 VanAtta's Greenhouse
- 3 Lansing Gardens



BEST GIFT SHOP: OLD TOWN GENERAL STORE

This is a newfangled old timey general store, with artisanal foods of all sorts, a wondrous wall of wine and enough Michigan-themed products to bridge the Straits of Mackinac. The smiling face of proud owner Rhea Van Atta is the cherry on top.

- 2 Kean's Store
- 3 October Moon

BEST GROCERY STORE (LOCALLY OWNED): HORROCKS

- 2 Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- 3 Apple Market

BEST INDOOR GROW SHOP: H2O LANSING

H2O provides an excellent range of supplies to get your hydroponic garden off the ground, or off the aquarium floor.

- 2 Captial City Grower Supply
- 3 Superior Growers

BEST JEWELRY STORE: SWEET CUSTOM JEWELRY

My Sweet Jewelry story is pretty damn sweet. My girlfriend of 28 years and I dreaded the bourgeois ritual of shopping for rings in a pretentious mall showroom. One autumn day two years ago, I hopped on my bike and rode a few blocks to the humble Sweet Custom Jewelry storefront in Old Town. Within 10 minutes, I made friends with the store dog and Alissa Sweet showed me a ring I knew my companion would love — silvery steel with rustic cracks, like birchbark. (One of many custom creations.) Bob Sweet hammered out the rings on his magic anvil, Kelly and I got married and we lived happily ever after. (Lawrence Cosentino)

- 2 Medawar Jewelers
- 3 Becky Beauchine Kulka

BEST MUSICAL INSTRUMENT STORE: ELDERLY INSTRUMENTS

"Large selection of instruments. Staff very knowledgable."

- 2 Marshall Music
- 3 Guitar Center

BEST ORGANIC/NATURAL MARKET: HORROCKS

- 2 Fresh Thyme
- 3 Foods For Living

BEST PAWN/SECONDHAND SHOP: DICKER & DEAL

One of the best places in Lansing to shop for oddities and cheaply priced electronics, musical instruments and jewelry. Hell, you might even find something of yours that went missing!

- 2 Volunteers of America
- 3 Goodwill



BEST PET STORE: PREUSS PETS

Preuss is not just an amazing pet store, but an awesome experience in general. How many pet stores can you legitimately get lost in for an hour? It is simply mind-boggling how Rick Preuss is able to assemble such a kind, knowledgeable staff that is truly unrivaled by perhaps any pet store in a 5,000-mile radius.

- 2 Soldan's
- 3 Petsmart

BEST RECORD/CD STORE: FLAT, BLACK & CIRCULAR

Climb the plain staircase in this bland little mall across from MSU's Broad Art Museum and you will discover a jet-black tunnel of stacked 45rpm records, the gateway to a wormhole of vinyl, CDs and visual media that will keep you happily absorbed for hours.

- 2 Disc Traders
- 3 Record Lounge

BEST WINE SHOP: HORROCKS

- 2 Dusty's Cellar
- 3 Vine & Brew

BEST WHATEVER



BEST DAY TRIP: ANYWHERE ON LAKE MICHIGAN

"We have the most beautiful state and the Lake Michigan shoreline proves it!"

- 2 Grand Haven
- 3 Grand Rapids

BEST WIFI SPOT: BIGGBY - ANY LOCATION

- 2 Capital Area District Library
- 3 Strange Matter - Michigan Ave.

CLEANEST PUBLIC RESTROOM: HORROCKS

- 2 Chick-Fil-A
- 3 BAD Brewing Company

BEST EYE CANDY PLACE: MSU CAMPUS

"Beautiful gardens, landscapes and brick architecture"

- 2 Old Town
- 3 English Inn

WORST EYESORE PLACE: LANSING POTHOLE

"THEY ARE EVERYWHERE"

- 2 Trump Signs
- 3 Deja Vu

WORST POTHOLE - SPECIFIC LOCATION: ALL OF SOUTH CEDAR ST.

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- 2 Waverly Rd between St. Joe St. & Lansing Rd.
- 3 Saginaw St. near Frandor

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New graphic novel puts American Indian storytelling in comic form

By **BILL CASTANIER**

A lover, hater, trickster and even a hipster looking for a new name all make appearances in “Sovereign Traces: Not (Just) (An) Other,” a new and ingenious collection of graphic short stories and poems recently published by Michigan State University Press.

The nine selections in the book include contributions by major North American Indian writers coupled with a variety of contemporary, sometimes comic book style illustrations by U.S. and Canadian artists.

Authors such as Louise Erdrich, Gerald Vizenor and Gordon Henry Jr. are represented in the illustrated collection which will become a continuing series.

Henry, who is an enrolled member of the White Earth Chippewa Tribe of Minnesota and teaches American Indian Studies at Michigan State University, serves as series editor. His novel, “The Light People,” won the American Book Award in 1995.

Another MSU professor, Elizabeth LaPensée — an award-winning writer and artist Anishinaabe from Baawaating, is co-editor. She illustrated and colored Erdrich’s “The Strange People.”

Although this is MSU Press’ first entry into the graphic novel format, the new series has been under consideration for some time, according to Henry. But, it took a while to put together the lineup of authors and pair them up with illustrators.

“It is something we wanted to do reach new audiences with a new way of delivering Native stories,” he said. “The graphic format is a perfect fit for the oral tradition of Indian storytelling.”

Henry’s short story “The Prisoner of Haiku,” illustrated by Neal Shannacappo,

July’s Book Club meeting set for July 12 at City Pulse office

The City Pulse Book Club’s July offering is “Summer of ’68: The Season that Changed Baseball and America Forever,” by Tim Wendel. The non-fiction work looks at the Tigers’ championship season against the backdrop of post-riot Detroit.

The club will meet this time at City Pulse’s office, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12. Parking is available behind City Pulse. Both the front and back doors will be open.

For details, please contact Bill Castanier at castanier@sbcglobal.net and (517) 449-8771.

is an imaginative look at the negative impact of American Indian boarding schools. A young man loses his voice when he is tortured after refusing to give up his native language. He becomes an accomplished sculptor, but then finds another voice when he becomes an arsonist that targets liquor stores — a cultural anathema for American Indians.

American Indian boarding schools were initiated in the late 1800s to early 1900s to assimilate children into a white culture by “taking the Indian out of the Indian.” American Indian children were taken from their parents, sometimes forcibly, and sent to “schools” often run by religious organizations.

Mental and physical abuse abounded and families were often separated for life. Michigan has several American Indian boarding schools, most notably the Mount Pleasant Indian Boarding School and the Holy Childhood Boarding School in Harbor Springs, which operated into the 1970s. No one is really sure how many American Indian children were housed at the schools, where many children died or ran away never to be seen again.

Make no mistake — the stories and illustrations in this volume aren’t pleasant strolls down a romanticized Indian trail in moccasins, but rather are a frank look at the modern American Indian way of life.

Henry calls the bar scenes in Joy Harjo’s “Deer Dancing,” illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre, “pretty gritty.” In “Deer

Dancing,” a typical bar scene at an off-reservation bar is interrupted when a beautiful young woman enters and dances naked. Is it a dream? Was it a deer? A trickster or maybe a modern myth?

Many of the stories in the collection alternate between reality and something American Indian storytellers are very familiar with—magic realism.

All the authors in the collection submitted work at no cost.

“We paid the artists, not the authors,” Henry said.

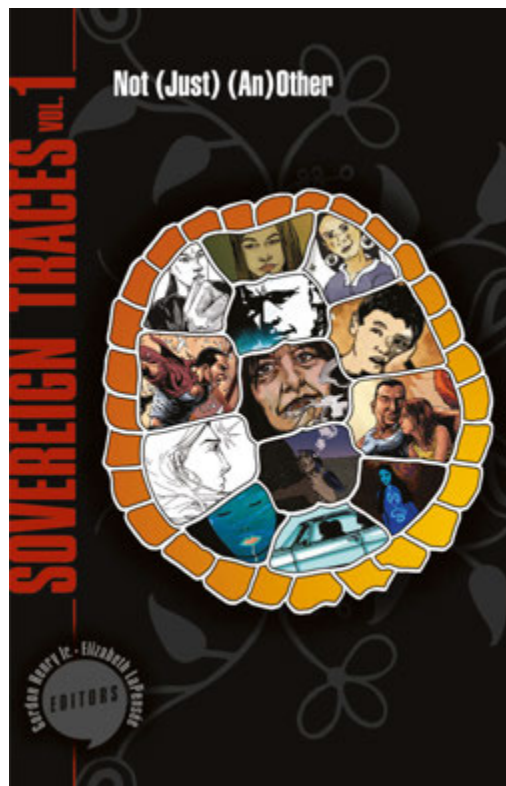
The styles of art are as varied as the stories, but each artist has connected with the themes by not overwhelming them. This can be seen from the wall-style petroglyph-like art used in part by LaPensée to illustrate Louise Erdrich’s poem, “The Strange People,” to the more contemporary superhero-style art of Scott B. Henderson, with colorist, Donovan Yaciuk, in the flash-bang story, “Mermaids,” of Richard Van Camp, a member of Tticho Dene from Fort Worth.

In a prelude, Henry describes his and LaPensée’s desire to recognize and develop Native Literature and the “profound intellectual and imaginative cultural legacies of Indigenous people and commu-

nities.”

Henry sees the medium of the graphic novel “doing some amazing things” for telling American Indian stories. This past winter the third annual Indigenous Comic Con was held with the focus of adding American Indian cultural influences rather than the previous “sidekick mentality” (think Lone Ranger and Tonto) to comics and showcasing writers and artists.

On the downside, an American Indian was portrayed as a superhero by Eugene Brave Rock in a recent Wonder Woman movie. It was a major breakthrough, but Brave Rock wasn’t pleased that his character’s name in the movie was “Chief,” but at least he didn’t have to clean up after a masked man.



SCHULER BOOKS & MUSIC

Board Game Night

Thur., June 21 from 6-9pm

Come and try out a new game! We'll provide a number of games we sell or can order and vote on which one(s) to play. Beginners welcome!

Magic Free Play

Tue., July 3 & 10 from 6-8pm

Bring a deck and play in a casual, friendly environment. Beginners welcome! Commander (EDH) is the most popular format choice. Additionally, all attendees receive 20% of all Magic and related products.

Pout Pout Fish author DEBORAH DIESEN presents *Pippa and Percival, Pancake and Poppy*

Saturday, July 14 @ 11am

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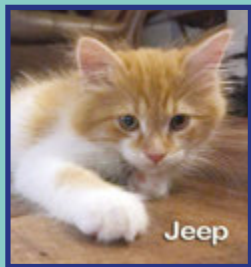
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CURTAIN CALL

Desperation, mother of invention?

By TOM HELMA

Whoop-whoop-whoop! A bevy of boisterous female beauties sitting immediately in front of me, hooting and hollering, set the tone for Saturday night's performance of Owosso Community Players' "The Full Monty," responding to every-single-male-pelvic thrust with a glorious gusto of grunts and groans.

Director Garret Bradley took a valiant stab at putting this play into a sociological context in the program notes, writing that desperation can sometimes be the mother of invention, that unemployment can drive grown men to depths of embarrassment — heretofore mainly the province of female



"The Full Monty"

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strippers.

This production of "The Full Monty," however, is mostly played for laughs. While there is poignancy and pathos in the

back stories of the men stripping, women onstage and off focus a whole lot on the "men are meat" element of the stripping.

Leading the pack of the out-of-work steelworkers driven to be strippers are best buds Jerry Lukowski and Dave Bukatinsky — an unlikely Mutt-and-Jeff combo of slim and slight with chunky and chubby. Adam Woolsey is lithe and limber, while Michael Windnagle is big and burly. Jerry is a divorced father struggling to pay child support. Dave is hard to convince that he should put his body on display.

They are joined by four others, each with a significant personal story. In the song "Big Ass Rock," Jerry and Dave rescue Malcolm, played by Alex Quinlan, from a carbon monoxide suicide. In "Big Black Man," we see the aging Horse, played by Artis White, do a super cool

laid-back dance in which he bemoans the average proportions of his ... junk.

Malcolm is joined in a touching solo acknowledging his mother's death, how alone he feels, by Ethan, played by Jake Przybyla, who turns the mourning into a celebration of a loving same-sex relationship.

There are several strong female voices in the play, especially that of the piano player Jeanette, played by Katy Kowalski.

Her "Show Biz" number is a scene-stealer in a production with many stirring scenes. Angela Freeland Bradley as Georgie Bukatinsky, Dave's wife, brings a strong singing voice and a depth of character to her role, while Stephanie Banghart leads a quartet of groupies through episodic onstage howling.

Director Bradley doubles as choreographer. Using basketball moves as a motivator, he gets steelworker men to jump through hoops and dance like men who have ever danced might dance.

Bradley's musical director, Nick Frederick, conducts an exquisite nine-member orchestra with dueling trumpets of Alex Floury and Matt Meeuwse fueling the dance numbers with fiery staccato flourishes.

Owosso? Worth the drive.

Q&A with rising young musical theater actress Betsy Miller

By SKYLER ASHLEY

The 2018 National High School Musical Theatre Awards — better known as the Jimmy Awards and recognized as a breeding ground for future stars — go down Monday.

As always, the Wharton Center for Performing Arts is sending two of Michigan's own prodigal actors/actresses, Elizabeth "Betsy" Miller, from John Glenn High School in Bay City, and Jeremy VandenHout, from Caledonia High School.

Miller and VandenHout earned their entries into the Jimmy Awards after competing against 44 other students at Wharton's Sutton Foster Ovation Award competition. Now they are competing on a national level against their top peers.

Sutton Foster Ovation Awards can lead to notable successes. Last year's male winner, Antonio Cipriano, has since been cast in a Broadway-bound musical reimaging of Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill," written by the Academy Award-winning Diablo Cody.

City Pulse caught up with Miller as she prepares for her trip to the Jimmy Awards in New York.

What sparked your interest in theater?

I started theater at the Midland Center for the Arts when I was a little baby doing "Annie." I played Annie, and that's what sparked my interest. I kept doing theater and I transferred to a high school that was really for theater, John Glenn High School. I thought that that was the best fit for me, because they did a lot of programs, including one act, thespians, forensics — a lot of acting competitions and other programs that are tied to it. My drama teacher, Jeanne Gilbert, really inspired me to do theater and give it my all. She was the one who really was advocating for me to come to the school. She inspired me to do theater all throughout high school and she signed me up for the Sutton Foster Ovation Awards.

I'm sure you're aware of the success of previous Sutton Foster Ovation Award-winners. How do you feel about that? Are you excited or nervous?

I'm very excited actually. I think it's so inspiring that people that came from Michigan and won the award are doing such amazing things. I really look up to Antonio, because I think to myself and I say, hey, that really could be me. I think that this opportunity just opened so many doors for people.



Courtesy photo

(Left) Elizabeth "Betsy" Miller and Jeremy VandenHout after receiving the Sutton Foster Ovation Award at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts.

My nerves are kind of acting up a little bit as it gets closer, but I am so, so excited.

It's kind of like I'm going from one thing to another, because I'll be at the

Jimmy Awards that whole week, then I'm going straight to Interlochen and I'll be spending six weeks up there doing their production program.

I actually have an audition for

Interlochen's production of "The Music Man," I'm going to be trying out for Marion. It's just so crazy how these opportunities have come up for me and the Wharton Center has really made it super easy.

Do you have any plans to attend to a certain university, certain schools, certain programs? What's your game plan?

I'm very interested in U of M, of course, like any musical theater person. Carnegie Mellon has always been my interest, and NYU. Of course I feel like those are my top three, or maybe the University of Cincinnati. I'm really going for U of M, NYU and Carnegie Mellon, but you never know.

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Wednesday, June 20

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION. From 7 to 9 p.m. Chua Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Washington Lansing.

NIA. From 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$12 per class or purchase a 'Class Card' for 8 classes for \$80.. Creative Wellness, 2025 Abbot Road, # 200 East Lansing.

EVENTS

ARK ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS (ALL AGES). From 10 to 11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St. Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

ARK ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS (ALL AGES). From 3 to 4 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road Okemos. (517) 347-2021.

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BEAT THE BREWER. From 6 to 9 p.m. Free. The Grid Arcade & Bar, 226 E Grand River Ave Lansing. 517-885-3010.

GAMES AT THE MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER (SEE DESCRIPTIONS FOR DATES AND TIMES). From 12:30 to 4 p.m. Bingo and Bridge- \$1 - \$2 per person to play. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

MAKING MUSIC WITH IMPRESSION 5 (ALL AGES). From 1 to 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi Library, 2078 Aurelius Road Holt. (517) 694-9351.

TUESDAY TOOLMEN: PRESENTED BY BRUCE WITWER AND MAURICE RUIZ. From 10 a.m. to noon Free. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E Kalamazoo St. Lansing.

ARTS

A PANOPLY OF PUPPET. From 12 to 2 p.m. free. Lookout! Gallery, 362 Bogue St., MSU campus East Lansing.

Thursday, June 21

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

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Lansing 5:01 Bridge Fest



Thursday, June 21

BySHRUTI SARIPALLI

Lansing 5:01's Bridge Fest is back again with music, art, food and more.

"We were always a concert by the river, but it was last year that we really decided to expand the footprint of the event," said director Christopher Sell.

Lansing 5:01 Bridge Fest

Thursday June 21,
325 City Market
Dr., Lansing
Free
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
(517) 490-2138
www.lansing501.com

"It starts as far south as the trail next to the Lansing City Market all the way into the Shiawassee Bridge."

Lansing 5:01, the nonprofit that organizes Bridge Fest, was created by a group of young professionals to promote and showcase Lansing's opportunities for arts, recreation, nightlife and urban residential living.

"Our main mission is to attract and retain young talent in the Lansing community and we do that through the creation of unique events that are experiential and have a professional element to it," said Sell.

For this year's riverside festival, people of all ages are welcome to explore the arts and culture scene featuring a robust artisan village on the city market plaza, live art installations with chalk artists and muralists, recreational games, hula hooping and more.

Among some artists you will get to see are SarahJean Sews, Sara Bishop, Mary Molnar, Jenny Schu, Cassie Little, Craig Horky, Kimberly Lavon, Noah Maldonado, Happy Girl Granola, Sarah Edwards, Jenna Lennon and many more.

A stage will be specially constructed under the Shiawassee Bridge for musical acts Rent Strike, Michigander and Frontier Ruckus.

"We saw an opportunity for a concert space under the Shiawassee Bridge and many people in the Lansing area thought this was a really cool place to have a concert."

The list of other activities includes kayaking at River Town Adventures, hula hooping on the lawn, yard games, a pop up farmers market, and a hammock hangout by the stage. There is also a food truck rally featuring local favorites like the Shove It Pizza Truck.

"We want people of all ages to come and just have a good time in downtown Lansing at this fun event, and since it is free we encourage everyone to bring their friends and family."

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"A Changing Business" - one letter makes all the difference.

- Across**
- 1 There are 10 million in a joule
 - 5 Cookout unit
 - 10 Nos. on checks
 - 14 Free of slack
 - 15 First word of a counting rhyme
 - 16 Sidesplitting show
 - 17 Gyro meat from a roadside cart?
 - 19 Lowdown
 - 20 Sports car engine type
 - 21 Got together
 - 23 Seat in Parliament?
 - 25 Thomas who drew Santa Claus
 - 26 The Tritons of the NCAA
 - 30 David _____ founder and former CEO of Salon
 - 33 Owns
 - 36 "Don't pick me"
 - 38 Redeemable ticket
 - 40 "Blue screen of death" event
 - 41 Addresses represented by URLs
 - 42 Seat of the Dutch government, with "The"
 - 43 Singer with the autobiography "Out of Sync"
 - 45 Company with an early console
 - 46 Bent pipe shape
 - 47 Stick in the microwave
 - 49 Israel's first U.N. delegate Abba
 - 50 Bus. major's course
 - 52 Coffee dispenser
 - 54 Really fail
 - 58 Prolific author Asimov
 - 62 Financial record, for short
 - 63 Like some mushrooms, ravioli,

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- and wontons a la "Rangoon"?
 - 66 Seagoing (abbr.)
 - 67 "So ___ to the guy ..."
 - 68 Prefix with phobia or bat
 - 69 Ann Landers's sister
 - 70 Big name in car racks
 - 71 New restaurant logo in a June 2018 promotion (and inspiration for the theme answers)
- Down**
- 1 Roswell visitors, for short
 - 2 "Lay It Down" '80s rockers
 - 3 Hindu spiritual guide
 - 4 Ending for hip or dump
 - 5 2018 Oscar winner for Original Screenplay
 - 6 5-Down costar Lil ___
 - 7 ___ the last minute
 - 8 Original Skittles flavor
 - 9 Beirut's country
 - 10 Pisces follower
 - 11 Be aware of unnecessary chatter?
 - 12 Soybean stuff
 - 13 Four-letter word with eight sides?
 - 18 Recede gradually
 - 22 Powdered green tea leaves
 - 24 Grammy winner Carey
 - 26 "I surrender!"
 - 27 Reef makeup
 - 28 Baby bear owned by a hardware company?
 - 29 Part of DVD
 - 31 Run out, as a subscription
 - 32 Guinea-___ (West African nation)
 - 34 Honda subdivision
 - 35 Knitter's coil
 - 37 "Atomic Blonde" star Charlize
 - 39 Not like in the least
 - 44 Charity event
 - 48 Three-part vacuum tube
 - 51 Feline
 - 53 Bouncer's letters?
 - 54 "Archer" agent Kane
 - 55 Words after call or hail
 - 56 Be effusive
 - 57 Actress Summer of "Firefly"
 - 59 Antioxidant-rich berry
 - 60 Half an M?
 - 61 L.B.J. biographer Robert
 - 64 Rapper ___ Uzi Vert
 - 65 Drew's predecessor on "The Price is Right"

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

June 20-26, 2018

Aries (March 21-April 19) According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you have cosmic permission to enjoy extra helpings of waffles, crepes, pancakes, and blintzes. Eating additional pastries and doughnuts is also encouraged. Why? Because it's high time for you to acquire more ballast. You need more gravitas and greater stability. You can't afford to be top-heavy; you must be hard to knock over. If you would prefer not to accomplish this noble goal by adding girth to your butt and gut, find an alternate way. Maybe you could put weights on your shoes and think very deep thoughts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You're slipping into the wild heart of the season of discovery. Your curiosity is mounting. Your listening skills are growing more robust. Your willingness to be taught and influenced and transformed is at a peak. And what smarter way to take advantage of this fertile moment than to decide what you most want to learn about during the next three years? For inspiration, identify a subject you'd love to study, a skill you'd eagerly stretch yourself to master, and an invigorating truth that would boost your brilliance if you thoroughly embodied it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Playwright and novelist Samuel Beckett won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969. Four of his works were essential in earning that award: the play *Waiting for Godot*, and the novels *Molloy*, *Malone Dies*, and *The Unnamable*. Beckett wrote all of them in a two-year span during the late 1940s. During that time, he was virtually indigent. He and his companion Suzanne survived on the paltry wage she made as a dressmaker. We might draw the conclusion from his life story that it is at least possible for a person to accomplish great things despite having little money. I propose that we make Beckett your role model for the coming weeks, Gemini. May he inspire you to believe in your power to become the person you want to be no matter what your financial situation may be.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) I suggest you ignore the temptation to shop around for new heroes and champions. It would only distract you from your main assignment in the coming weeks, which is to be more of a hero and champion yourself. Here are some tips to guide you as you slip beyond your overly modest self-image and explore the liberations that may be possible when you give yourself more credit. Tip #1: Finish outgrowing the old heroes and champions who've served you well. Tip #2: Forgive and forget the disappointing heroes and hypocritical champions who betrayed their own ideals. Tip #3: Exorcise your unwarranted admiration for mere celebrities who might have snookered you into thinking they're heroes or champions.

Leo (July 23-August 22) "A waterfall would be more impressive if it flowed the other way," said Irish writer Oscar Wilde. Normally, I would dismiss an idea like this, even though it's funny and I like funny ideas. Normally, I would regard such a negative assessment of the waterfall's true nature, even in jest, to be unproductive and enfeebling. But none of my usual perspectives are in effect as I evaluate the possibility that Wilde's declaration might be a provocative metaphor for your use in the coming weeks. For a limited time only, it might be wise to meditate on a waterfall that flows the other way.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Stage magicians may seem to make a wine glass hover in mid-air, or transform salt into diamonds, or make doves materialize and fly out of their hands. It's all fake, of course -- tricks performed by skilled illusionists. But here's a twist on the old story: I suspect that for a few weeks, you will have the power to generate effects that may, to the uninitiated, have a resemblance to magic tricks -- except that your magic will be real, not fake. And you will have worked very hard to accomplish what looks easy and natural. And the marvels you generate will, unlike the illusionists', be authentic and useful.

Libra (September 23-October 22) The coming weeks

will be a favorable time to accentuate and brandish the qualities that best exemplify your Libran nature. In other words, be extreme in your moderation. Be pushy in your attempts to harmonize. Be bold and brazen as you make supple use of your famous balancing act. I'll offer you a further piece of advice, as well. My first astrology teacher believed that when Librans operate at peak strength, their symbol of power is the iron fist in the velvet glove: power expressed gracefully, firmness rendered gently. I urge you to explore the nuances of that metaphor.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) If I were your mom, I'd nudge you out the door and say, "Go play outside for a while!" If I were your commanding officer, I'd award you a shiny medal for your valorous undercover work and then order you to take a frisky sabbatical. If I were your psychotherapist, I would urge you to act as if your past has no further power to weigh you down or hold you back, and then I would send you out on a vision quest to discover your best possible future. In other words, my dear Scorpio, I hope you will flee your usual haunts. Get out of the loop and into the open spaces that will refresh your eyes and heart.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Sex education classes at some high schools employ a dramatic exercise to illustrate the possible consequences of engaging in heterosexual lovemaking without using birth control. Everywhere they go for two weeks, students must carry around a 10-pound bag of flour. It's a way for them to get a visceral approximation of caring for an infant. I recommend that you find or create an equivalent test or trial for yourself in the coming days. As you consider entering into a deeper collaboration or making a stronger commitment, you'll be wise to undertake a dress rehearsal.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Members of the Dull Men's Club celebrate the ordinary. "Glitz and glam aren't worth the bother," they declare. "Slow motion gets you there faster," they pontificate. Showing no irony, they brag that they are "born to be mild." I wouldn't normally recommend becoming part of a movement like theirs, but the next two weeks will be one of those rare times when aligning yourself with their principles might be healthy and smart. If you're willing to explore the virtues of simple, plain living, make the Swedish term *lagom* your word of power. According to the Dull Men's Club, it means "enough, sufficient, adequate, balanced, suitable, appropriate."

Aquarius (January 20- February 18) In the Georgian language, *shemomechama* is a word that literally means "I ate the whole thing." It refers to what happens when you're already full, but find the food in front of you so delicious that you can't stop eating. I'm concerned you might soon be tempted to embark on metaphorical versions of *shemomechama*. That's why I'm giving you a warning to monitor any tendencies you might have to get too much of a good thing. Pleasurable and productive activities will serve you better if you stop yourself before you go too far.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) Please do not send me a lock of your hair or a special piece of your jewelry or a hundred dollar bill. I will gladly cast a love spell in your behalf without draining you of your hard-earned cash. The only condition I place on my free gift is that you agree to have me cast the love spell on you and you alone. After all, your love for yourself is what needs most work. And your love for yourself is the primary magic that fuels your success in connecting with other people. (Besides, it's bad karma to use a love spell to interfere with another person's will.) So if you accept my conditions, Pisces, demonstrate that you're ready to receive my telepathic love spell by sending me your telepathic authorization.

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TO PLAY

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TURN IT DOWN A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA

CARDIAC ARREST AT MAC'S BAR
 Fri., June 29



Chicago metalheads return to Lansing

Friday, June 29 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$12/\$10 adv., 9 p.m.

Since the late 1990s, Cardiac Arrest has been a fixture in the Chicago death-metal scene. While the band's lineup has changed over the last two decades, it's still managed to release four albums and a handful of singles, including a couple split 7-inches. Last year, Transcending Records re-issued the band's 2006 debut full-length LP, "Morgue Mutilations," on both black and "blood red" vinyl. June 29, the band returns to Mac's Bar to headline a night of heavy music hosted by GrindHouse Ministries. Openers include Centenary, Isenblåst and Residivis. Fans of the defunct Lansing band Genocya might want to check out Centenary's set—the Roseville-based band features Genocya alumni Jim Albrecht and Matt Cunningham. Old-school headbangers who dig Entombed, Dismember, Obituary or Cianide will be pleased. Sample the band's discography at centenary.bandcamp.com.

BEN GALLAHER AT TEQUILA COWBOY
 Sat., June 23



Sony Music Nashville artist performs free show

Saturday, June 23 @ Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing. 21+, FREE, 8 p.m.

Country singer-songwriter Ben Gallaher, a Sony Music Nashville recording artist, performs a free show Saturday at Tequila Cowboy inside the Lansing Mall. Back in August, the Pennsylvania native dropped his self-titled debut EP—which includes the husky-voiced ballad "Against the World." The track is a follow up to his last single, the upbeat country-rocker "Last Train" (2014). Gallaher, 26, who picked up a guitar at age 6, moved to Nashville to attend Belmont University and by 2014 graduated with an entertainment industry studies degree. While at Belmont, a professor sent Gallaher's demo to Sony Music and a record deal followed. Soon after, he was opening dates for honky-tonk headliners like Lynyrd Skynyrd, 38 Special, Lee Brice, Parmalee, and Brantley Gilbert. Aside from playing festivals and venues, each year Gallaher also performs at state prisons on his annual "Barbed Tour."

INDIE-ROCK FEST TAKES OVER REO TOWN
 Sat., June 23



Three Stacks Festival brings in big names

Saturday, June 23 @ 1100 block of S. Washington, REO Town Lansing. All ages, \$35, \$30 adv., 2 p.m.

The first annual Three Stacks festival takes over the streets of REO Town this weekend with live music from international acts like Against Me!, Screaming Females and Murder By Death. The outdoor event, founded by Lansing-based concert promoter Fusion Shows, also features appearances from PUP, mewwithoutYou, Camp Cope, Petal, City Mouse and more. The music and street fair happens in the heart of REO Town (1100 block of S. Washington Avenue) with one main outdoor stage and various other pop-up sets. Local artists and food vendors will also be on hand, along with plenty of Michigan craft beer options. As for its name, Fusion Show's organizers chose "Three Stacks" as a nod to the iconic smokestacks of the Eckert Power Plant overlooking REO Town. Tickets are on sale at threestacksfest.com.

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The Avenue Café , 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night	Open Mic	Karaoke	Morgan Madden, Jason Alarm
Crunchy's , 254 W. Grand River Ave.		Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Coach's , 6201 Bishop Road	DJ Trivia		Live Music	DJ
Esquire , 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.			
The Exchange , 314 E. Michigan Ave.	The Good Cookies, 8 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends Open Mic, 8:30 p.m.	The Rotations	The Knock Offs
Green Door , 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Blues Night	Karaoke	Avon Bomb	Icy Dicey
The Loft , 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Desmond Jones, 9pm		Tinn Man, 8pm
UrbanBeat , 1213 Turner St.		JAZZ Thursdays with Happenstance, 7pm	Jazz Legend—Benny Poole, 8pm	
Watershed Tavern and Grill , 5965 Marsh Rd.			Capital City DJ's	Capital City DJ's

Out on the Town

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(TOPS) TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY. At 6 p.m. First meeting FREE.. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St. Haslett.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES. From 7 to 8:30 p.m. Love offering.. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Lansing. 517-371-3010.

EARLY MORNING MEDITATION. From 7 to 8 a.m. FREE. Creative Wellness, 2025 Abbot Road, # 200 East Lansing.

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GREG TAMBLYN COMEDY CONCERT. From 7 to 9 p.m. Presale: \$12 each or 2 for \$20
At the door:\$15 each or 2 for \$25. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Lansing. 517-371-3010.

JAZZ THURSDAYS WITH HAPPENSTANCE. From 7 to 9 p.m. UrbanBeat Event Center, 1213 Turner St. Lansing.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE! – LIFE SUPPORT. From 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Ingham County Courthouse, 341 S. Jefferson Mason.

EVENTS

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p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

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JOEL TACEY'S NERF GAMES (AGE 6 & UP). From 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave. Lansing. (517) 485-5185.

LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER. From 12 to 1 p.m. suggested donations of \$3.00. If you are age 59 and under, there is a charge of \$5.75 (this is not a suggested donation). Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

NATURE CONNECTION SUMMER CAMP. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$65/ 2-day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866.

RAIN STICKS (AGE 8 & UP). From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Webberville Library, 115 S. Main St. Webberville. (517) 521-3643.

Friday, June 22

LITERATURE-AND-POETRY

LANSING HORROR BOOK CLUB. Free to attend. Must pay for books.. Private Building, 232 N. Verlienden Ave Lansing.

RELEASE CELEBRATION FOR PROMPTLY SPEAKING. From 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

Saturday, June 23

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

INTERMEDIATE BEEKEEPING. From 10 a.m. to noon \$12 suggested contribution, sliding scale . Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing. Lean In Lansing. From 9 to 11 a.m. FREE. Grand Traverse Pie, 1403 E. Grand River Ave. East Lansing. (517) 203-3304.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21 LADIES ONLY: PADDLE & WINE NIGHT

Prerana Yoga and MI Hot Yoga are hosting an evening of paddling, picnicking, and enjoying nature. The event celebrates strong, independent and motivated women by having friends come together to enjoy wine and kayak paddling on the night of the summer solstice.

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The limelight of karaoke night



Photo by Marysa Mohd Johari

Rachel Chong sings at Crunchy's karaoke night.

By o

Jake Pawloski once knocked over a chair during karaoke night at Crunchy's because he thought his stage presence was lacking.

"I really felt like a rockstar," he said. "I mean, obviously I was killing it up there."

The experience gives him special insight to the patrons at the East Lansing bar where he now works as a server.

Since 1995, karaoke nights have been a staple of Crunchy's.

Brad Feighner has seen the rising popularity of the bar's karaoke nights during the 13 years he has worked at Crunchy's. It is such a hit because it's the only place in East Lansing that offers the experience, he said.

"We cater to the college kids and alumni, and the next nearest place that has karaoke night is either the Avenue down in Lansing or, well, before they stopped doing it, Buddies' Pub and Grill in Okemos," said Feighner, who now hosts the event.

There might be another reason for karaoke night's popularity.

"Crunchy's is here to give you that platform to live out any failed dreams at a life on the stage, but it comes at a price," Pawloski said.

The price? Servers and other sober people in the room have to deal with bad and drunken singing, he said. However, as someone who used to be a regular participant, Pawloski understands the appeal.

Feighner was one such regular participant. When he was younger, he would frequently drive down from Webberville with his friends to Crunchy's. His love for karaoke was what made him want to work as a karaoke host.

He now makes sure karaoke night runs smoothly. He has a station next to the karaoke area where he loads up song requests and controls the audio levels.

And he still sings.

On slow nights, Feighner hits the stage to encourage others. One of his favorite songs is Walk the Moon's 'Shut Up and Dance' because of its infectious beat.

"The kids love this song. It's a crowd pleaser!" he said.

Sarah Thelen, an alumni of Michigan State University, returns to East Lansing at least once a month from South Lyon to visit her sister and sing karaoke. She'd come back to Crunchy's more frequently if she could.

"It's just the best experience," Thelen said.

Karaoke night gives a platform for people to let loose and enjoy themselves, Feighner said. Unlike an open mic night, there are no expectations or skill required.

"Once people realize there's no pressure involved, they can just sing their hearts out and that just adds to the fun," Feighner said.

While the majority of Crunchy's karaoke night clientele are college kids or alumni, Feighner remembers a 60-year old regular named Dennis. For over five years, Dennis would come by himself every week and sing, he said. Unfortunately, the singer has been sick and has not been back recently.

Crunchy's offers song choices as diverse as ABBA, Kanye and John Denver. The bar asks for suggestions to expand its song collection. Feighner fields these requests.

It helps him expand his music tastes and be in tune with what people are listening to now, he said. Without his job he would not have been exposed to today's rap or pop.

He is especially proud that he remembers the lyrics to Fergie's "Fergalicious." Feighner recommends giving karaoke a shot. His biggest tip for those who are shy?

"Just let loose, remember that everyone else is just here to have a good time and so you yourself should have a good time!"

This report contributed to City Pulse by MSU Spartan Newsroom.

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SUMMER SPECIAL NIA SERIES. From 10 to 11 a.m. \$36 for the series or \$12.00 drop-in.. Creative Wellness, 2025 Abbot Road, # 200 East Lansing.

EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, BEE PALOOZA AT MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS

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38TH ANNUAL METROS OPEN. At 9 a.m. A portion of your registration is tax deductible.. Oak Lane Golf Course, 800 N. Main St. Webberville.

A RIVER ADVENTURE WITH THE MICHIGAN HISTORY CENTER. From 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$25/person, \$18/child 17 and under. River Town Adventures, 325 City Market Dr, Lansing, MI 48912 Lansing. 517 253 7523.

QUANTUM HEALING DAY. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee \$2.00 includes draw for door prizes. Vendors Booth \$30.00. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Lansing. 517-371-3010.

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ARTS

THREADBARE MITTEN FILM FESTIVAL. From 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. \$2 matinees, \$5 evenings, festival passes available. Windwalker Gallery, 125 S. Cochran Charlotte.

Sunday, June 24

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

JUGGLING. From 2 to 4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St. East Lansing.

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ATHEISTS AND HUMANISTS MEETING. From 5 to 8:30 p.m. Buffet is \$10.99 plus tax (includes sushi bar and cook-to-order ingredients you select).. Asian Buffet, 4920 Marsh Rd. Okemos. (517) 381-8388.

Monday, June 25

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

A COURSE OF LOVE. From 1 to 2 p.m. Love offering. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Lansing. 517-371-3010.

COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSAL. From 7 to 9 p.m. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive East Lansing.

JAZZ TUESDAYS AT MORIARTY'S. From 7 to 10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

TUESDAY IS BLUES-DAY AT URBANBEAT. From 7 to 10 p.m. UrbanBeat Event Center, 1213 Turner St. Lansing.

TURNTABLE TUESDAYS . From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Free . The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 482-6376.

EVENTS

NATURE CONNECTION SUMMER CAMP. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$32/ camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, HIROYA TSUKAMOTO AT THE ROBIN THEATRE

Hiroya Tsukamoto makes his way back to the Robin Theatre. Tsukamoto is a world class New York City guitarist and composer from Kyoto, Japan, who cut his teeth at the renowned Berklee College of Music. Tsukamoto is an impressionistic guitarist with impeccable tone. He will also be teaching a guitar songwriting workshop for \$40 at Elderly Instruments Saturday at 1 p.m.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL: ROBOCODE SUMMER CAMP. From 9 a.m. to noon tinkrLAB Member: \$125.00 Not Yet Member: \$175.00 Price increases after 5/1/18. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W Grand River Okemos. 517-233-1524.

THEATER

HAIR AUDITIONS. From 6 to 10 p.m. free. LCC Gannon Building, 422 N. Washington Sq. Lansing.

Tuesday, June 26

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

GET FOUND ON GOOGLE SEARCH & MAPS. From 10 to 11 a.m. Free - To Register Call: (517) 483-1921. Small Business Development Center, LCC, 309 N. Washington Sq. Suite 110 Lansing.

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Wednesday, June 27

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ST. JOHNS CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES - THE BEN DANIELS BAND. From 7 to 9 p.m. There is no admission charge - donations are graciously accepted to help defray the cost of the concert!. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St. Saint Johns. 989-224-2429.

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Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

By **MARK NIXON**

Hanging on wooden pegs behind the bar in Eaton Rapids Craft Co. are ceramic beer mugs, each crafted by a customer. The mugs were made about a block away at Your Creative Escape, a paint-your-own-pottery studio.

The personalized mugs are an apt symbol for small town synergy; what businesses and customers do to nudge their communities along.

Eaton Rapids Craft is the new kid on the block, and like the beer mugs, it shows one way a little town can reinvent itself. The restaurant/bar was once the Miller Ice Cream Parlor, a snug little place lording over a bend in the Grand River. Eaton Rapids Craft has taken the old building in new directions, with decidedly adult tastes in food and drink.

Full disclosure: Eaton Rapids is my adopted hometown. My wife taught language at the high school, from which three of our children graduated. It should be no surprise I want this community to succeed.

During three visits to this riverside restaurant, it became clear that this place is decidedly more upscale than any other eatery within the city limits. And as for views, only the English Inn, a few miles north of Eaton Rapids, can claim a better view of the Grand River. Eaton Rapids Craft Co. has the advantage of being right on the river bank, with a patio that takes full advantage of the view.

We begin with breakfast. I ordered a Southern Omelette — alternately called the ERCC Omelette — topped with sausage gravy (\$9). Stuffed with spinach and cheese, it was more than I could eat. A dollop of dauphinois potatoes on the side was creamy and rich and crisp on the edges. Perfect.

Everything except the ice water reached the table with steam gently swirling from the plates. That is noteworthy, because on other occasions, Eaton Rapids Craft fell victim to the epidemic plaguing so many restaurants, i.e., food meant to be hot was not.

During one visit, our friend, Bruce and I both sent back our pork potato skin appetizers (\$9). Both orders were decidedly lukewarm. Bruce later wrote me: “After sending back the potato skin appetizer for a reheating I fully expected the main course to be hot. I can only fault myself for not sending it back also. By the time I finished my pork belly it was very cold and had lost a great deal of flavor. The bread pudding didn’t suffer as much from the coolness but nonetheless would have been better warmer.”

Heat issues aside, most of our entrees and sides over three visits ranged from good to great. The Michigander salad (\$9) was

outstanding. It combined greens with dried cherries, goat cheese, red onion and tomatoes, drizzled with a raspberry vinaigrette.

Eaton Rapids Craft’s menu is definitely pork-centric, and for my money, the Braised Pork Belly (\$15) wins the blue ribbon. Roasted Brussel sprouts, a daub of apple butter and a helping of savory bread pudding are fine complements to the pork belly.

Second place goes to (yes, more pork) the Pork Belly Flat Bread (\$11) — caramelized onions, fig, chèvre and crispy chunks of pork, all topped with a dash of balsamic reduction. Wonderful, except it reached our table after, shall we say, a cooling-off period?

Honorable mention goes to the Mac n cheese

with shredded smoked chicken (\$14). It hit many of the right taste notes, but it ventured into dry territory. I like my Mac n cheese with a creamy interior. Check out Saddleback BBQ’s mac ‘n’ cheese in Lansing’s REO Town.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co. has an extensive, ever-shifting beer menu highlighting Michigan craft beers. If beer is your thing, this is a good place to sample various types of brews from Michigan’s burgeoning craft beer industry. The restaurant’s interior is light and airy, a far cry from those ice cream parlor days.

This old building has at least one quirk. There is something akin to a half-step near the bar, as the floor ascends to a slightly higher level. The warning marks on the half-step are faded and worn, and while looking around at the decor, I tripped (but didn’t fall). I suggest the owners re-paint the warning marks, or add lights or signs or something. All that beer and a quirky half-step may not mix well.

On the other hand, now that the weather has finally warmed, on our next visit we’ll likely opt for the riverside patio. I look forward to it. As Bruce said to me: “Maybe when the weather warms up the food will also.”



Gabrielle Lawrence/City Pulse

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

I think we may have found a unicorn. Outdoor seating (on a patio that features low-maintenance, sustainable materials and is the dream patio of Mr. She Ate), attentive service, live music, fantastic food, and the sound of water rushing by. Yes, it’s 17 miles or so from Lansing. Take yourself a leisurely drive south on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and get to the Eaton Rapids Craft Co for dinner. Baby She Ate is only 6 months old and he’s been there twice.

We walked in and immediately remarked to each other that the place was packed on a Wednesday evening. The menu is limited, which I love, because I don’t need

a wet burrito and spaghetti and meatballs being offered to me from the same establishment. I’ve always said that if I open a restaurant, I won’t overwhelm people with too many choices.

The menu is divided into a few sections — starters, tacos, greens, dips, sandwiches and chef’s specials. I wanted everything, but I’m nothing if not a creature of habit and immediately eyed the fish tacos. These didn’t come with anything on the side, which was fine, because the three tacos were a large enough portion. The corn tortillas were lightly crisped and wrapped around large pieces of tempura cod. The tempura breading is a perfect preparation for fish tacos, as it’s light and doesn’t give you a greasy, super crunchy bite of all breading and no fish.

The slaw in the tacos was fresh and crunchy, and the mango salsa cut through the fried fish and brightened up the dish. I certainly didn’t come to Eaton Rapids anticipating great tacos, but I also wore a pantsuit on Election Day 2016. The world is a weird place.

My friend had the pork belly flat bread, which includes caramelized onions, balsamic

vinegar, chevre, and crispy brussels sprouts layered on top of the super thin, crunchy bread and fork-tender pork. She lamented that so many restaurants sucker you into ordering their crispy brussels sprouts, and what you actually receive is a mealy mess. These kept their promise, she said, and in between bites of each other’s food we promised to return soon.

So I grabbed Mr. She Ate and did just that on a Friday evening. We sat outside. We luxuriated in the atmosphere. We stood with the baby and rocked side to side to get him to calm down while the other ate a sandwich with one hand. Teething is a treat.

We started with the poutine. Admittedly, the menu item is called “waffle poutine,” and I completely disregarded the word “waffle.” I was surprised to see the waffle strips topped with short rib gravy, a fried egg, and cheese curds, and I found the waffle to be too sweet. The gravy was heaven, the meat incredible tender, and the egg was just 10 seconds too rare for me. I love a runny yolk, but not a runny white.

Upon advice from our server, I chose the Southern Hippie sandwich with grilled chicken instead of the traditional fried chicken. My sandwich came on a toasted hoagie roll slathered with avocado ranch and piled high with a crunchy slaw and juicy grilled chicken. I imagine that the breading on fried chicken would be unnecessary with such a thick bread, and I appreciate the tip of subbing grilled chicken. I had a side salad and was thrilled to see actual dark leafy greens instead of the slimy iceberg and bagged shredded cheese that is ubiquitous in so many other establishments.

Mr. She Ate’s fate was sealed when he spotted something called “Boss Hog.” His sandwich was the antithesis of mine — root beer braised pork, BBQ sauce, fried pickles and muenster cheese on a bun. After tasting this, I think it’s fair to say that well-prepared, properly seasoned, fall off the bone tender meat is a hallmark of Eaton Rapids Craft Co. All three of my experiences, from the pork belly flat bread to the poutine to the Boss Hog, met this standard, and that attention to detail isn’t lost on this eater.

As we continued to trade the baby back and forth every few minutes and tried to wind up our meal without becoming a nuisance, the owner heard us order a slice of chocolate cake for dessert and told our server that he wanted to pay for it. He appreciated us coming out, he said. I appreciate his food, his ambiance, his clean bathrooms and the chocolate cake. I’ll be happy to return to Eaton Rapids.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

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